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Editorial Topics.

UNDERGRADUATE RELIGION. The *Nineteenth Century* in its October and November issues contains interesting papers on The Religion of the Undergraduate. The writer of the initial article in the October number is a Mr. Deane, a Cambridge graduate of three years' standing. He directs his remarks particularly at Cambridge and incidentally at Oxford, his experience of the latter institution being gained by a residence at Cuddesdon some eight miles from the University town. In the November issue replies are published; graduates of both Universities have accepted the issue and undertaken to refute the charges on behalf of their respective alma maters. The contributor of the original article summed up his charge against the undergraduate body in the one word, "Agnosticism." Specifically he lays a considerable part of the burden of responsibility for the existing religion—or rather irreligion—of the undergraduates on two established institutions, viz.: the use of Paley's *Evidences* as a textbook, and the system of compulsory chapels. It would seem an essential ground of argument that we should have a distinct understanding of the term agnosticism. But to plunge into the philosophical, historical and theological meanings of the word is to run the risk of causing the discussion, in this connection, to become ridiculous. Certainly it is doubtful if we can soberly discuss the existence among young men between eighteen and twenty-two years of that species of agnosticism born of earnest and profound thought; of a conviction attained only after the deepest research into the principles of a First Cause. It is said that "there must necessarily be some agnosticism of the kind wherever religious and philosophical questions secure any considerable amount of thought." So far we agree, but only so far. Such a state of conviction may exist among the Dons, and the undergraduates may be affected by it, but in its maturity it can scarcely be said to have a place among the latter. We are led then to believe that the charges against the undergraduates would have better been summed up in the word thoughtlessness or indifferentism; an unwillingness,

perhaps, to entertain any serious thoughts on the subject of religion—even going so far as to scoff at religious matters. Here we must leave the general part of the accusation. The discussion on this point in the Nineteenth Century amounts simply, as the Cantab defendant remarks, to pitting one man's *ipse dixit* against another's. Mr. Deane, the accuser, has drawn a picture of the English undergraduate, his daily life, mode of thought and religious views. Mr. Fellows, Cantab, and Mr. Legge, Oxon, agree that the picture as presented is entirely erroneous.

Coming now to the specific criticisms, PALEY V. THE MR. FELLOWS, OF CAMBRIDGE, STILL STANDS AS CHAPELS. DEFENDANT WHILE MR. LEGGE SIDES PARTLY WITH THE ACCUSER. Regarding the actual value

of Paley's *Evidences* the former has nothing to say. That its use is a direct encouragement to agnosticism he denies on the ground that "the more thoughtful freshman"—the one claimed to be influenced by the work—would certainly appreciate the circumstances under which the book was written. At Oxford there is no Paley, but its substitute—an examination called Divinity Moderations—is condemned by Mr. Legge. The Oxford graduate inclines to a belief in proper religious training as part of work preparatory to a degree—with relief under a conscience clause, which is altogether an excellent sentiment. The system of compulsory chapels is warmly argued in all three papers. As regards the system and its effect on the moral constitution we are of the opinion that the argument of Mr. Fellows, of Cambridge, is neither conclusive nor fairly put. "There is," he says, "in the Church itself a compulsory chapel system." "All priests and deacons are to say daily morning and evening prayer, etc." "Are we then," he asks, "to be told that the Church trains her clergy to look upon the worship of God as an obnoxious duty?" This argument, aimed as it is to clinch the matter, is rather unfairly put. No one wishes to question the wisdom of the Church's commands. At the same time, because the Church's mandates to her clergy do not reduce worship to the level of an "obnoxious duty," no argument is deduced to prove that compulsory attendance at Divine worship under college regulations may not produce the undesired effect. The writer says that he does not wish to enter on the larger subject of the wisdom or unwisdom of compelling members of the Church of England to attend the Church's services. Certainly this is a subject of greater scope than the one we are discussing. But the two subjects are so distinctly analogous, their relationship is so close, that the writer would seem to have ignored the principal matter of discussion. If the chapel system of Trinity were under observation Mr. Legge, of Oxford, would occupy a well-defined position on the fence. He is an advocate, or at all events not an opponent, of a compulsory system governing college chapels; but he stops short at a system whereby the keeping of a percentage of chapels is an integral part of the disciplinary routine necessary to the keeping of one's term. The latter he goes so far as to characterize as "obviously an abomination, prostituting the service of the Church to subserve the requirements of university discipline." The chapel question is bound always to be a bone of contention owing to the fact that the system is one whose theoretical and practical effects are more than ordinarily divergent. It would be a mistake to conclude from this controversy that there exists at the great English universities a general feeling of dissatisfaction at the chapel system as there con-

ducted. THE REVIEW does not wish to come out as an opponent of the system as it exists at Trinity, even though we could stand for reform were the powers that be of a different mould than they fortunately happen to be. We believe with Mr. Fellows, that "the compulsory chapel system, though possibly open to objections in theory, is found in practice to work not inadequately if administered, as is generally the case, by a courteous and Christian executive." It certainly is the case in our experience at Trinity, and we may lay odds that the chapel system will last our time. Paley's *Evidences* is not one of our textbooks, so the philosophically inclined undergraduate may rest secure from the growth of dread agnosticism.

The Review purposes to begin with OYEZ! OYEZ!! the new year an organized search for OYEZ!!! missing numbers of Episcopon and back numbers of this journal. Of the latter a complete set of six years ready for the bindery was accidentally destroyed during the absence of our late Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Carter Troop, in Australia; and in addition to this the sets we have in our possession are very incomplete. The loss to the college of old numbers of its journal is very great. THE REVIEW more than most papers of its kind actually reflects step by step the rise and progress of the University. Not only does it chronicle the daily life and thought of the undergraduates of the present time, and preserve a record of athletic achievements, but also there is not an event of College or University import that is not in some form or other set down in these columns. It is always a difficult matter to gain possession of back numbers of a paper, but a determined effort can do much; and in the attempt most of all do we need the cooperation of our friends. We shall refer to this matter again, trusting that in the dusty top-shelves of many Trinity men's libraries we may reap an abundant harvest. With the Episcopons the case is different and still more difficult. The missing numbers of this great and mysterious literary production must have been deliberately carried off or maliciously destroyed, which species of vandalism is an outrage on the tradition of one of Trinity's oldest and most respected institutions. The recovery of these volumes is perhaps doubtful; we can only hope that if they are in existence they will be returned. If the possessors of any numbers which may have been taken away with *malice prepense*, should be afflicted with prickings of conscience, we may after all recover the lost ones. At all events we shall prosecute the search with vigour and spare no effort to discover the whereabouts of missing volumes.

THE DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE.*

It is a somewhat venturesome undertaking for a man who has made such a success as Mr. Watson did in the "Bonnie Brier Bush" to make a second attempt in the same field. Yet this is what he has done, and a fair judgment of his work will pronounce that he has not failed. The "Days of Auld Lang Syne" might be worked into the fabric of its predecessor without the reader being conscious of any falling off in the new sections. Of course there are some parts of the present volume which do not move the reader as other portions do, but this was the case with the previous volume. Perhaps we might say that there is nothing here so pathetic as the doctor's funeral, nothing quite so droll as the "cunning speech of Drumtochty," yet there are stories which could have come from no other hand, and the *dramatis personæ* are not only recognizable, but sustain their parts without revealing any sense of effort on the part of the writer.

*By Ian Maclaren. Price, \$1.25. Toronto: Revell Co., 1895.

Here, again, we have Drumsheugh, only that we know him better, and discover, behind his apparent niggardliness, a motive which makes his seemingly sordid life heroic. Here, too, although subordinately, we have the beloved physician of the glen, as always worthy of himself, and Jamie Soutar with his "nippy tongue," but also with his loyal, loving, heart, making revelations about himself which are revelations indeed, showing us what tenderness and fidelity lodge often under the dry and undemonstrative exterior of the cannie Scot. And the pathetic death-bed of the man, the cynic and the man with child's heart contending together! Nor must his service to the servant lass who went out of the glen and afterward came home, alas! be forgotten.

