



ATTENDANCE RULE LOSES

Song Writers Take Second Place at Sodales

STAR CAST OPEN POST-XTMAS DEBATE RESULTING IN TRIUMPH FOR LAW MAKERS

A LARGE crowd turned out on Monday evening to the first regular meeting of Sodales for the Spring term to hear a discussion of the resolution: That the popular song-writer may be a greater influence for good than the law-maker. Miss Avis Marshall and Mr. Herbert Davidson opened the debate for

the song-makers; Miss Helen Wickwire and Mr. Gerald Godsoe did likewise for the law-makers. Speaking from the floor, Mr. Ewan Clark, Mr. Ernest House, and Mr. P. L. H. Muschamp, contributed materially to the discussion. Mr. Ben Guss thought the debate much ado about nothing. A vote of the audience proved the law-makers more popular than the popular-song writers.

Miss Marshall suggested as an alternative wording of the resolution: That the results of internal suggestion are greater than those of external compulsion. Lyrics influence us unconsciously; nor do they, as law sometimes does, arouse opposition. She cited the influence of lullabies on babies and national songs on men. Speaking in her engaging way, she continued to pile up instance after instance of the good influence of song.

Miss Wickwire's debut at Sodales was a very happy one. In her the law has found a worthy champion. Like a lawyer she scorned sentiment and proceeded by pure reason alone. Law is the mother of peace and joy; before its inception the life of man was nasty, brutal and short. What the state needs is not weak sentiment but an infection of humanitarianism—just what the law gives.

Mr. Davidson, with characteristic unbanity, complimented the fair contestants who had preceded him. Among his chaff were some precious grains of truth. Law appeals almost entirely to the instinct of fear while popular songs appeal to many instincts; they may therefore wield a tremendous influence. All actions have their spring in the instincts and emotions. He concluded by showing how the spirit of sympathy expressed in such a song as, *I Want To Do What You Do*, was the very thing at which all law-makers were aiming.

Gerald Godsoe made one of the most happy speeches of the evening. Some popular songs, he said, have a harmful rather than a beneficial influence; most popular songs make an appeal to our baser feelings. Moral songs are not popular and the appeal of many songs lies in the overthrow of the restraint of law. He closed in humorous vein.

It would do the debate an injustice not to mention Mr. Ewan Clark's discussion of national songs. His graphic account of how *Finlandia* aroused a nation must have rivalled that, earlier in the day, of Prof. Walker, from whom he learned the story.

Among other treats of the evening was the minutes of the previous debate, which were both well written and well read.

The next debate will take place on Wednesday.

ENGINEERS STAGE PARTY

THE Engineers have put it over again. On January 20th the Engineering Society staged a party which many of those present, said was one of the best class parties they had ever attended at Dalhousie. Seven-fifteen saw no less than forty couples converging on the Casino theatre from all parts of the city, and from that time on they were in the hands of the capable chairman of the social committee, Walter Dechman. After the theatre the party made its way to the Waeg.

With John Budd at the piano, Jakeman at the Sax, and Jollimore at the traps, not to speak of Mrs. Miller in the dining room the evening passed far too soon. Prof. MacNeil ably seconded by Prof. Theakston kept the stags entertained in the smoking room, while Mrs. Macneil and Mrs. Theakston kept them busy on the dance floor.

At one a. m. the last cab left the Waeg, and at 1.45 the last couple broke up at the Hall.

Irwin Gets D

In appreciation of Mr. Byron Irwin, who resigned as Sport Editor on account of the pressure of work, we are breaking rules to the extent of awarding a Gazette D during the session. Mr. George Macintosh, already a member of the staff, is the new Sport Editor.

Engineers' Show Monday Night

ON Monday night we shall see what the Engineers can do when they cease for a moment from the contemplation of more serious problems in the generous effort to entertain their fellow students. That special compartment of the engineer's brain which is given over to dreams of great projects, that part in which abides the creative ingenuity which sends iron ships on the water and others into the air, is busily exercising on the problem of a stage production. Nor will his time be wasted, for the engineer, who first among men is practical, must, to reach greater success in his profession, have an active imagination.

