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SOME ASPECTS OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORY

By H. B. Summers, President of Central Western Province of Pi Kappa Delta.

The assertion is frequently made that collegiate oratory is in a state of decline—that it is evidencing an unmistakable tendency toward weakness, as compared with former years. There is a measure of truth in this statement. For although oratory, and particularly the intercollegiate brand, is not declining but is on a far higher plane than it was some fifteen or twenty years ago, nevertheless, there still remain some very conspicuous shortcomings, upon the elimination of which, depends to a very great extent the future success of collegiate oratory.

In the field of delivery, there can be no question but that enormous strides forward have been made. The bombastic, "oratorical" speaker of a decade or two ago has practically disappeared; the orator no longer depends upon deep-toned bellowing, stamping of the feet, and vigorous manipulation of the arms to carry conviction to his hearers. There has come in place of this exaggerated style, a more quiet type of delivery; one more nearly approaching the conversational. The consequent improvement is obvious. But advance of thought and method in other fields or oratorical effort, has not kept pace with the change in delivery. In selection of subject matter, and especially in the method of treatment of that subject matter, the average orator of the present day is still capable of a great change for the better.

In the matter of oratorical subject matter, effectiveness is at a comparatively low ebb. There are, broadly speaking, three determinants of effectiveness in this field—emotion arousing possibilities, timeliness, and originality. Yet we find many orators, perhaps more than half of all our present oratorical "crop" ignoring one or all of these determinants in selecting the subjects for their contest orations.

The first determinant mentioned was capacity to arouse emotion. This is, of course, of fundamental importance, since the oration is essentially emotional in nature. Psychologists tell us that the emotions may be aroused most strongly by appeal to self-interest, to the affections, and to such sentiments as patriotism, sense of justice, love of liberty, and the like. The fundamental requirement of emotional capacity is that the problem presented be one that directly affects the audience along one of these lines; the more directly the audience is so affected, the greater the emotion-arousing capacity of the oration. This necessitates that the orator keep in mind the nature of the audience to which he speaks, in selecting the subject of his oration. To illustrate, the problem of oriental immigration may hold a strong appeal for audiences in the Pacific coast states—but it does not exert any considerable amount of influence on residents of the central states, who have no appreciation of the problem. Similarly, the negro problem is ever a live one in the South; but its significance in many of the Northern states is exceedingly slight. The problem (221)
of European immigration is a real one on the Atlantic seaboard, but it has little appeal for residents of inland states. Clearly, audiences will vary greatly according to locality. And not only does place cause variation; changing conditions in the same locality from time to time often produce exceedingly great shifting in interest. A few years ago, a plea for Near East relief would have exerted a much stronger influence than it does at the present time; not because the need is less today, but because, during the past eight or ten years, the American people have been so deluged with pleas for relief from so many foreign sources, that their emotional natures have become calloused, so to speak, so far as that particular kind of human distress is concerned. Such matters as this deserve the attention of the orator; certainly he should have every consideration for the likes and dislikes of his audience, and should try to determine just what subjects have the greatest possibilities as possible means of stirring the emotions. But, as a matter of fact, does the average college orator actually do this? Does he select only subjects which have a strong appeal for the particular audience which he will address? No; we will still find Kansas orators discussing child labor, and Illinois orators writing about oriental immigration, and Michigan orators declaiming upon the negro question. One way in which some advance may still be made in oratory, then, is for coaches to insist on a greater consideration of audience, and a less regard for individual hobbies, on the part of the college orator.

The second requirement of real effectiveness in the field of oratorical subject-matter, timeliness, is likewise ignored, to a considerable extent at least. The oration should logically deal with one of those problems which is of greatest importance to the public at the time when it is delivered; preferably it should deal with a problem which is then being widely discussed in the newspapers, for with such problems the average member of the audience is already somewhat familiar—at least, he appreciates the fact that they are problems. Just at this time, for instance, the Ku Klux Klan, the European economic situation, the Ruhr invasion and its possible consequences, the American policy of non-participation in foreign affairs, the American college’s problem of eliminating the unfit—all of these are fertile subjects for oratorical effort. They are far more vital than are those topics which, like the poor, we have with us always—international peace, prohibition, industrial strife, immigration. The latter are good, safe subjects, and in a way they are timely, for they are ever-present problems; but the fact that the American people have come to accept them as more or less permanent problems makes them of less real value than those questions which have arisen more recently. But of this year’s “crop” of orations, how many will deal with the Ku Klux Klan, the Ruhr invasion, or the economic situation in Europe? Very few, comparatively. The matter of American intervention in European affairs will be more frequently used, not altogether because of its timeliness, but because it links up with one of the old stand-bys in the field of oratorical subject-matter—international peace. But aside from this one topic, to what extent will timeliness determine the subjects of this year’s orations? There is certainly room for improvement in this field.

But perhaps the greatest opportunity for improvement along the line of subject-matter lies in the field of originality. If an oration is to leave a lasting impression with the audience, it must be different. It may stand out along the line of delivery, or it may stand out because of effectiveness in treatment. But the orators have equal opportunity along these lines, and the probability of any one oration being conspicuous because of its superiority is slight. But one opportunity for originality, for difference, is open to every contestant; and that is in his selection of subject-matter. At least, a subject can be selected which will be different from the topics used
by others in the same contest. But what attention is given to this manifestly important determinant of effective subject-matter? Today, probably forty or fifty per cent of all orations appearing in state contests, deal with international relationships. The January "Forensic" in giving results of the Illinois Old Line oratorical contest, listed the subjects winning first, second and third places—and all three dealt with international affairs. The same is true in other states. Year after year, orators use the same old subjects—international relations, industrial warfare, prohibition, immigration. Certainly there are to be found many other subjects with equal possibilities; but they very rarely appear in state contests. Even the angle from which the subjects are considered, varies but little; and the solutions offered are practically identical, year after year. A tremendous step forward might be taken in the field of intercollegiate oratory if coaches would insist that new problems be occasionally dealt with, or at least, that when an old problem is used, a new phase be discovered, or a new angle from which to discuss it.

In method of treatment, no less than in selection of the subject itself, college oratory seems to have fallen into a rut. Year after year, we find from eighty five to ninety per cent of all orations are built in the same general style, and that, apparently, of a model of 1880 or thereabouts. The oration of this type, opens up with a statement of a generalization—"History is the story of wars," or something like that. Then the Hebrews, the Greeks and the Romans are dragged into the discussion by the heels—fortunately there is of late years a tendency to abandon this particular phase of it—and after the American analogy has been inferred, a plea is made for a greater idealism of some sort: greater application of the teachings of Christ, or a realization of the brotherhood of man, or more friendliness in international relationships. I have recently examined manuscripts representing something over one hundred orations, collected from more than sixty colleges, and covering a period of nearly ten years. Less than ten of this group fail to follow the general method of development outlined above. As a whole, they are abstract; they are indefinite; they are idealistic. And in that fact, lies one of the greatest weaknesses of present-day collegiate oratory.

During the past few years, a number of excellent books on the subject of public speaking have been published, in most of which the psychology of speech has been given considerable attention. Every writer on the subject agrees that to the audience, the concrete, the definite, is far more vivid and effective in creating mental imagery than is the abstract. That principle applies to the oration just as much as to any other form of public speaking. The purpose of the audience is primarily vividness; to attain that vividness, greater use should be made of the concrete. Enough should be used, at least, to give the audience a vivid realization of your problem, upon which to base the rest of your oration.

Of recent years, there has been an attempt on the part of a few schools to break away from the abstractness which has characterized present-day oratory in general, and to introduce a greater use of the concrete. The form of the introduction has been greatly modified by most of these schools: instead of a generalization, followed by a number of supporting restatements, the problem has frequently been introduced by use of a word picture of a specific instance of the evil which constitutes the problem, or by a striking allusion or illustration. The solution, too, has tended toward a greater definiteness and concreteness; there has been less appeal to idealism, and more emphasis given to the need of a sound, practical and workable solution. It is a fact of some significance that the half dozen schools which have been developing to the greatest extent this principle of greater use of the concrete, have been of late years most successful in the
contests in their respective states, as well as in interstate contests. It would seem that the tendency toward concreteness is favored by the judges. There may be found in this fact, food for thought on the part of other schools.

