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Editorial Topics.

OUR NEW
PROVOST.

On the 25th April *The Week* and other Canadian journals announced editorially the interesting and gratifying fact that Trinity University had at last obtained

a Provost. Readers of the London *Guardian* of April 3rd might have noticed, remarked *The Week*, that the Reverend Edward Ashurst Welch, M.A., had resigned the Vicarage of the Church of the Venerable Bede, Gateshead, Diocese of Durham, to take up important educational work in the Colonies. The work referred to was the Provostship of Trinity. Mr. Welch has a brilliant record. Scholar of King's College, Cambridge, obtained a First Class in the Classical Tripos when he took his B.A. degree in 1882, having won two years previously the Bell University Scholarship, and in 1884 he took Honors in the Theological Tripos. He spent a short time at the Leed's Training School in the same year, and was shortly afterwards ordained Deacon by the Bishop of London. From 1884 to 1886 he worked in London, and from 1886 to 1890 he was domestic chaplain to the late distinguished Bishop of Durham, Dr. Lightfoot. In this connection he resided with the Bishop and was also brought in close contact with those who were preparing for the Orders in that Diocese. Mr. Welch's brilliant academic record, his wide practical experience, and his intimate connection with the Bishop Lightfoot insure his being a sound scholar, a man versed in affairs, and a theologian of wide and liberal sympathies. Private letters from England confirm the high opinion, officially expressed, regarding the new Provost, and many congratulations have been received. Trinity is most fortunate in obtaining the services of a man who has already won marked attention amongst the great of the old home. Mr. Welch is expected to arrive in Trinity early in the autumn. Judging from the appreciative words of *The Globe* and *The Mail and Empire*, he will receive a kindly welcome from a larger circle than those immediately interested in the welfare of Trinity University.

A TOKEN
OF REGARD.

A number of the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Body took advantage of Mrs. Body's presence in Toronto lately to present to her a beautiful solid silver tea service,

as a small token of the great esteem and regard in which the ex-Provost and his wife are held by their former associ-

ates in Toronto. The presentation took place at the residence of Dr. Grasett, Simcoe street, a goodly number of those actively interested in the event being present. Hon. G. W. Allan was the spokesman for the assembled guests, and Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., responded for Mrs. Body. The remarks of both these distinguished gentlemen were all that could be desired, and admirably expressed the feelings of the company. An address to Dr. Body from the Corporation is now in the hands of the engraver. It will be forwarded to him about the second week in May.

SOME PLAIN
WORDS.

At the Medical Convocation held recently at Trinity University the Chancellor, Hon. G. W. Allan, congratulated the medical students, who thronged the gallery, on their excellent behaviour during the ceremonies, and remarked that they set an example which it would be very gratifying to see followed by other students whose privilege it was to occupy that place on similar occasions. The Chancellor's kindly hints indicate only what has been very generally felt by the guests at our annual Convocations of late, that the behaviour of the students in the gallery has been both unbecoming and extremely annoying. An incessant clamour is no evidence of wit, though to judge from the self-satisfied air of those who lead in the uproar, they mistake it for such. To make so much noise that no speaker on the dais can be heard even by those surrounding him, let alone the audience, is not clever nor is it funny, it is simply rude and selfish. We hope that the conduct of our fellow students at the next Convocation will be all it ought to be and in harmony with the traditions of the place. We like plenty of life and snap in the gallery. Little jokes at the expense of the dignitaries on the dais are enjoyed by everyone, providing they have wit to commend them. And songs are always popular. But let us remember that we students are not the only people in the hall and that our guests have some claim on our attention and consideration.

THE UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY.

It is strange, yet true, that the regulations of the University Library are so lax that men may keep a text book without complaint, for a twelve-month or so. Being almost essentially a library of reference such books should be back on the shelves for the convenience of others as soon as their time of issue expires. Men should not be so thoughtlessly careless as to keep an important book out indefinitely when others wait its return. But then flesh is mortal and liable to err—but not so an Entry Book. Such a volume should bear in black and white the record of the removal of every book from the library shelves, and what's more, should be made practical use of. Our Entry Book may be in existence and in full working order, but what comes of it, when we never see overdue books posted or hear of effort made to recover them? No, they stay out until the man returns them at his own free will and at his own time.

TRESPASSERS
ON TRINITY
GROUNDS.

When spring arrives upon Ontario shores one of her first visits is to the beautiful grounds of Trinity, and in her train the robins and songsters hold high carnival. But, alas! Close in their wake comes the small boy with his deadly sling shot. He is a vandal in many other ways too, as the stump of a handsome young