

Correspondence.

BASE BALL.

To the Editors of THE REVIEW.

SIRS,—We can boast of a base ball club at Trinity, which, although in its infancy, made a very good showing on the diamond last fall, despite our many drawbacks.

In the first place we were very much handicapped in not having grounds on which to practice, and, consequently, had no criterion to go by in selecting a team, being therefore forced to judge players by their physical appearance, which is by no means a safe guide in base ball. Again, owing to the extreme lateness of the season, favourable weather could not be depended upon for practice or matches. Only two games were played, both being with our sister medical school, and although suffering defeat, the contests were by no means one-sided, but were closely fought to the end, several of the players showing that they would do credit to many of the professional clubs.

As this was the first season Trinity has had a ball team, next year may be looked forward to with greater interest and with better hopes of success.

Here I might suggest the arranging of say three games with our last year's opponents and one composed of a combined team from both medical colleges against the "Varsity team," dates to be arranged in the spring, thus saving much valuable time lost in fall arrangements. I would also suggest to our players the necessity of practice during the summer vacation, if they expect to do their team and themselves justice in matches.

WILLOW.

COLLEGE SONGS.

To the Editors of the TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW:—

GENTLEMEN,—Students, and medical students in particular, have always been noted for the hearty manner in which they sang their college songs. Singing to them has always been an agreeable pastime. But at present in our College this custom is neglected, and in spite of the protests of "John Brown" and "Old Grimes," it is gradually dying out.

Why? Not because the College does not possess the ability, but chiefly because the classes have not musical leaders. This hint is intended for next year's classes. When they return next October, let them have the best songs and let them sing them more lustily than ever. At present, they will attend to the all-important task of doing themselves and the College credit at the various examinations now at hand. X.

College News.

VISITORS at Trinity Med.:—Dr. Hunter, Buffalo; Dr. Odell, F.R.C.S., and Rev. Mr. Scott.

DR. W. R. WADE has been sent to Burt's Falls, to attend cases of diphtheria in that section. He will be back for council examination.

No lectures were given in the college Friday, March 1st, to allow professors and students to attend the funeral of the late Prof. Young, of Toronto University.

MANY third year men are gradually leaving for home to gain sufficient mental and bodily strength to enable them to withstand the ordeal of the fourth year's work of '89-'90.

TRINITY Medical College Examinations will be held at Examination Hall, College of Physicians and Surgeons this year. 1st year, March 21st and 22nd. Fellowship diploma, April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

RECENT ADVANCES IN SURGERY AND MEDICINE.

I.

IN the October number of the *Edinburgh Review* there appeared, under the above title, a very interesting review of the following recent publications:

1. *Address delivered at the Opening of the Surgery Section, at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association, Brighton, August, 1886.* By JOHN ERIC ERICHSEN, F.R.C.S., LL.D., F.R.S.

2. *General Summary of Conclusions from One Thousand Cases of Abdominal Section.* By LAWSON TAIT, F.R.C.S., M.D., London, 1888.

3. *On the Treatment of Fractures and Wounds.* By the late SAMUEL GANGLIE, F.R.S. EDIN. Second edition, London, 1888.

4. *Operative Surgery of Malignant Disease.* By H. T. BUTLIN, F.R.C.S., London, 1887.

5. *Eyesight and how we Lose it.* By PRIESTLEY SMITH, London, 1887.

This article, though itself a review, will well bear reviewing, because it is written by a man of letters who is not a man of physic, but belongs to the profane herd of the uninitiated, to whom the mysteries of Æsculapius are as "a garden closed, a fountain sealed," and whose notions of the noble art are shaped by the glimpses they may have obtained through the half open door of the dissecting room, or the advertisements of the vampires of the profession. The writer of the article shows throughout such kindly appreciation of the efforts and trials of the medical man that even to the student, to whom the trials of the practitioner are still practically strange, his sentences are grateful, as an earnest of future appreciation and reward—an antidote to the constant ingratitude and misappreciation which torture at times a man of sensibility and conscience.

To review the article in detail, its first pages are devoted to a kindly eulogy of the profession, in words stronger even than the modest physician would venture to use of himself or his brethren.

After alluding to the fact that the doctor, though possessed of the education and instincts of a gentleman, must work for and associate with and look for his living from a class usually far below him socially, and that he is forced by the exigencies of competition and by inevitable differences of professional opinion, into bitter rivalry with his *confrères*, the writer points out that "a medical career consequently lacks and must always lack those social amenities and advantages which attract able and accomplished men in such numbers to other liberal callings, and in which the reward of their labours largely consists." There are quoted, too, with evident sympathy and appreciation