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### 'VARSITY TO BE REPRESENTED.

Recently Professor Houston attended a meeting of the commission having in charge the preparation of an educational exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The commission met in the city of Houston, and the results attained have proved of much interest and importance to the University.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition is to be opened at St. Louis in 1903, and it is the intention of the directors to have there a great educational exhibit. All the States have been invited to make displays, and Texas with her exemplary system of free schools and higher institutions of learning has not been found backward in indorsing the movement.

The University of Texas, of course, is expected to take the lead in this State, and to this end President Prather has appointed Professor Houston to take charge of the matter. It is expected that the University will make a big display, and will show the full nature of the work that it is accomplishing. Active preparation will begin as soon as the commission meets again, and the time available will be none too much to complete the work of the exhibit.

Professor Houston was seen by a reporter for The Texan last Saturday, and requested to give the results of the commission meeting, and also to indicate the nature of the plan. He authorized a statement as follows:

"The St. Louis Exposition directors announced some time ago that they are working to make education a conspicuous feature of the exposition, their intention being to show the progress of education in this country. At a recent meeting of the Texas State Teachers' Association, in response to suggestions from the directors, the association provided for an education commission.

"The commission met in Houston Monday, January 20th, all members being present. They organized by the appointment of Superintendent J. L. Long as president, and Mr. Lemon as secretary; and by the appointment of committees to look after the various interests involved.

"It is expected by the commission that a full presentation of the educational interests of Texas will be made at St. Louis. Historical accounts will be prepared, pictures of buildings, grounds, and equipment, laboratories and libraries, publications, official and private, specimens of work by students in science, literature and other fields, such, perhaps, as those presented by graduate students, articles published, the aim being to give the investigator a true and full knowledge of the real situation in the State, and of what is being accomplished in every grade of work.

"The committee appointed to take up the matter of representation of colleges and universities in a preliminary way, consists of Professors Harrington, Cody and myself. The committee early in its deliberation took up the matter of its relation to the general committee of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, appointed by the Governor of the State. They decided to confer with Mr. John M. Kirby, the president of the State commission, and to tender their services. Mr. Kirby expressed great satisfaction over the fact that such complete provision had been made for dealing with this important interest, assured the commission that the State committee would be glad to work through it, and that the commission need not trouble itself about the matter of raising funds to carry out its purposes.

"The various committees are now at work, and will be prepared to report at a called meeting early in the spring. After the next meeting, the plans will be submitted to this University and others, and they will be requested to state what they will do, and will be asked to begin their preparations at once. The University of Texas will heartily enter into the spirit of the movement, and all attempts will be made to present a highly creditable showing. The exact details of the exhibit have as yet not been considered, and no further steps will be taken until the commission meets again."

### THE JANUARY MAGAZINE.

In last week's Texan there appeared an article concerning the Magazine. We most heartily agree with the writer in that the student body does not give proper credit to those through whose efforts the Magazine is produced. There is no spirit of opposition, but it is supported in a half-hearted sort of way which counts for little. Though the average student may not know what favorable comment is being made on our monthly by other magazines, he must note its improvement and should take a greater pride in it. Besides, we often criticize too severely. It must be remembered that the best of magazines, the best of human effort, is subject to criticism, and that ours is no better than the best.

By the right sort of criticism we may help to strengthen weak points, but we can do no good by criticising for the sole sake, as it were, of finding fault.

Now the January Magazine, both in general make-up and in careful preparation, is as good as any Texas monthly of recent years. We find in it few of the minor errors so abundant in such publications; we find in it a variety of material, well arranged and aptly fitted for a college magazine.

The frontispiece, "The Human Cry," deserves the prominence given it. It contains more poetic thought than any other poem in the number, and its form is up to the standard.

The opening story, "On the Giving Hand," has a good, lively plot, well developed and presented in an interesting manner.

"In Jimmy Corvel's Day" is a novel little poem written in dialect. It swings smoothly along in a bold, open style.

Here follow three essays. The first, "A Glance at Lodge's Rosalynde," is easily the best. All of these essays show thorough study and careful preparation. The first one, however, is the most interesting, and besides, it is just about the right length for a magazine essay. Those who read the first part of the study of Poe's short stories were glad to see the second part; but this part is too long. This much space might be given to a story, but not well to an essay. This general remark concerning the three, though all are good, they deal with the same kind of subject; all are critical literary essays. How much better it would have been if we had had the first essay, then one on some subject not strictly literary or a recent book review, and then another good story.

