

Roll was called, and the programme was begun by Mr. Mosgrove, who continued to read Longfellow's "Evangeline," until time was called. Mr. Rolph followed with "The Undertaker's Horse." Mr. Sait gave an essay on "Wm Pitt." The debate "Resolved that the Canadian Senate should be Abolished," was upheld by Messrs. Walker and Bagshaw, while Messrs. Trotter and Kidd upheld the Senate. The leader of the affirmative said that the final decision of all legislation was left in the Senate,—to old and infirm men who were not capable of seeing the true interest of the people. The Senate was also a party concern. Mr. Trotter, in upholding the Senate, contended that there was precedent for that organ in the old Roman Senate and the English House of Lords. Mr. Bagshaw thought we ought to dispense with the Senate and rely more upon the English Government. Mr. Kidd regarded the Senate as necessary on account of the two races in Canada. The Senate was made up of both French and English. The negative won on the merits of the speeches and the question. Mr. Rogers, who was appointed by the meeting, acted as critic. Before the meeting adjourned Mr. Owen spoke most forcibly in favour of the Inter-College Discussion Union and said he hoped a large number of the men would be present at the first meeting on Monday night.

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The meeting of February 16th, though at times amusing, was by no means becoming to the dignity of the Literary Institute. After the opening business Mr. H. J. Johnson was elected to represent Trinity at the "At Home," held at Osgoode Hall, on Friday, February 23rd. The chairman, Mr. Code, B.A., then called upon Mr. Spencer for a reading, which was followed by a selection from Washington Irving's Sketch Book on "John Bull," by Mr. G. Johnson. Mr. Macdonald, though down on the programme for an essay, failed to favour the audience on this occasion. The debate "Resolved that the French Canadian Influence has been a Great Factor in the up building of Canada"—was to have been upheld by Messrs. Hovey and Rolph against Messrs. Gordon and Dunning. Mr. Hovey gave an historical review of the work done by the French in Canada in exploratory and missionary work. During this, however, the chairman deemed it necessary to call Mr. Carman to order for interrupting the proceedings. He also gave the meeting plainly to understand that the programme would not be proceeded with if proper order was not observed. Mr. Gordon, for the negative, brought forward some forcible arguments. His speech, however, received little attention from some members in the Hall. As a consequence Mr. Code ordered Messrs. Johnson and Whittaker to leave the room. As there was some hesitation on the part of these men to comply, the chairman asked for an expression of the disapproval of the actions of these men unless they left, or he would himself leave the chair. Messrs. Johnson and Whittaker then left the hall, to return when Mr. Rolph had hardly got settled down to work for the affirmative. Mr. Code at once ordered them to withdraw. But as these gentlemen showed no signs of withdrawing, the chairman vacated his seat, and the meeting was about to break up, when the secretary proposed that the next officer should take the chair. Mr. Turley, B.A., then took the chair, and before going any further most strongly disapproved of the behaviour of certain members of the meeting. He thought, therefore, that out of due respect for Mr. Code the meeting ought to adjourn. A motion to this effect was proposed by Mr. Donaghy, and seconded by Mr. Carman. Some of the men then adjourned to Mr. Code's room, where matters were somewhat smoothed over.

Theological and Missionary.

MR. JAMES M. OWENS, travelling secretary of the Church Students' Missionary Association, visited us on Saturday, Feb. 10th, staying in college until Monday.

An impromptu meeting was held in Lecture Room 1, on Saturday morning, at which Mr. Owens spoke on the work of the C. S. M. A. He had heard, he said, great things of Trinity's chapter from the delegates to the convention held here two years ago. Dwelling upon the importance of missions, he emphasized the fact that unity must follow from missionary work. It was his firm belief that if the Church worked hard there would be no time for disunity. The banner of unity lay with the Anglican Church, and that church, to make good her claim to the world to be a true branch of the Catholic and Apostolic Church, must strenuously endeavour to spread that kingdom throughout the world. Men were needed in the hard places, in the front ranks of the battle with heathen darkness. We feel sure that Mr. Owens' visit here has left upon us its mark which time cannot efface. In his short visit he made many friends who will welcome him back next year, should he come.

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A GENERAL meeting of the Theological and Missionary Society was held in Lecture Room 2, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 16th, at which it was definitely decided to send a delegate to the C. S. M. A. convention, to be held in Gambier, Ohio, on Feb. 22nd to 25th. The secretary of the society, Mr. D. T. Owen, was elected to represent Trinity at that important convention.

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THE REV. W. J. GARTON, of Rupert's Land, has kindly consented to address the society on "North-West Missions," on Thursday evening, March 1st. We also hope to have Mr. Henry W. Frost, of the China Inland Mission, with us some evening in the middle of March.

Miscellany.

THE CONVERSAZIONE.

ON Wednesday evening, February 7th, Trinity's greatest annual social function took place—the Conversazione, given by the Literary Institute.

The success of this year's Conversazione was, if anything, greater than usual; at any rate, everybody seemed to enjoy it.

Long before eight o'clock people began to arrive, and very soon the main hall was so crowded that it was very difficult, if not impossible, to make much progress. Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Rigby very kindly consented to receive and took up their position at the entrance of Convocation Hall.

Dancing did not commence till about 9.15, when Glionna's orchestra struck up with two extra-extras; the regular programme of twenty-two dances then followed. After the twelfth dance an intermission of fifteen minutes was given to enable enthusiasts to partake of some supper without missing any dancing.

An orchestra was stationed in Lecture Room No. 2 as well as in Convocation Hall, but the majority seemed to prefer being in the crush of 400 people; consequently, the other room was very little used.

Albert Williams did the catering, and deserves no slight praise, the supper being excellently served.

Professor and Mrs. Clark had, as usual, in their rooms, a *recherché* supper, to which they cordially in-