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Better Debating

The present college year has been a very successful one as regards the betterment of literary conditions in the College. Last week witnessed the close of the debating season; a season in which Penn State took first place in Pennsylvania Collegiate Debating League and in which, out of a total of five debates, State was returned a victor in three. Four of the debates were held away from home and in all of the debates participated in by the negative team they were forced to combat public sentiment. With these considerations in mind, then, it is a matter of congratulation to all that the season closed with a majority of victories. Greater, however, then the mere count of victories, is the increased interest shown in this form of activity. The number of candidates for positions on the teams was double the number out the previous year and the large audience present at the State-Dickinson Debate testified to increased interest among the students.

The outlook for next year is exceedingly bright. Already, four debates are scheduled, two of them being out of town engagements. With the excellent training afforded the men engaged in both college and class debating this year, there are prospects of turning out winning teams. Not only shall we look forward to better debating but also to better oratorical contests. A faculty committee has already reported on a new system for choosing the junior orators and this reform must spell progress in literary affairs.

The Final Issue

The next issue of the Collegian will appear June 9th. The final number will consist of six pages and will be devoted almost exclusively to Commencement week. Cuts of the speakers and the remaining buildings now in progress of completion will be used. A resume of the progress of the expiring college year by President Sparks together with the ideal plan of our college campus will be found in this edition. Contrary to the usual method, the Collegian will be distributed on Tuesday to all Commencement Guests. Those subscribers who will not be here during the week will receive their copy by mail, if the change of address is sent to the manager in sufficient time.

New Features of Commencement

For the first time during commencement week, the college cadet band will give a sacred concert on Sunday, June 7, at 4:30 p. m. on the front campus. This concert will be given in addition to the annual concert, Saturday evening. The band boys are making a special effort to give our commencement visitors an unusually fine program at these two concerts.

Another important addition to the program for commencement week, will be a meeting held in the Old Chapel on June 10, at 3:00 p. m. for the parents of graduates. At this gathering the president of the college will address and personally meet all the parents of the graduates. Dr. Sparks has written personal letters to the parents of every member of the graduating class, extending them a personal invitation to attend the commencement exercises. This meeting will undoubtedly be one of the most enjoyable features of the week for those who are attending the graduating exercises of their sons and daughters.

This year two large tents will be erected on the front campus, which will be made the headquarters of the Alumni association. Previous to this year the headquarters have always been in one of the buildings, but it is believed that this change will add much to the pleasure of the program. One of the tents will be the meeting place for the class reunions.

An alumni luncheon will be held in one of the tents at the headquarters of the association on Tuesday noon. This promises to be a jolly gathering, and it is hoped to make this luncheon a permanent feature of commencement week.

Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Course.

The Y. M. C, A. Entertainment Course, arrangements for which have just been completed, includes some of the best talent to be found in professional circles. The courses will be sure to please since it is broad in scope, partaking of both the serious and lighter vein of entertainment. The following, entertainers will appear during the course:

Ralph Bingham, entertainer and humorist, whom Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage blesses as the Dean of the apostolic college of humorists.

The Killarney Girls and Rita Rich, appearing in Irish Costumes with an appropriate setting and presenting a program of instrumental and vocal music.

The Kellogg-Haines Singing Party of five members, whose program is the presentation of selections from grand opera successes.

Mr. Marcus A. Kellerman, baritone, assisted by Sara Gurowitach, Violoncellist, and W. A. Parson, pianist, in instrumental and vocal classics.

Dr. Edward A. Steiner, author, educator and lecturer.

The Commencement Froth.

On June third the greatest commencement Froth ever edited will be put on sale in the Froth Office, in "The Music Room." This issue contains contributions from 12 of the leading cartoonists and artists in the country, besides the productions of the Board. Owing to the fact that it will be double the ordinary size, composed of 60 pages, the price will be 25 cents per copy to those buying the issue. To those who have subscribed to Froth for the past college year and have paid their subscriptions, the magazine will be given if they call at the Froth Office on June 3rd to June 6th. There will be but 1000 extra copies and those wishing Froth sent away to friends are advised to leave their orders now.

Debating Trip.

The debating team in their final trip on Thursday, were defeated that evening by Pitt in Soldiers Memorial Hall, and defeated W. & J. the next evening at Washington. The demonstration in Pittsburg was great, because the question being Woman Suffrage, an opportunity was given the warring factions in Pittsburg to show their colors. The table and corner occupied by State men was decorated by the Anti-Suffrage Society; while Pitt's corner was the result of the efforts of the Equal Suffrage Club. Sentiment was not so high at W. & J; but the rivalry was no less keen.

A New Custom.

In some of the larger colleges here in the East, it is customary for the senior class to honor those of its members who have done most for the class and for the college. The present senior class has decided to introduce a similar custom here and have chosen Miller, Horst, and Reinhardt as first, second, and third honor men respectively. The first honor man will be spoon man, the second, barrel man, and the third, cane man.

A. A. Elections.

An unusually poor attendance at the A. A. elections last week makes it necessary to hold another election to determine who is to fill the offices of vice president and secretary. Barron had a sufficient majority to give him the presidency, but the condidates for the other ofices had so nearly the same number of votes that fairness to all concerned, demanded a second balloting.

Library Notes.

All books should be returned to the Library on or before June 1. Books needed by instructors for Summer School work will be recharged, but all books out on loan must be accounted for before June 1.

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