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Mr. McMullen Wins.

The local Oratorical Contest is a thing of the past. Out of the eight one was chosen who will represent the Uni at the State Contest. That the representation will be a worthy one everyone is certain, even the defeated contestants. Mr. McMullen's subject was popular, well handled, and well delivered.

The usual difficulty was encountered at the last moment in obtaining judges. John M. Ragan was sick and H. D. Estabrook was unable to be here until nearly nine o'clock. Rev. E. H. Antis and Prof. Leese were chosen to fill the vacancies, and at about 8:15 the hall began.

The program was opened with a guitar and mandolin duet by Messrs. Hebard and Young. The selection was well received.

The first oration was "A Century of Dishonor," by Mr. Ned C. Abbott. Mr. Abbott presented one side of the Indian question. His oration was well written, but his delivery slightly forced.

Mr. Cramb followed with "The End of Life." His subject was almost too broad for a short oration. Mr. Cramb has the foundation for the best delivery of any man in the University. His voice is full and resonant, and if properly used would be ideal. His delivery was, however, too monotonous, and lacked gesture.

The winning oration was next on the program. Mr. McMullen's subject was "Blaine, the Man." It abounded with effective climaxes and oratorical effects. If our orator gets rid of a slight thickness which is at times discernible in his voice and makes his pauses a little less marked, we will be represented in the State Contest and the Interstate by as good a delivery as the Uni has ever developed.

Owing to Miss Blair's illness the next number, a vocal solo, was omitted.

Miss Florence Smith then delivered a thoughtful, well written oration on "The Meaning of a University Education." Her delivery was marred by the thinness of her voice.

Mr. A. G. Chapman next gave "Another Side of the Question."

Though Mr. Chapman tied for second place on manuscript,

his delivery brought him quite far down in the total standing.

Mr. Wurzburg then sang "Die Botschaft." His tenor is better than we often hear in the chapel of the U. of N. He received an enthusiastic encore and responded with "In Days of Old."

"Evolution the National Task," by Mr. A. F. Montmorency. This oration received second place. It was delivered well, though almost too rapidly and lacking in gesture.

"The Recent Social Unrest." Mr. Shreve's delivery was earnest, but showed some nervousness.

Mr. L. C. Smith, the winner of the Chase and Wheeler Contest, concluded the oratorical part of the program with "The Courage We Need." He has improved his delivery very much since the Palladian Contest.

While the decision was being compiled the Aeolian Quartet from goodness - knows - where inflicted two songs on the audience. They were unanimously awarded last place by all present.

After the usual wait, occupied by yells, songs, etc., the decision was made known. Then came the usual tossings and congratulations, and everybody went home, some to rejoice, others to mourn just a little, but all pretty well satisfied with the result.

The markings of the various judges were as follows:

Contestants	Rakestraw	Talbot	Tuttle	Polk	Austin	Leese
Abbott.....	7	7	3	3	5	6
Cramb.....	6	8	8	4	7	2
McMullen.....	1	1	1	1	1	3
Miss Smith.....	3	2	3	6	8	8
Chapman.....	4	3	1	8	4	5
Montmorency.....	2	4	7	2	3	1
Shreve.....	2	6	6	7	2	5
Smith.....	5	5	5	5	5	4

The preparations for the Junior Promenade are progressing rapidly. The Hall of Representatives at the capitol has been secured, and the ante rooms will be fixed for dressing rooms. Check stands will be run in each dressing room, and every preparation has been made for the comfort of those attending. Irving's orchestra of sixteen pieces has been engaged to play. Lemonade will be served at several places in the room. All carriages are requested to drive to the east door. Many

students seem to think that the committee having the Promenade in charge does not mean business, and that the notices put up from time to time are simply for the amusement of this committee. There have been exactly one hundred and fifty tickets placed on sale, and that is all that will be sold. At the present time it is necessary for the committee to sell exactly five more tickets to meet actual expenses. As it is necessary to know exactly the amount which is coming in before anything is sold, no more tickets will be sold after Monday, February 12. It is a great nuisance for the members of the committee to run after students who have engaged their tickets to obtain the money, and it would be a great help if each one would come up at once and buy his ticket. The committee has been endeavoring to make the Charter Day dance a strictly University affair, but this laudable effort is combated by some students who have not college spirit to see the advantage of a purely University affair. This much can be said for the benefit of students who sell their own tickets to outsiders. Almost all of the tickets have been sold already. No one will be admitted at the door without a ticket, and absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door. Consequently any student who sells his ticket to an outsider is more than likely not to get in himself. No tickets will be sold to such persons if the committee can help it. Admission to the gallery will be placed at twenty-five cents. The music will be very fine and the decorations very beautiful, and those who do not care to dance will undoubtedly be more than entertained. Nevertheless, every student will be heartily welcome to the floor. As a last word. This Promenade is for every University student who dances. It doesn't matter whether you dance much or little, whether you have a new suit of clothes or a new dress to wear or not, come. You are sure to have a good time if you go with that intention. In Charter Day week we are all students together. Let us forget whether we are fraternity people or literary society people or "non-jiners." Only remember that we are all

U. of N. people and all bound for a glorious twenty-five years old celebration. The patrons are as follows: Gov. Crouse and staff and ladies; Chancellor and Mrs. J. H. Canfield; Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gere; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Imhoff; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Burnham; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yates; Mr. and Mrs. I. S. P. Weeks; Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morrill; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Goudy; Mr. and Mrs. John Hewitt; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hargreaves; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hargreaves; Mr. T. E. and Mrs. P. H. Calvert; Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Oakley; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Humphrey; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bartlet; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dawes.

Gronlund's Lecture.

Wednesday evening Lawrence Gronlund, the celebrated socialist, lectured before the Political Economy club and its friends in chapel. His subject was "Socialism an Economical Blessing." The lower floor of the chapel was filled by an appreciative and even enthusiastic audience. Students predominated but many outsiders were noticed. Mr. Gronlund spoke earnestly and attractively. He speaks again Saturday night in chapel, and Sunday night at the Universalist church. His lectures are well worth the attendance of all interested in social questions. His views are of the most conservative socialistic order, and have no savour of anarchy.

At a meeting of the Senior class held on Tuesday afternoon Miss Faulkner and Mr. Fling were appointed a committee on class photography, and Miss Weston, Miss Taeat and Mr. Johnson on invitations. The commencement orator has not been chosen yet. Several names were suggests, but none of them could be obtained. John J. Ingalls is the next on the list.

The Junior and Senior classes in chemistry are invited to spend the evening with Prof. Nichol at his home, Thursday evening, February 8.