It is a very beautiful volume beyond all question, and this present writer has already perused every page and every line of it twice over, from cover to cover—a kind of testimonial to its worth, even if the critical gifts of the reader are not of the highest. And not only are the merits of the volume very high, but the contents are very varied. Perhaps the episode called "A Manifest Judgment" is that which least attracts the reader; but even this has its good points, and some may give it a higher place than we can do. But all the other pieces are admirable.

First comes a "Triumph in Diplomacy," a haggles between the factor and a tenant over the renewal of a lease. Then a story in five parts, "For Conscience' Sake," of which more anon; then "Drumsheugh's Love Story," to which allusion has already been made—a tale of love, and sorrow and sacrifice touching to read. In "Past Redemption" we have a delightful picture of the local postman, a new character, if we are not forgetting, and one who makes a substantial addition to the glen and its inhabitants. "Good News from a Far Country" is a very pretty story of one who had gone from the glen and had become a professor. We are passing over some heads. But we should do great wrong if we omitted reference to Milton's Conversion, an admirable episode, and another conversion no less remarkable and touching, that of the man whom Jamie Soutar had formerly driven from the churchyard and the district in shame and wrath.

It is but a poor impression that we can give of the contents of the volume in this way, and extracts do not help us very much. But we must say a little more on the story "For Conscience' Sake," one of the strongest and sweetest in the two volumes, yet in no way overdone. Part I. brings before us the "County Tyrant," a new factor from England, who little understood the character of the people, and made it a condition of renewing Burnbrae's lease that he should leave the Free Church and go to the Established Church, the landlord, the Earl of Kilspindie, being on the Continent at the time. Then comes the "endless choice." The farmer cannot deny his conscience and his God. Next, the "displeasing sale," when the neighbours buy at high prices the stocking of the farm. Next, the "appeal to Caesar," followed by the farmer's reinstatement, and finally the "replenishing of Burnbrae," when the scattered property in houses, cows, ploughs, etc., etc., is all brought together again.

One of the best scenes is that in which the minister of the Established Church protests against the violence done to the conscience of his parishioner—to the great astonishment of the factor, who could not understand that the minister should not want the dissenting farmer to be bought back in any way, and here is part of the interview between the factor and the minister: "Doctor Davidson, Established Church clergymen of Drumtochty," said Tompkins, the factor, "quite a pleasure to see you. . . . Splendid grouse moor you've got up here! D'you take a gun yourself, Doctor—ah—Donaldson, or does the Kirk not allow that kind of thing?" and the factor's laugh had a fine flavour of contempt for a Scotch country minister.

"My name is Davidson, at your service, Mr. Tompkins, and I've shot with Lord Kilspindie when we were both young fellows in the forties, from Monday to Friday, eight hours a day, and our bag for the week was the largest that has ever been made in Perthshire. But I came here on a matter of business, and if you have no objection I would like to ask a simple question."

"Delighted, I'm sure, to tell you anything you wish," said the factor, considerably sobered.

The minister told him of the rumour that Baxter of Burnbrae was to be turned out of his farm unless he left the Free Church, and received the assurance that it would be done, and it would be all the better at an election.

"Are you mad, and worse than mad?" asked the minister. "Who gave you the authority to interfere with any man's religion? You know neither the thing you are doing, nor the men with whom you have to do. Our farmers, thank God, are not ignorant serfs who know nothing and cannot call their souls their own, but men who have learnt to think for themselves, and fear no one save Almighty God."

The factor could hardly find his voice for amazement. "But, I say, aren't you the Established Kirk minister and a Tory? This seems to me rather strange talk, don't you know?"

"Perhaps it does," replied the doctor, "but there's nothing a man feels deeper than the disgrace of his own side."

"Well," said Tompkins, stung by the word disgrace, "there are lots of things I could have done for you, but if this is your line, it may not be quite so pleasant for you in Drumtochty, let me tell you."

The doctor was never a diplomatic advocate, and now he allowed himself full liberty.

"You make Drumtochty pleasant or unpleasant for me!" with a withering glance at the factor. "There is one man in this parish neither you nor your master, nor the Queen herself (God bless her), can touch, and that is the minister of the Established Church. I was here before you were born, and I'll be here when you have been dismissed from your office. There is just one favour I beg of you, and I hope you will grant it," the doctor was now thundering. "It is that you never dare to speak to me the few times you may yet come to the parish of Drumtochty."

But we must pause, nor can we find room for the interview between Burnbrae and the Earl—one of the gems of the book.

GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS AT TRINITY.

It will doubtless interest our readers to learn that there are 2,324 specimens in the geological and natural history collections belonging to Trinity University. These comprise 193 birds, 915 shells, 91 corals, 37 fishes, 17 mammals, 30 sea-urchins and star fishes, 5 sponges, 161 ethnological and archaeological specimens, 50 pressed plants, 370 fossils, and about 450 rocks, minerals and ores.

By far the most important of the above-named are the collections of birds, corals and shells. The 193 birds represent 105 species, and include large and fine specimens of the wild turkey, the American and whistling swans, eagles, owls, hawks, starlings, finches, grebes, terns, herons, plovers, curlews, bitterns, ducks, woodpeckers, a bird of paradise, thrushes, larks, grosbeaks and grouse. The 915 shells represent 142 species, including the pearly nautilus, cowry, olive-shell, harp-shell, razor-shell, bishop's mitre, and many other beautiful forms from the Indian Ocean, the Atlantic and the Pacific. The corals are especially showy and attractive. Amongst these may be mentioned the

brainstone, madrepores, fan corals, mushroom, organ pipe and other corals from the inter-tropical seas. It is estimated that the entire collections are worth about \$1,700.

Of course, Prof. Montgomery's private collection of minerals, fossils and archaeological specimens is not included in the foregoing. About one-half of his collection has been placed on exhibition in the west wing, and amongst them are many rare and interesting things. As examples of the rare minerals and other specimens in this collection, we may mention the following:—The new form of variscite from Utah, wurtzilite, uintahite, onofrite, olivenite, tiemanite, conicalcite, covellite, monazite, sylvanite, cacoxenite, genthite, alabandite, alunogen, alunite, aluminite, brochantite, allemontite, new pseudomorphous forms of hematite, unusual crystalline forms of quartz, galena, topaz and azurite, besides skulls and various relics of the cliff-dwellers and ancient mound-builders. The rare minerals herein enumerated are mostly compounds of iron, copper, manganese, lead, aluminum, arsenic, mercury, sulphur and nickel.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL LETTER.

To the Editor of TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—In writing my letter to you this month the first thought that enters my mind is, very naturally, that of our victory at football over Upper Canada. The account of the game has appeared in the papers already, so that I shall do no more than chronicle our success and express the hope that the years to come may see it often repeated. We feel that it speaks well for the school and for the *esprit de corps* of her members that, both in cricket and football, we have succeeded in winning our most important match, when our fortunes were scarcely as brilliant as in former years. Great credit is due to the XV. for their hard work and perseverance, and it would be invidious to single out any for special praise. Now that the colder weather has set in, football has given place to ground-hockey, and from present indications the hockey VII. should be stronger than usual. Five members of last year's team are available, and several of the newcomers, as well as of the old members of the club, have reputations which we hope they will justify. The club held its meeting on the 22nd of November, when the officers were elected. Mr. Nightingale is President, Mr. Collinson the Secretary, while Thorne, Strathy and Henderson form the committee. We hope soon to have our own rink in the grounds, now that the town waterworks are in working order. While I am on the subject of water I may as well tell you that the fire brigade can throw a good stream of water over the building from two points, so that we are well protected against fire. The building is approaching completion and will be finished by Christmas. Those who knew it in the old days will scarcely recognize it in its new form, so many changes have been made. On Monday evening, November 25th, a meeting was held to discuss the school colours and decorations. Mr. Broughall was in the chair, and it was proposed and carried that an effort should be made towards establishing uniformity in the matter of general school blazers and caps. For some years past there have been different shades of red in use; in fact, as the chairman remarked, the red has varied from vermilion to garnet. After some research, a piece of the old red and black triangular ribbon was obtained from the Head Master, the red in which was pronounced by him to be of the correct shade. The meeting decided to use this red only in all school colours. With regard to a blazer for general use, the complaint has so often been made that there is nothing distinctive in the old red and black stripe, besides the objection of its general use by everybody and the fact that the red is of a wrong shade, that it was felt that some change should be made, and a regulation blazer

