

# The Birch Rod

OF THE EDINBORO STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

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## THANKSGIVING HYMN.

(Tune—"Old Hundred")

O Thou great Life enfolding ours,  
Eternal Father, Love Divine,  
We would, throughout these festal hours  
Give Thee the homage that is Thine.  
For home and those who love us there,  
For time of toil and joy of play,  
For friends and kindred everywhere,  
Our gratitude be Thine alway.  
For peace, for comfort, and for cheer,  
For every strife of conscience won,  
For courage and contentment here,  
For dreams achieved and duty done;  
For discipline in failure found,  
For blessing born of bitter tears,  
The grace that grows from error owned,  
The steadfast faith to face our fears;  
For souls that daily wiser grow,  
For all that makes us glad and strong,  
For all we have, and are, and know,  
Our voices rise in thankful song.

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER AT HAVEN HALL.

### Many Alumni Present.

The dinner that was served on Thanksgiving day was the very best ever served in Haven Hall, not only in variety, quantity and quality, but in the pleasant atmosphere of good will and fellowship that seemed to prevade the air. No dinner is a success without these two qualities. The former without the latter would be no dinner at all, but with both blended in due proportion each is in harmony with the other. Of the two the latter is even more gratifying than the former, so with both these qualities in abundance any dinner would be a success, and especially so was ours.

Full credit may be given to our steward, Mr. Dundon, and his assistants for doing their part well. But the alumni, faculty and students are responsible for adding the other essential quality, that quality that can be compared only with the joy of eating Thanksgiving dinner at home with mother.

It will not be necessary for me to paint a word picture of the beautiful decorations and artistic arrangement of the tables which was different from and surpassed anything of previous years. The many alumni who were here

know, and those who were not can only be sorry, with us, that they missed it.

One of the most pleasant features of the hour was the after dinner speeches. Harry Weaver, '11, was toastmaster and those who responded were: Mr. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Swift, '95; Floyd Bathurst, '10; Roy Blair, '11; Ray Bradshaw, '11; Arthur Johnson, '13; Esther Averill, '14; John Harbaugh, '15; Helen Jackson, '16; Miss Roberts, Mr. Sackett, Mr. Siddell, Mr. Barnes, Miss Powell, Miss Sturgeon, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Gleason, Miss Hauser and Mrs. Baker.

Many school songs were sung. We were pleased to have so many alumni take dinner with us. We only wish that it may be possible for you all to come back to your Alma Mater next Thanksgiving.

### Varsity Wins from Titusville.

The local eleven showed real team work when they went into the game November 23, and defeated Titusville High School 5 to 0.

The Normal boys received the kick-off and quickly carried the ball by a series of line bucks and end runs to Titusville's twenty yard line, when, on the fourth down, DeRemer kicked a field goal.

Titusville rallied from this sudden surprise and played a stiff game. It was indeed clever to see their right end take the ball on a fake forward pass and try for a wide end run. Graham invariably broke through their interference and got the man with the ball. Shriver also played a star game at left end. The ball was carried or punted back and forth across the field, but nearly always within thirty yards of the center until the first half ended.

At the beginning of the second half Titusville lost the ball on downs. Edinboro again made good gains and tried another field goal, but the ball hit the crossbar and bounded back. The boys in red and white kept the ball in their opponents' territory most of the time, but could not score.

The fourth quarter started with the ball near the center of the field. Both teams were determined to win. DeArment, Richey and Harbaugh played havoc on their opponents' line, breaking up play after play. Green played a good thinking game. Hood, Leach and Matthews did splendid team work in the back field. Leach punted across Titusville's goal. As a Titusville man was endeavoring to carry the ball back Green tackled him behind the goal line just as the whistle blew, time up.

Both teams played a good fair game.

## ALUMNI-NORMAL BASKETBALL.

### Normal Boys Play Good Game but Alumni Wins by One Point.

At a quarter past four on November 29, the gymnasium was crowded with spectators to see the first basket ball game of the season between the Alumni and Normal boys.

Harry Weaver, '11, and Charles White, '13, captains of the respective teams, assigned the players to their positions and the ball was put in play. For several minutes the crowd watched with interest as the ball was passed from player to player, and many attempts to shoot goal resulted in failure. The silence was broken when Obert shot a foul basket.

