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EIGHT COLLEGES WILL DEBATE.

First Meeting of Intercollegiate Debating Union Monday Evening.

HELD IN STUDENTS' UNION

Seven Colleges sent Delegates, and the Prospects of the Union fully Discussed.

The formation of an intercollegiate debating union, which has been discussed by the students of the city for a number of years, has at last assumed an aspect of reality. At a meeting held in Students' Union, Varsity, Monday evening, representatives from the seven colleges were present and discussed the plan proposed. The various institutions were represented as follows: Trinity University, Messrs. Muckleston and Madill; University College, Dr. Wickett, J. McKay and Mr. Patterson; Victoria, Messrs. Dewitt and Spence; Osgoode Hall, Messrs. Stanbury and Brown; Knox, Mr. Aiken; McMaster Hall, Messrs. Wood and McDonald; Wycliffe, Mr. Wilson. No representative was present from St. Michael's, but it is understood that the students there are in sympathy with the movement.

Dr. Wickett was unanimously chosen chairman of the meeting and Mr. Muckleston secretary. After a few brief remarks by the chairman, on the object of the meeting, Mr. McKay of Varsity set forth the proposition. He said that the plan was to have the eight above-mentioned colleges in the league. These eight colleges were first to hold four debates. The losers in these would drop out and then two debates would follow among the winners of the first. The two successful colleges in the latter would then contest in the final. All of the representatives, although not possessing full authority from their literary societies, stated that their societies would unquestionably endorse this mode of carrying on the debates. Mr. Stanbury of Osgoode suggested that the winners of the final debate should contend with McGill and that this contest should replace the annual Varsity-McGill debate. This point was laid aside for the board to settle.

The meeting then decided to discuss the manner in which the debates should be carried on, etc., and would recommend the decisions they had reached to the Executive board.

It was decided that each college society should elect one member for the board, and that this board should have full power to arrange the date of debates and all other matters connected therewith. Mr. McKay, of Varsity, suggested that the board should be composed of members not connected with any of the Colleges. After much discussion this plan was decided to be less satisfactory than having the students themselves on the board. A provisional motion was passed to the effect that the final winners should debate with McGill. The name of Intercollegiate Debating Union was adopted for the league. It was agreed also that all the debates should be held in the respective colleges, save the final which was to be held on neutral ground. One of the down-town halls was recommended for this purpose. In the case of McMaster, which has not a hall of sufficient size to accommodate a large audience, it was decided that the arrangement of its home debates should be left in the control of the board. The cost of carrying on the home debates shall be met by the society of the college at which the debate is held. In the final debate all the colleges will unite in sharing the expenses. It is proposed to make this final debate as interesting as possible. Each college will have a representative on the musical and literary part of the programme, and an attempt will be made to have all the students of the various colleges unite in making that night one of the most interesting of the college year.

Several offers have been made by prominent men of the city to donate certain sums of money for the purchase of a suitable trophy for the winners of the league. It was decided Monday evening that a trophy of twenty-five dollars' value should be offered. The trophy shall go into the possession of the society whose members succeeded in winning the final, and the names of all the debaters of the college who participate in the contests shall be engraved on it. Mr. Stanbury, of Osgoode, suggested that the trophy should be given to the students who won the final debate. In discussing this, however, it was seen that the winners of the final do not deserve all the credit of the victory, as their colleagues of the preceding debates also aid in landing the trophy. After discussing several other points of lesser moment a motion was made and seconded that each college society should elect a representative for the intercollegiate Debating Union at its next meeting and these representatives should meet next Wednesday evening in

Students' Union and endeavor to make all the final arrangements at that meeting.

It is to be hoped that when the league has commenced its work, the students will give the matter the attention it deserves. The movement is a new one in the city and the great advantages it affords to all college men who are interested in public speaking, cannot be overestimated.

In such contests as these there is a greater incentive to the debater to prepare himself more thoroughly, and a greater effort made for success than in the separate societies.

