

The affirmative was defended by F. Stidwill and M. N. Omond for Queen's, while the negative was taken by J. G. Hindley and W. H. Cherry of McGill. The decision was awarded to Queen's. The debate was good, and enjoyed by quite a large audience, for the subject was a really debatable one. The judges were Mr. J. M. Farrell, B.A; Professor Laird, R.M.C., and Mr. Sleiter, M.A. A short programme was given, consisting of a piano solo by Miss Muriel King, a vocal solo by Mr. Beecroft and instrumental selections by Queen's Orchestra.

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The Intercollegiate debate between Toronto and Ottawa Universities, which took place on Dec. 7th, was won by Ottawa. The final debate, therefore, will be between Queen's and Ottawa, in Ottawa, probably in January.

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An organization has been formed in Kingston, called the Citizens' League, whose object is to promote the moral welfare of the city. The only conditions of membership are sympathy with the aims of the League, and the payment of twenty-five cents. It is entirely non-sectarian and non-political. The League has no fads for the curing of our social ills, nor is it a prohibition organization. The standing of its officers is a guarantee that its work will be carried on in a catholic spirit and with good judgment. It has begun well and its aims should commend it to all classes in the community.

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Through the kindness of the Education Department and the generosity of Mr. Boyle himself, the students of the University have had the privilege of attending a course of nine lectures on Archaeology. The lecturer, Mr. David Boyle, occupies the position of Curator of the Provincial Museum in the Normal School Buildings, Toronto. The lectures while not of a formal character were made both interesting and instructive by the lecturer's ready wit and fund of anecdote together with the authority with which he treated his subject. The many students who attended the lectures will welcome the genial lecturer whenever he may have opportunity to visit Queen's again.

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We quote an extract from a letter of date Dec. 3rd, sent Principal Gordon by Mr. Jas. Bertram, Mr. Andrew Carnegie's Secretary. "Mr. Carnegie notes you are engaged on a new Endowment Fund of \$500,000, and will be glad to provide the last \$100,000 of that amount when the balance has been collected in cash or realizable securities." We understand this is Mr. Carnegie's usual method of aiding such purposes, as he believes in the principle of helping those who help themselves. This gift is all the more generous of Mr. Carnegie, in view of the fact within the past few weeks he has made provision for a retiring allowance for three of the Queen's professors, who will retire at the expiration of this session. Owing to the fact that a majority of the trustees of the University must be Presbyterian, Queen's is precluded from sharing at present in the benefit of the Carnegie Foundation for professorial pensions.