
RELIANCE FAREWELL MEETING

Monday evening, March 30, 1914, was the last time the Reliance Society held a meeting in its society hall with Mr. Fickle as critic of the organization. The meeting was charged with feeling—regret at losing an able, conscientious critic, yet rejoicing that our loss is his gain.

Felix Isadore spoke of appreciating the efforts of Mr. Fickle to have the best society. Loulin Brewer spoke of the critic's efforts to make Reliance men "Reliant" members.

A number of the members voiced their appreciation, after which the new critic, Louis Paul, presented Mr. Fickle the banner which his efforts as critic and advisory member during the past five years has kept unsullied by defeat.—John Johanson.

RELIANCE-NONPARIEL DEBATE

Thursday evening, March 19, the second of the inter-society debates occurred between the boys of the Reliance Literary Society and the girls of the Nonpariel society. The affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That semester examinations should be abolished," was defended by Felix Isadore and James Ford of the Reliance; Ida Kennedy and Lubova Siftsoff of the Nonpariel Society, the negative. The arguments presented by both the affirmative and negative showed careful thought and preparation. Honors seemed to be evenly divided until the strong rebuttal of the affirmative, which was the turning point. The judges, Prof. Matthews of Willamette University, Rev. Gill and Mr. Todd of Salem, rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative. Rev. R. H. Kennedy presided over the contest in the capacity of chairman; the pleasing part played by him in the affair was the manner in which he announced the decision of the judges.

The Excelsior, Winona, Aurora, and Nut-Cracker society members were present in different parts of the auditorium and at no time during the evening was there any evidence of lack of spirit or interest, all having yells for both societies taking part in the debate. The Nonpariel Society supported their debaters with good songs and yells. The Reliance Society, according to their custom, reserved their yells until later when they were used to a good advantage. The Reliance Society enjoys the distinction of winning all debates participated in during the last few years. Miss Riedel is advisory member of the Nonpariel and Mr. Fickle of the Reliance.