

W. S. C. AFFIRMATIVE TEAM



Bess Babcock

Ella Alexander

STATE COLLEGE CO-EDS. WIN FROM WHITMAN AND U. OF W.

W. S. C. Girls Champions in First Annual Co-Ed. Triangular Debate Series—Win on Both Sides of Question

The co-ed debaters of W. S. C. made a clean sweep of the First Annual Women's Triangular Debate Friday evening, April 17, by winning a unanimous decision from the U. of W. and a two-to-one decision from Whitman College. The Misses Ella Alexander and Bess Babcock, speaking for the affirmative on the home platform, defeated the Misses Ruby O. Long and A. Sophie McPhee of the University; and the Misses Esther Bull and Eva Maxwell, upholding the negative at Walla Walla, won from the Whitman co-eds. This gives the Crimson and Gray the championship by a safe margin.

Professors Tiejie and Thornton coached the W. S. C. teams, the former making the trip to Walla Walla with the negative debaters. The question was: "Resolved, That the United States should by treaty agree with all first rate powers mutually to submit to the permanent Hague Tribunal all differences impossible of settlement by direct negotiation." (First rate powers to include Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Japan, Brazil, Chile, and Argentina.)

Dean Rhoda M. White presided over the contest with the U. of W. in the auditorium. Miss Bess Babcock was the first speaker introduced for the affirmative. After stating the importance of the question and showing that the idea of a Hague Tribunal "is not revolutionary, but evolutionary," Miss Babcock set forth the two big issues of the debate: "are there evils in the present system, and would the proposed plan be good in theory and in practice?" She pointed out the cruelty of war and the great economic waste that results from armed conflict. She explained how the plan of the affirmative would reduce this waste by eliminating the largest expenditure necessitated by war, that of mobilizing armed forces. Miss Babcock then attacked the method of "bluff" as a means of settling international disputes. She showed the injustice of that method to the weaker nations, and declared that "bluff is only a new example of the old adage that might makes right."

Miss A. Sophie McPhee, of the University, in the first negative speech, granted all her opponent had said regarding the evils of warfare, but declared that arbitration is only an experiment. She showed that during the 14 years since the Hague Tribunal was formed, war has been unusually prevalent. She declared that, as questions of national honor had not been submitted to the Tribunal, the nations have little faith in that court. Finally, Miss McPhee argued that the proposal of the affirmative

was impracticable because the decrees of the Hague court could not be enforced. "We must not take an attempt in prospect as a solid reality," said Miss McPhee.

Miss Ella Alexander opened the second affirmative speech by placing the negative in a dilemma. She argued that there are but four methods of settling international differences: direct negotiation, war, "bluff," and arbitration. She then showed that settlement by direct negotiation was barred by the wording of the question, and that any argument in favor of arbitration helped to prove the wisdom of the Hague court, while any argument against arbitration tended to uphold war or "bluff." The two latter methods being obviously wrong, arbitration ought to be adopted. Miss Alexander explained, also, that the decisions of the Hague Tribunal have thus far been generally successful, but that exceptional instances of failure were insufficient to condemn the whole plan. Finally, she argued that the decrees of the Hague Tribunal would be based on international law.

Miss Ruby O. Long, last constructive speaker, held that the plan of the affirmative was impractical because it had not stopped war. She asserted that an international constitution, an international legislature, an international court, and international police power were necessary to the proper enforcement of Hague decisions. She declared, also, that the system upheld by her opponents was inadequate because it did not include all the countries of the world. Miss Long contended, furthermore, that "world education must precede international arbitration."

A very live interest marked the rebuttal speeches. The speakers had such a thorough knowledge of their subject that they had to talk hurriedly, and even then time was called on each before she had finished. Notwithstanding the rapidity with which they spoke, the speakers made themselves heard and understood throughout the house. Miss Long and Miss Alexander delivered the closing refutations for the negative and the affirmative, respectively.

The unanimous decision in favor of the home team threw the house into a tumult of applause, followed by a rush for the stage to congratulate the debaters. The judges were Judge Thomas Neill, of Colfax; Attorney George W. Belt, of Spokane, and Judge R. L. McCroskey, of Colfax. That interest in debate is growing greater at W. S. C. was indicated Friday evening by an encouragingly large crowd.

