

themselves and to the society. The tribunal consisting of Hon. John H. Carter, Sergeant Wm. Finley and Mr. Dan Cushing, decided two in favor of the affirmative.

Messrs. John Cushing and Ross, F., were appointed query committee.

After receiving the officers and committee reports, the society adjourned.

A. M. TODD, A. BITTLE,
Recording Sec'y. President.

College Athletics.

With the return of our many cadets from their Christmas frolic and fun, also re-enter renewed vigor and interest in all out of door sports. And to our new cadet friends the members of all athletic fraternities extend their cordial, aye, earnest invitation to become one of them, and to the old members of the foot ball and other athletic organizations, we especially urge to forward the interest of their respective organizations as much as circumstances will permit.

FOOT BALL.

Foot ball at the A. and M. C. is surely the coming game judging from indications of the present. Two years ago comparatively no interest was manifest in the "scrappy" game at all. Only last year was the game fully introduced into this college and has met with marked approval throughout, not to say that foot ball has no faults. Foot ball of late years has become a dangerous sport. I see that Camp states that before next season some change will be necessarily made in the rules to suppress the excessive use of the wedge play.

It is obvious that these new plays are spoiling the game in many respects.

They make it less scientific and in many cases degenerate it into a brutal exhibition. In these "wedge" plays the game is ruined, not only for the players but even more for the spectators, in that the fine points of the game are less easily observed. Interference and "wedge" ideas have been wonderful additions to foot ball, but obviously are not in adjustment, the change should be accompanied by a rule compelling the side having possession of the ball to gain ten yards in four downs. But I think the plain "association" rules should be enough to suffice the cravings of an A. & M. C. player. Taken as a whole, the "Rugby" game is more or less brutal, notwithstanding the act that it is practiced and approved of in our leading institutions of learning, and also by upright statesmen who, from a true or mistaken notion, uphold it as the prince of athletics. On the 16th of December last, the members of our College team had their photograph taken, which is admitted by all to be a handsome and hardy appearing "set." The lads loomed up in respective positions as follows:

- 1 Charlie Orltorff, right end;
- 2 Milt Sims, Right tackle;
- 3 Dick Peden, right guard;
- 4 Frank Houston, center;
- 5 H. Coulter, left guard;
- 6 A. Watts, left tackle;
- 7 Massenburg, full-back;
- 8 Alf Bloor, left end;
- 9 Billie Matthews, quarter-back;
- 10 Harvey Morse, left-half;
- 11 Harry Martin, right-half;
- A. W. Bittle, referee;
- T. O. Ellis, umpire.

"ATHLETE."

RECEPTION.

On the night of the 13th, Miss Ada Lee Polk, assisted by her guest, Miss