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DEBATE PRIZE GOES TO ADELPHICS

Leslie Uphoff, '18, Wins Recognition as Best Speaker in Alison-Foote Debate.

EXCELLENT SPEECHES

E. W. Mandeville and Spencer Eddy Introduce Speakers.

The Adelpheic Society was successful in winning the annual Alison-Foote debate, Wednesday evening in the college chapel, and secured the prize of \$50. The prize for the best individual presentation of argument went to Leslie S. Uphoff '18, a member of the Philomathean Society, upholding the negative in debate.

The question as a natural result of the big field offered by war topics and involves the United States in a movement for international peace read thus: "Resolved, That the United States should join in a movement for an International League to Enforce Peace."

The teams of the two societies as chosen in the try-outs were as follows: Adelpheics—H. Dunn, '18; I. Stein, '18; Clyde Heatley, '18; and F. Bascom, '18 (alternate). Philomatheans—D. F. Chapman, '17; L. S. Uphoff, '18; J. Frankel, '17, and W. M. Watts, '18 (alternate).

The officers of the day were:

Presiding officers: Spencer B. Eddy '18, and Ernest W. Mandeville '17. Marshals: Pierre Hoag '18, M. I. King '18, A. D. Greene '19, R. A. Peters '19, L. P. Brown '18, R. D. Metzner '19, J. M. Cline '20, R. S. Perry '20.

The judges of the debate were Willis T. Hanson, Sr., Richmond D. Moot, Esq., and Victor Von Starzenski.

Each speaker was limited to eight minutes in the opening speeches, and six minutes in the rebuttal.

The debate was closely contested, and the large audience was amply rewarded by a splendid presentation of the subject by both sides.

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CALENDAR.

Friday.

4:30—Track Practice in Gym.
7:15—Second Discussion Group at Y. M. C. A.

Saturday.

1:30—Dramatic Club Rehearsal.
8:00—Union vs. Dartmouth at College Gym.

DR. W. R. WHITNEY ADVOCATES A MORE INQUISITIVE SPIRIT AMONG STUDENTS

Doctor W. R. Whitney, director of the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company, and a member of the Naval Reserve Board, during the past week has delivered several unusual lectures in chemical research at the college. His first lecture was given in the chemical lecture room, but in order to accommodate a larger audience the succeeding lectures were delivered in the chapel. The wisdom of this change was evident with the increased attendance, the audience consisting not only of students but of faculty members as well.

At the second lecture, which took place Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, Dr. Whitney undertook an analysis of the American attitude toward chemical research. He declared that if the United States is to reach a leading position in the world in chemical research it will be necessary to bring into college a more intellectual and inquisitive spirit. He advocated

that every man should be devoted to that "exercise" which he is most interested in and that some of the large amounts of money spent on athletics should be used in "something more worthy, chemical research, for instance."

Dr. Whitney's main theme, throughout the course has been the relation of chemistry to the blood. He declared that this field although much had been accomplished in it, was still open to wide research and that in the next few years, he expected many new developments. He made a discussion of colloids, and showed how the influence of very small amounts of mineral matter found in all organic substances caused colloidal matter to precipitate or set. Passing from this, he compared the colloidal matter taken from the wood and the sap, respectively, by the influence of the mineral matter in them. In a dis-

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MUSICAL COMEDY BOBS UP AGAIN

Final Title and a Trip to Glens Falls Now Assured by Management.

Two very important events happened. The Dramatic Club have decided on the name of their musical comedy and have a fixed date for production. The authors have disputed over the name and several have been tried out. Mandeville has finally won out on the name as Knight is going to have it produced in his home town. The production is now called "Come to Balmy Land" and as the printing is now being done we feel fairly safe in supposing this to be final. Moreover arrangements have been made in Glens Falls for a production on Monday evening, March the twelfth. Gay and glaring posters are now being distributed in the Glens Falls windows which bear some of the following illuminating remarks: "A curious mixture of humor and pathos; it will make the dimples to catch the tears." "The kind of play that makes you lose your masterly self-control and loses those pent-up emotions for a minute or two in each act." "Sentiment of the sort that makes tears creep into the eyes of the blase Broadwayite and of the small town shoe clerk." They also quote several remarks as "Pollyanna at Union" by the English Department, and "Come and weep with us" by the authors.

We also learn from the poster that there will be dancing after the performance. Perhaps some of the students will see fit to accompany the club.

DR. ANGELL CONCLUDES PSYCHOLOGY LECTURES

Gave Last Two of Six Lectures in Chapel This Week.

William James was the subject in which Dean Angell spoke in his next to the last lecture of his course on Philosophy, founded by Ichabod Spencer. He spoke briefly on William James' ancestry, religious education and influence through his Irish and Swedenborgian ancestry in the mysticism of humanistic type which characterized his thought. He said that his breadth of view and his sympathy with life was a result of his wide interest in medicine, philosophy and art. This he illustrated by readings from James' "Significance of Life" and volumes of lectures. His readings discussing peace and militarism were both timely and interesting.

