

ELECTION OF GILBERT PARKER, D.C.L. TRINITY has a new right to be proud of her illustrious alumnus Gilbert Parker, D.C.L. He has recently been elected to a seat in the British House of Commons.

Trinity feels highly honoured in having one of her sons at S. Stephens. But chiefly we congratulate the successful candidate himself. As is well-known, both he and Dr. Parkin have together and separately been urging Imperial Federation for many years back, and whether he succeeds in obtaining his ideal or not, we know that Gilbert Parker will always be a staunch friend of the Colonies of Great Britain, an ornament in the British Parliament and credit to Canada and to Trinity University.

COLLEGE MAGAZINES. DURING the past session, college magazines have frequently contained treatises on the functions of a college magazine.

It seems to be the general impression, that all functions unite in the one aim of cultivating a literary taste. With this view we venture to disagree.

Suppose a university with three or four thousand students in attendance. What proportion of these men would contribute articles pretending to literary excellence, and what proportion would care to read such contributions? The idea is too narrow, the principle too exclusive. Students do not read their college magazines for instruction; they get that in the class-room. If they desire to acquire a literary style, let them use their college reading-rooms and libraries.

The functions of a college magazine are twofold: first to interest the student-body, second to interest the alumni. Every contributor should endeavour to use a good style, but he should first endeavour to interest his readers.

The magazine that appeals to "college spirit" for support is doing wrong; it is following in the steps of the politician, who, in default of a policy, waves his country's flag. One does not have to look closely to see that those magazines, whose appeals are most incessant, are the very ones which least deserve support.

THE ELECTIONS. It must be admitted that Trinity men are not absorbed with interest in the coming Dominion Elections. Discussions upon the relative merits of the two parties, both of which are "appealing confidently" to the country at the present time, are exceedingly rare. Most of the men seem to take a pride in being totally ignorant of all political questions, and being utterly indifferent to the issues in the coming contest. This state of affairs is greatly to be regretted. It is the duty of every British citizen to take an intelligent interest in affairs which are so closely connected with the welfare of our Dominion. The questions before this country are of vital importance, and he surely is lacking in real patriotism, who fails to face intelligently, issues so nearly connected with the best interests of Canada.

THE VACANCY ON THE STAFF. The announcement of the retirement of Rev. Mr. Cayley from the college staff, which has called forth regret on all sides, has also given rise to some speculation as to his probable successor. While no name has yet been mentioned—at all events openly—in connection with the appointment, the matter will no doubt soon claim the attention of the powers that be, and the selection of a new Professor of Divinity is likely to prove no easy task.

Apart from the energy and ability displayed by Rev. Mr. Cayley in his own particular line of work, he enjoyed to an unlimited extent the goodwill and confidence of the men. His interest in college institutions was of the

keenest, particularly in the line of sport, that greatest of all factors in the maintenance of a hearty college spirit. He never failed to recognize that the greatest power for good lay in entering as completely as possible into the lives of those whom he sought to influence. The withdrawal of a don so thoroughly in sympathy with undergraduate aims and purposes leaves a gap that will be difficult indeed to fill.

It is a somewhat significant fact that the minds of graduates and undergraduates alike seem to have turned by common consent to a former member of the Faculty as the man most eminently fitted to take up and carry on this work. Mention of his name would be superfluous; it will occur to everyone. His absence from the College has been greatly felt, his return would be hailed in every quarter with satisfaction and pleasure. His former record was a most enviable one, his influence in and out of college was of the greatest, and from the men he succeeded in winning admiration and respect such as few can boast. In recommending this appointment to the earnest consideration of those with whom it lies, *THE REVIEW* does no more than give expression to the wish of all Trinity men and, it is believed, most of her other supporters. So strong a feeling is at least an evidence of the hearty support that will be accorded this gentleman should their wish become realized.

Athletics.

FOOTBALL.

STEPS were taken this year to get the team men back early for Rugby. The college assisted the men very materially, for on request they generously offered ten days free board to all *bona fide* members of the team. Most of the men returned on September 24th or in the early part of that week, and put in some good work. It is worthy of notice and praise that Trinity had a good practice match with the Westerns of Parkdale nearly a week before term opened. Trinity won in a close game, which showed up some of our many weak points, and efforts were made to remedy them during the next week.

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THE opening of term brought quite a number of husky Freshmen who were at once put on the football field. The men turned out well to practices and good work was indulged in. Mr. J. A. R. Macdonald made a very energetic captain and coached his men well. Shortly after the opening of term he gave the new men a good chalk talk which ought to give them a good idea of the game. The gymnasium also was got in shape with bars, punching bag, etc., and the offer of Mr. R. V. Harris, '02, to take charge of this department was accepted. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3 p.m. just before turning out to football were the days for instruction. A training table was also kept up.

TRINITY VS. WESTERNS OF PARKDALE.

ON Saturday, October 6th, the second practice game was played with the Westerns. Trinity winning by a score of 14-0.

The game was a pretty good exhibition, and showed a good deal of improvement in every way. Three of the regular team men were off, Strathy, Burbidge, and Hewatson. In the first half Mockridge scored a try, which Sawers converted. In the second half, Baldwin and Richards each went over for a try, but the kick was not tried in either. Trinity team was as follows:—

Back, Nevitt; half backs, Mockridge, Walker, Sawers; quarter, Sait; Scrimmage, Macdonald, (captain), Baldwin, Honey; wings, Richards, Lancefield, Clarke, Trotter, Kelley, Weedmark.