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RODDEY DEBATE WON BY I. F. BELSER, '10

Euphradian Society's Representative Awarded Medal.

THE QUERY WAS ABLY ARGUED


The Roddey Medal Debate, which was held in the University chapel last Friday evening by the two societies, was won by I. F. Belser, '10, who spoke on the affirmative side of the question and represented the Euphradian Society.

This was the ninth annual contest of the Roddey Medal Debates, participated in by the Euphradians and Clari-

The right of selection of the query is reserved by the giver of the medal, who always selects a debate well suited for college students and involving some vital question of the day. The medal is not awarded to any one side, but to the best individual orator.

It was the first contest of the year, and will be followed by many more important ones. The debate last Friday was ably discussed by the young debaters and they showed up well for their first appearance before the public in the chapel. Many im-

portant points were brought forth by the affirmative and negative sides, and both sides did their utmost to prove the way they handled the subject.

The decision of the judges was rendered by Governor M. F. Ansel, in favor of I. F. Belser, with a few appropriate remarks in which he awarded a handsome gold medal. This was Belser's first appearance before the public in a contest held in the chapel and it was quite an honor for him to carry off the medal over the other debaters.

The following was the programme:

Welcome by the presiding officer; debate, query, "Resolved, That Congress should require corporations engaged in interstate business to secure Federal licenses;" debaters, affirmative, J. O. Allen, I. F. Belser; negative, J. H. Sullivan, B. D. Carter; presiding officer, L. W. Belcher; chief marshal, James H. Hammond; assistant marshals, D. C. Heyward (Euphradian), C. E. Sligh (Euphradian); E. B. Gary (Clariophic), C. G. Wyche (Clariophic); judges, Gov. M. F. Ansel, chairman; Rev. R. R. Turnipseed, Attorney-General J. F. Lyon, W. H. Lyles, W. H. Townsend.

Every student and alumni should get the Weekly Gamecock, for it is now edited by a "Rich" man.

ATHLETICS QUIET NOW AT UNIVERSITY

All Forms Will Be Participated In After Examinations.

MUCH INTEREST IN MANY GAMES

Light Work at Gymnasium, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, Basketball and Track.

Athletics are on the quiet at the University at present, but this is due only to the approach of examinations.

After the mid-term test the boys will start in full force to participate in all forms of exercise. The year 1909, from all prospects, is going to be the most active year for the footballer at Carolina. There will not be any game which will be lacking in participants. In fact, if anything, there will be many men trying out, which is absolutely necessary for a college to select a good team.

Light work is carried on at the gymnasium each afternoon by the boys in order to keep themselves in good condition. The tennis lovers are also playing out on the green in the after-

noon. The second is the only outdoor game that is being played at present.

As soon as the examinations are over, the baseball enthusiasts will begin work. Captain I. F. Belser and Manager R. M. Cooper want to see all those who know anything at all about playing baseball come out. The men will be given a try-out, and only the best players are going to make good. The diamond will be put in good shape and all necessary material for the team will be gotten. There is a crowd of baseball players at the college this year, and the ability of the new men is not known.

Basketball will start up, also. Soon there are a good many students interested in this game also at the University, and Coach Brown is going to be a

player some hard practice. All those desiring to learn this game, Brown will be glad to talk with them.

Tennis and golf will also attract a good crowd. The interest in the for-

mer has been kept up during the whole year, but after examinations those who own rackets will use them more frequent. Golf is not dead at the Uni-

versity, and after exams. Mac is going to teach the boys free of charge, as soon as their work has settled down. The little links will be in shape for the game. A team will be selected from the students to go up against other teams from the city.

Gymnasium exercise will also be carried on extensively with the other athletic games. Track work will also soon start up. The institution this year seems to be wrought up over all forms of athletics.

Fresh Harper says he is going to put his girl's picture on expedition.

UNIVERSITY WON IN TITLE SUIT

Supreme Court Decided Important Case.

