

labours in much heavy verse, and rejoices in rather a knock-kneed plot. A poem of serious strain, "The Mount of Sacrifice," might be good if the same metre were employed throughout, but, instead of this, we find numerous varieties which comprise the iambic, anapaestic and several other measures.

The advent of the *Adelphian*, with its tasteful exterior and pretty frontispiece, is always welcomed by our Exchange Editor as a pleasant relief from the blazing-in-gold cover of the *Occident*, or the numerous plain-coated magazines which throng the editorial table. And not only do we look forward to its coming on this account, but also for its contents, which as a rule are interesting.

### ABOUT COLLEGE.

We recently were informed by the authorities that at the July Convocation the students may have the gallery as of yore.

At the last meeting of the "Theological and Missionary Association," J. Hague, Esq., read a most interesting and enthusiastic paper on the important question of "Prison Reform." Prof. Boys was Chairman.

We have both a flagstaff (a noble one at that) and a magnificent flag, but, owing to the halyards having slipped through the pulley, we are unable to make any use of either. This mishap occurred last autumn. Surely, then, it is time it was remedied.

One of the most insoluble of psychological problems ever presented to our mind is the enthusiastic affection of some of the men for examinations. They never fail to appear as regularly at the Supplementary as at the Ordinary. One gentleman lately struck out with a new line of study, but his love of examination still remains. We congratulate him on his constancy—a good quality—and on the result of his last.

The Secretary is anxious to have the address of graduates desiring to take ROUGE ET NOIR. We take this opportunity of reminding graduates that communications from them are hailed with joy. We delight to record the doings of all who have gone out from Trinity, and wish they would make it a point to keep up their connection with the College. There are various means of doing so, among which our columns are perhaps the most convenient.

The associates of the late Rev. Dr. Bray have presented to the Library 59 volumes of handsomely bound theological works, including, amongst others, "The Anti-Nicene Library" and "Meyer's Commentary."

Mr. J. G. Bourinot, Wellington scholar in 1855, has presented a copy of his book on "Parliamentary Procedure and Practice." We notice amongst other additions, "Art Treasures of America," "Lingard's History of England," and the T. P. C. K. Year Book of the Church of England for 1884. To the periodicals "Nature" has been added.

The Cricket Club is to be congratulated on the acquisition

of Mr. Allan. He plays with a straight bat, a cool head, and is proof against the strongest temptations of the most artful bowler. We had really keen enjoyment the other day at beholding the defeat of the stratagems of one of the oldest heads in the College when bowling to him. He placed his men at various points in long field, with a view to catches, but Mr. Allan has a notion that the proper place for the ball is (1) on the ground, (2) anywhere but in the vicinity of the fielders, and acts up to his ideas with consistency truly admirable. On second thought, we fancy the "keen enjoyment" was only experienced on the following day, for in the match we were "very long off and very long leg."

The cricket season has commenced, and the energetic Captain and Committee are full of their usual enthusiasm. Amongst the men there are those who go in for it with heart and soul, others keep entirely aloof from a sense of necessity for hard reading. These two classes are supremely content. But between these is another, whose inclinations are to cricket, but whose fears of examinations in the near future keep them in a constant state of indecision and torment. Between the two stools they will, we fear, fall to the ground, neither shining in the cricket field nor the examination room.

The *Spirit of Reform* is abroad and characteristically commences its work with incriminations and abuse in general terms. "Idleness," "indifference," and "stupidity" are some of the minor defects of the editorial staff. So far it is happy. But when with "vociferated logic" it has reduced all defence to a state of at least silence, its reforming notions are sought, for answer we are told to imitate the local columns of American Exchanges. We, meekly obedient, consult the A. E. To our consternation we find the language a foreign one. Alas! it is a busy term, and we have hardly time to commence this new study. Our funds, too, are so low we cannot afford to purchase a dictionary. However, we are anxious to please all, and therefore ask as a preliminary to this arduous study, some admirer of the A. E. to interpret for us some of the more difficult terms, e. g., "G'bye," "naw," "pussons," "dem," "candy pants."

Tennis has verily become an all important factor in our College Sports. We have but one court in really good condition and the rush to get an hour during the afternoon for a game was something prodigious under the rule that the committee first laid down which prohibited a man putting his name on the slate before one o'clock. We hear that a certain gentleman went a quarter of an hour before that hour and placing one hand over the slate (and it was quite large enough to completely hide it from view) waited until the sonorous (?) tones of the College clock proclaimed the hour and then subscribed himself and party. On that very day we recollect several anxious members of the club distractedly asking where the slate was, thinking that it must have been lost whereas it was only concealed under our afore-mentioned friend's hand. A tournament has been in progress for some days past and some capital play has been displayed, considering the short practice that the season and weather has permitted us. Messrs. Jones and Dumble, Brent and Scadding, Cayley and Davidson, N. F., and Haslam and Davidson, J. C., came off victorious in the first ties. The final is expected to be very closely contested.