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FRESHMEN OUT-TALK SOPHS.

1920 Takes the Honors in the First Inter-Class Debate of the Year.

The first inter-class debate of the year was held Saturday evening in Memorial hall between the representatives of the classes of 1919 and 1920, the subject being the nationalization of the inter-state railways. The query was stated as follows: Resolved, That the Federal Government should own and operate the inter-state railways. Sherley N. White, D. D. S. Cameron and Robert H. Frazier advocated the proposed policy of government ownership and regulation, while Norman Fox, R. Arthur Lineberry and Algie I. Newlin for the Freshmen class defended the negative side of the query.

The debate was opened by Sherley White for the Sophomores who outlined the failures of the present system of private ownership and public regulation claiming that discriminations in freight rates were frequent under the present system. He contended that the system proposed by the affirmative would lower rates.

The line of the affirmative's argument was continued by D. D. S. Cameron, who emphasized the success of government in European countries. He asserted the ability of the American government to handle the American railways in as efficient manner as those of continental countries are conducted.

Robert H. Frazier concluded the debate for the affirmative in a forceful speech in which he proposed a non-partisan board of control for directing the government railroads as proposed by the affirmative which would eliminate any labor difficulties such as those which have been so prominent during the past few months. Regulation by this board would safeguard the interests of the public.

The negative was ably defended by the Freshmen. Norman Fox began their argument with the contention that federal ownership would lower the efficiency of our railroads by eliminating competition which is so necessary in industry. He also described the tremendous problems involved in government ownership.

The second speaker for the negative, R. Arthur Lineberry, was opposed to the plan of the affirmative because it would weaken the power of the states by depriving them of the right of chartering railways. A second result would be the loss of state revenue.

The negative closed the first round with a direct attack on the proposed plan delivered by Algie I. Newlin in which he exposed the weaknesses of government ownership and operation in countries where it has been tried. He deprecated the increase of government employees which would be made necessary by federal ownership, and declared that the plan of nationalization of railways would not ap-

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NEW SOCIETY HALLS READY

Clays and Webs Jubilant Over Fine New Homes.

The new Society halls, the progress in construction of which has been regarded with a zealous eye by all men who are loyal to either the Henry Clay or Websterian Societies, are almost ready for occupancy. The installation of the hot air furnace and the arrangement of furniture are the only preparations that now have to be made before the members of both Societies can gladly say goodbye to the class rooms in King Hall, which have been their temporary domiciles since old King Hall was destroyed, and betake themselves to their new homes in the Y. M. C. A. building.

The new halls, with their beam finish, mouldings, and numerous plaster panels creamed with paint and the doors and windows stained mahogany, together with the arrangement of President's chair and desk, is indeed a sight to make all loyal Clays and Websterians experience again a renaissance of Society spirit. The rooms will furnish much-needed permanent homes for the Societies. Here the members of the Societies will realize that any defacement of furniture is an injury of their own property and they will know that any improvements they make will be to their own properties. The paintings owned by the two Societies are being placed in the halls and the countenances of Clay and Webster will again inspire the Society members to worthy emulation, while the bleak walls of their present locations, which are entirely circumscribed by black-boards and desecrated by French, history and Latin, will be forgot. It is to be expected that each and every student and Society member will feel it a personal obligation to protect the furniture of the Societies as they would their own property.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Spectrum Analysis and Radium Treatment of Cancer Discussed.

The subjects taken up at the last two meetings of the Scientific Society were "Light Phenomena and Spectrum Analysis" and "The Action of Radium in the Treatment of Cancers and Tumors." Prof. Edwards in his treatment of the first subject discussed the theory of opalescence, phosphorescence, fluorescence and colorescence and illustrated each. He then projected on the screen the spectra of a number of the metals indicating the characteristic lines of each. Prof. George at the next meeting in his discussion of the radium treatment of cancer explained the results of the recent investigation directed by Prof. Oskar Hertwig, of the Anatomical-Biological Institute on animal cells in active multiplication. The later work of Packard of Columbia University and Richards of Texas explaining the action of radium rays as due to their influence on intercellular enzymes was also referred to.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL SERVICE

Christmas Carols and Special Music Enjoyed by Large Audience.