The boys, although not in practice, showed that they remembered the game and were determined to win it. A deafening shout for Hood told that he had shot a basket. And in a few moments Gillaspie returned the compliment. White and Hood each shot a foul basket and the first half ended with the Normal three points ahead.

Shortly after the second half started Weaver dropped the ball through the ring. The alumni boys took on new courage and the game increased in vigor. The passing was very good on both sides. White shot a basket from near the center of the field and defeat for the alumni seemed certain. In the last few minutes of the game Blair and Steadman each shot a basket. When the whistle blew time up the score board showed Normal 7—Alumni 8.

The line up was:

Alumni		Normal
Blair, '11	R. F.	Obert-Miller
Gillaspie, '12	L. F.	Hood
Piggott	C.	White
Steadman, '09,		Matthews
Whipple '10,	R. G.	Shriver
Weaver '11	L. G.	Leach-Graham

### The Football Team Banquet.

Saturday evening, November 30, a banquet was arranged by the male members of the faculty for the football team. The team, accompanied by Mr. Baker, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Snyder, was supposed to leave on the five forty-five car, but as the car was an hour late the company had to wait at the station. It was rather cold waiting, but several sympathized with Obert in his view that he could eat more when once he got a chance.

After reaching Cambridge the members of  
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# Literary Societies

## POTTER LITERARY SOCIETY.

### A Protest.

"Impartial readers of the Birch Rod have noticed and commented on the fact that the editorship of The Birch Rod is in the hands of persons whose partiality is all too apparent. It is a fact that on the published list of the editorial staff of The Birch Rod four of the editors who are in school are members of the Philo society and the other two are not society members. This may account for the fact that the biased comments upon society affairs are spoken of so openly among the students. This attitude of partiality is indicated in the very first issue and has been consistently maintained since. The Potter society is the oldest society of the school and in the first issue, instead of having the first place to which its age entitled it, a secondary place was given it. The subsequent issue contained little (slams) without sufficient foundation and continued unfavorable comments upon the bias of the editors resulted in a half apology inconspicuously placed. The writer further protests that the editors have not hewed to the straight line of truth, in reporting society news, as a single illustration note what was said concerning the challenge for the recent contest.

The edition of October 14 states that Potter was challenged but conveys the impression that Potter was loath to accept the challenge. As to a matter of fact the challenge was accepted within one-half hour after being received, hence is easy to see no time was lost in deciding to accept it.

The result of the contest is known. It was an excellent one and neither society has reason to be ashamed of its representatives. The fact that Potter won three events to Philo two and Philo six points to Potter five shows how close the contest was. In the light of these facts and others that might be cited Potter claims the right of fair treatment editorially at the hands of the Philo editors of The Birch Rod.

Visitors have been very kind in their comments concerning the excellence of programs and have expressed their approval of Potter's quiet and effective mode of work, and of the becoming modesty which characterizes the society as a whole compared with the spirit of bragadocio which is wont to characterize literary societies that feel the necessity of patting themselves on the back."

We take pleasure in publishing the above protest. If Potter wishes to hold first place we

suggest that they win the annual contest, which should be held every fall term, and prove to the students that they are entitled to it. So what are you going to do about it a-n-y w-a-y?

THE EDITORS.

### Philo-Everett Society.

We are more than pleased with the progress that Philo is making this year. The orchestra is doing exceptionally well, although organized only last month. They have played at the Methodist church and chapel hall on special occasions, besides providing excellent music for the society.

On November 30, Philo held a special social hour after the regular program for the benefit of the alumni. The important features of the social hour were talks by Mr. Gillaspie, '12; Misses Huff, '12; Perry, '12; Babcock, '12; Magnuson, '12; White, '11. Special music by the orchestra. Refreshments. Games. It was the best social hour of the term.

The regular program for the evening was as follows:

- Roll call answered by short stories.
- Music ..... Orchestra
- Recitation ..... Marjorie Fisher
- Quartet ..... Mable Morton, Esther Averill  
Leo Amagost, Leonard White
- Recitation ..... Joseph Tucker
- Piano Duet ..... Ruth Proudfit, Lois Williams
- Dialogue, "Matrimonial Advertisement"  
Gladys McIntosh, Ruth Kidder, Edna Seavy,  
Jerome Rusterholtz, Vincent Hayes

### Potter Society.

Every one was glad to see so many alumni here for Thanksgiving. The Potters were

especially delighted to meet so many of their former members. They are very loyal members, all, and graphically describe the former honors and achievements of "our society." In order to try to show them the good fellowship now existing in the society, and the quality and kind of work we are doing, we invited them to a regular meeting held on Saturday, November 31. The regular program consisted of quotations and readings from Edgar Allan Poe with additional numbers of music. Then an informal party was held and it was discovered that Edward is most clever in guessing charades. It was hard work to make him stop playing long enough to eat a sandwich.

