

these candidates are in possession of sound minds and are well aware of what they are doing we shall venture to assert that they are being examined not only for musical degrees but even for "well understood musical degrees." Dr. Turpin's aim in the article we are commenting upon is obviously to belittle Trinity and all connected with her to the extent of his ability, and he unfortunately resorts to ways that remind us somewhat of that well-known character in American Literature, The Heathen Chinee. We should have thought Dr. Turpin had already discovered that in this particular controversy, in spite of the obvious advantage accruing from the convenient distance of the adversary, these methods were destined to failure.

May we venture in conclusion to suggest to Dr. Turpin that his references to the Provost's reputation as an "intellectual light" in Canada, are extremely vulgar, and quite beside the mark. Dr. Turpin will probably have sufficient regard for the University of Cambridge, to admit that a Bell scholar, Tyrwhitt's Hebrew scholar, second in Theological Tripos, sixth Wrangler, fellow of St. John's College and University Examiner, has little need to rely upon his Toronto authorities, whoever they may be, for a reputation.

THE Clerk of Convocation has issued the following circular, to members and associate members of Convocation, to which he trusts they will respond at their earliest convenience.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, TORONTO.

June, 1890.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to inform you that your annual subscription as associate member of Convocation (\$5.00) falls due on July 1st.

Permit me briefly to remind you of the work which has been or is now being carried on through the medium of Convocation.

The Council has been enabled to found the Honour Course in Modern Languages, which was greatly needed. A Fellowship in Classics has been established to which one of our own graduates has been appointed, whilst the Fellowship in Theology, held by another graduate of Trinity, is partially supported by Convocation.

Through the subscription of Convocation to the TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW, we are not only able to send copies of this paper free of cost to every associate, but also to place it on the table of the reading room of every High school in the Province. Many of the head masters have expressed their appreciation of this mark of attention on the part of Trinity.

There is no doubt that the stimulus given to the work of Trinity, by the revival of Convocation, greatly contributed to the decision of the Corporation, to proceed to the building of the extensive new wing to the college, now nearly completed.

The number of applicants for Matriculation already exceeds that of any previous year, and Trinity has only to be yet more widely known, to be more fully appreciated.

The Executive Committee therefore earnestly appeals to every member and associate to continue this generous support of a movement which has been productive of so much good, and to endeavour to still further extend its influence in every way within their power.

Post Office Orders and Cheques should be made payable to the undersigned, and letters containing bills should be registered.

Yours very truly,

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❖ Editorial. ❖

THE much dreaded Council Examination is again numbered with events of the past. Taken as a whole it was fairly satisfactory, of course in some instances the examiners were more severe than in others, more especially during the oral exams. Those who were fortunate enough to come early in the day or just after the noon hour, fared much better than those whose lot fell about 12 o'clock or late in the afternoon. For about those times the examiners, wearied, no doubt, by the excessive knowledge which they were acquiring from the fevered brain of the students, became more inclined to rush the students, and rather to find out what they did not know, than to ascertain their knowledge of the subjects upon which they were examining them. But we must make all due allowance for such cases, and attribute them to the lot of the medical student. Of the number who went up for the Final Examination sixty-eight per cent. succeeded, and of the number who went up from Trinity Medical College, seventy-eight per cent. succeeded. In the primary examination fifty per cent. succeeded, and Trinity passed eighty per cent. of the total number sent up by her, showing that Old Trinity has held her own, and is continuing to lead all rivals in the training of men for the medical profession. Is it because we have better material in the class room? or is it due to the superior abilities of our professors? We may say both, perhaps. In the first case because Trinity's name is known on two continents as leading this Dominion in the medical training of the young; and in the second place her staff of professors and demonstrators is second to none on this continent, as is shown by the high standing which their students take at the examinations. Last year it was two Trinity students which attained to the high position of honours at the Council Exams., and this year also a Trinity man only carried off the much coveted honours.

A FEW words on the "Best Hundred Books" may be of interest to some of our many readers at this season of the year. Some object to a canon being drawn up as to what a man of culture should read, and say that the choice of books should depend on individual taste. Some say that one should not aspire to read the best books in all departments, but only in such directions as his inclinations lead. One man may like Plato, another may have a taste for Homer, while a third may be devoted to Bacon's essays and a fourth to modern fiction. We cannot quite agree with such a theory. For a professional man to limit himself to the one class of reading which he likes best, to the exclusion of all else, is to narrow his mind and sympathies. It is true that we have an elective system in some of the universities, but these elective courses are to fit the student