

tives for the State Meet, and then later sent them down to it. Last November nearly forty turned out for debating. After two months of preliminary sifting, eight debaters were selected. Olivet has had five debates this year, two of which were in a State Debating League triangle, two with Alma, and one with Ripon. This is our second year of existence as a campus institution. At present our chapter roll has seventeen active members; seventeen who, collectively form the organization which represents forensic endeavor at Olivet. And as such, our aim is not alone to honor those who meet the requirements of our fraternity, but to serve our college by promoting its interest along forensic lines and by taking care of its relations in this field with other colleges. To do this better each year is the goal which we have set for ourselves.

Fraternally yours,

THE MICHIGAN BETAS,
Laurence Towe, President.

MICHIGAN DELTA—MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The Michigan Agricultural College Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has just passed through its most prosperous and busy season. During the earlier part of the winter term the chapter put on a peppy "All College" Dance in the Gym that proved to be a big success. Later a play, "Nothing But the Truth," was presented by the Dramatic Society and Pi Kappa Delta took active charge of the business management and put the play across to a large and a pleased house. Receipts from both of these affairs aided greatly in defraying expenses of the debating teams. On April 2 the Negative Team, comprising three actives and coach, left for Marquette University of Milwaukee. From there the team traveled to Purdue and other colleges throughout Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. A trip to Washington, D. C., and New York proved to be a pleasant adventure for the debaters on their route to meet Maine and the Massachusetts Aggies. The Affirmative also had three home debates. Both teams debated Compulsory Arbitration of Labor Disputes, while the Negative, traveling, also handled The League of Nations question and Cabinet Parliamentary Government.

Fraternally yours,

E. M. CHAPMAN,
Cor. Secretary.

MINNESOTA ALPHA—MACALESTER COLLEGE

The Minnesota Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has ten active members including Professor Glenn Clark and Dr. J. C. Hazzard. All are working hard for the advancement of forensics at Macalester and in the state at large. Through the efforts of Dr. Hazzard forensic societies at Gustavus Adolphus College and at Hamline University have been induced to apply for charters as chapters of Pi Kappa Delta. The application of the society at Gustavus Adolphus College has been granted and the chapter will be installed by Dr. Hazzard April 12. If the application from Hamline University is granted, all the independent colleges in Minnesota, with the exception of Carleton, where there is a chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, will have chapters of our society. The men's debate season closed March 22. We have debated Gustavus Adolphus and St. Olaf in a triangular debate, and Northland and Lawrence in dual debates. The question debated was, "Resolved, that the United States should enter the League of Nations." Owing to the fact that we had only two experienced debaters on our teams this year we were not so successful as usual. On April 20 we shall have a girls' triangular debate with Hamline and Gustavus Adolphus on the Towner-Sterling educational bill. In oratory we were not so successful as we had hoped to be. We shall enter the Peace Oratorical Contest and hope for a good place in it. The close of the debate season will make ten more eligible for membership in our society. We lose four by graduation this year. Professor C. F. Lindsley of the University of Minnesota has been helping with the debate work this year. He has developed some good material on which we can build strong teams next year.

Fraternally,

FRANCES A. HAZZARD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

MINNESOTA BETA—ST. OLAF COLLEGE

We have just closed a very successful forensic season. We debated the question, Resolved: That the United States should enter the League of Nations. Our first debate was a triangular with Gustavus Adolphus and Macalester College. Our Negative team won a 2-1 decision over Gustavus Adolphus, while our Affirmative team won a unanimous decision over Macalester. The second debate was a dual with Ripon College. Ripon had won a number of debates and was represented by two well-balanced teams. The results were very close but St. Olaf won both debates by unanimous decisions. The final debate of the season was a dual with the University of North Dakota. In this debate only two men

were used on each team. The St. Olaf teams won both debates by 2-1 decisions. The season was completed without a defeat. This is the first time since 1914 that teams representing St. Olaf have won every contest during one season. After our Easter holidays a debate between our two teams will be broadcast from our own radio station, W. C. A. L. In the State Oratorical Contest the St. Olaf representative won second place. There was only one point's difference between first and second. There were five colleges represented in this contest. Our chapter was installed a year ago with nine charter members. Plans are now under way for enlarging our organization. Ten alumni have already applied for admission and there are also those in college who have qualified since the chapter was installed. The plan is to have a formal installation, together with our annual banquet, toward the close of the school year. Our student body of over nine hundred has shown an added interest in forensic activities during the past season and all indications point to a successful season next year. It is a pleasure to send our first chapter letter.

MELVIN N. HOINESS,
President.

MINNESOTA GAMMA—GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

The Gustavus Adolphus College chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was organized in the spring of 1923 under the leadership of Professor J. Stanley Gray. The charter members of the organization were Ruth D. Peterson, Mildred B. Johnson, Elvera Blad, Ruth E. Youngdahl, Adolph Dickhudt, George Anderson, Carl Carlson, Carl Jackson, and Dr. O. J. Johnson (President of the college). The establishment of a chapter of this kind had long been looked forward to by those participating in forensics at Gustavus, and its introduction was certainly very heartily sanctioned. The Forensic schedule for this year has been the heaviest that the college has ever had. The men's teams debated Hamline, Willamette, and South Dakota Universities; and Ripon, St. Olaf, Macalester, and Lawrence Colleges. Although losing the greater number of the debates, the contests were very close and the victories over Lawrence College and South Dakota University, will long be remembered in the hearts of Gustavians. The girls' teams have not as yet competed but debates are scheduled with Macalester College and Hamline University. In oratory, we failed to place in the Minnesota State Contest but our anticipations are great concerning the Peace Contest to be held at Macalester College, in May. This year we have done much to arouse interest in forensics. In April, the State High School oratorical contest will be held here, which our college, through the efforts of Professor Gray, has been instrumental in organizing. Furthermore, beginning with next year a diploma will be presented by Gustavus for thirty-two hours of work in Public Speaking, provided that a degree of A. B. had been attained. We are going to make our chapter of Pi Kappa Delta one of the liveliest organizations at our school.