What, then, are the fundamental needs of present-day oratory? First of all, a greater range of subjects, and more consideration for the effectiveness of subject-matter. Secondly, more concreteness and less abstract idealism. And finally, more originality, more individuality, less dependence upon tradition. Only when these ideals are realized, can the long-desired renaissance in American collegiate oratory, the renaissance overshadowed by the remarkable advance in delivery during the past few years, really come into being; and oratory may once more be brought to a position of first importance in the universities and colleges of our land.

SOUTHWEST DIVISIONAL CONVENTION

The First Southwest Divisional Convention of Pi Kappa Delta was held at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, March 14, 15, 16, 1923. The first session was held in Richardson Hall at 8:00 P. M. and was the Men's Oratorical Contest.

The following chapters had entered orators for the oratorical contest: Baker University, Kansas State Normal, Kansas State Agricultural College, Oklahoma A & M College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Fairmount College, Kansas State Manual Training School, Kansas City University, and Southwestern College (Kansas).

First honors were awarded to D. B. Cudworth, Fairmount College, "The Spirit of Caesar", second place to Harry Dunn, Southwestern College, "Reconstruction Through Leadership", and third place to Ray S. Boyer, Pittsburg Manual Training School, "Educational Conquest For World Peace".

Thursday

The business session was called to order Thursday morning at 8:00 by President F. B. Ross, of the Kansas State Normal School, Kansas Zeta Chapter. After a few announcements, the following committees were appointed by the president: Committee on Resolutions, Nomination Committees.

The first round of the debate tournament started at 8:30 and the rounds continued during the day, the final round being held in the regular college chapel Friday morning at 10:00 A. M.

Kansas State Nor...2
Oklahoma A & M.1 K. S. N.—0
Pittsburg Normal...1 Fairmount—3
Fairmount College.2
Alva Normal Sch.0 Southwestern—0
Southwestern Col.3 Baker Univ.—3
Baker University...1 (forfeit)
Tulsa University...0 Baker—3
Kansas City Univ.0 Washburn—bye )Washburn—0
Washburn College.3

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the delegates attended the regular chapel exercises. As a part of the chapel program the Women's Oratorical Contest was held. Only two chapters had representatives, Kansas State Normal and Southwestern College. First place was awarded to Miss Ruth Fulton, Kansas State Normal, and second place to Miss Marjorie Roderick, Southwestern College.
Business Meeting was called at 1:30 P. M. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and accepted. The Nomination Committee made the following report:

“The Committee on Nominations submit the following men and women for your consideration:

“President—Professor C. C. Harbison, Fairmount College.
“First Vice President—Alvin Murray, Southwestern College.
“Second Vice President—Miss Catherine Lawrence, Okla. Baptist Univ.
“Secretary—Professor D. T. Martin, Oklahoma A & M College.

The following resolution was made by Professor J. T. Baker of Southwestern College: “Resolved: That this convention of Pi Kappa Delta hereby goes on record as favoring, wherever possible, the single critic judge in debates.” The resolution was adopted.

The motion was made and carried that the Southwest Division recommend that Kansas City University be granted a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta as soon as possible.

President Ross appointed a committee to perfect the organization of this division as follows: Professor J. R. Pelsma, Chairman; D. T. Martin, J. T. Baker. The business session adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

At six o’clock Thursday evening dinner was served in Association Hall. Covers were laid for about seventy-five delegates and members of the local chapter. The following toast program was given:

Toastmaster, President F. B. Ross.


“I shall attempt to prove”—Harold C. Case, Baker University.

“In conclusion”—Professor C. C. Harbison, Fairmount College.

The program for Thursday evening was an extemporaneous debate held in the College Chapel between Kansas State Normal and Southwestern College. The question, which had been announced only twenty-four hours before, was: “Resolved: That labor unions should be incorporated.” Kansas State Normal received the decision.

The convention closed Friday morning after the final round of debates. Harold C. Case and E. V. Nichols of Baker upheld the negative side of the question, while G. V. Kelley and Ted Hall of Fairmount upheld the affirmative. The decision was rendered unanimously for the negative.

The following schools were represented during the convention:

Kansas State Normal, Emporia, Kansas.  
Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Okla.  
N. W. State Teachers’ College, Alva, Okla.  
Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas.  
Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas.  
Fairmount College, Wichita, Kansas.  
Kansas State Manual Training School, Pittsburg, Kansas.  
Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas.  
Kansas City University, Kansas City, Kansas.  
Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas.  
Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas.  
Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas.  
Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas.

ETHEL WALDEN,  
Secretary, Southwest Division.

ANOTHER PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Just as we were going to press, there came to our hands the fourth bulletin published by Professor H. B. Summers of Park College, president of the Central Western Province, in preparation for the Convention of that Prov-

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ince to be held at Westminster College, May 3rd to 5th. The letter is so excellent and the proposed province constitution so interesting that we feel that we wish Pi Kappa Delta as a whole to read both. There are many valuable suggestions contained in them.

Bulletin Number Four.

April 2nd, 1923.

Central Western Province, Pi Kappa Delta

To all local chapters of Pi Kappa Delta within the province:

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce once again, the Provincial Convention to be held at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, May 3rd to 5th. It's going to be a great convention, with good strong forensic contests featured. In addition, there will be a banquet, an initiation of new members, and possibly the installation of one or more new local chapters.

The Southwestern Province met in convention at Winfield, Kansas last month; and of the nineteen schools within the jurisdiction of the province, only two, I am told, failed to send representatives. Nearly seventy-five delegates were in attendance. Let's see if we can't do as well here in the Central Western.

Contests have been arranged for men in extempore speaking and in oratory, to be held Thursday and Friday evenings respectively. Men need not already be Pi Kappa Delta members to participate—the only requisite is that they be regular students in Pi Kappa Delta schools, and in the oratorical contest, that they are not the same men who participate in the state Old Line contest.

The feature of the convention, however, will be an elimination contest in debate, in which either men or women may participate. Two-speaker teams will be used, and sides of the Pi Kappa Delta question determined by lot. The same teams may be used to represent a school on both sides of the question, or the teams may be shifted, at the option of the school represented. Every school in the province should enter a team in this elimination; the championship of two states is at stake. Entrants need not already be members of Pi Kappa Delta.

Contests will be judged by disinterested men throughout. Prof. F. B. Ross, Organizer of the Southwestern Province, and in charge of debate at the Kansas State Normal, and Prof. A. A. Hopkins, Debate Coach at Monmouth College, in Illinois, have been asked to be in attendance; the other judges will be secured for the most part from the University of Missouri, coaches of visiting teams, or capable local men. Judges for debates will be assigned by the provincial executives, with the approval, in each case, of both schools concerned.

At the Southwestern Provincial Convention, last month, a number of debates were held between schools attending, not scheduled on the elimination. Why not arrange for some non-elimination debates to be held at Fulton? Best way to secure additional debates—and additional credit toward Pi Kappa Delta degrees—without additional expense.

At the business session, to be held on Saturday morning of the convention, a number of matters will come up for action, among them the election of officers for the ensuing year, the selection of the school which will entertain the next convention, and the adoption of a provincial constitution. A proposed draft of a constitution is enclosed herewith; look it over, and be ready to offer amendments as you see fit, at the convention. Also keep in mind the matter of next year's officers; have some good men to nominate, who will keep the ball rolling. And if you want to entertain the convention at your school, lay your proposition before the convention in detail; whether you can provide entertainment for visitors, transportation for judges, and a cash bonus—or just what you do feel able to offer. Or, if there are any
other matters to bring before the business session, come prepared to present them.

There is a possibility of additional chapters being present at the convention. Three schools within the province—Drake University, Drury College, and Central Wesleyan—have recently taken steps toward petitioning the national officers for charters; and some of these schools will probably be represented. If a charter has been granted to any of them, the installation of the chapter may be held as a special convention feature.

On Friday evening, before the banquet, an initiation of new members will be held. If you have any eligibles you want taken in at this time, send them along, and swell the number.

Now finally, Westminster's chapter, Missouri Alpha, has very courteously offered to provide entertainment for all convention representatives and visitors. The provincial officers are very anxious to know just how many will be in attendance, so that we can notify Westminster how many to arrange for. It is also necessary to know in advance, what schools are entering each of the three contests to be held at the convention. You are requested, therefore, to send to the Provincial President, H. B. Summers, of Parkville, Missouri, within the next two weeks, if possible, a complete list of your probable representatives, including faculty members, members of debate teams, orator, Extempore contestants, and delegates at large. At the same time, please indicate which contests your school will enter. Please take care of this matter whether you have already sent in the same information or not; we hope to have a complete list.

