

a branch of this excellent organization in Canada, although many of our clergy are warm supporters and admirers of the idea, but at no very distant date, we hope and expect to see the first action taken in the matter.

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THREE years have elapsed since our paper first was added to the numerous other college papers of this continent, and up to the present, if we may believe the criticisms of our sister publications, has held a fair position in their ranks. Although to our readers the same calm exterior has always been exhibited, and no evidence was given of what a struggle ROUGE ET NOIR was having for an existence, many a time have we thought that each issue would be our last. "Why is this?" many will say; "have you not a goodly number of subscribers?" To which we can answer, yes, we have a very fair list, but here comes the hitch, the majority fail to see the necessity of *paying their subscription*. In turn we ask why is this? Surely one dollar per annum (and until recently it was but fifty cents) is not such a ruinous price as not to permit all those who take our paper pay for it, yet, on referring to our books, we find many are three or four years in arrears, and although they have been notified that such is the case, no attention is given to the matter. This ceaseless struggle for life must come to an end in one of two ways, i. e. either means for sustenance must be administered or we must yield and die. We are compelled, with much regret, to say that our graduates as a whole shew less interest and more apathy and indifference towards Trinity, and all connected with her, than those of any other University we know of. Exchange after exchange comes to our table reporting their financially prosperous condition, every new number containing a list of donations. Would that we could do likewise. As a College, our *esprit de corps* is even above the ordinary run, but as for any bond of union between us and our graduates—between the present and the past, there seems to be none. One of the principal arguments in favor of founding a Trinity paper was that such should be, and surely if there were even a kindly and interested disposition of graduates to their *Alma Mater*, it would be displayed by an effort to aid in keeping in a flourishing condition so important an organization as a college paper. We make this last appeal to those who feel ever so little an interest in us, and if it is in vain we fear that the future of ROUGE ET NOIR affords anything but a cheerful prospect.

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READING the account of the Convocation at Queen's University at Kingston has filled us with envy and some little bitterness. That the University of Toronto should be our superior in point of numbers and educational facilities we can well understand from its advantages as a state-supported institution. But this is not the case with Queen's, which stands in this respect precisely on

the same footing as ourselves, and yet they can present a report of the most encouraging nature in every particular; can point to augmented funds, and a largely increased number of students. How different, unfortunately, is the case with ourselves. It is no use blinking the matter, we must look it straight in the face, our numbers do not increase as they should do. Where are we to look for the reason? Is it some remnant of the antagonistic spirit that existed against Trinity some years ago? We hardly think so. Increased liberality of opinion, and a better acquaintance with the teaching and methods of this University has done away with this almost entirely. It cannot be defects in our staff, for, with pride we say it, we can point to professors who have won no mean distinction in the wide arena of the Old World Universities, and whose powers have come to be a recognized factor in the history of Canadian thought. Surely, with such a staff as we at present possess, we should be able to bid successfully for the privilege of educating a large number of the coming generation. Again, Queen's points to noble benefactions, not only from members of the religious denomination she represents, but from others who recognize the value of the work she is doing. With the exception of a few noble benefactors like the Henderson family and some others, members of the Church of England have not afforded a like support to their own University. In former times, our want of progress was attributed, and justly, to that curious policy which seemed to delight in keeping us hidden from the public view, but that reason can no longer be assigned. Our calendars have been scattered broadcast over the land. Every means of publicity has been taken advantage of, but we do not seem to be reaping any adequate return. There can be no question as to the material advantages we offer. Other universities offer scholarships varying in value from \$20 to \$50, and very occasionally as much as \$100, we, on the other hand, offer some of such value that a man who succeeds in taking them can take his three years' course with the most trifling outlay. Surely such advantages as these, professors whose reputation for learning and ability is second to none, substantial rewards, and under the new curriculum, a valuable course of study, should offer sufficient inducements, but, as we have said above, they do not seem to have the expected influence. Where are we to look for the cause? Is it not, and with sorrow we say it, is it not in the apathy which characterizes the Church of England in Canada; an apathy evidenced in too many ways, and for proof of which it is only necessary to refer to the report of the missions in the Northwest, a report which should make the cheek of every loyal son of the Church burn with shame when he reads how our historic Church, with her wealth of associations, her magnificent heritage of truth, has done less than a tenth of the mission-work, which is one of the great laws of her founder's chart, that she should fulfil; has done less than any of these religious bodies which have sprung from herself?