not so easily copied substituted for it. It was accordingly proposed and carried that in future the school blazers should be of black flannel or serge, bound round the edges and cuffs with red silk one inch wide. It was also proposed and carried that a uniform cap should be worn by all members of the school, the pattern being left to the decision of a general committee composed of the masters and members of the different games' committees. This general committee is also to have the decision in all matters affecting club distinctions; those for cricket and football will remain the same in design, the proper shade of red being substituted for that now in use; while any other clubs desiring distinctive colours or badges must have the consent of this committee before taking them. By these means it is to be hoped that their colours will be a mark of T.C.S. boys, and that we shall, at the same time, acquire uniformity and distinctive colours of our own. No regulation is to be enforced with regard to the blazer and cap, but we confidently rely on public opinion to bring about their general and exclusive use. To return to lighter themes, several boys went home on the 21st to eat their Thanksgiving turkey in the bosom of their families. So far no serious casualties have been reported amongst them, or amongst those whom they left behind, though a crowded express wagon which arrived at the school on Thursday morning gave the more thoughtful ones cause for reflection. It is a pleasure to be able to extend our congratulations to E. W. Congdon, S. Peck and G. B. Patteson on their recent marriages, and we hope that many years of happiness lies before them. Amongst other Old Boys, we notice that Lieutenant D. MacInnes is one of the thirty officers specially chosen for the Ashanti expedition; while B. McGee and J. W. Osborne sailed on November 27th to join their respective regiments. L. M. Lyon has recently been appointed to a position on the Toronto Globe, in which we wish him every success. His editorial efforts in the columns of Red and Black have apparently borne fruit. G. Cochrane was "end rush" for Princeton in their game with Yale. The school breaks up for Christmas on Dec. 19th, and we hope to open the New Year with increased numbers.

Believe me, Mr. Editor, yours faithfully,

T. C. S.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL, Nov. 27, 1895.

[Are not the colours of Trinity College School supposed to be identical with those of Trinity University, *i.e.*, scarlet and black, differing only in the adopted form of points as opposed to parallel lines? Our correspondent makes reference to the old school ribbon presumably of the correct shade. If our information is correct the ribbon referred to was of *crimson* and black points, not the scarlet and black of Trinity.—ED.]

CONVOCAATION DINNER.

Convocation dinner, held on November 13th, is an outcome of the old S. Simon's and S. Jude's supper, a college institution as old as the University, and one of the two or three great events of the college year. To the freshman entering for the first time the hall laid for the dinner, a sight presents itself which is generally indelibly impressed in his mind. The shimmering rays of light reflected back in soft tints from the dark wainscoting and losing themselves higher up in the dark recesses behind the gargoyles and grinning monsters of the carved roof, the music, the glitter of the table, and the sedate row of dons at the upper end of the board, with the Chancellor in the middle hiding behind the great epergne; all these fill him with awe and respect for the university he has entered. But when he again enters the hall and sees the rows of ink-stained tables and is deafened by the scratching of pens he

trembles at the transformation and gazes in despair at the uxor and gorgoyle's grin.

The dinner was a success. Everything went well; S. Hildas in the gallery were charming, the music was good, and the speeches were the best heard for many a day. The Chancellor proposed "The Queen," which toast was honoured in true Trinity fashion. The Hon. G. W. Ross' speech to the Learned Professions was quite a masterpiece. The Toast Committee can especially appreciate his remarks, for, appropriate or not as the quotations may have been, he certainly did not find them barren soil. We cannot well express our satisfaction at the Minister of Education's presence at the dinner. May we be honoured by his presence for many years to come! The responses to this toast were four in number, all following the order of the evening in brevity and general interest. For the Church Archdeacon Lauder replied; for the legal profession Judge Macdonald, of Brockville, and R. T. Walkem; for the profession of medicine, Dr. Temple; for the profession of teaching, Dr. Parkyn.

Trinity was proposed by the Bishop of Toronto, and replied to by the Chancellor and the Provost, who received an ovation.

The toast to the Faculties was undertaken by Mr. W. R. Brock, and replied to by the Dean. Mr. Barlow Cumberland proposed Affiliated Colleges, to which Dean Geikie replied on behalf of Trinity Medical College. Then followed the students' toasts more particularly. Mr. C. A. Seager ably proposed Sister Universities, and the following gentlemen replied briefly but to the point:—Mr. Sills, of Trinity Medical—this is not a sister institution in the same sense as the others, being part of ourselves, but it always comes under this toast—Mr. King, of Toronto University; Mr. Munro, of Queen's; Mr. _____, of King's; Mr. White, of Osgoode Hall; Mr. Weekes, of Victoria; Mr. Sycamore, of McMaster; Mr. Renison, of Wycliffe. Our latest addition to the professorial staff, Mr. Mackenzie, proposed College Institutions, and Mr. D. F. Campbell responded to that popular toast. Two of their favourites had the distinguished honour of handling the toast to The Ladies, Mr. E. C. Cattnach and Mr. H. B. Robertson.

The speech of Dr. Parkyn was especially worthy of note, it is a great thing to have a Principal of Upper Canada understand Trinity rightly, and we hope in consequence to see many of the boys from that school in our halls. The Provost's speech was cheered to the echo, while of the Dean much was expected and more fulfilled. The Dean has a reputation to sustain as an after-dinner speaker, and he does it right nobly. Mr. Mackenzie, our new professor of Mathematics, gave the toast for college institutions in a way that filled the undergraduates with joy, his speech was replied to by Mr. Campbell, who proved himself no mean orator. The toast to the ladies is always received with favor at Trinity, and to judge from the numerous glances cast by the speaker to the gallery we suspect that they came first in the toast. Then the representatives of the other colleges spoke each in his turn, and though men were missed from R. M. C. and McGill we had one from King's who brought kind messages from the sister university near the Atlantic. Mr. Troop, who is always on the spot, proposed the Freshmen, and Mr. Boyle answered in quite an able manner. Then speechifying gave place to other forms of festivity which were kept up to a late hour as though all were sorry to see Convocation Dinner slipping away into the past not to return for so many months. But alas it did, and now 'tis but a happy memory.

The exigencies of space will not permit of our keeping our promise regarding the publication of another of Prof. Boys' poems in this issue. We hope to do so in our next.

College Chronicle.

COLLEGE CUTS.

"The borrower is servant to the lender," says Solomon, and no doubt, as a man of experience and authority, he was qualified so to speak, and we may accept these words as generally applicable to man below. For instance, all of us have experienced the unpleasantness attached to the borrowing of filthy lucre, on a mere friendly understanding, of course. Business principles in a case of this sort are not mentioned, perhaps not even implied (on the part of the borrower at least); a typical "I say, old fellow, could you lend me a small sum for a few days?" characterizes the whole transaction. The few days go by; our good intentions of repayment remain, but only the intentions. We studiously avoid our kind friend in need, but yet he seems to be continually crossing our path; the unwritten days of grace are past and our friend's face wears an enquiring look. We meet him again and the look has changed to one of reproach, and our sense of honor begins to assert itself. We arrive at the stage of profuse apologies and flowing promises, and so it goes on, and, until the debt is eventually paid, our attitude shows that we are indeed the slaves of our kind friends. But in borrowing books it is another matter. Time and custom have brought it to pass that borrowers of these, the most valuable of possessions, are men whose consciences are a dead letter, or whose memories are extraordinarily defective. They may meet you each day for months, with anything but an air of servitude; your treasured volume lies on their shelves unread and forgotten, i.e., by them, and after many promises of return remain unfulfilled, you come to the common conclusion that a book lent is a book lost, and vow never to be guilty of such weakness again. For the residence man the term borrowing has completely lost its meaning; in fact, in residence we have returned to the state described in the early chapters of the Acts; in short, we are unconscious communists. The motto engraved in invisible letters over each door reads, "All mine is thine, take it when you will." For instance, you lay in a stock of note-paper, not for yourself, but for your corridor; the same corridor has a common ink bottle, a common mucilage pot, a common match-box, common cups and saucers, a common kettle, common eatables and drinkables, tobacco, clothes, and what not; truly a veritable nest of Communists—an ideal state of Socialism! Generally speaking, our borrowing is reciprocal in its character, i.e., we seldom return the article itself, but expect the lender sooner or later to borrow an equivalent. Good faith and good nature flow beneath all, and to abuse one's privileges in this respect is to be promptly frowned upon, and earns for the offender a "spungy" name and reputation. All Solomon's wisdom on this point could never have covered the residence man's case, full as the latter is of borrowing propensities, and, at the same time, the slave of no man. May the sage of sages' shade pardon us, if for once we take exception to his well-weighed words of wisdom.

