

Debating

Interest in debating and literary society work has increased rapidly during the present year, after two school years more or less broken by influenza epidemics. Practically every student took an active interest in the work of the literary societies, and four organizations held regular meetings every two weeks. Each society presented one special program before the assembly at some time during the year. The three men's societies—Pioneer, Lincoln, and Agrarian—entered strong teams in the inter-class debate for the Selvig trophy at the close of the year. A new society, known as the Sanford Club, composed of freshman girls, made its appearance early in the year.

Pioneer Society



Tow Row—Ingvaldson, Dahl, Skime, Rud, Anderson, Amundson, Hallstrom, Olson.
 Middle Row—Meyers, Tarvas, Moses, Wold, Nelson, Braaten, Nowak, Kasberg.
 Bottom Row—Norquist, Drotts, Monson, Ferguson, Green, Jorgenson, Bredlie, Melick.

The Pioneer Society is the oldest of the literary organizations, and has been in existence almost since the organization of the school itself. First known as the Boys' Debating Club, it served as the only means of training students in public speaking in the early history of the Northwest School. The name "Pioneer" was adopted about 1914 to distinguish it from the Lincoln Society organized at that time. In spite of strong competition from the younger societies, the Pioneer has been able to retain their early won prestige, by winning the inter-society debate every year except in 1918.