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JUNIOR DEBATE.

THE IRVINGS GET A UNANIMOUS DECISION.

Last night the annual debate between the Juniors of the Irvings and Zets was held in North Hall.

The question discussed was: "Resolved, that the principles of Cabinet (Parliamentary) Government should be introduced into the system of general government in the United States." The Irvings affirmed, and were represented by Messrs. A. J. Burt, Wm. W. Loomis and M. L. Curtis, while J. J. Lambert, Wesley Holt and M. E. Welby denied for the Zets.

M. W. Williams, President of the Debating League, presided, and Miss Reno opened and closed the program with a pleasing piano solo.

The affirmative followed throughout the plan laid down by their opening speaker, A. J. Burt, viz.: that government should give unity of policy and action, should be simple, and that responsibility of legislation should be upon some definite body. They found grave faults in our present system, showed in what way it was wanting in these particular virtues, and how the principle of cabinet government properly introduced and acting in conjunction with the present system, would remedy its defects while retaining all its advantages.

Particular instances were cited in the want of action on the part of the Senate in regard to slavery before the war, and our monetary system at the present time, all being in direct opposition to the will of the people. Under a parliamentary system such would be impossible.

The negative defined a parliamentary system as one in which centralization of power was the principal factor, that this was directly in opposition to our present theories, that its introduction would reduce the Senate to a position similar to the House of Lords, and the executive to a mere figure head. That in advent of its introduction our judiciary must fall and our entire government be revolutionized. And further, that the Presidential system is preeminently the best government for the United States, since it is the product of the American people, suited to their needs, and in accordance with their beliefs.

They contended that all the evils claimed by the negative to exist in the Presidential system were in the cabinet system in every country where it had been tried, and the United States was by no means a favorable country for its introduction.

Both sides supplemented their arguments by charts, and the latter part of the debate was almost entirely rebuttal, with quibbling concerning the point in controversy.

Considered as a whole the debate was good, the speakers all showing that thorough and consistent preparation which has ever been so prominent a feature in our forensic contests.

The judges were Professors Seashore, Loos and Calvin.

Hammond Law Senate.

The program of the Hammond Law Senate Friday evening was opened by a whistling solo by Senator Weaver, which he improvised, and as an encore he rendered the "Mocking Bird." It is useless to say that Mr. Weaver's selections were pleasing, as they were rendered in his usual taking manner. This was followed by a declamation by Senator Showalter.

An interesting sketch of the life of Lord Tennyson was read by Senator Liffing, which showed great care in preparation.

Senator Johnson was then called on for an extemporaneous speech on the subject of "The Prospects of War with Spain and the recent \$50,000 appropriation." Mr. Johnson heartily endorsed the appropriation, but doubted the possibility of war.

Miss Berry next rendered a very pleasing piano solo which brought forth a hearty encore.

The debate of the evening was on Bill no. 654: "Be it enacted by the Hammond Law Senate that the United States should establish and maintain a postal savings bank." The bill was rigorously contested on each side, and considering the short time each speaker was allowed, some very logical and forcible arguments were advanced. Senators Work and Ashe supported the bill, and Senators Haver and Meyers opposed it. It was the first appearance of Senators Work and Haver, who proved themselves worthy members. The bill was carried by a vote of 15 to 13.

As a closing literary number the audience had the pleasure of listening to Judge Wade, who spoke on "The Coming Lawyer." The Judge, after a few moments talk on the advantages of literary societies for lawyers, proceeded to point out the facts tending towards the necessity of higher education of the future lawyer. He demonstrated that the lawyer of to-morrow must not only know the law, but, if he would be successful, must be adept in many other branches of learning, and above all, must be a student of human nature.

As the result of the movement at Columbia University to secure an athletic field, an arrangement has been made by which the university athletic teams will have exclusive use of Berkeley oval as a Columbia Field.

Cups have been presented to the members of the Harvard Freshman foot ball team which made such a good record last season.

The students of Northwestern University sing one of their college songs in chapel each morning.

Charles Craigie, of Minneapolis, and James Temple, of Ripon, Wis., will respectively train Wisconsin's track and bicycle teams this year. They began work this week.

Athletic Director Stone, of the Chicago Athletic Association, will soon make a tour of the western universities in quest of athletic material for the track team which will represent the Club against the New York Athletic Club in the coming dual meet. He is looking especially for pole vaulters and quarter mile runners.

"HAYANA AND ITS HARBOR."

A FINE LECTURE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BY PROF. NUTTING.

It was a good sized audience that assembled at the Presbyterian church last evening to listen to an instructive and interesting lecture delivered by Professor C. C. Nutting.

