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CONVENTION PROSPECTS

A glance at the News Notes will show the reader that the great majority of the chapters will be represented at the Convention. The farther away they are from Iowa, the surer they seem to be of coming. Not only that, but several of those farthest away are planning to send not one delegate but a whole debate team with its coach. Most of the chapters that seem to have some doubt about attending are in states adjoining Iowa. Take your map and see where Waterville, Maine, Redlands, California, and Spartanburg, South Carolina, are from Indianola, Iowa. Now, surely, if chapters in Maine, South Carolina, and California can be represented and in some cases send three and four representatives, just what excuse is there for a chapter in a state adjoining Iowa not sending at least one representative? As it so often happens, we imagine, the explanation is in the chapter itself. The question resolves itself into this. When chapters so far away have such enthusiasm for Pi Kappa Delta and all it represents as to send the representations they do, can any chapter afford to miss a gathering at which members of such chapters are present? Will it not mean a tremendous stimulus to debate and oratory in your institution to have at least one person at the Convention?

ONE WORD MORE

Let us ask the doubtful ones—we are glad to say that they are few—whether their institution has had a football team this year and whether that team has gone on any trips. If so, how much did it cost? Who paid the bills? Did your college give them any assistance? If you belong to an institution that supports intercollegiate athletics, have you gone to the authorities of that institution to ask for their assistance or advice in the matter of having your college represented in a gathering whose members come from all over the United States? If they expressed themselves as not interested, have you asked them if they consider debate and oratory of less importance than intercollegiate athletics? We have yet to find the college president or board that will take such a stand. We are most anxious to have at the Convention a hundred per cent representation of our chapters. It may not be absolutely possible for every one to be represented; but we are most unwilling that any should fail to come without having made every possible effort. If you cannot raise money by entertainments, try your college authorities, or the citizens of your town or city, or your prominent alumni. For the sake of your Alma Mater, leave no stone unturned in your effort to put your institution on the map forensically by having it represented at this gathering of the highest national importance.

“There is no use in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat.”—Lowell in Democracy.

A GOOD CHAPTER OF PI KAPPA DELTA

1. Is businesslike in all its proceedings. ,
2. Meets regularly—at least once a month.
3. Sends its dues for old and new members promptly to the National Treasurer.
4. Answers letters promptly.
5. Keeps its records carefully and has its accounts audited.
6. Has a definite policy for each year.
7. Sees that its college paper is regularly supplied with forensic news.
8. Arranges for an exchange of its college paper with THE FORENSIC.
9. Sends at least one delegate to the Biennial Convention.
10. Studies the Ritual and the Constitution occasionally to know what really is contained in them.
11. Deposits, at the close of the academic year, its minutes, treasurer's books, Rituals and Constitution in the college business office for delivery to the proper chapter officer in the fall.

HOW EFFICIENT IS YOUR CHAPTER?

CONGRATULATIONS

Of the college papers which we receive in exchange for THE FORENSIC, the one which, since our last issue, has devoted most space to forensic news has been

"The Kansas State Collegian"

of the Kansas State Agricultural College. For second place there is a neck and neck race between

"The Huron Alphomega," and "The Mac Weekly."

Honorable mention must be given to "The Kilikilik" of Heidelberg, "The Yankton Student," "The Kalamazoo College Index," "The Ypsilanti Normal College News," and "Ripon College Days." All these papers are to be commended for the way in which news regarding oratory and debate is regularly presented and played up.

REGRETS

Our regrets, not our apologies, are due to some of last year's members who because of graduation or of other reasons are not with their chapters this fall. According to the usage of Pi Kappa Delta, THE FORENSIC is sent to each member for one year after his leaving college. About the middle of September, the Editor sent to each chapter a sheet upon which was to be given the names of this year's officers, the number of persons at present in the local chapter, and the names and addresses of last year's members who are no longer in attendance. The purpose of this information was to enable the Editor to know to whom to send the FORENSIC, how many copies to send to the local chapter, and how many and where to send copies for the last year's membership. All of which sounds simple. But, do you know, a very large number of chapters did not respond until after the time for mailing the last issue of the magazine? It took a couple of quite tart reminders from the editor to secure some of this simple information. From some chapters the information has not yet come. In consequence of all this, there are quite a few members of last year's chapters who have not received the last FORENSIC. For this fact, as we said in the beginning, we present our regrets. You will have to apologize for the members whom you have left behind in your chapter and who apparently take so little interest in keeping you in touch with our Order.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR RITUALS

