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Physical Culture for the Student

Physical Culture for the student is but one part of that large subject—Physical Training—but *the* part, of course, which is most interesting to the college man.

Twenty years ago athletics were in an embryo stage, both in the Young Men's Christian Associations, and in the colleges. This old athleticism produced a small number of splendidly developed men. The majority of the students made little progress. Their exercise consisted for the most part, in sitting around, probably on the damp ground, and watching the picked men of their classes engage in violent contests for mastery. Athletics was almost a system of eliminating the weak and selecting the already strong for the contests. Even in the gymnasium it was always the strong who held out and continued to practice the exercises. But a system that selected the already strong rather than developed the weak into the strong, was only a sham for real physical training. It can readily be seen how weak men who found athletic work a little severe at first would soon become discouraged and quit, leaving only those who had an especial bent for the work, and to whom it came easily.

The change which has come about is truly a marvelous one. Now physical work in most of the larger colleges and universities is compulsory and occupies an important place in the curriculum. At Yale, Harvard, Michigan, and a number of other universities, at least three hours a week must be spent by each student in the gymnasium unless he is excused by the physical director for some constitutional weakness which would make violent exercise for that particular man dangerous. And then, too, the work has been reduced to a scientific basis. Each man before joining a gymnasium class is given a thorough physical examination. His strength is tried in a dozen different ways, his various peculiarities of form and action are noted, his heart and lungs are examined, and his power of endurance tested. He is then given a chart on which the result of the examination is shown and is told by the examiner just what exercises will most effectively correct his peculiar weaknesses. This you see reduces physical training to a point where each man is enabled to learn just where his physical shortcomings lie, and is put on the track, which, diligently followed, leads to full and perfect development. Of course physical culture in smaller colleges like

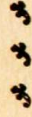
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our own has not yet reached this stage, but it is only because of the time and expense entailed. However before many years I think the system outlined will be adopted in all colleges regardless of size.

All the foregoing is to show to some extent what an important matter physical training has come to be in our schools, and now a word as to the benefits of training.

It is a fact that those students who do systematic exercise to a reasonable extent are the brightest in their studies. Every student should realize that after four or five hours spent over his books, or in the school room, it is imperative that he should have some good wholesome exercise. Not any exercise, but real systematic work which requires an expenditure of strength and energy. I have had students say to me "I don't need gymnasium work, I get plenty of exercise walking to school." Now it is a mistaken idea that just plain exercise is all that is needed. It takes real hard *systematic* exercise to accomplish any results in physical training. An effort is always made to make the gymnasium work interesting as well as beneficial. All exercises are made up with this principle in mind "to get the greatest amount of development out of the smallest possible expenditure of energy." Some students make the excuse that after a hard school day they are too tired to do any athletic work. This idea is absolutely wrong. A complete change is always a rest under almost any circumstances and this is especially true in reference to athletics. I know young men who do the hardest kind of manual labor during the day and yet these same young men attend gymnasium classes regularly after work, and exercise from one to three hours. A bath after this exercise refreshes them for the next day's work. Many people cannot understand how these men can work all day and then after supper spend so much time in hard exercise, and yet go home refreshed. It is because of the same old truth that a complete change, providing it is a healthy one, is a complete rest. If more of our students could come to believe this truth and put in some of their spare time in the gymnasium instead of wasting it, there would be fewer white faces, hollow chests and round shoulders noticeable on the campus.

—Elwood Brown



Athletics in the College

Since the days of the Olympian, the Nemean, and Isthmian games, great interest has been taken in physical training. All, or nearly all, the colleges of America have a department for physical training; personally we believe in such training. I wish to place myself also on the side of legitimate and clean athletics. The danger here, as in all

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things, right and proper in and of themselves, is the abuse, instead of the use. We believe that college athletics, if properly conducted, and if carried out in a manly, sportsmanlike fashion, will be conducive to the development of manly traits, and the cultivation of the entire man, mentally, physically, and perhaps morally.