"My Gretchen," though not a poetic gem, is good of its kind. A light verse or two such as this has a place in the Magazine. Let us hear from "H. P. S." oftener.

"An Idyll" takes us away up and lets us drop with a thud. It might well occupy some pages other than those of the Magazine.

We have heeded the editor's note and read the author's concluding statement concerning "Better a Dinner of Herbs," and now await developments. The introduction of this kind of matter into this year's Magazine is a new departure. A touch of humor now and then is by no means objectionable. Here the author is not at his best. He has a natural tendency in this direction, and we believe he can produce a yet better class of humor than is here exhibited.

The story, "In the Chaparral," does not compare favorably with the opening one. Its tragic plot does not appeal to us. It seems to lack the first essential of a good story—a strong plot capable of development.

"Song," "Sonnet," and the other poems interspersed throughout, are all good. The poetry of this number as a whole is good, and, what is more, there is a good deal of it.

Lively editorials and comments of college exchanges are always interesting to the greater part of its readers—the students and alumni. The January Magazine has three short editorials and about one page of poorly edited exchange matter. Here is a work for the apparently unused assistant editors.

We have not gone into a criticism of minor points. We should have found little to say if we had. We note gladly the appearance of more good poetry and of something humorous. The single suggestion of import that we offer is that we have more stories; at any rate, less essays on purely literary subjects. The Magazine editors seem to be pursuing a wise policy, and if they continue to publish such a Magazine as the December and January numbers, the ever ready critic will have little of which to complain. If the students will not support such a publication something else is wrong; it is not the Magazine.

E. E. BEWLEY.

It is with great sorrow that we note the death of Chas. T. Yeiser, B. A., 1895, which occurred on February 6th. For two years succeeding his graduation Mr. Yeiser was Fellow in Latin in the University. He afterwards taught in Austin, in the West Texas Military Academy at San Antonio, and for the past year was teacher of Latin in the El Paso High School. He was an active member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity during his connection with the University. In Mr. Yeiser the University loses a worthy son. His was a quiet and gentle spirit, doing no one hurt, moving directly wherever duty pointed. To his immediate friends his loss is irreparable, for he was loved as few are by those intimate with his life.

Dr. Schoch received the following telegram Tuesday morning:

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## THE GLEE AND THE STRING SEXTETTE CLUBS' TRIP.

During this week two of the University's musical clubs are away giving a number of recitals. An estimate of the work of these organizations and the scholastic standing of their members may prove interesting to many, and is here given.

Of the sixteen men on the trip, nine are students who, according to faculty records, make among the few of the highest grades in the University; fourteen are in first-class standing in ALL of their subjects, while, of course, all sixteen fulfill the faculty requirements applying to students going off on trips. Five of the men hold fellowships in the University, three are post graduate students, two senior academics, two senior laws, three junior academics, three sophomores, one junior law, one freshman, and one special. No class is without representation, and every man has the highest respect of his fellow students and the faculty.

The clubs are accompanied by several of our University ladies, some of whom are going for the second time—a fact that speaks better than anything else for the deportment of the men on the trip.

Judging from the final rehearsal last Saturday night, the program presented is very fine, and has been well prepared. We have heard musical clubs of other institutions, including Yale, Michigan, and Chicago, and it appears to us that with the exception of a few solo voices our club sings as well as, if not better, than other clubs we have heard. A comparison for the string sextette need not be entered into; we are all acquainted with the average run of mandolin clubs, and we know how fortunate we are to have such an aggregation of musicians as the string sextette with us.

Our third musical organization, the band, demonstrated to us last commencement and in its concert last fall, that it easily holds its place with the other clubs.

What department of student interests at the University of Texas can make a better showing?

On Friday night, February 14, at 8:15 o'clock, the Scarbrough Prize Contest in debate, and the Final Preliminary for the Intercollegiate teams takes place in the auditorium. Eight debaters, four from the Rusk and four from the Athenaeum Literary Society, will measure argumentative talents with each other. The prize to be offered to the best individual debater is \$100, donated by Mr. E. M. Scarbrough of Austin. At the same time the Faculty Committee on Forensics and Oratory will have the University intercollegiate debaters.

