

# The Allen C. Lewis Society



IN view of the fact that the Allen C. Lewis Society is the only organization of Lewis Institute which includes all the members of the Collegiate and Academic Departments, it may be well to give a brief sketch of its history before mentioning the particular work done this year.

The first regular meeting of the collegiate and academic students as an organized body was held on November 22, 1899. At that meeting the name "Allen C. Lewis Society" was chosen in honor of the founder of the Institute, and James H. Stall was elected the first president. Since then the society has met at intervals more or less regular, and has had the following presidents: James H. Stall, George Adams, Grace McCarthy, John Smale, Ralph Chandler, Rayna Simons, Joseph Hora, Cora Kohlsaas, and Alexander Bailey.

At seventeen of the forty-four regular meetings debates have been held upon subjects of various kinds. In addition to these, stereotyped "music and recitation" programmes have been given, as well as lectures by such persons as Miss Jane Addams, the late Col. Parker, and Dr. Hiram W. Thomas, and musical numbers by Mr. Frank Winter, Mr. Reynolds, and others.

Early last fall it was decided that a series of debates should be given under the supervision of the English department by the best speakers in each class. In October English 9 was represented by six girls in a debate on segregation at the University of Chicago. The following month eight students in English 7 argued on the reduction of the tariff as a remedy for monopoly, and in December English 5 considered the equally pertinent question of the advisability of the assumption by the state of Pennsylvania of control of the anthracite mines. "The Army Canteen," "Compulsory Arbitration," "Irish Home Rule," and other subjects have been discussed before the society.

In closing we can only say that if such good work continues, the Allen C. Lewis Society will long merit the support and co-operation of the students of Lewis Institute.

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