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### PUBLIC DEBATE AT VARSITY.

The 154th Public Debate of the University College Literary and Scientific Society was held in Students' Union on Friday evening. No time had been spent in decorating the hall, but the affair was just as successful as it would have been with a profusion of bunting and palms. A platform had been erected on the north side, on which were several very ordinary chairs for the debaters and other participants in the programme, and an exceptionally easy chair for the chairman.

By 8.15 a goodly number of people had entered the hall, and the time had so far been pleasantly spent listening to the jests hurled at innocent freshmen, gushing sophomores, and all kinds of juniors and seniors, who had been rash enough to declare in favor of education by bringing their lady friends with them. There has been much complaint about this "jolling" in past years, but after all wouldn't the Public Debate be a very tame affair if it were not punctuated with remarks by the students?

The president, Mr. J. McGregor Young, B.A., followed by Messrs. Cleland, McFarlane, Narraway, Birmingham, Pringle, and McKay, mounted the platform about 8.30, and Mr. Young with a few remarks introduced the Banjo and Guitar Club. Their selection was very good, and although an encore was demanded, they refused to respond. Varsity's clever essayist, Mr. A. E. McFarlane, '98, then read an interesting essay on "Modern Romance."

The Glee Club, under the direction of Herr Ruth, with W. A. Sadler presiding at the piano, rendered a charming selection, the applause being so vociferous as to compel them to favor the audience with an encore. From present indications the club will be better than ever this year.

Mr. F. A. Cleland gave a reading from "Princeton Stories," which appealed to every college student present, on account of its Varsity coloring. It was an account of a "cane-rush" between a rural and hitherto untried freshman and a trained sophomore, in which the latter came out second best. The ever-popular Freddie was cheered to the echo.

The debate, which came last, was "Resolved, that a preferential tariff between Britain and her Colonies would best conserve the interests of the Empire," and was one of the best delivered in Varsity for some time. Messrs. H. H. Narraway, '98, and A. H. Birmingham, '99, upheld the honor of the affirmative, and Messrs. G. C. F. Pringle, '98, and John McKay, '99, battled for the negative. Comparisons are odious. It is sufficient to say that each and every debater excelled himself, and it must have been very hard for the president to decide in favor of the negative.

The censors in the hall were Messrs. H. P. Hill, '98, R. J. M. Perkins, '98, W. F. McKay, '99, J. R. Bone, '99, E. P. Flintoft, '00, A. F. Aylesworth, '01, A. G. Piper, S.P.S., W. E. Carter, S.P.S.

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MOORE.

Thursday night will long remain a happy memory to the students of Trinity Medical College, the occasion being the celebration of their twentieth annual banquet at the Arlington Hotel. These occasions, when the boys and their professors seek brief respite from the worries incident to college life to meet in gladness and congratulation round the festive board, are always events long to be remembered, and it is safe to say that none will be recalled with feelings of more lively satisfaction than the banquet of this Diamond Jubilee year.

The worthy president, Mr. Frank Porter, presided, and on his right sat the Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, and on his left, Hon. Edward Blake, M.P. Around the table were seated Chancellor Allen, Dean Geikie, Provost Welch, Dr. Bourinot, clerk of the House of Commons, Mayor Shaw, W. F. McLean, M.P., Dr. James Thorburn, Dr. Worcester, Dr. O'Reilly, Oliver A. Howland. The other tables were occupied by the Faculty, members of the house-staffs of the various hospitals, and the undergraduates.

After full justice had been done to the excellent dinner, the President, in a clever and witty speech, proposed the toast to "The Queen," which was honored in a truly loyal manner. Next the toast to the Governor-General, which was enthusiastically drunk, was replied to by His Excellency in a most felicitous speech, which quite won the hearts of the boys. He said many kind things of the medical profession and of Trinity, and was heartily applauded.

Dr. Sheard in a brief but eloquent speech bade all do honor to "Canada." Dr. Bourinot, the distinguished Clerk of the House of Commons, made a very happy reply, in the course of which he referred to the many representatives of the profession who had graced the halls of parliament. W. F. McLean, M.P., also responded in a crisp and witty speech.

W. A. Kerr, first vice-pres., distinguished himself in proposing "Trinity Medical College." When the venerable Dean rose to reply the boys sang the college anthem "God save the Dean." Dr. Geikie's address was characterized by his usual droll humor and sage advice.