How long Floyd's face was when he heard some one mention "going home" and also heard the "retiring bell."

NORMAL LECTURE COURSE	
FALL TERM	
Sept. 28 .....	Haig Arklin Art and Art Interpretation.
Nov. 11 .....	Hon. Frank J. Cannon
Dec. 7 .....	Dixie Chorus
WINTER TERM	
Jan. 18 .....	Seumas MacManus
February 19 .....	Aida Quartette
March 1 .....	Byron J. Piatt
SPRING TERM	
April 14 .....	Edward Reno The Magician
May 2 .....	Edward Amherst Ott
Last number to be filled later.	

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**Alumni of Society Gives Program.**

The Alumni, under the efficient management of Floyd Bathurst, gave a very interesting program in Normal Hall Friday evening, November 29, from 6 to 7:30.

The program was as follows:

Piano Duet.....	Misses Mills
Essay.....	Jennie Magunson
Cornet Solo.....	John Rusterholtz
Reading.....	Myrtle Norman
Oration.....	Arzie Gillespie
Vocal Solo.....	Hazel Duggan

The program was of unusual excellence and interest, not only because it was conducted by the Alumni but because the ones taking part were leaders in society work while at school and were especially tactful in the particular part they took.

**Wade Frat.**

The following is an account of the happenings at the Wade house, published for the benefit of all who are interested:

First one up best one dressed at the Wade frat.

All members of our house are highly elated over an additional membership, by name, Hiram Wayne Cummings, who joined our ranks, for better or worse, on November 1st. Hiram is energetic and courageous in all his school duties. Although he does possess some very peculiar characteristics such as enormous outbursts of laughter and frequent excursions, such as night mare and chasing rats.

We are very thankful for the recovery of our two members, Roy and Silvan, who were victims of the epidemic of our school.

John, although not a victim of the measles, has suffered intensely because of the sympathy he extended to the one whom he feared would never again possess so WHITE a complexion.

One night not long ago while Don was taking one of his extended excursions to Slumberland, Nevin and Scottie entered his sleeping chamber with the plan of a tragedy on their minds. Nevin produced the goods while Scottie administered the same on the pillow close to Don's nose.

"First a whiff and then a K-who,  
Then came an enormous cha-choo,  
And oh! how the snuff flew."

The villains lay stretched upon the floor with laughter holding both their sides. Later the gas being lighted, Don was found in the center of the bed on his hands and knees still continuing the process of ejecting air through his nose.

Percy D. Houghton, '99, has been re-engaged as head coach of Harvard football teams at an increase over his present salary, which is \$7,000 a year. The appointment is for another five-year period.

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### The Young Men's Christian Association.

The Thanksgiving lesson taught by Mr. Siddell was very practical and the boys were inspired by the ideals of "the reason why we should be thankful." Many comments were given such as: "That was the best Thanksgiving lesson I ever heard." "I did not know that we had so many things to be thankful for."

The thoughts gained by Mr. Baker on the effects of a clear conscience the following Sunday were a source of strength and spiritual development to all present.

The Bible class, organized this term by the association, is meeting with success. Mr. Siddell is teacher. The boys assemble in Mr. Snyder's parlor at 9:30 on Sunday morning. They are now studying the book of Genesis. All the boys are cordially invited to join the class.

### Dixie Chorus.

The Dixie Chorus, which appears in Normal Hall Saturday evening December 7, comprises eight people trained by Mr. Ralph Dunbar of the famous Dunbar Quartet. The company carries a thousand dollars' worth of costumes and scenery and presents the story of 300 years of the negro race. The entertainment is known as "The Epic of the Negro," and much of it is rendered in the pleasing form of song and cantillation. Much of humor and light sentiment are woven into the stately move-

ment. The voice character in this rendition will take the part of the old time colored preacher and other familiar characters of the southland.

The scenes begin with life in tropical Africa. The second part shows slavery in America. Then comes the old plantation songs and scenery. In conclusion the emancipation of the negro from slavery is presented, followed in turn by his emancipation from ignorance.

