

# Peace Society



THE Peace Society is affiliated with the American School Peace League; and works with the aim of infusing the future teachers with a sympathy towards the peace movement, of creating within them an appreciation of the spirit of "world empire," and of fitting them to intelligently work for the abolition of war.

Such an organization is particularly important in a school of such a nature as ours,—a normal school fitting hundreds of teachers to go into the world and form the boys and girls into intelligent, useful citizens.

The chief feature of this year's work was an essay contest for a first prize of ten dollars, and a second prize of five dollars. These were offered respectively by Wm. C. Allen, and Robt. C. Root, both connected with the American Peace Society. Seven essays were submitted. The first prize was awarded to Roland F. Eberhart, and the second prize to Alpheus W. Ray.

At the suggestion of the Peace Society the members of Dramatic staged as their yearly production, "In the Vanguard." This was handled remarkably well, and very forcefully presented the thought of arbitration as the great substitute for war.

During the year the society has presented before the assembly two programs, both very interesting and impressive.

Mr. Eberhart's poem, "The Dawn of Peace," read at the first of these programs, has since been published in Wm. J. Bryan's "Commoner", and then republished by the U. S. Bureau of Education in its bulletin on peace.

At the last program Miss Blanche Wells discussed the awarding of the Noble Peace Prize to Elihu Root, and Messrs. Carmichael and Fisher reviewed the Mexican situation.

A petition was recently circulated to be sent to Washington protesting against the making of war upon the Mexican Republic, and asking that the trouble be settled by peaceful means. This was part of a national plan, and was started by the American Peace League.

The work of the society is greatly aided by Miss Smith and Miss Howe.

About eighty members are on the list of membership. Besides these active members there are a great many past members scattered through the state, all of whom are in touch with the society.

The present officers are:

John Faulds, President.

Adah Smith, Vice President.

Alpheus W. Ray, Secretary.

It is hoped that during the coming year the society may be able to extend its work into the literary line, and include debating and lecture work.

A. W. Ray.