We would like to open a College "want" column, but modestly forbear; besides, space as yet will not permit us. Suggestions, however, are always in order. In our opinion then, but one thing is needed to perfect the appearance of our chapel's interior, and that is that the present seats be replaced by oaken benches, which will much better harmonize with the handsome surroundings. A wealthy friend of Trinity might see the force of our suggestion were he to attend our services, and possibly might act in due accord.

Of course all, without exception, are unanimous in praising the dinner of 1895 as the very best. The greenhorn waxes enthusiastic; the old-timer, privileged to criticize as

he is, lets fall remarks of unmistakable appreciation. Leaving wine and wittles, the grosser essentials, aside, we must reiterate our praises of the speakers and speeches. The Toast Committee could not have used better judgment in choosing the men they did, while the speakers' judgment as to matter best adapted to their audience, and the length of delivery, is no less commendable. Their words were seasoned with salt, terse and to the point, and there was a pleasing lack of floweriness and long-windedness. Perhaps the appropriate quotations on the menu card, and their former experience, gave the honorable gentlemen the needful hint, and, if so, we have again to thank an excellent Toast Committee. An after-dinner speaker requires, besides brains and a comfortable, congenial feeling, a great deal of tact, else he is prone to become heavy, and his listeners, especially if they be students, will soon let him know that learned disquisitions are to be left to the lecture room, where they properly belong.

Recent publication.—"Round the Rugged Track in 3.11," (the extraordinary time made on a pneumatic Pullman,) by D. M. B.

We congratulate our public orator on his effort at the installation ceremonies the other day. *Of course* we in the gallery followed him and caught the meaning of what he said, but were hardly near enough to grasp the subtle humor which the more learned on the dais seemed to distinguish and enjoy. We didn't see the joke, but laughed because the Chancellor and his gorgeously attired crew did so, sympathetic sinners that we are. Again it may have been to cover our ignorance, but perhaps those who laughed loudest, even of the mighty circle, were in the same boat as ourselves.

In a recent issue of the Mail and Empire, the people of Toronto are congratulated on their good taste shown in the appreciation of strictly high-class drama. The attendance at Miss Ada Rehan's recent engagement speaks for itself, for it not only betokened Toronto's proverbial discrimination, but it was a tribute of the highest order from one of the most intelligent and most cultured audiences in America, to an actress most beautiful and without a peer in high-class comedy. As the foremost patrons of the theatre, the students were out in force at the above-mentioned performances, and Trinity men, especially the erstwhile dramatists, occupied a goodly portion of the gods, and looked with envy upon the more extravagant money burners in the pit. We are glad to see that due consideration is given by the Princess management to the denizens of the topmost gallery, in that proper politeness is shown them and programmes—an unknown luxury in other theatres—fall to the lot of the quarter man as to his wealthier neighbor.

On the evening of the — inst. the much-mooted Theosophical Association held its first seance of the season, behind closed doors and within the darkened stillness of No. 2. An ascetic mortal of most cadaverous mien led off in deep, sepulchral tones, and the burden of his words were further taken up by a lanky symphony in red and black.

Spirits of past days stirred up,
Cried loud within their several re-incarnations;
Past lives poured forth their mystic tale of joy and woe,
And one and all, base flesh dissolved,
To hold dark converse with the world unseen began,
And flitted here and there in ghostly form,
Till earthly gaslight rudely forced them back
From mystic flight, to carnal form once more.

Needless to say the inaugural meeting, as far as we can learn from the mysterious attendants, was most successful, and no doubt this latest of College institutions, claiming as it does, the support and encouragement of the faculty, must go on and prosper.

Now that the common room has been so nicely re-

decorated by the very much needed coat of paint, it is to be hoped that every man will feel it his duty to preserve its good appearance and uphold decency and order therein. It is *not* a place in which to kick a dirty football about, at the risk of soiling walls and periodicals, and smashing sundry pictures. Our subscriptions to the Library Institute are not paid to enjoy this privilege. No; the common room is a sanctum where silence and good order must of necessity prevail; it is a room of quiet recreation; the sober walls and oaken panelling lend it a quiet, sombre, thoughtful atmosphere, and the photos as they hang cast about it a spell of tradition. Our aim should be to respect—nay, to reverence this room and all connected therewith, and, as time goes on, to do all we can to add to its charm and comfort.

Among our many Thanksgiving Day visitors none were more welcome than the two distinguished members of Irving's Lyceum Company. These two gentlemen formerly students of this college, appeared to great advantage in Mr. Irving's productions in this city at the beginning of the season, and though their histrionic abilities are of the highest order, circumstances have retarded their elevation to the position they deserve. In fact they have had a difference with England's famous actor as to his methods of stage management, and have left his company to join Miss Bernhardt's at the beginning of the year.

Since the dinner one or two complaints have come from graduates in town and the neighbourhood that due notification was not given them of the event. The reproach implied we feel is unmerited, for the Clerk of Convocation is responsible for due notice to members of that body only. To prevent any further misunderstanding in this respect the above complainants might see that their names (and fees) are duly entered in the Convocation books, or, failing to do this, let them make their presence in town more generally known by more frequent visits to the halls of their alma mater.

Exams., like bad pennies, will turn up with startling regularity, and the second week of December will see them fairly under way. Pity 'tis to risk spoiling the Christmas season with such bugbears, for who can enjoy his turkey and plum pudding with the heavy weight of ill-fortune weighing on his conscience, and the reproachful eyes of pater familias focused upon him?

We believe that Messrs. Baldwin, '96, and Dymond the divine, are about to interview the Minister of Militia with the view of abolishing Canada's Tommy Atkins, as an unnecessary evil. Their plea is chiefly based on the fact that in their belief, the time in which "war shall be no more" has come at last upon us, and also that the canteen drill is demoralizing in its effects, both upon the coffers and morals of the men. Such experienced members of the militia and of former high standing therein, should be given a fair hearing, and a careful answer returned them.

A movement is on foot to publish the late Professor Boys' poems. We understand that the matter is being energetically pushed, and its projectors hope to have the book out by Easter. Many of the poems are superior productions, and it is a shame that they should lie useless and unknown on somebody's top shelf. We hope that those who knew Professor Boys will support the efforts of those who are trying to carry out the laudable task.

LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The second vice-president, Mr. H. B. Gwyn, B.A., presided at the regular meeting of the 8th Nov. Two of the delinquents on whom the wrath of the former meeting had fallen were present and offered humble apologies for their

absence, after giving satisfactory explanations therefor. Messrs. R. H. Warren and Fenning, the readers of the evening, chose Ingoldsby and Tennyson, respectively, wherewith to please and instruct their listeners. The debate: "Resolved, That the stand taken by the Cuban insurgents is patriotic and worthy of success," was supported by Messrs. Bell ('96) and Colville ('96), and denied by Messrs. McCallum, B.A., and Rounthwaite ('97). The subject being, as all know, a vital one, and one that involves a thorough acquaintance with the present Cuban trouble, provoked a fitting discussion from all concerned, the leaders of both sides being specially noticeable.

