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TRINITY'S GRADUATES.

ON Tuesday evening, March 12th, a great meeting of our graduates, old and young, will be held at the University buildings to consider the best means of ensuring the cohesion of members of the University for her honour and advancement. In another column "Vox" goes into the question of Convocation's usefulness as an Alumni Society, and emphasizes the need of a radical change in that body, by which a sympathetic interest may be engendered in our young graduates. Undoubtedly there has been something lacking in the past. Trinity's sons are brimful of loyalty to their Alma Mater, and the apathetic attitude of the great body of them can only be attributed to the lack of proper organization. The meeting on March 12th is called by Convocation at the instance of a number of graduates who appreciate this want, and, doubtless, the endeavour will be pregnant of great results. It is superfluous to make a strong appeal to Trinity men in a case of this kind. The proposal is to take the necessary steps to make Convocation, which has already done so much, a genuine Alumni Society, so constituted that it must appeal to everyone who is loyal to his university. The coming meeting may mark the commencement of an era of added prosperity for Trinity, and every graduate, to whom it is possible, should make an especial point of being present. This is a time of test, for it affords an opportunity of substituting actions for words.

A SERIOUS AFFAIR.

THE trouble at Toronto University has reached an acute stage. Lectures have been for a time boycotted, professors have been dismissed, and the tension of the bond between authorities and students is about as severe as it well can be. A melodramatic touch was given the affair by the publication of 'Varsity' in February with deep mourning lines. It is, of course, a poor question that has not two sides, and, in view of recent developments, it

would be a grave step to express absolute approval of the cause and tactics of either party. Moreover, now that gratuitous opinions of every phase of the matter have become a drug upon the market, more outside advice would doubtless be little appreciated. It must be abundantly clear to everyone who possesses knowledge of university affairs that the more immediate causes of the trouble, viz., the question of certain appointments and dismissals, are but the last drops which have caused the pot of student-feeling to overflow. We have presented to us a spectacle not merely of seven hundred undergraduates of both sexes rising in rebellion at a fancied wrong, but staid and middle-aged graduates boldly siding with them, their blood boiling at injustices of many years' standing. A storm has been gathering at Toronto University for a long time past, and the alleged incubus which has been oppressing and restraining our fellow-students has been described in a contemporary as a total lack of sympathy on the part of the authorities with the students in their feelings of hope, and life, and aspiration. If this is really true, and a more or less general acquaintance with affairs at the provincial university has led us to believe that it is so to some extent at least, the students have our undivided sympathy. Trinity men, living under peculiarly happy conditions in this regard, have ample opportunity of judging what may be accomplished with a faculty and student-body at one on most vital points of university import, and mutually considerate of each other's feelings on matters of individual interest. The conviction is also borne in on members of Trinity that certain advantages accrue from freedom from Government influences, and from a way of good understanding untrammelled by outside interference, which, it is to be feared, has ere this many times been an obstruction in the way of mutual agreement at our sister university. THE REVIEW extends to both parties in the present trouble the earnest hope that the causes of friction may be speedily dissipated and a new and brighter epoch begun.

IGNOBILE VULGUS.

PERUSING day by day the news of the world, we read of strange and seemingly inexplicable doings of the mob. Readers of the January issue of THE REVIEW may have had

some light thrown on the constitution of this peculiar phenomenon of human society. In a very readable article, we are told that a mob is a hypnotized crowd, i.e., one dominated for the time being by the fascination of some strange object or the magnified personality of a powerful man. So far as it goes, this definition seems correct; but is it complete? In the experience of all of us, crowds have become mobs, or irresponsible bodies, quite apart from the fascination of any powerful influence. To revert, merely as a psychical instance, to the now famous bye-election of the Athletic Association; a suggestion founded on precedent, formulated with a view to expediency and by a large number of voters accepted as practical and reasonable, was made by the Executive Committee to the body of the association. The rejection of the suggestion at the ballot amounted, under the circumstances, to little less than an actual vote of no-confidence in the committee, who, accepting it as such, tendered their resignations. The voters at once, in the strongest possible terms, moved an emphatic vote of confidence, the antithesis to which they had previously de