CARL JACKSON,
Secretary.

MINNESOTA DELTA—HAMLINE UNIVERSITY

The Hamline chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was installed April 25, 1923, by the Macalester chapter. The forensic activities of the school had been completed before that time under the direction of the old local organization, but Pi Kappa Delta, with increased appropriation from the Student Enterprise Association, immediately took over the work of preparation for an extended schedule for 1923-24. Membership in Pi Kappa Delta gives us access to some very desirable contests with schools we have not previously met. We have had a very gratifying season of forensic activities, supported by increased student enthusiasm. We entered two triangle debates, one with North and South Dakota Universities, and one with Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., and Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. We also conducted a pre-season dual debate with Macalester College for Freshman teams. Hamline's oratorical representative, Oison Poe, a Chinese student, took third place in the State Oratorical Contest. Installation of our chapter of Pi Kappa Delta completes our satisfaction with the year's work and gives us confidence that our forensic future will be even more successful under its guidance.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. BARTHOLD,
Secretary Hamline Chapter Pi Kappa Delta.

MISSOURI ALPHA—WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Missouri Alpha opened this year with only three members back, besides three members in the faculty. However, some excellent material has shown up in the recent tryouts, and will prove valuable acquisitions for Pi Kappa Delta. Missouri Alpha was represented at Kansas City last fall when the Missouri Province was created, and was made Secretary of the State Organization. Moreover, the first State Convention will meet here at Westminster in May. The Iowa chap-

ters will also participate. A member of Pi Kappa Delta won the recent State Oratorical Contest held in Fulton, and he goes to Indianola, Iowa, to represent the State in the Mid-Western States Contest. Missouri Alpha is proud to have produced such a man. Westminster is also sending a debating team to the Atlantic seaboard this spring to debate on the Japanese question, there being several colleges out there that wanted that question. The teams that stay in the West will debate the Pi Kappa Delta question. Missouri Alpha is located in a College that has an enviable record, 34 out of the last 40 debates having been won. Missouri Alpha feels that she has had a large part to play in creating this enviable record, and that she will have even a larger part in the future. In order to finance the Eastern trip, the chapter sponsored a play given in Fulton in February. All in all, we are looking forward to a very unusually successful year.

Fraternally,

STANLEY M. WILSON,
President.

MISSOURI DELTA—WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

The 1923 forensic season at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., has just opened with a defeat at the hands of Baker University with Baker on the negative of the official question. Ten more varsity debates are to come and Jewell has the negative seven times in the ten. The schools which appear in Liberty include: Baker University, Ottawa University, Des Moines University, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. The schools we shall visit are: Park College, Washburn College, College of Emporia, Missouri Wesleyan College, Oklahoma City College, and Oklahoma Baptist University. William Jewell engages in one intersectional debate this year. Wake Forest College of North Carolina will meet us in Kansas City on May 15th just before the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which will open the 16th and which will bring 16,000 Baptists to Kansas City. Forensics is financed by an activity fee levied by the college and of this forensics get two dollars for every student enrolled the spring term. We award Pi Kappa Delta keys in chapel the same as letters for football are given. This year we have in school seven active men. We expect to initiate seven men before the end of school.

MISSOURI ZETA—CULVER STOCKTON COLLEGE

This chapter, although a babe of the Pi Kappa Delta family, and few in number, has been busy perfecting its local organization and laying the foundation for future work. A tri-state triangular debate was held on March 16 with Carthage and Parsons. The Pi Kappa Delta question was used and all of the negative teams won. Another men's triangular debate will be held on April 24 with Central College (Missouri) and Westminster, using the same question. A women's dual debate with Central College will be held on April 19. We are planning to enter all contests in the provincial convention at Westminster in May. Our chapter will be much stronger next year and we are planning an aggressive program. Interest has greatly increased in debating here this year. There were twice as many men trying out for the teams than ever before. We give Pi Kappa Delta a good deal of credit for this increased interest.

R. M. HUTCHISON.

MONTANA ALPHA—MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Montana Wesleyan has not yet held the most important debates of her year's schedule. We have had but one debate this season. This was with the Montana State Normal School on the question of English Cabinet Parliamentary Government. We will have five more debates this season, meeting Simpson College, Colorado Agricultural College, Gooding College, Montana State College and Billings (Montana) Polytechnic Institute. Montana Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is wide awake and doing things. We have arranged a debate between the freshmen and sophomore classes, excluding experienced debaters, for the purpose of arousing interest in debate and training new debaters for the future. By the end of the year our membership will be twenty. We have seven new intercollegiate debaters this year. We plan to be represented at the State Oratorical Contest which will be held in May. At the close of our season, a big initiation and banquet will be held.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT E. MILLER,
President.

