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WALLIS NASH SPEAKS

CHARLES DARWIN IS THE SUBJECT OF THE LECTURE

A Sketch of His Life, with Personal Reminiscences, is Given by Mr. Nash, who Lived in the Same English Village

The University listened to a remarkable address last Wednesday at assembly, delivered by Mr. Wallis Nash of Portland. The subject of the address was "Charles Darwin, a sketch of His Life, with Personal Reminiscences." The feature which most enhanced Mr. Nash's talk was the fact that he and Mr. Darwin had lived in the same village in England and were personal friends. These facts together with Mr. Nash's smooth style and pleasing manner of speech made this lecture one of the best that has been delivered at college this year. It is to be regretted that the lecture cannot be given in full:

"The two elements, heredity and environment, met very closely in Mr. Darwin's life and had much to do in fitting him for his great career. His parents were well-to-do English folk and Darwin as a boy had ideal home surroundings. He was born in 1809. His early school life was passed in the great Grammar School at his home, Shrewsbury. He was not a very good student in Latin and Greek but was from the first a great student of nature. At the age of sixteen he went to Edinburgh and after spending two years there, he entered Christ College at Cambridge under the great teacher of botany, Professor Henslow.

"In 1837 Darwin, by that time quite a naturalist, accompanied a government expedition to South America, he having been recommended by Professor Henslow as 'a first-class observer.' Early on the voyage he began to send specimens from the ship's dredgings back to London. All these were carefully and minutely catalogued and described. The record of this long voyage is of what he saw and not of his own hardships, though these were many; he was daily affected with seasickness, so that his health was impaired for all the rest of his life. He was a master of self-repression. Darwin was not only a botanist but also a zoologist and entomologist.

"In the river banks in South America he found the bones and remains of extinct animals. He was also comparing the fossils of men with the low types of natives living there. This expedition was gone from England between four and five years. Upon his return he was elected a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and afterwards became head of that society. Later he married his cousin Miss Emma Wedgewood, and lived at his quiet home in Kent near London.

"Darwin's motto and advice to young naturalists was, 'collect copiously, record accurately, and do much thinking; try to acquire the habit of seeking an explanation of every difficulty you meet.' In 1859 'The Origin of Species' was published, twenty years after he had made the studies upon which it was based. He said, 'After five years of collecting I

allowed myself to first speculate on the subject. As early as 1838 I was inclined to believe in the evolution of species'.

"Darwin's style from beginning to end is so simple and plain that it is delightful to read. Absence of dogmatism, conservatism of statement and modesty are his most notable characteristics. Perfect courtesy and absence of attachment to any theory because he had formulated it were qualities of his. In the little village where Darwin lived he was treasurer of the charity society, and was more proud of having balanced this society's little account at the end of the year than to have received a degree from some great university. His study where he spent much time, was furnished plainly and had the walls lined with well-worn books. Back of his house he had a large greenhouse where he watched and studied vegetable life. The family life was the most genial, most courteous, most loving that could be imagined. His four sons are all now engaged in some line of fine scientific work, and all stand very high in their professions.

"The volume of work that Darwin got through with in the face of all his physical difficulties is simply amazing, and a lesson to us all. His labor went on to the end of his life, and he died in the harness if ever a man did. When his death came all England demanded that his remains should rest in the old Abbey, whose graves are open only to England's greatest. All classes united to do him honor on the day of his burial."

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETS

Oaks and Galloway are Elected Assistant Managers of Track and Football Teams

At the regular March meeting of the Athletic Council held in President Campbell's office this afternoon, the report of the basketball manager was accepted and two assistant managers were elected. A new constitution and by-laws was also inaugurated and many general plans were discussed.

Ivan Oakes, a member of the sophomore class, was unanimously elected as assistant track manager, while Francis Galloway, '07, was chosen as assistant football manager for the season of 1904. Mr. Oakes has been connected with university athletics for two years and is well qualified to assist Manager Tomlinson in arranging a strong schedule and caring for a squad of track athletes.

Francis Galloway, Mr. Graham's assistant, is a brother of Charles Galloway, who made a strong athletic manager and did much to develop Oregon's athletics. Mr. Galloway lives in Oregon City and will be in a position to do some good work for the football team this season.

The report of the basketball manager, Professor C. A. Burden, as accepted shows a deficit of \$7.83, which is to be assumed by the Associated Students. Mr. Burden has been appointed as general manager and coach of the basketball squad and all such indoor sports.

The selection of a football coach was also discussed, but nothing definite was done. David Graham, '05, and President Campbell were appointed to correspond with the various applicants and recommend some one as soon as convenient.

