

SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

Two weeks ago, speaking of the National-St. Stephen game, I had something to say about the dirty work of Whitenet in failing to hold Wagg, which very nearly lost us the game. I remarked at that time that "unemployed catchers—and much better ones, are quite numerous in the United States." I hoped that Whitenet would take the hint. He didn't, but the managing committee did—so I got there just the same.

When the Nationals went to Houlton, last Monday week, Whitenet positively refused to go behind the bat if Wagg pitched, and consequently Robinson had to be taken along. This refusal was the last straw. The committee began to look around for a good catcher, and fortune placed them in the way of Mr. Larrabee, formerly of the Colbys—who were the college champions of Maine, while he was with them. He arrived here Wednesday morning, to stay with us a month, and everybody was glad to see him.

Let it be remembered that the managing committee had no intention of replacing Whitenet. Mr. Larrabee was invited here because the club needs Wagg's services in the box, and, of course, must have some one to hold him. At his arrival, however, Whitenet chose to take offense. He had refused to hold Wagg himself—the next move was to refuse to allow anybody else to hold him! He (Whitenet) has wasted a good deal of breath, this week, in crying that he won't play with the men from Maine. It is now the committee's turn to say something.

If Whitenet is anxious to go, in heaven's name let him! Don't hold on to him a minute. If he is determined to play the part of dog-in-the-manger, make him play it somewhere else. If the managing committee does what it should do, it will accept his resignation the minute he hands it in.

I repeat what I have had occasion to say, at several other times, discipline must be maintained, or the winning days of the club are numbered. I like Whitenet's work, behind the bat and with the bat, and no one has been more ready than I to give him credit for it. I have nothing on that score to take back. All the same, there is no man's collar around my neck, and, writing as I do in the interest of the game, I warn the committee that a man who acts as Whitenet has must be taught his place, and at once.

He will be, too. Watch and see if it isn't so.

Leaving the score out of the question, the work of White and Kennedy, Tuesday, was such as to justify them in further practice. White has pitching ability, I think, and Kennedy will make an excellent backstop if he sticks to it and learns to control himself.

The Halifax Recorder addresses to the local nine some observations which might well be heeded by amateur clubs everywhere. It says:

"The strong fielding games played by the Haligonian team in the last two matches has caused many base ball enthusiasts to imagine that they would be almost invincible in games with leading amateur clubs from any city. While there is no doubt the nine is a strong one, it might be improved if some changes were made in its composition; but barring that altogether they lack team work, and what is worse they are weak in batting. The players on the team who know how to make a sacrifice hit are extremely few, and it is here of that kind that win many games. They should have regular appointed coaches who have a full knowledge of the rules, who, besides talking in the talk which prevails in coaching of the present day, have good judgment, and know how to act when the occasion arises. They also lose many chances by not claiming a point when the opportunity arises. There were several instances of this kind yesterday, one of which was when one of their batters made a foul and the umpire called a strike, but not a word was said. If the nine intend to amalgamate they should place their men in positions, practice diligently, learn how to bat, run bases, and engage in team work, and then they ought to make a showing against some of the nine which many people just now think they can easily defeat."

Congratulations to my friend Power, the brilliant sporting editor of the Halifax Recorder, upon his marriage! Congratulations to Mrs. Power also! and may a good fellow and a charming girl be as happy as they both deserve!

One of the prettiest trophies that has ever been presented to base ball victors is the Thomas H. Hall championship cup, which is to be played for by the National league and American association. It will proclaim the winners as the champions of the world in 1888. The cup does not take the place of the pennant, as there is no pennant for the world championship. It has never been played for, as it has only been recently finished by Tiffany & Co. The cup contains 100½ ounces of silver and is mounted on an ebony base. On the front of the cup is pictured a ball field, with not only the pitcher, short stop, catcher and batter, but the down-trodden umpire as well. Over the pictured ball field are the words:

HALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

On the front of the ebony base is a silver shield, and upon which is to be placed the record, name and any other inscription that may be required. On each side of the cup, and standing on the handles, is a player in uniform. The one on the right is a pitcher about to deliver the ball, and on the left is a batsman waiting for the ball. —New York Sun.

