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SOCIETIES TRY NEW PLAN

HESPERIA AND COLUMBIA DECIDE TO ENLIVEN PROCEEDINGS BY OPEN HOUSE DEBATING

SUGGESTION FACULTY ADVISERS

Columbians Resolve Themselves Into Constitutional Convention.—Hesperians Form Moot House of Representatives Last Saturday.

The two faculty advisers recently appointed for the literary societies have already been the originators of changes in the methods of conducting the programs of the organizations that bid fair to inaugurate a new era in the annals of these bodies. Dr. W. H. Glasgow, of the Department of Economics, who gives advice to the Hesperians, and Dr. W. T. LaPrade, of the Department of History, who performs a like function for the Columbians, are the persons to whom the credit is due for the suggestions which resulted in the new order of debating tried out last Saturday night. Both societies undertook to carry on a debate in an open house, allowing a measure to be discussed as if it were being passed by some legislative body concerned with national affairs.

COLUMBIAN SOCIETY

A plan was followed in the Columbian Society according to which the society resolved itself into a convention for amending the Constitution of the United States. The members were apportioned by lot to the different states, two to each, and were supposed to uphold the political policies of their respective constituencies. According to the plan, the senior members for the first half of the states on the list are required to speak the first night; at the next meeting those of the second half speak. Afterwards, the junior members take their turns similarly. Each state whose representative speaks is allowed two minutes for rejoinder, after the regular five-minute speech.

Last Saturday night the preliminary question was debated, "Resolved that a convention should be called to amend the Constitution." The "stand-pat" republicans seemed to be in the majority and the measure was voted down, but notwithstanding this action the chair declared that the convention would assemble every two weeks, so long as the plan works successfully.

HESPERIAN SOCIETY

In the Hesperian Society a resolution providing for the enforcement of the second clause of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States in regard to the reduction of the representation of those states that have passed regulations restricting the suffrage, was discussed under the rules of the House of Representatives. As carried out, the rules of the debate allowed each side in the debate one hour for the presentation of their views, the time thus allowed being allotted to the individual speakers by the two leaders on the respective sides. The speeches were broken up by frequent interruptions, as is the case in the national Congress, and these cross questionings took the place of the usual rejoinders. At the

BACK FROM CONFERENCE

Church Body Will Add to Endowment Fund.

President W. P. Few, returned Monday from attending the sessions of the North Carolina Conference of the Southern Methodist Church in Kinston. Trinity men occupied many important places on the programs of the conference and in the committee rooms. Sunday Dr. Franklin N. Parker, of the Department of Biblical Literature, preached at the evening session; this sermon was second in importance only to that of Bishop Hoss Sunday morning. Headmaster W. W. Peele, of Trinity Park School, was elected statistical secretary of the conference.

The conference decided to assume its part of the endowment fund that is being raised for the college, and undertakes to donate the sum of \$40,000 for this purpose. This sum will be a part of the \$1,000,000 that is being raised, but will go directly for the support of the chair of Biblical literature, which was established in 1866 by the conference and has since been maintained by annual appropriation on their part.

Friday evening the North Carolina Conference Trinity College Alumni Association held its annual meeting in the court house. Rev. J. C. Wooten, formerly professor of Biblical Literature, presided and talks were made by Rev. M. T. Plyler, of Elizabeth City; Dr. C. D. Bulla, of Nashville, who was present as the guest of the Association; Dr. F. N. Parker, Bishop Kilgo and President Few. Rev. J. M. Daniels, of the class of 1908, was elected president of the association for the coming year.

Roman Provincial Government

The regular meeting of the Classical Club was held Thursday night in the Y. M. C. A. hall. Preceding the literary program several points that had arisen in connection with the paper of two weeks previous were brought out.

Quinton Holton read an interesting paper on the "Administration of Roman Provinces in the Time of Augustus." The empire's extent and the work of Augustus in conquest and organization were explained, as well as the different classes of provinces and their administration. The paper showed how the downfall of the empire was in a measure due to faulty administration of provincial revenues. A discussion followed the reading of the paper.