The great intercollegiate debates on the other side are the most important features of university life. The history of Harvard, Yale and the other large American Universities are replete with the glorious victories won on the platform—victories well worthy of the name. Year after year these great intellectual contests are held in the presence of thousands, and many a great American statesman of to-day can trace his success as an orator to the training he secured in these intercollegiate debates.

VARSITY WOMEN'S LIT

First Meeting of the Term Saturday Evening—Large Audience Present.

The first literary meeting of the Varsity Women's Literary Society this term was held Saturday evening in Student's Union. An unusually large number of the lady undergraduates were present, together with a great many of their friends. The audience, indeed, almost filled the hall and the executive are to be congratulated on the interesting and delightful entertainment provided for the evening.

Before the literary and musical programme was carried out, the elections for the first year representatives on the executive of the Literary and for the editorial and business board of *Sesame* were held. Miss B. Wright was chosen to represent '02 as curator and Miss Marshall as councillor. Miss Amos '02 was chosen for the editorial board and Miss Street, '02 for the business board of *Sesame*.

The programme for the evening was as follows:

Piano Solo Miss Piers, '02.
Political Report Miss Grant McDonald, B.A.
Vocal Duets Miss C. C. Henson, '99.
Miss L. S. Wegg, '00, and Miss Robertson, '98.
Literary Report Miss C. C. Henson, '99.
Farce, "My Lord in Livery" Miss L. S. Wegg, '00, Miss H. M. Hughes, '00, Miss L. S. Wegg, '00, Miss L. Hutcheson, '00, Miss C. McDonald, '00, Miss M. L. Wright, '00, Miss Forrest, '01.

The political report by Miss McDonald presented a review of current political events and proved to be most interesting and instructive. This report, which is given every fortnight, is one of the unique features of the Lit. In a careful and usually terse manner, the report sums up all the events of the day in the political world and affords the students an insight into the world's affairs which they are, as a rule, unable to follow in the newspapers on account of the valuable time it requires. The musical numbers were rendered pleasingly and lent a charm to the evening's proceedings. Miss Benson reviewed the works of the present day writers and displayed a vast amount of careful reading and individual thought upon the subject with which she treated. Her report was unanimously declared to be the best the Lit. has heard in a long time.

My Lord in Livery, Smith's laughable farce, was the *piece de resistance* of the evening. All of the members of the cast portrayed the different characters admirably, and their work afforded the audience plenty of amusement.

Altogether the evening was a very enjoyable one and it looks as if the Lit. would be even more popular than ever this year.

ST. MICHAEL'S LITERARY.

The St. Michael's Literary Society was reorganized for 1898-99, on the evening of Oct. 23rd. The result of the election of officers was as follows: President, Rev. M. V. Kelly; vice-president, Mr. John Lyonn; secretary, Mr. J. Kennedy. On the proposal of the president, a new feature that somewhat modifies the traditional regime of the society, was introduced, namely, the appointment of a board of management to consist of the vice-president and two members elected by ballot. The vote gave Messrs. O'Connor and Pickett the responsibility of assisting the vice-president in the general workings of the society. The great characteristic feature of the meeting was the enthusiasm of the officers and members to make this year's work surpass all preceding years.

It has been suggested that a reception be tendered the Provincial upon his return from abroad. Every student of the college will be glad to see him in their midst again, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made for a nice little reception next week.

Hallowe'en will be celebrated next Monday evening by a private entertainment in college hall. The members of the Dramatic Society are busy this week arranging the programme, and there is no doubt but they will give every one an enjoyable evening Monday.

TORONTO MEDS

MINSTREL SHOW.

A Great Performance to be at the School Hallowe'en Night.

THE EVENING'S PROGRAM

Annual Election of Representatives for the College Dinners will also be Held.

