

themselves was dwelt on to a considerable extent. Numerous examples of trivial squabbles were brought up, and then the combined influence and injury of these two points on the industrial welfare of the country was shown. Statistics were quoted to show the great injury done in the building trades of New York and Chicago by these features. The influence of these strikes in the industry of the whole country was then traced. Mr. Hart concluded the argument of the affirmative by summing up all their points and finally emphasizing the point that they had shown facts while the negative had brought forth only theory.

Mr. Kraybill concluded for the negative, and by his forceful method of presentation made a most favorable impression. He made the point that labor unions tend to promote industrial peace, and dwelt for a considerable length of time on the beneficent results which had accrued and would result from the bringing together of employee and employer in peaceful conference. He painted a most alluring picture of how in the future the laboring man and the manufacturer would assemble around the festive board and adjust their difficulties by arbitration. He quoted statistics to show that workingmen had abided by their agreements in the past, and argued from this that they would continue to do so in the future. The points of the negative were then summed up, and the constructive arguments closed. Mr. Kraybill was without doubt the most convincing speaker on the negative side, and by his manner and persuasive arguments did much to influence the judges in their decision.

Notwithstanding this fact, it was generally conceded that the affirmative had much the better of the constructive arguments, and had the debate ended here State would have undoubtedly won with some to spare. Where they failed to make good was in the rebuttal. They spent too much time in emphasizing points which had practically not been rebutted and by attempting to show that the whole argument of their opponents was theory, instead of taking the points up separately and showing the weakness thereof. While they were thus wasting their time, the negative was taking up almost every point which the affirmative had brought