

made in recent years, from the kindergarten up to the universities. The verdict is that, in our methods and the results obtained by them, we fall far short of other countries, and of Germany especially, from which country England is not ashamed to borrow new ideas, in regard to her board and grammar schools at least. The position of a German youth of nineteen who has completed his *gymnasium* course is contrasted, to our disadvantage, with a Canadian of the same age who has just matriculated at a university. (In our self-conceit we often pride ourselves that two such youths are on an equality, but the President shows that such self-conceit has no sure foundation in the facts of the case.)

Ascribing the existing evils to two causes—over-examination and a wrongly constructed common and high school course of study, with its ill-timed glorification of arithmetic and other branches of mathematics he would have the study of languages, ancient and modern, begun at a much earlier age than it is at present, because he holds that languages afford a better mental training for young children than mathematics do. He holds that this change, and others which he suggests, would turn out better trained boys and girls from the high schools, whether they were intending to take a university degree or not. As a matter of course, those who should go on to the universities would do better work, while the professors would not be kept at the ungrateful task of correcting the defects of the school training. After a well-deserved tribute to the schoolmasters and schoolmistresses for the work they have accomplished under such adverse circumstances, the President goes on to discuss briefly Queen's contentions on the question of State aid. It is to be hoped that this statesmanlike utterance on questions so nearly touching the very life of the country will have due weight in determining the future educational policy of the Province and that in a very short time examinations will be reduced to one, or at most two, between the kindergarten and matriculation. The high schools do not exist, as the President wisely insists, for the purpose of training teachers. He meant too, without doubt, that universities do not exist for that purpose either.

THE NEW CHAIRS.

AMONG the many signs of life about the University may be counted the recent action of the Corporation in putting the departments of Science and Modern Languages on a footing equal in every respect to the other departments in the Faculty of Arts. The lecturers on these subjects now have the full rank of professors. It is not generally known, perhaps, that the old statute which required professors to be Anglicans has been changed so as to admit of the appointment of members of other Christian communions. Most people will approve of this change, while those who look with disfavour upon it will find comfort in the fact that all professors do not sit in Corporation, only those being eligible to represent their colleagues in that body who are able to sign the XXXIX. Articles, and who are in full communion with the Church of England.

Athletics.

MR. J. A. R. MACDONALD, who was elected to captain the football team this year, has been compelled by his physician to retire from the game altogether. Last year in the first game with Varsity he was hurt very severely, having three ribs broken, but this year he went into the game with as much zeal as ever, which means a great deal when Mr. Macdonald is the player. During the last couple of weeks he has been very much indisposed, and his physician is caring for the old trouble, and has put him

out of the game. Thus we lose a very valuable man, for Mr. Macdonald has held his place as centre scrimmager for a number of years now, and those who have opposed him can testify to his prowess in that position. However, he has left us a protégé who is well worthy of his master. Mr. S. F. Wade with the lessons he has received can fill the position in a way which reflects nothing but credit to his teacher.

At a meeting of the Executive held on Thursday, October 18th, Mr. F. M. Burbidge was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Macdonald's resignation which was accepted with great regret. All who know Mr. Burbidge feel that he is just the man to fill this place, and we are sure that all the men will give him their very hearty support.

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MR. G. C. MACKENZIE, '00, represented Trinity at a meeting of the Executive of the C. I. R. F. U. held in Kingston on Saturday, October 20th, and has sent in a report of the meeting.

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ON Saturday, October 20th, Varsity II and Trinity met again on the football gridiron. The game should have been played on Varsity grounds but as both their fields were taken up, they played the game here. Varsity won 23 0.

The Varsity team was the same with the exception of Stratton who played centre half last Saturday. Trinity had two changes, Riley replaced Sawers at full back, who had sprained an ankle the week before, and Patton took Kelley's place on the wing line.

Trinity put much more spirit into the struggle than on former occasions, and in the first part of the first half, the ball was for the most part in Varsity's territory. Trinity wings held their men well. Sait at quarter put up a fine game, bucking the line for good gains time and again. Riley at full back tackled well, and seldom failed to bring down his man. Where Varsity won was on their long rushes. Often they would carry the ball from their twenty-five yard line to our's, and then Trinity would gradually work it back. Ballard played a star game for Varsity. His tackling was splendid.

There was very little kicking in the game. Both teams played very close, and made their gains by running. Trinity was in rather hard luck. Two of Varsity's touch downs were made from kicks which were blocked.

Strathy was rather badly hurt towards the end of the game, and went off, Varsity laying off a man to even up. The game was remarkably free from roughness. Trinity scrimmage worked well.

Mr. Roaf, of Toronto Med., refereed the game, and Mr. Sawers umpired.

The teams lined up as follows:

Varsity II.	Trinity.
Little.....back.....	Riley.
Wright, }	Mockridge.
Wilson, }	Strathy.
Wallace. }	Walker.
Ballard.....quarter.....	Sait.
McKittrick, }	Baldwin,
Burnham, }	Wade,
Harvey. }	Hewitson.
Snively, }	Lancefield,
Martin, }	Richards,
Thorne, }	Hammond,
Bonnel, }	Burbidge, (capt.)
Ingram, }	Kidd,
Wood, }	Trotter,
Hoyles. (capt.) }	Patton.
.....spare.....	Weedmark.

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THE athletic dance is fixed for Thursday, November 22nd, and promises to be as great a success as ever. Tickets will be at \$1, the same as last year. Special cars