

In baseball, the week just ended has been remarkable for one thing, viz., the systematic and determined way a few people have orgued for a bigger diamond and the pitcher in its center. The advocates of this very extraordinary change take a lot of things for granted; in fact, more than there is license for. It is now admitted that the proposed changes are a step backward, because it is assumed that the public has tired of the best quality of baseball play-

Now, let me point out one thing. The public does not want a bigger diamond. There is nothing to show that the public is tired of the present one. To argue the contrary is to merely assume what is not true. I question very much whether the public wants any change at all or not. I mean the majority of the public. Many of the most representative men are opposed to any

changes in the playing rules.

I am still convinced that the national game has lost popularity by other causes than the playing rules; indeed, I maintain that the rules have had nothing to do with I argued this some time ago and in reply somebody argued that the first half of last season was remarkable for a big at-tendance, while the second half was a fail-ure. This it was contended showed that there was something in the game itself that wearied the public. Now the very fact that the attendance was bigger in the first half than in the second proves what I am

There was a certain novelty about the 12club League at the beginning of last season.
That was a source of attraction for a time. The attendance was generally big and there was no complaint at all about the playing rules. The second half of the season came and the public simply got tired of a very bad quality of ball playing, the consequence of the 12-club League. Nobody grumbled about the rules. It was the very interior work and one-sided contests; in short, it was because of too much of that kind of playing that is now desired by those who want the rules changed. It is foolish to de-ceive ourselves, and that is just what we will do if we entertain the notion that the public is tired of good ball playing. Why, the thing is preposterous. Does anybody mean to tell me that it is wise to try and popularize baseball by making the game more inferior than it is? Have we to make a

thing bad so as to think more of it? Did you ever know of such a philosophy? The other day I read with much surprise an opinion to the effect that pitcher's battles as we call them, or scientific games were "disgusting." This was made by a man who is insisting in the most extravagant way on a bigger diamond. Now, I appeal to shy fair-minded baseball patron and ask disgusting-a contest of 1 to 0 or a game of 15 to 13 or something like that? Tell me what game has received the most praise both by the press and the public. Why in almost every instance the big-score game has been condemned as "rotten," and the chers' contest has been commented on and talked about for days as a "great game." Let two teams play a game at Exposition Park and suppose the contest ends teams play on the following day the attendsuce is almost sure to be increased. I have never seen this fail. But let these teams play a game resulting somewhere about 14 the attendance on the following day

I cannot believe that the public wants a before anything is done to deteriorate the game the magnates should weigh the matter Few Words About the Local Club.

Our local magnates have held their annual meeting during the week and a very satisfactory one it was. True, there was a little loss to face, but when everything was taken into consideration there was no real

the contest and how Goddard won.

I am thus personal because my predictions for this year have ceased. There are no encounters of note in a partilelle way on which we can reasonably predict. The contest between Pfimmer and McGrath is too one-sided to discuss. But I can modestly say that 189 has been an extremely good year for me and my readers. Those who have followed the advice ventured in these columns this winter have done well if they have been of a speculative turn of mind. For that I am repaid for all the treuble of thinking and all the anxiety of awaiting results. This shows beyond all doubt that the club's affairs are in the hands of very capable men and I'm sure that too much praise cannut be bestowed on them. it is worthy of note that the policy of the local club has not been a niggardly policy; it has been generous in every sense of the word and doubtless will continue to be. deut of the club, and I am sure that he is worthy of the honor. Some discussion has arisen as to the inconsistency of a man acting in the dual position of manager and

President. If the work of the manager is not satisfactory what is the President going Questions like this have suggested. There really is no reason for alarm. The club is in the hands of very few people, and those few people know exactly what they are doing. The appointment of Mr. Buckenberger is for the best. and we'll all sincerely hope that he'll suc-

brighter for a good local team for next rell is all right and that means he will play here next season. The proposed deal be-tween McKean, of the Cleveland club, and of the local club, may and may not be effected. I don't think it will. In Mc-Kean the local club would get a splendid shortstop, and in Mack the Cleveland club would get one of the finest players in the country. It may be that the local team. will be a little weak at short, but many good judges think that Shugart will play a reat game next season.

Manager Buckenberger continues to sesure pitchers and by the time that next spring gets round he will have a very big list indeed. It would seem that the task of getting about three good ones from such a long list would be easy. The local manager has remarkable confidence in his team for next year and I trust that his anticipations

Prospects of the County League. In two or three weeks' time there will be meeting to discuss the make-up of the County Baseball League for next season. There is some doubt as to whether or not the League will be in existence at all. Should it not continue it will be a pity. The County League has done a great deal for baseball in Western Pennsylvania, in

net, more than many people think, But its career has been somewhat checkered; at times its management and its policy have probably not been of the best, or at all times its aim has been a good one. If the County League has to succeed next ear the organization must be run on stricter business principles than heretofore; there must be less of the partisan in it. There is no reason why the County League should not be more of a success next year

# Doings of Our Amateurs.

Our local amateur athletes are all getting endy for the winter exercises and entertniuments. It is likely that there will be some very interesting contests and indoor sports this winter. If the present intentions are carried cut there will certainly be.

he will leave Goddard alone and so will either Hall or Fitzsimmons. In my way of thinking not one of these is powerful enough to knock Goddard out.