Mr. Brain's essay on Football showed careful preparation and research. His account of the origin of the sport of sports enlightened many an enthusiastic pig-skin man.

The Literary Institute jogs along the even tenor of its way with a first-rate average attendance and the usual standard in debates, essays and readings. We are glad to see a goodly number of First Year men in attendance, and that they show a lively interest in the programmes. We would like to see them taking a larger share in discussion, but we must consider their retiring dispositions and the comparative humbleness of their position in general; but do hope that they will improve as time goes on.

The fourth meeting, on Friday the 1st inst., opened with an essay on "The Sentiments of Whittier," by Mr. H. C. Wilson, which was written in a very charming style. Mr. Ryerson gave, we think, the best reading we have heard this term. At this juncture a musical number (a new feature in the programme) was introduced. That ever genial and accommodating friend of Trinity, Mr. Carter Troop, M.A., sang, and his effort called forth a hearty encore. Then met four doughty champions in gentle debate, to settle the question whether or not it is the duty of the state to look after the education of the masses. Mr. Boyle, on the affirmative, delivered a well-prepared and excellent speech, which was met on the negative by Mr. Osborne in a very able attempt to win a losing cause. One of the debaters failing to put in an appearance, Mr. Troop kindly volunteered to take his place. A lively discussion from the body of the house showed the interest taken in the question at issue. Both votes were in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Troop, in acknowledging a vote of thanks which was unanimously tendered to him, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present once more at the Literary meetings, and his willingness to do anything in his power to further its interests.

The elections for First Year Councillor resulted in Mr. McEwen being returned.

For the sixth meeting, Mr. Hubbard wrote a short essay on the history of the Literary Institute, in which he showed that the Literary Institute (in the form of a debating society) ante-dates even the foundation of Trinity College. The essay was extremely well written, but too meagre in detail.

The debaters discussed that burning international question, the marriage of titled people across the seas with Americans. We do not think that the speeches either for or against will make or mar the prospects of any impecunious "title" who seeks the hand of America's millions.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Marling for placing his copy of "Outing" at the disposal of the Common Room.

Since our last issue the Common Room has been tastefully painted a dark red, and a gilt moulding run round to hang the pictures on. The improvement is decided. We hope that this good move is but the harbinger of further much-needed reforms begun by the progressive Institute Council.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the readings as a rule are vile. For goodness sake prepare beforehand, you readers,

so that there may not be such a bond of close union between your noses and your books.

The meeting on the 15th Nov. was attended rather well. The debate was on a most interesting subject. "Resolved that the expenditure by the Government on the Canadian militia is unwarranted by the results, and not to be encouraged in the future." Messrs. Dymond and M. D. Baldwin argued on the affirmative and Messrs. Macdougall and Southam on the negative. The negative had the better of the argument and also the winning side in the second vote. Mr. Wallen's essay on the "Nebular Theory" was really excellent, and the readings by Messrs. Wilkie and Seaborn very fair the latter's being the better delivered. Mr. Osborne was in the chair.

SPORTS.

We regret that, owing to the crowded condition of the paper, athletics cannot claim their customary space. To be sure, there are not many events to chronicle in this column. We give the details of the Annual Athletic Sports, but this is the time of year most appropriate for a little frank comment on sports during the past months, and their probable effect on the general athletic position at Trinity. We are unable, however, to give space adequate to a fitting description of the annual games at Exhibition track, so much less can we indulge in comment, the value of which is perhaps doubtful. In our next issue we hope to devote more attention to athletics during the past term.

November 7th witnessed the inauguration of Trinity's third Annual Athletic Sports. The untoward condition of the weather caused the various events to be spread over an unusual length of time, the programme not reaching a conclusion.

The following are the events in their proper order:—Steeplechase (Mr. Huntingford's cup), Heaven, 1st; Warren, 2nd; Temple, 3rd. 100 yards, Campbell, 1st; Johnson, 2nd; Hubbard, 3rd. Mile, Heaven, 1st; Warren, 2nd; Temple, 3rd. 440 yards (Provost's cup), Campbell, 1st; Hubbard, 2nd; Johnson, 3rd. Broad jump, McEwen, 1st; Hubbard, 2nd. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, Heaven, 1st; Warren, 2nd; Campbell, 3rd. 220 yards, Campbell, 1st; Johnson, 2nd; Heaven, 3rd. Team race, won by '96, Heaven, Campbell, Warren, Good.

From the above it will be seen that the championship mantle covers two pair of shoulders. Campbell and Heaven are even, with the score of three firsts and one third each. Mrs. Campbell's beautiful medal goes to one champion, while a duplicate, presented by several members of the faculty, will adorn the other's manly breast.

The return match with Peterborough was played on the campus on Thanksgiving Day. The weather was very cold and the ground hard. A hard and fast game resulted in a victory for Trinity by 24-7.

The as yet unchronicled inter-year games resulted as follows:—'96 defeated '97 and the Divinity Class. '97 defeated '98. The Divinity Class defeated '98.

The champions and holders of the Martin cup for the year are the bold boys of '96; they have won a truly phenomenal victory, scoring 101 points, as against 3 points scored against them.

The 1st XV., which defeated Peterborough, was the strictest college team we know of in the field this year. It was composed as follows:—Back—Southam; Halves—Senkler, Bedford—Jones, Campbell; Quarter—Bain; Scrimmage—White, Bushell, Gwyn; Wings—Tremayne, Warren, Heaven, Macdougall, Becher, Cooper, E. G. Osler.

The general meeting of the Athletic Association held on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, was in many respects disgraceful. The most important piece of legislation enacted by the

Association in years, was brought before a meeting of the magnificent proportions of twenty-nine members. *Twenty-nine* members found time to be present at the revision of the constitution. Of these we are bound to say the non-residents contributed their quota. Their lively interest in the matter was evinced by the presence on the scene of *one* member. When to this it is added that not more than half of those present displayed an intelligent interest in the important proceedings, it is small wonder that those who are giving their time and energy to conducting the Association's affairs express themselves as fairly disgusted.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. P. O'Reilly, B.A., of '95, lately paid a visit to Alma Mater.

Rev. Wm. Carter, M.A., has been appointed rector *locum tenens* for Mr. Harrison at St. Matthias' church.

Mr. Rigby a nephew of our popular Dean is we believe, sharing the Dean's apartments and attending Upper Canada.

A charming "At Home" was given by Miss Patteson on Tuesday, the 19th. A large number of Toronto people and Trinity men were present.

Mr. Swayne has been confined to his room for some days by a hurt sustained in football. It is with great pleasure that we see him getting about again.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Mr. Warren of '97 who had to give up work for a time on account of trouble with his eyes.

Rev. H. M. Little spent a few days in College during this month. We hasten to congratulate him upon his recent marriage and upon the success of his work at Holland Landing.

Among familiar faces this year we miss that of Mr. J. G. Browne B.A. We had expected to see him with us again, but he has altered his plans and decided to take his theological course in England.

Professor Clark has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to lecture in the college, though he has had to cancel several outside engagements. We are all delighted to see him about once more.

Rev. H. E. Maddock, Professor of Classics in Trinity from 1875-1878 has been appointed a Canon Residentiary of York. He was a Fellow and Librarian of Clare College, Cambridge, and is now Vicar of Patrington in Yorkshire.

The Provost is giving a series of excellent talks on Tuesday evenings to the men in College on S. John the Baptist. They are marked by a tone of deep earnestness and devotion and cannot fail to make a deep impression upon all who hear them.

Mr. M. MacKenzie, M.A., a graduate of this University and a wrangler of Cambridge, has begun his work here as Professor of Mathematics. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. MacKenzie with all good wishes for his and Mrs. MacKenzie's happiness and prosperity.

Our quondam and popular undergraduate, H. E. Tremayne, M.D., C.M., has been appointed head physician of the Home for Incurables. Mr. Tremayne lately took a high stand in Trinity medical examinations. We heartily congratulate him upon his success.

