

THE INTER-COLLEGE DEBATING UNION.

THIS society has now entered upon its third year of existence. Two years ago representatives of six of the institutions of learning in Toronto met together to form a union, to hold in the intellectual world the place which the football association does in the world of sports. Mr. Harold Muckleston, (one of its founders), was at that time representing Trinity. The constitution was drawn up, and a very successful course of debates carried out. In the first debate, though Trinity was defeated by Varsity, every one agreed that Messrs. Owen and McEwen in every way acquitted themselves most honourably. University College in the end won the final debate.

The representation on the Executive Committee during the season of 1899-1900 was increased by Wycliffe College joining the Union. The following were then represented: Knox College, Wycliffe College, Osgoode Hall, Victoria, McMaster, University College and Trinity. As in the first year, the society whose representative was the president of the Union won the series, and in each case Trinity met that College. In the debate with Knox last year Trinity was upheld by Mr. D. T. Owen and Mr. R. Turley, B.A.

During the first year the value attached to style in speaking was twenty-five per cent., and that attached to matter seventy-five per cent. In the second year, however, in order to encourage men to speak without manuscript the value attached to style was raised to forty per cent. This was found to have the desired effect, and very successful results followed.

In judging the merits of the speeches of a debate the decision is left to three men who are appointed by the Executive Committee. Among the judges of the past may be mentioned the names of Dr. Parkin, Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., Rev. Professor Clark, Professor Alexander, Professor McFadden and Professor McKay.

This year Trinity debates with McMaster in Convocation Hall on Nov. 29th. Though everything has not yet been arranged, it is hoped that Trinity will do its utmost to win the series for 1900-1901. The subject proposed is, "Resolved that the development of the Canadian Klondyke by the Government would have been more advantageous to Canada than by the present method of private enterprise."

In dealing with this subject we are delighted to be able to speak of the honour that has been conferred upon Mr. E. P. S. Spencer, M.A., our representative on the Executive Committee,—and through him, upon Trinity—for he has been elected president. Those who know the good, faithful work done by Mr. Spencer in connection with the Union realize that he richly deserves the honour.

CANADIAN WOUNDED IN LIVERPOOL.

From a Liverpool Paper.

A REMARKABLE scene took place on the Prince's Stage on the occasion of the departure of Canadian invalided troops who returned to Canada in the Dominion liner *Dominion*. It has been said that Liverpool has not "lionized" these heroes as it ought to have done, though the Lord Mayor recently took the sting out of this charge by sending a large supply of tobacco, etc., on board, with his best wishes and thanks. Yesterday the ladies of Liverpool further showed their interest in the Canadians. A considerable contingent was going on board in a very quiet way, some partly in khaki and others in ordinary overcoats. All had been at the front, and for a considerable time in hospital in this country. One bright young Canadian had lost a limb, though it was artfully supplied with such deftness that it could not be easily detected. But it was, and as soon as the ladies realized the position, and that the young fellow was going home minus a leg in the Empire's cause, their sympathy and enthusiasm broke wildly loose. The

young hero was stormed and captured in a moment, and he had to undergo a quarter of an hour's pleasant "condolences," which were enough to satisfy the most voracious. He was hugged, and kissed, and clasped round the neck until he was in some danger of being smothered. The ladies were all select, too, each one having a permit for the stage, and they were all fashionably attired. Silks and satins were cast round the Canadian's neck, while the diamond rings and gold bangles and bracelets of the struggling fair ones flashed fitfully in the sun. The assault was delivered by about thirty ladies, and the young man bore up heroically through the ordeal.

College Chronicle.

HALLOW'EEN was kept in an unusually quiet way by Trinity, and was marked only by a few small suppers and other entertainments of a peaceful character. The men had decided to hold their celebration at the Grand, but at a late hour it was found that seats could not be secured.

MR. FRED MARTIN, B.A., is not in British Columbia, as was stated in our last issue, but is at present sojourning in England.

REV. GEO. CODE, B.A., was a visitor in College for a few days during the Brotherhood Convention. He is at present carrying on a very successful work in the neighbourhood of Queensborough, Diocese of Ontario.

REV. W. M. LOUCKS, B.A., curate of the Cathedral, at Ottawa, also spent a few days with us at the same time.

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THE walls of Trinity do not unfrequently resound with cheers and other expressions of applause, the students evidently having no objection to noise of any nature. This was again demonstrated on the occasion of the dinner given in honour of Lieut. Stewart Wilkie, which came off on the evening of the 1st inst.

The excellency of the spread which was provided by the steward was frequently commented on.

After the toast to the Queen, Professor Clarke in a few suitable words proposed "Our Guest." He showed the folly of those who assert that the Transvaal war was undertaken for mercenary reasons, pointing out that the acquisitions from such a country could never make up for the expenditure on the campaign, and much more for the loss of life. He said that Lieut. Wilkie proved himself a true Scotchman by his eagerness to "contradict a bit."

The toast was received with a deafening medium of cheers and College yells, which lasted several minutes.

Mr. Wilkie, in a few words, thanked the faculty and students for the expressions of kind feeling which he had so often received from them when in South Africa.

An excellent musical and literary programme followed, to which the appreciative and critical audience contributed by never failing to help the choruses along. The evening ended as usual with Metagona, Auld Lang Syne and College yells. The hope was expressed that the rest of the Trinity men in South Africa would return one at a time.

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THE Rev. G. A. Field, B.A., was in College a few days ago. Mr. Field is at present stationed at Gore's Landing, Rice Lake.

WE were all glad to see Mr. H. C. Griffith, B.A., '99, about College again the other day. Mr. Griffith paid an all-too-short visit to his Alma Mater. He reports great things of Ridley.

COLLEGE meetings have been very frequent of late, for nearly every day some matter crops up which requires the attention of the students. Most of the topics discussed, however, are of minor importance and are soon disposed of.