MONTANA BETA—MONTANA STATE COLLEGE

Unprecedented interest in forensic activities has been shown this year at Montana State College, chiefly due to the efforts of Pi Kappa Delta to make

these activities popular with the students. Too much credit cannot be given to Prof. J. Wheeler Barger, P. K. D. from Kansas Agricultural College, who came here this year to take charge of the work in debate and oratory. The contestants in the pre-seasonal try-out for places on the squad numbered more than fifty. Of the eight active members of Pi Kappa Delta, seven tried out and made the squad; the eighth is editing the college Annual.

Thus far in the season six debates have been held: one team engaging in a series of four debates with the State University, and another debating the University of Wyoming and Colorado Agricultural College on a southern tour. These have resulted in two victories, two defeats and two no-decision. Early in April we will meet the North Dakota College in Fargo, and the Kansas Aggies and Colorado Aggies at home. In connection with the latter two debates, an interstate oratorical contest and an extemporaneous speaking contest will be held.

Pi Kappa Delta has also acted as host to visiting debating teams, and, in connection with Phi Alpha Tau, gave a banquet for the high school speaking contestants here to take part in the state extemporaneous speaking contest. Plans are now being made for a forensic edition of the Exponent.

CHAS. F. SCHURCH,
President.

NEBRASKA BETA—COTNER UNIVERSITY

The Nebraska intercollegiate question this year was, Resolved: That all inter-allied war debts should be cancelled. This proved very popular both for the public and among the Cotner students. From one to three hundred people attended the debates. Cotner held five dual debates this year, dividing the honors. Pi Kappa Delta has increased the prestige of college debating by several means. Worth while write-ups were put in the papers. Practice debates were held between the affirmative and negative teams to which the student body was invited. An All-College supper was held in the College dining hall in honor of the debating teams. There were only two key holders on the teams this year. Next year with four key holders back and the added enthusiasm from this year, Cotner is planning on a large tryout for the six positions.

LAWRENCE BERG,
Secretary.

NEBRASKA GAMMA—DOANE COLLEGE

Due to the graduation of most of the students eligible for membership in Pi Kappa Delta, the Nebraska Gamma chapter has had only two members this year. There are, however, six more who are now eligible. Our activities this year include six debates. We also won first place in the State Oratorical Contest held in Omaha on March 2nd. Through the efforts of our debate and forensic coach, Mr. J. E. Taylor, we have been able to do some good work and we are looking forward to a more active and prosperous year. With best wishes to all other chapters of this great order for another successful year, I am

Fraternally yours,

LUMIR J. KUND,
President.

NEBRASKA DELTA—HASTINGS COLLEGE

The Nebraska Delta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Hastings College reports a very successful year in forensics. The college teams, debating the question of the cancellation of the inter-allied war debts, won the intercollegiate debating championship of Nebraska. The Hastings teams suffered but one defeat during the entire season. Nine victories out of a total of ten debates, making a percentage of 900, gives Hastings College the state championship by a comfortable margin. The Hastings affirmative team kept a clean slate throughout the season, but one vote being cast against them out of fifteen votes cast in the five debates in which they engaged. The negative team suffered but one reversal, and was known as one of the strongest teams in the state. In the course of the season a total of twenty-four votes was cast for the Hastings teams, while that of their opponents totalled six. Forensics in Hastings College are under the direction of Professor Miles J. Martin, Delta Sigma Rho, from The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. He is also an honorary member of the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. Hastings has an active and enthusiastic chapter. There are now nine active student members and one honorary member in the faculty. It is our desire to cooperate in every way possible with the national organization for the betterment of forensics.

Very truly yours,

MILES J. MARTIN.

NEBRASKA EPSILON—GRAND ISLAND COLLEGE

Since the organization of the Nebraska Epsilon chapter last year, things have been running smoothly. This year we have been having monthly meetings which stimulate the forensic spirit in the school throughout the whole year. At these meetings we engage in those forensic activities that we feel will be of greatest benefit. Because the group is small and because all members are there for the sake of self improvement in public speaking, we feel that more good is gained in this gathering than in the literary society. Our forensic record has not been brilliant. We won three out of eight debates and fourth place in the State Oratorical Contest. The benefits obtained, however, cannot be estimated. After most of the debates, the Pi Kappa Delta chapter gives an informal reception to the judges and the visiting team. We feel that this promotes good feeling between the contending schools. There is now in the process of organization a state extemporaneous speaking contest. This will be held in Grand Island this spring. Ten subjects are given out. Ten minutes before the speaker will be called upon he will be given his subject upon which he will speak for from seven to ten minutes. It is expected that this contest will create much interest and we hope that it will be continued in future years. There are now two members in our chapter entitled to the degree of Special Distinction. Plans are being made for a banquet and for the reception of five new members.

IRVING W. JOHNSON.

OHIO ALPHA—BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

Alpha Chapter, of Baldwin-Wallace College, with Prof. D. T. Burns as forensic instructor and coach, has just completed a very worthwhile year forensically. The fraternity has taken complete charge of forensic activities, which work was formerly done by a local Oratorical and Debating Association. An additional incentive has been added to the local oratorical contest held annually in December, by two prizes of \$15.00 and \$10.00 respectively. These prizes were given this year for the first time. Our debate schedule this year consisted of six debates, which according to the decisions of the judges, were not quite as successful as we had hoped and anticipated, but the victories were only secondary to the real end achieved—the reawakening of a real interest in debate in our Institution. We have been given a fraternity room, which is now under the process of preparation, decoration and proper furnishing. We expect to receive about six new members within the next two weeks, among whom are some of the strongest leaders on our Campus. The future seems promising indeed, and we hope that Alpha Chapter will be increasingly a credit to our splendid Order.