MORE DEBATES

Philologian and Laurean Societies Preparing for Forensic Contests

The joint committee appointed by the Philologian and Laurean societies met last week and selected the question, "Resolved, that the highest interest of civilization would be promoted by Japanese success in the present war raging in the far East." The relation existing between Japan and Russia and the imminent effects on the future development of the Orient makes the question a most interesting one, so that every student in the university who is in touch with current events will feel an interest in the debate between the two societies April 8.

The debaters from the Philologian Society are Tomlinson, Wagner and Moulton. The Laureans will hold a try-out between their ten best talkers before venturing to select the three who shall represent them in the contest.

The joint committee is at work drawing up rules and regulations to govern the inter-society debate for the "Eaton bust" to be held just before Xmas next winter. The question for debate will be chosen before commencement and men from both societies will be appointed to work on it during the summer months so that when the question is finally debated both sides will be thoroughly prepared in every way. It is the intention to make this inter-society contest the main debating event of the year.

This contest in the fall and the alumni medal debate in the spring will do much toward helping the 'varsity to improve its record in debate, because of the increased activity in practice debate which will be occasioned.

The matter of oratory and debate is receiving much attention from the faculty, and commitments from the Philologians and Laureans have been appointed to meet a committee from the faculty to consider measures to further interests of the societies, and especially of debate.

All these things are favorable signs. They indicate that the deplorable lack of interest in society work is to give way to better society work and better success in debates; for debates are won by practice work in society just as football games are won by steady, hard practice on the gridiron before the game is played.

GOOD ROADS

As a result of the agitation of the construction of good roads which the university has been carrying on this winter, a good roads convention is to be held at the court house in this city next Saturday. Every district of the county will be represented by interested and competent delegates, and addresses will be made by Professor Hyde and President Campbell.

Dallas College claims the basketball championship for the season by a summation of points, but up comes Willamette and asserts that Dallas has no right to grasp the coveted honor until the Salem players are defeated again, each having won a single contest. How easy to claim championship honors! Oregon is content to let them have it.

TRACK MEN WORKING

Regular Training is Going and Competition Will be Spirited

Candidates for the '04 track team are doing steady work in the effort to get themselves into condition for the spring work. Every evening between four and five o'clock some twenty-five or thirty athletes follow Captain Perkins in a long cross-country run. It is too early yet to do more than speculate generally as to who will be point winners in the spring meets but it is beginning to be apparent that Oregon will easily sustain her record for first class athletes.

The competition for the places in the long runs will be fiercer than it has ever been before because of the number of contestants. The men who are training for the long distances are Perkins, Penland, Merchant, Hammack, Reid, Swift, Bamberger, Thomas, Fountain, Warner, Galey and Mott.

The shorter runs and sprints will receive the attention of twenty-five or thirty athletes. Among them, Lewis, Kuykendall, Veatch, Howe, Moores, Long, Moulton, Glafke, Starr, Warner, Latourette and Thayer.

In the hurdles, jumps and pole vault there will be plenty of eager competitors and in the weights there will be at least a dozen strong men to throw the hammer, put the shot and hurl the discus.

The prospects for an unusually large number of track men have led to a proposition for an inter-class meet during commencement. Athletes from each class including the post-graduates are to compete for the glory of their respective classes, the point winners to receive ribbons indicating their prowess and the athlete winning the greatest number of points will receive a medal and the title "Champion athlete." The plan is entirely feasible and will prove to be a most interesting and attractive feature of the close of the college year.

MRS. WILLIAMS ENTERTAINS

Saturday evening Mrs. Williams entertained the students at a winter lawn party given in the dormitory reception hall. The hall gave the most charming suggestion of spring, for ivy and green foliage were clustered richly on walls and pillars, and even a hammock swinging between two ivied pillars proved to be inviting and realistic. Lawn games adapted to table use furnished entertainment. The program, entirely musical, consisted of instrumental numbers by Mr. Glafke, a male quartette and ladies' quartette.

Punch was served in the south hall in a red-lit corner where an unique little well with its "oaken" bucket invited passers by. In the dining room a corner entirely set off with hanging ivy was used for serving ice cream and cake. Those assisting the hostess were Mrs. Zieber, Misses Etha Williams, Nina Wilkins, Alice Bretherton, Edna Prescott, Mary Dale, Ella Dobie, Norma Hendricks, Jean Gray and Grace Parker. The party was a most enjoyable affair and there are hopes for its early repetition.

Miss Grace Wold '01 has taken up her work as society editor of the Portland Daily Journal.