The Rusk Society will be represented by H. S. Bishop, J. E. Hackett, J. B. Hatchitt, and W. Slay. The Athenaeum Society will be represented by J. F. Ainsworth, J. B. Dibrell, W. S. Moore, and E. T. Moore, Jr. In the first round of speeches, each speech

to be ten minutes, the following order will be observed, alternating between affirmative and negative:

Ainsworth, Dibrell, Bishop, W. S. Moore, E. T. Moore, Jr., Slay, Hackett, Hatchitt. The second round, five-minute rejoinders, will be contested in the following order: Hatchitt, Hatchitt, E. T. Moore, Jr., Slay, Bishop, W. S. Moore, Ainsworth, Dibrell.

We wish to urge upon every student and every member of the faculty, as well as upon the citizens of Austin, the necessity of their attendance on this debate. These speakers must be encouraged, so that a lively contest will be assured. The University must show its appreciation of such prizes to oratory, encouragements that are sorely needed. The interest in these contests must be worked up, and only in this way can it be expected to develop good speakers, who will be able to compete with other institutions. There must be some incentive to those who contest for these prizes besides the mere drudgery it affords, which all will admit is not very much.

It requires no little amount of time to prepare for one of these debates, and those men who have taken time they could ill afford to spare should be helped along by showing them that the students of the University appreciate their efforts.

## THE 1902 CACTUS.

The first shipment of the Cactus material should have been sent to Philadelphia on Wednesday, January 24th; but because of the tardiness of the classes and various other organizations it could not be gotten together. In view of this situation some comment upon volume 9 may not be out of place.

First, it should be remembered that the Cactus represents the University; it is not the organ of the board of editors or of any clique or class. It is a University enterprise and as such is sent out all over the State. Placed on the reading tables of all the affiliated schools, it is perhaps the most effective advertising medium the University has. It is a reflection of student enterprise, industry, ability, and taste; and a good or bad edition will reflect honor or discredit upon the student body for the year in which it is published.

Again, it is not the business of the board of editors to contribute all the matter contained in its 265 or more pages. Theirs is rather a labor of collection, selection, and arrangement of material. In short, they are editors and not producers. The work of production as well as that of financial support rests largely with the student-body and alumni; and in this as in every other University enterprise, the support of all friends of our alma mater is indispensable.

Then, too, the financial side and the completeness of the book must not be lost sight of. By unnecessary delay the publisher will be forced to get out the edition at the eleventh hour; and in the rush and hurry necessarily incumbent upon him, many little niceties that add to the finish and completeness of the work will be roughly done or omitted altogether. And to make bad matters worse, the whole work will have to reach us by express, instead of by freight, and the cost of publication will be materially increased.

Finally, each Cactus should be as unique as possible and should be truly representative of Texas and our Varsity life. Each student should contribute, should be mentioned, within the pages, and should feel a direct personal interest in the work. This can not be if the board of editors are forced to furnish all the material.

Moved by these considerations, let the various organizations get their material in with completeness and dispatch. Let the money to pay for space be collected at once and turned over to the business manager, for no matter not paid for will be published. The outlook for volume 9 it is said, is good; and beyond question each Cactus should be better than its predecessors.

## WRESTLING CONTESTS.

The final contests in wrestling took place in the gymnasium Saturday. It was a hard struggle from beginning to end, and a fine exhibition of strength, grit, and skill. The entries were Bowen and Terrell, lightweights; Gay and Walker, welterweights; Walker and Shuddenmagen, middleweights; Marshall and Vann, heavyweights. The winners were Bowen, in light-weight; Walker, in welter and middleweights, and Vann in the heavyweights. The contestants in each event were evenly matched and all put up a good fight. Especially worthy of note, however, was the quick, snappy work of Bowen and Terrell, and the skillful mat work of Gay and Walker.

To the winner of each event was given an elegant bronze medal, suitably engraved. Vann, the heavy-weight champion, will also receive the "All Comers' Cup," which he is to defend against all who may challenge him during the balance of this session. It is said that both Flowers and Walker will challenge him soon, and when Leslie returns he also will undoubtedly challenge the winner. Then there'll be a "hot time" sure enough.

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Miss Rucker has been confined with the gripe.  
What do you think about Austin as a winter resort?  
Dr. Halstead has returned from a visit to San Marcos.  
Dr. Bradfield conducted chapel exercises last week.  
Remember the Scarbrough contest comes off Friday night.

