

So here we utter a plea that longer preparation be given to our discourses, addressing, as is seemly, only our younger brethren. I entirely recognize that the sermon is, in reality, the least important part of our, or any, service; yet, practically, we must allow that it can be so only where the parish is well established and the congregation composed of good church people who have been educated up to it, and love the Prayer-Book. In the country districts, where the attendance is mixed and the privilege of worship not realized or valued as it should be, the sermon will, I am sorry to say, continue to be considered the chief part of the service. Let us be ready to meet the situation. After all it is *the* great opportunity put into our hands for teaching the truth and extending the church through the world. Often we do not appreciate it sufficiently; we do not "begin to" make the most of it. But, to conclude this note, how in the name of common sense can a good sermon be expected, any more than a good poem, a good house, or a good picture, without work, or in two or three hours of time? Q.

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With the present number ROUGE ET NOIR enters upon a new collegiate year with a complete change in the staff of editors. The former editors were men of talent and experience, and it is, therefore, with no little hesitation that we step into their shoes. But however unequal we feel to the task which we have undertaken, yet we hope and trust—with the help and influence of the members of this University—to present to our readers an interesting and readable publication. With this end in view, we solicit from our graduates and undergraduates contributions both literary and monetary. Our aim is to maintain the high character for literary excellence which has always clung to ROUGE ET NOIR, and it should be the ambition of every undergraduate to assist us in carrying this out. Already we have had promises of assistance from graduates who have made their mark in the literary world, and we hope that the undergrads will not be slow to follow their example. We propose to extend the usefulness of the paper, to introduce some new features, and to make it—as we think—more interesting to our readers.

It has always been a matter of wonder and disappointment to us that Trinity has not a better organized

and more suitable English course. While we have splendid scholarships to give to the mathematical and classical scholars of the second and third years, and smaller ones in all the other branches, we offer no encouragement at all to those desirous of taking an English course. This arrangement seems to us unnatural and erroneous, for, after all, English is most important. It is among English-speaking people that the majority of us have to live and to speak, and, therefore it is of the utmost importance to us to be thoroughly versed in our own tongue. We are too prone to prefer a superficial knowledge of a foreign language to a deep and thorough grounding in our own, the most beautiful and flexible on the face of the earth. We would not have brought this before the authorities had we not thought of the possibility of a remedy. The Burnside and Wellington scholarships are larger than those offered by any other University in Canada; we see no reason why a small sum could not be taken from each of these and devoted to an English honour course.

We must congratulate the Literary Institute on the brilliant prospects that lie before it for the ensuing year. In no other year during our time at College has the outlook been brighter. Nearly every man in residence, and several non-residents, have entered into it heart and soul and, from the head of the College down to the last joined Freshman, all seem determined to avail themselves to the utmost of the advantages afforded by this institution. Especially do the Freshmen deserve credit for the way in which they have come forward and shown their willingness to do their utmost to advance its interests. But, while rejoicing at these signs of prosperity, we would like to see more members putting down their names for Debates and Essays, and hope that they will not only do this but will try with all their power to study their subjects up and make the discussions interesting. Before leaving this subject we would like to call the attention of the Council especially to the lax manner in which the finances of the Society have been managed in former years. No reports or statements have been submitted to the Institute concerning these matters, and it is doubtful whether any accounts have been kept. Many members have not paid up their fees for several years back, which is an injustice not only to the Institute but also to those members who have paid. We trust that during the coming year the Council will take steps to place the Institute upon a sound financial basis, and will compel the different officers to submit their accounts to the Society at the end of their term of office. One word more: Could not the Council make arrangements for holding a Public Debate this term? All who were present recall with pleasure the last Public Debate held in 1883, and we see no reason why another should not take place and pass away with the same success which attended the one of '83.