H. B. Gaston Suffers Injury

H. B. Gaston, a member of the sophomore class, and a captain of its basketball team sustained a triple fracture of his collar bone while practicing on the floor of the gymnasium Monday afternoon. It is hoped he will be able to be out again in a few days.

close of the argument a roll call vote was taken on the measure resulting in its passage by a vote of 37 to 34. This form of debating will be used in the society at intervals in order to give variety to the programs.

CONTEST ARRANGEMENTS

DECLAIMERS FROM FORTY-THREE HIGH SCHOOLS WILL GATHER HERE LAST OF WEEK.

FRIDAY'S PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Representatives Will Be Entertained by Students.—Preliminary Friday Morning.—Final Contest that Night.—Entertained Afterwards.

Forty-three schools have signified their intention of having representatives here for the second Inter-Scholastic Declaration contest, to be held Friday, December 1. A few of the contestants arrived this afternoon and the others will come in some time tomorrow. This large number of visitors would embarrass any institution, but the students have responded eagerly to requests to act as hosts during the stay of the high school representatives, and every contestant has been assigned a place for entertainment.

Friday morning the preliminary trials for choosing the ten contestants to speak Friday night will take place simultaneously at three places and in three sections, and for the time being the campus should have an abundance of oratory. The following program will be carried out:

1. Informal reception to the contestants by the "9019" in the hall of the Hesperian Literary Society Thursday evening at 7:30 and the drawing of lots for positions in the preliminary contest of the next day.
2. Basketball game between the freshman and sophomore teams, at which the declaimers are the invited guests.
3. Meeting for preliminary contests, Craven Memorial Hall, Friday, December 1, 9 A. M.
4. Announcing of the ten successful contestants, Craven Memorial Hall, and assignment of places for final contest that evening at 2 P. M.
5. Final contest, Craven Memorial Hall, 8 P. M.
6. Informal banquet in honor of the school representatives, College Baptist Hall, 10 to 12 P. M. Besides the contestants, the faculty of the College, and the persons who have entertained contestants are invited guests.

The judges for both the preliminary and final contests will be announced just before each begins. A large attendance is expected at the final contest. Dr. W. I. Cranford will preside. The Glee Club Quartet will render the music for the occasion. After the decision of the judges has been announced, the prize, a gold medal will be presented to the successful declaimer.

To the list of schools which will have representatives here, and which have been noted in these columns, that of Wilmington should be added; Wilmington probably had in mind the scriptural prophecy of the last being first.

Historical Society Postponed

The regular meeting of the Historical Society, scheduled to be held last Monday evening has been postponed until next Monday. A paper will be read by W. G. Sheppard of the senior class.

THE ANNUAL ADVANCES

Scheme Will Have Organizations Back Publication.

In the proposal of a new plan for obtaining financial responsibility for the annual by the committee appointed by the Greater Trinity Club last week, the movement received added impetus, and now a definite organization for its publication seems practically assured.

The plan drawn out by the committee will allow the organizations of the college to stand back of the publication and financing of the annual, each one being represented on the governing board of the annual according to its assumption of responsibility. The representation of the board will be as follows: each literary society will be allowed three members, each of the fraternities and the Mu Kappa Klan one member, the Toms, "9019," A. S. T., Mountain Boomers Club, and any other organizations that care to enter, will be allowed one member, making a total of about fifteen members. The board will have in charge the election of officers and the general management of the annual. Several of the organizations, including the Hesperian Literary Society, have already signified their approval of the plan, while on the other hand the Columbian Society voted against it. It is the general opinion that this is by far the best plan that has yet been proposed, and from the present outlook it will doubtless be the one that will solve the problem. This afternoon at four o'clock the proposed organization will come up before the faculty for approval. An effort will be made to get the board together as soon as members are chosen in order to elect the managers and editors, and then definite work on the annual will be begun.

Mr. Breedlove Again President

The seventh annual meeting of the North Carolina Library Association, held last week in the Durham Public Library came to a close Thursday evening. According to the announcements of the program appearing in Chronicle for November 15, a number of professors in Trinity College addressed the librarians. An informal reception was given in their honor in the college library Thursday afternoon. Mr. J. P. Breedlove, Librarian of the College, who served the Association as president last year was reelected to that office at the business session Thursday afternoon.

