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Since the last issue *ROUGE ET NOIR* has met with a great loss. Mr. J. T. LEWIS, B. A., one of its original founders, and ever since its mainstay, has been compelled to leave town, and move towards the orient. May all his efforts equal his editorial and may he always be appreciated as he has ever been in Trinity.

(By the way, there is always room for contributed matter!)

Our circulation has increased since last month, so that for the benefit of those electors who did not see that number of our paper, we wish to repeat the suggestion there made, viz.: the names of Mr. CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON, Q.C., and REV. O. P. FORD, M.A., as new members of the Council, the former, one of our oldest and most influential graduates, and the latter, a double-first man, to represent the Clergy.

THE PROVOST, is at last 'hanged' in the Convocation Hall. It is an excellent likeness, and is well situated opposite BISHOP STRACHAN. The largest foundation stone and the greatest, longest tried pillar of our College, are now symbolically on either side of the Chancellor's throne. But there are still gaps left. We want our first CHANCELLOR to watch us from the canvass as his crest does from the oak of his throne. Another gap all our friends would gladly see filled with a painting of another of our pillars—one of our best supports for many years—the late BISHOP BETHUNE. The very good portrait of him in the Trinity College School could be copied at no very great expense.

HIS LORDSHIP OF NIAGARA, in a kind note received by us lately, after paying our paper a flattering compliment, adds that our articles are more worthy of Episcopal approval than our name. Our reason for choosing and adhering to the title is simply because it exactly expresses our position. Red and black—*rouge et noir*—are the colours chosen in time past for the College ribbon—that which distinguishes the students of Trinity from those of other Colleges, quite irrespective of the authorities in which respect we and our ribbon are coincident. Any other name must be meaningless, or must contain 'Trinity College' which would involve

those who doubtless would not like to be so included. Wherefore we overlook the unfortunate coincidence, that our heading is associated with gambling, in view of its otherwise great appropriateness.

Apart from the fact that we are merely following the example set us by all like institutions, in our endeavouring to establish a College Paper—in itself no possible excuse—we must of course, in submitting our claim on the sympathy and support of Trinity men, allege our reason for an audience. Trinity is strangely circumstanced. Her position is somewhat unique. Not that she is the only College whose Curriculum is characterized by theological teachings,—the Church of England is not alone in that respect,—but while her contemporaries have realized their several positions, Trinity does not appear to have done so. She is yet in her infancy, though the public naturally think otherwise. It will be our endeavour not only to show this, but also to deferentially suggest the remedy. We hope that through our humble efforts her existence and her worth may be, to some extent, more widely recognized. Her graduates have a very small voice in her administration, and this, among other things, must be our apology for a voice from within.

The Institute is beginning to arouse itself from a prolonged nap. The debates have immensely improved of late, a fact which shews that there is plenty of ability in the College, which can be turned to good account if there is inducement enough. A system of public debates has been established, in which both graduates and undergraduates take part. The Institute may do a very good work for the College in this way by bringing its members before the notice of the public, or at least more forcibly before the notice of its friends, and by inciting the men to cultivate an ability, which we have every reason to believe they are not at all deficient in. It may also have the good effect in time of bringing some of the graduates and undergraduates together on occasions, the result of which could not but be beneficial. The first of these public debates has come and gone, and was a decided success. We compliment the gentlemen, who undertook the task of carrying it through, on the success of their efforts. It has already shewn a marked influence in infusing more spirit into the ordinary weekly debates.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.

In welcoming to our columns the customary letter from the Trinity College School, Port Hope, we would like to say a very few words with respect to the school itself. Its flourishing condition which is, for the most part, owing to the energy and ability of its governing body, and, above all, of its head master, ought to be an instructive lesson to those who exercise authority over the movements of its venerable mother. The school was founded as late as 1865, and yet, by dint of good management and judicious enterprise, it now numbers about 120 boys on its lists, and is