The interest in the lecture was increased by the display of 64 excellent photographs which were taken by members of the S. U. I. Bahama expedition in 1893, and have since been made into stereopticon slides.

It was one of the most pleasing lectures the Professor has delivered in this city, and the audience was fairly transported to the city of 250,000 inhabitants, and viewed with admiration the harbor, castles, fortifications, buildings, monuments, parks and botanical gardens.

The repetition of the massacre of the students in Havana, in 1891, in the short intermission, was listened to attentively.

Philomathean.

A fair sized audience met in Philo hall, last Friday evening, to listen to the following well-rendered program:

First, was a mandolin duet by Messrs. Bond and Hickenloper. This was well rendered and received a hearty encore.

Next was a declamation by C. W. Soesbe, "Owl Critic." Mr. Soesbe appeared at ease on the floor, and showed his ability as a declaimer.

Following this was the debate: "Resolved, that Hawaii should be annexed to the United States." It was affirmed by E. J. Louis, E. E. Blythe and H. A. Angus; denied by W. G. Humphrey, F. M. Baker and Henry Albert. These men are all Sophomores, and each put forth his best effort to bring victory to himself and defeat to his opponents. The speakers were allowed each eleven minutes to speak. Blythe and Baker were each given four minutes to close the debate. Further comment on the debate is unnecessary. Suffice it to say that it was well prepared and well rendered. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Next was a declamation by W. M. Vaughan, "The Battle of Waterloo." Mr. Vaughan, with his usual grace and ease, held the close attention of his hearers.

F. E. Walker read a paper on "Preservation of the Mind." Mr. Walker is one of the society's Senior Medical members, and is to be commended upon his manner of handling his subject.

The Princeton team which is to debate against Yale on March 25th, has been selected.

The college paper of Heidelberg University asks to have Senior orations at commencement abolished, speaking about them in these complimentary terms: "It is about time that along with progress in other lines, the antiquated custom of compelling a whole class of graduates to get up in turn to bore and torture sensible people with a lot of visionary theories to be abolished."

The rowing room of the new gymnasium at Columbia University is said to be one of the best equipped in the world.

The dual track games between Yale and Harvard will be held on Holmes Field, Cambridge, on Saturday, May 14th.

The University of Paris has nine thousand students. It claims the honor of leading the universities of the world in number of students.

Forty three of the six hundred American students in Berlin are women. The present attendance, which exceeds 6,000, is the largest on record.

Compulsory education is about to be established throughout European Russia, the minister of public instruction having devised a system which will be enforced soon.

A Faculty Club has been organized in the University of Pennsylvania. Its object is to develop the social side of the professors' natures. About 150 have joined.

Cornell University is planning an elaborate expedition to the south for the purpose of studying the geological formation of the different parts of the country visited.

The property now owned by fraternities at Cornell is valued at \$475,000; at Williams, \$350,000; Yale, \$300,000; Amherst, \$200,000; Wesleyan, \$125,000; Harvard, \$125,000.

Oberlin defeated Ohio State University in debate, recently, on the question: "Would a safety fund system of national banking be preferable to such an extension of the present system as would allow the banks to deposit state or municipal bonds as security."

Pennsylvania is to hold a relay race for intercollegiate competition April 30. A large number of colleges and universities will enter. An open race for the championship will be run in addition. Prizes are to be very elaborate, but no guaranty of mileage will be offered. S. U. I. received an invitation to enter, but declined.

A Harvard Senior has presented a certain French literary and dramatic society, of which he is the president, with a fund of \$30,000 for the establishment of an annual lectureship on subjects connected with French literature, art and history. The novelty of the scheme lies in the fact that the lectures are to be given in that language by some prominent French scholar, invited to this country each year.

Professor Hastings, of the University of Nebraska, is receiving replies to circulars sent out to western colleges last week in regard to the proposed Trans-Mississippi athletic meet at Omaha this spring. Although but a week has elapsed since the invitations were sent out, six colleges have already responded. All are favorable to and manifest great interest in the big event. Those heard from are as follows: Wesleyan University, Tarkio College, the University of Omaha, Midland College, Doane College and the University of Colorado.

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The average student is not a man of means; in many cases finance is a matter of prime importance, and the warning vacuum in his purse urges him to spend as short a time as possible at school, to graduate in four years at least. He, however, is not blind to the fact that an ounce of applied knowledge is of more service than pounds of committed facts and theories, and feels compelled to participate in movements tending to give opportunities for such application. He joins a literary society, and by his commendable energy to be among the leaders, he is chosen as a participant in class debates, in preliminaries, and finally represents the institution in its battles with other rival institutions.

