

"godless," or to hold that institution responsible for the vicious tenets of the Secularists. If *godless* has a meaning, that meaning is *without God*, and this epithet cannot be justly applied to a College, the students of which are largely drawn from four Divinity Halls and support a Young Men's Christian Association. *Secular* teaching may also suggest *Secularism* to ears open to every cavil, but the justice of fathering a villainous and mis-named society on a pure and legitimate instruction, solely, it would appear, from a coincidence in terms, is exceedingly problematic. Besides, too great zeal may thwart the very object which it is intended to promote, and is calculated to occasion contempt where interest and respect should alone exist. The imputation, on grounds of debatable validity, that University College is "godless," and connives at Secularism, and the implication, from hypotheses equally questionable, that Trinity is an El Dorado of Christian influence are not, to us, a sufficient *raison d'être*. We insist on Christian instruction, not because it fortifies the mind against the possibility of doubt and unbelief (for it frequently does not) but because the giants of religious thought and the heralds of the Gospel are *deserving* of consideration, and their writings form a *necessary* factor of a liberal culture as well as the first principles of an elementary education. It is possible for a University to reject theological literature from its calendar without incurring the sobriquet of "godless," but we maintain that, under such circumstances, the education is necessarily *incomplete* and lacks an *important* essential element.

Exception must also be taken to the encomiums passed upon our social virtues by the *Dominion Churchman*. Merit will always commend itself and the article referred to was, therefore, of doubtful benefit to us, while it did positive injustice to University College. It is by no means easy to discriminate a true gentleman. The jargon of clubs, and the standards of modern society insist on birth, money, manners, and perhaps education as the necessary qualifications for this distinction, but accurate lexicography exacts high moral character alone. The power to brand a man a gentleman, (to use the term in its best sense, and this is the only desirable sense) presupposes, then, an intimate knowledge of his life and character, and such knowledge our reviewer does not possess of even a small proportion of Trinity men. Social excellencies Trinity can rightly claim, but their proclamation by a public crier does not enhance their value. They will be manifested in due time, and any attempt to bring them prematurely and boastfully before public attention is productive of no advantage, and savors not a little of the tactics of travelling minstrels. The *Varsity* waxed wrathful over the indignities put upon University College and its irritation was justifiable, but we counsel it to strictly confine its remarks to the aggressor and not to use its liberty of defence as "a cloak of maliciousness."

Our attitude towards the *Dominion Churchman* will

not, we trust, be misunderstood. Its devotion to our interests has been cordial and, in the main, agreeable. The attempt on the part of the *Evangelical Churchman*, after the consecration of our new chapel to attach the red rag of partyism to our banner of Catholic truth, was promptly and summarily resented—and this is an instance of the many kindnesses received through the columns of the *Dominion Churchman*.

We are not insensible to these civilities; we would be unreasonable if we were. But, aside from our obligations we must deplore the unnecessary antipathy shown to an institution, different, it may be, from our ideal, but still a mighty means of educational advancement and a worthy object of Provincial pride.

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CRICKET.

The annual meeting of the Cricket Club was held on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., in the Dining Hall, the Provost in the chair. After a very satisfactory report made by last year's committee, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, the Provost; First Vice-President, the Dean; Second Vice-President, the Rev. J. Scott Howard; Secretary, H. W. Church; Treasurer, C. B. Beck; Committee, A. C. Allan, H. O. Tremayne and S. D. Hague, B. A.; Delegates to the Ontario Cricket Association, W. W. Jones, B. A., A. C. Allan and S. D. Hague, B. A. The season promises to be a most successful one, and already the following probable fixtures have been arranged:

23rd May 16th, St. George's.
16th June 23rd, East Toronto.
" 25th, Bankers of Ontario. *Forwards*
" 30th, Trinity College School.
8th June 5th and 6th, Toronto University.
" 11th, Toronto.

In all probability, the matches, with the exception of the one with Trinity College School will be played on our own grounds.

TO A BAS-BLEU.

I, fair lady, could not tell,
If I chose,
Could I, I perhaps the spell
Might disclose,
What in your bewitching ways
Or in the way you make your J's,
What it can be that betrays
Azure hose.

You the praise of Comte or Tyndall
Rarely chant,
And upon the improved spindle
Ne'er descant.
There's omniscience in your eye,
Though you lack that ultra dye
Usually affected by

Femmes savantes.

Skill you may have to dissect
Frog or toad,
Poison in a gas detect,
Or explode
Hydrogen in a retort.