Sophomore College Champions

By defeating the freshmen team, 6-3, Anderson and Bagley established themselves the champions of the college in class tennis Tuesday afternoon. The sophomores had previously defeated the juniors and the freshmen had outplayed the seniors. The original intention in regard to the class tournaments was that each team should play every other team but owing to the lateness of the season and the imperfect condition of the courts this was abandoned, and the championship decided according to the above schedule.

BASKET BALL PERCENTAGES

TEAMS RETAIN SAME STANDING THEY HAVE HELD SINCE PENNANT RACE STARTED.

SENIORS CINCH FIRST PLACE

Junior-Sophomore Contest Devoid of Features.—Seniors and Juniors Last Night in Deciding Game.—Game on Night of Thanksgiving.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS				
	WON	LOST	TOTAL	PCT.
Seniors	5	0	5	1000
Juniors	3	2	5	600
Freshmen	1	3	4	250
Sophomores	0	4	4	000

JUNIORS VS. SOPHOMORES

For the fourth consecutive time the sophomores demonstrated their inability to win a game of basketball by losing to the juniors by the score of 10 to 6 Friday night. The game was a hard fought one, but was without spectacular plays and decidedly featureless. The team work of the juniors, however, was the most noticeable display that any team has put up on the Angier Duke gymnasium floor this year.

The winning team made 8 out of their 10 points in the first half and in the last half the sophomores had little the best of the contest in that they made 4 points to their opponents' 2. Murray made two field goals for his team and was the only man in the game to score more than one goal; every player on the junior team made a field goal during the course of the game.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Juniors—G. A. Warlick, right forward; C. W. White, left forward; Hardee, center; Kirkman, right guard; Ratcliff, left guard. Sophomores—Gaston, right forward; Pleasants, left forward; Murray, center; Lucas, right guard; Hyland, left guard.

Summary—Field goals: Gaston 1, Murray 2, Warlick 1, White 1, Hardee 1, Kirkman 1, Ratcliff 1; foul goals, 0. Umpire, Brim; referee, Houston.

SENIORS VS. JUNIORS

By defeating the juniors last night in a well played and hard fought contest to the tune of 20 to 10, the seniors practically cinched the pennant in the inter-class series of basketball games, and with but one more game to play their supremacy seems inevitable. The score at the end of the first half stood 14 to 5 in favor of the seniors. Despite the one-sided score the game was intensely interesting from beginning to end, and characterized by fast passing, accurate goal shots, and almost perfect team work on the part of both sides. It was, without doubt, the best game of the series. No such rough playing as in some of the other games was in evidence, and fouls were almost a negligible quantity. The seniors simply outclassed their opponents.

In the first few minutes of play McKinnon put up an unusual exhibition of goal throwing, and his playing during the entire game was of the stellar variety. Cherry at center and Johnson at forward also did fine work, throwing more

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Trinity College has this week, for the second time, the opportunity, once rare but now to be enjoyed annually, of entertaining a number of representatives from various high schools throughout this and other states. What the Declaration contest may be made to mean is not yet fully appreciated by either the students themselves or the organization to whose efforts it is due. The contest, however, is not one which concerns only those who happen to be members of the society having it in charge, but it is incumbent upon the whole college community to extend to the visitors every courtesy within its power. Last year the students responded readily to the appeals of the '9019' for help in entertaining the representatives, and a large part of the successful outcome of the entertainment side of the contest was the result of this co-operation on the part of the whole student body. And, judging from last year, the process will be repeated and every high school speaker will be made to feel that he is the guest of all Trinity College.

The literary societies of the college made a step forward last Saturday night when they undertook to carry on their debates according to the rules of parliamentary procedure and discarded the scheme prevailing in their debating for a number of years past. The Columbian society resolved itself into a constitutional convention, while the Hesperian society debated the reduction of representation, for those states which have restricted the suffrage, under the rules used in the national House of Representatives. For a long time there has been a feeling that the literary societies, while they filled a large place in college life, were not performing exactly the functions which in reality devolve upon them, and, in making their programs more interesting by the adoption of new methods of debating, they bid fair to re-establish themselves upon the sound footing which is theirs by right of inheritance. It is not to be presumed that the plan followed Saturday

evening will be used in every meeting the societies hold, but it furnishes a means for giving variety to the programs of the organizations and adds to the value of the old method, while it is creating a new one which may be employed at the discretion of the societies.