J. H. LAMY,
President.

OHIO GAMMA—HIRAM COLLEGE

The Hiram Ohio Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has had a very prosperous year. Our chapter was small in numbers this year but we are to receive seven members in the near future, and as we will only lose two members by graduation our membership will be greatly increased. Of the seven men who are to enter there are six of the order of Debate, one of the order of Oratory, and one of the order of Instruction. Our debating teams took part in a triangular debate with Muskingum and Baldwin-Wallace colleges. The negative team, which travelled to Muskingum, was defeated, receiving a decision of one to nothing. The affirmative team, which debated Baldwin-Wallace at Hiram, won, receiving a decision of two to one. We are now attempting to schedule a debate with Mount Union College in the near future. Pi Kappa Delta has meant a great deal to Hiram during the past year and we are looking forward to a still more prosperous time during the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

IVAN GRIMSHAW,
Corresponding Secretary.

OKLAHOMA GAMMA—OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

The Oklahoma Gamma Chapter of the Pi Kappa Delta has had as its chief work this year the fostering of the debate program. Up to date our season has just begun. On March 17, we defeated a team from Simpson College, Iowa, by a 2-1 decision. On March 31, a team from our chapter left for a tour in Texas where they will debate four leading schools: Clarendon College, Simmons College, Howard Payne, and Austin College. Teams of both men and women will debate most of the colleges of our state on the Pi Kappa Delta question. We will close our debating season on May 8 when we debate William Jewell of Missouri.

Sincerely yours,

KATHERINE LAURENCE,
Secretary-treasurer.

OKLAHOMA DELTA—N. W. STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Judging from the previous issues of the Forensic, surely this must have been a wonderful year for Pi Kappa Delta. Located away down here in Oklahoma, it is with much interest indeed that we read of the work of the society in other states and in other sections of the country. I should like to take up a good deal of space telling just how delighted the Oklahoma Delta chapter is to note the progress made during the year, but Brother Westfall reminded us that "copy" was to be closely edited and call "30" early in the day, so to speak. In brief, while the society has been established in our college only one year, it is now, in reality, an institution in the school. We have experienced excellent co-operation on the part of the student body all during the year. Only five members have been in school during the first two terms, but we are looking forward to greatly increasing that number with the close of the spring debates. There will be at least eight new members. More interest than has been the case for years, has been shown this year in debating, as was well evidenced by the tryouts for places on the college teams. The majority of these debates take place in the month of April. The school is surely behind the chapter. While trying to raise funds to take us to the divisional convention and debate tournament at Winfield, the sororities of the college gave a Pan-Hellenic chapel entertainment which netted more than half the amount required for the expenses. The tournament at Winfield, under the auspices of the Kansas Delta chapter was a most remarkable success. Nothing of the kind has ever been held before in this part of the country, and the benefits derived by the delegates both from the debating and from the association with other chapters were far reaching. A large number of old members will be here for the summer school, and at that time we are planning a big initiation and banquet, commemorating the first anniversary of the Oklahoma Delta chapter. With greetings to all other chapters of our great order,

Yours fraternally,

F. FLAHERTY,
President.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—GROVE CITY COLLEGE

Inasmuch as no debates have taken place since our last communication, we feel that Pennsylvania Alpha has very little to report at this time. Our men's debates take place on the 10th and 20th of next month, and our women's debates on the 13th. Prospects are bright and we hope to be able in our next communication to report a number of victories. We are proud to report, however, that one of our members took second place in the State Oratorical Contest held at Beaver Falls, Pa., recently. The gentleman is Mr. John T. Koehler. Trusting that we may have something more to report in our next communication, I am

Yours fraternally,

MARGARET PERRI,
Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA—WOFFORD COLLEGE

Here at Wofford a Council, elected from and by the student body, has charge of an intercollegiate debating. The President of the Council this year is a member of Pi Kappa Delta. Under his supervision four intercollegiate debates were scheduled for the year, three varsity and one Freshman. Of the varsity debaters all save one were chosen from our ranks; and the Freshmen are prospective members. The varsity debates consisted of a triangular debate with Newberry College and Presbyterian College of South Carolina, a debate with Emory University and a triangular debate with the University of South Carolina and The Citadel. Several other schools were challenged, but refused to meet us. At present the chapter is engaged in fostering a series of intersociety debates here at Wofford. The four literary societies will meet next Friday evening in preliminary contests to select the teams that will later engage in a debate which is to be public. A strong spirit of rivalry has grown up between the societies since these debates were first planned, so that the contests promise to be unusually interesting. On the whole, forensic activities at Wofford have been fairly successful this year.

Fraternally yours,

W. R. BOURNE,
President.

SOUTH CAROLINA BETA—PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Presbyterian College has taken an active part in forensics this year, and although the season has not yet closed, the local chapter looks with a reasonable degree of satisfaction upon the year's work. Last fall we held our annual debate with Wofford and Newberry, a triangular affair of no mean nature; and even

though the honors went to Newberry, it is the consensus of opinion that the speakers of these institutions rendered one of the most interesting and instructive debates of the year. Our next clash was with Maryville College on the ever-fascinating question of the permanent retention of the Philippines. Again the arguments were keen and penetrating, and considerable heat was generated on both sides. However, it must be said, in justice to the Tennessee team, that they won the laurels of the day.

