

Dinner, at which every member of Trinity should be welcome. As the speaker well said, the opportunities Trinity men have for meeting together are altogether too few. In fact, there are none except the Convocation, and that is not sufficiently social in its character, and the *Conversazione*, which is not sufficiently distinctive. As, however, a great number of graduates come up on Convocation Day from all parts of the country, the evening of that day would be the most suitable date for the event. And in advocating the establishment of such a gathering, we mean that it should be distinctively an University one, that is that it should be under the auspices of the heads of the University, that the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor should lend it their personal support and encouragement. If such an idea were carried out, every one must see how beneficial the results would be. It would keep alive the old College spirit, which is apt to die out even in the most ardent lovers of Alma Mater, when no pains are taken to revive the old memories, and most of all, it would make old and new graduates acquainted in more measure with each other, and thus pave the way for united action on behalf of Trinity at any time such was needed.

We commend the scheme to the notice of the Council, and trust they may see their way to adopting it. There is no question of its necessity; the very fewness of our numbers emphasizes the need of greater harmony, and such harmony can only be attained by men who are bound together by no other tie than that of their University being able to meet together in social converse under its auspices.

We had been looking forward with no small pleasure on our return from "Long Vacation," to finding that the badly kept (to use no stronger word) building, which for so many years has served for a gymnasium, had been replaced by a more suitable structure properly fitted up. We had, in fact, gone so far as almost to promise this to our fellow students, and believe that at the time we were quite justified in doing this. One of our most energetic athletic men had been interviewed by the Provost, had been commissioned by him to make the fullest enquiries as to the most suitable kind of a building, fittings, cost of such and all other matters necessary to be known, and to report to him as soon as possible. We do not know what was the nature of the report given. One thing, however, is certain: so far, very little result has come of it. Matters are about as bad as when some six or eight months ago we thought it necessary to call attention to the subject.

Now, such a matter as this deserves more than a merely passing notice. The fact of having or not having a gymnasium may appear, at first sight, to be a matter of but little importance. Such, however, is not the case. A very few moments of consideration will prove this. In the winter season, such active out door games as cricket,

foot-ball or lawn-tennis cannot be engaged in. The question then arises, how are men to take that measurable amount of exercise which is absolutely necessary, that they may be kept in good health? It may be answered, by walking, and so answered with a certain amount of truth, for walking is, at times, a pleasant, convenient and exceedingly mild way of taking exercise. But can it for a moment be considered sufficient to supply the place of those out door recreations, which we have mentioned above. Then question admits of but one answer, it cannot, except in the cases of peculiarly constituted individuals. It can be at the best, for the ordinary student, but a change from the confinement of the study or lecture room, a period of relaxation, and cannot, in its beneficial results, be at all compared with those games by an hour's or even a half-hour's daily practice in a properly fitted up gymnasium, during which every muscle, every sinew of the body is brought into play, and so strengthened and invigorated. We hope that something will be done before the winter sets in; there is still time, not indeed for a new building; that we can hardly expect this year, but for the old one to be made as efficient as possible, put into a state of repair, cleaned out and fitted up with those appliances which are absolutely necessary. We are confident that if those who have in their hands the power of rectifying such matters would visit the dilapidated mass of "Our Gymnasium," there would soon be a fresh face put upon matters, soon a great want amongst college men supplied.

OBITUARY.

It is with much sorrowful regret that we have to record the death, by drowning, in Kempenfeldt Bay, on August 3rd, of Mr. Donald McInnes. All will remember the shock the account of that terrible accident gave to them. Such an occurrence would excite a feeling of pity in a total stranger, but to each of us it was more a personal calamity. The very smallness of our number knits us more closely together and gives us a personal interest in one another, which in a larger body would be wanting. During the short year Mr. McInnes was among us, he had thoroughly succeeded in gaining the warmest personal liking and esteem. The genuineness of his character ensured respect, and with this he was so thoroughly ingenuous and warm-hearted as to gain the affectionate good will of all. His untimely death has cast a shadow over the College that it will take some time to remove.

CONVOCATION.

The Annual Convocation, which was held on the 15th inst., was not characterized by the harmony which usually prevails on the occasion. Hitherto it has been the opportunity for the display of much personal good feeling, together with a harmless amount of Feccennine