

"SUN-SET" PARTY Of the English Speaking Society of the University

The Sun-set party has become almost an annual event in the history of our English Speaking Society. The campus of the university with newly planted beautiful trees afforded a splendid place for holding a social gathering of this nature. The meeting was warmly supported by the members of the intercollegiate federation of the English Speaking Societies in the Kanto-district. The part of the campus was decorated with festoons of Japanese lanterns and beautifully illuminated with electric lights. Flags of English speaking nations bespeak the nature of the gathering. The meeting was attended by students and professors representing Keio, Meti, Waseda, Nihon, Hosei, Senshu, American School and St. Paul's numbering in all about five hundreds. Special guests were invited, among whom there were quite a large number of prominent Japanese and foreigners. His Excellency Sir John Tilley, British Ambassador sent his greetings and His Excellency Mr. Charles Macveagh, American Ambassador was present at the meeting in person and made a splendid, highly appropriate and instructive speech, the full text of which was given to the editor through the kindness of Bishop Reifsneider, president of the University and is printed below.

Letter sent by Sir John Tilley, Ambassador from Great Britain, to be read at the meeting of the English-Speaking Societies at St. Paul's University, June 26, 1926:

I much regret that another engagement prevents me from attending the first anniversary celebration of the Inter-Collegiate Federation of English Speaking Societies of Japan.

Sir John Tilley
I regard the Federation as symbolic of a greater federation of English speaking people all over the world, not only those of the Anglo-Saxon race, but all who, having learned our language, have learned also to understand our ideals and our trend of thought. Those who, whether by birth or by achievement, possess the English language in common, should have in common also the determination to bring about the greater happiness of the greatest number.

JOHN TILLEY.

The program printed here will give our readers some idea of the proceedings of the evening.

PROGRAMME

Overture:
St. Paul's Orchestra.
Chairman S. Ito of St. Paul's English Speaking Society.
1.—Welcome addresses:
President Bishop C. Reifsneider, Prof. Negishi, President of St. Paul's English Speaking Society.

2.—Mandoline orchestra: St. Paul's Mandoline Club.

3.—Addresses:
His Excellency, American Ambassador Hon. Charles Macveagh.

His Excellency, British Ambassador Sir, John Tilley.
Mrs. C. Burnett.
Mr. Ku-Hung-Ming.
Mr. P. F. Rusch.

4.—Orchestra: St. Paul's Orchestra.

5.—Short address: Representative of Hosei University.

6.—Piano solo: Miss Marion Crawford.

7.—Short address: Representative of Keio University.

8.—Chorus: St. Paul's Glee Club.

9.—Short address: Representative of Meiji University.

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10.—Soprano solo: Miss M. Hayakawa.

11.—Short address: Representative of Nihon University.

12.—Mandoline orchestra: St. Paul's Mandoline Club.

13.—Short address: Representative of Waseda University.

14.—Flute duet: Mr. M. Hanabusa and Mr. J. O. Gauntlett.

15.—Short address: Representative of Senshu University.

16.—Orchestra: St. Paul's Orchestra.

17.—Short address: Representative of the First and Second Waseda Koto Gakuin.

18.—Movies: Specially presented by Mr. P. F. Rusch.

"A Movie of the First International Students Party to Gotemba, held on 6th June, 1926."

18.—St. Paul's College song.

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SPEECH MADE BY THE HON. CHARLES MACVEACH.

United States Ambassador to Japan.

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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a great honor to me to be here tonight and to meet all of you who are interested in and represent the English-speaking Societies of Tokyo. And I feel greatly honored in being permitted to stand upon this platform which should properly be occupied by your Honorary President, Baron Matsui, who is now serving his country as Ambassador at the Court of St. James. He is one of the finest types of men. He is devoted to the interests of both the Anglo-Saxons and the Japanese. He speaks English better than I do, and I can only say that he certainly speaks Japanese much better than I can ever hope to do. But I hope that His Excellency will remain in Great Britain for a considerable length of time, not only for the sake of Japan, but also so long as he remains there I am permitted to occupy his beautiful and comfortable house in Tokyo.

I feel greatly honored to stand on the same platform with my friend, who calls himself my venerable friend but I do not agree with him. Mr. Ku, I think that he is one of the examples that all you members of the English-speaking Society can study with great benefit. When you read his pamphlets, letters and writings you find that he is a master, and at least I have found that he is a master of more languages than I ever knew. He writes in English and gives quotations from French, German, Italian, Japanese and Chinese.

I thought when I came here that I was going to find here one of my colleagues, the Ambassador from Great Britain, and I think I am partly responsible for his not being here, because I said to him a few nights ago, "Your Excellency, I am going to meet you at St. Paul's University, and when I meet you there I am going to say a great many things about you and Great Britain that you will not like and will have to answer," and I find that he has taken alarm and has stayed away. He would tell you that if you want to study the English language the thing to do is to go to England to study it and not to America, where you get it secondhand. Now I do not agree with him entirely, but I do have a great admiration for Great Britain and for the great men who have made her what she is today. I do admit that the purest water is to be found at its source and not in the channels through which it flows afterwards. I know also that we in America of British descent are proud of the fact that we sprang from the loins of our British ancestors, and we are also proud of the fact that we have learned our English from the masters of English literature. As England is our mother country, so the English language is our mother tongue. But really in America we have much that I think would be helpful to you in the way of literature, at the same time I frankly

do not know what professions you young men are going to adopt. I hope a great many of you will go into the public service. I believe that is what is needed of young men in every country. It is in ours, in Europe, and will soon be needed in Japan. Every country comes up against certain troubles, pitfalls and anxieties, and the only way to meet them is to learn how the same things are met in other countries. You will need to know history and how it should be applied at each crisis. There is one book I hope is in your library, if it is not I will be glad to send a copy, it contains the greatest amount of political science to be found in the world, the writings of Edmund Burke. He was a member of Parliament from 1763 to 1790, all through the troublous times when our colonies were revolting and asking for self-government. He was continually writing and trying to guide England in the right path and has left us a number of volumes containing his ideas of government and it is couched in the purest English I know.

I have therefore these three suggestions to make in regard to your reading; the Bible, William Shakespeare and Edmund Burke, and if you will read these and become acquainted with them, take them to your hearts and minds. I am sure you will understand English and American people, and hope that all your energies will be bent to a better understanding of us. An undying friendship between the two nations is my warmest wish.

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