Athletics.

The management of the Athletic Club has, after due consideration, decided to hold no outdoor meeting this spring. From a pecuniary standpoint the former outdoor sports have been failures, and this fact, due to the impossibility of having the games until after the annual examinations, and hence after most of the students have gone home, has principally influenced the club in this decision. The records of the former games have been better than the average and worthy of larger audiences than have graced the meetings. The following records made by the club last spring, at Beacon Park, are a fair specimen of the work done: Putting the shot, won by Harriman with a record of 31 ft. 9 in. Hundred-yard dash, won by Du Pont; record, 10 1/2 secs. Quarter-mile run, won by Haines in 57 secs.

The Union games are to take place the 26th of this month at the South End Base-Ball Grounds. The following events are open: Hundred-yard dash, handicap (seven yards limit); running high jump; one-mile walk (handicapped). Several of the Institute men have entered.

The Princeton lacrosse team have played four games this season and received their first defeat at Harvard last Saturday. They played a strong game, but Harvard’s team showed itself vastly superior, and well sustained the record made recently with the New York University, by a score of 3 goals to 0.

In the pole vaulting at the class games at Princeton, May 11, Toler, ’85, took first place with 10 ft. 1 in.; Harriman, ’83, second with 9 ft. 11.; thus beating the college record by 7 and 5 inches respectively.

Three hundred men now belong to the Lacrosse Association at Harvard.

Mr. Barrett L. Chandler, ’84, has accepted a very advantageous situation in the extensive varnish manufactory of Valentine & Co., New York City.

Noticeable Articles.

For the Fortnightly, for April.—“The European Terror” (Socialism and Nihilism), and Contemporary, for April, “The Progress of Socialism”; both by Emil de Laveleye, the eminent Belgian writer on politics and political economy.

For the Fortnightly, for April.—“The Production and Life of Books,” by C. Kegan Paul, a graduate of Oxford, now a London publisher.

A Tour in the Troad,” by Prof. R. C. Jebb.

Contemporary, for April.—“The Manchester Ship Canal,” by Major-Gen. Hamley: a gigantic engineering project.

“Gambetta,” by R. W. Dale. “On the evening of Sunday, Jan. 7, I happened to be preaching to young men, and was protesting against that ignoble conception of human life which attributes to circumstances an omnipotent power over character, and finds the chief explanation of human virtue and vice in our environment. I was telling them that environment counts for much, but that the personal life which the environment solicits and provokes into activity counts for more; that circumstances may reveal and develop character, but that it is only in the poorest and least energetic natures that they can be said to create it. In illustration of these remarks, I spoke of M. Gambetta.”

On the other hand, he says, “His premature death may have been the result of the tremendous strain upon his physical strength during the war; but there seems some reason to believe that his constitution was also seriously impaired, not by the reckless vices which I believe were falsely attributed to him, but by the want of that firm discipline of his physical life, which is no inconsiderable part of morality.”

Nineteenth Century. — “What shall I do with my Son?” by Major-Gen. the Hon. W. Fielding. Gen. Fielding’s account of English education is not complimentary.—“Four or five years spent in obtaining sufficient education in classical knowledge to enable them to translate correctly a Latin and perhaps a Greek inscription in after years,—the chief acquirements one or two life-long friends, many acquaintances, and considerable practice in cricket, foot-ball, or rowing:... For all practical purposes, lads learn at most of our high-class public schools nothing, or next to nothing, which will enable them to enter direct from school into the business of life.” His remedy is agricultural training schools preparatory to organized emigration. A few Institutes of Technology would not seem to be a bad addition to his prescription.


Westminster Review, for April.—The Carlyle-Emerson Correspondence.