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Excellent Speaking

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In proposing the toast, Mr. Bell coupled with it the name of Prof. deChamp. In reply Prof. de Champ made a brilliantly witty speech, giving some of his first impressions of Canada as he had felt then, when first he landed on the sacred soil of Canada. Such things as the prevalent habit of chewing gum, the great concern exhibited among Canadians as to one's spiritual welfare, the rather rude chatter of the street arabs and many other characteristics of Canadian life were touched on. These impressions, however, had given place to others which had been arrived at after a stay of some 15 years in our midst.

The speaker had something to say on the bi-lingual School question. He regretted that public opinion was so far astray in its conception of the French Canadian. He was eager to learn English and said the speaker, "I don't know of a man in Quebec who does not take advantage of the opportunity to learn English. If they do not in Ontario it is not because they do not want to." It was stated by the speaker that among these people the presence of English influences was more predominant than here. Closing the Professor said he had come to regard the men not only as his students but himself as a member of their family. (Applause).

THE UNIVERSITIES.

"The Universities" was proposed by Mr. Bert Alley '12 and responded to by Mr. J. M. MacDonnell, a Queen's University Rhodes Scholar man. Mr. MacDonnell in an entertaining and instructive manner gave his impressions of English University life as revealed at Oxford and drew some comparisons between the college life in Canadian Universities and those of the Mother Country. Representatives from McMaster and Trinity were present and responded to the toast bringing to University College the best wishes of their respective alma maters.

THE PRESS.

"The Press" was proposed by Principal M. Hutton, Principal Hutton stated that the charge of blackmailing could not be made against the press of our city. A healthy regard of the sense of the fitness of things is observed and ordinarily affairs, better not opened up before the public are left in their proper place.

The charge which was brought against the press was that of the spirit of democracy. "The man in the street has become the final court of appeal where everything is accorded its fate either of approval or condemnation. The public is the result of this spirit of democracy because everything has to be brought into the limelight of publicity. All men pay homage to this."

Superseding the Church and State, the press is now the great inquisition. Every man is put before the world as an actor who must play largely to the gallery and please the gods. This was one point in support of the "last-ditchers" in the late political battle in England. They realised this and thus brought to the notice of the man in the street a revolution which perhaps he might not have realised except for them.

By virtue of this desire for publicity, reticence one all characteristic of diplomacy no longer figures. In this way each nation is regarding her neighbors motives constantly and jealously and as a result maintenance of peace is a great difficulty.

Great mischief is done by the war correspondents, themselves fully versed in the tactics of war, who send out to the world forged telegrams based upon some insignificant occurrence that in the old days would have been hushed up.

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In responding to the toast R. L. Campbell, Editor-in-chief of Varsity stated that every effort should be made to meet King Demos on his own grounds and fight him tooth and nail.

This concluded the toast list after which the happy throng broke up with a roaring Toronto yell.

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system were purely local and therefore the decision should be local. Every failure was due to some defect in the particular case and that this constituted an argument in favour, not of prohibition, but merely restriction.

While the judges were deciding the audience was pleasantly entertained with vocal solos by Geo. Stephenson and a humorous recitation by G. L. Rodd.

McMASTER WINS FROM WYCLIFFE.

On Friday evening a large audience witnessed a battle royal between two ancient adversaries, in the Semi-Final Debate for the Inter-College Trophy.

Rev. Walter Ellis, M.A., occupied the chair. The Judges were J. F. Mackay, Esq., His Honor Judge Sutherland and Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D. The subject for Debate was "Resolved, that Socialism is in the Best Interests of Society."

In opening for the affirmative J. D. Mackenzie Naughton, for Wycliffe, referred to the fact that Socialism suffers much at the hands of unwise followers, and from the strong feelings in vogue against changing the existing conditions of things.

Mr. L. A. Dixon, B.A., who supported him said that the Marxian Doctrine of Socialism had been rejected by the leaders of present day socialism.

But he showed that the economic application of democracy, which is socialism, is in the best interests of society.

The leader of the negative, Mr. A. Haddon for McMaster said, that socialism in its present form is based on false premises, calls for revolution, subverts family, is too visionary, and therefore cannot be in the best interests of society.

Mr. E. F. Newton, B.A., of McMaster, supporting the negative, admitted the necessity of readjustment of existing wrongs but considered that Socialism was a production entirely incompatible with the liberty of the individual to work, how, where, and as he will. That it was practically an autocracy or was leading up to it; and the affirmative must show that this is not the trend of the Socialism of the day. Social reform is the happy middle course.

During the evening Miss Orton gave a vocal solo, and both McMaster and Wycliffe partisans enlivened the proceeding with the usual parodies, both old and new, which created a little "divarsity."

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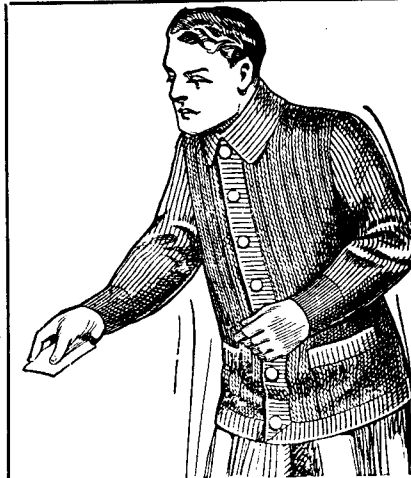
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