Now, let's get behind the convention, and make it a big success in every way. We want every chapter to enter contestants in at least one contest, and preferably in all three. Be there!

Fraternally,

H. B. SUMMERS,
Province President.

Proposed Constitution Central Western Province, Pi Kappa Delta
(To be voted on at the convention)

ARTICLE I—NAME. The organization whose existence is provided for by this constitution shall be known as the CENTRAL WESTERN PROVINCE OF PI KAPPA DELTA.

ARTICLE II—AUTHORITY. The Province is organized, and exists, under the authority conferred in Article V, Division B, of the National Constitution of PI KAPPA DELTA. Its purpose, etc., shall be as set forth in the National Constitution.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP. Membership shall consist of all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, in good standing, situated in the states of Iowa and Missouri, which desire membership. No vote shall be taken upon the admission of new chapters within the jurisdiction of the province. Chapters created by the National Officers failing to meet the obligations of membership in the provincial organization shall be deprived of the privileges of membership upon action of the provincial council.

ARTICLE IV—PROVINCIAL CONVENTION. The Provincial Convention shall be organized as provided by the National Constitution, Article V, Division B, Section 1. It shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be determined by the Convention in its last meeting. If a change in either time or place becomes necessary, it may be made by the Provincial Council.

ARTICLE V—PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. The Provincial Council shall be composed as provided by the National Constitution, Article V, Division B,
section 2. It shall consist of the Provincial President, the Provincial Vice-
President, and the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer. The Provincial Council
shall exercise all powers of the Provincial Convention, during the interim
between the sessions of that Convention.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICERS. The Provincial Officers shall be a President,
a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be elected annu-
ally, by a majority vote of the Provincial Convention, from the Order of
Instruction of the Province. Their duties shall be those ordinarily devolv-
ing upon their respective offices, with these additions; The Provincial
President shall also act as Corresponding Secretary, and shall have
general charge of the Provincial Convention. The Provincial Vice-Pre-
dent shall be a member of the chapter which entertains the Provincial Con-
vention the year following his election; and shall have charge under the
direction of the Provincial President, of local arrangements for the Con-
vention. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also act as Historian for the Pro-
vince. In case of a vacancy in any office, the remaining officers shall fill
the vacancy by appointment.

ARTICLE VII—CONVENTION CONTESTS. There shall be held, at the
time of each annual Provincial Convention, contests in debating, in oratory,
and in extempore speaking, for men, and, upon authorization of the Provin-
cial Council, similar contests for women. Judges for all contests shall be
selected by the Provincial President, from a list approved by the Provin-
cial Council; and in debates, subject to the approval of both contesting
schools. In case the Chapter of which the Provincial President is one of
the contesting schools in a debating contest, judges shall be selected by one
of the other officers, to be appointed by him.

ARTICLE VIII—DUES, FINES, AND ASSESSMENTS. The Provincial
Council shall have power to levy dues, fines or special assessments, as may
be required.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS. This constitution may be amended at
any meeting of the Provincial Convention, by three-fourths vote of the
chapters represented.

ARTICLE X—EFFECTIVENESS. The foregoing constitution shall be-
come effective upon its ratification by two-thirds of the members of the
Provincial Convention.

FINANCING FORENSICS

By J. C. Hazzard, Ph. D., Director of Forensics, Macalester College

In this investigation of the methods of financing forensics no effort was
made to gather data from all colleges, but the field was limited to that
group of colleges where conditions as to the size of student body and oth-
er circumstances were similar to the conditions here at Macalester Col-
lege; hence, no effort was made to investigate the methods prevailing at
the state universities and the other large universities such as Harvard,
Princeton, Yale, or Chicago, where conditions are entirely different. Rep-
resentative colleges in different parts of the country were selected, every
state, except a few southern states, being represented by at least one col-
lege. The denominational colleges naturally predominated, although others
were included.

A study of the data gathered shows that there is no uniform method of
financing this important department of college activity. Six colleges re-
port that the college authorities appropriate sufficient funds from the gen-
eral budget of the college each year. Two still raise funds by charging
admission to all forensic contests. One depends upon voluntary subsciption.
tions from the student body. One gives plays to finance the forensic activities of the college, and one gets what it can from student fees while the college makes up the remainder from the student budget. By far the larger number have student fees, a part of which goes to support forensics, athletics, and other student activities.

Of those colleges which depend upon student fees the forensic fee for each student varies from twenty cents a year to three dollars a year. Twelve are one dollar or over, ten are fifty cents or over but less than one dollar, one is forty-eight cents, and one is twenty cents.

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*College appropriations $400 additional.

From a study of this table one is almost forced to conclude that in the estimate of the students forensics are of but slight importance in comparison with the main attraction of college life, viz. athletics. Presumably these fees were determined by the students themselves and therefore reflect their valuation of the importance of the two activities.

The methods of handling the forensic funds vary widely. In many of the colleges the college treasurer pays out the funds on requisitions of the forensic board or the professor of public speaking. A few colleges pay the full amount of the fund to the treasurer of the forensic board at the beginning of each semester or term. One college pays the full amount to the professor of public speaking, who then issues his personal checks for expenses and renders an itemized statement to the college treasurer. Only two colleges bond the treasurer of the forensic board although in six colleges he has entire charge of the forensic funds.

In most cases where the funds are handled by students the college treasurer or a committee of the faculty audits the accounts, one college reports that the forensic board audits its own treasurer's report, and several state that there is no method of auditing the accounts in use.

The majority of the colleges reporting do not apportion their forensic funds for oratorical, debate, or other forensic contests, preferring to use for each whatever is necessary as long as the money lasts. Of the few that do apportion the funds debate receives about 80 per cent of the entire amount, a fair proportion, as it is the most expensive forensic activity.

The question, "Are your forensic funds sufficient or are you constantly facing a deficit?" brought out some interesting facts. Ten colleges reported that there was a constant deficit. Several reported that the expenses were made to conform to the amount allowed but that the work of the department was seriously handicapped, debates having to be refused owing to lack of funds. Of the colleges reporting sufficient funds most gave the total amount as $500 or over. One of the colleges reports that the funds
are “usually sufficient, this year $1200,” and one institution reports using $1700 a year for forensics.

Eight of the colleges report that they have no forensic boards or similar organizations, the department of public speaking handling all matters pertaining to forensic contests. Of the colleges having forensic boards or equivalent student organizations, the faculty is represented by at least one member on the board in all except six. Some of the boards seem to be too large for handling the work conveniently, consisting of all the students taking public speaking courses and the varsity and class debating teams. This is rather in the nature of a senate than a board.

Twenty-seven colleges report that they have chapters of national forensic fraternities but of these only fourteen report that these fraternities are represented on the boards. Probably these fraternities are represented unofficially but not as such. It would seem that in most colleges the chapter of the forensic fraternity should be as much entitled to a representative on the board as is a literary society, or should constitute the board, as it does in five colleges.

The last question was, “Please give any suggestions for improving forensic finances you may care to make.” Perhaps the professor of public speaking or whoever filled out the question sheet became tired before he reached this question, for but few made any suggestions. One man replied frankly, “Haven’t any to offer,” but most disregarded it. Of the few suggestions offered, the following are interesting:

“If forensic contests are of any value, and we believe they are, they should be financed by a special appropriation in the college budget. The Professor of Public Speaking should have full charge and be responsible only to the college treasurer for the expenditure of finances and the College President for the conduct of the department. Then students should be given adequate credit for work done in the department.”

“We believe that forensics are important enough in education to be supported as any other educational activity in a dignified way and our Trustees agree with us. We have a budget that covers all expenses and we use what we need of it as we please.” (Happy man; he never tried to finance five debates, two oratorical contests, and an interstate contest in extemporaneous speaking on $250.00.)

“It would seem that a definite yearly appropriation out of the tuition fees would be the most seemly and convenient way of providing for forensics.”

“I believe that there should be a greater percentage of our student funds given to debate activities and less to athletics.”

“The average small college ought to have at least $500 for forensics. . . . Financing of all forensic activities should be by means of a fixed fee payable with tuition and not remissable in case of scholarship holding.”

