

Correspondence.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL LETTER.

To the Editor of TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW:—

DEAR SIR,—I am afraid that your T. C. S. correspondent is hardly as attentive to his duties as he should be; certainly several numbers have appeared without a letter from the old School, whose traditions and memories are enshrined in the hearts of so many Trinity men.

Before these words are printed 1897 will be numbered among the past, so it will not be unfitting to look back over the year's events while at the same time we wish the School prosperity for the coming year. To begin with, there is one thing on which we may especially congratulate ourselves; the increased interest shown in the Old Boys' Association, whose list of members is steadily increasing. The loyalty of the Old Boys is one of the chief, if not the chief mainstay of a school's existence, and it is not only the proof of a school's good work in the past, but it is a guarantee for the future as those who have spent their boyhood within her walls realize, as time goes on, what they owe to their old school. If any school can count on the loyalty of her "Old Boys," that school is T. C. S., and it is a duty of every "Old Boy" to join the Association and, by doing so, give a practical proof of his loyalty. A strong and active Old Boys' Association will be the school's richest possession.

The Association has not been idle this year; for the first time in her history the School has seen one of her Old Boys, elected by the Association, sitting on the Governing Body as their representative. The Rovers' tour was revived this summer and was a brilliant success, and an XI more thoroughly representative of the best traditions of T. C. S. it would be hard to find. The Old Boys' dinner is to take place on January 4th, and will, we hope, become an annual event.

To turn to the events of the year, the School has fully held her own in the examination world, which, though we may doubt its reliability, must at present remain the test of a school's work, in the limited sense. A. S. B. Lucas won the Senior Mathematical and G. B. Strathy the second Classical Scholarship at Trinity. Lucas also obtained Honours in Classics, and we were glad to see that in the Christmas Exams, Lucas held his place and Strathy gained. Three boys, W. R. McConkey, F. Patterson and E. F. Osler went up for the R. M. C. examination and all passed well. E. G. Hampson passed into McGill with very high marks, and several others entered the universities. Among those who have recently left us, L. W. B. Broughall, E. P. S. Spencer and J. M. Baldwin won scholarships in their respective years at Trinity; J. M. Stairs carried off the "Sword" at R. M. C.; H. H. Syer got a commission in the Imperial army; P. K. Robertson was second in his year at McGill; R. S. Macgregor passed the examination of the University of Minnesota with honours, as did H. C. Osborne at Osgoode Hall; E. S. Senkler obtained First Class Honours in Philosophy in his final examination at Trinity. We regret that illness prevented H. F. Hamilton, the head-boy in '93 and '94 from taking his final examination at Oxford, or there would, doubtless, have been another success to record. There are several boys now in the school who show great promise and whose names will, we hope, adorn the Honour Boards at no distant date.

We have to regret the loss of Mr. Frith who has been appointed Bursar at Lennoxville. He was a Master in the School for four years and his loss and that of his wife has made a gap in the School life. His place has been filled by the Rev. E. G. May (Clifton and Cambridge), while the work of other Masters has been changed. Mrs. Jellett, too, has left us, a loss well nigh irreparable, as many boys will testify who remember her unwearied kindness when

they were ill and the self-sacrificing way in which all her duties were performed. Miss Brown, however, still remains with us, and we hope it will be long before we have to chronicle her loss. Five additions have been made to the School during the past year. Honour Boards have been placed in the Speech Room on which are recorded the names of Bronze Medallists, Chancellors' Prizemen and Scholars at the different universities. The boards are of oak and from the designs of an old boy, Frank Darling, the architect of the School, and the names are put up in gold lettering. A very handsome Credence has been given to the Chapel by another old boy, R. Morris, of Hamilton, in memory of his child. The third addition is one which will interest all Old Boys. Photos of the different Elevens, Fifteens, and Hockey Sevens have been framed and hung on the walls. A large number of them have already been hung, but there are still a number of gaps. If any Old Boy has photographs of teams in the seventies and early eighties he will confer a favour by communicating with the authorities. The photographs of all the first teams will in future find a place on the walls. The other two additions concern the athletic life of the School more immediately. Part of the Gymnasium has been boarded off to make a Fives Court, and the game is rapidly growing in favour, as it deserves to grow for it is one of the best of games and affords a capital training for eye and hand; already several of the boys are becoming proficient and some day we hope to have proper courts; a back wall was left for this purpose when the gymnasium was built. Last and most important, a new rink has been built and though it has not yet been flooded it promises to be a success. Its construction is due to the Masters who have paid for it and intend to hand it over to the School. Mr. Broughall was the leading spirit and to him the best thanks of the School are due. Both boys and Masters have been energetic in the work which they have bestowed upon it. The dimensions are 156 feet by eighty-four feet; it is situated directly north of the gymnasium.

The Library is growing satisfactorily and is in a better condition than it was in the old school. We have to thank Mr. F. S. Rathbun and Mr. H. J. Forlong for generous gifts, which are always so welcome.

The record of sports during 1897 was hardly so good as in previous years. Hockey has always been at a great disadvantage in the School, but this year with the new rink there will be a change and we hope to have a Seven that will worthily represent T. C. S.; there is plenty of material to choose from, specially among the youngsters, and here we may observe that the youngsters are as promising a lot as one could wish to see. In cricket we were under a cloud of misfortune for only one member of the 1896 Eleven was left, while U.C.C. and B.R.C. were exceptionally strong, and we had to depend on raw material. However, we managed to win as many matches as we lost, though the two School games were disastrous defeats. At present, though I speak without reference, we are two matches ahead of U.C.C., and this was the first year in which B.R.C. defeated us, though the defeat was a decisive one. The great fault lay in the slackness of the fielding. Though the nervousness which always hangs over a young and inexperienced team accounted for a good deal. The individual fielding was, at times, good, but the team fielding was woefully slack. The only remedy for this is careful, steady work at practice and at the nets. Five colours will be back next year and the XI should give a good account of itself. Saunders and Hindes are above the average of School bowlers and the batting should improve.

The Old Boys Championship Cup was won easily by E. G. Hampson. This year Hammond's victories in the Athletic Sports have already secured the cup for him. He did remarkably well, almost equalling K. H. Cameron's record. Several of the younger boys showed up well in the games.