

and looking into it since, we think it is very well worth a careful perusal. It is but a few years ago that we read with much interest Max O'Rell's "John Bull and his Isle," and an ingenious critic has argued that this volume also is the work of a Frenchman. However that may be, he writes in hearty sympathy with everything English, and appears to have a thorough acquaintance with his subject. The history of contemporary life, which we get in the daily issues of the press, is often unsatisfactory, on account of our not understanding sufficiently the facts therein treated of; here, then, would appear a useful manual of general information, giving us an insight into the life, the character, the habits and surroundings of all the distinguished personages that appear in London society, from Royalty downward. We learn the details of the various movements, social, diplomatic, political, and otherwise, and light is thrown on many points hitherto, by some of us perhaps, not very well understood. One is tempted to observe that this is an age in which "the present" is especially magnified. And one might go so far as to prophesy that such manuals as this will in the future be more frequent. We want a short "manual" for everything, we want to understand everything at a glance, we want to do things "at once,"—perhaps, in short, we want a "royal road to learning." It is the picture of society, however, that we especially remarked in this volume, and we are reminded, in reading it, of an utterance of John Ruskin's in *For's Clavigera*. He is speaking of the great and brilliant course of society, the mixture of the good and the evil, and is moved to preach, in his peculiar manner, a little sermon. He says:—

"For the failure of all good people now-a-days is that, associating politely with wicked persons, countenancing them in their wickedness, and often joining in it, they think to avert its consequences by collaterally labouring to repair the ruin it has caused; and while in the morning they satisfy their hearts by ministering to the wants of two or three destitute persons, in the evening they dine with, envy, and prepare themselves to follow the example of the rich speculator who has caused the destitution of two or three thousand. They are thus destroying more in hours than they can amend in years; or at the best, vainly feeding the famine-struck populations, in the rear of a devouring army, always on the increase in mass of numbers and rapidity of march.

"Of every person of your acquaintance, you are solemnly to ask yourselves, 'Is this man a swindler, a liar, a gambler, an adulterer, a selfish oppressor and task-master?' Don't suppose you can't tell. You can tell with perfect ease; or, if you meet any mysterious personage of whom it proves difficult to ascertain whether he be rogue or not, keep clear of him till you know. With those whom you *know* to be honest, *know* to be innocent, *know* to be striving, with main purpose, to serve mankind and honour their God, you are humbly and lovingly to associate yourselves; and with none others."

OUR SPORTS.

With the beginning of the Easter Term, the students seem to cast off their dormant winter aspect and prepare for the outdoor exercise which has been denied them during the preceding months. This year there seems to be more interest than ever taken in the three games which find a kindly home at Trinity: cricket, tennis, and baseball. The latter, it is true, is played only for amusement before the ground is in fit condition for cricket, and in no way interferes with that noble sport which is the native game of Trinity College. We are glad to see that a more solid basis is being given to baseball and tennis by the organization of clubs in these two departments of sport.

The annual cricket meeting was held on March 13th, with the Provost in the chair. Mr. Tremayne read the secretary's report, which showed that six matches were played last season, four being won and two lost. Parkdale, Guelph, Toronto University, and Trinity College School succumbed to the prowess of our eleven, while Hamilton and Toronto were victorious. The average per innings was 70.8 for Trinity and 58.25 for its opponents. Messrs. Cummings and Allen had the best batting averages, and in bowling, Messrs. Allan, W. W. Jones, and Cooper were most effective.

The election of officers resulted in The Provost, Prof. Jones, and Prof. Roper being chosen as President, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, respectively. Mr. Tremayne fills the Secretary's position, while Mr. Martin handles the funds of the club. The Committee consists of Messrs. J. S. Broughall, A. C. Bedford-Jones, and Grout. Mr. Grayson Smith as Scorer completes a list of very excellent officials.

We believe that the following fixtures have been made:

May 19th	-	-	Trinity vs. East Toronto.
" 22nd	-	-	" vs. Guelph.
" 24th	-	-	" vs. Toronto.
" 26th	-	-	" vs. Trin. Coll. School.
June 2nd	-	-	" vs. Hamilton.
" 5th and 6th	-	-	" vs. 'Varsity.

The Guelph match will be the only match played off our own crease.

The eleven will miss exceedingly the splendid cricket of Mr. A. C. Allan, who is at present on the continent. Under the present energetic management, we hope to see more active players than last year, and more practice which will have the effect of producing a better all-round excellence. We might also add that a little more training on the part of the men would be conducive to better cricket.

The devotees of tennis met on April 13th, and formed a club with the following management:

President, Prof. Roper; Secretary-Treasurer, Ford Jones; Curator, G. H. Towner; Committee, E. C. Cayley, S. F. Houston, D. R. C. Martin.