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TO SUBSCRIBERS.—We would respectfully remind those of our subscribers who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1889, that the year is rapidly drawing to a close, and that we shall be glad to receive their remittances as soon as possible. The character of our subscribers leads us to believe that this appeal will meet with a ready response.

AMONGST Trinity men and the friends of the University in general, the annual Convocation Dinner has come to be regarded as an event of the highest importance. On that occasion speeches are made which are accepted by the Trinity world as giving the key to what we might call the home and foreign policy of the University. Owing to the fact that special efforts have of late been made to place this great institution on a wider and more secure foundation and to obtain for Trinity that recognition of her position and importance which she so eminently deserves, the speeches on the present occasion were awaited with more than ordinary interest and expectation. It is therefore not astonishing that a sense of exhilaration should have been the prevailing feeling after the delivery of the more important speeches. The Provost's declaration that the difficulties in the path of Trinity appeared to be tending to a happy solution, was regarded as a revelation of fact on which perfect reliance could be placed. Close observers of Trinity and the work she is doing, and the progress she is making, did not stand much in need of this assurance, it is true, for recent events have tended to impress the public mind with the individuality and energy of this University. But hopeful and stimulating utterances from those having authority are ever grateful and comforting. We have not the space here to refer to the speakers in particular, nor even to touch upon the principal points in their speeches; but we may say that so far as the members of the Faculty are concerned, the speeches may be taken as indicating the intention of the University to adhere to the policy which has been pursued since her foundation. Blustering enemies have been answered with the intimation that Trinity is the University of the Church in Ontario, and that she will continue so to be. Dignitaries of the Church vied with each other in paying tribute to the splendid work our Alma Mater is doing for the advancement of learning and religion in Canada. Distinguished members of the Bar testified to her great services in the realm of law and political science; whilst Dr. Geikie, the gifted Dean of Trinity Medical College, told us, in his inimitable and impressive way, of all that Trinity had done and was still doing, and hoped and intended to do, towards the alleviation of the sufferings of mankind. Altogether the speeches show in an unmistak-