Several chapters, in their reply to the question asked regarding the Rituals and the Constitution, stated that they had no copies of either, whereas our records show that these had been sent to them within the last year or so. Each chapter should have three copies of the Ritual and one of the Constitution. These should be carefully preserved. The National Council has only a limited number of these documents. It cannot supply every year new copies to chapters who have been careless enough to lose theirs. These should be guarded with the greatest care. The Rituals should be deposited with some college officer who will deliver them to the proper chapter officer when they are needed for initiations. Then they should be returned to the college officer. We fear that some of our chapters are not taking the organization seriously enough, that they are not attending to Pi Kappa Delta business in a businesslike way. The Editor has been singing this song for some time and his swan song is likely to be the same. Constant dripping weareth away the rock. If Pi Kappa Delta is worth anything, let us attend to it in the way it deserves. In addition to such attention's benefiting the Order, it will also fit us better to do business in the real world when we enter it.

PROFESSOR CLARK'S ARTICLE

We take great pleasure in publishing in this issue an excellent article by Professor Glenn Clark of Macalester College upon "Extemporaneous Speaking." Professor Clark has a definite message and challenge for Pi Kappa Delta. THE FORENSIC endorses every word that he says. The writer of the article knows whereof he speaks. Macalester College has a local extemporaneous contest called the "Paul Contest." Every year dual contests are held with the University of North Dakota and Hamline University. The Minnesota High School League in Extemporaneous Speaking, in which over a hundred high schools annually take part, was organized by Professor Clark and is now sponsored by the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

Macalester has its own method of furnishing topics, rules for preparation and speaking, and the like, which are different from those used by any other institution. The "Macalester Method" as well as others in current use are given in detail in Professor Clark's revised edition of "Self-cultivation in Extemporaneous Speaking" which is being published by the Minnesota Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. The earlier volume was so eagerly sought for not only by high school and college public speaking instructors, but by women's clubs and business men, that the first edition was speedily exhausted. Copies of the book can be secured by addressing the Secretary of Pi Kappa Delta, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn. The price is twenty-five cents.

Another admirable piece of work fostered by Professor Clark is the effort to publish an anthology of the best written work done in the Minnesota high schools throughout the year. Four or five years ago Macalester College published such an anthology in a special edition of "The Gateway Magazine."

ALUMNI

As usual, we find Pi Kappa Delta men doing graduate or professional work in the larger universities of the country. At Harvard we find Paul Rodewald (Wis. A.), Edwin Marvin (Mo. G.) Harold Marden (Me. A.) and Clyde Reid (Cal. A.) Forrest Knapp of Colorado Alpha seems to be alone at Yale. At Bos-

ton University are Donald Mueller of Ohio Alpha and Carl Knudsen of Montana Alpha. Princeton has a colony of four: Otto Seymour (Okla. B.), J. B. Hubbard (Mich. E.), Morris Zutran (Mo. B.), and Robert Gale (Minn. A.). At the University of Chicago or in its vicinity are William Kay (S. Dak. A.), Kenneth Parker, R. H. Wertz, C. S. Noyce, Fern McGuire, Harry Ruckteschel, and Paul Rosborough. At Northwestern in Evanston are Herbert Durand and Alvin Canole of Montana Alpha. New York, for some reason, has not its usual colony of Pi Kappa Deltas.

OUR EXCHANGES

We have been greatly gratified this year with the number of exchanges we are receiving. A goodly number of college magazines are reaching us for the first time. There are some of the old friends that we miss. The following are coming to us.

University of Redlands Campus
 California Tech
 Rocky Mountain Collegian (Colorado Aggies)
 Mirror (Colorado Teachers)
 Illinois Wesleyan Argus
 Pegasus (Eureka College)
 Carthage Collegian
 Bradley Tech
 Wesleyan News (Iowa Wesleyan)
 Collegian Reporter (Morningside)
 Simpsonian
 Ottawa Campus
 Collegian (Kansas Aggies)
 Southwestern Collegian
 Sunflower (Fairmount)
 Kansas State Normal Bulletin
 Wesleyan Advance (Kansas Wesleyan)
 The Manualite (Pittsburg Normal)
 Georgetownian
 The Echo (Colby College)
 The Anchor (Hope College)
 Index (Kalamazoo)
 Holcad (Michigan Aggies)
 The Echo (Olivet College)
 Normal College News (Ypsilanti)
 Mac Weekly (Macalester)
 Park Stylus
 Central Collegian
 Weekly Exponent (Montana State College)
 The Wesleyan (Nebraska Wesleyan)
 Cotner Collegian
 Hastings Collegian
 Baldwin-Wallace Exponent
 Kilikilik (Heidelberg)
 Collegian (University of Tulsa)
 Phreno Cosmian (Dakota Wesleyan)
 Yankton Student
 Huron Alphomega
 Sioux Falls Stylus
 The Megaphone (Southwestern, Texas)
 Ripon College Days.