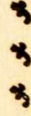
We are not in favor of the coarse and the brutal; we are not in favor of the dishonest tricks, the deceit, the professionalism which too frequently accompany what is falsely called college athletics but we do believe in anything along this line which appeals to the better side of our nature. All games, all contests should be conducted in a manly, womanly way. In all youth, there is physical strength and vitality, a love of competition which is the life, not only of trade, but of sport. We do not claim that physical contests constitute the highest type of competition, we do say, however, if properly constituted and carried on, will produce on the part of the contestants and their admirers, what the French call "*Esprit de Corps*," a feeling of college pride, and intense loyalty for one's own educational institution. There ought to be no indifference, no laxity, no lassitude on the part of the students, but the utmost enthusiasm in supporting those who are leaders in athletics. We realize this may be abused. We do not believe that it is right or proper that a student should be interested in athletics, or anything akin to them, in such a way, that his best college work would be marred and hindered thereby; but this is not necessary. Usually the best students take the deepest interest in physical contests. Often the best men in physical powers are the clearest headed men in mathematics, and often the most enthusiastic orators. Young men and young women of our own institution, who take a deep interest in athletics are also greatly interested in things religious, as well as the building up of mental strength. Recently there came into our hands, a few lines from an Alumnus of Wheaton College, who is at present pastor of a strong Baptist church in the East, who says that when he entered our institution, he was inclined to be weak and sickly, but through the discipline and drill, through the faithful work of the physical instructor, and through athletics in the college, he became physically strong, and well, and is now doing good work for the Master. This is the testimony of many. As long as there is a desire to compete with others, as long as there is legitimate desire to win, there will be athletics. There should be a sound mind in a sound body. If we would do our best work, it will not be through an energetic engine trying to do its work in a weak, rickety and frail frame. If the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost let it be strong, hearty and well. Keep the blood pure, the nerves steady, and the muscles hard and strong. Indulge in no habits which would weaken,

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debilitate, or in any way enervate these physical machines which God has given us. We have sometimes been asked if we believe in foot ball? We are free to say, when conducted as at present, we are not. Many colleges in the land have vetoed the game on account of its coarseness and its brutality. During the last ten years through the game, many lives have been lost, many young men crippled for life. On the other hand, we are just as free to say that we do heartily believe in the national game of base ball, in basket ball, tennis, and other clean and comparatively harmless games—games which seem to be practically devoid of the physically dangerous element, and when conducted rightly, as before intimated, with honest, manly purpose, free from gambling and deceit, these games which I have mentioned may not simply be interesting but helpful to the student, and not an injury to the college.

All things legitimate and right may be, and often are, abused. This however, is an argument not against the thing itself, but against the individual.

—W. L. F., '79



The Season in Basket Ball

Wheaton's first season in the ranks of the "big" teams has been, on the whole, successful. At first glance, it might seem that we have lost too many games to make any claim to championship class, but an analysis of the entire season will show our claims well founded.

All of our lost games, outside the Wisconsin trip and our Crescent Five "flake," went to the same two teams, Central Y. M. C. A. and West Side Y. M. C. A. And in not one of these games was Wheaton outclassed; every game was lost by a remarkably close score.

Now when we consider that both Central and West Side have from forty to fifty good candidates from which to pick their teams, that they have men of three or four years experience, that they have "trainers" and "rubbers," that they have first class substitutes for every game, while Wheaton had five men from which to "pick" a team, that these men have had no special care and that they have had to play every game regardless of physical condition, our record does not appear so bad. In fact it is very good. The tie game with West Side and the Central game here, were both lost simply because all of our men were not in condition to play in such hard games. We had no available substitutes after the loss of Lanan, nor did any develop until the Wisconsin trip.

We point with greatest pride to the Buckland Guard and the Haskell Indian games, both of which we won, and by better scores in both cases than Central made against these same teams. The Buckland Guards came touted as the champions of Ohio, expecting to find at

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Wheaton the usual poor college team. It is needless to say that they were a surprised crowd when the score showed forty-four to seventeen against them at the end of the game. The Indians also expected an easy game, and were treated to the same kind of a surprise, although the score was much closer. This last game was the real test of our team and showed clearly, that, when playing its game, Wheaton is second to none. As has been said before, the next two games with Central and West Side, were lost on account of the poor condition of some of our men. In the next game we defeated Indianapolis decisively by a score of 38-25. This team in turn defeated West Side by almost as large a score. Too much has already been said about the championships and our showing. I will say this much, however, that Wheaton was defeated by a natural case of "overconfidence," that ever present factor in basket ball which has defeated many a good team before.

