

in order that he might have every opportunity to repent and go home before I shot him. At last, so far as I could judge, he had settled himself under a window, and I was sure I heard him snoring. I became so satisfied of this that I felt justified in quietly opening a window on the opposite side of the house, to look out and see if there were any accomplices. The first object which met my eye was the burglar's hat. I saw at once a means of detecting the offender, and perhaps avoiding needless bloodshed. I drew in the hat and closed the window. I then discovered that the hat was one of my own which I had recently presented to Ebenezer.

An exceedingly painful impression now forced itself upon my mind, which was confirmed by my wife when I showed her the hat. Ebenezer had been drinking, and had been trying to force his way into the house under the belief that it was his own quarters.

I had a disagreeable scene with Ebenezer in the morning. He stoutly denied my impeachment, but when I produced the hat had nothing to say except that if he was to go he was entitled to a month's wages in advance. I could not convince him of the untenableness of this position until I made a casual allusion to the revolver. He knew I had one, having seen me once with deadly accuracy implant a bullet in the pump. He took his departure with dark suggestions of vengeance, which he has not yet carried into effect.

I have not had any adventure with a burglar since the above incident. If this should meet the eye of any burglar, I pray him to be warned. The American bull-dog is still with me. He is a dangerous animal. He sleeps with five eyes open.

VILLA THOMPSON, *February, 1890.*

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL NOTES.

THE number of boys during Lent term was about the same as during the term before, notwithstanding the fact that a number were unable to return on account of illness. The term, usually the duller in the year, passed quickly, and pleasantly,—in consequence, no doubt, of the exceptional mildness of the winter. To the same cause we may ascribe an unheard-of variety in the term's amusements, including a very good game of football, and some attempt at cricket, in addition to the more usual tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating, and hockey.

THE annual meeting of the Cricket Club, was held in the Speech Room, on Thursday March 27th, the Head Master being in the Chair. The Treasurer's statement shewed the finances of the Club to be in a very satisfactory condition, a small balance being left to the credit of the Club after meeting the ordinary expenses, paying for the services of a professional, and making a considerable addition to the ground. It is hard to form an opinion as to the strength of the Eleven for the coming season. Of last year's team there are only three left, and it is, of course, impossible to say what the new men will do. However, McCarthy gave promise last year of becoming a really strong bat, and Pellatt, always reliable as a bowler, may be expected to do even better work than before, so that if the new members of the Eleven are fairly good we ought to have a successful season. Pellatt, it may be mentioned, who succeeded to the captaincy by right of seniority, has resigned, and his place is taken by McCarthy.

It is hoped that before this time next year a new gymnasium will be built at a cost not exceeding six thousand dollars. The old one has done good service, but the

building is not very well adapted to its purpose, nor is it large enough to afford recreation for so large a school in bad weather. It is almost needless to say that it is the intention of the governing body to build a thoroughly good and well-equipped gymnasium. At first it was thought of putting up a brick building; but after consulting the architect it was decided that a structure of timber and brick was better, as a timber frame withstands the vibration caused by gymnastic exercises much more successfully than solid stone or brick walls. A new gymnasium at the school has been spoken of for some years, indeed, when the Old Boys Association was first formed, it was unanimously agreed that the Association could shew its sympathy in no better way than by undertaking the erection of such a gymnasium as is now proposed, and a subscription list was opened with a view to doing this. Unfortunately the plan fell through, chiefly on account of the difficulty in providing security for the money it would have been necessary to borrow. Now that the money has been raised involving, as it probably will, an addition to the debt on the school property, an opportunity is afforded the old boys of shewing in a very practical way their continued interest in their old school. The large number of those who have already passed through the school, with the additions made to their number each year, should have no difficulty in providing the interest on the proposed expenditure, or in wiping out the debt within a few years, and a large number, we are confident, would be very glad to contribute for this purpose, if only a few active men would take the initiative.

WOODCOCK, the new professional engaged by the Cricket Club, comes with the highest recommendation. He was for three years with a club in the North of Ireland, which only parted with him reluctantly because they desired practice with a different style of bowling. His last engagement was with an English club, who express great regret at losing his services owing to their inability to have any professional this season. Shaw & Shrewsbury, too, the well known cricketing firm, speak of him in the highest terms. All agree in describing him as a strong patient bat, playing in most approved form, a medium paced right-hand bowler, breaking his balls either way; an excellent coach and good ground man.

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WITH the beginning of Easter term comes the reorganization of the Lawn Tennis Club. Many of the men who consider cricket *the* game of games still do not despise an hour or so of tennis occasionally, while the game also finds many adherents among the non-cricketing students. The court which was used last year seems to have been somewhat cut up by the passage of carts over it, lying as it does to the north of the new wing, which has been the scene of more or less activity all the past winter. Still we hope it has not been too much injured to play on, though we consider that the carters might have been instructed to keep closer to the building than was their custom.

MANY of the Baseball enthusiasts have been already considering the prospects for giving the American national game a boom here this year. There is some very good talent in that line at Trinity, and as the number of students is larger than heretofore, and those who "go in" for baseball are not composed to so large an extent as previously of those who feel called upon to devote their energies to cricket, we see no reason why the club should not go ahead