

Literary Societies

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Society work was at the peak of interest when the society met on Tuesday evening, May 21, to hold the annual society oratorical contest for the selection of the best orator of the society who was to be given a very valuable medal. A rather large audience, composed of Platonics, Newtonians, and visitors, sat patiently in the pews as George Bates announced the subjects of the orations and the respective orators. The orators were Fred Hedgepath orating on "Character," Vernon Morton, on "Fair-mindedness"; Carl Kurrykendall, on "Be A Man"; and Grady Kincaid, on "Individuality." One man was to be chosen by the Judges, Messrs. Bell, Burrus, and Holt, to be the winner of the medal. All orators rendered some excellent speeches and showed that they had much preparation. After a long period of discussion, it was announced by Mr. Bell that the judges could come to no conclusion, but when the orators insisted that they come to some conclusion, they decided that Mr. Hedgepath was the winner of the medal. Much honor is due Mr. Hedgepath and the other orators for their splendid work in the preparation of their oration.

The Literary Society appreciates the fact that she has had such loyal support from the people of the community, and feels that those who acted as judges during the contests are due some honor and praise. The leaders of the community have been a great aid to society in her work.

DEBATE PRELIMINARY

Having accepted the challenge of the Platonic Literary Society to debate them in a college debating contest, the Newtonians held their preliminary Saturday night, May 11, to determine who should have the honor of participating in the contest against the Platonics.

Much interest was shown in this contest. The contestants worked hard on the query, "Resolved that the Federal Government Should own and operate the railroads. The victorious contestants were J. L. Grigg and Theo. Wilson. These men will debate in the commencement debate against the Platonics and for the Clontz debater's medal. The final decisions will be rendered on Saturday night, May 25, at 8:00. They will uphold the negative side of the query, "Resolved, that the present system of forcing students to take certain courses should be abolished."

At this debate there are to be given three medals. A medal from each society for the best society debater and the Usry medal which is given to the best debater will be given at this time. Much interest is being manifested in this debate and a large crowd is expected to attend this occasion as it is one of the great features of the commencement exercises.

PLATONIC NEWS

On Friday evening of May 10, the Platonic Literary Society met for the purpose of electing the officers for the first quarter of the coming school year of 1929-30. After it was ascertained who was coming back next year, the following officers were elected: President, Fred Hedgepath; Vice-President, George Bates; Secretary, Windle Green Faw; Critic, Rollin

Gibbs; Treasurer, Ernest Dowless; Chaplain, Lewis Carpenter; Marshall, Ralph Hubbard, and Janitor, Joe Connor. A very capable and illustrious set of officers were chosen and these men hope to begin the next year's society work with a great interest and enthusiasm. The tendency of the Platonic Literary Society is to continue to grow both in quality and numbers.

Preliminary Declamation Contest

On Friday evening of May 24, the society met and held the declamation preliminary contest. The declaimers, Messrs. Morton, Carpenter, John Gibbs, and Bates, showed that they had spent much time in the preparation of their declamations, and each one delivered his fluently. The custom is to select the three best declaimers and these enter the commencement declaimer's contest. The society was very glad to have obtained as judges to choose the three best men, Messrs. Howard, Burrus, and Hinshaw. When the declamations were all heard and when the judges made their decision, it was announced that Mr. Bates was eliminated, not because his speech was not so good, but because one man had to be eliminated.

Immediately following, the society met for the regular meeting. This meeting which was held was the last one of the year and it was one of the most important. After the installation of the new officers, Mr. Hedgepath, the newly elected president, made his inaugural address which was a very interesting one. Immediately following this speech, the members of the graduating class and the passing Platonics made their farewell addresses. All who spoke expressed their appreciation for what the society and the school had done for them, and showed their desire to remain active members of the old society. Then the retiring men left the work to the remaining and the one who will come next year, and gave them encouragement concerning the work of next year.

INTER-SOCIETY DEBATE

Annually there is an inter-society debate at commencement. The committee which was chosen to select those who were willing and eager to debate had some difficulty in choosing from the great number of prominent members those who were to represent the society. After much discussion, Mr. Fred Hedgepath and Mr. Harold Robinson were chosen and the inter-society committee chose the query, "Resolved, That Some Change Should Be Made In The Present College System of Forcing Students to Take Certain Subjects," was chosen for the debate. Through the cooperation of the society these outstanding men hoped to win fame for the society. The Platonics strive to hold up their honor in the Literary world and to prepare themselves for greater things in life.

ELECTION OF NEWTONIAN OFFICERS

After completing a very successful year in all literary departments the Newtonian Literary Society members were called together Monday night, May 20, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Much thought in the selection of officers was taken, because they have one of the most difficult tasks as a literary society officer, of any officers at any time of the year. Not only do they have to

perform their duties as officers inside the society hall, but they have to prepare for the welcoming of new students next fall, seeing that they are courteously welcomed, comfortably situated, and helped to quickly become adapted to their new surroundings. A very capable staff was chosen, and these officers, with the other members of the society, are expecting a good year's work next year.

Those selected are: President, Theodore Wilson; Vice-President, Bill Ormond; Secretary, Ray Snyder; Treasurer, Sam Goode; Chaplain, Joe Griggs; Chm. Executive Committee, Edwin Hunt; Critic, Ellis Hunt; Marshall,; and Janitor, Luke Ward.

DECLAMATION PRELIMINARY

On Sunday night, May 17, 1929 the preliminaries for the declaimers contest of the Newtonian Literary Society was held. The preliminary contest is held each year to determine the three best declaimers in the Society, and these three will compete for the Society Declaimers medal in the commencement contest held Friday night, May 6.

Much interest is always taken in this contest and several contestants compete for the finals. This time six of the members tried for a place in the finals; the winners of this contest were Edwin B. Hunt, using as his declamation, "The Mothers of Men"; Ellis M. Hunt with, "America's Immortal Trio;" and Ray E. Snyder using "My Country, My Mother, My God."

ORATION

The annual oratorical contest of the Newtonian Literary Society was held Tuesday night, May 14. This is always of much interest to the society members and those of the school and community as well, because it is supposed to be a contest in which one uses an oration which he has written himself, and this always reveals one's ability and willingness to work. The contest this year revealed some surprising ability and some good orating was exhibited.

Those competing for the medal were B. W. Crouch, with the subject, "Love Revealed;" Edwin B. Hunt with the oration, "Courage;" J. L. Michael, "The Realm of Dreams;" and Theodore Wilson with "The Life of Pasteur." Edwin B. Hunt, with oration of extraordinary good thought, and with a masterful delivery, was awarded the decision.

R. C. CLONTZ WINS THE USRY DEBATERS' MEDAL

Each year a valuable medal is given to the best debater from the two literary societies. This year some very capable men are contesting for this medal. Saturday evening Rev. R. C. Clontz will deliver this medal to the chosen debater. The school and students appreciate the fact that Rev. Mr. Clontz is willing to do this for the school and for the encouragement of the ambitious students of this school. Rev. Mr. Clontz gives this medal in commemoration of the late Prof. Usry, and the school appreciates his giving the medal and his presence here at the debate.

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