Conclusions: From a study of the answers received the following conclusions may be drawn: That the methods of financing forensics and the methods of managing the finances must vary on account of local conditions. The average small college cannot carry on forensic activities as they should be on less than $500 a year. Probably the best solution of the difficulty in most colleges would be to take forensics out of the student activity class and treat them as part of the work of the department of public speaking. In that case they should be financed in the same manner as other departments are financed, viz., by an annual appropriation in the college budget, and the department of public speaking should be held responsible for the conduct of the work. More interest should be aroused in forensics by making the debates and other contests more attractive and by giving the students taking part in them the same recognition that is given to students taking part in athletics.
NEX T CONVENTION AT PEORIA

After long deliberation and much discussion, the National Council has decided to accept the invitation of the Illinois Delta chapter to hold the Fifth Biennial Convention at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria. It will take place about the last week in March, 1924. It was hard for the Council to refuse the extremely cordial invitations of several of the other chapters. There were, however, a number of things to be considered. One was the absolute necessity of holding this Convention nearer to the large group of chapters in the east and south which have come into Pi Kappa Delta in the past three years. The first two conventions were held in Kansas and the second two in Iowa. Since then our geographical center has shifted in a southeasterly direction. The Illinois Delta chapter, backed by the Institute and by the Peoria Chamber of Commerce, promises to play the part of host in such a way that those attending the Convention will long remember it. They will have to do wonders to eclipse the records set by Simpson and Morningside; but, then, Peoria has a reputation for hospitality.

CHAPTER AND COACH

We sometimes wonder if the members of our Order of Instruction realize how important they are to the local chapter to which they belong. The record of our chapters is interesting. One year a certain chapter—Idaho Alpha, let us say—is one of our most alive chapters. Requests for names of officers and graduate chapter members, for the number of Forensics required are answered promptly, dues are paid early in the year, chapter letters are sent on the date set. We feel that Idaho Alpha is a tower of strength in Pi Kappa Delta. One short year passes and the story is entirely different. None of these things happens. The National Officers can obtain no response from Idaho Alpha. The chapter, apparently, is as dead (231)
as the proverbial door nail. What has happened? Usually it is this. The group of officers who have been doing business in a businesslike way have graduated. Those newly elected may lack interest or may lack experience. Often they do not know what is to be done. But in many of these cases the Coach—a member of Pi Kappa Delta—is still there, but does not interest himself in the least in the chapter. It may arrive on the verge of suspension by the National Council but apparently this comes not nigh unto him. We submit that such conduct on the part of members of the Order of Instruction is deplorable and reprehensible. We do not approve of the coach assuming to himself all the powers of local officers—far from it—but he should have a warm and close interest in the chapter and its workings and should know when chapter officers are not performing their duties. His encouragement and interest will do wonders in keeping the record of the chapter clear. If the coach is far-seeing, he will realize that it is to his own best interests to have the local chapter a live one for it will go a long way towards lightening his burden and will create a spirit of enthusiasm for things forensic that will mean much to him.

GREETINGS

We announce with pleasure the granting of chapters to Gustavus Adolphus and to Hamline Colleges as Minnesota Gamma and Delta, to Coe College as Iowa Theta, to Newberry College as South Carolina Gamma, and to Sterling College as Kansas Lambda. The first two new chapters round out the society in the State of Minnesota in a most admirable way. The quartette of colleges there—Macalester, St. Olaf, Gustavus Adolphus, and Hamline—represents a most excellent tradition educationally and forensically. Coe is a large college and will materially aid the Iowa group. Newberry adds another chapter to that most interesting and thoroughly alive nest of chapters in the Southeast. Sterling is such a wide awake school and has distinguished itself to such an extent forensically that the Kansas chapters felt that it was worthy of a place in that largest of state groups. To all these chapters we extend heartiest greetings. You have a great work to do with us in Pi Kappa Delta. May we be an inspiration to you and you to us.

THE CHAPTER LETTERS

Be sure to read the chapter letters! We have received from them more encouragement and inspiration to further endeavor than we have experienced in a long time. If anyone doubts the real vitality and enthusiasm of Pi Kappa Delta, let him go through the record of work done by our chapters and forever after hold his peace. As this Order of ours grows and the ideals for which it stands prevail more and more, we can see the wonderful possibilities of service that are offered to us. Every year more men and women are fitted by their forensic work for more efficient leadership and citizenship. Is not this worth while? Few chapters that realize the aims of Pi Kappa Delta will be content to remain idle but will strive to build their groups up and to further the objects that we so highly prize.

HIGH SCHOOL JUDGES

We are much interested to know that Kansas Gamma at the Kansas Agricultural College is sending out members of its chapter as judges of high school debates in the nearby towns. This strikes us an an excellent idea. There are very few judges better qualified to act than college men in the upper classes who are thoroughly acquainted with the theory and practice of debate. This scheme will be tried elsewhere, we hope.
THE DIVISIONAL CONVENTION

Any lingering doubts that we may have had regarding these gatherings to be held in the years between the conventions have been completely dispelled by the reports that have come to us of the divisional convention which has met. In another part of this number we are printing the account of the Southwest Divisional Convention held at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. We are sure that it will be read with great interest by all members of our Order. Reflections of this meeting will be found in letters from the chapters which had representatives at it. There is no doubt but that such conventions are going to do a very great deal to build up the smaller units of Pi Kappa Delta. As the organization grows larger and larger, the value of the smaller group will become more apparent. The enthusiasm and the spirit of cooperation and friendliness which were manifest at Winfield were most commendable. Reports have not yet reached us of the other similar conventions which were to be held; but from the preparations which were being made for them we are confident that the same results will be obtained.

VITALIZING DEBATE

We have often wondered whether, in addition to the single proposition chosen each year for the whole society, it might not be worth while to debate issues which are more distinctly local. In times of election, might it not be highly interesting to the public to have teams of college debaters present the opposite sides of the burning question of the day? If need be, such a debate might be made a part of the program of a political meeting. Why not? So also with extemporaneous speaking. Half a dozen men from different colleges presenting various phases of a party platform at a political meeting would probably give better speeches than many speakers at such meetings give. In addition, they would have the stimulating experience of speaking to a good audience and to one which really wished to hear what they had to say.

OUR ALUMNI

As Commencement draws near, a number of our local chapters are planning banquets and initiations for old debaters and orators who may be revisiting their Alma Mater. We commend this practice most highly. There could be no finer way of retaining the interest of the Alumni who have represented in days gone by their college in oratory and debate than by electing them to graduate membership in Pi Kappa Delta. Many of these men will have distinguished themselves in public life. Their forensic experience will have aided their success. You will receive from them a stimulus that will be of the highest value.

Zeta Kappa Psi, the National Women's Honorary Forensic Society, held a most successful convention last November at the Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls. The society is steadily growing, having chapters at the Kansas State Agricultural College, University of Oregon, University of Minnesota, Iowa State Teachers' College, Kansas State Teachers' College (Emporia) and the Oregon Agricultural College.

The Manitou Messenger of St. Olaf College, Minnesota, issued recently an excellent forensic edition. The St. Olaf debaters have won every contest they have entered this year. A debate between their two teams was sent over the radio. This, we believe, is the first instance of the kind.
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**EXPENDITURES**

- L. G. Balfour Co., for keys: $2316.09
- Delta Sigma Rho: $154.14
- G. W. Finley, First Vice-President: $3.50
- Charles A. Marsh, President: $112.33
- John R. Macarthur, Editor of the Forensic: $92.06
- E. R. Nichols, Historian: $22.30
- J. F. Newman Co., for keys: $232.15
- Redlands Daily Facts, for printings and supplies: $1039.92
- Refunded to chapters on overpayments: $73.46
- Stenographic help, office of the secretary-treasurer: $600.00
- Supplies and postage, office of the secretary: $228.48

**Total** $4874.43

**Balance on hand April 1, 1922** $1480.69
**Received from Chapters** $5068.84
**Received from L. G. Balfour Co. for advertising** $14.00

**Total receipts** $6563.53
**Total expenditures** $4874.43

**Balance on hand April 1, 1923** $1689.10

(Signed) ALFRED WESTFALL,
National Secretary-Treasurer Pi Kappa Delta.
CHAPTER LETTERS

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

The admission of eight new members swells the membership of the California Alpha Chapter to a total of twenty-four this year, leaving five others to be voted in after later debates.

The University of Redlands has experienced another successful forensic season, with Redlands debaters winning eight out of eleven debates participated in to date. The men’s varsity teams took second place in the Southern California Public Speaking Conference, newly organized this year. Fred Ford, president of the California Alpha Chapter, was chosen secretary-treasurer of the Conference at the time of its organization.

The debating season includes a total of seventeen intercollegiate debates, of which three are inter-state contests. The first of these has been held, with Simpson College of Indianola, Iowa, and was won by the local combination by a unanimous decision.

