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# DURHAM SCHOOL FREE AFTERNOON

## Spirited Discussion on Merits of Two Major Par- ties

Special to The Union.

DURHAM, July 10.—This was the free afternoon in the citizenship school which the Women of New Hampshire are conducting at the state college. Members of the faculty conducted a two-hour tour of the buildings, during which visitors inspected all the departments and were told of the college work.

At 4 o'clock the Hostess house of the Young Women's Christian association was opened. There was a cheery wood-fire and easy chairs which were arranged in groups for conferences. Thrift was the topic of the largest conference at which Mrs. Myra B. Lord of Boston presided.

At the morning session of parliamentary practice, drill was conducted by Mrs. Mary I. Wood and Mrs. Ellis Meredith of Colorado. Mrs. Nancy N. Schoonmaker spoke on Political Parties and Elections. "All parties are so black there need be no feeling on the part of a member of any of them against discussing the faults of that particular party", said Mrs. Schoonmaker. "The women must join the parties and attend the caucuses or primaries, where men are picked for nomination. Then they will discover that the picking has been done before the caucus or primary, that somewhere behind there is a curtain behind which the real work is done. We must head for that curtain."

There was a spirited discussion regarding the merits of the two major parties in which the audience joined and more political discussion came in the evening when Alexander Murchie of Concord, chairman of the Democratic State committee, and Mrs. Antoinette Funk told the women the present-day policies of the Democratic party and why they should ally themselves with it.

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