Next came the Wisconsin trip and its glorious climax, the defeat of the great Fond du Lac team on its own floor, which puts Wheaton back on the top notch. I hardly know whether to call the Port Washington "steal" a game or not. Wheaton played a magnificent game but was unable to defeat a team, which had an umpire who called nineteen fouls on Wheaton to one on his own team. And at that, the score was only 36-35 against us, which stands the closest game ever played at Port Washington. We call this a victory.

A long ride on the train brought us to Two Rivers, where we were to play two games, Saturday and Monday nights. The floor, a dance hall, was very slippery, the baskets strange and the lights very poor, but notwithstanding all this, Wheaton won the game. Here Pinkney was compelled to leave us and his loss weakened the team very much; in consequence the game Monday night was lost. Herbert Hoisington, who took his place did excellent work in holding his man down to three baskets, but with Guild, a guard, at forward, the team work was entirely broken up. At Sheboygan, the next town, we struck a floor even more slippery than the last and so small that the free throw and center circles interlapped. This game was lost by three points, solely on account of the poor floor.

Fond du Lac, which, until our game, boasted of a team which had only met defeat on its own floor once in the past seven years, was our last game. I cannot commend too heartily the spirit with which the men went into this last game. Four nights of playing on slippery floors had put the men in a rather bruised condition, to say the least. Mainland was put in at forward for this game and too much praise cannot be given to his playing. The work of Guild and Hoisington at guard was the finest ever seen on the Fond du Lac floor, or anywhere in fact. Fond

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du Lac got but three baskets in the whole game. Beum completely outplayed the great De Somber at center, allowing him not a basket while he made two himself. This justifies some one's remark that Wheaton has the best center in the West. Smidt's man was completely puzzled by his speedy dodging and passing. His work at free throws, not only at Fond du Lac, but on the entire trip was remarkable. Playing on a different floor every night and finding different baskets at every town, Smidt made over half his "tries," which was better by far than any of his opponents work and they were playing on familiar ground. The loss of Pinkney left a big hole in the team, but the rest of the men showed the "game" spirit and "stuck it out" to a glorious finish.

The trip shows clearly that we have a team of which to be exceedingly proud and one which should meet the hearty support of the student body. I want to thank the students in behalf of the team for the support already given us and to ask for your good wishes for the St. Louis championships

—*Elwood Brown, Coach.*

MANAGER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year.....	\$ 8.65
Gate receipts at games.....	382.85
Incidentals—old ball, suits, etc.....	5.36
Balance from Wisconsin trip.....	15.32
	412.18

EXPENDITURES

Team sanction and registration.....	7.50
Printing and advertising.....	48.37
Lights for practice.....	13.78
Suits.....	22.06
Postage and stationery.....	6.23
To coach.....	69.00
Ball, basket and repairs.....	10.75
Guarantees to visiting teams.....	105.00
Railroad expenses.....	76.27
Towels and laundry.....	4.59
Erection of seats.....	24.51
Entrance to Championship.....	5.00
Telephone messages and telegrams.....	4.07
Incidentals—meals, screens, etc.....	6.75
Cash on hand.....	8.30
	412.18

SCHEDULE—1903-'04

At Wheaton.....	Hull House.....	32	Wheaton.....	53
At Wheaton.....	Armour Institute.....	20	Wheaton.....	47
At Chicago.....	Central Y. M. C. A.....	36	Wheaton.....	16
At Wheaton.....	West Side Y. M. C. A.....	39	Wheaton.....	35

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At Freeport.....	Freeport Y. M. C. A.....	19	Wheaton.....	49
At Wheaton.....	Fremont, Ohio, Guards.....	17	Wheaton.....	44
At Wheaton.....	Haskell Indians.....	36	Wheaton.....	38
At Wheaton.....	West Side Y. M. C. A.....	39	Wheaton.....	37
At Wheaton.....	Central Y. M. C. A.....	31	Wheaton.....	22
At Wheaton.....	Indianapolis Y. M. C. A.....	25	Wheaton.....	38
At Chicago.....	West Side Y. M. C. A.....	47	Wheaton.....	21
At Wheaton.....	Crescents.....	18	Wheaton.....	47
At Chicago.....	Crescents.....	34	Wheaton.....	31
At Port Washington...	Port Wash. Maroons.....	36	Wheaton.....	35
At Two Rivers.....	Reach A. C.....	35	Wheaton.....	37
At Two Rivers.....	Reach A. C. (2nd game)...	41	Wheaton.....	32
At Sheboygan.....	Sheboygan.....	34	Wheaton.....	31
At Fond du Lac.....	Company "E".....	19	Wheaton.....	23



A Word Concerning Base Ball.

