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Editorial Topics.

HAVE we a progressive government?

POLITICAL STAGNATION. Our two parties have just fought for the lucrative right of governing the country, but in that struggle neither exhibited a new policy; both rested on the doubtful laurels of the past. Liberals pretended to be responsible for industrial prosperity. Conservatives inveighed against Tarte. In its claims for election neither party urged any decided merit of its own.

Why were there no great issues? True, we have no such colossal octopus as the Standard Oil Company; no such omnipotent capitalist as Reid of Newfoundland. But we have our C.P.R., which, something more than rumour says, is monarch of the West, and only the miscarriage of the Yukon Railway deal saved the country from even worse.

The separation of capital and labour is hardly less serious than was the separation of barons and people in Europe, centuries ago. If Canada is young, monopolies already threaten. That our parties failed to take a determined stand on this great question, and on others equally great, indicates weakness or something not as forgivable; for there are legislative remedies, not merely theoretical, and some day these remedies will have to be enforced.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVOCATION DINNER. CONVOCATION DINNER has become a distinctive part of our University life. Long may it remain so, and for that wish there are many reasons.

We cannot say of every function we have taken part in that it has left a conscious impression upon our minds. We have enjoyed it or not, according to our temperament, and circumstances. But yet when we have come to take stock we are not conscious of any permanent profitable impression. Of course people look at things from different points of view and what will impress one may have no effect upon another. Still we can all recall functions which seem to us to have possessed no special characteristic.

We are sure that to all present, our last Convocation Dinner was a pleasing and profitable function. Besides the opportunity it gave for the reunion of old college

friends, which is in itself a most valuable feature, it possessed special characteristics which, though not stamping it as a *unique* function of its kind, yet made it at least memorable.

Let us try to give voice to one or two of these. First one was impressed with the air of hopefulness regarding the future of the University which pervaded the different speeches and general conversation. All present seemed to feel that Trinity had entered upon a new era of prosperity. Everything certainly points in this direction. But the special feature of the whole proceeding which made itself impressively felt, was the unanimity of purpose that seemed to have place within the minds of all alike. It was easily seen that the Provost was filled with a determination to promote in every possible manner the welfare of Trinity. Nor was it less apparent that professors, graduates and undergraduates alike were ready to back him up to the full extent of their several abilities—when such feeling exists prosperity must follow.

It remains for us to give expression to that purpose in deeds for Trinity, so that the bright prospects we are anticipating in the near future may be fully realized.

PROF. HUNTINGFORD'S RESIGNATION. It is more than regretted that his wife's ill-health induced by the rigour of the Canadian climate, has necessitated the withdrawal of Rev. Prof. Huntingford from his college work. When he leaves for England at the close of the present academic term, every man in the college will lose a friend. Trinity's loss will be irreparable, or reparable only by the professor's eventual return.

Prof. Huntingford has been endowed with a variety of accomplishments. His reputation as a classical scholar, made at Winchester School and Merton College, Oxford, has been increased since his appointment to a professorship at Trinity in 1891. In literature also he has been active, a recent composition, "Bribery and Corruption from Their Own Point of View," appearing in last July's issue of the *Canadian Magazine*, was a splendid and original effort. His lectures on "Why Things are Beautiful" has created a profound impression wherever delivered. He is an enthusiast in art, music and athletics also. He is as much at home on the football-field as in the classroom; and his medical skill has often repaired damages sustained by those participating in the game. Running is his hobby. In the matter of music, besides training the College choir, he acts as choirmaster of S. Margaret's Church. No college supper is complete without "Boy's of the Old Brigade" or another of his songs.

We deeply regret our inability to put into words the really genuine sorrow the news of his departure has evoked. Mr. Huntingford has endeared himself to everyone here by his untiring kindness, and interest in everything concerning Trinity.

DR. LOUDON ON EDUCATION.

AMONG the newest college journals to make its appearance is the *University of Toronto Monthly*, the organ of the University Alumni Association. The October number has for its most interesting article the address delivered by the learned President on the evening preceding Convocation day. A more timely and masterly review of the educational affairs of Ontario has not been