

The JOURNAL has rarely in its long history had to suffer such a bitter disappointment as on the occasion of the recent dinner given to the 'Varsity and Queen's debaters. To almost every other function of the year we have had the politest invitations, and our appreciation of the hospitality shown us has been equal to the heartiness of those who have dispensed it. The debaters' dinner, to which of all events the JOURNAL looked forward with a hungry eye, was celebrated with closed doors, and not even a crust was thrown to the one department of College life which is most essential to continuity and progress. The dinner is said to have been good, with eight courses or more and something to wash them down. The speeches of course can only be reported by those who made them, and whether they were good or bad must always remain uncertain. It is to be hoped that the gentlemen who came here from Toronto University will pardon the want of urbanity shown in asking them to a dinner under such unfortunate conditions.

On a recent Saturday afternoon in London, Ontario, there was a gathering of people who might without much trouble have fancied themselves on the old Ontario strand. The Queen's University Society of Western Ontario sat down to their annual dinner and talked about their Alma Mater and other things. Doctor Miligan made an eloquent speech without his notes saying many kind things about both past and present figures in the University. He said he did not believe in centralized education. Nothing was gained by it. The work being done by the London Normal

School which was a legitimate institution would bear out his statement. With one University people are apt to become utilitarian.

Mr. John Cameron, of London, spoke of the ubiquity of Queen's University men; he found them everywhere and always a credit to themselves and to their Alma Mater.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, of St. Thomas, was re-elected President of the Society.

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The following is an extract from a dictionary which is said to have been compiled in his leisure time by a student of the Humanities.

Examinations—This is a word of classical origin, very much in vogue at the present time in universities, especially in the university to which the writer of this definition belongs. It has been suggested that the use of this word by all concerned should be strictly prohibited until within a reasonable time of the melancholy events which the word is used to designate. Students using the term during the close season should be liable to very extreme penalties, and professors, especially those who have lately arrived in the country, should be asked to reprimand severely any student found using the forbidden word either inside or outside of the class rooms.

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The JOURNAL must express the obligations of the students to the officials of the A. M. S. who have just relinquished their duties. The report presented by the retiring Secretary and the closing address of the President summed up both the strength and weakness of the late administration; the officers elect are entering on their duties with both warning and example.