On May 11 and 12 the local chapter will stage the “Adventures of Lady Ursula,” at the local opera house, to raise funds for the fifth biennial Eastern debate trip in 1924 to the national convention.

On May 5 the local chapter will be host to the Beta and the Gamma chapters at a joint banquet and initiation ceremony for new members.

GEORGE BROWN.
Cor. Secy.

CALIFORNIA BETA—OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

The California Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has had a very successful year. We feel especially proud for this is our first year, inasmuch as our chapter was installed only in May, 1922. This year we have had two complete schedules of debates with the other institutions of Southern California. This year interest has been particularly lively in forensic activity at Occidental. We attribute this enthusiasm to Pi Kappa Delta for it has stimulated such work as all students are anxious to become eligible to this fast growing organization. Occidental won the women’s oratorical contest this year and we are proud of our Pi Kappa Delta woman who displayed such good work. Our chapter has pledged four new members and we expect to increase this number before the close of the college year. We are looking forward to our annual banquet at which time all of the chapters of Pi Kappa Delta united thus strengthening the feeling of brotherhood between the chapters in Southern California. We wish that it were possible to meet our other brothers located elsewhere.

EDWARDA L. JAMES.
President.

CALIFORNIA GAMMA—CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The California Gamma chapter at the California Institute of Technology, in the second year of its existence, finds itself firmly enthroned as the champion and sponsor of forensic activities. At the beginning of the year, our membership numbered twenty undergraduate men and Dr. Macarthur, our head forensic coach. Since that time, two of our men have left college to return next year.

The forensic program which is coming to a close soon is a very ambitious one. This year, C. I. T. representatives have taken part in Extemporaneous Speaking, Debate, and Oratorical contests of the Southern California Inter-collegiate Forensic Conference, which is composed of seven colleges and universities in addition to meeting a visiting debate team from the East.

Brother Harold Beck represented C. I. T. in the first Inter-collegiate Extemporaneous Speaking contest to be held in Southern California. He placed fourth among the contestants of the seven institutions participating. Our chapter is favorably disposed toward such contests and will exert every influence to perpetuate them.

Because of the greater benefit to students as a whole, the Gamma chapter has always favored the extensive as against the intensive system of debate. As a result of adhering to this policy, C. I. T. will have engaged in no less than seven varsity and three freshman contests, one of which is a triangular debate, and will have put nineteen men into the field. Of the nine debates staged thus far, four have resulted in victories; and with the strongest team left, we feel confident of breaking even for the season. Most of our debates were on the Pi Kappa Delta question. However, the question, “Resolved that the U.S. should join the League of Nations,” was debated by two teams.

We are not neglecting oratory, either. The institute was represented in the
Hamburger Oratorical staged in Los Angeles in January. There will be four or five Pi Kappa Delta men among those competing in the local Conger Peace Prize Oratorical which carries awards of $50 and $25. And finally, we are expecting a Pi Kappa Delta man to represent C. I. T. in the Southern California Inter-collegiate Oratorical which is to be held at the University of Redlands on April 27.

The Gamma chapter has assumed the entire responsibility for the support of the C. I. T. forensic program. We undertook a sale of season tickets and from the proceeds paid the expenses incident to bringing the Simpson College, Indiana, Iowa, team to Pasadena for a debate. The Simpson team won by a 2-1 decision. We are glad that we had the opportunity to host to Professor Dennis and three of his boys who helped make the last convention the success that it was. And right here we wish to say that Gamma chapter is working hard in order to send a representative to the convention next winter.

We have been meeting for semi-social gatherings once a month. These meetings have proved to be a pleasurable way in which to promote and discuss forensic policies. At present, we are looking forward to the union gathering of Pi Kappa Delta chapters in Southern California which is to be held at Redlands this spring.

FRED J. GROAT,
President.

CALIFORNIA DELTA—COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

We were installed December 7, by Brother Leo Sievert, of California Alpha, and even before that time, the influence of the chapter, with its national associations, was felt. We have planned the biggest and heaviest schedule ever attempted here, and we have won two of the first three. The first of our schedule of seventeen was won by Pacific against San Jose State Teachers College, two to one, with the affirmative of the P. K. D. question. The second was lost to Hastings (U. Cal) Law School, by popular vote of 24 to 49. Hastings sent against us two graduate students, to say nothing of a practicing attorney. The third was won from Professor Dennis' team of Simpson men, with the negative of the P. K. D. question, by an expert decision rendered by Coach Arnold Perstein of California. Nine debates on our own floor, including Willamette, Colorado Aggies, Occidental, Brigham Young, and two State Teachers Colleges—eight away from home, including Nevada, Redlands, Pomona, Southern California—how is that for the first year of our chapter? Of our five times the schedule of any previous year, and our most experienced man has had two debates. Watch us go!!!

O. E. NORTON,
Pres. Cal. D.

COLORADO ALPHA—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

We feel this year to have been one of the most successful in our history. Although it will be hard to excel the wonderful record of 1921-1922, when four of our men took the biggest debating trip and won twelve out of fifteen contests, we are "going hard" on this season's trip. Orrin Pierson, Harold Lewis, and Austin Cazaly will represent the school in a two weeks' expedition starting April 4, and debating teams at Montana State, Montana Wesleyan, Gonzagas College, (Washington), University of Southern California, and Pomona College (California).

So far our girls' team, debating on "The Cancellation of the Allied War Debt" question, has had three contests, with Colorado State Teachers College, and Wyoming University. Only one debate was held with the former while with Wyoming they debated both Affirmative and Negative. Of these, they won one and lost two, but the decisions were all of them very close, so they are not at all discouraged. The men have debated here with Washington State College on "The Adoption of Industrial Courts in the Various States of the Union," winning in this case, while they have also debated with Montana State, Denver University, and State Teachers College on the "Adoption of the Cabinet System of Government in the United States." This, by the way, is the question to be debated by the men on the trip.

ORRIN T. PIERSO,
President.

COLORADO BETA—COLORADO TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Colorado Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is very much alive. We began the year with six active members but are having good increase during the season. We will initiate into the order this spring six women and six men. This will bring our total membership, counting honorary members, up to twenty-one. Our debate schedule has consisted of two triangles; the men's taking in Colorado Agricultural College and the University of Denver, and the women's, Colo-
rado Agricultural College and the University of Wyoming; and a debate with Simpson College. Pi Kappa Delta here has had for its local task the sending out of judges for state and county high school league debates in this part of Colorado. We have often been called upon to furnish two or three teams of judges over a single weekend.

MIERYL HARPER,
President.

ILLINOIS BETA—EUREKA COLLEGE

Debating activities in Eureka College were seriously handicapped this year from the beginning of the season because our coach, President L. O. Lehman, had to devote most of his time to the Eureka College Endowment Campaign. We scheduled a triangular debate, however, with Illinois Wesleyan and Bradley Polytechnic for March 22 on the question: "Resolved, That the United States should enter the League of Nations." Just when we were beginning concentrated work on this debate, our much beloved President Lehman died from typhoid fever, brought on by overwork on the Endowment Campaign, leaving us without a coach. Professor O. D. Morrison, of the history department, who had never debated himself, took up the task of coaching us. We won the triangular debate, securing a two to one decision in each place. A dual debate pending with Normal University was cancelled because of our lack of a coach. We are planning to make a far different record for Illinois Beta next year. Interclass debates are being planned to be held under the auspices of Pi Kappa Delta, as we have no literary societies to develop new material. All of this year's team will be in college next year and with a new coach behind us, "Watch our smoke!"

DURWARD V. SANDIFER.

ILLINOIS GAMMA—CARTHAGE COLLEGE

This has been a very satisfactory year for debate at Carthage. Our schedule has not been a very heavy one, but has aroused a great deal of interest. Our men's teams have won a dual debate with Penn College (Oskaloosa, Iowa), and have tied for first place in a triangle with Culver-Stockton and Parsons. Our girls' team will debate Monmouth girls, and our Freshmen will debate the Freshmen teams of Illinois College. A men's dual debate with Parsons will complete the season. Plans are being formulated to make next year the greatest year in forensics in the history of Carthage College. A new debating society will be organized and plans are being taken to introduce oratory at Carthage. Each October heralds in debating with a Freshman-Sophomore debate. The winning class is awarded the Beckman Debate Cup, a large silver cup presented by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Beckman, of Carthage.