Two more debates remain on our year's program, with the possibility of a third. These are Freshman debates, and before the season closes, we hope to boast of their victories.

W. J. CHERRY,
Corresponding Secretary,
Presbyterian College of S. C., Clinton, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA—NEWBERRY COLLEGE

The South Carolina Gamma Chapter was organized on January 19, 1923. There were 13 charter members. Our first year has been spent mainly in organization, in finding our resources and in getting things started for the coming year. Since our organization, Pi Kappa Delta has done much to stimulate the forensic activities at Newberry. Definite action has already been taken by the chapter for the forensic program of next year. Our forensics were quite successful this year, although not so phenomenal as our success last year. Up to this time we have participated in two intercollegiate debates and broke even, winning half and losing half. The one sidedness of the question this year made the affirmative side exceedingly difficult to maintain in the face of the strong public opinion. The freshman triangular debate has not yet been held. The present outlook for South Carolina Gamma is good and we are planning for still greater things next year.

R. W. BOST,
President.

SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA—DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Although our forensic schedule has not been completely finished this year, we are sending you a record in compliance with the Secretary-Treasurer's request. We are also enclosing a cut of the members of our Pi Kappa Delta chapter. Dakota Wesleyan has had on the whole a very successful year in forensics. The first event of the season was a debate with Western Union last December on the question: "Resolved, That the Federal Government acquire and operate the coal mines in the United States." Our team, who had the affirmative, won an unanimous decision. The Men's Intersociety debates were held on January 15, thirty men taking part. The question was: "Resolved, That the United States cancel all the war debts due from the allied nations." The debates were not only spirited, but were of a very high quality, and they revealed many promising new debaters. This question was used in the State Pentangular debate. Our affirmative lost to Huron on March 26. The negative team will meet Sioux Falls on April 5. This was the first year that each women's society put two teams in the field. Their contest, held January 22, equalled the men's debates in the ability revealed. Their question was: "Resolved, That the Federal Government own and operate the coal mines within its jurisdiction," a more debatable question than the one used with Western Union. Twenty-four girls took part in these contests, seven of whom made the Varsity squad. The Women's State Debates, held March 2, used the same question and both our teams were successful. Our affirmative debated Huron and our negative Aberdeen. March 3 a men's team met Des Moines' University on the question: "Resolved, That the United States change to the cabinet form of government." J. D. Coon, National Counsel, gave the decision to our negative team. Our men's teams debated in the State Pentangular on the Cancellation question, our affirmative losing to Huron, but our negative defeating Sioux Falls. All the affirmative lost on this question. We are planning to attend the Province Convention at Extempore Speaking and the Oratorical Contests. At our annual banquet to be held next month we shall initiate about ten new members. We are extremely fortunate in having our Debate Coach, W. H. Veatch, with us for another year, for our record of victories is due in large measure to the debate machine he has built up.

Fraternally yours,

AGNES M. HYDE.

SOUTH DAKOTA BETA—HURON COLLEGE

During this year the Beta Chapter of South Dakota has been more active than at any time in the past. The fall term opened with fourteen members of Pi Kappa Delta including the faculty members; furthermore, eight new mem-

bers are to be initiated in the near future. At present we are in the midst of a heavy forensic schedule, having had seven debates, winning four, and still have dual debates with Aberdeen and Brookings. We were well represented by Jesse Perrin at Rapid City in the State Oratorical Contest, and received third place. Much enthusiasm has manifested itself during the year for forensic activities as shown by the number of contestants in all the tryouts and the large audiences at the contests. Professor D. R. McGrew, head of the public speaking department in Huron College and debate coach, is president of the South Dakota Intercollegiate Oratorical and Forensic Association. Huron College will be well represented at the Provincial Pi Kappa Delta Convention which is to be held at Aberdeen, April 25 and 26.

SOUTH DAKOTA GAMMA—YANKTON COLLEGE

Our forensic season has been a decided improvement over that of last year, both in oratory and debate. Greater interest has been shown by greater numbers participating in these activities. We have had four debating teams, two for the women and two for the men. The women defeated Huron College; the men, Augustana. The other two teams put forth strenuous efforts and made a good showing also. In oratory our representative was able to capture the state championship at Rapid City and will represent us in the interstate contest to be held in Iowa. Pi Kappa Delta has been more active this year, having given besides its meetings a reception after each of the home debates. We are further planning an evening's entertainment for the purpose of raising funds so that we may send at least four representatives to the State Pi Kappa Delta Convention at Aberdeen, some of whom will enter the extempore contest, others the debate. Plans are also under way for our annual forensic banquet which we plan to make a noteworthy event. We are taking into Pi Kappa Delta this spring eight new members and with the aid of these we hope to make our organization one of the best in the state.

LAVINIA SCHAEFFER.