Perhaps the grandest exhibition of the art of minstrelsy of the present era will be given in the Toronto Medical School on Monday evening. The Meds are progressive and original. They are not slaves to old traditions, nor do they believe in doing as their fathers did. Consequently Hallowe'en this year will not be a case of rush through the streets, squeezing and jamming at the theatre door, and last but by all means not least, sweating in the uppermost heights of the gods. These are some of the reasons why they have decided to spend the evening quietly among themselves and their pipes. Besides, a large number of the wags of the school have been collecting together for the past year an endless quantity of jokes, funny songs, etc., which they hoped to share with the rest of the students of the city at the proposed demonstration in the pavilion. Denied this, they have decided to have it all to themselves, and Monday night will be a night of fun, a night never to be forgotten.

The performance will be perpetrated in the old school on Gerrard street. In the opening scene, which consists of a magnificent first part, Collie Begg will act as interlocutor. Before mentioning the other artists it would be a mistake not to speak briefly of Collie, since there may possibly be a few who have never seen him. He is handsome, and that is why it has been suggested that he should not hide his beauty behind burnt cork. A committee, in fact, was appointed last week to consider the advisability of having him appear just as he is. It was thought that his beauty, contrasted with the dark faces about him, would afford a beautiful stage picture. The committee discussed the question for several hours and finally deciding that the contrast would be too striking, and that it might detract from the interest of the rest of the show. With much hesitation they finally decided to have Collie go on black. It would be vain to attempt to describe his charming and captivating manner. And his voice, who has not succumbed to its charms? It is so sweet, so clear, so musical. Enough! Collie will be there. Everyone shall see him. Everyone shall see him move. Everyone shall hear his voice.

"Stubbs" Smith is back and will renew his triumph of last year. Stubbs claims to have a whole lot of new jokes and will tell them all Monday night. He will occupy one of the ends. "Glen" MacDougall will execute several spasms at the opposite end. "Glen" has spent months in preparation for the event and his songs will not only be bran new but they will be the only things that have happened recently in that line. Freddie Young, Messrs. Davies, Pirie, White and "Doc" Carder will allow their voices to be heard in the union of the chorus. Andy MacCullum's "Light and Dim Band" will execute some Wagner and Hans Tanner. This will be good.

A further continuation of the programme would be an endless enumeration of all kinds of good things which the committee intend to spring on the unsuspecting audience Monday night. That there will be standing room only shortly after the doors are opened is beyond question.

During the evening the elections of representatives will take place and will add to the excitement of the evening.

At a well attended meeting of the Toronto Meds Friday afternoon, nominations for the dinner committee and for representatives to sister colleges were received; and arrangements for the Hallowe'en celebration were made. "Lee" Holmes, president of the Medical Society, called the meeting to order and the following names were submitted: For the Dinner Committee: President, Messrs. A. A. Knox, '99, and L. McLeay, '99; 1st vice, "Billy" O'Brien, '00. "Billy" took the house by storm and went in by acclamation; 2nd vice, Messrs. F. J. Doherty, '01, and W. E. Storey, '01; Toasts: Graduates, Dr. W. C. of the General Hospital; Ladies, "Gus" Davies, '01, who "carried the day" amidst a storm of applause; Freshmen, Messrs. Logan and Montgomery. The following gentlemen received nominations for representatives to other colleges: McGill, Messrs. W. G. Fletcher, and C. L. Begg, '99; Bishops', Messrs. A. W. Kelly, J. Gaw of '99; Queen's, Billy Clark, '99, by acclamation; London, Messrs. L. McLeay and E. L. Connolly of '99; Varsity, L. D. Archibald and "Freddie" Young of '99; Dental

