

GREAT CHAMPION DEBATE AT MERCER UNIVERSITY

(special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Mason, Ga., June 4.—The great champion debate took place yesterday evening at 9 o'clock in the chapel building. The subject debated was "Resolved, that in our colleges more emphasis should be placed upon the study of the sciences than upon the study of the languages."

A surpassingly large crowd was assembled to witness the principal event of commencement.

The entertainment opened with music by Franklin's orchestra, followed by a display of logic and eloquence.

The program was as follows:

Prayer by Rev. R. W. Eubanks.

Ciceronian affirmative represented by J. B. Wall, Locust Grove; W. C. Jones, Macon; O. H. Elkins, Locust Grove.

Phi Delta, negative, M. J. Jackson, Tallapoosa; W. F. Hall, Vienna; J. F. Wood, Hlawassee.

Mr. Wall opened the debate for the Ciceronians. He argued that the study of science impresses things upon pupils' minds; that one observes that science is tangible.

Mr. Jackson of the negative, followed, advocating the study of literature, arguing that one should study that which he likes, that man should not be forced to be bored with those things in which he is not interested.

Mr. Jones pointed out clearly the practicability and the tangibility of science.

by illustrating the act of directing a current of electricity through water and decomposing the water into hydrogen and oxygen.

Mr. Hall argued that the underlying principles of language are scientific. He also argued that the study of science destroys man's emotional nature, love for the esthetic, citing Darwin as experienced authority.

Mr. Elkin was up to his standard. He reiterated the arguments of his colleagues together with refutation of the negative's argument, and at the same time advanced additional argument.

Mr. Wood's refutation at the beginning was excellent. He cited authorities where three-fourths of the students at Harvard, Cornell, Leland Stanford and the University of Virginia, where great scientific studies are available, study the languages.

Mr. Wall closed the debate with five minutes' rebuttal.

The decision was given to the affirmative.

The debate was well studied, and was propounded with an efficiency that was astonishing. The young men are giants in debate.

Professor Martin has donated a silver loving cup which is to be owned permanently by the society which wins two out of three debates in the next three years. The Ciceronians now hold the cup, which will be in their possession for the next twelve months. If they win again