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The Past, the Present, and the Future.

It is needless for us to say we are glad to know, "sister O. A. C." will meet us again in intercollegiate contests, for this is the thing we have been urging for the past three months. Both colleges should feel ashamed that the fracas ever came up, and especially that it was ever allowed to go so far. Such infantile wars should be discarded by the student bodies of institutions of higher learning, and matters of dispute should be settled by arbitration, so as to be consistent with the policies of an enlightened people.

In the future, we seriously hope the students of both institutions will act as becomes gentlemen and true sportsmen whenever they mix in friendly contests, for to act otherwise shows up a lack of that refinement and culture our institutions are supposed to develop.

In regard to O. A. C.'s committee of three, Oregon will probably let Manager Geary to satisfy it, for Oregon has never placed any measure on her books forbidding contests, and she now knows no reason, why a student body meeting should be called. The enstrangement was of O. A. C.'s own doing and therefore calls for no action on the part of Oregon beyond the presentation of Manager Geary's contracts to the Athletic Council for ratification—a thing he must do with all contracts.

As to assuring a reorganization of the "equal rights and privileges and their equal duties and obligations as students of higher learning" of both institutions, we do not know just what O. A. C. means. Whatever offences individuals may have committed in the past,—and the offences of individuals from O. A. C., young as many of them are, and from rural districts, will in all probability outnumber those from Oregon,—the policies of the two institutions have always been to "recognize these "equal rights and obligations," the same as they are recognized in dealing with other institutions. Why, of course, Oregon as an institution will assure O. A. C. recognition consistent with her position as a state institution in the future, as she has in the past, but she can no more control the opinions of some of her perhaps narrow minded population, than could O. A. C. last year control the actions of her bunch of youngsters who heaped personal indignities upon the Oregon students visiting Corvallis and caused this whole row.

Why instruct the committee to secure equal rights? O. A. C. has always had the same rights with us every other institution in the Northwest has had. In everything but debate, and in that she has been treated exactly as has every other Western institution that is not a State University. Our debates since the memory of man have been limited to interstate contests with State Universities, for the reason that the schedule is heavy with them and our debaters object to taking on more contests,—one debate is all any one team cares

to work up, and at present are running three men's teams,— still there is no objection on the part of Oregon to meeting O. A. C. in fornesics, so long as that college does not try to force it as a concession.

Why should there be any objection? We have met O. A. C. for the past twenty years in oratory in the state oratorical meets and have won those meets more times than any other school in Oregon, and O. A. C. has never won a single meet; we are certainly not afraid.

Manager Geary expresses himself as being in favor of canceling the Utah debate, which is a constant draw on the student body treasury, and substituting a dual contest with O. A. C., but if that college attempts to use the present situation to force this as a concession, Oregon students will probably buck, the same as would O. A. C.'s students, should Oregon try to force an apology from them, or an agreement that all future games be held away from Corvallis.

The present situation is one of getting together, and neither school should allow any foreign matter to enter into the peace negotiations, or try to force anything from the other beyond the promise to be friends. Oregon has adhered to this magnanimous spirit during the past three months, believing it to be the only broadminded and sure course to follow in bringing about a peaceful and early settlement of a childish quarrel; she has constantly refrained from attempting to force concessions from her sister college and she hopes, now that things are so near a readjustment, they will not be spoiled by a fight for concessions.

The Emerald Begs Pardon.

The Emerald committed an unpardonable offence last issue in not printing the story of the Interstate Oratorical tryout which Carlton Spencer, last year's state champion orator, won out.

We beg, most sincerely, the pardon of Mr. Spencer and the University, and will try to prevent any more such mistakes in the future. To offer an explanation would mean nothing to the public, which considers it our duty to cover all campus news, therefore, we will close by saying that Oregon could probably have no better chance of winning the Interstate Oratorical Contest, than she will have with Carlton Spencer as her representative, and that we predict another Northwest championship in forensics for Oregon through him.

Prof. Dunn to Lecture.

Professor F. S. Dunn, head of the department of Latin in the University announces his postponed lecture on the Abbey pictures, for next Wednesday night, March 27.

The lecture will be illustrated, and of interest to those who wish to become better acquainted with the famous old pictures, which have been exhibited in the lower hall in Villard.

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