Maher is done for. It is a pity, because I atill maintain that under better guidance he would be a good man. He will now be relegated to the ranks of "leather platers," as no club will offer anything like a reasonable purse for him now. Many men will flourish as hoxers and fighters who are not as good as Maher. But it will be because they are under better management than he is. Secretary Page, of the Three A's, tells me that the association with which he is connected will have an indoor meeting shortly, and that it will be a great one. The contests will be held in the Cyclorama ouilding, Allegheny. This reminds me that the Three A's are just on the eve of getting a club-house. They have been extremely unfortunate in the club-house matter, as disappointment after disappointment has met them. With a good club-house the Alegheny Athletic Association should be one the best in the country.

And the P. A. C.'s are active as usual. It is their intention to have a good winter's programme. It might be well it a gigantie

and who would do so, it they were arouse of to a knowledge of what is good for them.

An International Boat Race.

was just departing. · Australia, Canada and

the United States were coming to the front. England then was behind all of them—the

first time in the history of the sport. At

first-rater, although quite a good sculler.

If Hosmer and Bubear were going to row

Talk About the Pugilists.

It looks as if there will be a go between Hall and Flizsimmons after, all. Hall says that he is determined to fight and

Fitzsimmons says he will be a happy man

it he had Hall in front of him in a ring. Hall says he is sure to defeat Fitzsimmons and

the latter states that he'll not only defeat

Hall but give him a terrible thumping for

Past insults.
That's about how matters stand. We may

That's about how matters stand. We may know more after a week or two is over. Mitchell will be here to second Ifall and in my judgment Charles Mitchell will have a very good idea as to who will win between Hail and Fitzsinmons.

But there will be one interesting feature about the Hail and Fitzsimmons event. The winner is almost sure to challenge Corbett and if that is done Corbett must do something. The better man between Hail and

and if that is done Corbett must do something. The better man between Hail and Fitzsimmens would give Corbett quite an argument, if not a defeat. But there is not much prospect of Corbett fighting anybody. He simply makes rules for himself and points out that according to these rules he need not fight for a year. Reason, justice and custom are against him. It he declines to fight within a reasonable time he should forfeit the title. Twelve months is not a reasonable time. If Sullivan declined to fight sooner than that it does not make Corbett's case any better. It is quite

The Knocking Out of Maher.

Goddard, and once more Australia has given

good old county Galway a bad beating. Now

this is not a matter of "I told you so," be-

cause from the day the two men were marched I have stood Goddard to win. Last week I distinctly said that the Australian

would stand more punishment than Maher

could give. This was exactly the feature of

all the anxiety of awaiting results.

Well, as to Maher's defeat. He was beaten
on Thursday in one of the most brutal con-

on Thursday in one of the most brutal con-tests there has been in this or any other country. It would be absurd to talk of the affair as a "glove contest." True, gloves were used, but they were not used as a means of showing in any shape or form the scientific features of self-defense. Two powerful men who had never received a lesson in boxing, and who have never seen a boxing gontest in their lives could have done just as well as Maher and Goddard, as far as science was concerned. The two

far as science was concerned. The two men simply stood face to face and battered

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Although the result was one that suited me I am still in a fault-fluding mood. In my estimation Maner was one of the w. ret advised men that ever faced an opponent because he did just what Goddard wanted him to do, that is stand up and slug. That is just what Maher should not have done. The truth is it was cruel on the part of those behind the young Irishman to so guide him. Goddard is one of the most remarkable of men for standing punishment. It is sate to say that human demons like Molyneaux, Richmond and Sayers could not have stood that batterin; that the strong man from the Barrier can stand. That's all there is about Goddard, in fact he is so remarkable in this respect that if London prize ring rules prevailed to-day I would almost stand him to defeat anybody. The seconds of Mater knew all this, or at least ought to have known, and why they allowed their charze

known, and why they allowed their charge

The Status of Goddard.

Now comes the question: Who will God-

dard fight next? He will say: Anybody.

