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### Editorial Notes.

The College crest on the cover is the work of R. M. MACLEOD (IV).

The Committee have to thank Mr. E. Poole for kindly consenting to present the prize in class II of the ACTA Photographic Competition.

The Hockey Team is to be sincerely congratulated on two things; not losing a single match, and getting a good picture taken. Rarely is such peculiar good fortune the lot of any team.

Our readers are asked to kindly remember that without the help of its advertisers this Magazine would be a very different thing, and having remembered this, then are asked to act accordingly.

Here are one or two suggestions:—That no fellow below the Fifth should be allowed to wear a stand-up collar; that no Fifth Form fellow may be addressed by his nickname, except by those in his own Form.

This, however, is a most enjoyable affair, and does lots of good to the new boys. Many a fellow has been christened with his nickname during the few moments he stood on the platform attempting to sing some good old chestnut.

The only exchanges we regularly receive are the *McMaster's University Monthly*, and the *Trinity University Review*. From Trinity we also receive a copy of the *Trinity College Year Book*, a very valuable book of reference on Trinity affairs.

We hear that an Acta society has been formed, the members consisting principally of those, who have been roasted in the ACTA. Cow was unanimously elected President, Secretary and General Manager.

He reports that he has already stopped twelve subscriptions to say nothing of the damage his influence has done, and hopes for

greater success. The following have been elected life members, A. K. MILLER, J. A. MACLAREN, J. H. COOKE.

At Winchester and at Christ's Hospital, the Sixth Form boys eat their meat off one side of the wooden plate, and then turn the plate over to eat the pudding from. Fancy the Ridley boy doing this, who grumbles because there are no orange spoons with Sunday dessert.

Copper Sunday has been abolished for good and sufficient reasons, and the only customs we can be said to possess now, are the New Boys' Concert and the Master's Birthday Serenade. Initiation, with other such barbarisms, has gone out with the growth of common sense, and the New Boys' Concert remains as its only relic.

We would suggest to the authorities that the old book room be fitted with bicycle racks during the Easter vacation. There are already over twenty wheels at present in the College, and more will be here after Easter. It is pretty certain that at least four masters will ride this season, and their weight should be added to the recommendation.

It has, perhaps, occurred now and then to our readers that Ridley has very few established customs. During his recent visit to some of the venerable public schools of England, MR. MILLER remarked a number of these unwritten laws. At Harrow for instance, the boys all walked in the middle of the road, whilst the "kids" only were allowed to use the sidewalk. We do not, even in this land of rubbers, advocate the adoption of any such custom here, at least until Canadians have learnt the art of road-making.

It has been proposed by MR. MILLER that the College Eleven shall spend the week in Toronto directly after school breaks up, and meet the principal Toronto Clubs on their own grounds. This will mean that most of the "away" matches with Toronto clubs will have to be postponed till then, and if any thing should prevent their being played, it would cause great inconvenience to those clubs, and much humiliation to ourselves in having to break engagements. The Secretary will therefore require a guarantee of at least twelve players, who will be able to play that week before he begins to arrange these games.