

Corporals. No. 1 drills regularly on Mondays and Fridays in uniform, consisting of red tunic, black trousers with red stripe and white forage cap, with school colours thereon. Sargeant Rackett is a capital instructor, and to please him is much more difficult than our old master. Lieut.-Col. Straubenzie inspected us on the 26th ult., and expressed himself highly pleased with our progress. We have been supplied with belts and Peabody rifles by the government.

Half-holidays have been abundant this term, there having been only two unbroken school weeks. The term ends on the 21st inst. Only a few boys are expected to remain for the Christmas holidays. You must be content with this letter and the rambling manner in which it is written, but your late demand for copy compels it. With the best wishes that *Rouge et Noir* may prove a means of uniting Trinity College School more closely with its parent,

I remain sincerely yours,

SQUIBBS.

#### TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

THE Annual Dinner of Trinity Medical School came off on Thursday evening, November 25th, at the Rossin House, where a sumptuous repast had been provided by Mr. Irish. A few things on the bill of fare were more ornamental than digestible, such as "Will Pike examine again?" "Prepare for Sullivan," "Never get plucked," "Give the patient a rest," &c. Mr. Baugh, the chairman, spoke a great deal in a very short time, and had to stop over and over again on account of the cheers. Before sitting down he proposed the health of "The Queen and the Royal Family," but as she was not there to respond, the band played "God save the Queen." Mr. Krauss, in proposing "The Universities," stated as the belief of himself, and he supposed of all those present, that there should not be one University, but it would be better to have the degree conferring power left as it is, for on the principle that opposition is the life of trade, each university would be bound to keep up its standard. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario got many a hard rub during the evening; even the members themselves turned all colours when they rose to defend it. Their point was, that the people wanted old men, and not boys, to administer physic to them, and if they could keep them from practising for a year or two longer and pay them (the Council) for doing it, no end of good would be gained. The toasts were responded to by the Rev. Mr. Rainford, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Goldwin Smith, Dr. Thorburn, Dr. Geikie, Dr. O'Riley, and many others. Before closing, Mr. Irish was called upon. He spoke in his usual easy style, and said he hoped when another year had spun around that Trinity Medical School would hold a conversation or a ball, so that the ladies might enjoy some of the fun. The singing of Messrs. Gaveler, Fairchild, and Archie Geikie, M.D., was highly applauded. The dinner as a whole, was the best the School has had, which was in great part owing to the committee and the untiring efforts of Mr. H. Mickle.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL re-opened on the 1st of October, when President Kirkland gave a famous address to the students. All the faculty were present, and a number of visitors who take an interest in the school.

THERE is a very large class of freshmen this year. At first they were very cheeky, but several of them having been elevated as an example to the rest, and for their own especial benefit, they now take their seats in the upper part of the theatre in a subdued manner.

THIS year the new museum is in full force, besides which several microscopes have been purchased by the School through which the students can discern healthy from diseased tissue, under the auspices of Dr. Sheard.

THE owners of dogs in the city should give a special vote of thanks to the students of Trinity Medical College for the part they took last year in demolishing those unnecessary hindrances, the dog-catchers.

THE Dean has organized a temperance society, and as a tribute to the healthful properties of cold water, Professor Kirkland testifies that the fluid supplied in this city of spires is both food and drink.

THE walls of the building are handsomely decorated with pieces of pine (resembling ordinary window sashes) which surround the anti-tobacco rules of the School.

A. Farncomb is in Trinity Medical School every afternoon, and will have great pleasure in showing any student of Trinity College through the dissecting room and museum.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of "*Rouge et Noir*."

DEAR SIRS,—The question you asked in your January number concerning the present system of heating the corridors in the College is one which has often been asked me by outsiders. I have always told the inquirer that any system of heating from one centre would necessitate considerable outlay at the beginning, and that the Council could not undertake it while there are so many expenses pressing upon them.

This seems far from satisfactory, however, for there are many public buildings no less expensive in other respects which have been in the long run heated more economically, and certainly more comfortably by steam.

In my time, the stoves were rarely all alight at once. Everything one touched was covered with dust from the perpetual cleaning, poking, and feeding. Serious results nearly followed more than once from stoves being allowed to get over-heated, and the upper corridors and rooms off them were generally unpleasant with the smell of gas. This may all be improved now; but it will, I am sure, never be done away with, till something more modern is adopted. For the undergrads' sake I hope that next winter will see the gathering after breakfast near a coil of steam pipes, and that the corridors shall have seen the last of those unsightly objects—coal stoves.

Yours, &c.,

GRADUATE.

Toronto, December 4th, 1880.

To the Editors of "*Rouge et Noir*."

SIRS,—This is the third growl from the den of the fossil "big brute," but you will excuse me, Mr. Editor, when you see what I have to speak of. It is again with reference to our Museum and its bogus curators. The present state of the entomological portion of our cases, is simply a state of destruction, which in itself would prove that the curators cannot attend to its arrangement, since this is the particular subject of one of them. If there is any prospect of this being improved, I know of a person who promises a very good collection of Canadian insects. Are such donations to be lost through carelessness?

Yours, &c.,

MEGATHERIUM.