SOUTH DAKOTA EPSILON—SIOUX FALLS COLLEGE

Epsilon chapter at Sioux Falls College is a growing organization. The year opened with nine members in the chapter. It will close with nineteen, or ten new members. The organization believes in letting more than those experienced in forensics take part, thus the additional members. A policy allowing more than a few experienced ones to receive the benefits of our forensic equipment seems practicable. The forensic season is drawing to a close, and the successes of last year have been practically duplicated. The orator of Sioux Falls College, Miss Lois McSloy, won second in the state oratorical contest. The women debaters, Louise Mundt, Wanda Beck, Emma Olson, Mildred Jones, Mrs. Schandorff and Dorcas Knight, tied for the state championship in women's debates. The men's teams have likewise been successful and must win only one more debate to become champions. The success in debating is largely attributable to the efficient work of the new coach, Dr. M. P. Jones, coming here from the University of Chicago. Plans are being formulated for an interesting initiation of the new members in the near future.

Fraternally,

DEAN F. MCSLOY,
President.

SOUTH DAKOTA ZETA—NORTHERN NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

South Dakota Zeta chapter has prospered since its installation last year. Its membership includes thirty-five students, faculty members and alumni. A fairly successful forensic program will soon be completed with three victories out of six debates held thus far. The chapter has held monthly luncheons throughout the year when special programs were rendered. Tentative plans are under way for a high school forensic league to be organized under the auspices of the fraternity, which will include the northern part of the state. It is expected that such contests will attract students to our institution.

Probably the most outstanding event this year will be the provincial convention which we will entertain here April 25, 26, 27, with delegates in attendance from three states. A series of debates, an extempore contest and an oratorical contest will feature the convention. We plan to give the delegates a royal welcome and make their visit with us entertaining and enjoyable.

With Mr. A. R. Root, formerly of Lawrence college, with us as coach of debate and oratory we plan to stage an extensive forensic program next year. We have found Pi Kappa Delta an effective means of stimulating interest in the forensic activity of the school.

TENNESSEE ALPHA—MARYVILLE COLLEGE

Our chapter at Maryville is a young chapter of Pi Kappa Delta yet it is right in the center of all things forensic. Our forensic schedule this year has been the most extensive in the history of the college. Pi Kappa Delta men and women have been the force responsible for this splendid season. Maryville's schedule includes the dual debates with Tusculum, a dual with Milligan, a dual with Berea, and single debates with Carson and Newman, King, Newberry, Presbyterian of South Carolina, and two single debates with Wake Forest. In addition, two Pi Kappa Delta men are entered in the two oratorical contests of Tennessee. Our forensic season is just now at its height. Only a few of the debates have been held so far and neither of the oratorical contests. Our most outstanding achievement of the year has been the circuit debate trip in which our men met Carson and Newman, King, Wake Forest, Newberry, and Presbyterian of South Carolina on the Philippine question and won nine out of the fifteen possible decisions. The whole student body has an intense interest in forensics and gives hearty support to the teams. The debaters are very enthusiastic about Pi Kappa Delta and are making it a live organization.

DAVID KING,
Cor. Secy.

TENNESSEE BETA—TUSCULUM COLLEGE

The Tennessee Beta chapter was founded on May 30, 1922. At that time twelve members were initiated. This year three new members have already been added, and in a few weeks twelve others will be taken in. Even this increased membership does not give an adequate idea of the great interest which the entire campus takes in our society. The purchase of keys in the fall has been partly the cause of this interest. Every new debater wanted more than ever to join Pi Kappa Delta. Our local constitution makes the buying of keys compulsory. Because of the crowded schedule, it has been impossible to have regular meetings, as was planned. But meetings have been frequent and have kept alive the interest of the members. Our hope is that we can arrange a time for chapter meetings next year and put it in the college schedule for we all feel the importance of our honorary society. We believe that the founding of a Pi Kappa Delta chapter on our campus has been the means of creating a new interest in the arts of persuasion and of oratory. We are all loyal members.

E. ANTOINETTE HILL,
Secretary

TEXAS ALPHA—SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Texas Alpha Chapter was unfortunate in returning only four initiated members at the beginning of the school year. These initiates are: Professor W. D. Wentz, Professor W. P. Davidson, W. L. Ayres and E. G. Horger. However, in spite of the smallness of the group, public speaking activities have been kept in their proper place among the important student activities and much interest has been shown in this department. Southwestern has taken part in three inter-collegiate debates and the fourth contest is to be held soon. We feel confident that at the close of the season we will be able to look back with pride on the accomplishments in forensic lines. We have eight prospective members whom we hope to initiate soon. When these members are initiated we expect still more interest to be shown in the activities of Pi Kappa Delta. Texas Alpha extends to her sister chapters greetings and best wishes for the future.

Yours fraternally,

E. G. HORGER,
Corresponding Secretary.

WASHINGTON ALPHA—COLLEGE OF PUGET SOUND

Greetings to all Pi Kappa Delta members. This is our first year as members of the society and already our organization has meant much on the C. P. S. campus. It has sponsored all of the freshman debates. Miss Dorothy Wallace, our secretary, has arranged all of the Freshman debates and Alfred Matthews, the Pi Kappa Delta President, has coached these debates under the supervision of the Public Speaking Department. Freshmen debates have been as follows: Men's dual, Stevens Club, University of Washington vs. C. P. S. Result: 3 to 0 in favor of C. P. S. on both floors. Two man team with Badger Club, U. of W. vs. C. P. S. Result: 3 to 0 in favor of C. P. S. Women's debate, Athena Club, U. of Washington vs. C. P. S. on Ship Subsidy question, to be held April 5th. Upper Varsity Schedule as follows: Men's dual, Pacific University vs. C. P. S. Result: 3 to 0 decision in favor of C. P. S. at Tacoma. 2 to 1 decision in favor Pacific U. at Forest Grove. The Pi Kappa Delta debate: Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, vs. C. P. S. on the Parliamentary Cabinet System, will be held on our floor March 30th. Stanton Warburton and Allison Wetmore will defend the

negative for C. P. S. Owing to the withdrawal of one debate, the usual woman's dual debate has not yet been scheduled. We will participate in the Washington State Oratory Contest which will be held sometime in April.

