

examiners, and, if resident, as great personal comfort as a person closing his fifth year. As a matter of fact, by the way, this equality in the eyes of the authorities, is not regarded by the authorities in Trinity. Else why when anything is to be told the students is the head man to be the bearer of the message? Why does the Senior Bachelor collect the offertory in chapel? Why are the Seniors given the first choice of rooms at the beginning of a year? But this is beside the question. We agree that from the Chancellor's throne and from the chairs of the Provost, the Dean, the Professor-in-hall, or the lecturer, all under-graduates stand upon an equal footing.

The second division may be a matter more open to debate—namely, seniority with reference to the students as a community. Upon this point, we hold that as no person who has not had a certain amount of College experience, has any right to express an opinion, so unless one has had that amount of experience in a particular College, his opinion should have no weight with reference to the Seniority in that College; and that therefore those whose residence has extended over the longest space of time, should have the first hearing when any discussion arises concerning Seniority. That a difference does exist between the comparative standing of students in this respect in, at all events, every College on this side of the Atlantic, and at Trinity in particular, is beyond doubt a fact. Late events have amply proved that. Whether this state of things should continue, is quite another question, and one worthy of consideration, and wise Seniority is pronounced by almost the unanimous voice of all who have a right to express an opinion upon it, to be, when kept within proper bounds, an altogether excellent institution, and one to be contended for by all who know its value.

We cannot afford space to enter into the question so generally as to admit of our examining the subject as it bears upon the condition of other Colleges. Let us, therefore, narrow it once again and look at it as it appears in Trinity. That it is here we have seen, that the great bulk of the opinions of competent judges is for its continuance we know; a presumption therefore exists in its favour, and the burden of proof rests upon those who oppose it. First, they object that such a state of things is not to be found in the Colleges in the English Universities. We fail to see that this is any objection whatever, for the fact that there is not a commingling of Divinity Students with Arts men in those venerable Universities, does not prove that such an arrangement is injurious to us. But, they urge, Cambridge and Oxford are our models; granted—but if a small vessel be modeled after the *Great Eastern*, does that deter her from all work but that of laying cables? Or should her sailors refuse to eat some excellent fruit they may have found in a far country because the home sailors have never tasted any of it? Especially if after a thirty years voyage they have found the fruit very digestible. No, that argument holds very well with regard to our University standards and system,

but socially the students are Canadians and claim liberty to be original in their own internal affairs.

"But," they say, "the means used to admit a Freshman to be a 'full-fledged Trinity man,' must be very humiliating to the older ones and must drive men elsewhere?" The renowned Inquisition is, we presume, the means referred to. It *may* be humiliating, but as yet we have never found one individual who has taken it very seriously to heart. On the contrary, all agree that it is a very amusing and harmless style of practical joke, which from its associations has gained a hold upon those who have gone through it, and have helped succeeding generations on the same road. No very dreadful results have ever ensued heretofore from the slight force that is necessarily used in the rare case of opposition, and it is extremely improbable that any change will take place so long as we continue a College of gentlemen. Here let us utter a word of warning. "A College of gentlemen" we claim to be, and as such let us be very careful to guard our reputation from any possibility of a just attack being made upon us by misusing our Seniority, and taking wrong advantage of the power it gives us. It is this in some other institutions which has given rise to the prejudice against seniority. As to driving men elsewhere, we would be glad if the objectors would inform us as to the place. At present we know of no institution whose Seniority takes as mild a form as our own.

"What's the use of it?" the would-be innovators ask. The best answer to this is to be got by living a year or two amongst us, for the advantages are hard to describe but are easily felt. Foremost amongst them, however, is this fact, that Seniority forms one part of that individuality which Trinity possesses, and which serves to keep all her former inmates united. It is one of the things peculiar to herself, which makes her sons love her—one thing they remember when they look back at her, and therefore should be kept, but kept pure. Her other institutions are all capable of abuse, her S.S. Simon and Jude's celebration, her Institute with its elastic constitution, her *Entertainment*, her Convocation. Are these on that account to be lost? Reduce her to an Examination Hall, with lecture rooms and boarding-house attached, and you will destroy Trinity more surely than if you were to deprive her of her Charter.

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