

THE OTTAWA-QUEEN'S DEBATE.

WE are indebted to the *Ottawa Evening Journal* for the following account of the Inter-University debate which took place at Ottawa on December 5th:—

Queen's University debaters won last night from the representatives of Ottawa University in the Inter-University Debating League contest held in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School.

The subject of the debate was:—"Resolved, that free trade within the British Empire, with a high tariff wall against all other nations is desirable." For the affirmative Messrs. C. J. Jones, '07, and J. E. McNeill, '07, of Ottawa University, presented quite an interesting, and in some ways convincing argument, in favor of inter-colonial and imperial free trade, while Messrs. R. C. Jackson, '06, and D. A. McArthur, '08, of Queen's, argued forcefully, using strong facts of history, pointing out the possibility of injury to imperial sentiment from commercial bonds.

Mr. Geo. E. Perley, M.P., in making the announcement of the decision arrived at by the judges, said that it had been no easy matter to decide between the sides, but after considering the merits of the arguments, delivery and style, they had agreed upon Queen's as the winning team. Before making the announcement Mr. Perley paid a high compliment to the young men who had conducted the arguments, and warmly commended the I.U.D.L. for the good work it is doing in training students for public speaking. Mr. Perley's associate judges were Messrs. D. J. McDougal, M.L.A., and Mr. M. J. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals.

The Ottawa University orchestra, under the leadership of Rev. Father Lajeunesse, rendered several excellent selections before and after the debate.

Mr. W. P. Derham, secretary of the Ottawa University Debating Society, presided, and in a short opening address set forth the aims of the league in which Ottawa University had now been associated for two years with Queen's, Toronto and McGill. He referred to the interest which had always been taken in debating at Ottawa, and to the larger scope offered by the I.U.D.L. In closing, he remarked on the ever-increasing warmth of feeling among the students of the different universities, and in this connection took occasion to mention the cordial relations which have always subsisted between Queen's and Ottawa, both in athletics and debates.

Mr. Jones, leader for the affirmative, quoted Hon. W. S. Fielding, and Prof. Shortt of Queen's, in favor of the argument that free trade within the Empire would foster the sentiment of brotherhood among the colonies, and a warmer feeling toward the mother country. He also quoted Sir Wilfrid Laurier as saying that if the colonies and the mother country did not come closer together they would find themselves drifting apart. The strength of the German Empire, he said, is founded on the federation of numerous states in a political union consequent upon a commercial union effected by Prince Bismarck.

Mr. Jackson, leader for the negative, on rising, was greeted with a hearty cheer by the Ottawa students in the gallery. With a clear, bold delivery, he attacked the principle of