Fraternally,

W. G. ARBAUGH,
President Illinois Gamma.

ILLINOIS ZETA—MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH

The Zeta Chapter of Monmouth College was installed May, 1922. This is the first chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, which has only women as members. Monmouth College had a debating fraternity for men, but the women felt that they too ought to have a society for encouraging forensics. The chapter began the year with four charter members and two members from Epsilon Chapter of Hedding College. An increased interest was fostered in women's debates, bringing more out for tryouts. The chapter was much encouraged by the quality of the new members of the teams. Our first class is April 13, with Carthage College in a dual debate. On April 20 the regular Parsons-Northwestern-Monmouth triangle will be held. "Government Ownership and Operation of the Coal Mines" is the subject of both debates. Eight women will have a chance to debate, as in place of having two alternates, we expect to give every girl a chance to debate once. For the first time in a number of years a woman is to be Orator of the Senior Class. We hope to have Intercollegiate Oratorical Contests for women in the future.

Fraternally,

CHARLOTTE M. CUMMINGS,
President.

IOWA BETA—CENTRAL COLLEGE

Iowa Beta of Central College is just one year old. It is not large but very active and through its activity has fitted seven more students for membership in Pi Kappa Delta. We have sent our orators to the state contests both for men and for women. We have had four intercollegiate debates, winning three. It was in debate that our activity gave us material for growth which will insure a larger number next year, even though we lose three of our old members by graduation. Later in the year we shall take part in the State Peace Contest.
and we hope to send representatives to the divisional convention of the PI Kappa Delta schools of southern Iowa and northern Missouri. Our coming together has usually been in the form of a serious and somewhat hurried business meeting; but once we had an exclusive PI Kappa Delta luncheon and once we acted as hosts at an informal reception after an intercollegiate debate. These are the simple annals of the efforts and accomplishments of our one short year of existence.

ELIZABETH GRAHAM,
Reporter.

IOWA GAMMA—DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

The Iowa Gamma Chapter at Des Moines University is looking forward to an active forensic season. At the present time we have five men’s debates scheduled. These include contests with Dakota Wesleyan, Nebraska Wesleyan, William Jewell and a dual debate with Morningside. In addition to this, a girls’ team has been selected to represent Des Moines University in a triangular debate with Morningside and State Teachers’ College. Three PI Kappa Delta men of our chapter tried out for the teams, and all were successful in making places. George C. Conrad and Earl S. Kalp represent our chapter on the debative team and Cecil L. McLaughlin on the negative. Our PI Kappa Delta organization has selected a member to represent Des Moines University in the J. J. Senior Oratorical Contest, which is an event of the Commencement Season. Des Moines University is merely pioneering in forensic activity, but we hope through the aid of our PI Kappa Delta Chapter to stimulate a greater interest in forensic activity and promote to a greater degree, debating and oratorical contests.

Fraternally yours,

EARL S. KALP,
Secretary.

IOWA DELTA—MORNSINGSIDE COLLEGE

This year we had a very active intercollegiate schedule, both in Oratory and Debate. We opened the season early with a dual debate and had two others for the men. For the latter ones we used the official question and found it one of the best and most interesting propositions debated in years. Another interesting debate was our girls’ triangular with the State Teachers College and Des Moines U. We lost but three during the whole year. We were represented in both the men’s and women’s State Oratorical Contests. In the men’s event we had the honor to win second in the Oratorical and third in the extemporaneous speaking contest. We expect to be represented in the Provincial contest to be held on April 19 and 20. During the year 13 new members have fulfilled the requirements although all have not yet been given the degree. To those who think 13 is an unlucky number we invite to watch us next year and we will prove that it is the best number in the list. We are proud of our record in view of the fact that so many have taken part in the events.

GIFFORD ALT,
Secretary.

IOWA EPSILON—SIMPSON COLLEGE

The Iowa Epsilon Chapter benefited greatly this year from the National Convention of last year. It pays for any chapter to entertain the National PI Kappa Delta Convention. Our Forensic plans were quite ambitious for this year. Besides our usual home debates we planned an extensive debate trip of 8250 miles through the Southwest, Pacific Coast States and the Northwest, debating enroute fifteen different schools. The team tried out at this writing, making the trip. They are taking the affirmative side of the PI Kappa Delta questions. The coach and three men are making the trip, only two men debating at any one time. The team has won so far four debates and hopes to roll up a few more victories before they reach home. The Simpson man, Walter Dillon, won first place in the Iowa State Oratorical Contest, and this entitles Simpson to the Western Divisional Inter-state Oratorical Contest where seven state orators will compete. The men placing first, second and third in this contest will compete in the Final Interstate contest at Evanston, with a similar number from the Eastern Divisional Interstate contest. On the whole we hope to win our share of Forensic victories for the year 1922-23.

Yours fraternally,

W. C. DENNIS.

IOWA ZETA—PARSONS COLLEGE

The Iowa Zeta chapter of PI Kappa Delta at Parsons College under the leadership of Professor Fred G. Bailey, is boosting forensics this year more than ever before. Every interclass and intercollegiate forensic activity is sponsored and
controlled by Pi Kappa Delta. This year, for the first time, the college is presenting the keys to those taking part in forensics, and when the degree of special distinction is reached, the college presents the new set. Two of our members get special distinction. During this season the boys' and girls' debate teams have each had two triangular debates. The boys had a dual debate. Pi Kappa Delta has distributed fifteen hundred debate bulletins containing pictures of the debaters, the coach and the college president, and also a write-up about each one. A copy was sent to each of the Pi Kappa Delta colleges. The Iowa Zeta chapter has been well represented in intercollegiate contests. Orators and extemporaneous speakers were sent to both men's and women's contests. Parsons had the president of the women's state forensic association. One of the Pi Kappa Delta men was president of the men's interstate oratorical association. Next year one of the members is secretary of the state forensic association. Professor Fred G. Bale is the president of the Peace Association in Iowa. The state Peace contest will be held in May. Because of the interest which has been aroused in forensics Parsons and Pi Kappa Delta are looking forward to a successful year in 1923-1924.

Fraternally yours,

BESSIIE CLARK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

IOWA ETA—UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Considering the fact that we had no experienced students entered in intercollegiate forensics, Iowa Eta has had a very good year. In debate we lost to Baker University three times, as gentlemen. In the men's oratorical contests we won fourth in each of our extemporaneous and old line encounters. The women were equally good, with the extemporaneous speaker winning third place. Most of the contestants of this year will be graduating in June or else will be teaching next year. I am sure that Pi Kappa Delta has been a help in enlisting the interest of many of the contestants.

C. B. SWANEY,
President.

IOWA THETA—COE COLLEGE

The Coe chapter is a baby member of Pi Kappa Delta. As this is written, the chapter has not yet been installed although we expect this to be done within the present month. The chapter will replace Gamma Sigma, a local forensic organization founded in 1919. The charter roll will include twelve members while five other men who have met the requirements for membership will be initiated before the close of the college year. The past year has seen a revival of debating at Coe as far as victories are concerned, and although six of the eight men who participated in the year's debates had had no previous varsity experience, four of the six debates were won. The negative team, on the question of federal ownership of the coal mines, composed of George Simpson, James Laurie and Don Davisman, won both Buena Vista and Grinnell colleges, and Drake university while the affirmative team, with the help of Horace Butterfield and Daniel Kerr won one of its three debates with the same colleges. James Gable and Donald Allen were used on the two teams in the first debate, with Buena Vista. Pi Kappa Delta is now preparing for the Morehead oratorical contest and the Dows essay contest, while plans are being completed for an extemporaneous speaking contest to be held under auspices of the fraternity. With none of this year's debaters to be lost by graduation, Prof. H. F. Schory, debate coach and vice-president of the Midwest college association for forensic work, is looking forward to a very successful season for next winter.

DON DATISMAN,
President, Coe Chapter.

KANSAS ALPHA—OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

The Pi Kappa Delta chapter in Ottawa University has been working faithfully and the interest in forensics, which was lagging temporarily, has revived again. While we were not represented in the State Oratorical Contest this year, we fully expect that an Ottawa man will be heard from in the next contest. The increased interest in debate has been shown by increased support of forensics. The inter-class debate aroused unusual interest, and the inter-class oratorical contest to be held soon bids fair to be an exciting contest. The forensic year is not over yet, as we have two men's debates that have not been held. The girls' teams, in a Triangular debate between Pittsburg, Park and Ottawa, lost one and won one. The men, in the Pentangular debates between Park, College of Emporia, William Jewell, Baker and Ottawa, on the Pi Kappa Delta question, have lost one and won one. The Kansas Alpha chapter is proud of its position at the head of the charter roll, and hopes to continue to be an enthusiastic member and to help the organization grow. We hope to see, after another decade, not
seventy-five charters, but nearly two hundred. We are celebrating our tenth birthday this spring, and are sure that all the other chapters join in praise of this organization, organized here ten years ago.