Sincerely yours,

LYNETTE HOVIOUS.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE CHAPTERS

The Literary Digest for April 14 announces Bates College as holding the debating championship of the country, having won forty-eight intercollegiate debates out of fifty-two in which she has taken part. Is this correct? We are inclined to think that some of our Pi Kappa Delta colleges have as good a record. Let us hear from you.

Kalamazoo Men's Varsity teams won the championship in the Michigan league debates. The University of Southern California won the championship in the Southern California league debates with six straight victories. The University of Redlands and the University of California (Southern Branch) tied for second place.

The following extract from a letter of J. W. Farmer, of Kansas Gamma, interests us: "We are pleased to see the National Officers take the firm stand they do on fines. We are often lax ourselves, but admire businesslike methods."

Beloit College of Wisconsin invaded Southern California for the first time this winter as did Simpson College of Iowa. Willamette University of Oregon toured east to Chicago by way of Southern California and Arizona.

Washington Alpha debaters lost only one out of six of their debates this season, gaining fifteen out of a possible eighteen decisions from the judges. They defeated the touring Simpson College team by a 2—1 decision.

Macalester College published this spring a most attractive bulletin, illustrating college activities. Forensics are represented by a picture of the Minnesota Alpha chapter.

The Ohio Alpha chapter which has jurisdiction over all forensic activities at Baldwin-Wallace has been granted a permanent room by the college authorities.

The Wofford College Journal, one of our most valued exchanges, continues its excellent literary work. Some really worth while short stories appear in it.

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EXCHANGES

(Olivet Echo)

In every walk of life plain, cold logical thinking is the essential, and yet, there is another essential emotion, which contributes to convincing others.

The debate last Friday evening between Ypsilanti and Olivet, at which the former showed its superiority, proved this. Ypsilanti's contestants were replete with emotion, with oratory. Olivet came forth, on the other hand, with points only.

There might have been three ways in which the judges could have decided the outcome. First, a judgment on logic itself. Second, on oratorical ability. Third, on general effectiveness, which would include both of the first two.

The judges were evidently swayed to a great extent by the oratorical powers of the Ypsi team, which would place their decision in the third class—general effect.

Ypsi really sold its case to the audience and judges. It advocated several hard points, and expanded those with flowing terms, with many assertions, and much emotion. The members extended their personalities to us.

Who wants to listen to an instructor who just rambles along about this and that, in a monotone, without expression, without gesture. We assure you we would soon fall asleep. What about the professor (and we could mention several in this community) who holds your attention continually by his dramatic presentation of the subject, who keeps you awake with his gestures and oratorical powers? The salesman would have a hard time to influence the patron to buy if he resorted only to a presentation of dreary facts.

The people demand emotion, demand something to keep them awake. What is it Foster says in his text on argumentation?—"Many a deep thinker is unable to keep his audience awake an hour because he cannot make himself heard or is intolerably monotonous in his delivery..... Other men of smaller intellects and with much less to say fascinate large audiences because they use their voices correctly, enunciate clearly, modulate their tones, make their transitions with care, emphasize important parts, look into the eyes of the hearers, use gestures which seem natural, and carry themselves well on the platform."

And what is life anyhow? Our lives and personalities are all wrapped up in emotions—those intangible somethings which seem to carry our thoughts into the very depths of our neighbors' hearts.

(The Volante of Grand Island College)

The local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta met Friday evening, Feb. 23, for its regular monthly meeting. Short speeches on "Coueism," "Modernism and the Church," and "The Turkish Situation" were given respectively by Hale Cole, Irving Johnson and Alvin Klause. The greater part of the evening was given to a discussion led by Esther Hile on "The Mission of the Debater," using the speech of Prof. Alfred Westfall in the last number of the Forensic as a basis for the discussion. The fact was emphasized that people are not so interested in debates as in athletic contests and an attempt was made to find the cause of this disinterest. It seems hardly fair to say that "anything involving intellectual activity is becoming dis-

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tasteful to the American public," yet it seems to be true. On the other hand debates are so often made merely a war of wits that they tend to confuse the audience on the question under discussion, hence, one cause for this lack of interest. The "game" spirit, that is participation for the sake of winning, is lamentable. It has no place in debate, and those who take part with this aim, lose the purpose of the debater, to present truth in such a way that the audience will receive a fair knowledge of both sides of a public question, and so make its decision. The debate is highly important as a means of getting questions before the public and anything which tends to further interest in it as a college activity is desirable.

Some attention was given to the "no-decision" debate and also the recent practice in Bucknell University of exchange debaters. Locally, however, it was felt that a standardized system of judging would bring better results. We should have as judges men who have ability to recognize and judge an argument; and equal in importance, men who have a thorough knowledge of the question. No athletic manager would think of securing as referee for an athletic contest one who had no knowledge of the game. A decision from one judge thoroughly versed on the argument involved would be infinitely more satisfactory.