That there is an esprit de corps among the boys of this faculty cannot be denied, nor can it be definitely defined, although it is surely there and evidences itself on many occasions and in various ways. They are a small faculty and very busy, but they take time to contribute their full share to the life of the university. When there is cheering is the Engineer's yell ever left out? When songs are sung, do they sing their songs lustily? They were not quite certain as to whether amateur theatricals were in their line, but after all "who pulled Jonah out of the whale?"

Of the fifty odd men in Engineering, thirty-five are in their show, while the rest will be actively helping in any way they can. Harry Bell is stage manager and general liaison officer, while Bob Doull rehearses the All Engineering Jazz Orchestra. A play coached by Professor Theakston has for its cast, Bill Cooke, John Morton, Skip Currie, Doug. Scott, Ives Stewart and John Power. At the conclusion of the first act the audience will have an opportunity to sing-song from the Dalhousie Glee Books, which will be on sale at a booth near the entrance to the Gym.

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An Opportunity

To buy Dalhousie Song Books, with music, price 50c.

To buy Dal banners, price 75c. Everybody should have a Song Book and Banner, so bring your money to

GLEE CLUB, Monday night Jan. 31st.

(Don't procrastinate! You will not be able to get a book if you do not get it Monday night—there is a limited supply in the city, the whole of which is yours Monday Night ONLY.)

What's Doing

- 27 Engineers vs Commerce (H)
- 28 St. Joseph's vs Dal (Inter. B)
- Mount A. vs Dal (Sr. H)
- 29 Dents vs Med (H)
- Med vs Law (B)
- Dent vs Commerce (B)
- Engineers vs Pine Hill (B)
- Arts A vs Arts B (B)
- Tech. vs Dal (Sr. B)
- 31 Glee Club (Engineers)
- Feb. 1 Law vs Commerce (H)
- Class '29-'30 Party
- 2 Dal vs R. C. R. (Inter. B)
- Sodales.
- 3 Med vs Arts (H)
- 5 Dent vs Engineers (H)
- Commerce vs Med (B)
- Arts B vs Law (B)
- Pine Hill vs Dent (B)
- Arts A vs Engineers (B)
- Y. M. C. A. vs Dal (Sr. B)

Judges' Decision 8-6 in Favor Of Negative

RESULT OF CORRESPONDENCE DEBATE GIVES SEVERE CENSURE TO COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT LECTURES

COMPULSORY lecture attendance is not in the best interests of the students is the result of the debate which has just concluded between Alberta and Dalhousie. The tribunal of fourteen judges, who were the editors of the more important Canadian college papers, voted eight to six in favour of Dalhousie. All are unanimous in declaring the success of the debate and in congratulating the debaters. The editors from the following universities voted for Alberta: Manitoba, Montreal, U. N. B., St. F. X., Acadia, and King's. The editors from the following universities voted for Dalhousie: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Western Ontario, Queens, McMaster, Toronto, McGill and Mount Allison.

The editor of Western U Gazette says: "The debate was extremely interesting to myself, and I congratulate the two papers concerned for having sponsored it." The McMaster Monthly wishes to congratulate the debaters. The editor of the Sheaf, University of Saskatchewan, considers the debate very close. The editor of the McGill Daily says: "The debate has been extremely interesting to follow, even for one who is merely a disinterested spectator. I imagine then that it must have created considerable interest in the two universities concerned. It is certainly a splendid way of overcoming geographical difficulties."

The editor of the Brunswickan says: "I should like to congratulate Mr. Sweeney on his originality in this form of debating,—a style that was both engaging and clever. It appeared to me that there was more of argument in his articles than his opponents admitted; at the same time, however, his allegorical abstruseness tended to weaken rather than strengthen some of his points. Mr. Murphy also deserves to be complimented on his clearness and form and a journalistic skill that is characteristic of controversial editorials."

"The young ladies of the debate also made very creditable contributions, their styles were perhaps more methodical, and their language showed the influence of the social sciences."

