

in our department stores is a benefit to the community." The sophomore boys lost to the freshman team in the question, "Resolved, That the present cut system is a benefit to the High School." The existing system was most ably defended by Messrs. Malcolm Bird, Carroll Robb, and George Watson, of the freshman class. The freshman girls experienced an attack of faint-heartedness when the time drew near for them to meet the sophomore girls, and they forfeited the debate to their superiors, who manifested a proper degree of scorn for such lack of spirit on the part of the youngest class. The sophomore team comprised Misses Grace Parmelee, Gladys Locke, and Elizabeth Clark.

After the completion of this series there came the finals, when the winners of the senior-junior debates met the winners of the sophomore-freshman debates. On April 22 the senior girls easily defeated the sophomores with the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That home study should be abolished." The champions among the girls, therefore, are the Misses Marion Matthew, Alice Fish, and Jeannette Latimer. The junior boys will meet the freshman boys for the championship on May 29, in the question, "Resolved, That capital punishment is justifiable.

From the material thus developed in the inter-class work the school selects a team of three boys to represent it in the Interscholastic Debating League, and a second to act as a practice team for the first. Our first interscholastic debate of the year was held in March with a team from Erasmus Hall. The question was,

"Resolved, That the sale of alcoholic beverages in hotels and saloons should be allowed on Sunday." The Pratt team, consisting of Messrs. Clarence Kempner and John Vernon, seniors, and Ralph Kirkman, junior, won easily the negative of the question. We feel justly proud of the manliness, earnestness, and dignity of our team. Our second and last interscholastic debate of the year will be held on the evening of May 16, with the "Poly Prep," when the question of the exclusion of the Chinese will be forever settled. The Pratt team of this occasion will consist of Messrs. John Vernon and Leo Frank, seniors, and Ralph Kirkman, junior. The second team for both debates has comprised Messrs. Bosworth, Brown, and Stolz. The Debating Committee is unanimous in its opinion that this trio has done the best second-team work we have ever had. Both first and second teams have earned their rewards.

An alumni fraternity of boys, called the "K Q," has done much to encourage earnest debating work in our school. They have for two years announced to the school early in the year the presentation of silver cups to those members of the school who should be fortunate enough to secure places on the first and second teams — the presentation to be a feature of commencement week. For this year the following boys are eligible for the generosity of the "K Q" fraternity: Messrs. Clarence Kempner, John Vernon, Leo Frank, Ralph Kirkman, Hamlin Bosworth, Harold Brown, Herbert Stolz.