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is not a matter of chance, but the result of hard and persistent work, carefully directed. Among other factors, the aid and encouragement of a few members of the faculty has been valuable. First and foremost among these must be mentioned Dr. Hicks, to whom the University is largely indebted for the high standard which has characterized her debating. The fundamental principles upon which he insisted in training contestants for the earlier debates are still worthy of careful consideration. They might be summarized as follows:

1. Rebuttal is the vital element in debate. Successful rebuttal depends largely upon a thorough study of the question, in all its phases and in all its bearings.

2. Effective team work demands a division of labor; but the appearance of a set speech must be avoided.

3. Oratory, as commonly understood, is rarely admissable. Nothing is so eloquent as a plain fact, clearly and forcibly stated. Charts, properly used, are an invaluable aid.

Of other members of the faculty who have given substantial assistance, Professors Loeb and Defoe are worthy of special mention.

In conclusion, it may be worth while to consider some measures whereby the work of debating may in the future, be still further extended and strengthened. In the first place, the question and the debating team should be chosen much earlier, so that the contestants could have a longer time for preparation. It is simply impossible, without neglecting regular school work, for the team to prepare themselves thoroughly in the short time now available. In the second place, a faculty committee should

be appointed whose duty it shall be to supervise the training of the team, acting as referee in disputed points, and giving the debaters necessary aid and advice. Last, but not least, an appreciation of the value of thorough work in debating should be shown by the faculty in giving Academic credit for at least three hours to each debater who represents the University in an inter-state debate. What work does the University offer of equal value in training for good citizenship?

—C. M. J.

PASSING OF THE U. B. CLUB.

Everyone connected with the University of Missouri is proud of the "new University." We watch with pride the progress of the new buildings that are now being constructed on the campus. Connected with the construction of one of these buildings, however, is the destruction of a building, no longer new or imposing in appearance, but which has, for many years, been a part of the University, and which has been the home of some men whom the University is now proud to number among its graduates. The new Reed Hall will be erected on the ground now occupied by the old A. B. club building. To make room for it the old buildings will be torn down. The new building will of course be much more imposing and will mark a new era in the life of the University girls, but it is doubtful if it will ever become the important part of the University that the old building once was. But old things are passing away. We will all be proud of Reed Hall and the old club will soon be, like many of those who have made their home, forgotten at the University.

STAFF FOR 190

The INDEPENDENT will be in the same management next year just closing. There will, however, be changes in the staff. The place of the present staff members is as follows: W. T. Nantel is stepping down as editor-in-chief; Dan McFarland and W. S. Nantel are stepping down as business managers. The associate editors are, Harry C. Wood, J. H. Cranford, and Harry Lyons. Harry Lyons will have charge of the news department and will choose his own assistants.

"I'm going back, I'm going back,"

The singer sweetly sang;

Her face was beautiful, her voice

In rich full volumes rang.

"I'm going back," she sang,

Some base unlettered clown

Up in the gallery hollered: "You

You get there, please set down

Missouri has beaten Kansas in the contest. The debate was on the municipal ownership. The champion must be deep and their humiliations Kansas, the home and progenitor of the state, and individuals with free amounts of gas, has been beaten where wind was the one and oil was the other. And to think that Kansas was the muley state of Missouri—the stubborn of the United States, parts of dense as Arkansas, and whose soil they cannot comprehend except through the eyes of the sunflower. Since Kansas has been beaten on nothing left for the inhabitants to do except the sunflower and the ca Enid (Okla) Events.