"Both Universities should be very well pleased with this experiment which has undoubtedly been followed closely by all the students whom the exchanges reached. It is quite probable that your initiative in this field will result in similar enterprises between other Universities."

The editor of the Xaverian Weekly says: "I found the judging of this novel journalistic encounter an interesting as

well as instructive occupation and I highly appreciate the official capacity I held throughout this Battle of the Written Word. I would also like to congratulate the four individuals who took part in this debate. All very ably introduced a novel activity into intercollegiate com-

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Strong Support



Freda Winfield, member of the team which won from Alberta in debate.

To Debate Hazing of Freshmen

FRESHMEN VERSUS SOPHOMORES ON ABOLITION OF HAZING AT SODALES NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

"RESOLVED that initiation of freshmen should be abolished," will be the subject of the next Sodales debate which will be held in the Munro room on Wednesday, February 2nd. The affirmative side of the question will be upheld by Miss Frances Elkin and Mr. Stewart Allan; the negative by Miss Elizabeth Colpitts and Mr. Reg Baxter.

Mr. Stewart Allan is president of the freshman class. He is a clear thinker and has a good presence. He gives promise of becoming one of Dalhousie's coming men.

Miss Frances Elkin is a freshette who is rapidly coming to the fore. She is freshman representative on the Students' Council of Shirreff Hall and is very popular with her classmates.

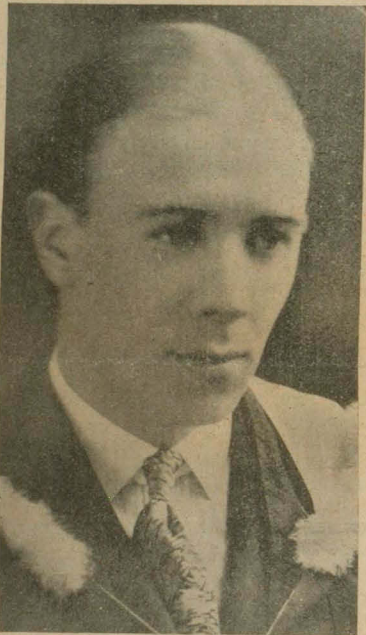
Miss Elizabeth Colpitts is a sophomore with a brilliant scholastic record. She received a scholarship upon entering college and another at the end of last year. She is bright and sparkling in expression.

Mr. Reg Baxter is president of the Sophomore Class and Secretary treasurer of the Glee Club. He is a forceful speaker and the possessor of a dominant personality.

A Scotchman was being measured for a suit. His tailor inquired about the positions of the pockets and received this answer—"Mak' them deeficult to get at."

PICTOU

Winning Leader



Arthur Murphy, one of the principals in the first correspondence debate.

Open Debates Bring Forth Good Fruit

PRELIMINARY TRIALS BRING OUT MANY SPEAKERS WHO DEBATED THIS YEAR AT SODALES FOR THE FIRST TIME

THE preliminary trials for the men's intercollegiate debating team, which took place last Tuesday and Wednesday, brought forth some splendid speaking. They were in a sense a culmination of the pre-Xmas open debates; a most pleasing aspect was that a high percentage of speakers were Sodales products. Thirteen candidates took part in the trials, which were before a student committee. The Intercollegiate Committee will make the final choice. On Wednesday evening, in the absence of the president, Mr. Walter Darby presided in his genial fashion.

Criticism, whose importance it is difficult to overestimate, and experience, will remedy the most evident faults. On the whole the debating was good; to have taken part is an honour.

The first speaker was Mr. Roy Lawrence. He is a confident speaker who will be, when he has learned to speak a little more carefully, an effective man on the public platform.

Mr. E. House has a good delivery. A little variation will make him a convincing speaker.

Mr. Woodside is a deliberate speaker with natural gestures. His argument seemed to lack organization.

Mr. Winfrid Henley brought down the house time after time with his humorous sallies. His poise is not prepossessing.

Mr. Gren Zwicker is a promising

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