

it being that as a subject had been chosen which he did not consider debatable he did not feel himself called upon to give a decision. The audience then dispersed.

#### WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT THE INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE.

A TORONTO University man writes: "It was a shame to deprive the Queen's men of the victory they had fairly won. Had I been chairman I would have decided in their favor at once. *Palmas qui meruit ferat.*"

A Queen's man writes: "I was supremely disgusted with Goldwin Smith's conduct as chairman. He took the chair on the express condition that he should give a decision on the merits of the respective wranglers. The Toronto men were nowhere as dialecticians beside the Queen's men. I longed to rise and ask the audience to decide what the chairman in his sublime superiority seemed unable to do, but not being a Toronto University man thought it better to keep my seat."

All the opinions we have received are of the same tenor.

#### MISSION OPENINGS IN JAPAN.

THE Principal has received the following deeply interesting letter from Rev. Dr. Eby, of the Methodist Church Mission to Japan. Evidently, there is room there for every educated Christian man who feels called to foreign mission work. He need not wait for the action of this or that committee. Talk of the professions here being crowded! The field is the world. And what an attractive corner of the field Japan now seems to be!

18 Kasumi cho, Azabu, Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 28, 1888.

MY DEAR DR. GRANT:

A letter from Mr. Dunlop tells me that you are enquiring of him with regard to openings for some more of your men. One thing I may say, and that is if you can send us some more as good as Dunlop they will be welcome. When you wrote me some time ago things were still in an unformed state, and even now I can not see very far ahead in such a way as to satisfy calculating Scotchmen, but very far indeed for men who will dare something for God \* \* \* I wish to tell you of the way the pillar of cloud seems to be moving. You know something of the inception of this movement. How that I invited correspondence on the subject and received a number of offers of service. Then I sought for definite places for men. In a short time I had places where I could have placed six or eight men, their aggregate income amounting to nearly \$10,000 a year. I then sent for the men to come along, but one thing and another came in the way and no one got started until I was almost broken-hearted. Some of the places were filled, and I was ashamed of the constant enquiry as to when my men were coming. At last the ice was broken and Mr. Dunlop arrived. He came just in time to save my credit in a place that had rented a house and had waited long. He seems as happy as a lord; is where he has very light duties with ample time to learn the language and prepare for a more impor-

tant place. And there are hundreds of just such places. I believe if any young man would come and put out his shingle that he would teach English he would have all that he could do even if he should not get a special contract. Last Monday two more men arrived; one of them I slipped into a place where the salary is 2,400 yen a year and a house; for the other I had not fixed on a place, but inside of three days I could have put him in three places at 1,200 a year.

You will not be surprised to learn that I am not fully endorsed in this move by every one in our mission, but I believe it is of the Lord. I have it distinctly understood that the candidate comes as a *missionary* and not to get a salary; that his income above a certain amount shall be considered the property of the band and be funded for all possible contingencies and perhaps bye-and-bye furnish means for extended work, and a superannuation fund. And now I do not see why we should not take a step in advance and have the self-supporting band an inter-denominational affair. We would not aim at starting a new church organization but work for and with every denomination. I could place Presbyterians among their own people, and Methodists among Methodists, etc., or they could sometimes be mixed up with no harm to any body and still retain their self-supporting organization. Do you not think that that would be a living link to bind us and bring us closer together! Now, what we want is simply an organization at your end to equip and send out really suitable men, send them free of incumbrance in the way of debt, with good health and faith in God, ready to go some times if need be on short allowance, daring something for the world's salvation. And then another possibility arises before my mind and that is that this may be the way that the Central Hall in this great city is to come about as the centre and headquarters of this new mission band. I want colleges to take up the work; we want college men in the band. College men will sympathize with the kind of work proposed to be done in the Hall and the inter-denominational character of the move may open the hearts and pockets of many in different churches. If you would like to know more of our plans, just ask me anything and I will do my best to give you all the light I can. O that the churches would get closer together and cease playing with the stupendous opportunity of the hour in this awakened land.

Yours very cordially,

C. S. EBY.

P.S.—It would not be wise to have men come just before the summer holidays, but the sooner I have a list of picked men who are ready to come the better. I can provide places and send for them.—C. S. E.

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