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society to order, and gave, in a short introduction, a review of the history of the contests of the society and the interest Palladians have always taken in public speaking in the University.

After an instrumental solo, "Locus Eaters," by Miss Nellie Cave, Mr. Howard H. Hanks delivered his forcible oration on "The Vital Principle in Government." Mr. Hanks showed ability, which he has acquired by considerable experience in speaking before audiences. He was least concerned with the mere words of his manuscript, and could therefore give his entire attention and energy to putting force and effect into his delivery. The theme of his oration was individuality and organization—the two taken together constituted what the speaker considered as the important factor in government. Mr. Hanks possesses a broad physique and a consequent powerful strength of voice and energy. He will enter the local oratorical contest. With his well-composed manuscript, strong and forceful delivery, and the work and training which he will be able to put into it in the mean time, Mr. Hanks will be a formidable contestant.

Mr. Lee Berry, the youngest and prep. contestant, choose for his subject, "The Faithful Abolitionist" as he characterized Charles Sumner. Mr. Berry received first place on manuscript by the judges but lost on delivery. His theme proved to be a eulogy of the unswerving loyalty and devotion of Charles Sumner to the cause of abolition even under the most bitter and personal opposition. He showed the true conception of an orator both in choice of subject and manner of treatment. He will enter the local contest, and with hard training in delivery he will come out, after the three weeks of training have passed, a much more aggressive rival.

Charles C. Crouch represented Patrick Henry and his interests. His subject, "How Patrick Henry Helped Free America," is fully expressive of the theme of his discourse. He traced the life and environments of the colonial orator and showed wherein he was a power to arouse a passive people into vigorous action. Mr. Crouch was thoroughly enthused with the spirit of his mission and spared no effort to present his hero as the man of the hour. He has the imagination and enthusiasm of the orator. He will enter the local contest and again pay tribute to the man who said: "Give me liberty, or give me death."

Mr. H. R. Tucker with his "The New America," proved himself the winner by considerable margin. His subject was timely and alive to the present interests of the nation. He discussed the new duty of the greater America and showed himself a warm expansionist in extending and furthering the ideals of republican government and Christian civilization. He was perfectly fair and unprejudiced in the stand he took and showed a deep and convicting earnestness which could not fail to impress his hearers. His manuscript is very carefully constructed and shows that he has spent much time in polishing and making it strong and effective. His delivery was easy and earnest. Mr. Tucker has begun early to work over his production and train his delivery for the coming local contest where he is fearless in his ambition to meet again some of those whom he met in victory in the Palladian contest.

The last speaker, Mr. R. L. Waterman, pled the cause of "The American Soldier" in a manner which convinced his hearers that he meant every word he said. Mr. Waterman was the most earnest in his appearance and sincere in his efforts. His great theme was to give the volunteer soldier of the line honor and credit for bravery and ability, as well as the exalted leader, who may have been no braver than the private, and yet receive military honor and glory because of rank. Mr. Waterman argued for the common soldier, the private soldier, the soldier of the rank and file, and he did it with true earnest-

ness and conviction of an admirer of the common people. His delivery was very effective and convicting.

After the announcement of the judges, the Palladians gave a short reception to their orators in their hall. The judges on manuscript were: Dr. Wharton, Prof. Ansley, and Judge E. P. Holmes; on delivery, Prof. Stuff of Wesleyan, Prof. Barber, and Representative Pollock.

Joint Debate.

UNION BOYS DEBATING CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY,
vs.

PI KAPPA DELTA SOCIETY OF DOANE COLLEGE.

The debating contest held at Crete last Saturday night was one of the most enjoyable social events of the year among the literary and debating societies, as well as a mutually beneficial forensic and argumentative exercise. The question, Resolved: "that an alliance offensive and defensive, should be perfected between the United States and Great Britain," was supported by the Doane club and opposed by the U. B. D. C. Messrs. Anderson, Riley and Barr represented the P. K. D. on the affirmative and Messrs. Hager, Craft and Hawthorne championed the negative for the U. B. D. C.

In spite of the severely cold weather a party of eighteen boys and ladies of Union society filled the air with songs and yells. The University party left Lincoln on the 6:10 p. m. train and started back from Crete at 11 o'clock. The debate was a lively and interesting one showing considerable ability on both sides. After the contest proper, a reception was given the visitors by P. K. D. in the parlors of the Congregational church.

The stage and tables were beautifully and appropriately decorated with the colors of the respective clubs.

Mr. John Plowhead, president of the Union club presided with dignity and skill. He paid a touching tribute to Mr. H. E. Fleming who was to have been one of the U. B. D. C. debaters. Mr. Anderson of Doane responded, showing that they too mourned the loss of an able man whom they expected to meet.

Lively music which was very much appreciated, was furnished by the Doane mandolin club. Miss Maude Johnson's vocal solo was effectively rendered. During the reception Miss Chase of the Union society gave two vocal selections by request. Her singing is always well received. Extemporaneous speeches, voicing the good feeling of both societies were heartily enjoyed.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Parker Fountain Pen Co., has given the Association a large amount of ink and now members will be furnished ink free by calling at Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Mr. Williams is out again after his siege of sickness. The boys were faithful in caring for him. The Y. M. C. A. has done an excellent work in looking after sick young men.

Miss Barr, who has charge of the ladies gymnasium, recently presented the Y. M. C. A. with a beautiful picture which will be hung in the new rooms.

The social committee of both Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. are busy planning for the reception at the Lincoln hotel. It is hoped all may attend.

A new Bible class has been formed with Jno. Boose as leader. It is composed of the boys who came in from Lincoln Normal.