Speaking especially of James' teaching in psychology, Dr. Angell discussed the use of ideas of the vague and fleeting in his theories of the workings of the mind, of his at first astonishing doctrines of the emotions and instincts which he made so much more important than many other psychologists and philosophers had done. William James' interest in psychical research and his refusal to be bound by scientific laws if they appeared to need amending was interestingly described, as were his statements on immortality. The discussion of immortality was well brought out by reading from his works.

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UNION FAVORS MILITARY TRAINING

Circulars Sent to Nearly Every Eastern College Asking for Support.

FEW OPPOSED.

Bill Calls for Six Months Training of All Physically Fit 19-Year Olds.

Union students voted by a large majority to support and assist the Chamberlain Bill, providing for universal military and naval service and training at chapel meeting Wednesday noon.

The circular containing the essential features of the bill was read in chapel Tuesday, and was to have been voted on at the Student Body meeting Monday noon, but owing to the request that prompt action be taken, the motion was put up to the students the next day. After some discussion in which Freshman were allowed to participate, the vote was called which resulted in practically seventy-five per cent of the student body coming out in favor of the bill.

The Chamberlain Bill has been reported out of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs and is now before the United States senate. A group of men prominent in military affairs, has drawn up an outline of the essential features of the bill, and sent them to various colleges in the country, asking for support of the measure. Already most of the eastern colleges have voted on the bill and favor it. The opinions of undergraduates was desired because of the influence they exert, while some students would be directly affected by the measure. The fundamental purpose of the circulars sent to the colleges is to sound out undergraduate feeling as to universal military training. The bill, if passed, will perhaps not go into effect for three years, then not until it has been revised to some extent.

The circular, signed by Bion J. Arnold, W. F. Durand, Thomas A. Edison, J. D. Galloway, George W. Geothals, W. F. M. Gross, A. C. Humphreys, A. M. Hunt, E. C. Jones, W. D. Lee, Ralph D. Mershon, W. B. Parsons, M. I. Pupin, Charles F. Rand, J. Waldo Smith, J. F. Stevens, S. B. Stillwell, George F. Swain, W. H. Wiley, and W. J. Wilgus, asks for the support of the bill, urges its readers to secure the support of others interested, and requests quick action on the matter.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1917

S. W. Talbot, Issue Editor.

MILITARY TRAINING.

There has been much discussion relative to the purpose of the Chamberlain Bill, providing for compulsory universal military and naval training and service. The main features of the bill, as explained in another column of this paper, have been sent to nearly every eastern college, for the purpose of sounding undergraduate sentiment on compulsory training on the general scheme, not confined in its extent to schools and colleges, nor exactly restricted to the provisions of the Chamberlain Bill. What is desired is the opinion of Union students in order that their true attitude may be transmitted to Washington.

The importance of the step cannot be over-estimated, for we are brought face to face with the situation of the nation. However, all that is desired is the opinion on the general scheme of universal military training. By passing a motion in chapel to support the bill, we do not obligate ourselves to serve in any freakish program for military training. The Chamberlain Bill is subject to revision before it is finally voted upon, and we can be sure that there will be no unreasonable measures in it.

These circulars have been sent broadcast through the land, and practically every college has voted to support it. A short time ago Harvard undergraduates voted in favor of universal military training 860 to 339. Princeton recently voted to support it 503 to 92 opposed, and nearly eighty per cent of the Yale undergraduates approved the bill.

A NATIONAL QUESTION.

Slowly but surely the people of the United States are recognizing the pitiful inadequacy of our army and the utter inability of this

country to defend itself against the attack of another power of similar magnitude. Evidences of such an awakening have appeared during the last two years in the success of the Plattsburg camps, the organization of the Naval Training Cruise, and the sporadic efforts of the many preparedness societies. The events of last summer on the Mexican border disclosed the weakness of the system of state militia, and focussed the attention of all patriotic citizens on the great national question of military preparedness for this country.

Many of the best military authorities firmly believe that universal military training in some form is the only measure that will bring the individual citizen to an intelligent realization of his duty to the nation, and result in an adequate defence for the country. For this reason the Chamberlain Bill has been drawn up and will be placed before Congress in the near future. At present the Senate Committee on Military Affairs is giving hearings to representative men in order to obtain the sentiment of all classes as regards this question. Already a number of college men, expressing their personal opinions, have given testimonies before the Committee, unfavorable to universal military training. The possibility of the committee interpreting their opinions as representative of the colleges as a whole must be guarded against. Therefore a vote of the University is being held tomorrow, and delegates are being sent to Washington to inform the Committee of the true attitude of Harvard in regard to the question.

