

Bhuel le ngeal fada a deanamh gearr. Bhi muid ag teacht agus ag imtheacht on deich a chlog san oiche De hAoine go dti a seacht a chlog maidin De Domhnaigh; sin e an uair a sheol muid on Sionnain. Thainig mise amach den eiteallan i Nua-Eabhrach ag a tri a chlog trathnona De Domhnaigh trom tuirseach claoite thareis na seachtaine.

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it grew in membership and scope until it impeded sessions in the House of Commons. Members in both institutions were more often found at the Debating Society so, in order to obtain a quorum on a vote, the members had to be sent for at Trinity.

This "History Club" fostered several other important orators: Henry Grattan and the Lords Mountjoy and O'Neill, leaders in the struggle against political disabilities for Roman Catholics. Theobald Wolfe Tone was auditor of the Society in 1785. In 1797, Robert Emmet and Thomas Moore joined and became the leaders of the Radical Party in debate.

Dublin could not help but be proud of Trinity at this time; this century marks the first great interest taken in the college by civic and national groups. More scholarships and fellowships could be awarded through the financial support, and a great spirit of scholarly and individual achievement could be fostered through this evidence of interest. A new concept of what the country owed the college was established.

This new sphere of interest, the famous graduates, the graceful architecture, all reflect Trinity's glory in the eighteenth century; of all her colorful past, it is indeed her "finest hour".