

Messrs. A. T. Maher, B. J. Lee and F. J. Higgins championed the affirmative, while Messrs. J. J. McNally, J. A. Caley and J. A. New devoted their energies to defending the action of California's Government. Each debater showed great familiarity with the subject, and it was easily seen that every speaker had devoted much time to the preparation of his debate. Special interest was given this debate in view of the fact that Messrs. Caley and Lee were on opposite sides,—a case of "when Greek meets Greek." The judges gave their decision in favor of the negative. Mr. T. J. Kelly acted as chairman.

The best—we think—of all the "evenings" given in the "Rec" Hall was that which took place the night of December 12th. A well varied programme was prepared, and not a dull moment marred the evening's enjoyment. Mr. Moher started things going with a piano selection,—good, lively music. Mr. Mangan gave a recitation, and it was so well received that an encore was demanded. Messrs. Jeanotte, Charron, Dubois and Dupont sang in French—an encore was furnished here also. Mr. Heffernan was cheered to the echo when he recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in a way all his own. Next number was a Parade of "The Light Brigade" (Messrs. Ward, H. O'Brien, Maher, Higgins, Rock and a number of other "dark" horses). Barrett and Tetreault boxed a three round draw, with Tetreault going strong at the finish. C. T. Fink is well known as a good singer, and his selection, "Sighing," was well received. He was accompanied by Mr. Rock (piano), Mr. Charron (violin), and Mr. Dupont (cello). Mr. Fitzpatrick's rendering of Cardinal Wolsey's farewell speech was excellent. Our old and genial friend, Ed. O'Leary, was on hand and contributed to the enjoyment of the evening with a comic song. Dennis Breen has a good voice and gave us a real good vocal selection. Ward and Co. appeared next and sang a coon ditty, and also did a little Georgia Corn Roast dance. Higgins seemed to have his back up about something, Maher's make-up was easily seen through, while all wore dark and sinister smiles. Messrs. Rock, Charron and Dupont gave a very pleasing musical selection. Father Finnegan sang a couple of good old Irish songs. Con. Mulvihill and Steve Ryan gave a good exhibition of scientific boxing, as also did Sloan and M. Murphy. A "hoe-down" was next in order, with Holly, O'Grady, Fitzpatrick, Maher, Madden, Crough, McCullough, Gannon doing the dancing. Miss Tim Holly was the belle of the ball with her red rosy cheeks (15c a box at the corner drug store), a hat trimmed with all colors (Joseph's coat