

the walk are growing splendidly. These together with the grand old forerresters already in their prime which are scattered about the ground, the flowerbeds, the creepers clinging to the walls at both ends of the College, and the Ravine that loveliest of places in summer time, would make our park one of the prettiest in Toronto, if only that lamentable old fence were exchanged for something that would be a little more ornamental and at the same time enable people outside to catch a glimpse of the beauties within, which are at present buried under a bushel, so to speak, and a very ugly bushel at that. The gardener says that his great desire is to have a conservatory to raise his own plants in. We think this would be an excellent idea one which would enable him to use at once a greater variety, a greater number, and a better quality of plants.

CRICKET.

BY A GRADUATE.

The season of 1881 has commenced in a manner creditable to the College: a "draw" with Toronto, being followed by a most exciting victory over our other ancient foes at Newmarket. May similar good fortune attend the Eleven in future matches.

Trinity College, May 24th.	1ST INNS.	2ND INNS.	TOTAL.
Toronto.....	76	52*	128
Trinity College ...	55		55
Drawn.	*7 Wickets down.		

Owing to the previous heavy rains and the want of practice on both sides, the scoring was naturally slow, and the individual innings small. Those, therefore, who got a few runs, are entitled to credit for their performance, as are also the bowlers for their gallant struggle against difficulties. On the part of the Metropolitan Club, the batting of Gamble (25 and 2), A. Townsend (10 and 12), Morrison (15 and 2, not out), and Behan (1 and 17) was exceedingly good, while Jones (21), and Godfrey (not out, 10), well maintained the honour of the College. Among the bowlers, Gamble alone met with any success, taking 6 wickets at a cost of 17 runs.

Newmarket, May 26th.	1ST INNS.	2ND INNS.	TOTAL.
Trinity College....	65	53	118
Newmarket.....	67	42	109
Trinity won by 9 runs.			

This match turned out, as usual, a hard fight, resulting in a well earned victory for the College, who, though weak, played well together and won after a most exciting struggle. For the Home Club, Ashworth's 20 and 16, Atkinson's 14 and 7, and Jas. Boddy's 9 and 1, were the principal scores; while the reputation of the University was bravely upheld by Allan's 26 and 4, Howard's 5 and 14, H. J. Campbell's 11 and 1, and Allen's 3 and 5. Boddy and Ashworth bowled well for Newmarket; while Allen, for Trinity, took 12 wickets at a cost of 27 runs—his under-hand bowling proving remarkably destructive. The good humour and discipline of Trinity in the last innings, undoubtedly won this well-contested match. If Canadian Elevens generally would play the game in the same sensible manner, and extend the same unhesitating obedience to their captains, the noble game would undoubtedly advance in a very short period to the position which it is so well worthy to occupy among the characteristic amusements of the English speaking race.

THE LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The weekly meetings of the Literary Institute recently came to a close for this academic year. A review of its operations, since last October, is productive of mingled pride and regret in the minds of those members who have mainly contributed to maintain it in its present state of ambitious mediocrity. With all the parade and machinery of the most popular and flourishing institutions of its kind, it boasts an existence which rests to a great extent on the pride it feels in own individuality, and its time honoured past. This may be a good thing to have, but it is only apparent in a form of spasmodic enthusiasm, and at times when other and more

weighty considerations engage the attention. It is insecure as a support, and affords but little satisfaction to those who feel that more good can accrue to them from a judicious use of present opportunities, than by indulging delusive hopes of utilizing the future to better advantage. The attendance has been up to the average, but the interest taken in the debates, essays, and readings has not been as great as subjects of such paramount importance should demand from young men preparing themselves to breast the temblous waves of an uncompromising world. The zealous and energetic, of whom happily there are many, find but little matter to prompt exertion when they see such undue appreciation on the part of the majority for the scope and efficacy of what is designed to be a most potent auxiliary to the academic course, in educating and practising the faculties which are brought into action in all public vocations, and on the right use of which every day affords additional evidence that success in life is largely dependent. There are some members who, though proud of the existence of such a motor in their university, willing at all times to acknowledge its utility, solicitous and zealous of its honour, but alas! hold themselves aloof from all active participation in its workings, and leave to a few whose zeal is well nigh spent, to maintain it in its integrity, while they languidly indulge their drooping propensities in the reading room or library. There are others again who regard their membership as a compliment, to be repaid in obsequious flattery, and are unwilling to acknowledge any benefit, lest by so doing they might detract from the value of their patronage.

One thing worthy of mention has been instrumental in bringing about and fostering the lack of effective force which has been observable in the recent past. Harmony has existed among the members to a more than usual extent, which in small as well as great is not always productive of the most general good. How many old members look back with pride and exultation on the fiercely contested debate on some proposed change in the constitution, or an impeachment of the council, which generally resulted in its overthrow.

In the early part of this term the graduates, resident throughout the city, were invited to meet the members in the College hall for the purpose of discussing and fixing upon some plan for rendering the Institute more effective in the accomplishment of the objects for which it was designed, and for strengthening the bond of union between the graduates who have ceased to have any immediate connection with the College and the present members. It was felt by those who instigated the movement that much good would result from the active co-operation of the honorary members. Their presence would inspire new life into the Institute, and swell its list of membership.

The Dean occupied the chair. Mr. Langtry, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Ferguson, and several others, spoke at some length on the proposed changes. A resolution was passed recommending the removal of all distinctions between honorary and ordinary members, and the admission of all under graduates to full membership on certain limitations.

In the early part of last month a public debate was held in the College Hall. A number of invitations had been issued, and were well responded to, a good audience being present, of which the larger proportion consisted of ladies. The Secretary read a letter from the Provost, regretting his inability on account of illness to occupy the chair. The Dean was thereupon chosen to take his place. The subject discussed was "Co-education." Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Carson supported the affirmative, and Mr. Langtry and Mr. Sage the negative. After a short summary by the chairman he called for the yeas and nays, which resulted in a victory for the negative.

The revision of the constitution is a work which is continually thrusting itself on our notice. At present it only exists in a traditional form in the minds of the oldest members. To be sure there is a manuscript which is being continually appealed to for the settlement of disputes, but it has been amended and recommended to such an extent that it is practically unintelligible.

On the 17th of February the Annual Conversation was held in the College Hall, under the auspices of the Institute. There was a large attendance of guests, the number exceeding six hundred. The musical programme was excellent. It consisted of vocal and instrumental selections by the best composers. The band of the Queen's Own assisted with several very beautiful airs. Mr. Smyth, lecturer in Physical Science, exhibited electric and lime lights in the large entrance hall. The College library was thrown open, and many indulged in an inspection of the old and curious volumes which form a large proportion of that excellent collection.