From present indications there is every reason to believe that Wheaton will this year be represented on the diamond by a good aggregation of base ball tossers. True we have no "grand stand" men, but there are those in the student body who, with practice, would do credit to the average college team. Great enthusiasm is shown and more than twenty-five candidates have been out to try for the team. As a result a second team has been organized, which is as it should be, and a practice game is played on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon until the first scheduled game which will probably occur on Saturday, April 30. In previous years the matter of finances has hampered the work in this department, but we know from past experience that the wherewithal will be forthcoming when the boys pull together and turn out a team worth while. And here we do not mean a professional team by any means, but one which would make a creditable showing against schools of our own class.

Now that an excellent beginning has been made by those directly interested let the student body in its entirety come to the support of this end of the athletic department. Our schedule, although not complete, is as follows:

April 30—Open.	
May 7—At Wheaton.....	Armour Institute vs. Wheaton College.
May 14—At Wheaton.....	Elgin Academy vs. Wheaton College.
May 21—At Addison.....	Addison College vs. Wheaton College.
May 28—At Wheaton.....	Northern Illinois Normal vs. Wheaton College.
June 4—At DeKalb.....	Northern Illinois Normal vs. Wheaton College.
June 11—At Kankakee.....	St. Viateur's College vs. Wheaton College.
June 18—Open.	
June 22—At Wheaton.....	Wheaton College Alumni vs. Wheaton College.

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Editorial

THIS issue assumes somewhat of an athletic nature. Just what, and how great a place athletic sports properly conducted, should hold in college life is an open question, yet their object—"health, long life and a happy spirit, sunshine absorbed, digested and become a part of one"—is of the greatest importance and we gladly lend our support to that which serves as a means to accomplish this end.



THE base ball manager has recently received a communication from an interested alumnus in which he suggests that a base ball game be arranged to be played during commencement week between the regular college nine and a team picked from players among the alumni. The plan is a commendable one. Not only would it serve as an additional attraction during the commencement time, but it would serve to bring together and make acquainted those who were interested in athletics in other days and the athletes of the present. Such a relation could not help but be of great value in strengthening the general athletic interests of the school. Let the alumni and the local men work together that this project may be a success.



WHEATON can this year lay a just claim to the western college basketball championship. This claim is based on actual and comparative scores. The defeat of the Haskell, Fremont and Indianapolis teams has put Wheaton in the lead as far as western colleges are concerned; for, although they are not all strictly college teams, nevertheless they are the acknowledged leaders of all such teams on their respective states. The Minnesota and Wisconsin teams we have not met. They are strictly of university class, but in competition would be classed

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with colleges. In consulting comparative scores made by these two teams and our own against the two Chicago teams, Central and West Side, we find that in the case of both university teams, they were defeated by a much larger score than was our own team in all the games played with them. Indeed only once were we defeated by what might be called a large score, all of the other games being remarkably close. The A. A. U. championship has no bearing upon our claim to the college championship. The team's defeat in that event was disappointing, but that it was a "fluke" was clearly shown in the Wisconsin trip, for no team but of championship calibre could make such a trip and wind up by defeating the famous Fond du Lac team on their own ground. This team has often held the A. A. U. championship and our victory there puts Wheaton in the lead even in the A. A. U. class.



THE Intercollegiate contest is not far distant. A contest of any kind is always productive of great good, and as we are to be benefitted by having the state contest here at Wheaton, let us be prepared to make the most of it. This year the league has increased in size, as it now numbers five colleges, Lake Forest and Hedding colleges having been voted in, Hedding only recently. The addition of these two colleges has materially strengthened the league, not only numerically, but also because they are known as strong oratorical schools. The league is thus assured of a long and strong career and it will undoubtedly be a great factor in stimulating interest in oratory throughout the state. To make the contest here a success, we must prepare well for it and look forward to it. Let us give the visiting delegates and orators a hearty welcome, and whoever wins let us cheer heartily for him.



