

Inter-Collegiate Debate.

The Debating championship is here again. To the credit of Messrs. Tracy and McEvoy it is here. On Friday evening, Jan. 20, the students of the University assembled at St. Patrick's Hall to listen to the final debate of the Intercollegiate Union. "Resolved, that the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors should be carried on exclusively by the government." In spite of the weather the attendance was good, and the proceedings rendered the evening considerable of a success. The programme opened at 8.30 p.m. with a vocal solo by Mr. P. C. Harris, following which the chairman, Mr. A. C. Fleming, in a few words, announced the subject of debate, the rules by which the judges were to be guided, and then introduced Ottawa's leader of the affirmative, Mr. Tracy.

The speeches delivered by the two supporters of the affirmative were of a very high order. Both in matter and manner of presentation, and in style, smoothness and clearness of delivery, the orations of the winners plainly savoured of victory throughout. But though our representatives upheld their side with marked ability, still they were opposed by men of no mean acquirements, and it was only after considerable reflection on the matter that the judges were able to announce their decision in favour of Ottawa College.

The approval with which the decision met among the students was vigorously testified by the avalanche of hand-clapping which followed immediately upon its announcement. The customary V-A-R was given, with perhaps a little more "ginger" added on this occasion. The programme closed with a selection from the College Glee Club, habited in the sweaters of the different courses.

This is Mr. Tracy's first appearance on our public platform, and we hope not the last. Mr. McEvoy, being a member of the lower forms, is much to be congratulated on the grammatical and literary merits of his discourse; while the executive and the members of the Debating Society wish to thank one and both of the speakers for the honor they have brought on their Alma Mater, and for the admirable manner in which they have mounted the silver trophy on top of the foundations laid by Mr. O'Gara and Mr. Fleming. Congratulations also to the Moderator, Rev. J. P. Fallon, O.M.I.