Club Manager—"See that?"
Player—"Yes."
C. M.—"What is it?"
P.—"Why, a league ball, of course."
C. M.—"Not your eye on it?"
P.—"Certainly."
C. M.—"Then for goodness sake keep it there when the gong rings." —Detroit Free Press.

They are laughing up in Vermont at a Kentuckian who was at Montpelier recently with Colonel George W. Hooker. The blue-grass gentleman had heard a good deal about Ethan Allen, the famous horse, and had great respect for him; but he looked surprised when Colonel Hooker, pointing to the equestrian statue of the hero of Ticonderoga, said: "There is the Ethan Allen statue." "I say, colonel," said the Kentuckian, "we think a mighty heap of horses in Kentucky, but we have never erected a monument to any yet."

W. J. Knapp, of Denver, Col., rode a 50-inch bicycle in England during the week ending Aug. 18, 50 miles in 2h. 29m. 41s., a remarkable performance and one which beats the record.

Again I rise to doff my chapeau to Boston. The beaned burgh is the boss base ball town. Four thousand, five hundred is the average attendance at the games there this season. With no Saturday holiday to fetter the average, either! Bar the Saturdays, and New York, with all her blushing champion

ship honors thick upon her, has not averaged as well as this. With such a club, too! In any other city they would draw nothing but flies. —Touched Out, in Sporting Times.

"Does the Washington nine play ball on Sunday?" asked a Y. M. C. A. member of a man who had backed the club.
"No," was the gruff reply.
"Oh, I am so very, very glad," said the Y. M. C. A. man rubbing his hands.
"Well, you needn't be," responded the backer, "they don't play ball on week days, either." —Critic.

"My sermon to-day," said a Nebraska clergyman, looking placidly over the congregation, "will treat of Sabbath desecration, and I trust that I may be able to point out its wickedness to good effect. Before opening my discourse, however, I will announce that a baseball game is in progress south of the church, and for the convenience of the worshippers, the score by innings will be recorded on the blackboard by Brother Johnston. My text is: 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.'"

Tom Cannon, the wrestler, says he is confident that Al Spalding's Australian baseball expedition will be a grand success. Mr. Cannon has just returned from Australia, and he says the people of that far-off country are great patrons of all kinds of sport. He believes the dash and excitement incident to an exhibition of the national game will catch the Australians' fancy and that they will give it a liberal support. Mr. Cannon has seen as high as thirty thousand people at a football match, and believes they will be very enthusiastic admirers of America's greatest sport.

An admirer of the Giants sends this:

Welch
Ewing
Crane
Richardson
Gore
Keefe
Whitney
Murphy
Slattery
Tiemann
CoNorr
O'Rourke
Ward

An "O'Brien" ball club has been formed in Fredericton, in which all the players, and even the manager, are O'Briens. What's the matter with the Smiths.

If a junior league is formed next season, I hope some arrangement will be made to let the clubs take in every good player that comes along during the season. This year each club had to make up its list and have it passed before the greater part of club members had had a ball in their hands. The result was that a number of players were found to be "no good"; but they could not be replaced.

I think the clubs should be allowed to take in every good player they can get, providing he has never played in anything but a junior club before. This season many good players were not given a chance by the league, and several who were accepted after the lists were made up, have played good ball all through the season.

The Emeralds have been unlucky, but I think everybody will agree with me in saying that they have acted nobly. No club has had more to discourage it. They were defeated time and again, but when the next day for their game came round they were always found on the field. For this, I on behalf of the lovers of base ball thank them. They played against luck, but played all the same, although their chances for winning the cup ended early in the season.

The special purse of \$200 of the Fredericton meet has been divided and allotted. The events to take place are as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 3.—Stake race, foals of 1886, 125 race, 3 minute class, \$175 race, 2.40 class, \$100 race, foals of 1884. Thursday, Oct. 4.—\$100 race, foals of 1886; \$150 race, 2.50 class; \$300 race, free for all.

