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Editorial Topics.

TRINITY TO DAY. No friend of Trinity can regard without

emotion and pride the position she to day holds in the educational world of Canada. To know the history of the University is to know that her present proud position has been fought for and won in the face of the most determined and bitter opposition. Men who should have been her warmest friends and heartiest supporters, in the hour of trial forswore their allegiance and helped to swell the opposing ranks. A chivalrous spirit could not be said to have animated these puffed-up ranks, nor were their attacks altogether free from a suspicion of envy—a kind of praise, as Gay somewhere remarks. The intense *esprit de corps* which characterizes the Trinity man is partly the result no doubt of the enemy raging together and saying foolish things. So we have something to thank these people for after all. But whilst our love for Trinity may have been stimulated by all she has been called upon to endure from hostile hands, it rests back on the sure foundation of respect, without which there can be no love. The noble work that our University has done in this Canada of ours commands respect. It is a joy to know that she stands to day better equipped for that work than ever before. The opening of the new wing, already thronged with some of the brightest and best of Canadian youth, the greatly increased accommodation afforded both to professors and students, the enlargement and enrichment of the departments of science, now rendered complete in every branch, tend to make the beginning of this new academic year the most interesting and encouraging in the history of the University.

With so large a number of men in residence the Literary Institute should be this year more entertaining and profitable to its members than ever before. Founded nearly forty years ago, the society has proved itself of inestimable value in promoting the art of public speaking and reading, and in cultivating a literary taste and style. Many a brilliant debate and essay adorns the history of the Institute, for around it have ever gathered the ablest men of the University. It should be the aim of those who now have the privilege of attending its meetings to make the most of the advantages the society affords. Many who have gone out from the University bear witness that, as a means of training for the speaker, the Institute cannot be over-rated. It is an essential qualification nowadays for one to be able to speak in public. To be able to do so with skill and care requires practice—constant practice. We trust that every one of the members will make it a point to miss none of the meetings. This is especially to be desired in the case of those who are on the programme for the evening. No other engagement should be allowed to conflict with the Literary Institute. THE REVIEW's advice may not be fully appreciated by the careless now, but it will be hereafter—when too late to act upon, and the opportunity gone forever.

SPORTING THE OAK.

The Students' rooms in the new wing having been fitted with oaken doors in addition to the ordinary door, THE REVIEW hopes that the good old Oxford and Cambridge custom with