

ertson, '94, sought places as Second Vice-Pres. and Secretary respectively. The Second-Vice also brought out C. S. MacInnes, '92, while E. Glyn Osler, '95, aspired to be a Committeeman, both under the leadership of Claude MacDonnell, himself a grad. in law of '95. The latter party made a clean sweep and in congratulating our men it is only to be regretted that Trinity had not eschewed division, so that more had shared the honours.

Within the College an improvement is noticeable this term in an attempt to reduce the number of lectures to be attended. Enjoying, as Trinity does, or, (as stated from the opposite point of view), labouring under a system of compulsory attendance at lectures, and that system being one not in theory only, it has long been felt by many of the men that in some classes and years this attendance was exceedingly onerous, especially when, as happened in several cases, a lecture meant one long pen-drive from start to finish and caused work most unfortunately to assume the cast iron divisions of "notes" and "text-book." By lunch hour, under such excesses, the average student at times began to lag and fondly think of favoured races and sunny climes where the siesta is a matter of course. At the same time, the system could not but have had its influence in promoting to some degree the abomination of systematic plugging. The cutting down of the schedule, even to the slight extent already accomplished, should not only prove a happy relief both to professors and men, but, it is not unreasonable to expect, will lead to a closer reading of the books on the curriculum, while, at the same time, it affords additional opportunity for such work without undue extravagance in the expenditure of midnight oil.

The scope of the Divinity Class has this year been somewhat extended by including some of the work required for the final B.D. examination. As yet but two men have entered. Both are our own graduates, and both are in priests' orders; and there is little doubt but that many others will follow on as the system becomes better defined, both strengthening the hands of our Alma Mater thereby, as well as aiding very materially in the advancement of our Church.

It was an ancient Rugby man,
He stoppeth one of three;
"By thy busted phiz. and matted head
Prithee, why stoppest me?"

Out spoke the ancient pigskinner,
(A man of '93),
"To stay thee from the fatal wiles
Of coffin nails and tea.

The days are past when Rouge et Noir
With 'Varsity would tussle,
And, though we came out second best,
We'd make the yeomen hustle.

We've beaten R.M.C., but Queen's
And the ambitious City,
Where Tigers roam the mountain top,
Have downed us, more's the pity.

But still, for all, we then had sand;
At least were worth our salt,
And didn't play upon our shapes
Or once dream of default."

"I pray thee, ancient pigskinner,
Take hence thy glittering eye,
I hear the clink of spoons and cups;
I to my maid must fly."

"Ah! woe betide those fickle fair!
Confound that fatal beauty
Which weaklings makes of husky men
And weans them from their duty!"

"I see the maidens passing out,
O ancient centre scrim,
Unloose me from the chain that binds
From out thy visage grim."

The guests had sped, the maiden-man
Hung down his head for shame:
A sadder and a wiser man
Went off to learn the game.

A new stall has been placed on the northern side of the chapel, at the eastern end, for Mr. Simpson, Lecturer in Physical Science. Some complications arose at first in the matter of precedence at the close of chapel. Everything is now safely in order.

LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The first meeting of the term, held on the evening of the 16th, instant, was wholly formal in its proceedings. Mr. J. H. MacGill, M.A., occupied the chair. The gentlemen of the first year were duly nominated for membership, and some minor business being considered, the adjournment was made.

The second meeting, however, was of a different sort. The president Mr. C. A. Seagar, B.A., took the chair, and a large attendance resulted from the fact that it was "Freshmen's night at the Lit." Some dozen or more members of the class '99 were introduced with all due and customary formalities, and in turn were seen to murmur, as often, indeed, they were not heard, effuse expressions of those much mingled emotions of which their souls were seized. Their powers however were strongly in reserve as the literary programme weighed heavily on their heads.

Of this the first number was an essay by Mr. R. H. Parmenter, its subject "Newspapers," and its treatment of the thoughtful sort. Various interesting comparisons were drawn between the presses of different countries and though at times declamatory and often somewhat heavy, the effort won deserved remark.

Readings by Messrs. A. W. Canfield and A. T. Rigby followed, but on more uncongenial subjects and so surcharged with Lethean dew that even grave and reverend seniors fell easy victims to its might. But the number of the evening was the debate upon a subject, very trying not only to sentiment but even to oratorical prowess, "Resolved, that the closing of the Bar in the House of Commons is to be commended." Messrs. E. M. Wright and H. C. Griffith championed the removal, while H. S. Muckleston and L. McLaughlin opposed the resolution. The speeches, though short, were bright and vigorous, knowledge of the bearings of the question was in constant evidence and as the Freshmen get their wind they promise to do credit to the Institute. Two votes as usual were taken. On the merits of the debate the affirmative won, but after the subject had been opened to the floor a close division was found to negative the proposition.

The election of a First Year representative on the Council then came up, and resulted, after a ballot, in the choice of the head of the year, Mr. H. S. Muckleston.

The discussion on the selection of papers and magazines to be taken for the Common Room led to several changes. Amongst the additions were, the *London Times*, *The Field*, and a London weekly at present very popular among English university men, *The Referee*.

On the adjournment of the meeting the sale of periodicals was proceeded with. Bidding was brisk and competition lively. Our old friend and official on such occasions, Mr. Lorne Beecher, was sadly missed, but his successor Mr. Nebold Jones exhibited such ability in wielding the hammer that the proceeds of the sale show a marked increase over those of the year '95-6.