W. W. C. A.

At the last meeting of the Y. W. C. A. the annual election of officers was held. The following were elected for 1904-'05:— President, May Pearl Dorr; Vice President, Bessie Catherine Hyde; Secretary (Recording), Jennie Blanchard; Secretary (Corresponding), Wilfreda Fischer; Treasurer, Blanch E. Smith; Chairman Membership Committee, Florence E. Murray; Chairman Devotional Committee, Estella Wolfenden; Chairman Social Committee, Mable Mac Nees; Chairman Intercollegiate Committee, Laura Jones.

We are regretting the loss which will come to our Association this term, of some of our strongest and most earnest workers. Some who have been with us this year, helping in the time of need and, inspiring us by the sincerity and faithfulness of their lives as they have been

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among us day by day, some of those whom we feel we can least spare, are planning different fields of labor for the coming year. But even though they cannot be with us, we know that they will remember us and the work we are trying to do for our Master. It means that we who are left must be strong, not in our own might, but "by the Spirit of the Lord of Hosts."

We are always glad for words of encouragement, but especially glad when they come from old friends. Nell Bolander, of Allegan, Michigan, has often asked of our success and wished that she might be with us again in some of our Sunday morning prayer meetings. We are hoping for a visit from her sometime this term.



Intercollegiate Contest and Convention

The Intercollegiate Prohibition State Convention was held at Greenville, Ill., March 31 and April 1. The Convention opened Thursday afternoon with nineteen delegates present. Various committees were appointed and a very interesting conference was led by D. Leigh Colvin, National President. On account of the severity of the weather Maj. Merwin's address which had been announced for Thursday evening, was postponed till Friday afternoon. At the conference Friday, enthusiastic reports were given of what had been accomplished in the various Colleges, Greenville claiming the distinction of having the largest League with a membership of ninety. Ewing college reports that all their young men are Prohibitionists. Wheaton was congratulated on raising \$50 for the National Prohibition Committee. The Association elected the following officers: President, R. R. Blews, of Greenville; Vice President Mildred A. Ferris of Wheaton; Secretary, C. A. Stauffer of Eureka Treasurer, Neal D. McClannahan of Monmouth. Miss White was appointed one of Illinois' delegates to the National Convention to be held in Indianapolis, June, 28. The contest was held on the evening of the 1st. Representatives from Greenville, Eureka, Illinois and Wheaton colleges contested. Miss White, our contestant, carried off first honors and Eureka took second.



Local Items

Spring flowers are in bloom at Glen Ellyn.

Join the "black shirt parade." They're it.

Have you met "Mary," the basket ball mascot?

Miss Redeker's sister attended the college social.

We are glad to have Miss Kimball with us again.

Herman Fischer, Jr. was home during Spring vacation.

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Messrs Toms have left school for work at Lake Geneva.

Miss Ruth Ware spent a two days vacation here last week.

See the basket ball boys, who went North, for the latest in caps.

We are glad to see Ed. Greenburg out again after his siege of typhoid fever.

Among the missing this term are Misses Ames, Anthony, Essery and Naden.

Prof. and Mrs. Wrightson and their baby have come to the Hall to board with us.

April 13, Miss Fannie Townsley gave a very interesting and clever lecture in chapel.

Dell Lanan is not in school, but expects to return in June to graduate with his class.

We shook hands with former students Mary Macklin and Hattie Whitcomb last Friday.

During vacation the Trojans defeated Lombard Athletic Club at basket ball by a score of 32 to 9.

Rev. J. G. Brooks visited in Wheaton last week. He always has a hearty welcome from the students.

I write my *billets doux* with a Waterman Ideal. The results are most gratifying.—Roy J. Snell.

April 30, Dr. Thomas E. Green will lecture in the chapel. This is to be in place of Leland T. Power's lecture.

Pres. Blanchard left for the East before the Spring vacation, and does not expect to return till the last of this month.

Some of the ladies have left the Hall to board themselves. This reminds us of the Landon Annex of days gone by.

April 6, Miss Bookwalter of Western college, visited Miss Guitner. She brought a favorable report from Charles Kremer.