The progress made by the Annual seems to be intermittent and subject to frequent reverses. A large amount of opposition to the Annual per se, has recently come to light and the situation seems to have been completely altered. The question last week to be one of securing the necessary financial backing for the project, and apparently the whole of the college community were anxious to see the matter put thru. Now it appears that the refusal to support the Annual financially arose not from a disapproval of the scheme for having the senior class back it, but from a deep-rooted opposition to the publication of an Annual under any scheme of organization. We have been assured of the faculty support in case the Annual is published, and that bogey is dissipated. That a portion of the students would now come forth to oppose the movement is, indeed, deplorable.

The number of organizations that have already signified their willingness to undertake the responsibility for backing and governing the Annual, however, makes the publication more nearly assured than it has been at any time during the agitation. If the present scheme is approved by the faculty when they meet this afternoon, the Chronicle will in all probability carry in its next issue the names of the board which will supervise the Annual and its officers of publication. Then it will be up to the students to support it.

The societies seem to be up against what promises to be the most important problem the present generation of college students will have to meet, in the matter of securing funds for furnishing the new halls that are to be ready for occupancy about February 1. Both the Hesperians and the Columbians have appointed committees to look into the matter and from all data that can be gleaned from the work of these bodies the amount that will be required for furnishing each hall may be fixed around the two thousand dollar mark.

This estimate would, however, not cover the cost of equipping the halls in the most up-to-date manner, placing the floor desks and chairs after the pattern in use in the legislative halls throughout the land and adopted by many literary societies in various colleges. Such a figure covers only the furnishing of the halls in a modest fashion; a sum of three thousand dollars would be required to fit them out in what might be classed the right proper style. Indeed, the following computations have been thought to err too much on the side of insufficiency. We offer them merely as tentative estimates which serve to show in some degree the magnitude of the problem with which the literary societies are confronted.

In considering the furnishing of the new halls it must be remembered that there are two galleries for each of them and that these galleries are capable of holding five rows of opera chairs each thirty-five feet in length. Allowing twenty inches to the chair each gallery will re-

quire one hundred fifty chairs. Counting two hundred fifty chairs for the main floor of the hall, which is a conservative estimate, it will be seen that four hundred sixty chairs will be needed to seat the whole house. What these chairs will cost we cannot say, but the price will probably be about two dollars apiece. This will entail a cost of nine hundred twenty dollars for chairs alone. The dimensions of the ground floor of the halls are approximately forty by fifty feet, and this gives two thousand square feet or two hundred twenty-two square yards of floor space. To carpet this will require four hundred forty dollars, allowing two dollars for each square yard of carpet. Besides this there are two committee rooms which have together a floor space of about sixty-four square yards and the galleries will require two strips of about eight yards length each, making a total of ninety-six yards that will be needed for carpeting space outside of the main floor. This will cost, at the same rate counted for the above, one hundred ninety-two dollars. For tables, curtains, and a suitable equipment for the committee rooms a safe allowance will be one hundred fifty dollars. This makes a grand total of seventeen hundred two dollars.

It does not seem that either society will be able to raise more than a third of this sum by any scheme whatsoever. It will be necessary to leave to future generations of the societies a debt of about twelve hundred dollars, on which the interest alone will amount to a sum in the neighborhood of seventy-five dollars a year. With this interest the societies with their present income would not be able to pay off their obligations until the carpets would need to be replaced by others. It seems to be the opinion of the majority of the students that the various societies should only furnish the halls as they are able, and should not leave to those who come after them a hindrance in the way of what is for the students a large debt. In consideration of this view, with which the Chronicle concurs, it might be well to leave the carpeting of the halls until money for so doing can be obtained, and also put off seating the galleries for some time. This would only leave an expense of about six hundred fifty dollars which could be borne by the society without serious inconvenience.



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I see a man start on the trail of a crook, And he scorns the police, but he brings him to book, "Sherlock Holmes?" I inquire—someone scornfully cries: "Sherlock Holmes, he'll! Naw, that's one of those newspaper guys."

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J. N. Cole, Jr., '09, is teaching again this year at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia.

