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## Editorial Comments.



THE report of the Athletic Committee, which was presented to the Literary Society on Friday night is a very important document—so important that the Society thought it advisable to postpone the consideration of it until after it had been published in THE VARSITY and thus placed in the hands of every student. For several years back the matter of athletics has been comparatively untouched by the Society, and now this report which deals with the subject in a sensible, business-like way calls for more than the ordinary amount of consideration at the hands of the Society. The members of the committee have apparently devoted considerable thought to the problem of the support of athletics around the college and as a result they are prepared to offer a solution of that very important question. Whether the proposals in the report are the best that can be made remains for the members of the Society to decide.

The report directs attention to the annual games and the usual financial failure that attends them and suggests that the Society take them under its control. The capacity of the Society to shelter everything under its big broad wing seems being put severely to the test, but there is very little reason to fear that this will be the proverbial last straw. The Society is becoming so thoroughly a representative of the whole student body that it will not require a very great stretch of the imagination to fancy it managing the annual games. One thing is certain and that is that the annual games must be retained and, as the Society will probably do in the future as it has done in the past, that is, make up any deficit in the accounts of the games, the assumption of control by the Society appears to be the best possible thing to do under the circumstances.

The committee gives the Society credit for a knowledge unpossessed, we venture to say, by the great majority of the students. That one dollar of the fees annually collected by the college from the students was once applied to the support of athletics will be news to very many. Ignorance of this will render the probability of a similar state of affairs in the future none the less welcome. The Society should at once proceed to interview the authorities on this subject and endeavor to effect a return to the old order of things. There would then be a sum of \$700 or \$800 at our disposal and this would place athletics on a sound basis. It is to be hoped that an effort will be made to procure greater space for field sports of all kinds. The Senate has appointed a committee to consider this matter and memorials to that committee may probably have a greater effect than they would to each and all of the bodies named in the report. Though not distinctly saying so, yet the inference is that the committee believe that the lawn at the rear should be so arranged that an entrance

fee may be charged. This will doubtless be viewed with disfavor by some and their views are entitled to the highest consideration. If the efforts to obtain the one dollar fee should prove successful their position would be very much strengthened. The Association Football Club might be gainers if a fee could be charged, as the Western Association, anticipating that the Varsity team will always be in the finals, has legislated our club out of the right to play on our home ground, the lawn, but were the charging of a fee shown to be disadvantageous to the whole student body the Association club will doubtless be found ready to waive its right in the matter.

It is to be regretted that the formation of an athletic association cannot be proceeded with at once, but the committee is right in advising postponement of definite action until the above-mentioned questions are finally settled. The members of the committee are deserving of praise in having presented such an interesting and practical report.

At the last meeting of THE VARSITY directorate several changes were made in the constitution of this paper which will, it is hoped, simplify and render more easy the management thereof. The most important amendment is the merging of the two offices of Business Manager and Treasurer into one and the addition of an Assistant Business Manager. The experience of the present year has shown the desirability of such a change, and the experience of next year will undoubtedly justify the action of the present directorate. Henceforth there will be but one representative from the Medical School on the directorate instead of two as at present, and the place of the one dropped will be taken by a representative of the School of Science, thus leaving the number the same as before, but giving representation to a very important section of the students. It will be a pleasure to those who were most intimately connected with the preparation of the present system of managing THE VARSITY—it will be a pleasure to be informed of the very satisfactory manner in which it has worked.

Mr. J. S. Scott, '91, has found it necessary to send in his resignation as an associate editor of THE VARSITY. We are pleased to announce that Mr. McNicol, '91, and Mr. H. W. Brown, '92, have been appointed to fill vacancies made in the staff.

Mr. G. H. Needler, B.A., has been appointed Fellow in Moderns, and expects to commence work at once. Since graduation Mr. Needler has, we understand, travelled in Europe, which has made him thoroughly capable of filling his new position. THE VARSITY congratulates Mr. Needler on his appointment, the lecturers on procuring such a valuable assistant, and the students of modern languages on obtaining such an efficient instructor.