Last Thursday James and Magnus Mainland met their younger brother just over from the Orkney Isles in Chicago.

Come to the Inter College contest on the evening of the 25th. Back up our men, Wheaton and Cooper. They're in to win.

The College Press is doing a great deal of business this month, and the pay-roll will be large. We are glad to see it prosper.

Friday, the 8th, Miss Dow gave us an interesting chapel talk on, "Men who are not hampered by Ethical Considerations."

April 7, Miss Grace Snell visited in Wheaton on her way home from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where she spent the winter.

April 12 in chapel, "Irish" did a stunt at organ grinding, and Prof. Mullenix gave us an original, practical talk on "Success."

The Standard Oil Co. are threatening to drive Mullenix & Ren-ton to the wall. Come on "fellars" there's going to be a scrap.

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It's said that the basket ball boys were well fed on their recent trip through Wisconsin. No wonder, on seven cent tips. See Beum.

I have tried a number of fountain pens. I find the Waterman Ideal the best.—Adna F. Pratt.

A week ago last Monday, Prof. Whipple told the boys in reports how he came near getting buncoed. We would'nt have thought it.

April 5, Professor Straw told us in chapel of his vacation wanderings and a hundred miles of horse back riding up and down in Arkansas.

There will be five colleges in the oratorical contest this year and only one representative from each school. The contest this year will be held in the Gary Memorial Church.

I heartily recommend the "Waterman" to all students who can write.—Arthur W. Guild.

Rev. Lyon was home last week and gave us one of his grand talks in chapel Friday. He also brought greetings from John Welch, '03, who is a successful teacher in the Crete, (Neb.) High School

I find the "Waterman's Ideal" satisfactory in every respect.—S. W. Dixon.

A large company of students gathered at the President's home last Thursday evening on the occasion of the first college social of the term. A very pleasant evening was spent. A short program was rendered, the principal features being a solo by Mrs. Zendt, of Elgin, and a reading by Miss White.

The roller on the tennis court, the Sophomore's brand new bonnet,

The tinkling sound of growing grass and robins feeding on it,

The cloudy veiling of the moon, the Hall girls lusty cooling,

Are signs that Spring has come again, and there'll be something doing.

The Du Page County Prohibition Convention was held in the College Chapel on April 9. A good audience gathered to hear the speaker of the evening, the Hon. Mr. Tate of Tennessee. Mr. Tate is a logical speaker and a rare impersonator. D. Leigh Colvin, national chairman of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Club, attended the convention. He is enthusiastic for our champion orator.

Waterman's Ideal. The most satisfactory pen that I have used.—Prof. Darien A. Straw.

The Juniors, and all of us, notice the absence of Miss Montgomery. Alas, Miss Montgomery is no more. We have to write Mrs. Alvin Hock on her RECORD now. The wedding occurred on the last day of March and the same day, the through express bore the "Little Minister" and his bride to their Western home. We wish them a long and prosperous journey together through life.

The Waterman Ideal Pen, the best on the market.—Phillips Bros. College Library.

On the first Tuesday evening of the term, of course, we had to celebrate—

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brate Miss White's victory. The Aelioians were the entertainers, and all the societies and the faculty met on the gymnasium floor and celebrated in true Wheaton style. It was an orderly, hilarious, good time, with toasts, refreshments and a good night at the end. On May 25, Miss White goes to the Inter-State contest at Springfield, and then in June 28 to the National at Cincinnati.

Exchange

Out of the 42 highest scholarships at Yale, 33 fell to students who are working their own way through College

Beloit has again carried off the championship in the state Oratorical Contest. This is the third consecutive year in which she has won this honor, and is indeed to be congratulated.

President Woodruff Wilson of Princeton, has settled the two years college course by saying "I cannot imagine how anyone who ever saw a sophomore could think of graduating one in that condition.

"Would you say honest politics is, or *are*? Is, of course; honest politics are always singular."—*Ex.*

Read the editorial in the Tennessee University Magazine; there is much good reading to be found there.

You cannot pick up a college paper which is not alive with enthusiasm in the line of oratory. It is only as it should be, for, what shows better the development of intellect and the power of thought than public speaking? Many Universities and Colleges are choosing orators to represent them at St. Louis next summer.

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