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Bee-gum-boo was a cannibal,
He owned an appetite ;
A missionary said to him,
"O sinful and benighted one."
"Don't mention it," said Bee.
(His language was polite).

"O sinful and immoral man,
Have you ne'er felt your guilt ?"
"Dyspepsia, I think he means,
'Twas from the last we kilt,
His waistcoat and his trousers made,
An ample crazy quilt."

They walked together on the beach,
Beside the sounding sea ;
"Bee-gum-boo, thou hast gone astray."
"Exactly so," said Bee.
"And if you care to take pot-luck,
You might drop in to tea."

"Just walk right in," said Bee-gum-boo,
"And make yourself at ease ;
Be careful with the pepper, wife,
You'll make the parson sneeze ;
Do you like it in *consume* ?"
"A trifle if you please."

"I'll trouble you for soup," said he,
"If it is piping hot."
"No trouble," said the cannibal,
And put him in the pot ;
"Now won't you let me give you more ?"
The parson answered naught.

—SARDONIUS.

QUEEN'S WON THE DEBATE.

A large audience assembled in the city hall on Saturday night to hear the debate between Toronto and Queen's Universities. And every one seemed happy at the close when the palm was awarded to the Queen's men. The first debate between these Universities took place in 1887 in Kingston, and was won by Queen's, whose representatives were Messrs. Gandier and Rattray, the former now one of the leading ministers in Toronto. Then, the following year. Messrs. Horsey (now M.P. for Owen Sound) and Patterson were sent by Queen's to Toronto, but the judge (for Toronto university strangely appointed but one) declined to give any decision, on the ground that the constitutions of Great Britain and United States (the subject of debate) could not be compared, forgetting that he was to decide not on the merits of the subject, but upon the merits of the speakers.

After 1888, no debate took place until 1899, when Messrs. Anthony and Cannon carried Queen's colors to victory in Toronto, on the question, "that imperial federation is practicable and advisable from a Canadian point of view." Last year Queen's lost her first debate to Toronto university. And thus the results of the five debates :—Queen's have won three and Toronto one, while one was undecided, but with the best of the argument on Queen's side.

The subject of Saturday night's debate was: "Resolved that trusts are in the best interests of society"—certainly a timely question for discussion, in view of the immense United States trusts that are at present engaging the attention of the whole world. Queen's representatives, J. A. Donnell and A. Calhoun, took the affirmative, and R. J. Younge and W. R. Woodroffe, of Toronto university, the negative.

As on two previous occasions when they affirmed the resolution, Queen's representatives pressed their opponents for something positive, but the latter followed simply a negative line of argument. Queen's men showed that trusts were simply the inevitable results of evolution, and that greater prosperity and good resulted than would from unrestricted competition or socialism. The Toronto debaters showed only the evils of trusts, most of which the affirmative admitted, because abuses could arise even from the church, but that would be no reason for declaring that the church had not benefitted the world. In concluding, Mr. Donnell pointed out that the negative had not suggested anything to take the place of trusts.

The judges were the venerable archdeacon Worrell, J. L. Whiting, K.C., and J. M. Farrell, B.A., and it took them but five minutes to come to a unanimous conclusion. Mr. Whiting made the announcement, first complimenting the debaters upon the able and comprehensive manner in which they had handled the subject. The judges, he said, had found that the Toronto representatives had shown the better oratorical powers, for which twenty-five per cent. of the marks was given, but Queen's had by far the best of the argument and, as this was worth seventy-five per cent. Queen's were the winners. Loud applause followed the announcement. Throughout the debate, each speaker was warmly applauded, the Toronto speakers being received just as enthusiastically as the Queen's men.

Previous to and at the conclusion of the debate, selections were given by Queen's mandolin and guitar, and glee clubs. G. F. Weatherhead, B.A., president of Queen's Alma Mater society, was chairman.

Each of the debaters was given twenty minutes, while the leaders had five minutes in which to conclude.

The debate was the first of the inter-university debating league, which includes McGill, Queen's and Toronto.—*Kingston Whig*.

[The above report of the first debate of the recently organized Inter-University Debating Union suggests