We miss the following exchanges:

Parsons Portfolio
 Washburn Review
 Westminster Fortnightly
 Orange and Black (Oklahoma A. & M.)
 Industrial Collegian (South Dakota State College)
 Franklin, Doane, Montana Wesleyan, and Wofford
 college papers.

EXCELLENT CONSTRUCTIVE WORK

The following letter speaks for itself. We cannot commend too highly Minnesota Alpha for its progressive move in this connection.

St. Paul, Minnesota
 November 8th, 1921

To the Teacher of English or the Public Speaking Coach,
 Greeting:

This is to announce that the Minnesota Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has consented to assume the detailed management of the Minnesota High School Discussion and Extemporaneous Speaking Leagues. As you doubtless know, Pi Kappa Delta is devoted to the furthering of the interests of forensics throughout the United States, as Phi Beta Kappa promotes the interests of scholarship.

Prof. Glenn Clark is a charter member of the Minnesota Alpha Chapter, and while he is retiring from active control over the affairs of the Leagues, he will continue to exercise a kindly directorship over their destinies through the Chapter. It was he who organized both the Discussion and Extemporaneous League and has served as secretary of each from the first, seven and four years, respectively. Their steady growth in popularity and service warrants him in feeling that he has won the right to relinquish the burden of carrying the management further. With his experience to draw upon, with its national connection, Minnesota Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta believes the new arrangement will be a happy one!

Prospects are excellent this year. In the Discussion League, Mankato directs the southern district; Ortonville, the eastern district; Princeton the northern district; Minneapolis, the Twin City district; and Evelyth, the range district.

In the Extemporaneous League, two district contests are held. One is on the range under the direction of Gilbert. The other, for all schools not on the range, is held in Saint Paul under the direction of Macalester College the day before the state contests.

This week, Nov. 6-12, known as "Better Speech Week" is the psychological time for you to arouse and quicken enthusiasm among your students in the contests of the Leagues. With memories of the M. E. A. still fresh, this week gives you the opportunity of directing your inspiration into channels of constructive action through the Discussion and Extemporaneous Speaking Contests.

Do you have a copy of this year's folder? It is very unpretentious in appearance, but we have tried to make it full of concentrated information and suggestions. On the reverse side it bears a list of references for the Discussion topic, Open and Closed Shop.

Do you plan on entering both contests? If not, which one? Will you not answer soon? If we can aid you in any way to further the cause of practical public speaking in your school, do not hesitate to let us know. We are

Very faithfully yours,

MINNESOTA ALPHA CHAPTER OF PI KAPPA DELTA,
 Macalaster College, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

MORE OF THE SAME

The folder which is being sent to the high schools of the state by Minnesota Alpha is exceedingly well gotten up. It contains the constitutions of the High School Extemporaneous Speaking and Discussion Leagues of Minnesota. It is followed by a short but exceedingly well chosen bibliography on the Open and Closed Shops. The instructions given to the Judges are of special interest. We quote from the pamphlet:

"The judges of the Extemporaneous contests shall be furnished with the following instructions:

"You are instructed that this is a contest in extemporaneous speaking and should bear this fact in mind when you arrive at your decision. Each contestant has been furnished a list of topics one hour before this contest took place and from this list he has chosen the topic upon which he will speak. During this hour he has received no assistance from anyone in the planning and organizing of his speech. Each speaker is to be judged solely on his merits. Notes, if used rightly, are not barred.

"You shall base your judgment upon effective extemporaneous speaking, and you are left free to determine for yourself what constitutes effective extemporaneous speaking, considering both thought and delivery.

"The judges of the Discussion contests shall be furnished with the following instructions:

"You are instructed that this is a public discussion in which any participant is free to deal with any phase or view of the general topic, and is to be judged solely on his own merits. You shall base your judgment on effective discussion and you are left free to determine for yourself what constitutes effective discussion, considering both thought and delivery.

Express by grade your estimate of each individual effort both in constructive and rebuttal speeches on the scale of 100 per cent with 75 per cent as a minimum. Give no two speakers the same grade."