This entertainment is also presented as an effort to do justice without extravagance and to voice an appreciation of the heroic efforts of that Moses of his people, Booker T. Washington, and the Tuskegee Institute, which has become the Canaan to which he is leading a singing race.

### Stradivarius Quartet Company in Normal Hall.

The people of Edinboro were given a rare treat November 29, when they listened to selections played by skilled musicians on the most famous violins in the world.

The musicians were Newton D. Hawkins, solo violin; Georgia Price Hawkins, violin; David Caughey, viola; Walter Caughey, cello; assisted by Mrs. Walter Schleicher, soprano; Gertrude Sechrist Reinecke, contralto; Georgia Price Hawkins, harp; Otto Ebisch, accompanist.

The violins were made by Antonius Stradivarius, greatest of all violin makers. He did his work so well that, although more than a century has elapsed since he became famous as "The Master Luthier," no one has since been able to duplicate the excellence of his art. The greatest of poets and writers have paid tribute to his genius. He thought himself divinely commissioned and labored at his profession until past four score years and ten. His violins now find a ready market at ten thousand dollars each. The program throughout was excellent. The quartet was exceptional, with only one other of its kind in the world. It stands almost without a rival. The solos did not take second place in the minds of many. Doubtless it was the best musical number ever given on the lecture course.

Wellesley has inaugurated an innovation—an official to be known as the "visiting councilor" whose duty is to keep in touch with Wellesley clubs and graduates all over the country and effect as large as possible a measure of co-operation between the college and her graduates.

Yale this week dedicated Wright Hall, its finest freshman dormitory, built by alumni contributions as a memorial to former Dean Henry P. Wright.

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**A Comedy in Three Acts**

"Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," given Thanksgiving evening, under the auspices of Young Women's Christian Association, was a splendid success. The cast of characters was well chosen and under the instruction of Miss Hauser they did nearly as well as professional actors.

Verna Markel, acting the part of Mrs. Briggs, was indeed a woman of business ability. Her family—Ralph, Jimmy, Alvira and Melissa — were represented respectively by Ward DeRemer, Marley Leach, Ethel Case and Ethel Williamson, and were her only care, except her chickens and her goat. Adlia Dickey, acting the part of Silas Green, a near relative, showed talent on the stage. John Harbaugh represented the character of Mr. Lee and Lois Williams was his daughter, Virginia. Nina Swift was Daisy Thornton, Virginia's friend. Ora Hasbrouck was Mrs. O'Connor, who had a mania for goats. Helen Bathurst took the character of Mandy Bates and proved her ability as an all around helper.

By the vote of all it was absolutely the very best play that has been given so far this term. And we doubt if it will be surpassed this year. The proceeds, clear of all expenses, are \$70.40.

**Sudden Uprising on Third Floor---International Complications Narrowly Averted.**

Room 35, Nov. 22.

A report has just reached here saying that international warfare between Venezuela and Brazil has been but narrowly avoided. It appears that a very linguistic citizen of Venezuela contracted a serious case of "grouchitis" and began reviling things in general, and a quiet, unobtrusive Brazilian in particular. This set up a simple idea in the mind of the Brazilian, which in turn caused internal disturbances. Thus by reacting upon the mind these disturbances created a feeling which gave rise to external demonstrations, and now the warlike citizen of Venezuela scratches his head six inches nearer its center of gravity than ever before.

The matron has been busy gathering up stray fragments of such words as "carramba," "pendejo," and "carajo," but no serious damage has been done.

The two insulted South American citizens laid their case before their floor teacher and Mr. LaBounty in his mild way reminded them that Thanksgiving would soon be here. The boys were so enraptured at the thoughts of a turkey dinner that they forgot their disagreements and for the present, at least, their respective countries will not be plunged into the horrors of South American warfare.

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**Haven Hall Notes.**

Lois Williams has been radiant with smiles this week because her mother came to visit her.

Cynthia's sister, Lillian Frame, came to visit her over Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Baker entertained the "slang girls" Tuesday afternoon and made herself so popular with them that it is feared her English may be contaminated. Let's have another contest!

If any one has missed Marian Judd in the dining room lately just lay it to that box from home.

Miss Ham had a party Monday afternoon. Oh the joys of a chafing dish and Miss Ham for a hostess!

Okle Cline visited us last week and she is as cheery and smiling as ever.