He is elected as local editor on a college paper, and with the same "push" which forces him to be at the front if he is in at all, he becomes one of the leading men on the staff, a position occupying his attention as regularly as any study, and consuming more of his energy.

He feels sadly the need of pure, well applied English, and joins a non-for-ensic organization, where he is expected to spend at least one evening each week, and to prepare several papers each term, a practice of untold benefit to every conscientious worker. These, together with organi-

zations such as Junior Annual Boards, Lecture Bureau Committees, and various private associations which can be made interesting and valuable, comprise his outside work IN ONE DIRECTION, viz.: intellectual.

If he is true to himself he must not neglect the social side of his nature, but spend at least a moderate amount of time in its cultivation. Everywhere he goes he hears professors, students, all urging him to train for some athletic event for his own good and the strengthening of the athletic team.

He by no means can afford to allow his Christian work to cease, and the Christian Associations demand both his time and energy. Quite often, too, the financial side of affairs must not be overlooked, and expenses be liquidated in part by odd jobs or daily work.

These, together with his school work, which alone is mapped out to take the ENTIRE TIME, constitute his tasks. He struggles on, and if perchance he fails in an exceptionally difficult study, or "flunks" in classes on divers occasions, he is regarded as indolent and by no means up to the standard.

The picture is no doubt overdrawn. It is but an example of what some men do, and the rewards which they obtain. No one should attempt to do all of those things, but all should do some. What is needed to-day is that some credit be given for work of intellectual nature, carefully performed and faithfully executed.

There are always some ready to condemn outside work, but they would be in the van of expostulators if it should cease. It far exceeds the class room in its advertisement of any school,—it is the only medium of intercourse with the outer world, the criterion by which we are measured. As an encouragement then for its fulfillment in the best possible sense, let there be some tangible reward for labor which does more for the individual in a line parallel to that of the mastery of books than the pursuit of the curriculum, and at the same time demonstrates to the world our advancement and progress. Let outside work, which is intellectual in its nature, and of sufficient importance, be rewarded by credit in our colleges and universities.

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The band is hard at work practicing
 for the spring.

Fuller, L. '98, has joined his class,
 and will graduate in June.

Dixon College, Illinois, wants a
 game with S. U. I. May 20.

Loomis, C. '99, has been receiving a
 short visit from his father this week.

Dr. Shambaugh was back with his
 classes Monday after about a week's
 absence.

A meeting of the Senior Law class
 is called for 10 o'clock to-morrow
 afternoon.

Mrs. R. G. Anderson, L. '99, return-
 ed this morning from an extensive
 business trip in Georgia.

Lieutenant Ely has decided to drill
 the companies on the campus for the
 remainder of the spring.

John Hull, L. '96, was one of the at-
 torneys for the defense in the Guest
 court of inquiry case in Des Moines.

The young ladies fraternities of the
 University gave a dance at Smith's
 armory Saturday afternoon, from 2 to
 6 o'clock.

Dr. A. C. Cowperthwaite, of Chi-
 cago, formerly connected with the
 Homeopathic Medical department,
 was in the city, Sunday, visiting with
 old friends.

Professor James A. Robbach has re-
 turned from a business trip in the
 east and resumed his lectures on
 "Municipal Corporations" to the Sen-
 ior Law class yesterday.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

R. T. Mason, '00, is now in the city, and will enter the University next term.

The base ball team took its first out door practice, yesterday afternoon. The new men made a good showing.

It is claimed at present by the managers of the '99 Hawkeye that it will be out either Friday or Saturday of this week.

A number of students were present at Professor Nutting's lecture on Havana, at the Presbyterian church last night.

President Schaeffer went to Mt. Pleasant to-day, where he is a judge on a debating contest to be held there this evening.

W. P. Phelps, L. '98, is now in Crefeld, Germany, where he is clerk for his father, who is United States consul of that port.

Regent Pickett, of Waterloo, a member of the State Pharmacy Commission, will be here to-morrow to examine prospective graduates.

H. L. Gamble, L. '98, was taken ill Saturday and removed to the hospital, where an operation for appendicitis was performed Sunday. He is resting quite easy at present.

The High School contest will take place next Friday evening, March 18, at the Opera House, and the successful declaimer will represent the school in the southern district contest to be held at Colfax April 8th.

An article written by Professor C. B. Wilson, appearing in the March number of Modern Language Notes, is attracting widespread attention. This article was written at the request, through a resolution, of the Modern Language Association, and contains a masterly account of the yearly session.

The suspended 22-well-loved though disciplined prodigals — may come back. The University, their dear mother—not father—will never kill an especially large number of fatted calves, in honor of the erring ones, but the children will be permitted to return to the shelter of the 'Varsity's classic halls, if they come in a penitent mood.—Daily Republican.

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