Department of Christian Work.

Organized Christian work in college, while still in its infancy, yet has become a most powerful factor in student life. No other power is so direct and vital in its bearing upon the moral and spiritual life of the college. The most important things of life are not always the most evident, and yet each year the Christian Association is being recognized more and more by Faculty and students alike as of pre-eminent importance. In fact, it is now the greatest student movement of the world—greatest in numbers, and greatest in purpose, which is three-fold: First, to help unite the Christian men of the college world; second, to establish and promote the religion of Christ in the lives of college men; third, to equip and send forth leaders to extend the kingdom of God throughout the earth. It is the one distinctly religious organization of the college, and as such has strong claims upon every man desirous of advancing the kingdom of Christ among college men.

Christian work at Bucknell has always held a prominent place, and been recognized as a part of all true education. This work is carried on by five distinct organizations, three Christian Associations, one in each department of the school, and two Student Volunteer Bands, which are a part of the Association. The Associations hold weekly devotional meetings, carry on six Bible classes for devotional study, all conducted by student leaders, and in every way seek to awaken and maintain an interest in religious matters throughout the college life of the student. The Volunteer Bands hold bi-weekly meetings, and make a systematic study of missions so that every student may have an intelligent idea of the world-field. That these efforts are not in vain is attested by the advance in the moral tone of the student body, and by the individuals whose lives have been permanently benefited.

Much of the present efficacy of the Association work is due to the self-denying efforts and careful planning of those who have passed beyond our college walls, and to the sympathetic attitude of the Faculty and officers of the school. There is still room for improvement, and it remains with the students to say what its future shall be.
Y. M. C. A.

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Subject, "Life of St. Paul."

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Subject, "How to bring Men to Christ."

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LITERARY SOCIETIES.
HE aim of a college is to develop in man the power expressed by
the root of the word man—i. e., to think. That the thinking
may be straight, it seeks by Christian influences to ground
the life in righteousness. Because fog around the brain fre-
quently rises from a stagnant body, it encourages athletics. That the
thinking in relation to the world may be clear; in relation to man, broad
and accurate; within self, adequate—the curricula are based on Science,
Literature, and Mathematics.

In debating, the chief work of our Literary Societies, the mind is ex-
ercised in the three ways mentioned. The debater must penetrate to and
consider the principles at the bottom. Paul, a matchless debater, built his
arguments on the eternal degrees of God. Burke, in his Comilication of
the American Colonies, based his propositions upon the maxims of gov-
ernment. “What interest,” asked Hayne, “has South Carolina in a canal
in Ohio?” Webster perceived beneath this question, unimportant in itself,
the pernicious doctrine of State sovereignty.

Like Homer’s soothsayer, Calchas, the debater must know the present,
the future, and the past, if he would guide aright to and through the battle.
He must learn the teachings, not of mere history, but of that embodiment
known as the literature of humanity. He must see where and how the
question touches the life of to-day. Lincoln, an adept debater, compelled
in early life to attend to present needs, acquired the ability by his unique
stories to connect his propositions with the daily life of man. He must
foresee the effects of his plans and of those he combats. The probable out-
come of the innate and luxurious condition of the Athenians and of the
invasion of Philip created the prophetic appeals of Demosthenes.

The debater must observe the material surroundings in which his
measures are to be applied. Though England might have removed every
cause of discontent in the Colonies, yet Burke saw that she could not get
over “the cause laid deep in the natural constitution of things, the remoteness of the Colonies.” So to-day the work of Science must not be overlooked. Rome, fallen because of extent of territory, is no warning for America.

All the work of the Literary Societies fastens what is learned from text-books and in the class-rooms. It affords practice in the use of knowledge. Mere acquisition of knowledge is in principle no higher than mere money-making. There is too much idle silver in the banks of this country, and too much useless gray matter in the brains of the country. There is a benevolence of knowledge as well as of wealth, and this should be cultivated while the acquisition is small and is growing.

Many testimonies as to the value of college literary societies and kindred work have been given by men qualified to judge. Here are a few. Lord Brougham advised Macaulay on entering college to practice “debating in speaking societies, with little attention to rule, with more love of saying something than of saying anything well.” Lincoln said in a lecture to lawyers: “Extemporaneous speaking should be practiced and cultivated. It is the lawyer’s avenue to the public.” Cardinal Gibbons proposes to overcome some of the disadvantages of the clerical student “by the more general establishment and cultivation of debating societies for the Senior Classes in our colleges and seminaries.” Dr. E. G. Robinson, a prince of college presidents and educators, said: “In direct education for the real work of life no influences of my college were equal to those of the debating society; it stimulated to the exercise of all my intellectual faculties.”

LLEW. PHILLIPS.
Euepia Literary Society.

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Secretary,                  MARY WILSON.
Treasurer,                  MARY STEPHENS.

Critics:
NELLIE TAYLOR,              ANNA M. RODGERS.

Fall Term, '96.

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Critics:
EMMA M. BOLENUS,            MARY E. CHAMBERS.

Winter Term, '97.

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Vice-President,             ANNA M. RODGERS.
Secretary,                  MARY H. SHARPLESS.
Treasurer,                  MARY E. SCHUYLER.

Critics:
A. KATE GODDARD,            A. G. WHITE.
Inter-Collegiate Debates.

Bucknell—Dickinson.

(Bucknell Hall, May 29th, 1896.)

Question:

"Resolved, That a Despotism is the best form of Government for Russia."

Affirmative, Bucknell. Negative, Dickinson.

Judges:

Hon. Edward W. Biddle, President Judge of Cumberland County.
Hon. Harold M. McClure, President Judge of Union County.
Hon. William H. Hackenburg, ex-State Senator.

DEBATE.

Bucknell:
Frank E. Herring,
Albert W. Johnson,
James R. Diggs.

Winner, Bucknell.

Dickinson:
Ernest G. Richardson,
Fred. L. Kriebel,
Harry J. Huber.

Bucknell—Franklin and Marshall.

(Bucknell Hall, January 22d, 1897.)

Question:

"Resolved, That a National Board of Arbitration, with compulsory powers, should be established to settle disputes between employers and employed."


Judges:

Robert K. Buehrle, Ph. D., of Lancaster.
Hon. Horace F. Glover, of Millinburg.
J. Thompson Baker, Esq., of Lewisburg.

DEBATE.

Bucknell:
E. Herbert Dutton, '98,
Merton R. Collins, '97.

Winner, Bucknell.

Franklin and Marshall:
Calvin W. Lawfer, '97,
Howard D. White, '97.
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PROGRESS is the sign of the times at Old Bucknell. The publication of the first edition of the University Song-Book is one evidence of this fact. The need of distinctly Bucknell songs has been felt for some years past. The first active step to meet this long-felt want was taken in June of 1896. The announcement that an organization had been effected for the issuing of a song-book was greeted with general satisfaction, the student body and Alumni alike giving assurance of aid. The enterprise of publishing the Song-Book was undertaken by the Class of '97, when a board was elected, which immediately began to enlist contributors to the proposed production.

It will require many years before a sufficient number of songs are secured which will become popular. But in due time, if the work of adding new songs is continued, Bucknell can boast of as many college songs as some of the largest Universities possess.
The Orange and Blue.
Established March 9th, 1897. Published Weekly.

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