

degrees a period of four years to be spent in the prosecution of medical studies. In the case of the latter it is provided that one year of the four may be spent in the office of a medical practitioner. A word respecting this year in the office of the M.D. Every student and graduate knows that in the vast majority of cases, if we except the valuable accomplishments of being able to tell waiting patients that the doctor will soon be back (with proper emphasis on the soon), or smoking and telling questionable stories with the village loungers, the student profits very little. Seriously, from the very nature of things, a man cannot acquire much practical knowledge during this year. In many instances the doctor's practice is small, and in many more he fears to endanger his hold on what he has by introducing to his patients "his students." The other plan of taking four years lectures in three sessions, consisting as it does in ingenious attempts to be in two places at once on roll-call days, is an anomaly so glaring and absurd that but to mention it is to condemn.

That other institutions permit these things does not justify them. Let Trinity in this, as other improvements, be not behind, but make her regulations conform, at least in time and sessional courses, to those of the Medical Council. Then in name, as well as in fact, will she be the leading medical college in Canada, and her degree will everywhere receive the consideration and recognition due the academic title earned and received at the hands of a professoriate so able and honourable. That Trinity's students need have no fear of the results of such a change is abundantly proved by the past reports of Old World and Council examinations, while many students would gladly welcome the change.

NEMO.

FOOTBALL.

SOME ten years ago Trinity Medical School, as it was then, possessed one of the strongest association football aggregations in Ontario, and many were the close contests in which it took part.

After the students at that time attending had graduated, Trinity was seldom heard of on the football field until the fall of 1886, when an effort was made to organize a team. There were a few matches played during this season. It remained for the freshman class of 1887 to instil new life into Trinity's football club.

During that season they played three matches—against the Normal School, Varsity 2nd eleven and Toronto University Medical School, in all of which their opponents had to acknowledge the supremacy of the "red and black."

In 1888 nothing definite was done until the first of November, by which time the best playing month had been lost, but not to allow the whole season to pass without a match, St. Michael's College was first tried, and with no practice Trinity was successful by the score of 4 to 0.

The Normal School fell an easy prey by 2 to 1.

The match with the Toronto School always creates a good deal of excitement and rivalry between the two schools. This year was no exception, and when the two teams played their first match, with 500 students as spectators, and shouting as only students know how, it was expected that Trinity would fall an easy prey to her rival. It was not to be, however, and after one of the closest matches played on the Varsity lawn this fall, the game resulted in a draw. When the return match was played a few days afterwards Toronto was successful by 2 goals to 0.

Without any boasting we can safely say that, with practice, we have one of the strongest aggregations in Toronto, and if the freshman class for 1889 places a good men on the team and as many as it has done for the last three years, we need have no fear for the future. The chief drawback to the best interests and welfare of the club is the want of suitable grounds to practice, and we would urge on the Faculty to procure such grounds for the students, which, no doubt, could be obtained for very little expense annually, thus affording all of the students a means of recreation in which all could take part, for "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is as equally applicable to medical students as "boys." It is to be hoped that next season the Faculty, who are ever willing to provide for the welfare of the students in attendance, will see that those desiring recreation in athletic sports will not have to take their chances to indulge their propensities, as many have done this past season on vacant lots or street corners.

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