
RELIANCE SOCIETY

Thursday evening, April 30, marked the close, except for the Inter-Society debate, of the Reliance Society for the year. Talks given by several members showed a general satisfaction over the year's work and an optimistic view for the forthcoming year. For the fifth consecutive year the society has maintained its leadership in literary work. Whether or not the leadership will be maintained through the next debate remains to be seen.

The past year has not been so successful in general as might have been. Several good speakers have been developed, but on the whole the majority have failed to carry through their programs as well as they might have done. This has been due to the fact that the members are new to such work and younger than the average.

With the stronger members developed this year it is hoped that the membership next year will be so welded together that we will have unlimited enthusiasm, and have energy and force enough to carry before us all opposition; that our unity will develop a spirit which is necessary for success in any institution. - Advisory Member.

EXCELSIOR SOCIETY

The Excelsior Literary Society adjourned "sine die" April 29, 1914. Very good programs, consisting of recitations, readings, songs and instrumental quartets were given during the last two meetings.

The advisory members gave a review of the year's work, emphasizing not only the good work done by the boys, but also calling attention to the weaknesses of the society, and telling how these may be overcome. Incidentally, too, some good advice was given for the future.

He advised the Society to organize a glee club at the beginning of next year's work and to make it a permanent part of the society; that boys to sing well must sing together often; the same should be done with the instrumental music; that this would be a great improvement over the method heretofore followed; that a society to be strong must depend upon all of its members doing their share of work, and not upon a few. Many interesting debates have been given this year, both prepared and impromptu. An important feature of the year's work and one of the most interesting has been the impromptu debate. This is a good way to have overcome embarrassment.

The society voted to give a short entertainment to the school on the evening of May 21. We think this a more fitting ending of the year's work than to give a party.