

CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN INTER-COLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

PREAMBLE.

We, the representatives of the college press, in order to obtain the advantages hereafter set forth, do hereby establish and ordain for our control and guidance the following CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. This organization shall be known as the Western Inter-collegiate Press Association.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. The object of this association shall be the elevation of the standard of college journalism and the enlargement of its sphere of usefulness, and thus to secure to ourselves and the cause of higher education all the incidental advantages therefrom accruing.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The representatives of all college periodicals published in whole by undergraduates of any academy, college, or university in the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, and all the states and territories lying west of the Mississippi river, except the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, and the territories of New Mexico, and Arizona shall be eligible to membership in the association.

Sec. 2. All persons eligible to membership according to the provisions of Sec. 1 of this article, shall become duly accredited members by filing papers of (of a form to be prescribed by the duly elected officers of the association) with the secretary of the association on or before each regular meeting of the association, declaring their intention to avail themselves of the privileges of the association and their willingness to be subject to its control, and also by keeping on file with the secretary one copy of each issue of their periodical.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The officers of this association shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, together with a vice president from each of the states comprising the association, not otherwise officially represented.

Sec. 2. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon similar officers in deliberative and administrative bodies.

Sec. 3. Officers shall be elected at each regular meeting of the association, for the term of one year or until their successors are duly qualified.

Sec. 4. In the election of officers, each periodical belonging to the association, shall have one vote, which shall be cast, (1) by any duly elected delegate; or, (2) by a sealed ballot sent by mail to the secretary of the association, which shall be opened and announced by him at the time of the election; or, (3) by a duly accredited proxy in the person of a delegate from some other periodical represented in the association.

ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held annually, on the day after and at the place of holding the inter-state oratorical contest.

Sec. 2. At each regular meeting of the association, each periodical belonging to the association shall be represented in the manner prescribed in Art. IV, Sec. 4.

Sec. 3. Whenever any question comes before the association in regular meeting, necessary or expedient to be decided by vote, the manner of taking such vote shall be as provided for in Article IV., Section 4.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. There shall be no initiation fee required of any periodical joining the association, but an annual due of one dollar (\$1) shall be required of members. To meet any other necessary expenses a *pro rata* assessment sufficient to meet such expenses may be levied by a majority vote of the association.

Sec. 2. No periodical delinquent on annual dues shall be entitled to a vote in any meeting of the association.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The president, secretary, and treasurer, and the vice presidents of the association shall form an executive committee whose duties shall be to advance the interests of the association in every way they may deem fit.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. In deliberations of this association, Robert's "Rules of Order" shall be taken as authority!

ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1. Any part of this constitution may be amended, repealed, or added to, at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the papers represented.

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC

Our last chance at exchanges this year and only one column to hit them in! Some one's feelings will be spared.

From the extraordinary number of mildewed items in the *Blackburnian* we should think there was a green exchange editor on the paper.

The *Elite Journal* objects very strongly to the plan of having the press association meeting at the same time and place as the interstate oratorical contest. It thinks this is making the former play "second fiddle to the latter. There is, of course something in the point that only those papers will be represented that have also some interest in the oratorical contest. But is not this overbalanced by the fact that it would be almost impossible to get many papers to send delegates for no other purpose than the press association? It seems to us that the difficulties in the *Journal's* plan are greater than in the one proposed at Grinnell.

The very freshest thing this spring has brought forth is the brand new exchange editor on the *Richmond Messenger*. We haven't any words to express his freshness. He is simply freshness unadulterated, or rather, unsalted. With a grandiose and patronising style, as if he was a sort of father to college journalism, he notes that we get off 'that same old criticism on his local column' and then rather more meekly thinks 'we should speak to our local men about putting in such poetry as "U n n i, Ver ver versity, N e-braski, Oh o o o-my." Poetry! We don't like to use slang, but feel tempted to say "Caesar's ghost" just this once. You poor innocent! That's a college yell. A college yell is a kind of a whoop or cry (*i. e.* a shout, you understand) which is uttered (*i. e.* shouted) by one or two boys or a lot of boys who are called "students" (you will understand that word when you are older) and that is the way the boys let people know what college (something like a school only they teach different things) they belong to. Our heart aches for you, dear little thing, as we think of all that you don't know about college life. When you have used up a pencil or two and loosened the rivet of your shears in your new occupation you will realize that all is not "poetry" that is printed with "quads."

As a result of the new press association we have received several new exchanges. The *College Courier*, Monmouth, presents a pretty pink outside and eighteen pages of good reading matter. The issue is largely devoted to tributes to a lately deceased professor. The editorials in this paper smack entirely too much on the proverbial, philosophical, goody-goody sort. Write on live topics. The *Penn Chronicle*, Oskaloosa, Iowa, is a very fair paper—editorials on live topics, two good essays, unsigned (which indicates the editors are not lazy) and a none too extensive local column are part of the attractions. The *Elite Journal* we had heard of before. It is the paper which distinguished itself by changing from a semi-monthly to a weekly with no perceptible diminution in size. We shall have to concur in the verdict that it is a very enterprising periodical. We have not the issue at hand just at present or we might pick a few flaws in it—the color of the cover for instance. Does that amuse you? It always amuses us to hear about our "delirium tremens" cover. The *Buhtelite* from Akron, Ohio, is the latest. It is an infant of two months age, which may account for several peculiarities. The wood cuts on the cover look as though they had been taken in the dark of the moon. The paper used is of poor quality and very sad in hue. In quantity the journal is very praiseworthy, though much of the matter is contributed.