

rapidly becoming one of the best known and most popular schools in the country. It has been for several years our principal feeder; indeed, our mainstay; and is eminently worthy of the confidence which, judging from its members, has been so fully extended to it. Yet we venture to make one criticism. The mathematical training so necessary to those who propose to take a University course, might be improved. The mathematics occupy as important a place with us as the classics, and while the Trinity College School boys shew a decided superiority in the study of classics and divinity, their deficiency in mathematics is noticeable. This may perhaps be to a great extent owing to the general tendency of ambition in the school, and not to any lack of instruction in the class room: so that if the marking for examinations in mathematics were made even with that given for classics, and a greater premium set upon the acquisition of knowledge in this branch, this, together with the inducement afforded by the Lorne Medal, might entirely remedy the deficiency which, even as it is, is slight compared with the superiority of the instruction in other branches. The rollicking condition of such of the boys as we have seen speaks exceedingly well for the healthiness of the situation, and the excellence of the indoor accommodation, the board, lodging, &c. The school has always been renowned for cricket and foot-ball, especially the cricket, and we hope to hear of many of their victories during the coming season. We look forward to the Upper Canada match with enthusiasm.

DIVINITY HONOURS.

It is a strangely unfortunate thing that our College Fathers—if we may so term the gentlemen of the Corporation—appear to so have lost sight of the great original intention of the founders of our University, that at the very time when most action is needed we are to all appearance in a state of dignified repose. We took occasion in our last issue to point at this lamentable fact. It cannot be too often repeated. It should be in the hands and as frontlets between the eyes of every Trinity man—yes of every Churchman—that we were at our foundation an active protest against the iniquity of purely secular education—that we still live for that reason—and that there is now much greater need for some positive religious teaching than there ever has been. Incalculably greater need—for the lapse of years has given the tree of secular education time to blossom and bear profusely its fruits of indifference and infidelity. Since this then is our position, since this is our main point of distinction, surely no member of the Council—no friend of Trinity can clear his conscience of a heavy load if he is not striving in every way to enlarge and improve Bishop Strachan's bequest to his country. But it will very naturally be asked, is the Church teaching in the Arts course sufficient?—Quite enough we believe for those who have honour work to attend to in other departments, but very insufficient in another way. Divinity is one of our branches—irrespec-

tive of our Divinity course for Holy Orders—with a Professor and compulsory examinations. It is, to repeat our distinctive badge, yet strange and sad to relate it alone has no honor course! Why should this be? It is not a fault one would look for, since a great error has always been, we think, the prominence given to our Divinity Class. We would like to hear some reasons against this addition. Such a training would be of great use to many a layman who cannot give much time to religious study after taking his degree and of vastly greater use to those who purpose entering the Divinity Class. By all means advertise the College in its true character; but be careful, at the same time, that it thoroughly fulfils the end for which it was intended.

OUR MUSICAL DEGREE.

The fact that the University of Trinity College has the power of granting a degree in music, the only genuine degree indeed to be had in the country, seems to be one of those strange half forgotten legends which descend to us from that *Ultimate dim Thule*, when the College was first set upon its infant legs by its energetic founders, and taught the youthful art of creeping, from which unassuming mode of progress 't appears never to have ventured to stray: legends which are known only to those faithful and steadfast souls who have the energy to burrow into the secrets of that most mysterious of things—the College Council. Nevertheless, be it known to you, readers, we have a chair and a degree in music. But where are the names of our graduates on the lists? There is not one! And yet, if our opportunities in this branch had been made the most of, if we had had from the beginning an enterprising faculty, an able and energetic professor, and a wide-spread and careful advertisement of our degree-granting power we might, by this time, have had a body of graduates who would have exercised a marked influence in the musical history of our country. But, instead of that, the whole matter is veiled in profound obscurity; while we have gone on majestically dreaming, looking neither to the right hand nor to the left, we have neglected a grand opportunity. No measures appear ever to have been taken to make any practical use of our power. We have no lectures—no examination—no degree—no one knows anything about it. We are destitute even of the slight pretense of activity in this direction which was recognized as having an existence last year. Everybody knows what an inestimable benefit, leaving the degree out of the question, a thorough practical training in the rudimentary branches of music would be to our Divinity Class. 'Tis never too late to mend, especially in our case. Even now if active measures were taken towards making this degree a reality, instead of a scarce remembered fable, a great power might be raised to our assistance in an entirely new—and, we think entirely promising branch, an attraction which would surely bring many to us, and, in course of time, enable Trinity men to take their place in the foremost