

a matter of nearly universal experience, based on observations made amongst merchants, missionaries, officials on foreign service, etc., that the man with a good classical education will learn foreign languages far more rapidly and thoroughly than the man who has not had this advantage. He has acquired the way of grappling with a language, and a right method is half the battle.

6. One more thought, and I have done. History repeats itself, and there is no new thing under the sun. Almost all the problems, intellectual and social, of the age we live in are to be found scattered here and there in the Classics. When we read a modern magazine article we are apt to study as controversialists for purposes of victory. If we turn to Plato or Seneca, we can lay aside our modern controversy for the nonce and study the same questions as philosophers for the sake of Truth.

But the saddest of all truths still remains—that in spite of all that we can say, most men care nothing about being philosophers, and that the dollar was not current coin in Rome and Athens.

A. LLOYD.

✱ Correspondence. ✱

To the Editors of the TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW :—

YOUR request that I should write for the REVIEW an account of my recent visit to New York is somewhat embarrassing and my letter will therefore be of the briefest. The most prominent as well as the most satisfactory incident in connection therewith was the success which attended my efforts to procure a supply of Koch's lymph for experimental work in Toronto. Canadian medical colleges are highly respected by the New York faculty, and certainly none more so than old Trinity.

"You Trinity people always send us excellent students," was the expression with which I was greeted on every hand; and certainly it was very gratifying to me as a friend of Trinity. In short, I am correct in saying it was the reputation of our college that enabled me to procure the lymph.

The kindness and geniality of our American confreres in New York must always be a subject for admiration and wonder to the more cold and distant Canadian.

In fact they are of opinion down there that our more rigorous climate has a decided effect upon our characters and dispositions, and that when one pays a visit to New York it is for the purpose of becoming temporarily thawed out. I am not sure there is not something in the theory, at all events the kindness which I met with at the hands of the medical teachers in the various hospitals was a very agreeable surprise to me. No pains were spared to make me thoroughly *en courant* with the methods of inoculation employed, the varied phenomena resulting, and the ultimate effects of the treatment so far as it had already progressed. Through the kindness of Profs. Heineman and John Wyeth I was enabled to examine and watch carefully some thirty-five cases, some in Mt. Sinai Hospital, and some at the Polyclinic, with which post-graduate school these gentlemen are identified. Prof. Harry Loomis at Bellevue explained and illustrated Koch's treatment with a list of fifteen cases, and Prof. Kinnient of St. Luke's had seventeen cases.

In reference to the phenomena of reaction, they have been so fully discussed in both lay and medical press that it is quite unnecessary for me to repeat them here. It will be satisfactory to the friends of Trinity everywhere to learn that the two cases under observation at the Toronto General Hospital have reacted typically to the treatment, more especially is this true of the lupus case. Great softening of

the scar tissue with restored capillary circulation are very marked. The former medical attendant of the case to-day expressed surprise at the wonderful changes in this direction, and I am pleased to add that the oldest practising physician in Toronto, examined the case with me to-day and testified to the fact that there had been great improvement since he last saw her.

Our supply of lymph will soon be practically unlimited, and then we will be able to increase the dosage which so far has never exceeded three-and-a-half milligrammes.

GEO. A. BINGHAM.

✱ Personal. ✱

DR. F. P. COWAN, at present an Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy, has been appointed a permanent member of the Faculty of Trinity Medical College. He graduated from Trinity in 1888 and was one of the House Surgeons at the Toronto General Hospital for the following year. Winning golden opinions for himself in the dissecting room, he has evidenced those traits happily characteristic of the members of our faculty, great willingness to help and a kindly interest in the welfare of the students.

WE have great pleasure in announcing that Trinity University has appointed Dr. O'Reilly as Examiner in Surgery. The magnificent work which the genial doctor has put in during the past fifteen years as Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, has won for him a Continental reputation and this recognition by the University of his rank in the profession has been well-earned. It is pleasant to find our Alma Mater mindful of her own graduates and thus seeking among their numbers for worth and excellence. We students have also another interest in this appointment. It insures that the Trinity examinations will be practical, as they are in hands of practical men.

CAUTIOUS.

"HELLO Gradgrind, I must congratulate you on your book."

"O thanks! You've read my book then?"

"Well—ah—no: I haven't read it yet: I thought it safer to congratulate you before I read it."

THE uncomplimentary terms applied to journalists recently by Emperor William recall by contrast the words used by King Humbert of Italy in speaking of the members of that profession. At one of the Court balls in the palace at Rome the King summoned a number of editors to his side. After referring with expressions of admiration to the important work done by the press and to the difficult and powerful work of the editors, he added: "Gentlemen, I have often said that I should wish to be a journalist were I not a King."

There will shortly be a vacancy for a Teacher in a large school in Japan. I shall be glad to hear from possible candidates.

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