

the young idea how to shoot," and to encourage a man to put forth his best efforts. But here every professor seems to think it is his duty to discourage me as much as possible; at any rate, not one word of encouragement has any one of them given me since I have been here. Now, Zimmerman maintains that it is a good thing for a man to seek the society of those who give him credit for possessing, if not ability, at least the desire for knowledge. But Zimmerman was not a classical writer, you say, and therefore he is not worthy of our attention. True; but then Xenophon was a classical writer, and he maintains that where there is no love, there is no education. This, you will see, I have paraphrased, but I am able to furnish the quotation if called upon so to do.

Then as to the alleged neglect of the men by the professors. Have they not, you will say, made provision this term for a course of Lenten Services chiefly intended for the benefit of the students. True; but unfortunately men who have been neglected in other respects are not likely to appreciate this Sabbath day Christianity.

Finally you may possibly ask (though, for your own sake, I hope you will not) what right I, who am a stranger possess, that I should criticise the conduct of my superiors, and, that if I do not like the College, why do I not go elsewhere.

Yes, that is, the position that Trinity, and indeed all the Church of England Colleges take in this country, and the consequence is that all three of our Colleges together, cannot boast of having as many students as any single one of the dissenting or secular Colleges. In fact, Trinity, King's, and Lennoxville are in many respects more conservative than Oxford or Cambridge. Perhaps you will now say the Church Colleges will not be dictated to, but will do as they please. Exactly, and that is what the parents of our Canadian youth are well aware of, therefore, they say, we also will do what we please. And this is the reason why McGill and other Colleges meet with such support, namely, because without at all lowering the standard of their scholarship, they yet contrive in other ways to accommodate themselves to the needs of the country. Besides Canadians will not, and indeed should not, support a College which ignores the merit of their countrymen, and appoints foreigners to fill not only its professorships, but its fellowships. And yet, from the prospectus, I inferred that these fellowships were intended for graduates of Trinity.

Now I maintain that I have a right to animadvert on the management of Trinity, and I will endeavour to establish this right by virtue of the three following reasons:

Firstly, "Civis Canadensis sum" and Trinity is supposed to be a Canadian institution; therefore, I am, and I should be interested in her welfare.

Secondly, I am a churchman, and Trinity is a church institution. Moreover, the progress of the Church in Ontario, and, indeed, throughout Canada, depends to a greater or less extent upon the progress of our College.

Thirdly and lastly, being an Undergraduate of Trinity, I am naturally interested in the progress of my Alma Mater; and I do not believe that anything is to be gained by concealing her shortcomings. Moreover, as I came here for purposes of self-improvement, I have a right to find fault with anything which hinders that improvement from taking place.

Thus, then, for a threefold reason I present my protest against the continuance of the present state of things. And to whoever may be disposed to take offence at my remarks, I would simply say it is not your place to be angry or to feel aggrieved, but it is mine; for through the shortcomings of those in office, whosoever they may be, I have lost my Michaelmas Term, and have wasted much valuable time during this term. But as for going elsewhere that I will not do, unless, indeed, you force me to do so. No, I do not wish to desert my colours. And for the sake of the Christian Church, for the sake of Canada, and for the sake of Trinity College itself, I appeal to our Graduates and Undergraduates for aid in bringing about a reformation.

I remain, Sirs,

Yours respectfully,

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P.S.—If anyone wishes for further details and explanations, I am prepared to furnish them. J. B. P.

Editors of ROUGE ET NOIR.

DEAR SIRS,—Several years ago Trinity had a Company attached to the Q. O. R. which, for some reason or other, has been disbanded. Could not another Company be raised in College for drill purposes and the Government be asked to supply arms and accoutrement under the same conditions as they supplied them to the T. C. S. Rifle Co., Port Hope. I am sure that no difficulty would be experienced in obtaining a sufficient number of men, as many who would not care to join either of the City Battalions, would gladly avail themselves of this opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of drill. Yours,

A WOULD-BE-VOLUNTEER.

### EXCHANGES.

The *Sunbeam* comes to us with a new cover, and looks more bright and sunshiny than ever. The articles in it are not deep, but they are short and spicy.

In its last edition the *Tuftsian* has an able article on compulsory chapels. This question has been thoroughly ventilated during the last few weeks, and college faculties would do well to give it their deepest consideration.

We approve of the action of the *Stevens Indicator* in publishing college songs set to music. What can be more inspiring or more indicative of college spirit than to hear college songs about our corridors and at all our college meetings?