Fraternally yours,

THEODORE R. PALMQUIST,
President.

KANSAS GAMMA—KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Pi Kappa Delta at the Kansas State Agricultural College has inaugurated a new feature this year—that of judging high school debates. The English Department was swamped with requests for judges, so P. K. D. offered assistance, and has made the decision in a score of debates within a seventy-five mile radius of Manhattan. The sixteen active members are now looking forward to the outdoor initiation of ten leather lunged pledges. Chapter meetings are held once a month, with two men acting as hosts for dinner, after which the business meeting is held. The college enlarged its debating schedule this year, due to the establishment of the Varsity Activity Fee, whereby every student pays twenty-five cents for debate and oratory. This makes it possible, for the first time, to send a debate team to Colorado Agricultural College, and an orator and a debate team to the Montana State College. These debates are in addition to the customary men's dual contest with Iowa State College and the Kansas State Normal, and the women's dual match with Kansas University and the State Normal. The Kansas Aggies have been victors in five out of six contests held to date. In the Missouri Valley Oratorical contest at St. Louis our orator (P. K. D.) placed third. P. K. D. is not the only organization interested in promoting forensics as there is a strong chapter of Zeta Kappa Pi, women's forensic fraternity, and eight active college literary societies of over fifty members alike. The literary societies have an annual oratorical contest, and an elimination series of debates, in which each society enters an affirmative and a negative team of three members each. Pi Kappa Delta men take a leading part in these activities. Hearty greetings to the other chapters and to our national officers.

Fraternally,

J. W. FARMER.

KANSAS DELTA—SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The membership of Southwestern Pi Kappa Delta Chapter has been largely increased during the present year, and much more interest in it is manifested by the student body. The activity in Forensics this year has been marked. So far twelve intercollegiate debates have been held, in which our members have taken part. All these debates have been on the Pi Kappa Delta question Local oratorical contests for both men and women have been held and the winner in each goes to the State Contest. The big event of the year was the three days Regional Pi Kappa Delta Convention held here March 14-16. Visiting teams from twelve colleges were present and took part. A tournament debate was staged by ten teams representing as many colleges, and proved most interesting and instructive. There was an ex tempore debate between teams of two colleges. Oratorical contests for both men and women were held. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and plans for a permanent organization of this regional Pi Kappa Delta conference or league or whatever it may be called. At this convention, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, after full discussion: "Resolved, That this Convention of Pi Kappa Delta hereby goes on record as favoring wherever and whenever possible the use of the one Critic Judge in all debates." This, we believe, is the first Pi Kappa Delta convention of this kind ever held, and all felt it was well worth while, and unanimously decided to endeavor to make it a regular and permanent affair.

Sincerely,

J. THOMPSON BAKER,
Professor of Public Speaking and Coach of Debate and Oratory.

KANSAS EPSILON—FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE

Fairmount has this year upheld her remarkable forensic record of the past. The debate team has won the Southern Division of the Kansas Intercollegiate Debating League, winning sixteen out of eighteen possible judges' decisions. In the Southwest District Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, held at Southwestern College, Winfield, March 14-16, Fairmount won first in oratory and second in the debate tournament. Professor C. C. Harbison, whose record in Fairmount has made him famous as a debate and oratory coach throughout the west, was elected first President of the Southwest District of Pi Kappa Delta. In the Kansas State Old Line Oratorical Contest, in which Fairmount last year won National honors, D. B. Culworth this year won second place. The debate teams, Ted Haugh and G. V. Kelley, affirmative, and Frank Lamb and Arthur (241)
Tenney, negative, will debate McPherson, winner of the Northern Division, for state honors, in a short time. Fairmount’s women representatives will participate in a no-decision debate with Southwestern College, and in the Kansas State Women’s Oratorical Contest, in which Fairmount has won first place the last two years. The Epsilon Chapter will have fourteen or more members at the close of the present year.

Yours for Pi Kappa Delta,

G. VERNON KELLEY.

KANSAS ZETA—KANSAS STATE TEACHERS’ COLLEGE

Kansas Zeta Chapter, Pi Kappa Delta, at the Kansas State Teachers’ College, Emporia, Kansas, closed the debate activities for the year against K. S. A. C. on March 22. We have enjoyed a splendid year. The season started off with class debates as try-outs for the teams. The "pep" for debate was the best it has been for years and much new material was discovered, which means that we will be right here next year to make all opponents hustle. All men who made the teams for the first time this year will be back in school next year. R. C. Maul, the president of Zeta chapter this year, carried the biggest load, working in three debates on three different questions. His winnings here qualify him for Special Distinction. Maul is the first man to gain this honor since the chapter was installed. The biggest single achievement of the year was perhaps in the Tournament at Winfield. There we took first in the Women’s Oratorical, won the extemporaneous debate, and went to the second round in the tournament debates. We consider the tournament a great success and are looking forward to its repetition.

KANSAS ETA—KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

The Kansas Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is in the third year of its existence, the last charter member graduating this year. Our organization this spring will be the strongest since its inception and next year we expect a marked increase over this year due to the organization in this school of a Women’s Debate League. This week we are publishing a forensic edition of “The Advance,” our official college publication. This has not been done heretofore and we expect an added impetus to result from this effort. We have not been so successful in our forensic activities as usual, but we expect to retrieve our fortunes next year. We were represented in the Pi Kappa Delta regional convention held at Southwestern College in March, by our “Old Line” orator, Mr. Burres. We also entertained the Kansas Intercollegiate Oratorical Association here on the 23rd of March, our.orator having ranked third in thought and composition out of a total of twelve colleges represented. We are looking forward to a happy and prosperous year.

Fraternally,

PAUL BURRES,
Cor. Secy.

KANSAS THETA—STATE TEACHERS’ COLLEGE OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Kansas Theta chapter opened the season with a triangular girls’ debate with Ottawa University and Park College, winning both unanimously. Next the affirmative team debating the P. K. D. question defeated Kansas City University unanimously. Next the negative team entering the Provincial tournament was defeated two to one by Fairmount. They then defeated unanimously Kansas City University. A judgeless debate was held with Kansas Wesleyan. On April 4th a debate will be held with Missouri Wesleyan at Pittsburg. Mr. Ray Boyer won the State Teachers’ College Oratorical contest and will represent Kansas in the interstate contest held at Cedar Falls, Iowa, on May 4th. Our season, therefore, has been very successful. Keys will be presented to all debaters by the College.

J. R. PELSMMA,
President.

KANSAS IOTA—COLLEGE OF EMPORIA

Since the institution of Iota Chapter of the Pi Kappa Delta at the College of Emporia in May of last year the chapter has accomplished very little outside of the regular forensic activities of the year. About the most important work of the society so far has been the interest which it has aroused in the various forensic activities. The first chapter event of the school year (1922-23) was a banquet given the Zeta Chapter of the Kansas State Teachers’ College of Emporia in appreciation for the work they did in instituting the Iota chapter here. This banquet brought about a closer relationship between the two colleges and various phases of the forensic work were discussed. In November the Pi Kappa Delta had charge of the annual Freshman-Sophomore debate. Three men from each class were selected. The decision went to the upper class. The women of the (242)
organization met and defeated both Washburn and Southwestern in a triangular
debate. They also won the dual debate from the Kansas State Teachers' Col-
lege of Emporia. The men lost their dual debate with the men from K. S. T. C.
The pentangular debates with Park College, William Jewell, Ottawa, Baker and
C. of E. are dated in April. A local oratorical contest was held in January and
the winner selected to represent the Iota Chapter in the state contest. A man-
uscript was sent in to the judges of thought and composition. While the Iota
Chapter is yet young, it is going strong and will no doubt have a permanent
place in the College life from now on. Most likely this chapter will stand high
in the intercollegiate contests for this year. If our chapter can be of any
service to the "Forensic" at any time, we are willing to co-operate to the best
of our ability.

Sincerely,

RALPH HANNON,
Secretary.

