

Notes.—The May number of Athletic Life will contain an interesting and carefully written history of the T. U. Athletic Association from its birth to the present time, by C. W. Bell, '96. This article will be supplemented with cuts of H. C. Osborne, '96, next year's president, and D. F. Campbell, '96, the secretary. A cut of "Isaac," will also figure in the same number.

The University prospectus says, among other things, that we have a "large and well equipped gymnasium." It has been suggested that they add, "which, besides being so cold as to be almost useless, leaks considerably." This would be a good description; it is large and well equipped, too well in fact, for it is useless *because* it is cold and it does leak. The authorities ought to change the definition or make the building suitable for a gymnasium and not a stable.

Trinity has always been proud of the achievements of her sons, whether in the field of sport, or in halls of learning. We are pleased to note that C. H. Carleton, a graduate of '93, has combined both. A short time ago he won a scholarship in divinity at Brazenose College, Oxford, and a few days ago he won the mile inter-university race between Clare College, Cambridge, and Brazenose, Oxford. We tender Mr. Carleton our hearty congratulations.

The Provost, we believe, has given the Athletic Association leave to have a concert in Convocation Hall sometime in the first week of May. It will not be followed by one of those "delightful dances for which Trinity is so justly famed," unfortunately. Among other features of the concert Mr. C. W. Bell has kindly consented to give an exhibition of conjuring. Judging from Mr. Bell's last performance this part of the program will be very enjoyable indeed. The Banjo and Guitar club are also expected to contribute.

D. F. Campbell, '96, has been elected captain of the football team for next year. No better choice could have been made. But we will leave him until foot-ball comes again, wishing him joy and every success.

COLLEGE CUTS.

As we write the Arts sinners have begun to go down—at least some are still holding up their ends in the exam-hall—not to assemble again until the 13th prox. The longest, and perhaps the busiest term, as far as college institutions is concerned, is past. The Athletic Association and the Literary Institute have had, we may say, a more than ordinary share of the aggregate business to discharge, and have accomplished it to the satisfaction of all. The older institution presented an especially satisfactory financial statement, and its younger sister, with a smaller membership roll and greater expenses to meet, showed an apparently healthy balance, but one hardly sufficient to carry it through the heavy demands of next term. Episcopton, the most venerable, if not the oldest of all institutions, presented his budget to the scribe just previous to the end of the term. His summary of the various foibles and shortcomings was most comprehensive, and more than ever appreciated and enjoyed. His medicine was most judiciously administered and all look for most salutary effects.

To come back to that Athletic Association again; it is perhaps our youngest, and considering its manifold undertakings, the most active of our institutions. But to meet its heavy expenses, it must find means of increasing its revenue, and to do so would rather add to its members than raise the present table of fees. What though the new members do not engage in athletics in any form, still we appeal to their college spirit which we must hope is hidden somewhere within them. Let them make an effort to join, and besides becoming alive to the more than ordinary ad-

vantages afforded them, they will help to encourage those who are doing their best to foster and promote all manly sports within the College.

Once more, before we leave matters athletic, we might mention a suggestion which came to our ears the other day, and which deserves consideration. As may be seen in another column, the treasurer's report at the annual meeting seemed to the casual observer to denote not merely a healthy, but also a flourishing state of things: it was a good paper balance. We know these balances, they are of a Sheffield nature, misleading, and they are so for the reason mentioned above, viz.: the fact that the heaviest term of the year is still to come, which is going to turn the healthy balance into a pretty sick statement for the incoming committee to meet. The recent change in the length of the Divinity term was, of course, responsible for altering the date of the annual meeting from the Easter to the Lent term. The suggestion given is that the year begin with the Easter term and let the annual meeting remain as it is. The advantages to be gained by adopting this suggestion are obvious, at least so far as remedying the financial anomaly is concerned. Still there may as yet be difficulties in the way, of which the committee are conscious, but without wishing to be dogmatic we commend the trial to its consideration.

To harp on the institution a little longer, we have noticed that there has been lacking one valuable factor during the past year. "Seek peace" is all very well, but the motto does not hold in all cases; perfect harmony may be our ideal state, but mutual admiration, submission and a happy but dangerous passivity are the results. To remedy this, to keep men up to the mark, to put the various office-holders to the test, the kicker is an absolute essential. He is never popular, because too often unreasonable in his demands, but is generally a man of courage and marked individuality, and he and his little band of followers are always ready to bring forward objections on the most trivial grounds. Not that we mean to advocate the formation of an organized band of "steers," who will become mere kickers on principle, but criticism is always solicited, yea demanded, and the danger to be guarded against is letting things take their course, and trusting wholly and implicitly to the capabilities of the committee. Committees are human and have been known to make mistakes, and a little kicking leaven, while not leavening the whole lump, may help to remedy the failings which humanity however capable, is apt to fall into.

Christening in chapel is a rather rare occurrence as the improvised font used recently was sufficient to show, but the candidate for the holy rite administered on the afternoon of the 15th inst. occupied a rather rare position, for if the provost is justly proud of a son and heir, we are specially proud that the said young gentleman is a Canadian, and hope he won't forget his nationality. Of course, in the natural order of things, rare remarks were forthcoming, but as commonplace mortals we are loath to think the unconscious centre of so much attraction should possess such cheerfulness of expression as to be termed "just like Isaac." The latter is, we admit, an uncommon animal—has he not proved himself so—but we hope to be excused if we think the comparison hardly holds good.

Of late several complaints have come to our ears of smoky chimneys, which seem to have been more than ever in order during the past term. To say the least, such action on the chimney's part is unpleasant in its effects, and the consequent wail is not a new one, but has been on file for some time. Smoke doesn't improve either one's rooms or their contents, and draughts are apparently, through want of practice, unskillful knights of the duster. Some means of remedying this defect are surely in order, and we trust the corporation is open to suggestions, however exorbitant they may seem in their demands.