The Crimson heartily endorses the principle of universal military training. Whether the Chamberlain Bill contains the best plan for such a program is a question. However, the principle of the policy is sound, and therein lies the salvation of our people, and the only safe defence for our country. A long period of investigation must follow before a specific, detailed scheme of training can be formulated. Since the principle is right, such a system of training must finally be evolved.—Harvard Crimson.

ONCE AGAIN.

It is the wish of the editors to make THE CONCORDIENSIS interesting to all its readers. If you find any odd bits of gossip about the campus, please help us by transmitting the news to the office. Also, the calendar is run for the purpose of announcing and advertising all activities occurring about college. "Will you, officers, committeemen, anyone-in-charge, please see that your notices get in at the office at least twenty-four hours before the issue goes to press"—and thus aid us as much as we try to help you.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

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well under way. There is still room for a few more men in each.

Prof. Taylor's class will meet Friday at 7:15, and is of special interest since it deals with the world in general, rather than a limited portion of it.

Plans are under way for the Junior "get-together." While the date has not been settled definitely, the affair will probably take place on Monday, March 5th.

The Relief Fund pledges are now due and payable. About \$800 has been paid in thus far.

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The circular follows:

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1. Every man at age of 19 shall be trained in camp or on a naval vessel for 6 months. Exception—First year the act goes into effect there shall be only three months' training. Exemptions—Members of Regular Army and Navy, those physically unfit, and those supporting dependents.

2. Credit to be allowed a person who has completed elsewhere a course of military instruction approved by the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy. Credit to consist of deduction from the training period of not more than one month for each year of such approved course; provided, that in no case shall training period be reduced by such credit to less than three months.

3. No substitute (personal or money) will be accepted.

4. Certificates of training to be issued.

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8. Officers to consist of Regular Army and Navy officers, detailed for the purpose, and of officers appointed from applicants for such appointment who have had military training and have passed the prescribed examinations.

9. No liquor or tobacco to be sold in training camp or on board ship.

CHANGES IN CAST OF MUSICAL COMEDY

Orchestra, Led by Ned Stein, Will Accompany Club.

The college show, "Come To Balmy Land," which now nears production, has announced several changes and additions to their cast. "Bill" Tell will play the part of "Mr. Dale," the minister; "Winnie" Sherwood, the part of "Peters," the butler, and Charles Beattie will impersonate a maid servant. Rehearsals are now being held daily and the production is becoming rounded out. A college orchestra, led by "Nat" Stein, will accompany the show to Glens Falls.

COPY OF HOME, SWEET HOME SOLD FOR \$360.

An event of considerable interest to Union College was the sale, yesterday, of a copy of "Home, Sweet Home," in the handwriting of John Howard Payne, the author of the famous song, to J. F. Duke, of New York, for \$360.

John Howard Payne is an alumnus of Union College of the class of 1812, and it is believed, conceived the idea of the verses of "Home, Sweet Home" while attending college here.

The original draft of "Home, Sweet Home," from which the final version of the poem was taken, together with a number of letters written by Payne, are preserved in the college library.

The financial statement of the Cornell University Athletic Association for the season of 1915-16 shows a balance of a trifle more than \$1,700. Receipts were \$101,982.17 and expenditures \$100,280.70. Football was the only one of the four major sports which was profitable.

BOWLERS NOW AT HEIGHT OF SEASON

Much Interest and Keen Rivalry Displayed in Tournament.

The interfraternity bowling tournament which started Monday is now nearing the climax. Already nearly one-third of the schedule has been played off, and daily the Morse alleys are thronged with those in the matches, those practicing, and the onlookers. There will be great competition for the prize offered by the Morse alleys.

The box scores of the games follow:

Feb. 26, 1917.			
CHI PSI.			
Powell	117	140	125
Hooper	172	155	162
Hagar	130	152	164
Downs	134	202	154
Beckett	150	169	181
Total	713	818	780

Feb. 27, 1917.			
PSI UPSILON			
Smith	136	156	143
Hyatt	111	170	166
Beekman	142	147	142
Eldred	108	132	128
Young	165	174	126
Total	662	779	705

Feb. 27, 1917.			
DELTA PHI.			
Beattie	153	135	103
Collins	150	148	190
Town	172	152	145
Clark	137	162	151
Parsons	100	100	120
Total	712	697	709

Feb. 27, 1917.			
SIGMA PHI.			
Hawley	81	121	99
Hoag	154	123	112
Tremper	89	116	111
Vought	73	89	134
Tell	159	154	153
Total	556	602	609

