

Critic's Report.

The new place of meeting is a great improvement over the old room in many ways, as pointed out by our President. As this room has been loaned to us by the courtesy of Dr. [?], we should be reasonably careful to keep it in good condition. At least one member was noticed spitting on the floor. This shows either thoughtlessness or disrespect both for the Society and the school authorities.

The exercises of the Society are supposed to be interesting and profitable enough to warrant the members in giving their whole attention thereto, during the time of meeting; however one member was seen reading a newspaper, and certainly not giving very good attention to the proceedings of the Society.

We noticed that approval was sometimes expressed by stamping. Hand clapping is much preferable for a society of young gentlemen.

Very little can be said of the oration either way. It certainly made up in brevity what it lacked in other respects. Perhaps if the brother had not been so much absorbed in his newspaper he might have presented a better appearance and might also have found time to have given us more of a speech.

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The ~~affirmative~~ side of the debate was a decided flunk.

~~He~~ ~~said~~ that he was as himself. The three gentlemen on the side all did well.

They advanced arguments in a logical and effective way. Mr. Drake was betrayed into a grammatical error, "have rose."

Special mention should be made of Mr. Henry. We understand that this was his maiden speech in a public debate.

Whether this is so or not, and especially if it is, he is deserving of great commendation. His remarks were appropriate and well timed and made a very favorable impression on the hearers.

Of course it is a little more effective in debate to be able to speak without notes, but that power comes only by practice.

We noticed two errors in pronunciation in Mr. Henry's debate. They were

moan' & tary should be min'e tary, and ex' change " " exchange'.

Respectfully submitted

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