Notes and Comments

A committee of the Board of Trustees has been carrying on nego-
tiations during the last few weeks with a view to the purchase of a
considerable block of additional land for the purposes of the College.
The playgrounds are none too large at present to accommodate all the
pupils during the cricket or football season, and the anticipated growth
of numbers through the addition of the Preparatory School makes the
acquisition of more space imperative. Expansion westward seemed
difficult on account of the Forest Hill road, which runs along our
western boundary. But a petition has gone in to the Municipal
Council asking leave for the Forest Hill road to be straightened from
a point a short distance back of the College, so that it may run
directly through to St. Clair avenue on a line parallel with its present
position, but at least a hundred yards further west. If this leave is
granted, it seems likely that the College will soon get possession of
ten or eleven acres of land to the westward of our present grounds.

This will give abundance of space on which to lay out the sur-
roundings of the Preparatory School, at the south-west corner of the
grounds; for another master's house at the north-west corner; and
between these for a new and spacious playground. We hope that
some of the many Old Boys who from time to time visit the College
will look over this bit of middle ground, notice the opportunity which
it offers for laying out an ideal cricket field, and then be inspired to
give or collect the few hundred dollars which will be required to tran-
slate this pleasant dream into an actual fact. The man who does it
will earn the gratitude of all the coming generations of Upper Canada
College boys.

The winter term always seems a trying one, and that which has
just come to an end is no exception. There has been a good deal of
illness, especially among the day boys; the proportion being about two
to one as compared with house boys. Fortunately the attacks have in
no case been serious, and the facility which the Infirmary gives for im-