Professor Balderston opened the Christmas musical service on Sunday evening in Memorial hall with a selection from Psalms, after which he made a few explanatory remarks concerning different numbers on the program. The first number on the program, Symphony III by Beethoven, consists of four movements, of which parts of the first two and the third were heard. The production was finished in 1804; written with a definite aim, the glorification of a hero and is known as "The Heroic." Beethoven, being a thinking man, with Democratic tendencies, watched with eagerness the struggle for freedom in France. Napoleon was hot to stand for the principles of justice, equality and universal brotherhood. Beethoven expressed his feeling for the cause, and for the man in this, the greatest symphony which up to this time appeared.

The funeral march is perhaps the grandest dirge ever written. Some have taken it to represent the solemn rites which warriors of the Iliad celebrated at the grave of their leader; others have taken it to typify the easy forgetfulness of the fickle crowd, that soon returns to its cheerful chatter and bustle.

Both selections were excellently interpreted and pleasingly rendered by Misses Williamson and Moton at one piano with Miss Clark and Mr. Fort at the second.

The second part of the program consisted of Christmas carols rendered by the College Chorus. The old familiar music is particularly enjoyed at Christmas-tide.

Special mention should also be given to the fourth and fifth numbers, rendered by Misses White and Galdo. The program was as follows:

- Symphony III, (The Heroic) Beethoven
- Allegro con brio—Funeral March Scherzo
- Mildred Clark, Elbert Fort, Beulah Moton, Lillie Williamson.
- Hymn, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Congregation.
- Selections from Handel's Oratorio, The Messiah:
- Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
- And He shall feed His flock.
- Mrs. Meredith.
- Come unto me,
- Miss White.
- Pastoral Symphony, Isabel Galdo.
- Hymn, In the bleak mid-winter, Gertrude Hobbs.
- Christmas Carols:
- O, Thou Glorious Day Victorious Sicilian Melody
- We Three Kings of Orient Are.
- The First Noel. Traditional
- Holy Night. German Folk-Song
- Hymn—Joy to the World. . . Handel Congregation.

Every one should be greatly indebted to Miss Papworth for the well rendered program.

Y. W. C. A. ENTERTAINED

AT A CHINESE SUPPER

The Mission Study Committee of the Y. W. C. A. entertained at a Chinese banquet Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th. The banquet took place at New Garden Hall, and the guests of honor were Miss Myrtle Bruton and Miss Wy Zung Zung. The former is president of the Y. W. C. A. at G. C. W. (Greensboro) and the latter is a Chinese student who is a Senior at that institution.

An invitation to attend had been extended to all members of the local Y. W. C. A., and nearly every girl responded.

Altho called a "Chinese Banquet" it was, perhaps, not wholly Chinese in all its appointments. For instance many of us found it much more easy to use an ordinary commonplace spoon than to manipulate chopsticks successfully. Miss Zung was highly amused at the awkwardness manifested in the use of Chinese "cutlery" and consequently the daughters of America were the victims of some good natured jokes on her part.

Despite these drawbacks, the food disappeared with astonishing rapidity and fun and merriment ran high. Between the courses each Mission Study leader gave a short outline of the work to be taken up in her class after the holidays; mentioning the title and the author of the book used.

Then Miss Zung told us how the really, truly Chinese dine, as well as many other interesting things connected with her native country. We were very glad to have these girls visit us, and here's hoping that they come again.

Under the very efficient direction of Addie Morris, the members of the Mission Study committee, of which she is chairman, served the following courses:

Fruit	
Gravy	Rice
Pickles	Sandwiches
Cornbread	Fish
Tea	Soup

MRS. HOBBS ADDRESSES Y. W. C. A.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. enjoyed one of Mrs. Hobbs' talks last Thursday evening. Her subject was "Discipleship." Among other good things she left the following thoughts:

We should drop all the ideas that we have had of Christ and see Him in his daily walk in Jerusalem on the Mt. of Olives and around Gallilee. The disciples followed Him because He taught them truths and showed them how to reach other men by living His way. The mediaeval conception of Christ was entirely false for He had great interest and belief in people and was really attracted to His friends.

Christ's command to take up the cross means taking up the cross to

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