

petual in America." Mr. Wheeler's articulation was very indistinct and guttural and the accent was made by pouncing upon the word. The production was another of the "general principles" kind. It contained a superfluity of figures which were generally conceited and for effect only. The growth of the perpetual was well shown by history and forcible writing but the application of the facts was obscure.

The last oration of the evening was "National Unity," by Mr. J. W. Wilkerson, of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Mr. Wilkerson's production was the only true and complete oration on the program. His historical references were, as they should be, brief and direct and were all clustered about his main idea—unity and nationality. The abolition of sectional hatred between the North and South was the burden of his production and from it he never strayed. When he came out to speak it was half past eleven and he labored from the first against the weariness of the audience. Yet so completely did he overcome it that he received the only burst of applause given in the middle of any speech. He possessed a remarkable personality and his force lay chiefly in the magnetism of his eyes. His gestures were all natural and aided by the head and body. All his power was concentrated on the idea, unity; and his personality was supreme. Only two criticisms can be offered; he was a little given to repetition in different words, and his delivery was so natural that it seemed a little like a stump speech.

While the markings were being figured up the audience was entertained by music from the Iowa College Musical Union and the college boys.

The judges were; on thought and composition, Governor J. B. Foraker, of Ohio; President T. C. Chamberlain, University of Wisconsin; Professor S. G. Barnes, Iowa College; on delivery, Judge J. T. Philips, Missouri; General J. C. Cowin, Nebraska; Hon. W. N. Horner, Illinois. Their decision was as follows: E. H. Hughes, of Ohio, 1st; J. A. Blaisdell, of Wisconsin, 2nd; J. W. Wilkerson, of Indiana, 3rd. The other states ranked as follows: Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota.

If all art lies in the personality of the artist, if it is the object of an oration, not to instruct, amuse or entertain an audience but to move it, then Indiana should have had first and Nebraska second. The judges evidently admitted no distinction between an oration and an essay and consequently Ohio as producing the most entertaining "oration" was given first.

The Lanquet after the contest, from twelve to two o'clock, was the principal feature and was a jolly finish. Three hundred seats were sold and imported Africans were imported direct for the occasion. Toasts were proposed and responded to with vigor. The beauty came from Iowa College, Grinnell, which is remarkable for its abundant supply, and the chivalry from the rest of the country. Drake University, of Des Moines sent up a train load of it.

The convention was characterized by rings, wire pulling, and scheming, yet as Nebraska through the hard work mainly of Mr. Hartigan, of Crete, aided by "unscrupulous politicians" succeeded in forming the winning combination, we as the upper dog need not howl. The University of Nebraska will now have the honor of entertaining the Seventeenth Interstate Oratorical contest and convention from May 1st to 5th, 1892; and it behooves us to do the honors in style. The president (from the winning ring also) is G. M. Culver, of Kansas, the vice-president and secretary also from the ring are D. R. Kinder, of Illinois, and G. W. Allen, of Ohio. This gave us four states and with Indiana, who went in to save her skin, a majority.

H. C. PETERSON.

THE WESTERN INTER-COLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.—BULLETIN.

The Western Intercollegiate Press association was formally organized at Grinnell, Iowa, May 2, 1889. The objects to be attained are the increase of interest in exchanges, the furtherance of acquaintance among college editors with the common benefit thus derived, and, if possible, the discussions, by regular annual programs, of improvements in college journalism. Representatives of about twenty college papers were present. An organization was effected and a constitution was framed and adopted. By this constitution membership shall consist of any and all papers that signify their intention to become members, file copies of their journals with the secretary and deposit one dollar with the treasurer. All meetings will be held at the time and place of the meetings of the Interstate Oratorical Association. Representation at such meetings shall be by regular appointed and accredited delegate or proxy; or any paper may participate in all balloting by depositing sealed ballots with the secretary. The officers shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, together with a vice-president from each represented state that does not hold any other office. The duties of president, secretary and treasurer shall be the ordinary duties of such officers together with the duties of the vice-presidents. It shall be the duty of each vice-president to keep informed concerning the number and condition of the college papers of his state, to correspond with the editors of such papers and to have a general supervision of the work in his state. Such is a digest of the constitution. It is desired that all papers wishing to become members of the associations should file copies of their journal at once and deposit a dollar with the treasurer. The principal officers for the coming year president, S. D. Harsh, Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill; Treasurer, C. C. Michener, Oska-loosa, Iowa. THE HESPERIAN has been made the official organ and all business pertaining to the association will appear in this paper. H. C. Peterson, State University, Lincoln, Neb., secretary. S. D. Harsh, Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill.

FROM THE SENIORS.

- T. S. ALLEN.—I intend to study law. I am a democrat. I believe in free trade and prohibition.
- G. H. BAUGHMAN.—Eventually I intend to study medicine. I am a republican.
- C. W. BIGELOW.—I am not yet fully decided as to what I shall do. I will be able to give my decision before commencement.
- M. I. BIGELOW.—I will follow electrical engineering. I am a republican—prohibitionist.
- R. D. CHURCH.—Well, sir, I hope to become a member of the legal profession. I aspire to be a jurist of high rank. I shall enter politics as a prohibitionist.
- F. W. COLLINS.—I have chosen my profession but do not desire to state what it is yet. I am a republican, yet lean strongly towards prohibition.
- E. G. EAGLESON.—For some time I will follow the occupation of civil engineer. I am a republican.
- O. W. FIFER.—I may enter the newspaper business, May go back to railroading for a time, however. I am a prohibitionist.
- D. D. FORSYTH.—I am on the fence. My mind is not fully made up in regard to my future occupation. I am a prohibitionist.