Pi Kappa Delta has done much to improve forensic ideals and the local chapter is striving to measure up to the National standard.

(The Holcad of Michigan Agricultural College)

Along with the appearance of many new persons and things on the campus last week, many of us noticed a new and interesting sign, "Co-ed Debaters" attached to a hunger provoking yet a hunger satisfying basket of sandwiches. Yes, our Co-ed Debaters made their first public debut Farmers' week and in a rather unexpected manner. We have an idea that our girls may logically reason and arrive at sane conclusions on some weighty question which must be settled, but we had no idea that they could make such satisfying sandwiches.

But why did our debaters make their appearance in such a manner? The same old world-wide reason: "We need the money." This year is the first of recent current years that M. A. C. has had a representative intercollegiate Co-ed debating team. The State Board allows only a comparatively small sum of financial support for debating, men and women combined. The girls fully realize what fine male debaters M. A. C. boasts of, and they wish to further, not retard in any way, the additional progress which may be made.

The girls' team is scheduled to meet Western State Normal but because they have further opportunities and because all that prevents them making the most of these opportunities is a lack of funds, the girls decided to work for money to support these future debates. The results of Farmers' Week were quite satisfactory and bid fair to enabling the Co-ed Debaters in scheduling another debate, but still more money is needed and may be most easily obtained if all men and women do a very small share in helping.

(The Manitou Messenger of St. Olaf's College)

What about the Peace Oratorical contests? While these contests are primarily to mould the thought and ideals of those who will in the future shape the policies and moral ideals in all relations of human conduct and set standards for international relations, yet the contests have other values for the student body of our colleges and universities. They stimulate class thinking and logical thought in matters of political, national and international ethics; give an insight into the social psychology of inter-human

activities and a better understanding of the motives controlling human conduct; tend to include that broader conception of nationalism which sees in national socialism national suicide, and which sees that any great advancement and uplift of the human race,—moral, political, religious and economic—inevitably involves international co-operation and no longer is a merely national problem; tends, in short, to cultivate that conception of nationalism that sees its highest attainment in a true internationalism, and sees that a narrow provincial nationalism, a merely national ethics as inevitably bound to give way to an international ethics, as was the national religion and ethics of Hebrew and Greek bound to yield to the international ethics and religion of Christianity. And in addition to this educational value these contests give an added incentive to training in public speaking, which is still a potent factor on platform, in pulpit and legislative halls, in moulding public opinion.

(Parsons Portfolio)

Debate preparation is progressing steadily even under the threatening cloud of examinations and the insistent call of various activities. The library of the Bible building has been turned over to these feverish, energetic marauders who labor incessantly in order to hold down their places.

The debater who in days of yore was turned loose on the fray with a nondescript formula that debating was "something easy and offhand, something for which there needs be little or no preparation"—is in his last long, lingering illness.

Comes now the debater who has read a debater's handbook and adopted a tailor-made brief and a mass of pre-digested facts. He works like an over-heated buzz saw, hoping he can fairly cram data down the honorable esophagi. In other words he has decided to pay more attention to the ham and eggs and cease raving about the "bea-Utiful chinaware."

And while we are at it, let us put argument above dramatics, headwork above hand and foot work, brain power above lung power. Let us remember that "Pep Without Purpose Is Piffle" and make debate the noble, nimble game of wits that it is.

(Hope College Anchor)

A splendid victory such as the Hope College orators won in the Michigan state oratorical contest at Hillsdale Friday is a victory for Hope College, for the spirit of determination and persistency that first gave rise to Hope not only but also, at least, in an indirect way for Holland. It is a victory College in the midst of the wilderness of Michigan in the early pioneer days. A college has a dominant characteristic just like an individual. In some institutions the spirit of froth is the main impression that a visitor gets; in others there is a spirit of intellectual zest that gives vital meaning to an educational institution.

It was this spirit that the founders of the institution gave to Hope, and the college has never lost it.

(The Buchtelite of the University of Akron)

There is at least one college in the Ohio conference where the debating teams are placed on a level with the athletic teams and given loyal backing. When the basketball or football team makes a poor showing, both students and faculty turn with pride to the record of the debating teams. It is needless to say that the debaters always make an enviable record. Their college is behind them and they are encouraged in every way. Then, too, they are the pick of the school in ability. Although the college is a small one

fifty men tried out for the debating teams last fall. Of course, the six chosen were men well able to represent their Alma Mater creditably.

Where are the backers of the University debating teams? Only about thirty students came out to hear last week's debate. Is it any wonder that the other team won? Debaters need encouragement from the students at least as much as do the athletic teams. No matter how good a speaker a man may be, he cannot help but have his enthusiasm dampened by lack of support from his own fellow students. The visitors are quick to sense the lack of enthusiasm and are spurred on to greater efforts for the school which appreciates them. What is more natural under such circumstances than that the University debaters should lose the contest?

Where are the men who should have tried out for the team last fall? There was no room for choice. The mere fact that these men did offer themselves to represent the University shows their loyalty. Perhaps they are the best debaters on the campus, but it is not fair to them to give them no chance to prove their ability by competition. Being chosen from a large group gives a man added confidence in himself. These men were given no such chance.

There is no reason why the debating team should not receive the same enthusiastic support as other organizations representing the University. The debaters, more than any other group, keep up the scholastic reputation of their college. They represent the ideals upon which colleges are founded. It is the duty and privilege of every student to back the debating teams of this college from this time on.