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## DEBATING INTEREST

An interesting sidelight upon the present tendencies in education in America is the prominence which is being given to debating. Time was when debates could only be held between nearby colleges because the small attendance would allow too great expense.

In the past few years and especially in the past two years debating has been coming more and more into prominence. Teams from the large universities are now sent across the nation on trips of several weeks to debate other colleges en route. One Michigan team is making a trip this year east that includes a twenty-four hour debate!

The attendance at the Ashland-Findlay Debate last Friday night was a sad commentary upon the spirit of the school and the appreciation of its students for intellectual activities outside of class hours. To work earnestly to prepare for weeks for a debate and then to have a paltry percentage of the student body to turn out is enough to send and debater to the nervous scrap heap. Ashland must have prominent debating teams as well as prominent athletic teams. The lack of attendance on the part of the students last Friday night proved a miserable lack of interest in an important activity.

## TERPSICHOKEAN NONSENSE

C-r-r-imently—What next? No sooner does the public get back to normal after a series of hammer murders, sudden elopements and sensational divorces than along comes a dancing craze that fades all else into insignificance. Presidential elections, international affairs, social problems, education, religion, are backed into obscurity when the newspapers proclaim that a certain miss achieved the Herculean feat of dancing continuously for some fifty-two odd hours.

Yes sir! That's what she did and now that she has written her name indelibly on the pages of history, several dozen equally profound persons all over this great and good land of ours set out almost simultaneously to eclipse her record by dancing for a longer stretch of

## Parnassus Breezes

BY G. K. STONE

### THE BIRDIES THAT SING IN THE SPRING

O where are the birdies that sing in the Spring?

The birdies that sing in the Spring  
Have they gone back south where the green grass grows  
Far from the frigid and cold wind that blows

Where the chilly nor'easter will not freeze their toes

The birdies that sing in the Spring.

The birdies are here but it's too cold to sing

Each birdie's head is tucked under his wing,

Standing on one leg while warming the other,

Dreaming of warm nests and sister and brother,

And wishing so hard he were back home with mother,

The birdies that sing in the Spring.

O what will become of the birdies that sing,

Of the birdies that sing in the Spring?

The grey skies are swept by the cold arctic breeze

The chilly nor'easter still howls thru the trees

And if Spring doesn't soon come it surely will freeze

The birdies that sing in the Spring.

### EDITORIAL

It is a sad commentary on the status of morality in our modern civilization that we have in our midst such an organization as the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union." It is deplorable indeed that the name of the institution could not have been, "The Women's Christian Temperance Union." But as the name itself implies beyond a doubt that there is at present but one member of this union, such an appellation as is here suggested would be a misnomer unless more members might be acquired. It is our sincere and confident conjecture that this terrible implication is utterly unfair and that there are literally thousands of women in this country of ours that are absolute teetotalers and will resent this insinuation that they are all save one chronic alcoholics. We call upon the many public-spirited women who are interested in this important question to lose no time in joining this excellent organization so that the name might be changed to the "Women's Christian Temperance Union," thereby removing the opprobrious stigma of inebriety from our American Womanhood.

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