College, E. J. Wagner and "Stub" Smith of '99; Victoria, H. G. Hargreave, N. H. Montzambert, and W. Wells of '99; Pharmacy, C. J. Martindale, "Doc" Carder and Mr. Campbell of '00; Osgoode, Messrs. Kitchen and Vivian of '99; Trinity, Messrs. Wales, (H. R. H.) and Schnan of '99. Nominations over, there was considerable discussion as to the modus operandi per Hallowe'en. It was finally decided to hold a gigantic smoker at the old school and to postpone elections until that festive eve. All the talent will be there and there is every expectation of a hot time. The scared looks once noticeable on the faces of the freshmen have altogether disappeared by this time. The prospect of a hustle by the mighty sophomores has lost its fear for them; and, moreover, the husky appearance of the first year men, and their numbers (there are sixty-nine of them), are sufficient now to make the sophomores think that maybe it is a good thing the hustle is a thing of the past.

VARSITY DINES QUEEN'S

Teams Meet in the Evening over the Festival Board.

According to the pleasant custom so long established the Varsity teams dined their opponents after the game Saturday evening. A strange sight this assemblage was, with the military garb of the R.M.C. men and the bruised heads and bandaged arms of the others, seeming more like a regiment returning from the Cuban war than a party of merry college boys celebrating a day's sport at football. They were lively enough, however. They exchanged college songs, told stories and exhibited the best of feeling toward each other.

Caterer Williams served the banquet in the best of style, while D'Alesandro's orchestra furnished music during the repast. The President, "Bob" Waldie, presided, and beside him were Capt. Elliott and "Doc" Ross, of Queen's, Capt. Burnside, of Varsity, and Cadet Caldwell, R.M.C. When the first part of the programme was finished, the president rose and in a few well chosen words proposed the toast of "The Queen." John Grampian Inkster followed with the toast of "Queen's University and her Football Team." He welcomed the visitors and referred briefly to the good feeling that has always existed between Queen's and Varsity. Turning to the inter-collegiate league he first adverted to the financial side of the question. This was one of the doubtful points of the undertaking; but the public appreciated good sport and are patronizing the college games better than those of the O.R.F.U. The league has come to stay, and another year, he prophesied, would see Ottawa College clamoring for admission.

Capt. Elliott of Queen's responded, and expressed his satisfaction with the league, and his enjoyment in playing with college men, men who knew how to be gentlemen on the field, and never resorted to unfair tricks.

Percy Brown proposed the toast of "R. M. C. and its football club." Cadet Caldwell responded, and briefly re-enforced the words of Capt. Elliott of Queen's. "Doc" Ross of Queen's proposed the toast of "Toronto University, to which W. H. Alexander replied. To the toast of "The Press," Stan. Brown responded, and the pleasant gathering broke up about 9 o'clock, to enable the visitors to catch their train for home.

The following is a list of those present: R. S. Waldie, T. Burnside, N. R. Beal, A. J. Hills, A. W. McKenzie, S. P. Biggs, Geo. Hall, J. J. Gibson, J. Sanderson, A. J. McKenzie, J. R. Meredith, W. R. Meredith, C. W. Darling, Bert Harris, E. N. Armour, B. C. Ansley, A. N. Mitchell, W. H. Alexander, T. A. Russell, F. G. Lucas, A. McDougall, N. Montzambert, R. McArthur, A. F. Aylesworth, J. Hunt, R. Telford, G. W. Ross, J. L. Davidson, M. C. Cameron, W. Stratton, W. E. Douglas, G. F. Kay, George Revell, W. O. Watson, E. P. Brown, Prof. Williams, W. Grant, J. G. Inkster, Stanley Brown, Crawford Creig, H. Hewitt, W. Boyd, S. T. Blackwood and J. Elliott were unable to be present. The Hon. Mr. Mulock sent his regrets at his inability to attend.

DENTALS "AT HOME."

The Dentals At Home Committee met Tuesday morning and decided to hold their annual "At Home" on Friday, the 9th of December, in "Dental Hall." This announcement has been looked forward to with much anxiety by the students and their friends. The "At Home" promises to be one of the college events of the season, as an energetic committee have the affair in hand, and intend making it surpass anything of previous years.

