

ourselves and the Universities of the United States, for if we speak honestly (and so may we ever), we must allow that our sister nation at least *does well* in the educational line. Besides this, 'Brother Jonathan' is a member of the family, and the *eldest son* at that, even if he is a run-away son. We do not speak of 'Thos. Jones, '80', because such-and-such a "Yankee" College paper alludes to 'Jno. Brown '73,' but because by the figures '80, we are told what year Thos. Jones either did or will take his degree in, and consequently just as Trinity College tells us *where* he took his degree, '80 tells us *when*. We accept a custom because it is good, not because it is English: we reject a usage, because it is bad, not because it is American. And yet, strange as it may seem, we are thoroughly loyal.

WE took occasion in our last number to criticize strongly the action of the authorities touching the sale of College calendars. This annual should be our chief advertising medium. In no other way but through indirect references to our existence by newspaper correspondents (and these not always complimentary) are our many claims on the public made manifest—the "Bursar and Secretary's" Michaelmas card only excepted. However gratifying it may be to Trinity men to reflect that their Alma Mater *annually* offers to the Canadian youth through competitive examinations nearly two thousand dollars in scholarships, etc., (subject to no religious test but a compliance to existing discipline) yet it is to be sincerely regretted that this information, with a host of other equally valuable facts, is not distributed gratuitously, but doled out to the public at a shilling a piece. But this will, we make no doubt, be speedily remedied. And in view of such a change it is well to draw the attention of its compilers to the inconvenience given information-seekers by the lack of system in its arrangement. It sets out with a Calendar beginning with May and abruptly ending at April, though the College year gives no excuse for such an eccentricity of sequence. The

proceedings in Arts, Divinity, Medicine and Law, then follow, to the latter of which is tacked the conditions of a Divinity prize. Twenty pages further on the would-be Matriculant may perhaps stumble on the Matriculation Examination under the head of Scholarships. If there is any special reason for such an arrangement, by all means, at least, have a table of contents. Our Calendar may be made of great use if copies are judiciously spread over this and the neighbouring dioceses. With pains it may be mastered, and if easily obtainable, our University would be put in a fair light before the public. We have no cause to hide our rich endowment or our many inducements to the youth of the Province. The clergy are natural agents on our behalf, who would each and all willingly distribute detailed and explicit information regarding the Church University of the Province throughout their parishes. Again there is no reason that its appearance should be delayed till within two months of the close of current College year.

UNIVERSITY QUESTIONS.

IN a recent number of the *Dominion Churchman* there appeared a criticism upon our last number. Our contemporary evidently objects to our tone in dealing with questions affecting our University. We have been out-spoken, certainly, and we thought we clearly explained why. We trust we express the views and feelings of a large and influential body—the graduates and undergraduates of Trinity. The opinions of such a class—if we understand them aright—should meet with due consideration. Adverse criticism from within is unpleasant, of course, to the authorities, but the unpleasantness of the act no less heart-felt by the source. It is our duty to be candid if we deal with University matters at all, and in doing so, our language has, and always will be, as temperate and moderate as the nature of the case permits. This by way of preface, not of apology. And, though we but reiterate what we have already said, we apprehend that we have the inalien-

able right to exercise our judgment upon the public inaction of our Board. We regard the Corporation as the servant of the University, and as such it should actively reflect their feelings. As in our last number we stated, the graduates of Trinity are her real shareholders for their concern for her well-being is vital and (on the lowest grounds) selfish. They have more than a merely nominal or honorary interest in her ascendancy in the educational world—they have the stake of their degree the intrinsic worth of which, we again urge, is to be measured by the public estimate of *their* University's present status. The value of their degree—to them the chiefest consideration—is cheapened in the eyes of the world by any declension in their University's standing. Hence their right to be heard and the consideration due to their sentiments.

It is our duty here to state that we have lately been honoured by a remonstrance from the CHANCELLOR touching our expressions of opinion on University matters, conveyed to us coupled with an intimation that a continuance in the course adopted by us might render it necessary to bring the matter before the notice of the College Council. The CHANCELLOR in alleging his reasons for disapproval, stated that he understood from our first number that our object was the establishment of a *purely* literary periodical. We question whether a casual perusal even of that number would warrant such a conclusion. In matters of University interest *Rouge et Noir* was as plain spoken then as now. We thank the CHANCELLOR, however, for his concern, and can assure him that we will never wantonly expose our *Alma Mater* by a reference to possible abuses (if any) which energy and University spirit cannot remove.

But further—and this is the most painful and disappointing phase of the occurrence—the co-incident intimation of the probable action of the College authorities is significant, we fear, of their time-honoured illiberality. Whatever the value of the threat—if threat we must regard it—or of the moral force of a possibly adverse verdict, we