

he thought, was the best ever held in Trinity University. Some years ago the closing exercises used to be very tame affairs, and a wet blanket used to be thrown over the whole proceedings by the evident lack of interest in either the doctors or the University, or anything connected with it. Now all this was altered, and they had a crowded house. He hoped that in a few years they would have so many people present at their Convocations that they would see faces peering in through every window, as well as the crowd inside. (Laughter.) He was glad to see such a large audience present, as it indicated an interest not only in the present class of students, but in medical education and in the University. He did not like to trust himself to speak of the Medical College, because it had a place very near his heart, and he was afraid of speaking too strongly in its favor. He had Medical College on the brain, and if he had not it would be better that somebody else should occupy the position he had the honor of filling. The attendance of the College was well sustained. They had from small beginnings, without backing of any kind, depended entirely upon the teachers' ability and power, and the tax borne so willingly by the various members of the faculty, and also upon the studying power and zeal they tried to infuse into the different members of the school, and to these causes their very great success was due. A few years ago unflattering remarks were made about graduates of Trinity University, but they had now hundreds of graduates scattered everywhere throughout the entire world. They come from every class of the community from which candidates entering the professions were usually drawn, and the University received them with open arms. He wondered why their example in Medicine might not be followed in Arts. He hoped the day might not be far distant when Trinity University would be as largely represented in Arts and become a Provincial University, as she was in Medicine. He did not know whether, taking the number of her graduates, they had not the right to arrogate to themselves the title of the Provincial University.

#### HON. CHANCELLOR ALLAN.

Chancellor Allan then addressed the graduating class and audience. He said that he was extremely glad that a short adjournment of the Senate had given him an opportunity of being present at this Convocation, and this satisfaction was greatly enhanced by the excellent report of Prof. Geikie. He congratulated the successful graduates at the recent examinations, and especially those who had been successful competitors for gold and silver medals. He also complimented those who had received certificates, some of whom were hardly behind those fortunate enough to gain medals. He agreed with the Dean that Trinity need not fear comparisons with any similar institution in the Dominion. He reminded the gentlemen passing out of the College with their degrees that they earnestly hoped that they would not consider their connection with the University at an end when they entered upon the practical work of their profession. They looked to them for continual sympathy in the work of the University, and it was in the power of every one of them to make the University more widely known, and its claim for recognition and support as an institution

for higher education appreciated. They wanted to feel that in the important part which Trinity had performed in the work of higher education of this country, it would ever have the affectionate support of all the alumni, and of those who wore its degrees. He regretted that the Senate of Toronto University had not taken some steps towards securing a uniform standard for matriculation of examination. The only university which stood in the way of this needed reform was Toronto; both Queen's and Trinity had made formal invitations for a common standard for the Province. He finally wished them all an honorable and successful career, which would reflect credit upon themselves and a lasting honor upon the University with which their names were associated.

The proceedings were closed by Prof. Jones addressing a few remarks to the audience in Latin, to which they all responded "Amen" in a most omniscient manner truly charming. The meeting dispersed at 4.30 p.m.

## Correspondence.

### GYMNASIUM.

To the Editors of THE TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW.

GENTLEMEN,—Having taken a deep interest in athletics in Trinity Medical College since my inauguration as a "freshie," and having waited for some one more able to do the subject justice than myself, but having waited in vain for the commencement, I herewith present a few thoughts on the subject of a proper gymnasium for our medical students. There is no class in our community that should have regular physical exercise more than medical students, and this state of affairs should not terminate as soon as they receive their degrees, as we have only to look around us and we find doctors in embryo, with round shoulders, one shoulder often higher than the other, narrow chests, "pigeon-toes," knock-knees, and in fact almost all the deformities flesh is heir to.

Who has ever seen an athlete with round shoulders, a narrow chest, or any of the above malformations? Why should not physicians above all others show to their patients what care and rational exercise will do for them, and display a firm elastic step and a commanding appearance which only comes to those taking gymnastic exercise.

I have before me the annual statement—a book of sixty pages—of athletics at Harvard College for 1888, and judging from this statement, nothing is left undone by the Faculty of this University that will tend to the welfare and health of the students in attendance.

They have a gymnasium which cost \$100,000, and spend \$10,000 annually on it in procuring new appliances, etc. How different this state of affairs is to what we find at our own College, and a passing comparison may not be amiss.

In 1888 there were in attendance at Harvard 1,381 students, and at Trinity 300; while the former spent \$10,000 on her gymnasium that year, Trinity, in the announcement, speaks of such a thing as a "gymna-