That is quite true. Goddard will fight any

body, but as to whether or not he will de-feat anybody is another matter. I don't

think he will. Were he to meet a man like

Corbett, Jackson or Mitchell I am inclined

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undoubtedly be a success, and it would cer-tainly go a long way toward making athletics more popular here than ever. A very large number of young men have already identified themselves with athletic clubs, but there are scores who have not done so,

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS. The Examinations Approaching - Pupil From the Parochial Schools-A New Office-Permanent Certificates-A List of Honor - The Gulid - Christmas

The approaching preliminary examina-tion for admission to High School is the absorbing question of interest to the princi-

absorbing question of interest to the printi-pals and their assistants just now. The "minority" plan, which provides that the High School faculty be distributed among the various schools to examine the pupils, will be followed out, unless on Tuesday evening the Central Board of Education make a change. An unusually large class will try the preliminary examination this year.

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A feature will be the presence of several classes from parockial schools. Heretofore Father Sheedy's school has been the only one to enter. This year St. Agnes' Parochial School as well as Father Sheedy's will have classes, and it is also said that there will be a class from the Lawrenceville Parochial School and one from Hazelwood.

Below will be found the number each ward school will send up to try the preliminary examination for admission to High School: Duquesne, 3: South, 15: Grant, 30; North, 10: Hancock, 11: Forbes, 18: Franklih, 29: Relaton, 12: Moorhead, 20: O'Hara, 15: Springfield, 7: Minersville, 20: Belifield, 15: Soho, 16: Howard, 31: Washin rton, 60: Mt. Albion, 15: Himmold, 30: Liberty, 33: Lincoln, 38: Homewood 15: Peebles, 29: Wickersham, 10: Morse, 17: Humboldt, 21: St. Clair, 14: Birmingham, 15; Bedford, 23: Knox, 9: Allon, 18: Mt. Washington, 50: Monongahela, 0: Riverside, 6: Lucker, 18: Thad Stevens, 14; St. Agnes, 10: St. Mary's 6. The number in the Sterrett High School has not yet been reported.

It was stated on good authority yesterday that a new school office is to be created, it We can now, with some certainty, say that there will soon be another international boat race. George Hosmer has gone to England to row George Bubear for the English championship over the regulation championship course. The race is likely to revive interest in sculling in England, and we all know that it needs revive. we all know that it needs reviving.

The proposed race recalls many interesting things. When Hosmer first set foot in England, the aquatic glory of that country was just deposition.

ported.

It was stated on good authority yesterday that a new school office is to be created, it being Supervisor of High School classes. The incumbent would superintend the work of the High School classes in the ward schools. If this be so, it may be that there is an entirely new plan on foot covering the troublesome question of admission to the High School, and it will likely develop at Tuesday evening's session of the Central Board of Education. that time Hosmer was just about as speedy as anybody for a short distance. He im-proved as time wore on, but he was never a

For Permanent Certificates.

The Permanent Certificate Committee comprising Pro s. C. B. Woods, R. M. Cargo and the Misses Nannie Mackrell, M. A. Cole-

If Hosmer and Bubear were going to row and each man at his best, I should fancy Bubear by all means. He has always been a better rower than the public has believed, but a more unreliable man never pulled a scull through water. Why he is unreliable I don't jn-t now say, but those who know him know what I mean. A very good judge of rowing, one of the best in the word, told me a tew days ago that on one occasion he timed Bubear for about a mile, and that he rowed the distance in just as good time as ever Hanion did. This indicates that Bubear at his best is a superfor man to Hosmer.

But both rowers may have gone back on their old-time form. If they have there is no telling how matters may end. I do not think that Bubear has gone as far back as Hosmer. The latter has been a long time before the public and has had a very busy career. He is sure to be well treated in England and it is to be hoped that his appearance will tend to boom rowing there. and the Misses Nannie Mackrell, M. A. Coleman and Ella McCutcheon, organized yesterday atternoon. Miss Mackrell was elected President and R. M. Cargo Secretary. The examinations will commence the second Saturday in February.

The subjects for each Saturday are as follows: The first, "Physiology and Music," the second, "History and Reading," the third, "Geography and Business Forms;" the fourth, "Grammar and Spellling," and the fifth Saturday, "Arithmetic and Drawing."

all application papers must be in complete on the first Saturday the examinations bugin. An important change is about to occur in the prephration of the questions for permanent cortificate, As it is now the questions are prepared by a local committee, but a deputy superintendent told one of the city committee that this year steps would be taken to have the Legislature provide that the permanent question ure provide that the permanent question vould emanate from the authorities at Ha would emanate from the admitted as the risburs, making them uniform throughout the State, thus making the certificates granted good in every county permanently and not only for one year outside the county in which granted as the present law stamps.

A List of Honor Students.

