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Editorial Topics.

IN establishing courses of lectures of a public character, Trinity has shown herself actuated by a spirit which is worthy of a true university, viz, that of wishing to impart more generally the knowledge and culture that centres around an influential seat of learning. In this matter it is to the honor of Trinity University that she has been in advance of the other Canadian universities. She has been the first to inaugurate a regular system of lectures open to the general public, and the popularity of the public lectures of this year is an indication of the appreciation in which they were held. The Ambulance Lectures performed a desired service for many of the mothers and daughters of Toronto, and it is difficult to tell how far their beneficial influence will extend. This term, Dr. Bourinot's lectures on Political Economy are drawing together a number of representative men, and though the audiences are limited, as the course is not thrown open to the general public, the gifted lecturer must be flattered by the highly educational character of his listeners. To Dr. Bourinot the thanks of the University are due for his kindness in undertaking an important course of lectures bearing on a subject with which our people have all too insufficient a knowledge—the political history of their own country. By these able lectures this gentleman will add not only to his own, but also to the prestige of Trinity. It is to be hoped that the University authorities will continue the wise and liberal policy that it has evinced in this direction during the present year.

A VERY excellent change has been made in extending the time for the writing of the prize essays until October 1st. The thanks of the undergraduates are due to the REVIEW for bringing this matter to the notice of the authorities. By this change a student will be enabled to do much better work on the subjects which have been selected. The routine of college life, with its lectures, studies, and diversions, fill up a student's time so thoroughly during the term that he has very little leisure for outside work, and it is only during the vacations that he has the opportunity of freely devoting himself to other than studious pursuits. During the three months' long vacation, an essayist will have the advantage of reading and thinking much on the subjects on which he intends to write. It will also be