W. S. C. NEGATIVE TEAM



Eva Maxwell

Esther Bull

SUCCESSFUL WOMEN TELL OF VOCATIONS

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and immediately won the hearts of her audience. She gave an outline of the points to be considered in designing a gown and selecting materials. This was followed by an interesting history of the more exclusive materials from the time of their conception and manufacture to their introduction in the leading centers of fashion.

Miss Carlton was the first in the Pacific Northwest to divide her work into departments and to give each of her assistants an opportunity to do that part of the work she liked best for she realized the importance of love for one's work. An interesting comparison between the work of women and girls in her shop who had had educational training and those who had not was made by Mrs. Carlton.

Opportunity for questions was given after each address.

The speakers of the Saturday morning session were Miss I. M. Stevens, director of physical education for women in the University of Idaho; Miss Wilkinson, city secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in Spokane and Miss Marjorie Johnson, city market inspector of Tacoma. Though handling work so very different at first glance, each woman emphasized the same fundamental qualifications, namely, an intense love of one's work and a knowledge and understanding of human nature. A good general education is the very best foundation for any special work, for the more subjects one studies the better one's ability to reach every side of humanity.

Miss Stevens spoke of the different phases of physical education, such as playground direction and festival management. That woman who is looking within herself to find whether she is fitted for such work must find there the qualities of the organizer; the ability to adapt herself and her materials to circumstances, and the creative power of constructive work, for this vocation is so new that every problem must be solved alone and often for the first time.

"The work of the Young Women's Christian Association embraces all vocations," declared Miss Wilkinson, the second speaker, "and requires the same qualifications." Miss Wilkinson brought out the point that the association's object is to increase joy in living. She took particularly the work of the St. Louis Association, where she was educational secretary for two years. As she described the numerous departments, she also told of the equipment of the building, the leaders of the different division, and many little life stories of the development of individuals due to the influence of the association. No matter what one's line of work, it may well serve others through the Y. W. C. A. and this service to others will bring that true joy in living for which everyone strives.

Miss Johnson spoke on social work, since she has had such a broad experience along this line, both in the United States and England. She emphasized the necessity for trained workers who have been taught to think of what every new step means. She declared that all work, to be successful, must be socialized. The compensation of a life given to social work, the science of helpfulness, are joy in life and a belief in mankind, "for when one has found one's work, has socialized it, and is of use to the community, she has come very near the peace which passeth understanding, and has found 'The Bluebird.'"

The gathering at Stevens Hall on Saturday evening for the closing session was educational rather than social, for its purpose was to bring to the student women other vocations for which there was no time for presentation in the morning conference sessions. Short talks were given by the main speakers, also by our local leaders, Miss Craig and Miss Swezey, and by the conference patronesses, Mrs. Shedd, Mrs. Goodyear, and Mrs. Bryan. Miss Merrick, director of physical education at the University of Washington, gave a most interesting account of the preparations at the "U" for the annual May Fete. She also stressed the fact that good health is the essential consideration of every individual as a basis for mental and physical activity. Her enthusiasm filled every one with a desire to give more careful attention to the matter of personal well being.

Mrs. Bluhm's vocation is that of the mother of a family of five and wife of a city minister, and yet her message to the women was inspiring—full of possibilities of service and self development for even the woman with home ties. Truly her vocation embraced all others and held within it the possibilities of true service to the community.

Miss Fisher, chairman of the Committee for Vocational Guidance in the Lewis and Clark High School of Spokane briefly stated her pleasure

in attending the conference. "The Doll Lady," as she was termed by everyone, delighted all with most charming bits of children's verse.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis Scantlebury's personality breathes through the fanciful, loving, daintly imaginative expressions of child life in her verses.

Dean Stewart of the University of Montana, spoke of the responsibilities and persistent efforts of deans to extend to their student life all possible help, and of the superior advantages of women of today because the path of true self expression is being made more clear to them.

The theme of service was taken up by Miss Hern, a lawyer in Spokane. Aside from the advantage of knowledge of business transactions, Miss Hern holds up the wonderful opportunity to help women that the practice of law affords. A woman lawyer for women has a chance of giving actual assistance to thousands of ignorant women who are often the prey to many "shyster" lawyers.

Miss Wimple, state bakery inspector, was one of the main speakers at the conference last year. Her expressed desire is to come to every conference held, for, as she put it, "there is nothing like it." She also related several amusing stories of the opinions and comments she has faced in her travel over the state.

Thus, although the conference has closed, its inspiration and helpfulness remains to influence the State College woman in her choice of studies, her estimation of values, and her determination to put first things first.

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