

Let but the various details be properly mastered, and that energy, which, rightly or wrongly, I allow to her children, called into full play, a selfish interest (to put it on no higher ground) will cause my scheme to commend itself to all members alike, and the wisdom of the College Council in seconding such efforts will never be regarded as debatable.

The present Council of the Institute have, if they do but realize it, a rare chance of vastly increasing the usefulness of their charge, for it is only natural to insist that the inauguration of such a scheme as I propose must have a beginning in the exertions of the members themselves through their executive committee.

The whole matter at the outset is dependent entirely on the inclination and enterprise of the present residents. I do not doubt the one and am confident of the other. It would of course be most unwise of the College authorities to attempt such a course unless they were certain of being fully seconded in their exertions by the earnest efforts of the students. The Literary Institute have the business pretty much in their own hands; and if they will but go thoroughly into the details, and place their claims before the powers that be, I anticipate that this simple suggestion (however feebly stated) will, in the immediate future, become an accomplished fact.

We must thank our numerous friends who have helped us in our first number. As we stated in our circular prospectus, this issue is, to a certain, extent experimental. We hope that the idea of a *College* paper will be taken up by the residents; and that the old graduates will also contribute to make it a success. Particularly do we wish to thank Messrs. NICHOL and MOFFATT for their kind and valuable aid. To Mr. CARSON, too, our sincere thanks for his many timely hints and material assistance. In matters local we have been a trifle behind hand, on account of the labour involved at setting out. We hope to be able to devote more time and space to that department hereafter. We should like to enlarge the form of this paper, as well as its scope in forthcoming issues, but this depends upon the assistance we obtain from all interested in the undertaking. We hope to hear from all who receive our specimen number, and that they will favour us with whatever news is within their reach. We earnestly solicit contributions for our columns. We consider our publication timely, and have

no fears that our efforts or appeal will be slighted.

We hope in our next issue to be able to devote a column to news and gossip from Trinity College School, Port Hope. To Trinity Medical School, too, we hope to allow a column; but from neither of these institutions have we been able to hear before going to press, so, we hope, an absence of reference to them and theirs will not be attributed to any lack of enterprise on our part or interest on theirs.

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MANY of our readers are, no doubt, perplexed at the name of this paper. To an "outsider," casually observing our title page, there will appear little connection between Trinity, or the motives and intentions of this publication, and the tables of Monaco or Baden-Baden.

Continental experiences, in fact, had nothing to do with our choice of a name—else we should still be at a loss. Trinity long ago, as old graduates will remember, adopted "Red and Black" as the College colours, and many schools, &c., have since followed her example. When going to press we concluded some title was necessary. The publishers were not a committee. They sought to represent no one, but Trinity's interests only. A name, representative yet not arrogant, was wanted and our colours appeared to suggest a local loyalty, without being unwarrantably comprehensive. The name, we confess, has a suggestive ring, but is not our just appreciation of Trinity's interests at stake? Our venture, too, is hazardous if our friends permit us to be wholly self-dependent,

and for their aid and sympathy we look. We hope not to risk much on the "Black." The dark side of things is a topic for the splenetic, and success with a hopeful future the reward of those who stake their all on the final ascendancy of *couleur de rose*.

### SALUTATORY.

In presenting to the friends of Trinity College, this, the initial number of *Rouge et Noir*, we deem a full explanation of our course advisable. A College Journal of this type is, distinctively a new departure for us. There have indeed in the past been two quasi-publications, *Kritikos* and *Episkopon*, the latter of which is still in existence. The interest in it, however, is wholly centred in the College, and its functions are merely, as its motto indicates, those of a *custos morum collegiariorum*. It is with no intention of interfering or conflicting with this, that we have taken upon ourselves the experimental issue of this Journal: to the casual observer it is patent that our scope is far broader and more comprehensive. However at the outset, we desire it to be understood that we do not arrogate to ourselves the representing of the University at large, but that it is merely with a hope of ultimately attaining that object that we make our *debut*.

The necessity of such a representation is manifest enough. Alone, of all the Colleges in the Dominion, Trinity has hitherto been without any medium for the ventilation of opinions on topics of University interest. Whatever abuses or semblance of the same, have burdened the College, there has been no means of indicating. Recourse could only be had to the columns of the public press, so ill-adapted to the discussion of aught save matters of general importance. It is this deficiency that we purpose to supply.

There is also another incentive to this course, and almost equally forcible; we feel that there has been a gradual alienation, not indeed by design, but none the less detrimental in its effects, between the various classes in the University. Reunions have become more and more infrequent intercommunication more and more broken. That active, living interest, so essential to University prosperity, has been abated, through lack of a connecting bond between the Alumni, and Undergraduates. If any means may be devised to augment their mutual relations and to facilitate the interchange of opinions, it cannot fail