

more than four or five representatives. We can always count on the school for support, but Trinity's success as a University does not depend on that, and we are therefore pleased to see that the authorities have taken the necessary steps to insure the advertising of our College a wider circulation among the High Schools.

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

To the Editors of ROUGE ET NOIR :

SIR. We have a College Library, but would it not be well to find out what use it is to students in general. About two-thirds of the books are works on divinity, another quarter are old classics, and the remainder form a miscellaneous collection of old books, which are entirely out of date, and yet, in spite of the preponderance of works on Divinity, the new books are in the same proportion. Out of about two dozen new books, all, except two, are of a theological nature. The most utterly useless of all is a "Diocesan History" of the English Church, in six volumes. It is simply throwing away money to buy books which have no intrinsic value, and which nobody will read.

The library is perfectly in keeping with the idea which seems to have prevailed in times past, viz., to make this whole establishment as nearly like a mere Divinity school as possible. It is to be hoped that, since the College is improving in other respects, this state of affairs will be remedied also.

A WOULD-BE READER.

To the Editors of ROUGE ET NOIR :

SIRS:—The end of the term has now arrived, and of course the usual feeling of dissatisfaction at some grievance or another, prevades everybody's breast; some fancied injustice on the part of the authorities or, perhaps, deserved punishment. However there are two subjects in my mind which are deserving of deliberation, the first one being that of what has now become a general custom amongst the men; I refer to the custom of taking tea on Sunday evenings in our rooms. Now up to the present we have had to pay for everything we got from the steward for that purpose, down to a slice of bread. I think this is rather hard. Couldn't some arrangement be made so that all who do not go down into Hall might have some allowance?

What I would next draw attention to, is the present system of "gates." The rule as it now stands, is that an undergraduate may be out two nights in the week until ten o'clock, or one until twelve. Now on account of the distance from the city which the College is situated, the first part of this law is virtually useless; if a man goes to visit a friend one night, wishing to have a another evening out in the same week, he has to rush off at a few minutes past nine to reach College in time. Supposing he gets in five minutes after he has not the privilege of the other night till ten, for, because he has exceeded that hour by even five minutes, he is considered as having used the one night till twelve. This is to say the least most absurd, why couldn't the law be extended to two nights till eleven? Surely when the authorities drew it up

as it now stands they did not do so expecting a man to study after his return; this seems to be the only thing that it *could* have been done for, useless as it may seem.

Hoping this suggestion will not pass without notice.

I am, yours etc.,

INDIGNATIO.

Feb. 28th.

TORONTO, March 7th, 1883.

To the Editors of ROUGE ET NOIR :

Gentlemen,—It is not my intention to take up but a small space of your valuable columns. I, as one deeply interested, wish to make a few remarks with regard to the singing at present in the chapel. I am exceedingly glad to say that several or rather many of the men have of late awakened to a sense of their duty and privilege, and have been most regular in their attendance at the choir practices. The consequence is, our singing is rendered in a much more becoming manner, is more hearty, and in every way remarkably improved. At such practices an opportunity is presented of constantly introducing new chants and hymn tunes, which tend to greatly increase the interest of all concerned. We feel indebted to Professor Schneider for the very kindly way in which he presides over the practices, and shews himself to be fully in sympathy with our work. It is to be hoped that the remainder of the men will soon come to a proper feeling in respect to the matter, and so will find their way to the chapel on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock.

To have good music, we must have good practice.

Yours, &c.,

BETA.

CRICKET.

"How strange it is," says Miss Mitford, "that a bit of leather and some bits of wood should have such a charm and such a spirit-stirring power." Strange though it be, it is true. There is no game like cricket, no game that has such a hold on all truly British men and boys, and believing that merit in the long run always wins, one is forced to think that cricket deserves all the praise bestowed on it, and that it is the best as it is undoubtedly the most popular of English sports. It is not the writer's intention to give an elaborate abstract article on this king of games—there are too many extant, besides one has only to read the sporting column of the *Mail* to become thoroughly conversant with its modern phases and advantages. It is hoped that by comparing Trinity cricket of to-day with what it was a few years ago, and by offering a few suggestions for raising the club to its former status, the graduates and undergraduates will be induced to take a lively interest in the advancement of our healthiest and most important pastime. Several years ago Trinity was looked upon as the centre of Canadian cricket, and the members of the club were quoted as authorities on all matters pertaining to the game. The reputation won by the invincible eleven of '54, captained by Rev. T. D. Phillipps, and coached in a measure by Mr. G. A. Barber, was held unimpaired till within the last decade, when it began to wane, and, notwithstanding the almost herculean efforts made by a few