Dr. J. T. Fotheringham proposed "Affiliated Universities." Hon. G. W. Allen responded on behalf of Trinity University. Hon. Edward Blake for Toronto University made a very able address and was applauded to the echo.

J. A. McClintock, second vice-president, in a very neat speech proposed "The Faculty and Graduates." Dr. Bingham on behalf of the former, and Dr. J. S. McEachren, a graduate of '97, responded.

In reply to the toast of the "Learned Professions" Rev. W. J. McCaughan representing the clergy, and O. A. Howland the law, spoke briefly.

The toast of "Sister Institutions" was drunk amid much enthusiasm, and was responded to by Dr. Worcester and the representatives of the various colleges as follows: McGill, Mr. Jamieson; Bishops, Mr. McIntyre; Queen's, Mr. Mather; London, Mr. McLay; Victoria, Mr. Hansford; Osgoode Hall, Mr. Montgomery; Ontario College of Pharmacy, G. A. Ross; Dental, Dr. Williams.

"Undergraduates" was replied to by Mr. Doherty, toaster.

For the "Hospitals and Medical Council" Dr. Chas. O'Reilly of the Toronto General Hospital, and Dr. James Thorburn, spoke briefly.

Just here occurred one of the most pleasing incidents of the evening, when Lord Aberdeen arose and in a very graceful speech asked the assembly to drink the health of the president and members of the committee. Mr. Porter and B. J. Hazelwood in brief speeches thanked His Excellency for his kind words.

After the toasts of "The Press" and "The Ladies" had been duly honored, the assembly broke up in the small hours of morn, and the great dinner of '97 passed into history.

### NOTES OF THE FRAY.

The Cast-Iron Constitution Club was fully represented and held a continuous session in the wine vaults. The club devoted its chief attention to determining the qualities of the different brands submitted for consideration.

"Jack" Wilson, "Billy" Taylor and Farrel were elected honorary life members of the club.

Dr. "Johnny" Dunsmore will renew his stay at Oakville Sanitarium for an indefinite period. These dinners are unfortunate events.

It was scarcely necessary for the able representative from Victoria to assure us that all who hailed from that institution were not divines.

Macdoug represented the Keeley people, and distributed a large number of circulars.

Late in the evening McKay was seized with an attack of acute gastric regurgitation. The attack caused his friends some alarm for a time, but under the careful attention of Jack Thomson he soon recovered.

The Salvador table, presided over by a representative of the Education Department, was one of the features of the banquet. At the close the dead soldiers numbered thirty-four, besides one wounded, but still the representative to McGill preserved his stately dignity and strove to fulfill his pledge to lead the Hogg home.

In the Chamber of Horrors, immediately west of the wine vaults, throughout the course of the evening were to be seen striking demonstrations of the effects of diffusible stimuli on the animal economy.

The subject of profuse emesis was ably demonstrated by Macdoug.

For the benefit of those guests who were too regardful of their personal safety to venture below, Rastus, in his usual off-hand style, showed its effects on glomerular secretion.

Alfy Patrick was very anxious that the faculty should be properly entertained, even at the risk of the loss of a pathology demonstration. Such devotion to Alma Mater is certainly commendable.

The London reunion table in the basement was the scene of great activity in the early morning hours. The refreshments were not entirely "Waters."

Soda-water Bobby was again on the rook at the banquet and greeted the appeals of his friends with, "Not now, boys."

The waiters held an informal reception in the rear of the dining hall during the evening. From the boisterous character of their proceedings it might be inferred that they also enjoyed themselves well.

The "Old Defeater" and his genial opponent for Bishops drowned the hatchet.

To the efforts of the indefatigable secretary-treasurer may be ascribed in large measure the great success of the dinner. The boys also owe a debt of gratitude to the manager, Mr. Beecham, for his many kindnesses.

### ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The ever interesting question, whether or not classics are more profitable to the student as an aid to English composition than the study of English standard authors was discussed at St. Michael's Lit last evening. Messrs. McRae and Connolly put up strong arguments in favor of the former and succeeded in convincing the judges that they had the best side of the argument. Messrs. Callon and Brennan made the most of their side of the question, but did not seem able to break down the strong arguments of their opponents.

Mr. H. says that no man can speak from his feet. Every man must speak from his mouth. Otherwise his talk is bur-r-r-r!

Good morning Noonan! Even'up old scores?  
Barney says he'll not tackle Marty again. Barney has a lame arm since the last rush.