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GREETING. THE REVIEW has entered upon another year and extends its best wishes to all its readers. This year it is under almost an entirely new management, and hopes to be able to maintain that high degree of excellence which it has won in the past. The year of 1898 has gone with all its joys and all its sorrows, and THE REVIEW has had its share of sorrows, for it has lost two able helpers, one by death, the other by ill-health. To the retiring editor-in-chief, Mr. McEwan, THE REVIEW extends its congratulations upon his attainment to the rank of Bachelor of Arts, and wishes him every success in life.

THE REVIEW. The past year was a very successful one for THE REVIEW financially, as for its literary success we leave that for others to judge. We again cordially invite the men in College to send in literary contributions, for we must not forget that THE REVIEW is a College paper and should be enthusiastically supported by all the men. There is no lack of literary ability in College, so if the men would only bestir themselves THE REVIEW would be greatly benefited. The editor-in-chief will be very glad to receive contributions at any time.

YEAR FEELING. During the past two or three years there has been in Trinity a marked decadence of that abstract quality known as year feeling, and we feel sure that Trinity has benefited thereby. In past years there were many men who sacrificed the good of the College for the good of their year and this led to disastrous results. We are in Trinity one large family so there is no occasion for internal divisions and we hope that year feeling has become a thing of the past, never to be revived. Of course, it is quite natural that we feel most kindly towards the men of our own year, but when a point is at stake that affects the whole College, let us cast aside year prejudice and act for the best of Trinity.

A PROVINCIAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

A meeting was held last month at the Canadian Institute, which inaugurated two movements for the advantage of the people of this province. The proposals were first made in a paper read before the Institute by Mr. Bain, who in his position as Librarian of the City of Toronto has done so much for the cause of Higher Education. Of these proposals the first is for the establishment of a great Provincial Reference Library in Toronto. In the City Public Reference Library there are about 45,000 volumes. The Canadian Institute has a valuable collection of transactions of different societies, and the Legislative Library has a large number of volumes of a nature not specially required for legislative purposes. Could these three collections be combined as one library in a suitable building, and both city and legislative make grants for its maintenance and extension, and arrangements be made for students all over the province to share in its use, we believe a boon would be conferred on Ontario, the extent of which we cannot properly estimate. The expense would not be very great, and once the value of the library were understood, and the benefit which the whole province would obtain, appreciated, we are sure that even greater expenditure than is proposed would not be grudged, and we have also every confidence that valuable additions to the library would be made by the gift of collections of books, pamphlets, etc., on special subjects which exist here to a greater extent than is probably recognized. A strong committee, of which our Provost is a member, was appointed to take the preliminary step to obtain the support of the city and legislature, and we hope the movement now initiated may soon bear fruit. To the second of these proposals, that for the establishment of Travelling Libraries, we hope to return in a future issue.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

It is upon these two nations that the eyes of the whole world are fastened to-day; and the outcome of the present unsettled relations between these two countries is being watched for with the keenest interest. The recent foreign and domestic affairs of France have revealed certain conditions and characteristics which may be interesting to note. Perhaps one of the most important events that have aroused Frenchmen at home, is the Dreyfus agitation. This case is highly interesting in that it has revealed to us the repulsive spectacle of an entire people with its army, press, politicians and clergy rising up against a defenceless and wretched man; a government whose press organs publish the names and addresses of the jury before they have given a verdict; an army whose select representatives threaten the jury with their resignation if the verdict be different from what they expect, and a legislative assembly whose enlightened members refuse to raise their voices on behalf of the victim of injustice, lest at the coming elections they should lose their seats. The fact of the illegality of convicting Dreyfus by the production of a secret document which was withheld from the accused and his counsel, must appear as the greatest distortion of the forms of justice. Again, France's troubles have not been confined within her own borders, in her foreign affairs she has been experiencing some very serious difficulties. The present complications between England and France in the East have been pretty thoroughly discussed and commented upon by both the leading magazines and newspapers. Mr. R. Dorsey Mohun, formerly United States agent in the