

PROF. H. C. HOWE IS SPEAKER

At Assembly Wednesday on the Relation of Socialism to Literature

"Socialism and Literature" was the subject of an interesting paper which Professor Howe read in Assembly last Wednesday. It treated of the history and growth of socialistic thought in the minds and writings of English literary masters, and is intended as an introduction to his study of modern socialistic writers, which are to be printed in Bonville Magazine.

Professor Howe said in part: "All present day writers of consequence are socialists. Literature is essentially an account of social movements. The great writer presents not his own life, but that of his people. Socialism in literature has been a gradual evolution. The different degrees have been typified in writers according to the completeness of their socialization, and are roughly divided into those of the first, second and third degrees.

"All writers are socialists to an extent, in that they represent the thought of their social surroundings. Men thought together before they thought alone, a writer is a socialist if he treats humanity as if he were a social being. Shakespeare has no vivid conception of a popular social hero. Ruskin, Johnson and Shaw each discovered with amazement that there is in Shakespeare no man with a social mission, that the heroes of the great dramatist are individuals with no particular social significance. Shakespeare with the easy power that comes from skepticism was broad. Dante on the other hand, although not so broad, was deep and lofty.

"The second degree of socialistic writing was represented in England by the school of Maria Edgeworth; the third degree by William Morris. He was followed by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, H. G. Wells, Bernard Shaw and the more radical Sinclair and Jack London. The motto of modern literary socialism is: 'Give your days and nights to social service.'"

Die Germania

The first of the Christmas parties to be held this year was that of Die Germania. The club met at Kloshe Tillamcum Lodge on Tuesday evening and had a Christmas program which was very successful. It was an old-fashioned Christmas party, a member acting as Santa Claus. A German Christmas poem was spoken by Miss Laura Kennon and Miss Gretta Bristow rendered an appropriate German song. Holiday refreshments were served after which all sang the favorite songs of the old country. The club has made a good start and after the holidays its real serious work will begin.

Zeta Iota Phi had a pleasant Christmas celebration at its house on 13th and Mill streets Thursday evening. A Christmas tree was the center of attraction.

Midnight Doughnut the Latest.

Yellow journalism of the most pronounced type has made its appearance at the Dorm. Following close on the heels of the anonymous "Facts" has come the "Midnight Doughnut", a publication less radical but more sensational. The new paper is typewritten in three colors, and purports to appear weekly with a special edition several times a day. Accounts of bathtubbings and smokers appear in full in this paper before they take place. University news is also treated in a sensational way. T. H. Gregory, the editor, is a freshman from California, formerly connected with the San Francisco Call and Examiner and the Portland Telegram.

"Whatever the Oregon Weekly will not or cannot or dare not print, is legitimate news for the Doughnut", he said when seen last evening. "By the way", he continued, "have you read the latest extra about the fight of two third floor freshmen over a peanut. It is a clean scoop on the Guard."

Ted Cooper is said to be business manager of the new publication which may be printed down town next semester.

Engineers Build Arch

Practical work in the department of structural engineering is taking the form of the construction of a model of a railroad stone arch. The model, which is now well under construction, will be of plaster of paris, and is one-twelfth of the size of the projected theoretical arch. All details are the same as they would be in a regular large arch, except that everything is on the scale of one twelfth. Every member of the class has special charge of the making of one of the stones of the arch. The arch in its full size would be twelve feet across, with thirteen pieces of stone, the inside diameter of each stone being fifteen inches. Such an arch would form the entire support of a railroad bed to rest upon it.

Clarke Chosen Captain

Dudley Clarke, '10, was elected football captain at the annual banquet of the team at Otto's on Monday night. Bill Hayward and President Campbell counted the ballots and then burned them, announcing only the result. Clarke has been a star on the team for three seasons, and for the last two, an all-Northwest man. His title is clear as the best punter and defensive full back in the West. He is also a rare player on offense, possessing good qualities of generalship, as was attested by his handling of the team in the last game of the season. He is a resident of Portland and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Some members of the senior class have suggested as an appropriate gift to the University from class 1909, a bronze bust of some great American poet, to be placed in the library.

Dell McCarthy, '08, was visiting friends in Eugene last week.

MR ELIOT AND DR. BOYNTON

Were the Speakers of the Evening at the Meeting of the Faculty Colloquium Tuesday.

"Are the Cecil Rhodes Scholarships Justified?" was the question which Mr. S. E. Eliot answered affirmatively at faculty club Tuesday evening.

The prevailing unsympathetic attitude is due," said he, "to failure to understand Cecil Rhodes and his scheme. The broad historical interest, which was characteristic of Rhodes, which led him to go all the way to Constantinople to find out why that city was chosen by Constantine for his capital, also kept fresh in his mind the events of the American Revolution and caused him to lament the circumstances which separate the two Anglo-Saxon peoples. He was filled with a desire to see the sympathies of the two peoples brought together. A believer in the Darwinian theory, he conceived the idea of supplementing natural selection by a form of artificial selection by choosing fit young Americans for training at Oxford and for subsequent leadership. Rhodes was no ordinary millionaire, making money for the sake of money. He had his project in view even before his fortune began to accumulate. Oxford has many advantages for men of the practical-idealistic type. The influence of the foremost statesmen and the great churchmen is felt there. At Oxford educational and culture influences do not vaunt themselves but are there to chasten and subdue whatever is uncouth in the makeup of scholars from the new world. Thus is cultivated broader interest in the educational, social and political problems of the world."

Dr. Boynton followed with a talk, reinforced by experiences, showing the validity of the wave theory of light as opposed to the hypothesis accepted by Newton, namely, that light impressions are due to the impact of particles transmitted through the air.

The wave theory would seem to be discredited by the fact that light seems to be projected in straight lines and an object in its path renders it invisible, while sound, on the other hand, which is propagated by waves, will pass around an object. The experiments substantiated the wave theory by showing that light waves passing through an orifice are deflected, and neutralizing each other, create a dark spot, while at other points by combination they reinforce one another.

The committee on a faculty club house reported that President Campbell had received a letter from Judge Bean, stating that no legal objections were apparent to locating the house on the campus. Other locations can be secured if necessary, was also the belief of the committee which further felt certain that ample capital would be available if a return of 6 per cent on the investment could be assured. A meeting will soon be held to organize those interested and form them into a corporate unit.