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Literary Societies

We are living in an age of public expression of thought. Constant demands are made of the educated person to state his views in a public gathering. In order to do this it is necessary that one be trained to think logically, express clearly, and speak persuasively on the subject under discussion. This demand is met by our debating societies, where the questions of the day are brought to the attention of all through organized argument. Moreover, this work is not only instructive but also serves as an interesting form of entertainment.

Practically every student is a member of one of the five societies. Each society meets every two weeks, and programs consisting of debates, speeches, readings and orations are given. The work is carried on under the supervision of faculty advisors who give helpful criticism on the programs. Each society is given one chapel period during the year at which time they present one of their programs to the student body.

During the spring term teams representing each of the men's societies compete with each other in preliminary debates. The winners of this contest compete for a trophy cup which becomes the permanent possession of any society winning the debate for three consecutive years.

This year another chance for competition has been provided to supplement the debate work. It has been agreed that each of the men's societies shall select one person to represent their group in a declamatory contest. This contest is to be made a feature of the commencement week program, and gives promise of being very interesting.

The girl's societies are composed of those interested in the problems relating to all phases of home life. While the girls do not specialize in debate work, yet their bi-weekly programs are of a strong literary character. The purpose of their societies is to investigate and discuss all subjects relating to home economics; topics of interest to home makers and to further acquaintanceship among the members. It is the aim of each member to promote a spirit of fellowship, loyalty, and progressiveness among all the students of the school.

This year the inter-society debate was won by the Lincoln Debating Society.
