

not only desirable but very feasible. We have a separate University and College, as well as separate boarding schools, both for boys and girls. A number of day-schools under government inspection, with Normal school teachers, and combining some religious instruction would complete our system and be a great benefit to very many. The prospect of it may be distant, but it is not hopeless by any means. At all events it is worth thinking about.

Yours, etc.,

November 3rd, 1882.

MEGATHERIUM.

Toronto, Oct. 30th, 1882.

To the Editors of ROUGE ET NOIR.

GENTLEMEN,—I had the good fortune to receive an invitation to the St. Simon and St. Jude's dinner, which has just taken place, and gladly availed myself of the opportunity of spending a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The fact of such enjoyment must be my excuse for burdening the columns of your paper with this letter, as I would like others to have a share in the same good things. During the past year a new curriculum has been arranged for our Law department, and in consequence of the high standard of proficiency required of those who are candidates for the degree of B.C.L., a number of law students presented themselves for the first examination for that degree. These men are now on the books of Trinity College as undergraduates in Law, but their claims as such were not recognized in the issuing of invitations for our Annual Dinner. Whether the committee looked upon them as other guests, or those who should pay their quota towards defraying the expenses of the dinner I cannot say, but I am confident, that even if they were viewed in the latter light, they would not have allowed that to be an obstacle to prevent them from attending it. It may be said of course that Trinity Medical School is not invited. That certainly is true, but though affiliated to us, it is in reality to a great degree distinct from us, having its own professors and lecture halls, and also its own annual dinner. I am intending perhaps, some day in the dim vista of the future, to be a candidate for the degree of B.C.L. myself, and if so fortunate as to gain that distinction during the interval between the passing of the examination and the day on which convocation will be held, I will be virtually an undergraduate in Law. If then, such are overlooked, and should my "Arts" course be forgotten, I will not receive the invitation which I so gladly welcomed last year, which, to say the least, would be a great disappointment to me. So you see my object after all in writing is essentially a wholly selfish one.

I am, yours very truly,

A. J. W. McMICHAEL.

The writer of the above is evidently laboring under a slight misconception. The annual St. Simon and St. Jude's dinner is not a University dinner, but purely a College one, being given by the graduates and undergraduates in residence. The guests, with the exception of those invited by private individuals, comprise the Provost, resident professors and all unmarried graduates in arts. As far as we know, no provision has ever been made, much as it may be desired, to invite graduates or undergraduates of the other faculties.

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TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE NOTES.

Our namesake, the Medical School, has this year begun under more encouraging circumstances than ever. Last year, from her high standing, reached only by unwearied industry on the part of the Faculty in teaching the young men who yearly crowd her halls, Trinity Medical School was unprecedentedly large. This year, the class considerably outnumbers that of last, and the equipment of the school in every way has been improved. Ontario young men can now boast of its being no longer either desirable or wise to leave their own Province in quest of medical education, at all events until they carry with them the honors of their own institutions, wherever they afterwards may see fit to go either to practice or to travel.

It is pleasant to learn that our medical graduates are considered in Great Britain as quite on a par with any who come up from time to time for examination before the various boards there. We hear of them going to settle everywhere, and that wherever they go they are successful, and cordially welcomed. In the neighboring states they are eagerly sought after, as the curriculum is far more extended with us, than that which for the most part is required in that huge republic. And strange as it may seem, it is no less true, that not a few Trinity Medical graduates are settled in different parts of Great Britain, and doing well.

All this is surely cause for congratulation; it well repays years of earnest and self-denying toil on the part of the teachers, but it also enforces this lesson, that to make still further progress a continuance of effort is required, and gives the sure promise, that this never will in the future, as it never has in the past, failed to secure great and lasting success.

BOOK NOTICE.

We have received a little volume of verses entitled "The Mission of Love and other poems," by Caris Sima, a new Canadian poetess, who, if never likely to raise the standard of Canadian literature to a very high position, still deserves some notice for her attempt to sustain that literature—deplorably weak as it is, at all. The authoress labours under two serious disadvantages—viz.: a lack of critical discrimination with regard to her own work, and an unfortunate choice for the subjects of her verse; thus we find an ode to Hanlan on his return to Toronto, of whom she says:

— Who doth the waters skim—
Skims with the swiftness of a bird the waters o'er

Which she would persuade us is sufficient reason why we should

— With all the nation's flags unfurled,
Quickly hasten forth to meet him:
Warmly welcome! warmly greet him.
Hanlan, the champion of the world.

This is bad enough, but her acuteness in letting no event of local importance pass unsung, leads her to perpetrate the following:

LINES WRITTEN ON THE HEROES OF THE REVERE BLOCK FIRE

To Forsyth, Kerr and Doughty,
Our song of praise resound,
Forever honoured be their names
Who bore the smoke defied the flames
To rescue—not to wound

No doubt, to the above mentioned gentlemen, this