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IN THE debate with Pennsylvania Saturday night, the University's representatives won the fourth of a series of five debates. Of the four already held, this is the third in which Carolina was victorious. This, of course, means that the series is won by the University, even though Pennsylvania should win the debate next year.

The fine record of the two literary societies in inter-collegiate debate has often been commented on and needs not to be repeated. It may be well to say, however, that the vicw sometimes expressed, that the societies are less powerful than they once were, is not justified, if success in debate is an indication of their power. True, the functions of the societies were at one time more numerous than they are now; their influence extended over a wider field. For instance, at one time they owned and operated the University library and policed the campus. They were undoubtedly a larger part of the University than they are now. But the societies, having been relieved of these extra duties, have as their primary purpose today the training of men in debate. That they are doing this with marked success their records are ample proof.

JUDGING from the demonstration by the students, Mr. Winston's few words in the chapel Friday constituted just about the best chapel exercises of the year. It was not so much what he said as his whole-hearted radiation of good fellowship that struck the students. Surely no speaker ever turned an introduction to better advantage than he did when, after being happily introduced by Dr. Venable as "an old boy still young," Mr. Winston arose, graciously acknowledged the applause with a bow, and began his speech by stating that while he had been introduced to many audiences by various and sundry titles, this was the first time he had ever been introduced as "the Old Boy." This won the hearts of the students at once and the attention and applause given the distinguished speaker was rivaled only by that accorded Dr. Venable when he read the humorous account of the telegraphic report of the football game between Yale and Princeton.

Surely a little fun in chapel now and then is not out of order. Realizing the necessity for serious talks, since the chapel has aptly been said to fulfill the needs of a chair of general

information in the University curriculum, still a little innocent fun is most refreshing after listening for day after day to discourses on our moral welfare, or being told by the physical authorities that we ought to bath often, when we know at the time that there are only about three decent baths in the University to keep eight hundred students clean.

The "Higher Criticism"

THERE is a certain type of college boy who passes judgment upon his teachers as if from some lofty altitude, whence he is overlooking the sins and follies of a vain world. Typical criticisms are that such and such a man will not grade fairly unless one has a "boot" on him, and that the professor does not know how to give a quiz anyway, etc. It sometimes makes us feel really sorry for the poor, benighted faculty to hear such a fellow converse; all of which is intended to call attention to the pure, unrecognized, unrewarded merit of this poor, ground-down genius who has been awarded a five or six on his course.

Right here it may not be amiss to say a word or two on the much discussed subject of "booting" or "getting on the good side" of a professor. There is but one sort of boot that counts for much at this University and that is hard work. Yet some men, when they see a fellow-student going to visit a professor, will wink at him and say "Get'n a boot on him, are you?"

Dr. Herty, last year, told a story of how he overheard two chemistry students conversing, one of them saying "Let's invite Dr. Herty to the banquet;" to which the other replied "Better invite Dr. Davis; he gives the marks." Whether this conversation was in jest or earnest it shows the unreasonable point of view of a few men. While this editorial is being written, a sophomore is looking over the writer's shoulder who has just remarked "Gee, but you are a rough booter!"

Talk like this, even though most of it be in fun, has its effect on the mind of the freshman; he is led to meet his instructors trembling with apprehension, expecting to find either a friend or an all-powerful enemy; there is no neutral ground.

For this reason, a few words to the freshmen may not be ill-timed. First, let them bear in mind that it is no pleasure whatever to a professor to give bad marks. He would much prefer to give good ones; but when he grades a man a certain per cent, he has thereby set his seal, so to speak, on that man as knowing so much Latin or mathematics or whatever it is. Secondly, let them realize that if they are really willing to work, to try hard, and will show ever so little genuine interest in their work, they will find in their professor a sympathetic friend and a willing helper.

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