DECISION IS MOST BENEFICIAL

Land Forming Part of Gibbes' Green Is University Property. New Building to Be Erected on the Corner.

The students, trustees and faculty of the University of South Carolina were highly rejoiced when they learned that the University had won the title suit for the part of Gibbes' green near the corner of Bull and Pend-

leton streets, to which the Columbia Male Academy laid claim.

This was a case full of interest to all those connected with the Univer-

sity, and has been watched from start to finish. The decision of the Supreme Court was rendered last Thursday, the 7th, which importantly enjoys the Columbia Academy of Columbia to lay any claims to Gibbes' green. This de-

cision of the Court put a quietus to a case of many months' standing, and means much for the South Carolina University, and its representation in the future.

Although the Columbia Academy laid claim to the land, it was the opinion of those interested in Carolina that the courts would decide in favor of the University.

The losing of this piece of valuable property would have seriously hurt the University, for it would have broken up plans that are now being laid out by the institution for its growth in the future. There is a demand for new buildings, and every piece of land that the college owns will be needed.

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1909 Greetings.

To the faculty—Rest from your labor.

To A. C. Moore—Peace and plenty.

To Dr. Wachopoe—The emphatic tendencies of transcendentism.

To Professor Snowden—Charleston.

To the man in West Rutledge and the one in Pinckney who reads every article in every issue of the Gamecock—Congratulations.

R. E. G.—Rest from your strenu-

ous toils.

To our Readers—A little more patience and self-control.

To Fresh Littlejohn—Another pipe.

To the co-eds.—Short engagements.

To the Freshman Class—Many nights of weariness be multiplied unto you.

To the Sophomore Class—May your moments be happy ones; may your hours be bright, and may your years be crowned with success.

To the Junior Class—"Stand the storm; it won't be long; you will an-

chor by and by."

To the Senior Class—May your last days be peaceful.

POE CENTENNIAL AT UNIVERSITY

Carolina Will Honor Great American Genius on the Nineteenth.

PROGRAM FOR THE OCCASION

Dr. Wachopoe Announces Able Speakers and Delightful Music—Poe Once a Resident of This State.

The centennial of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, which occasion will be January 19th, will be fittingly cele-

brated at the University of South Caro-

lina. The centennial of the greatest gen-
images in American letters, who has made so important a contribution to world-literature, will be duly observed at other institutions of our country. This is the first time that such an event has been attempted at the University, and Dr. G. A. Wachopoe is going to make it a big success.

Poe was at one time a resident of South Carolina and the scene of one of his masterpieces—the Gold Bug—is laid in this State. As a Southern poet, the University and the city of Columbia will honor themselves by joining with other Southern cities in paying tribute to the genius of Poe.

The program for the occasion is being made out by Dr. Wachopoe, chairman of the committee of arrange-

ments, who has succeeded in obtaining some of the best talent of the city to take part in the event. The details of the celebration are practically complete and the chairman of the committee of arrangements has announced the program, which will include: A musical rendition by the talented Miss Alexander of the College for Women, of several of Poe's poems; and a number of short addresses by distinguished scholars. Professor D. D. Peele, of Columbia College, has consented to speak on "Poe; the Man." Professor Henry G. Davis, of the University, will discuss Poe's poetry. Professor Leonard T. Baker, of the University, will talk on "Poe and the Short Story," and Dr. Wachopoe, or some other scholar, will deliver a short talk on Poe. R. E.

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The Joint Assembly elected Messrs. J. C. Shippeard and R. E. Gonzales to go to Newberry and aid Mr. H. B. Thomas in getting the rules of the State Contest changed.

The friends of Mr. D. B. Purrinoy are glad to learn that he has been ad-

mitted to the bar. Mr. Purrinoy will practice at Walterboro, where every-

one predicts a bright future for him in his chosen profession. It will be remembered that "Penny" was the originator of the saying, "You are a great character," and other more ex-

traordinary ones. He was an orator of much fame.