

The annual inter-collegiate debate of the four theological colleges in affiliation with McGill took place on Thursday eve., Jan. 18th in the convocation hall of the Congregational College.

The usual keen interest taken by the different colleges in their representatives was most perceptible. The subject of the debate was that "The Republican form of Government is Superior to Limited Monarchy." W. G. Brown B. A. of the Presbyterian and W. B. Heeney B. A. of the Diocesan, supported the affirmative, against R. Hicks of the Wesleyan and Wm. Munroe of the Congregational on the negative. Undoubtedly if the decision of the contest had been left in the hands of the audience, the affirmative would have obtained the victory easily.

Conscience or no conscience, the people of Canada are too patriotic to hesitate in choosing their side when a subject of loyalty to the mother country, her Queen and Government, is in question.

The affirmative had the weather side of the debate but this was little consolation to the supporters of the negative, for their opponents Messrs Brown and Heeney are old and experienced debaters, having taken before today the cudgels in inter-collegiate debates between Toronto and McGill.

Taking then into consideration the stronger position of the negative according to the wording of the debate, on the one hand, and on the other, the prestige and experience of the debaters, the contest was close and exciting.

Both speakers of the affirmative seemed to be so full of arguments and thoughts

that they were unable to speak quickly enough to satisfy their eagerness and in a couple of instances were perfectly sure that no man in their audience or in any other audience could confute their arguments. The speakers of the negative in comparison were "slow of speech", quite dramatic in a way, yet managed, in the decision of the judges, to worst their opponents by their arguments. Dean Johnson on behalf of the other judges, Dr. Scrimger, Dr. Antliff, Prof. G. Abbot-Smith and Prof. Creelman, gave the decision in favour of the negative, who had won the debate, proving that Limited Monarchy is superior to Republicanism as a form of Government.

The Congregational-men are to be congratulated on the manner in which they so tastefully decorated their hall.

The speakers were at a disadvantage by their position on the platform.

A speaker should never be placed in a corner, nor behind a door, nor partially so, but should have every advantage which can possibly be afforded.

The Annual Business Meeting of the College Missionary Society was held on Thursday eve. the 25th ult., President Holland in the chair.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year.

President,	Mr. E.H. Croly B.A.
Vice. President,	Mr. Charles Ireland.
Secretary,	Mr. Robert Blagrove.
Treasurer,	Mr. Austin Ireland.

The retiring Treasurer Mr. H. S. Boyle B.A., read a most satisfactory report showing that though this Society