

Parliamentary Debates;

I took it that Gaines chief effect of influence on O.D.Y. was in the Sophomore Assembly. G. had been appointed by the faculty to conduct the course on Parliamentary Law and he had organized an assembly, which as I understand functioned in the second semester, that is after the theory of parliamentary debate had been studied. They organized this assembly with the election of officers and organization of two opposing sides. The elected Minister who presented a bill which was fought by the opposition, etc.

Dr. Gaines has the minutes of the assembly for many years - all the time that he presided over it. Very carefully preserved. Interesting for a historical collection after St. Lawrence. An officer was selected for each meeting and there are several of the reports in Young's hands. They are formal - no comments.

G. says there was much amusement at the time Y. and Spurr objected to a certain one of his rulings. The Constitution allowed in such a case an appeal to a faculty committee. Y. and S. went to G. and told him that they thought his ruling wrong and they would like to take advantage of the appeal but did not want to do it if it was going to hurt him. G. said, "Of course it is your right - go ahead." So a committee was appointed to his case. It did not provide for a rebuttal by G. so Y. and S. had the thing in their own hands. Gaines said, "Of course the committee knew very little about parliamentary law and it was not hard for the boys to convince them that I had been wrong and they gave a decision against me." I have an idea that possibly

