

to the States this year. The Americans, however, stated in their letter that they would much rather play here, so surely enough enthusiasm can be stirred up to bring them over, and of all the Colleges in Canada, Trinity should be first and foremost in her efforts to have the game played here. Of course, the matter of expense comes up but it is not a very serious one, and there are several ways of meeting it, about which more can be said later. Come, Trinity, wake up and do not let it be said that you cannot do this year what you did two years ago.

## College Chronicle.

### THE PELICAN CLUB.

On February the 17th a very artistic poster appeared announcing that the annual meeting of the time honoured Pelican Club would take place the following Thursday. As usual the night was looked forward to with great expectation, especially by the Freshmen who were yet to learn the doings of the Pelican, who by the way, was *greater and grander than ever*. This year a change was made in the proceedings. Heretofore it has always been the custom that the Freshmen only should participate but for various reasons it was necessary for several of the seniors to offer their services and it proved to be a big improvement. Professor Huntingford kindly consented to come down and did much to brighten up the proceedings. The first match on the programme was a bout between Lucas, '00, and Strathy, '00. Both men boxed pluckily and the bout was awarded to Lucas. Trotter '00, and Handsfield, '00, followed, and their bout, although perhaps more scientific than the preceding one, was not so interesting. The referee gave Trotter the decision. A wrestling match between Mockridge and G. O. Ireland was the next thing on the programme. Mockridge was much heavier than his opponent and had not much trouble in downing him. Then followed a lively bout between Broughall, '97, and Owen, in which Broughall seemed to come out best but the referee called it a draw. Professor Huntingford and C. M. Baldwin had just got well started in a fencing match when Baldwin broke his foil, thus putting an end to the match. Turley, '99, and Griffith, '99, two feather weights, now entered the ring and seemed to cause much amusement for the audience. After a lively contest the referee refused to give a decision. Professor Huntingford and C. M. Baldwin followed with a very interesting single-stick match which lasted as long as the sticks held out. The last bout of the evening was between Parmenter, '99, and Macdonald, '99. It was a very good match but Parmenter was much quicker than Macdonald. It was a draw. After some feats of strength by Macdonald '99, *Metagona* was sung and the Pelican returned to his nest for a year.

### THE PUBLIC DEBATE.

The public debate, which took the place of the conversat this year, was held on February 17th in Convocation Hall. Prof. Clark kindly agreed to take the chair, and made an excellent speech in summing up at the close of the debate. The argument: "That the influence of modern fiction is pernicious," was upheld by Messrs. Boyle and Wethey, while Messrs. Bushell and Macdougall occupied the benches

of the opposition. Unfortunately, the wording of the subject admitted of two constructions being placed upon it, the affirmative taking the word "modern" to mean the fiction of the last ten or fifteen years, while the negative took it to mean the fiction of the nineteenth century. Thus, although each side presented their case in a most able and convincing manner, their arguments could hardly be said to touch each other at all, so widely different were the lines on which they were reasoning. The chairman was now confronted with a serious difficulty: he had to decide in favour of one of two parties who were arguing to different ends; his verdict of "Not Proven" was certainly a most satisfactory solution of the problem. The speakers were all of the first order, the general opinion being that the palm belonged to Mr. Wethey whose arguments were singularly lucid and forcible. Mr. Bushell's speech was also very well received, some of his allusions being highly amusing. The audience was large and appreciative, both the hall and the gallery being filled to their utmost capacity.

After the debate dancing was indulged in by those present until half after two. Refreshments were served during the evening in the dining hall, and many of the dons and men had supper in their rooms for their particular friends. The arrangements were all good, and the members of the Literary Institute council, especially the untiring Secretary, Mr. A. Lee Ireland, deserve the greatest praise for the success which attended their efforts to give everyone a jolly time.

### COLLEGE CUTS.

Once more the elections are upon us. The Literary Institute elections are already in full swing, to be followed very shortly by the Athletic Association, and last, but not least, the Missionary and Theological, and with them come the ubiquitous canvasser, and the urbane politeness of aspirants for office. We are sure we re-echo the sentiments of everyone when we say "Let the best man win." Even popularity should not entitle anyone to office, over a more able though less popular opponent. Ability, experience and a candidate's right to the office should all have their place. Among the nominees for office in the Literary Institute are many good men, some without exception, the best men in College.

In some cases it must be regretted that we cannot vote for both candidates, and so retain their services. One feature of the elections this year is that every office will be contested, a fact which will, we hope, increase our interest in College affairs. It is possible from the candidates now in the field, to select a strong council, able to cope with the conversazione—which we hope to have once more—the inter-college debates, should the series be inaugurated, or in short any other question which may arise. Once more we say "May the best man win" in every case.

Mr. E. S. Senkler, '97, spent three or four days in college lately. It is one of the many advantages of the *residence system*, that graduates can, from time to time, come up to College, and in a few days renew and strengthen the ties which bind them to "Alma Mater." Mr. Senkler is at present studying law in Brockville. Next year he will be at Osgoode Hall, when we may hope to see more of him than an occasional visit.

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