Mr. John N. Taylor, sporting editor of the Boston Globe, was at the Dufferin on Wednesday, on his way to State Road, N. S. State Road is supposed to be somewhere in the vicinity of Wallace, and there is said to be shooting there. Jack used to be chief operator of the United Press in Boston, and he edited his own copy, down to the smallest details of punctuation, as the words came hot from the wires.

"Gracious B—, your clerks are terribly industrious. I never saw men working harder in all my life. Why, man, you should be proud to have such faithful men around you," said an old acquaintance to B—, yesterday morning, as he viewed the half a dozen clerks making ink fly in a startling manner.

"Yes, yes!" said Mr. B—. They are industrious without doubt, but I expect every one of them will ask off to the ball game this afternoon."

The game, Wednesday, between the Clippers and Franklins decided the junior championship in favor of the Clippers. It has been a tight race all through the season, and on this account the Clippers deserve all the more credit for winning it.

I think, however, that it was underestimating their opponents that spoiled the chances of the Thistles and Lansdownes. Both these clubs were defeated by the weakest teams in the league. The Clippers warranted off this defeat and won the Jennings cup, the prize money and the junior championship. This should be a lesson to the management of the junior clubs next year.

As the Clippers, the champions are a good team, but as the Shamrocks they have done very little remarkable work this season. They have lost nothing, however, by playing in the heavier team, and it should make their work with the juniors easier.

The Standards, of Halifax, who played here with the Shamrocks this summer, are now leading in the Halifax amateur league, having won 5 games out of 7, and have only one more game to play. Like the St. John league, the Halifax organization is composed of five clubs, and play the same number of games with each other. Judging from the table of games played, I would judge that the clubs at the bottom of the list were very weak, as the West Ends did not win one game in seven, and the Socials only 2 in 7.

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Base Ball

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vs.

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COLLEGE WEEK,

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TUESDAY

—AND—

WEDNESDAY,

Sept. 4th and 5th.

THE GREAT

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Of Maine,

vs.

NATIONALS.

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Houlton, Maine, 25th September, 1888.

Woodstock, N. B., 29th September, 1888.

Fredericton, N. B., 3rd and 4th October, 1888.

MOOSEPATH PARK,	ST. STEPHEN PARK,	HOULTON PARK,
Wednesday, 12th Sept., 1888	Wednesday, 19th Sept., 1888	Tuesday, 25th Sept., 1888
3-minute class—Purse \$150	3-minute class—Purse \$175	3-minute class—Purse \$100
2.40 " " " 200	2.40 " " " 200	2.40 " " " 125
Thursday, 13th Sept., 1888	Thursday, 20th Sept., 1888	Entries close 20th Sept., '88
2.50 class—Purse \$150	2.50 class—Purse \$175	Free for all class. " 75
Free for all class. " 300	Free for all class. " 300	M. D. PUTNAM, Sec'y,
Reserved for special races. " 150	Reserved for special races. " 150	Houlton, Maine.
Entries close 5th Sept., 1888	Entries close 12th Sept., '88	
A. M. MAGEE, Sec'y,	J. E. OSHBURN, Sec'y,	
St. John, N. B.	St. Stephen, N. B.	

WOODSTOCK PARK,	FREDERICTON PARK ASSOCIATION,
Saturday, 29th Sept., 1888.	Wednesday, 3d Oct., 1888.
4-year old class—Purse \$100.	3-minute class—Purse \$125.
2.50 " " " 125.	2.40 " " " 175.
Free for all " " 175.	Thursday, 4th Oct., 1888.
Entries close 22d Sept., 1888.	2.50 class—Purse \$150.
FOSTER BROWN, Sec'y,	Free for all class. " 300.
Woodstock, N. B.	Reserved for special races 25.
	Entries close 27th Sept., 1888.
	W. P. FLEWELLING, Sec'y,
	Fredericton, N. B.

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