(Park Stylus)

But to come to the point, what is the supremely consequential element in the student activities aside from class room work? Unhesitatingly our forensic prowess. Where does this standing receive its support and strength? Through the effectiveness of the work of the clubs. Literary effort must be deliberately stimulated. Socializing takes care of itself and requires direction. Once Park's standard of forensic work is dimmed or the machinery which makes possible the realization of that ideal is obstructed, Park will lapse into that deplorable stage of intoxication over athletics to the exclusion of everything else, or fearing athletics will succumb to the forensic lassitude which palsies some of our college neighbors and which will require years to overcome. The wisest policy, all will agree, regards all the elements of student life with a careful consideration of their relative importance. It is conceivable that from imputations of the plan now in operation there may be constructed a policy which will be a decided advance over the old idea, but such a policy would demand stringent safeguards against the encroachment of other attractions. But if such a reorganization is not forthcoming, then the old plan is preferable.

"The Y. M. C. A., is the best friend that the students of the institution have; it stands ready to serve them at any time and in any way; and it is deserving of the unqualified support of the students in this financial campaign. Let's show the "Y" that we appreciate their work by coming thru with the cash.'

EDWARD C. HOUSE,
Pres. A. S. of C. A.
Pres. Col. Alpha, PKD.

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EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

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"The extempore style, nearly all authorities agree, is the final flower of all oratorical study."—Watkins.

When extemporaneous speaking is mentioned, people ordinarily think of something easy and offhand, something for which there has been little or no preparation. Nothing is farther from the mark. That is impromptu speaking. Extemporaneous speaking is entirely different.

Extemporaneous speaking to be well done demands more of a man than any other form of public discourse. It demands that he be a first rate thinker. It demands that he have a good physique. It demands that he possess a good voice and sufficient training in or instinct for elocution to insure his making, effectively, the points he wishes his hearers to know. He must be a well read man, a resourceful man, and above all he must have personality.

Now all these things a man cannot get in a day. Webster's famous "Reply to Hayne" was extemporaneous, yet Webster declared to a friend, "Sir, I have been preparing that speech forty years." A mastery of the qualifications of a good extemporaneous speaker presupposes years of patient, plodding work. It presupposes a foundation of four years of college

life or its equivalent. It presupposes wide reading, serious conversation and deep thinking. In other words, to be a successful extemporaneous speaker, a man must possess foundations broad and deep.

All text books on public speaking tell what these foundations should be. But most text books neglect or minimize the importance of the way a speaker should face an audience. Perhaps in no form of speaking is this so important as in extemporaneous speaking. Out of a rather broad experience in training men for extemporaneous contests, allow me to give a few observations in regard to the attitude of mind a speaker should have towards his audience.

The manner in which a speaker faces an audience may make or mar any speech. It is a fine thing to possess a strong physique—to be, in the words of Sheperd, “an animal galvanic battery on two legs.” It is a fine thing to possess a well trained mind. But more excellent than a strong mind or a strong body is a strong personality. More important still, from a public speaking point of view, is the ability to release that personality in such a way as to produce the greatest effect upon an audience.

One thing that inhibits the free expression of personality is fear. Two things that open up the doors and give personality free sway are sympathy and justice. Restating all of this in slightly different terms, we may say that the speaker's manner when he faces an audience should be genial, sincere and unafraid. To possess even one of these qualities will be going a long way toward making a speech effective. But when a speaker with something to say possesses all three qualities, there is absolutely nothing that can prevent his success.

1. Be Genial:

Everyone is glad to see a cheerful person step upon a platform. Sunshine begets sunshine. Everyone likes to meet a friendly person. Love awakens love. Take cheerfulness and friendliness and roll them up together and you have genialty. Approach genialty from the friendly side or from the cheery side—it doesn't matter which—but be sure to approach it and make it your goal.

W. J. Bryan could win an audience before he uttered a word, by means of his cheery smile. Abraham Lincoln won his audiences by his homely neighborliness. Both of these speakers, in spite of the intensity with which they advocated their causes, were always genial. Herein lay much of their power of swaying their listeners. Moreover this quality has a larger value than just as an aid to public speaking. It pays dividends of personality and success. Cultivate it.

2. Be Sincere:

Until you are convinced of the righteousness of a cause, you cannot convince others. Never take a side that you do not believe in thoroughly. Resign from a debating team before you do. Such a step will not reveal petulance; it will reveal honesty—honesty with your own soul. If we could see more of such resignations from our debating teams, from our sales forces, from our pulpits and platforms, we should see better debating teams, better sales records and better sermons.

Speak from the heart. Speak courageously because you speak honestly. The most awkward speaker in the world will get a hearing no matter how haltingly he draws out an honest tale.

3. Be unafraid:

Some writer on public speaking has mentioned “boldness” as one of the most desirable qualities for a public speaker. Boldness is a little too strong a word. What is needed, rather, is an absence of fear. A little nervousness is all right. A slight trembling at the knees when a speaker begins will not ruin a speech. Modesty, when not reduced to timidity, always endears a speaker to an audience. But with all his modesty, the audience does not