Feb. 27, 1917.			
CHI PSI.			
Total	757	776	706

Feb. 27, 1917.			
PYRAMID CLUB.			
Total	756	762	806

Feb. 27, 1917.			
PHI GAMMA DELTA.			
Total	693	754	758

Feb. 27, 1917.			
BETA THETA PI.			
Total	637	639	608

Feb. 27, 1917.			
LAMBDA CHI ALPHA.			
Total	791	744	714

Feb. 27, 1917.			
DELTA UPSILON.			
Total	609	668	660

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Delta Upsilon	3 0 3 .000

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DR. ANGELL CONCLUDES PSYCHOLOGY LECTURES

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Last night in the last lecture of the course Dr. Angell discussed "The Present Status of Psychology in America," paying tribute to the United States as being the foremost nation of the world in the development of the science of psychology. He also spoke feelingly of the debt which the world owes to Union College for the work of two of her graduates, Heckcock and Whalen, as pioneers of American activity in the science of the mind.

"To Scotland indirectly this country owes its present greatness in the knowledge of psychology," said Dean Angell. "It was the Scotch commonsense philosophy which awoke American scientists to interest in its kindred study, an interest which at first satisfied itself with elaboration upon discoveries already made in Europe. The fact that America's first books upon the subject, chief among which are "Empirical Psychology" and "Rational Psychology" by Dr. Hickock, and "Commonsense Philosophy," by Dr. Whalen, were not in any sense original should not detract from our paying homage to these two sons of old Union. They helped to make the beginning of American philosophy from which seed has grown the present great status.

Dean Angell said that although the study of the mind was begun in Europe, that upon being introduced into the United States it received such an impetus that at present we are ahead of the rest

CAERON '18 APPEARS BEFORE CLASSICAL CLUB

T. K. Whipple to Read Paper at Next Meeting of Club.

"Eddie" Cameron, '18, read a paper before the Classical Club Tuesday evening, on the subject, "The Greek Elements in Roman Satire." At the meeting T. K. Whipple was chosen as the speaker at the next regular session, March 13th. His topic will be "Martial, and English Literature." Mr. Whipple has made an exhaustive study of this subject and is well qualified to read on it. Preparations were started for the annual club initiation, to take place the later part of March, and an appeal was issued for the prompt remittance of outstanding dues.

The students of Brown University have already equipped one ambulance for France, and have nearly enough funds for another one.

of the world in knowledge of that subject. "Many great theories in psychology have originated across the sea but most have materialized in the United States," he said.

In closing Dean Angell explained that the present day study of psychology seeks rather to find out "what psychology does" than "what psychology is," much in the manner of the study of electricity. It is for usefulness that psychology has been developed in America.

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DR. W. R. WHITNEY TALKS TO STUDENTS

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cussion of the effect of a solution of mineral matter on the heart, he made the statement that not only was the pulsation of the heart helped by such a solution as long as the osmotic pressure of the solution was kept about the same as that of the blood but that the living heart would continue to pulsate several hours under the effect of the solution, even after the heart was actually removed from the animal.

In discussing the use of anti-taxins in the blood he brought out the fact that if blood from another species were injected in large quantities into an animal the animal would die from the poison. He used the rabbit as an illustration, declaring that if immense quantities of the blood of the rabbit were injected into the horse, the latter would die; but if it was used in small quantities the horse would become immunized in time and finally no amount would harm the horse.

In speaking of the relation of chemistry to national defense, he mentioned that in the warfare of the seas there was continual contest between methods of armor of the ship and methods of destruction. When the cannon ball was first introduced, it had great effect on the wooden walls of the ship. But to counteract this, ship builders commenced to use sheet iron instead of wood and to combat this the projectiles were made conical and pointed. Now steel is taken and backed with carbon, heated and left for a week. At the end of this period, one side of the steel is soft and the other very hard. This steel is found very effective in "parrying" projectiles. To keep pace with this new invention, the projectile now has a soft ring behind the nose piece which makes its penetrative power greater. In reference to inventions Dr. Whitney declared that inventions are not accident but the result of long investigation and improvement of existing things.

TEN MEN GO INTO PRESS CLUB

Ten new members were elected into the Press Club at its meeting Wednesday night. One Junior, two Sophomores, and seven Freshmen composed the ranks of the neophytes. They are Louis A. Laguerre, '18; R. C. Cochburn, '19; L. S. McGarty, '19; and Charles F. Beattie, E. B. Augur, J. M. Cline, A. C. Collins, W. Greeley, R. J. Johanessen and C. Tremper of 1920. This is the annual election of new members.

ASST. CHEER LEADER COMPETITION IS BEGUN

Candidates for the position of assistant cheer-leader are urged to report at once to Arnold Hooper at the Chi Psi Lodge, or to Burt Lester, at the Alpha Delt House. The position is open for members of the first year class as well as Sophomores, and the Frosh are urged to compete.

Davidson, Carvey, Joe Weinert, and Win Sherwood have already entered the competition.

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