Rev. W. A. Stanbury, '08, who has been pastor of the Methodist Church in Chapel Hill for the past year, was returned to that charge by the Conference at its recent session.

Thanksgiving: A Holiday

Tomorrow being Thanksgiving Day, and a holiday, a number of students will leave this afternoon for their homes to eat turkey and other good things that are its companions. The campus, however, will not be deserted as the speakers for the declamation contest will be arriving and the members of the "9019" will be busy in receiving and entertaining them. The football game between Wake Forest and the battleship Franklin bids fair to attract all the enthusiasts in that sport who have not taken themselves to Richmond or Norfolk, while in the evening the freshman-sophomore basketball game will furnish amusement for those who have stuck thru the day. Friday, it will be back to work again, with possibly a few sleepy heads in each class room.

Y. M. C. A. Will Elect Officers

Tonight Professor W. H. Wamnamaker will address the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. A full attendance is desired as the annual election of officers will take place immediately after the conclusion of the talk.

Miss Sallie Lou McKimmon of Maxton was the guest of her sister, Miss Katie Lee McKimmon, at the Woman's Building this week.

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Glee Club Will Give Concert

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Inter-Collegiate Basketball Season to Start.

Manager Rand of the basketball team announces that the first game of the season will be played against Elon College on the home floor, December 8. Reports from Elon have it that their team this year is exceptionally strong and they expect to make a hard fight against the powerful Trinity team. A large amount of interest attaches to this game as it will be the first appearance of the varsity in an intercollegiate contest this year.

There will very probably be one or two other games on the home floor before the Christmas holidays, and, in anticipation of these and the Elon game, Captain Brinn has his team on the floor every afternoon and is putting them through some strenuous practice. The Trinity team is going to be a powerful machine this year, and one of the strongest in the history of the College. It is said by some who know that there is more good basketball material in college this year than ever before. Jones, Crowell, White and Captain Brinn are four marvels at the position of forward and it is going to a hard proposition to select the two who will hold down the places regularly. At guard, Hedrick, Barringer, and Houston are going to have another battle royal for the two places on the team. All three of these men are good and any two of them can fill the positions of guards in an excellent manner. Cherry and Moore are still fighting for the position of centre, and conjectures as to who will be the winner can not even be made as yet.

Besides these men mentioned above there are several others who are showing up excellently and are helping a great deal towards giving Trinity a good basketball team this season.

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than their share of goals and keeping up an excellent defensive play besides. The former's effectiveness in breaking up dribbles was largely responsible for the small score of the opposing side. White, captain of the junior team, put up the best work for his team, while Kirkman and Ratcliff covered their men consistently, allowing very few goals.

The line-up of the teams as they played last night is as follows:

Seniors—McKinnon, right forward; Johnson, left forward; Cherry, center; Wells, right guard, and Barringer, left guard.
Juniors—White, right forward; Warlick, left forward; Hardee, center; Kirkman, right guard; and Ratcliff, left guard.

Summary—Field goals: McKinnon 3, Johnson 3, Cherry 4, White 3, Warlick 1; foul goals: White 2; fouls: Warlick 1, Kirkman 1, Cherry 4. Referee, Hedrick; time of halves, 20 minutes.

The game which was scheduled for Friday night between the Sophomores and Freshmen will be played instead Thursday night—Thanksgiving.

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Southern Railway New Train Service and Important Changes

The management of the Southern Railway has authorized new train service between Asheville and Salisbury, N. C., new train to leave Asheville at 7:10 P. M. Eastern Time, arriving at Salisbury 12:25 A. M., connecting there with train No. 30 for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. In the reverse direction new train will leave Salisbury about 4:00 A. M., after receiving connection from the main line train No. 31 and reach Asheville at 10:00 A. M. This new train will handle Pullman Drawing Room sleeping cars each way through between Asheville and New York in connection with main line trains Nos. 30 and 31 as referred to. In addition to the foregoing new train service the management of the Southern Railway has also instructed that improvements be made in the service on trains Nos. 11 and 12, where by Pullman observation cars will be operated on these trains between Salisbury and Asheville. This being accomplished by making the present Norfolk-Asheville Drawing Room sleeping car an observation car.

The definite date for these changes has not as yet been given out but will be within the next few days.

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