Several Arts men who have not been in residence heretofore have seen the error of their ways and have come in. Among them are Messrs. Wadsworth and Rounthwaite. Of course the usual number of whilom outsiders have entered the Divinity corridor.

Rt. Rev. P. T. Rowe, M.A., Bishop-elect of Alaska, is to be admitted to the degree of D.D. *jure dignitatis*. He hopes to be in Toronto at an early date to take the degree in person.

A number of important personal items, which last month were seemingly forgotten, appear in this number. They were crowded out of the October issue somewhat indiscriminately owing to lack of space.

A number of more or less recent B.A.'s have revisited the scenes of their undergraduate days. Among them were noticed Messrs. Buck, Nelles, Robertson, Sanders and Hall, of '94, and Messrs. Osler and McMurrich, of '95. Glad to see you old chaps. Come often.

For one reason and another several undergraduates have "turned up missing" this term. Among them we especially regret to notice Messrs. Rogers, F. G. Osler, Bain, Douglass and Morris, who were among the most popular men in college. In athletics their loss will be deeply felt.

Always a pleasant feature of Convocation dinner is the presence as our guests of representatives of sister institutions. This year a goodly number were able to accept our invitation. We are sorry that McGill and R. M. C. were unrepresented, and equally we rejoice to have welcomed a member of far-distant King's.

We extend hearty congratulations to Rev. Alex. Mackenzie, a graduate of '91, on his recent marriage. His wife was Miss Helen Leonard, of Geneva, N. Y. Mr. Mackenzie is an honour graduate in Classics and was an immensely popular man here. He is at present Head Master of Dr. Sheldrake's school for boys at Lakefield.

Mr. P. Secord Lampman B.A., a graduate of '88, has been lately appointed secretary of the Law Society of British Columbia. It gives us great pleasure to note the success of our graduates. We regret that we lose sight of a good many of them and are unable in so many cases to follow their careers subsequent to their graduation.

Dr. Weld, of South Australia, a graduate of Trinity of 1855, paid a visit to Alma Mater shortly before term opened. We are delighted to see that a graduate of even that distant date has not forgotten his old College. He must have been surprised and pleased with the great changes which have taken place since that time.

Mr. J. H. MacGill, M.A., a graduate of '89, has come back to Trinity to enter the Divinity class. Mr. MacGill is an honour graduate in Philosophy. He has spent some years in the West practising law and journalism. We tender him a hearty welcome and consider ourselves fortunate in having a man who will prove an acquisition in many ways.

The new Bishop of Alaska, Rev. Dr. Roe, is a graduate of Trinity. Trinity has many sons of whom she is justly proud, but none with more reason than Dr. Roe. He is going into the frozen region of Alaska to dwell amid loneliness and privation to extend the boundaries of the Kingdom of Christ. He has our hearty prayers for success.

Through an omission on the part of the printers a word of welcome which THE REVIEW desired to extend to Professor and Mrs. MacKenzie on their coming to Toronto in connection with Trinity, was left out in our last issue. But it is never too late for good wishes, and we desire to express ours to Mr and Mrs. MacKenzie. THE REVIEW wishes them success and happiness life long.

For a couple of days at Convocation dinner-time we were privileged to exchange mutual compliments before several of our fires with Mr. W. Bennett Munro, of Queen's. An excellent good fellow is Mr. Munro, and most heartily welcome among us again as well for his own as his College's sake. We only regret that owing to other claims upon them we were deprived of the honour of entertaining

more representatives of our sister universities for a space of time greater than that covered by the dinner proper.

Rev. P. T. Rowe, who has been elected Bishop of Alaska, is, we are proud to say, an old Trinity man and a graduate of this college. Trinity has many sons of whom she feels justly proud, but of none does she feel more proud than of Bishop Rowe. He with his devoted wife are going amid the ice and snow of the frozen region of Alaska to dwell and, in all probability, to spend their lives in comparative loneliness and privation in order to extend the boundaries of the Kingdom of Christ. Our hearty prayers and good wishes go with them.

Rev. Frank DuMoulin, M.A., curate of Holy Trinity church in this city has been appointed Assistant Rector of Holy Trinity church, Chicago. He takes up his new work at the beginning of the New Year. We are sorry that the Church in Canada is to lose Mr. DuMoulin, who is an extremely able and promising man, but we heartily congratulate him upon his success, and desire to express our good wishes. At Trinity we shall miss his familiar face very, very much, and shall always remember him with pride and affection. We hope he will have a warm place in his heart for his alma mater.

We notice the wedding of Rev. James Chappell M.A., which took place on Sept. 2nd in St. Stephen's church in this city. Mr. Chappell, who was ordained last June, was president of the Literary Institute and of the Athletic Association last year and an extremely popular and influential man in College. To say that we miss his influence in College and his geniality and good-fellowship in general would be to put the matter mildly. Shortly after his marriage he sailed for Japan where he is carrying on missionary work. May success and happiness attend him and his charming wife is the hearty prayer of all.

We see from an exchange that a gentleman called Rev. Barnes Reeves and who has appeared in other columns as Mr. Baynesheed and Rev. DeBrines Reid, whose proper public name is Rev. Baynes Reed, was presented with an address and a handsome communion service by the members of Holy Trinity Sunday School, Young People's Guild, and Choir in testimony of their appreciation of his services there. Mr. Reed took Rev. Frank DuMoulin's post at Holy Trinity church during the months of the past summer when the latter was in England. We congratulate Mr. Reed on his success. He is now under Rev. H. Symonds, M.A., of Peterborough.

It gives us great pleasure to record the ordinations of several Trinity men which have taken place. Rev. J. H. Coleman B.A., who distinguished himself in his career at this University was ordained priest by His Grace the Archbishop on St. Bartholomew's day. On Sept. 19th Rev. J. H. Hunter B.A., also a Trinity man, who is now missionary to the Magdalen Islands, was priested in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Mr. W. A. E. Butler M.A., and Mr. H. J. Spencer were admitted to the office of deacon on July 7th. With the exception of Mr. Hunter these men are all well known to many men here. THE REVIEW congratulates them all and wishes them every success.

THEOLOGICAL AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A regular meeting of the Theological and Missionary Society was held on Wednesday, November 6th, in Lecture Room 2 the Provost in the chair. The attendance was excellent. Two very interesting papers on Theosophy were read by Messrs. Dymond and Starr, B. A. A very instructive discussion followed in which many of the members took part. Professor Cayley made some very helpful remarks on the subject which will no doubt be of general

practical service to the members of the Society. The Provost admirably summed up the debate, and the meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday, 14th inst., the following were elected members of the Society:—The Rev. E. H. Capp, Messrs. Fee, Richards, Wilson A. C., Jones, Marling, McEwen, Spence, Walker, Ryerson, Miller, Brain, Johnson, Crawford-Ferguson and Ireland. It was decided to have the Devotional meeting of the term on Monday, December 2nd, in the Chapel at 9.45 p. m. The Rev. H. P. Lowe, M. A., kindly consented to conduct it. A Committee was appointed to inquire concerning the reduction of railroad fares for students who take Sunday Duty in outside places. The city colleges have been communicated with, and they have agreed to co-operate with our Society so that our claims on the railway will be energetically pressed.

On Tuesday a regular meeting was held for the purpose of hearing the papers of Messrs. Swayne and Johnson, B. A., on China. Professor Cayley occupied the chair. The secretary read a letter from the Rev. A. J. Wright expressing regret at his inability to be present, and hoping that on some future occasion he might be able to be with us. The attendance unfortunately was very poor indeed, this is specially to be regretted as the papers were most entertaining, and contained much valuable information. Mr. Swayne read the first paper on "China; its Governors and Government." He went thoroughly into the system of Chinese Government and showed that their customs are not so bad as is usually supposed. Their officers are not allowed to take fees of any kind in payment of their services, and the magistrate must try a case at once, no "putting-off" is allowed. Then, a Chinaman may, if he chooses, appeal to a higher court, and even to the Emperor himself. Mr. Johnson followed with a paper dealing more particularly with the religious side of the Chinese life. Some classes appear to be Polytheistic in that they venerate the spirits of their deceased ancestors. Others incline almost to Atheism, Confucianism and Atheism being almost alike. Filial love is a thing specially noteworthy in the Chinese character. Professor Cayley closed the debate with an expression of the great hope that there was for the Church in the Chinese field, one of the greatest causes for this hope being the "passive virtues" of the Chinese.

