

two men only and as they did not require the whole of their travelling expenses from England to Australia we decided that this would be a good opportunity of trying out the system of charging for debates, without running the risk of a heavy loss. We therefore asked them to come and we arranged debates for them in Oxford, Cambridge, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Reading. The tour was very successful excepting on the financial side. London, where we ourselves arranged the debate, was the only place which covered expenses. We asked each University to guarantee £10, but most of them only took from £2-£5 in receipts. The rest was made up by grants from the Union funds.

The experiment was not therefore very successful, but at least it has shown us where the difficulties lie and we hope to overcome them sufficiently to enable us to invite a Canadian Team next year. You will, I think, understand that as we have already entertained the Australians and as the American Team is at present touring the country it was quite impossible to send an invitation to Canada this summer. In any case we feel that the invitation should be sent to the National Federation of Canadian University Students and the team selected by them should be representative of more than one Canadian University.

I have not heard from the Universities here about your proposed tour, but if you should get negative replies I very much hope that you will not get the impression that a Canadian Team would be unwelcome in England. If the Universities do not find themselves able to arrange debates it will be for the reasons I have given above - that they cannot afford to entertain more than two teams a year and we have already had an American and ^{an} Australian team.

I have given a letter of introduction to you to Mr. Leaney, House Governor of the Birmingham General Hospital and a great friend of my family's, who is shortly coming to Canada with a delegation to study hospital design and equipment. I very much