The class of '99 Varsity have decided not to publish a year book. The vast amount of expense attached to such a publication and the lack of interest in the enterprise has caused the executive to abandon the project.

MONDAY NIGHT IS HALLOWE'EN.

Students will Go to the Princess' and See Peaceful Valley.

NO CROWDING THIS YEAR.

Varsity and S. P. S. will Own the Gods—Osgoode and Dents will Have Balcony—The Program.

Hallowe'en is here once more and as usual the students of the different colleges will have a gala night. Varsity, School of Science, the Dents and Osgoode will celebrate at the Princess. The Minstrel show and smoker which was proposed has been postponed as there was scarcely time enough for the arrangement of a suitable programme. Mr. Cummings of the Princess has consented at the request of the committee, to put on Sol. Smith Russell's famous comedy, "Peaceful Valley." This piece is considered the best comedy Mr. Russell has presented to the public in recent years and on account of its lively and refined humor is most appropriate for the occasion.

The theatre will be gorgeously decorated with University of Toronto colors, and the different colleges will have their respective places plentifully adorned with their respective colors. The whole gods of the theatre will be in the possession of Varsity and the School of Science. This arrangement will prevent any of the crowding which has occurred at various times in the past. Osgoode and the Dents will be in the balcony.

An unusually interesting programme of college songs will be provided during intermission, and it looks as if the demonstration of '98 will be the greatest ever held. The following committee have the matter in hand: Messrs. J. R. Bone, W. H. Alexander, F. D. McEntee, A. N. Mitchell, R. Telford, P. Carson, E. P. Brown, R. J. Hamilton, A. Martin, W. Sprung, W. Boyd and C. Shanks.

The Varsity and School of Science men will be on the Varsity lawn at 7 o'clock sharp Monday night and march in a body to the theatre. It is advisable that everyone should secure their tickets this week in order to avoid any delay at the door of the theatre.

Pharmacy and Trinity will go to the Grand. The balcony will be decorated with their colors and a programme will be carried out between the acts.

OSGOODE LIT MEETS.

The first regular meeting under the new executive of the Legal and Literary Society was held on Saturday evening. Many of the members were at Hamilton or Brockville with the football worries, but a crowd of half a hundred met at convocation hall to push along the Lit. Mr. W. D. McPherson, the popular young barrister who was elected president by acclamation, delivered a short inaugural address, outlining the programme for the year, and giving the inspiration of many words of encouragement to the members. When the business of the meeting was proceeded with, the secretary read a communication from Varsity, asking that two representatives be sent to confer with members of the other college societies at the students' union on Monday night, as to the advisability and feasibility of forming an Inter-Collegiate Debating Union. Messrs. J. G. Stanbury and W. C. Brown were chosen, with full power to act in the matter. Mr. F. B. Proctor was elected to represent the Hall at Trinity University dinner on Wednesday night. An energetic committee was chosen to arrange for a monster celebration on Hallowe'en night. Mr. Cummings, of the Princess, has consented to put on "Peaceful Valley," and the boys will likely make arrangements for this theatre. Mr. Percy Parker delivered an excellent address on "Professional conduct of a young barrister." Mr. McReith sent the boys fairly wild with his comic songs. Everyone was happy, and voted the Lit. a good thing.

A SOCIAL EVENING.

The women undergraduates intend to hold a social evening in Guild Hall on Elm street, Hallowe'en night. It is not yet certain just what form the programme will take, but the evening is sure to be pleasantly spent. The following is the committee who have the affair in charge: Miss D. Wright, '99; Miss A. W. Patterson, '99; Miss C. C. Benson, '99; Miss S. Little, '99; Miss J. Johnston, '99; Miss M. Lang, '00; Miss L. Wegg, '00; Miss W. Hutcheson, '01, and Miss Fraser, '02.

Coke, the fashionable west end barber, is still at the old stand—464 Spadina Avenue.