Helena Jackson and Elizabeth Fowler spent Sunday in Oil City at Helena's home.

Verna: "Yes, and you have no style for beauty." Verna is worse than ever since she impersonated Mrs. Briggs.

Flora Dawley hurriedly looked us over Sunday, decided that we were much improved and really made quite good seniors. Thanks.

Yens: (thinking about a song) "Do you know "Calvary?""

Alice: "No; what's his first name?"

We certainly were glad to see Jennie Perry, Irene Crouch, Helen Loomis, Allein Babcock and Alice Huff here this week. They all had good 1912 toasts written even if the toastmaster did say he couldn't find any one to represent the class.

In the middle of all our Thanksgiving frivolity six poor girls had to be locked up in the hospital ward at the north end of the hall. Aren't measles the measliest things anyway! We are glad to see most of them back at classes again now.

Esther Averill took her sister Margaret to church Sunday morning.

Myrtle Norman made her first visit as an alumnus last week. She would like to come back to school again and we would like to have her.

The slang banquet was a gorgeous exquili-gent success. The losers proved themselves no mean caterers and the winners feel almost repaid for the agony endured during two long weeks of Noah Webster. Although the place cards had for-get-me-nots on them and were voted unnecessary if not positively unkind, and all the worst expressions of the winning six were read aloud in glee by the others, they were forgiven all this on account of the excellency of the salad.

The cleverest toast: Three weeks and two

days ago these girls brought forth in Room Seven an anti-slang league, conceived by the brilliant—, and dedicated to the proposition that one day we should attain a state so near angelic that we could hold converse with a Shakespeare. Now we are in the last final agonies of our struggle, trusting whether our stomachs or any stomachs so crammed and so loaded can longer endure. We are met on one of the battlefields of that struggle; we have come to dedicate a portion of our grateful thanks to those who sacrificed good English words that this bounteous banquet might be possible. It is altogether fitting and proper that they should do this for us, but in a larger sense we cannot blamecate, we cannot condemnicate; we cannot criticize their slang since we ourselves have been guilty of so many similar offences. Our brave banqueters, living and half dead, who eat here have done all in their power to add and detract from our bill of fare. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but we can never forget what we ate here. It is rather for us, the winning side, to be here dedicated to the task of consoling those unfortunates who kept not their tongues from evil nor their lips from speaking guile; that from these honored friends we take increased devotion to that cause of speaking our native language minus slang; that we highly resolve that this contest shall not have been in vain; that these people under Haven Hall shall no more murder the English language and that cultivation of slang, for slang, by slang, shall henceforth perish from these halls.

**Reeder Hall Notes.**

Acker, Hummer, Dickey, Daley and Blakeslee are sick with the measles.

Harry Weaver, Roy Blair, Raymond Bradshaw and Floyd Bathurst were here over Thanksgiving.

Harold Hood went to Erie on Thanksgiving to see the football game between Erie High and Tonawanda.

Harold Miller and Joseph Trejchel spent Thanksgiving day in Erie.

Miss Markel smashed a door glass.

Paul Webb injured his arm while playing basketball.

The story of J. A. Burns and his achievement in founding and maintaining a college—Oneida Institute—among the Kentucky mountaineers in the feud counties of that state, published in the December American, is of striking interest and well worth reading.

The Harvard Employment Bureau found opportunities for self help during term time last year for 451 students of the University.

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**The Football Team Banquet.**

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the team went directly to the Riverside Hotel, where supper was served at seven o'clock. A large table beautifully decorated was arranged for the team. During dinner Mr. Baker received by long distance telephone the following: "Message of congratulation to Mr. Hayes and his team, who put the spirit of sport above victory and have both."—Morgan Barnes.

After an excellent dinner, when every one, even Leach, had eaten all he could, Howard Green was elected captain of the football team for next year. Then after giving a yell for the new captain the boys spent the evening playing games, and were royally entertained as guests of the hotel.

At ten-thirty the team started for home, arriving at Edinboro about eleven o'clock. The most wonderful thing that happened during the whole evening was that everyone got back, even Mr. Snyder.

**The Return of Jamie Green.**

(The following is a story written by one of the Model School students.)