The following are the names of the pupils who stand first in the highest grammar rooms of the various ward schools for the month of November: Allen, Ed. Pierce; Morth, Wesley B. Hamilton. Mt. Albion, Ada
Lauiz; Lawrence, Elmer Scott: Sterret, Malcoim Stevenson: Grunt, Lisa Bole; Forbes,
Edith Schwarm: Liberty, John Andrews;
Morse, Eva Feest Mineraville, Louisa
Saling; Duquesne, John Heinemann: Raiston,
Cora Letters; St. Clair, Mazle Hazelbart;
Washington, Lucy Armstrong and Maggle
Lugden: Springfield, Katte Abrams; South,
Blanche Spees; Homewood, Minnie Koehe;
Bedford, John Praeger; Lincoln, Christian
Miller; Luckey, Robert Wayman and Rose
Shannon; Knox, Jennie Williamson;
Riverside, James Glyan; Moorhead,
Clara McAteer; Birmingham, Calite
Fisher; Colnax, Susle Longeay; Highland,
Sophia Fishel; Hancock, Mary Corcoran;
Howard, Sedwina Vilsack and Almada
Smith; Bellefield, Carrie Kim; Soho, Eddie
Smith; O'Hara, Myra Nobbs; Humboldt John
Hoffman; Wickersnam, Mary Geyer; Mt.
Washington, Gertrude Coffia; Thad Stevens,
Harry Bhine. North, Wesley B. Hamilton. Mt. Albion, Ada

clined to fight sooner than that it does not make Corbett's case any better. It is quite easy to understand why Corbett hesitates. He wants to pose as long as possible. He is arraid of de eat and the probability is he will get it if he meets Jackson. I have an idea that he will earerly accept a contest with Hall or Fitzsimmons, or Mitchell in preference to Jackson. New Members of the Guild. At the last meeting of the Teachers' Guild the following were initiated members: Prof. H. W. Fisher, Prof. J.J. Jennings Prof. The puglistic event of the week has been Prof. H. W. Fisher, Prof. J.J. Jennings Prof. A. C. McLain, and the Misses Frances Beech, Emma Marshal, Ella Hanton, Mary O'Donhell, Clara Riddle, Olive Smith and Emma D. Hunter. The Misses Annie E. Noah, Alen school; Louisa Sellers, Lizzie Davis, Birmingham; L. S. Martin, Franklin; Anna Johnston, Julia De Armitt, Howard; Kate C. Robinson, Mt. Albion: E. M. Reed, Morse; Anna Moreland, Ida Schnek, Mt. Washington, and May E. Wightman were elected to membership.

> Christmas With the Teachers. A question that is just now disturbing the isual serenity of many a fair teacher's brow is whether they are to have a pay day before is whether they are to have a pay day before Xmas this year, and which, according to the soliedule, does not occur till January 3. In the past Xmas tides it was due to the thoughtfulness o ISecretary Charles Reisfar that the teachers received their shekels, and yesterday, on inquiry, Mr. Reisfar said he intended asking permission of the Finance Committee this year to pay the teachers before Xmas. And as he never yet has been remissed it is to be presumed that has been requised, it is to be presumed that the gods will again be kind to the teachers, and they, too, can make their friends happy in the gift-giving season of Christmas.

Echoes From the School Room THURSDAY and Friday evenings of this week the Mt. Washington schools give an entertainment.

THE pupils of the Grant school are pre paring for one of their old-fashioned Xmas

MRS. CHARLOTTE BALLOU, of the Phipps Cooking School, will spend the Xmas holi-days at her home in Boston. THE addition to the St. Clair School, Twenty-seventh ward, will be completed in time for the opening of school in January. Dr. George Horges, by invitation of the Dean Literary Society, tectured Friday

afternoon to the High School pupils on "Life in the Mediseval Monastery." A GREAT treat is in store for the members of the Teachers' Academy next Saturday afternoon, to judge by the programme. Mayor Gourley, William R. Ford and A. G. Bargogue are down for speeches.

PROP. BURLEIGH, the elocutionist, gives an the week preceding Christmas, at which the Pittsburg school teachers are to receive special invitations. Tickets can be secured as the Teachers' Library.

READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

known, and why they allowed their charge to go in and try to out-thump Goddard at the offset I don't know.

Maher is unfortunate. I have a better opinion of his abilities and his courage now than I had before he fought Goddard. Really he is a better man than his efforts against the two Australians show. In one case science had him and in the other brate lorce. I say he is unfortunate, because he has been very badly coached. Go to Gregor Meyer's, No. 227 Ohlo Street Allegheny, for Pure Wines and Liquors.

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I don't want to disparage the abilities of a courageous man like Goddard, but I do say that it is gratifying to know that the leading pugliists of to-day are not of his kind; that is, they do not depend on brute strength for their standing as pugliists. To be sure he will be offered an engagement to fight somebody at New Orleans early next year. There is talk of a contest between him and Choynski. If the latter is a wise man he will leave Goddard alone and so will either Hall or Fitzsummons. In my way of nestic champagnes always on hand.

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