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Lipkin may have been elected for other reasons than I suggest but Lipkin was a known firebrand, he was elected after a bitter campaign and as the spokesman of the Americans. Mr. Green's speech may have been and was severely condemned as you say but I can attest that a large number of Americans & a number of Canadians showed no disposition to quarrel with him the night after it was given. I was there & know from personal experience.

As for the banquet, I have no grievance there. I think its abolition a very excellent thing only I very gravely doubt if it would have been abolished but for Greene of the year before & the fear of another Greene in the bozy future.

The question of academic standing is plainly a sore point. ^{in one exam} It ill befits me to level since I was plucked & probably very properly so. However, as I pointed out to my cousin, the question of American college rating as apposed to English is really not the point at issue. I proposed to this gentleman, Mr. Adrian Gilbert of St. John & another ex-Rhodes man, that I was not asking that Oxford accept the American degree. I merely contend that the Rhodes man is or should be a man of rather outstanding intellect. I merely wish that he be given recognition on the most favorable possible basis, if only as an act of international courtesy. Oxford's cherished standards will in no way suffer and the intellectual misfit can easily be weeded out.

Moreover, I am not saying that an American PhD is in any way superior or inferior to an ^{English} ~~American~~ degree. I merely say that the American & Canadian wants or needs a PhD for his work on this side