The german next Tuesday promises to be well attended.  
Leslie was called home last week by the illness of his father.

John Day Daffan, an old Varsity student, was here a few days last week.

Dr. Huberich missed a few classes the past week on account of the grip.

Judge Gould, Dr. Ellis, and Mr. Lomax saw the wrestling contest Saturday.

You can't spit on the sidewalks of Austin any more. So at least says the city council.

Mrs. Maney of Houston is visiting her daughter, Miss Mabel Maney, at Mrs. Kirby's.

J. W. Claywell of the Senior class was called home Wednesday by the serious illness of his father.

Miss Vada Meyer's mother, after a week's visit to her daughter, left yesterday for home.

Who said Freshmen were not up to date? Freshman demagogism would stun Tammany Hall.

Friday the Freshmen elected Horace Trippett president, and Miss Annie Hill, vice-president.

The Summer School Catalogue will be out this week, and can be obtained at the registrar's office.

It is said that "balloon juice" will be among the delightful refreshments at the Grand Sophomore Reception.

Miss Kittie Petty is much better, and will soon be up again, provided she continues to improve as she has been doing.

There's a fine gold medal for the man who wins the greatest number of points on class field day. It sure looks good.

Mr. Richard Mansfield Thursday, the Scarbrough contest Friday, the violiniste Saturday. Don't miss any of them.

Regent H. M. Garwood of La Grange has been in the city for several days on business connected with the Federal court.

Masterson was so well pleased with what he saw of Texas on his short visit recently, that he has forsaken Sewanee and will enter here.

John Files has been elected captain of the Senior Law baseball team, and H. E. Alexander has been elected manager. A sorry set.

The "championship banner for wrestling" goes to the Freshmen. It will be decked with Freshmen colors, labeled "1905," and hung up in the library.

E. C. Couch and G. T. Cope, students in the academic department of the University last year, are now conducting the Godley High School in Johnson County.

It is rumored that the renowned Ted Sullivan, who managed the famous Dallas "Steers" in the palmy days of Texas baseball, will be here to assist in the coaching of our track team.

Saturday night Miss Devine had the unexpected pleasure of a visit from her brother, who stopped over on his way from Palestine to San Antonio in order to be present at the party.

The greater part of the proof of the annual catalogue has been read, and the catalogue will in all probability be out by the first of March. This is two months earlier than any preceding issue.

## - John Orr, Groceries. -

Sunday afternoon Miss Pearl West left for her home in Calvert, accompanied by her mother. Miss West will return to take up her University work as soon as she recuperates after her recent illness.

Hon. J. W. Bicket of Milam County, and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer, was up at B. Hall early Friday morning, shaking hands with the boys and announcing his candidacy.

The annual statement of B. Hall, for the fiscal year just closed shows a surplus of \$300. This is a very creditable showing for the management, and one on which B. Hallites congratulate themselves. The committee has under consideration the advisability of giving another banquet either on March 2d or February 22d. Action has been deferred, it being the desire of

the committee to ascertain the wishes of the boys in this matter.

Professor Houston in a written quiz: "What are the effects of laws prohibiting usury?" Junior Law: "The principal effect of laws prohibiting usury was to decrease the production of that particular commodity."

The engineering department has in charge a survey of the most economical route for the laying of oil pipe from the Lunatic Asylum to the I. & G. N. and Northwestern railroads. This affords fine practice for the boys.

The Glee Club is fortunate in having secured Mr. Hertzberg as violin soloist on the trip. Mr. Hertzberg has not allowed his University work to hinder his progress on the violin, and as a consequence he is the best violinist at the University.

## GRAHAM & ANDREWS, DRUGGISTS.

Adly Jessen, who recently withdrew from the University to take the position of draughtsman with Dr. Phillips of the Geological Survey, has accepted a similar position with the I. & G. N. under J. D. Trammell, chief engineer, at Marlin.

The medals to be given in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association the coming May have arrived and are on exhibition in Mr. Curtiss' office. All who have seen medals given in other athletic associations declare these to be the prettiest they have ever seen.

Last Thursday the young people enjoyed a most pleasant evening at Eighth Street Hall. Several of the members of the German Club were invited to lead the figures for the children. Among those present were Master Timothy Allen Smith and Master Horace Trippett.