KANSAS KAPPA—BAKER UNIVERSITY

Baker is up to her usual form in debate, winning six out of seven, five of
which were unanimous.
Feb. 26 Harold Case and V. A. Nickel debated Upper Iowa University at Fayette.
Feb. 28 Simpson College at Indianapolis, Iowa. Each time giving the resident
team its choice of sides.
March 14, 15 and 16 The Pi Kappa Delta tournament in oratory, impromptu
debate and debate on the Pi Kappa Delta question at Winfield, Kansas, winning
unanimously the Pi Kappa Delta question and receiving honorable mention in
oratory. This is the third and last year of our pentangular debate. The first
two gave us two out of three decisions with both Ottawa University and William
Jewell. We have yet to debate:
April 10 Park College at Baker.
April 13 College of Emporia at Emporia. Leland Mann our orator with his
oration, "The Challenge of the Orient," won honorable mention at Salina,
Kansas, March 23, in the Kansas Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest.
Baker sends fraternal greetings to all.

JANET GIBBON.
Cor. Secy.

KANSAS LAMBDA—STERLING COLLEGE

To all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, greetings from Kansas' newest chapter.
Although we have just been granted a charter, there have already appeared
many evidences of the benefits to be derived from the fraternity. Kansas
Lambda Chapter began with eight charter members. Five more are now eligible
for membership. Three debates were held on the cabinet parliamentary system
of government with the following colleges: McPherson, Kansas Wesleyan, and
Bethany. In the old Line State Oratorical Association, a member of Kansas
Lambda won fourth place out of twelve colleges entered. The chapter at Ster-
ling is certainly serving to put the College on the map in forensic. Every
member is a live wire anxious to get the most from the organizations and most
of all anxious to maintain the standards and ideals of the fraternity. Why would
it not be well to include in the chapter letter more plans and methods which
each chapter uses on its campus instead of or in addition to the present prac-
tice of enumerating activities. Since we are a new chapter we can see wherein
such a letter would be both interesting and helpful.
Fraternally,

JOHN O. SNOOK.

KENTUCKY BETA—CENTRE COLLEGE

This has been a very successful year for Pi Kappa Delta at Centre College.
Although the organization here has had the difficulties of its first year to meet,
it has brought credit to itself. The leadership in forensic activities has been
almost wholly in the hands of Pi Kappa Delta men. Brothers A. C. and E. C.
Newlin were two of the three winners in the annual Ernst Debate. In the twen-
ty-second of February oratorical contest between the societies, the Deidologian
Literary Society was represented by Brother A. C. Newlin and the Chamberlain
Literary Society by Brother Paul Watson. Brother Watson was fortunate enough
to be the winner and represented Centre College in the state oratorical contest at
Winchester. In the inter-collegiate debates we were equally well represented.
Brother A. C. Newlin was a member of the debating team which won from
Berea College. The team which debated against Georgetown College was made
up entirely of Pi Kappa Delta men. Through the efforts of the Kentucky Beta
chapter, a greater number of new men have tried out for and made the debat-
ing teams at Centre than ever before. This will make it possible for us to take
in a number of good men at the initiation which is to be held in the
near future. Only one man will be lost through graduation; and with the new blood and the success of the organization this year behind us, we are looking forward to higher attainments. We were honored recently by the election of Brother A. C. Newlin to the presidency of the Delmologian Society.

Fraternally,

E. C. NEWLIN, Jr.,
President.

MAINE ALPHA—COLBY COLLEGE

Last year our chapter enjoyed the most prosperous year in its history. Three dual debates were held with New England colleges and a western trip was taken on which our team won six out of its ten debates. A majority of our men were lost by graduation. Last fall the few who remained took up the reins, determined to make this year a banner year for the chapter. But a disastrous fire in which four students lost their lives put a stop to all college activities for a time. After mid-year exams were over work was started on the question: Resolved, that the French occupation of the Ruhr Valley is justifiable. A number of new men with a small nucleus of veterans are delving into the depths of European problems. Dual debates are arranged with the University of Maine, New Hampshire State College, and Clark College for the coming month. And so, although 1923 will not be so big a year as we should like to have made it in the way of an extensive program, still the Pi Kappa Delta ideal of the real benefit to be derived from forensic work leads us to true effort, in the knowledge that the work done this year will lay a foundation for greater success next year.

J. LESLIE DUNSTAN,
Correspondent.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

The past year has been one of intense activity and of unusual success for the forensic activities and the Michigan Alpha Chapter in Kalamazoo College. We have not as we have in years past been successful in bringing in new chapters to Pi Kappa Delta, but we have encouraged several schools and they will probably be admitted during the coming year. We had as coaches this year, Miss Mildred Tanis for Oratory, and Dr. Elmer C. Griffith for Debate. Miss Tanis is a graduate of Kalamazoo College and won first honors in the State Contest of the Michigan Oratorical League in 1919. Dr. Griffith has a fine record as a debate coach before coming to Kalamazoo and continued the good work this year. Kalamazoo College again had three complete debate squads in the field. The All-Fresh teams split even in a triangular debate with the freshmen of Albion and Hillsdale Colleges. The Woman’s Varsity teams made a good showing in their debates. The Men’s Varsity teams won the State Debating Championship under the Michigan Debating League by a very comfortable margin. They have lost only two judges’ decisions and did not lose a debate in the Championship series. This newly formed Michigan Debating League is largely the result of Kalamazoo’s endeavor. Kalamazoo last year urged the formation of such a league. This year we wrote to all colleges in the Michigan Oratorical League and suggested that this matter be considered at the fall meeting of Oratorical managers. At this meeting a temporary agreement was drawn up calling for debates to decide the State Championship. The Kalamazoo representative was made Chairman of the Constitution Committee. A Constitution of the sub-committee at the time of the Oratorical contest and was ratified by all eight colleges of the Michigan Oratorical League. This new Michigan Debating League is affiliated with the Michigan Oratorical League, and meetings will be held together. As a result of our activity, the Kalamazoo manager will be the first President of the Michigan Debating League. We have fourteen new members and several who earned advanced standing. None of our debaters graduated this year so we look forward to another successful year next year. The Michigan Alpha Chapter may be depended upon to continue to boost Pi Kappa Delta and all forensic activity.

VERN W. BUNNELL,
Secretary.

MICHIGAN BETA—OLIVET COLLEGE

Michigan Beta? Still here and going stronger all the time. For one thing, at the beginning of this year the college authorities turned over to us the control of all forensic work on the campus. Last year oratory was handled by a local branch of the Michigan Oratorical League and debating was managed by our coach. But now we are doing all this—only modesty keeps us from saying how. In oratory Pi Kappa Delta had a chapel session turned over to it one day last fall at which time the proposition was shown to the student body. If Olivet was to do anything forensically, candidates were necessary. We had a goodly number out for the preliminary oratorical contest, selected our two representa-
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 interlude 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 three 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 Tonn-stern educational bill. In oratory we were not so successful as we had hoped to be. We shall enter the Peace Oratorial 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. Lindsey 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 an 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 usual plan 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 Diekhudt, 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 been 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 livest 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, Olson 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. BARTHOOLD,
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 chapter (246)
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 (247)
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 last 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-decisions. 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 team suffered but one defeat during the entire season. Nine victories out of a total of ten debates, making a percentage of 90%, 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 a 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.

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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 four places in the State Oratorical Contest. The benefits obtained, however, cannot be estimated. After most of the debates, the Pi Kappa Delta chapter gives a formal 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,
President.

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 Muskingum and Baldwin-Wallace colleges. The negative team, which traveled to Muskingum, was defeated, receiving a decision of one to nothing. The negative team, which debated Baldwin-Wallace at Hiram, received a decision of two to one. We are now attempting to schedule a debate with 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.
THE FORENSIC

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 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 (250)
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 WE WesleyAN UNIvERNITY

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 Pentagonal debate. Our affirmative lost to Huron on March 26. The negative team met 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, equaled 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 a cabinet form of government." J. D. Coon, National Counsel, gave the decision to our negative team. Our men's teams debated in the State Pentagonal 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 Aberdeen on April 26. We shall have teams there to debate either side of the coal question or the Cancellation question. We also plan to enter the 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 Ferrin 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 Inter-collegiate 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 and 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 extemepore 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. F. 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 will be held here April 25, 26, 27, with delegates in attendance from three states. A series of debates, an extemepore contest and an over all call 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.

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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 year 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 boards. 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 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, Indiana, vs. C. P. S. on the Parliamentary Cabinet System, will be held on our floor March 26th. 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 HOVIUS.

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.
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 personalites 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 “Conservatism,” “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-
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 not 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 with 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.