IS our Lacrosse team, like our Tennis Club, to be one of the things of the past? We sincerely hope not; but its action, or rather inaction, of late clearly indicates that such a state of affairs will soon exist, if it does not already. It was through no fault of the Tennis Club that it had to retire. The sets were purchased, the courts laid out, the men took hold of the work with interest, and everything promised a brilliant future when the preparation for the erection of the new building destroyed their grounds and completely checked further work. The Lacrosse Association, on the other hand, has no other excuse for its inactivity than laziness and lack of interest on the part of the officers representing the association.

The team formed in the latter part of last autumn, with no practice in the gymnasium during the winter, and especially with our early intermission, could not expect to put a first-class team into the field this spring; but with practice and close regard to its opportunities, there is no reason why in a year or two the Institute should not stand well to the fore in the coming favorite game of the college world. Harvard's team started under even less favorable circumstances than ours. There was very little interest taken by the students in the game. The team had to pay its own expenses, and they had no regular team with which to play, having to depend for practice upon their own men, while the Institute has had encouragement from the Union Lacrosse Club, both as regards coaching and practice, and could undoubtedly arrange for a series of practice games with them. Harvard, by its perseverance, now holds the intercollegiate championship, and, by their victory over the New York team last year, the Ohlrich cup. Moreover, the team this year has no lack of candidates, and finds ready support among the men. Why, then, need the Institute, with her more than average opportunities, fail to support a representative Lacrosse team?

Of the recent Oxford-Cambridge athletic sports at Lillie Bridge, Eng., an exchange says: "The programme contains nine games, two of which, the three-mile run and throwing the hammer, we cannot compare with the intercollegiate games. The other seven events, compared with the intercollegiate records since the formation of that organization in 1876, show the following results: in 1876 all the English records were better than ours; in 1877 the Englishmen excelled us in six events and tied us in one; in 1878, '79, and '80 they surpassed us in everything; in 1881 they held six records, and we held one; and in 1882 four of their records were better than ours, while three of ours were better than theirs. Of the best college records at these events they hold six and tie us for the seventh. Discouraging as these statistics appear at first sight, we must not forget that they are at least a dozen years ahead of us in athletic sports. Our standard is constantly improving, while the English standard remains about the same. None of the best American college records at these seven games date back further than 1879; two were made in 1882, three in 1881, one in 1880, and one in 1879, while the English college records are considerably older. One was made in 1865, one in 1871, two in 1874, one in 1876, one in 1879, and one in 1880. In view of these facts, it is evident that we are rapidly catching up with the Englishmen; and should the present interest in athletic sports continue for a few years, there is apparently no reason why we should not soon equal our transatlantic cousins. Thus it will be seen that we have every reason to feel encouraged to continue as we have begun."

The Harvard-Princeton Lacrosse game is to be played on Jarvis Field, May 12.

H. Fowler, of Princeton, has broken the best American college record in pole vaulting, having recently cleared 9 ft. 8 ½ in.

Song of the Salvation Army: —

If you can't get in at the golden gate,
Get over the garden wall.

Etc.

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