In answer to the notice of Captain Hays, the candidates for the track team met in Mr. Curtiss' office after the wrestling contest Saturday. About sixty-five men handed in their names but there is yet room for as many more. Call on Mr. Curtiss. Consultations free and strictly confidential.

B. M. Haberer, a former engineering student in the University, who has for some months been located at Marlin in the capacity of draughtsman for the I. & G. N. road, has accepted the field position as "leveler" with the same company. Mr. Haberer has been succeeded by Mr. Adly Jessen, who is also one of our "Engineers."

Eugene C. Rouch, B. A. '97, was in the city Saturday and attended the meeting of the Rusk Saturday night. For some years after leaving the University Mr. Rouch was engaged in teaching as principal of the San Saba High School. Recently, however, he abandoned teaching and is devoting his entire time to the Baptist ministry.

The directors of the Co-operative bookstore held a meeting in room 99 Friday afternoon. A brief report showed the affairs of the association to be in excellent shape. A committee composed of Dr. Simonds and Mr. Buchanan was appointed to audit the books, and was instructed to hire such help in the way of an expert accountant as might be necessary. The report will be published.

At the Saturday night meeting of the Engineers' Club C. N. Campbell and Professor T. U. Taylor presented excellent papers on "The Austin Dam," the cause of its failure and the practicability of rebuilding. After the completion of the program the following officers were elected for service during the spring term: W. B. King, president; S. W. Parsons, vice-president; A. C. Amsler, secretary; L. Hill, treasurer; C. N. Campbell, sergeant at arms.

The following is the personnel of the Glee Club now on its trip through the State: Dr. D. A. Penick, director; W. P. Hargrove, business manager; Miss Elizabeth Simkins, accompanist; chaperones, Mrs. E. D. Shurter and Mrs. D. A. Penick. Club members: Harry Hertzberg, C. F. Bolin, Stuart Penick, W. C. Shepard, A. L. Kramer, H. M. Hargrove, W. P. Hargrove, C. E. Potts, R. C. Pantermuehl, J. R. Golden, R. L. Crosby, Lewis Johnson, E. E. Townes, F. H. Smith, L. C. Audrain and C. T. Widen.

L. Wall Welker of the Sophomore class has been elected a delegate from the University to represent the Y. M. C. A. at the Students' Volunteer Convention to be held in Toronto, Canada, in the latter part of February. The purpose of this organization is to get young men, and especially students, to volunteer for mission work. The convention meets once every four years, and at the last meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, H. S. Howard, now a student at Princeton, represented the University. Mr. Welker will leave for Toronto about the 20th of February, and expects to be gone about two weeks.

One of the San Antonio girls asked George Duren if he had heard of the fearful accident at Grace Hall.

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## Papers for the Archives of History.

## Regent Bryan Makes Some Important Contributions.

Dr. Garrison returned Friday from a visit to Elgin and Brenham schools.

During his stay in Brenham, Dr. Garrison and Judge Beauregard Bryan assorted the papers of the Texas Veterans' Association, which were left to the University by the will of Judge Bryan's father, Moses Austin Bryan. These papers will be received at the University in a day or two. They contain a large amount of information concerning the records of the veterans in the Texas Revolution and during the Republican period. There are also included among the papers three bound volumes of the Texas Telegraph and Register, for the years 1838-1840, and a considerable number of odd copies of the Matagorda Bulletin, which was published during the Pre-revolutionary Period. The files of the Bulletin are extremely rare, if indeed other copies exist at all.

Judge Bryan intends to present to the University, after awhile, the papers of Ira R. Lewis, his grandfather, who was a very prominent figure in the Texas Revolution, and in Austin's colony. The Lewis papers constitute a highly valuable collection, as they deal with the beginning of the Anglo-American colonization of Texas and with the Revolution.

## THE DUBOIS PRIZE CONTEST.

Rules and regulations for the DuBois Prize Contest in Oratory, and for choosing the University representative in the Southern Inter-State Oratorical Association contest:

A \$50 cash prize—the "DuBois Prize in Oratory"—is offered to that University student adjudged the best speaker, matter and delivery both considered, in a public contest to be held in the University Auditorium Saturday night, May 3d, under the following rules and regulations:

1. A preliminary contest shall be held on Friday afternoon, April 25th, at 2:30 p. m. Excepting a previous winner of the DuBois prize, any bona fide student in the University may enter such contest, by delivering an original oration, not exceeding 1800 words in length, before the Faculty Committee on Forensics and Oratory, or a committee of judges chosen by said Faculty Committee. Provided there are at least four speakers whose orations and delivery are worthy, in the opinion of the judges, of a public contest, not more than six nor less than four, shall be chosen for the final contest.