Mr. and Mrs. Green lived in the mountains. They wanted to see something of the city. One day in August they started for New York with their little boy Jamie, who was four years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Green had nearly reached New York when there was a terrible crash and the car turned over on its side. A large freight train had crashed into the passenger train. The engineer, fireman, and all the people in the front of the train were killed. A great many other people were injured. Everybody was excited, and in the rush and jam Mr. and Mrs. Green lost Jamie. In a little while they looked for him, but he could not be found. There were some bodies that were so badly bruised that people could not tell who they were. It was supposed that Jamie was one of these. Mr. and Mrs. Green felt very badly, as Jamie was their only child. They, however, went on to the city, but their visit was not as enjoyable as they thought it was going to be. On Monday morning they started back home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Green were very sad when they returned, as they could think of nothing but their Jamie.

Eighteen years had passed. Thanksgiving time had come once more. Mrs. Green had prepared a very delicious dinner, consisting of turkey, cranberries, mince pie, cake with candies on it, plum pudding, and many other goodies. Just as Mr. and Mrs. Green were ready to sit down to their Thanksgiving dinner there came a rap at the door. Mr. Green answered the call. He found that it was a young man who

wished to take dinner at some farm house. Mr. Green went in and spoke to his wife about sharing their Thanksgiving dinner with the stranger. She was more than willing, and soon the table was set for another person. The stranger seemed to enjoy the dinner very much. While talking with him Mr. and Mrs. Green learned that he was attending a college, and that the doctors had told him that he must have rest and fresh air. He chose to come to the mountains to regain his health.

Finally the young man said that when he was a young boy he had been in a wreck, and a family by the name of Graham had taken and now they were educating him. Mr. and Mrs. Green were very much interested in this. They then asked him his name. He said that it was Jamie Graham, but that his name used to be Jamie Green. Then Mr. Green told Jamie how he and Mrs. Green had been in a wreck and they had lost their little boy and supposed him to be dead all of these years. It is impossible to relate the pleasure of the father, mother and son.

Jamie said that his greatest regret was that he had had to miss so many Thanksgiving dinners.

BELLE SMITH.

Raymond B. Sanford, of Cornell, is at present the "champion cheap dieter of the college world." Since last July he has lived on eighty-five cents a week. All of which goes to show, as Howells said of Thoreau's Walden Pond experiment, that "a man can live like a woodchuck if he cares to."

Grove City has recently received a gift of \$30,000 from a Pittsburg member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Buhl, and a bequest of \$30,000 from the estate of the late J. N. Pew, Edinboro, '68.

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THE BIRCH ROD

Philo-Potter Contest.

Although we are living in the twentieth century still we find that The Birch Rod is very effective in stimulating action when applied at the psychological moment. The literary societies were the victim of such an application a few weeks ago. Philo, being the youngest, felt the sting most keenly. They acted accordingly and challenged their sister society to a literary contest which was held in Normal hall November 16.

Said contest consisted of five numbers valued as the following: Debate, four points; oration, three points; recitation, two points; vocal solo, one point; piano solo, one point, making a total of eleven points.

The music judges were: Miss Berst, Erie; Mr. Moses; Cambridge Springs; Mr. Culbertson, Erie. The literary judges were: Mr. Laverly, Edinboro; Mr. W. E. Dimoriei, Erie; Rev. Bruce S. Wright, Erie.

The hall was beautifully decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and white roses. Philo and Potter banners were artistically arranged above the rostrum. A large appreciative audience assembled early in the evening, each person anxious that his or her society should win.

Verna Markel, Potter, opened the program with the recitation "As the Moon Rose."

Geneva Babcock gave the recitation "Robert of Sicily."

Esther Averill, Philo, sang the beautiful song, "Rosalie." Nina Swift sweetly sang "Dainty Dorothea."

Arthur Johnson's oration, "A Plea for the Forests," was followed by Philo oration, "Education Lessens Crime," by Charles White.

Madaline Scott, Philo, played "Dance of the Demons." Vera Steadman played "La Regata Veneziana."

The debate—"Resolved, that immigration should be further restricted by an illiteracy test." Affirmative, Walt Whitman, Quincy Vincent, Potter: Negative, Charles Marsh, Hubert Bentley.

All who heard the contest said it was the evenest contest that they ever heard. Mr. Baker, chairman, said that every one did so well it would be difficult to tell who won. But the judges decided that Philo won the recitation and debate. Potter won the oration and music, making a total of Philo, six points; Potter, five.

The Birch Rod would be in favor of the societies challenging some High School or Normal to a literary contest next term. We think it would be as feasible to meet these schools in literary as well as athletic contests.

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