A business meeting was held on Thursday, 28th inst., the Provost in the Chair. The attendance was very small indeed. It was decided to send two delegates to the Convention of the Church Students Missionary Association to be held in Geneva, N. Y., in January. Mr. Seager and the Secretary were elected as Trinity's Delegates. It was decided to have a special notice board for the Society.

Mr. Swayne has unhappily been unable to go out to Pickering for the last few Sundays owing to an accident which he received when playing football. Mr. Field has been taking his place. The Humber Mission, which has been in charge of Mr. Fleming for some time, has made very great progress, and we may hope soon to have a church there.

Messrs. McCallum and Gwyn are helping Canon Osler and Mr. Powell at York Mills and Eglington. The Church in both these places is making rapid strides.

Mr. Francis is busy making up his Norval Sunday school report. The attendance during the past year has been very good and regular. A very large percentage of the scholars have been to Sunday school every Sunday.

The College authorities have kindly given permission to those students who take Sunday Duty and so are out all day, to have supper when they return home late at night tired and weary with the day's labours.

Mr. Adams, who was formerly in charge of Fairbank, went out there a few Sundays ago to the people's great pleasure.

On the Sunday before Advent Rev. E. C. Trenholm, of St. Cyprian's, preached and celebrated at S. Hilda's, Fairbank. His sermon which was preached on the text "The Lord our Righteousness," was very good indeed.

SERMON.

"Wisdom is justified of her children."—S. MATTHEW xi., 10.

I do not know many words of Scripture which have been more variously interpreted than these. And yet, as Christ's words, they must contain some definite message for us. Let us, therefore, enquire what is the "wisdom" spoken of? Who are her children? How do they justify her? And thus I believe we shall arrive at the practical truth which the Master intended these words to convey to our hearts. In order to answer these enquiries we must approach the question from the direction of the context. John the Baptist had been cast into prison. But into the gloom and solitude of Machærus came the glad tidings of Christ's wonderful works, and John's disciples are dispatched with the enquiry, "Art thou he that should come?" The result of this enquiry was to bring into immediate contrast the two great teachers who had come from God to the men of that day. There had been the faithful, fearless call of the Baptist to repentance with his isolated, severe and unusual life, and now there was the tender pleading of Christ, the ministry of love preaching free grace and forgiveness, and though divine, standing upon the plane of their common humanity, entering into the joy and sorrow of life, now gracing a humble marriage feast with sympathetic kindness, now eating bread in a publican's house, and now comforting mourners for the dead with a miracle of resurrection. Either should have been enough to bring the nation to its knees, but both combined had failed to do so.

For, notwithstanding the multitudes who came to John's baptism, the opposition of the leaders of religious thought made his ministry a failure so far as national regeneration was concerned. How strange that in almost every age the great opponents of some movement for the blessing of mankind have been the leaders of religious thought. And although the "common people" heard him gladly, the rulers were already plotting the death of Jesus, and hence his scathing arraignment of them: "Whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets and calling unto their fellows and saying, we have piped unto you and ye have not danced, we have mourned unto you and ye have not wept."

An eminent commentator upon S. Luke's Gospel says that Our Lord took this illustration from a scene which He had often witnessed, and in which, as a boy, He had probably taken part. It was a favourite amusement of the Jewish children to gather in the village market place, and, dividing into two companies, with that dramatic genius which is so characteristic of the Orientals, one company would represent some familiar scene up to a certain point, such as a marriage ceremony or a funeral procession, leaving the other company to guess their meaning and take up the act and complete it.

In the picture before us, however, those who should take up the spirit of the act are represented as sulky and unresponsive. They refuse to enter into the spirit of the hour and remain unmoved, and thus Our Lord depicts the general indifference of the men of His day to the voices of the two great messengers who had appeared, John, with his call of repentance and his train of penitents, and Christ, with His promises of grace and attended by a company of happy believers.

But while the means employed by these two teachers were so different as to seem almost opposed to each other, so that the resistance of the one would almost imply the embracing of the other, the moral insensibility of the age

and the carping spirit of the times had reached such a pitch that neither method availed to the regeneration of the nation, and thus Our Lord applies his parable, "John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say he hath a devil. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say behold a man gluttonous and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." But amid all this captious and unresponsiveness there were some who yielded and obeyed—some who were wise enough to accept the divine method for their salvation, and of these the Master speaks as "the children of wisdom." And, thus, at once we conclude that the wisdom for which we are looking is the wisdom of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and His great redemption. And surely we can find no higher manifestation of the divine wisdom either in the world of nature or in the world of grace—for, as the complete restoration of that which has been destroyed is more difficult than to create, or as our resurrection will be more wondrous than our birth, so is the moral regeneration of a soul into the perfection of holiness a more wonderful manifestation of wisdom even than its creation. The cross of Christ, as it is the most wondrous expression of divine love, so is it the most wondrous expression of divine wisdom which man has yet beheld.

And, again, you will agree that if this be true, the very wisest thing a man can do is to accept humbly this wonderful redemption. And, indeed, the Holy Spirit of wisdom speaks of our being "made wise unto salvation." And thus we gather who the children of wisdom are. And, furthermore, when man, the highest embodiment of earthly intelligence, but little lower than the angels, by an intelligent and deliberate act surrenders himself to God's plan of regeneration does he not justify the wisdom by which that plan was originated? And when men behold the blessed change which such a surrender will bring in his once sinful and depraved nature does he not become a living justification of God's redeeming and regenerating wisdom? And, indeed, as to become this is his first and highest duty, so do we unravel our Master's message to us when He says: "Wisdom is justified of her children." By "letting our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glory Our Father which is in heaven," the children of wisdom are to win them to the conclusion that the gift of God in Jesus Christ is both great, and good and wise, and thence by a most natural inference are they to be led to conclude that so also is His holy Church which ministers that gift to men both good and wise.

And in facing this duty let us not esteem it lightly, but remember that the spirit and attitude of the world to-day towards God's truth and God's Church is just as cold and captious as it was when the living Christ rebuked its apathy.

Now, if I am right in concluding that as children of wisdom, we owe a great duty and service to Christ and His Church, so am I right in concluding that we owe a like duty and service to every worthy handmaid of that church.

And here I am deeply impressed with three thoughts:—

1st. This University exists not only as an eminent centre of secular learning, but mainly as a propaganda of the Christian faith as distinctively held and taught by the Church to which we belong.

2nd. As such she must, from the very nature of the case, depend for her strength and resources not to any extent upon the state, nor yet upon the public in general, but chiefly upon the friendship and good-will of those who have good reason to be her friends.

And, thirdly, we are here assembled as such, as her living and loyal sons, who, grateful for what under God she has been to us, and fully persuaded of the worthiness of her aims and the soundness of her principles, have become confederate in Convocation in order that we may the better uphold her hands and commend her to the public confidence.

Fellow members of Convocation, do I thus rightly interpret our *raison d'être*? Then I am quite in order when I invite you to enquire how this may best be done. How best shall the Alumni of Trinity minister to her increasing strength and usefulness? Need I remind you that no suggestions of the preacher can be of any lasting value save so far as they are drawn from the spirit of Him who is at once the power of God and the wisdom of God. And let me remind you that corporate action in any cause can only possess a vitalizing power so far as it embodies the conviction and enthusiasm of individual hearts. Therefore, let each of our hearts be enthused by the thought of what we owe this university, and then far-reaching shall be the results of our combined enthusiasm. Let every member of this body be attuned to the same noble impulse, and then who shall measure the results or limit our possibilities for her good? Let every man who bears the imprimatur of this Church university arise to the conviction that he has a mission to perform on her behalf, which is by life and doctrine to commend at once the truth he has been taught and the mother who has taught him.

