

Thencanis Society.

Critic's report for the meeting of Apr. 28

The Thencanis Society has not had the honor of listening to an oration for some time. Of course where a meeting of the society is missed owing to vacation there can be no appointment of orator for the meeting two weeks hence, but where an orator is appointed he should be prepared. If he is not present at the time of his appointment, he should be notified by the proper authorities without fail. At any rate this very important part of our meetings should not be neglected as it has been the greater part of the past year.

Mr. Lowery, the synopsis, gave a very good synopsis so far as it went. The criticism might be made that it was too brief; ~~he left out several events of national importance~~ but the opinion of the critic, the synopsis should do more than merely mention that such and such an event occurred, he should dwell to some extent on the probable importance of such events, to people and to the world at large.

The debate was well argued, and showed careful preparation on the part of ~~some~~ of the debaters. The use of diagrams on the board by the debaters, is of a great advantage, and ^{they} should be used whenever it

is possible to use them. It would be a good suggestion, however, if the person who prepared the diagram would cover it with some sort of a curtain in order to keep it for his use alone.

The order was good during the first part of the meeting - better than for several meetings past - but during the latter part of the meeting - during the debate - it was not so good. This however may be accounted for by calling it enthusiasm over the debate.

Resp. Submitted,

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