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Editorial Topics.

CANADIAN POETS.

WHEN a college produces a literary man whose name and fame is gradually spreading, or has spread to its greatest extent, old Alma Mater swells with maternal pride, and points him out, upon his high pinnacle, to her awe-struck freshmen as they yearly enter her walls. Of Lampman, for instance, whenever the talk drifts to Canadian poets, we say with feeling, "He is among the greatest; he is a Trinity man." Roberts, too, learned to sing in polished verse under the tuition of old Trinity, and is rapidly pushing to the foremost rank. Both are true poets of nature. Lampman especially breathes of the hills, the valleys, and the beautiful woods of Canada with dreamy, delicate touches of imagination that are the delight of the lover of poetry. It is a pity that the window-pane with Lampman's name scratched upon it was broken, for old names in various parts of the college throw a halo about the place, and bring back a host of old memories and recollections. In other fields of literature our men have made a world-wide name: Gilbert Parker, for instance, whose Hudson Bay sketches gave him such fame in England, and J. G. Bourinot, the great authority upon Parliamentary proceedings, looks upon his university with love and pride. It would be a great improvement to the common-room if we could get signed photographs of these men, neatly framed and hung above the fire-place as a slight testimonial of our pride in those who have enhanced the glory of Trinity.

PRIZES.

WHETHER or no one object of the prizes is to furnish an excuse for releasing men from the whole or part of their just debts, the fact remains that it would be a very popular move should the authorities see fit to present them as

soon as won, rather than to continue the system in vogue for the first time this year of delaying the payment until the next occasion when the bursar is "in his office," and crediting the amount to the winner's college account. Of course it finally amounts to the same thing, but ready money to-day is preferable to credit to-morrow, and the prize-winner appreciates this fact. In any event, ample provision is made for the prompt payment of termly accounts. There is, too, another aspect of the question. To many men scholarships and prizes are not a necessity to their maintenance at college. How much pleasanter is it for these to have an opportunity of investing a certain amount, for instance in books, than—should they not happen to have an allowance—to make a round-about arrangement with parent or guardian by which they will be reimbursed from home? No doubt there are many excellent reasons to commend the present system, but the ones that we have mentioned will appeal to many who have won, and will in the future win, the many prizes offered by this University.

THE LITERARY INSTITUTE.

It is a fact, strange yet true, that the Literary Institute is older than the College itself, and dates back to the days of old King's. When the "little unpleasantness" occurred the Divinity students and Faculty went to Cobourg and there founded the Theological Seminary. There, too, was carried the Debating Society; and lately, while rummaging in the University library two old minute books were brought to light bearing the dates 1849 and '54 respectively. These establish the relationship between the old Debating Society and the present "Lit." When Trinity was founded the "Theologs" moved here, and the debaters settled themselves within the new walls to decide the affairs of state with the same youthful arrogance as in far-off Cobourg. Many well-known names are recorded upon the list, and Dr. Langtry is mentioned as having "filled" the chair several times. Even then the Secretary bewails the scarce attendance and a record is made to the effect that the Librarian took summary means to enforce the return of a book—fancy that happening now. 'Tis beyond our ken. In 1854, on account of a miserable little quarrel—what great things often come from mean beginnings—the constitution was revised, the council changed and the Trinity Literary Institute was the shining result. Long may it live: the heart that pulses life into the Conversat. and the Common Room!

MONEY.

"THE time has once more come round when college students are preparing to go forth and do battle for the great things of the world. For four years they have viewed the struggles of life with magnanimous calm from the sunlit heights of philosophy, but now they are beginning to realize that the world is not exactly such stuff as dreams are made of. They are at present preparing to gather to themselves all the collegiate honours they possibly can, and throughout the land the sound of the grinding is high. Some, perchance, think that their degrees will enable them to overcome all difficulties, but most of them on looking forth behold the future 'with dreadful faces thronged and fiery arms.' Those who look forward to earning their livings are suffering much disquietude because they realize that