

also donated to the society a valuable book entitled "Oratory" and at all its meetings a chapter of it is read.

Taking everything into consideration the Debating Society of this year has been a success. But, it could have been better. Truly the Executive did everything in its power to bring it to a successful issue but as has been said before the proper spirit is lacking among the members of the Society. It is hard to explain the existence of such a lack of ambition among some of the students of this year in this regard, nevertheless it is there. Perhaps they are not aware of the fact that the art of public speaking is the most important study for an educated man of to-day, for, after all, what is the use in being filled with knowledge if the possessor is not able to impart it. This indifference has never been so evident before, and until it is torn out by the roots the society cannot prosper. Many will not join the society lest they should have to take a debate, and some go even so far as to hold the whole organization up to scorn and ridicule. The debating society is the most important, perhaps, of all college societies, but it is ignored by many who think it not up to the standard. Truly, it is not properly organized nor is its membership large enough to enforce proper organization, but we are not members of parliament, nor should our listeners expect to hear parliamentary debates, but what our critics should do is first join the society, then learn how difficult it is to "think on your feet," and their criticise if criticism be necessary. We hope that with the beginning of next year, we will find this old feeling of indifference and antagonism totally eradicated and then we can expect great things of the society.

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