2. Preceding the preliminary contest, each speaker shall file with the said Faculty Committee a legible copy of his oration (typewritten, whenever practicable.)

3. In both the preliminary and final contests, the speakers shall appear in the order as determined by lot, subject to such exchanges as may be mutually agreed upon.

4. The final contest shall be held in the Auditorium on Saturday night, May 3d. The presiding officer and the judges shall be appointed by the Faculty Committee on Forensics and Oratory. The judges shall base their award of the prize on the thought, composition and delivery, but no hard-and-fast lines shall be drawn as to the relative importance of these elements. The test shall be that of general effectiveness.

5. The final contest for the DuBois Prize shall also determine the University's representative in the Southern Inter-State Oratorical Association contest at Kentucky University on May 21st. For this purpose a previous winner of the DuBois Prize shall be eligible to contest, but not as a candidate for the DuBois Prize. Of the speakers in the final contest, the judges shall name their first and second choice, who shall be respectively the University representative and the alternate in the Southern Inter-State Contest.

## LEONORA JACKSON, Violinist.

Leonora Jackson, the famous violinist, who appears in our auditorium next Saturday, belongs in that class of artists, who, like Nordica, had been heard of but never come nearer to us than Chicago or St. Louis. It is entirely due to the unselfish efforts of the Matinee Musical Club that we have the pleasure of hearing a number of the world's greatest artists in our halls, and that at prices which are easily half of those paid elsewhere. Thus tickets for Nordica were \$5 at Dallas and \$4 at San Antonio, while University students obtained the best for \$1 or \$1.50. The same condition holds for Leonora Jackson, except that the clubs, reassured by their past success, have put the price even lower than before.

This will be perhaps the last opportunity for several years that the American public will have to hear this artist, because she has already been invited to appear before the czar and czarina next October, and will tour Russia next season.

University people have certainly the best opportunity that could be had to hear Miss Jackson. With the superior acoustics of our auditorium, enabling the audience to catch every tone unimpaired—a fact that can be claimed by few theaters with their nooks and hangings to deaden the tone—we may feel sure of a treat that the greatest concert halls of Boston or New York could not surpass.

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## THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

## ASHBEL.

The subject under discussion at the Ashbel meeting on February 5th was the Persian poem, "The Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam.

Grace Prather read an interesting account of Fitzgerald.

Miss Minnie Petty discussed the tendency of the poem.

The program closed with "Current Events," by Miss Willis.

The officers for the ensuing term were installed. Miss Rather took the president's chair and three new members, Misses Bartholomew, Rice and Hill, were initiated.

Then followed a discussion of the valentine tea which the society is to give from 4 to 6 o'clock next Friday afternoon.

The society voted a hearty thanks to Mrs. Prather for the offer of her home for the afternoon's entertainment, and all are quite sure that the pleasure of the afternoon will be greatly enhanced by having the tea at that cozy home under Mrs. Prather's hospitable auspices.

## ATHENAEUM.

On last Saturday night the Athenaeum enjoyed a very creditable debate from a team composed almost entirely of new men—five of the six addressing the society for the first time. The question, "Resolved, that all institutions of college rank should adopt the purely elective system of studies," was championed by Messrs. Ranson, Rector and W. O. Wright, while Messrs. Nibbling, Kleberg and Powell took the negative. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Ainsworth favored us with a well-rendered declamation.

A. P. Stramler was elected and initiated into the society and Shearon Bonner was reinstated.

A great deal of interest is beginning to be manifested in the contest for the Ross-Rotan medal, a \$50 prize, which will be awarded on the second Thursday in May for the best original oration delivered by a member of the Athenaeum Literary Society. It will be remembered that this medal was awarded last year to M. S. Cavitt.

The Athenaeum will not meet next Saturday night on account of the visit of Miss Leonora Jackson, the great violinist. Such great treats are rare and the society is willing to forego its work for one night in order to take advantage of them.

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