And be it observed this is not a duty which alone belongs to those of her sons who stand in the ranks of the sacred ministry. Is it not a glory of this university that, in this secularizing age, she is a centre of Christian learning, and not for Divinity men alone; but interweaving with the pursuit of secular knowledge the higher and even more important truths of a divinely given faith? Was she not brought into being to educate souls as well as intellects? Is she not careful that the men who fill her professorial chairs shall be ripe, not only in scholarship, but ripe also in the knowledge of divine truth, and able exponents of that truth as committed to our hereditary and Apostolic Church? And all this that she may send forth not only Christian ministers but Christian laymen; sons of the Church, fully equipped in her doctrine and principles, and able "to give to every man that asks them, a reason for the hope that is in them." What else can be inferred from the fact that here, as a part of her equipment and the fairest part, stands this beautiful chapel—this home of daily Christian worship?

Brethren of the laity, you cannot over-estimate the influence for good exerted by a truly devoted and intelligent layman. And the higher the order of his intellectual attainments, the greater will his influence become for good. When men of high intellectual attainments and undoubted mental power, and who have won their way to high positions of public trust, are found humbly bowing at the cross of Christ and kneeling at the altars of His Church, then in them "Wisdom is justified of her children." And we who wear the ephod and stand to minister in holy things, though we are the divinely commissioned messengers of God's truth, yet is it more important that our lives should be eloquent than our lips. And yet it must be the spirit and principle of our ministry, rather than the externals. We may follow the Baptist, that priest of the wilderness, in all the stern rigours of his life; we may buffet our bodies and make our lives one long abnegation of all that the natural man will crave for, and though this may help us, it will never bring the world to repentance. In the same spirit, if not in the same words, they will say of us as was said of John, "He hath a devil."

Or we may swing to the opposite extreme, and seek to win men by what we may call our broad-minded geniality; we may use our so-called Christian liberty to its utmost bounds in our association with the world, and so be courted of society, but this will never draw from men a tear of repentance. More likely will they speak of us as they spoke of Christ. Something very much more than either of these is needed if in us "Wisdom is to be justified of her children." We must be truly called of God to this

ministry; we must order our lives at once in the consecrated, non-luxurious spirit of John's, and the wise, considerate, but unworldly spirit of Christ's. We must be careful, in delivering the everlasting Gospel, to do so with such a recognized educational status that men shall distinguish us from mere blind enthusiasts or shallow-minded utterers of cant. Then may we hope that men will come at our call and range themselves beneath the cross, the trusting place of Heaven's love and Heaven's justice. And then, too, in our lives shall Wisdom be justified of her children.

And so men of Trinity, lay and clerical, we are all to be her missionaries and her advocates, not only with our lips but in our lives. It should be our holy ambition that our lives, our characters, our knowledge, and all that she, under God, has helped us to become, may be at once a vindication of her existence and a plea for her support.

Even as those who have taken their way through an orange grove are said to carry with them such a fragrance that men know what kind of a place they have been in, so let it be our aim, by Christian nobility and devotion of character, to let it be known what our associations with this dear old college have been to us, and thus what they shall become to others if they will enter at these doors.

And so shall men be led to think well of her; well of the Church whose doctrines she inculcates; well of the Christianity of which that Church is the noblest and truest exponent.

But who is sufficient for these things? The energizing power behind them all must be the Holy Spirit of God, and He will dwell most in the life which dwells nearest to Christ.

If we would make our lives speak for Christ to the souls of men; if we would be Wisdom's children, in whom she shall be justified, we must go forth from frequent communings with Him who is at once our life and hope. Let me embody this closing thought in some lines which have very much impressed my own soul:

The soft and balmy eastern breeze,
Fluttering amid the flowers and trees,
And passing lightly over these
One sweet leaf found.

Attracted by its fragrant breath,
A perfume lingering after death,
The loving zephyr gently saith:
"Art thou the rose?"

"Ah, no," the fragrant leaf replied,
"To catch its sweetness I have tried,
And ever at the rose's side
I love to dwell."

So would I dwell by Sharon's Rose,
To catch the fragrance that He throws
O'er every plant that near Him grows,
And make it mine.

CONVOCATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting took place on Tuesday, 12th instant, at Trinity, and proved a successful gathering in every way. The Convocation service was, as usual, held on the previous evening in the College chapel, which was thronged for the occasion, the Rev. Archdeacon Evans, of Montreal, preaching an able sermon on the text, "Wisdom is justified of her children," which we have been enabled to print. The meeting itself was thoroughly representative, members and associate members being present from east and west, and including both the Archdeacons of Ontario Diocese, Dr. R. T. Walkem, His Honour Judge MacDonald,

Rev. Stearne Tighe, Rev. J. Gibson, Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, of Brantford, and many more too numerous to mention, but whom we were very glad to welcome at as large an annual Convocation meeting as has ever been held.

A measure of interest to the younger graduates of Trinity was the adoption of certain additions to the constitution recommended by the Executive Committee in accordance with a resolution passed at the meeting of graduates last March. These additions were as follows:—

That Article XVI. be added to read as follows:—

(i.) Bachelors of Arts of the University during the first four years succeeding their graduation may have all the privileges of full members of Convocation on payment of a fee of two dollars per annum.

(ii.) Bachelors of Arts of the University of more than four years and less than seven years' standing may have all the privileges of full members of Convocation on payment of a fee of five dollars per annum.

(iii.) The said fees shall be payable to the clerk on or before the first day of July in each year, and the names of all bachelors making the said payments shall be included by the clerk in his annual list of members of Convocation.

The present chairman and clerk of Convocation were re-elected for another year, and in place of six members of the Executive Committee who retire the following were elected: Mr. A. H. Young, Rev. J. S. Broughall, Mr. K. Martin, Prof. Mackenzie, Mr. A. B. Pottenger, and Rev. J. C. Mockridge.

The report of the Executive Committee was then presented and considered clause by clause. As a copy of it has been sent to every member of Convocation, and portions have been freely quoted in the public press (while further copies may, if required, be obtained from the clerk), we need not occupy space by giving extracts here. As may be seen, however, from the list of members and associates in good standing printed below, the number of 165 mentioned in the report has been considerably increased since November 1st.

A resolution was again passed urging on the corporation the advisability of having a regular agent, clerical or lay, to keep the claims of Trinity before the public. Also the following: "That Convocation on the earliest opportunity available desires to place on record their appreciation of the choice of the Rev. P. T. Rowe, a graduate of this University and a full member of Convocation, as Bishop of Alaska, conveying at the same time to our colleague the very heartiest congratulations on the high and dignified position to which he has been called, with the hope that he may long be spared to occupy and adorn the same."

The best means of adding to the University library, which is not all that friends of Trinity wish, was then discussed, and a committee appointed to consider what was best to be done and report to the Executive of Convocation. The other two subjects on the paper were left over till next year.

The following degrees were conferred at a special Convocation held at 2.15 p.m.:

B.A.—J. D. McMurrich, E. P. O'Reilly, C. J. H. Mockridge, G. L. Starr; *ad eundem*, E. A. Anderson, from Trinity College, Dublin.

M.A.—John Hamilton, W. W. Jones, J. S. L. McNeely and E. A. Anderson; *ad eundem*, W. MacCormack, from Toronto University.

B.C.L.—W. H. Holmes; *ad eundem*, Rev. R. H. Cole, from the University of the South.

The account of the installation of the Rev. E. A. Welch, Provost of Trinity College, as Vice-Chancellor of the University—the degree of D.C.L., *pro honoris causa*, being conferred on him at the same time and an address of welcome presented by the students of the College—and the account of the annual dinner will be found in another part of the paper.

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*Reed, Rev. W. A., Pembroke.
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*Matheson, Miss E., "
*Muckleston, Rev. W. J., "
*Senkler, His Hon. Judge, "
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Lipton, Rev. W. T., Wolfe Island.

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