

and financial support. An excellent opportunity is here offered to Professor Howard to devote his attention wholly to the subjects to which he is now attached. We would be selfish indeed to ask him to remain on the pittance we have to offer. We have never supported Professor Howard as we should have done. His department has always been cramped for means. He has lacked the absolute necessities in his department, often having to use his own funds to supply them, while the scientific departments have been supported with a lavish hand. Is it any wonder that the bright prospects of Stanford university are able to draw him away from his alma mater in whose welfare his whole soul must be bound up? A word to the wise should be sufficient. Professor Howard has won the admiration and deepest regards of his students and may rest assured that his name and kind deeds will never fade from their memory.

The question of dividing the Inter-state Oratorical association is now being considered by the different states composing it. At the last convention of the association, which was held at Des Moines, Ia, May 7, a committee was appointed to confer with the state associations with regard to the matter, and to report the result to the next annual convention.

The reasons urged for such a division are worthy of consideration. First, the association is now too large. A program of ten orations is too long. The last speakers labor under a manifest disadvantage besides it makes the contest a bore rather than a pleasure to those in attendance. Again the association covers so much territory that the expense of attending is necessarily very great. There are two special reasons why the western colleges should favor the division. The first is, that we cannot as a general thing, cope with the older Eastern institutions where much more attention is given to oratory than can be given in the west for some time to come. Then, too, in western colleges the barbarians are usually in the ascendency. This would put the control of the organization into their hands. As it now is the fraternities control everything. It is certainly desirable especially to the western college to divide the association in the near future.

In the opinion of the delegates to the last convention the western association should consist of the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and Colorado. The Eastern association, of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Kentucky. Kentucky has already applied for admission to the association. Colorado has thought very seriously of joining the Pacific association. This would leave each association with five states, which is certainly enough.

If the inter-state association should be divided their would then be five such a associations in the United States; besides these two there are the Pacific association, the Northwestern league, and Southern association. Now it is proposed that the five associations be united into a National association, in which the winners in the several inter-state associations shall compete for rational honor. The plan is certainly worthy of careful consideration.

The question of the division of our association, and of forming a national association should be considered by the colleges of the state association, and delegates should be sent to the next state convention instructed as to the wishes of the colleges in regard to the matter. Without some such action the inter-state association will be powerless to act.

THE treatment accorded our players at the state tennis tournament, was the subject of much unfavorable comment among the students. Inconveniences, such as lack of accommodations, are to be expected in a small town, but the boorishness exhibited by those having the tournament in charge is inexcusable. Not only did the reception committee fail to carry out any of the promises of entertainment made to our association, but those having the tournament in charge, neglected to make even the most necessary arrangements. Such a thing as a regulation ball could not be obtained, and the games had to be played with cheap, under-sized balls. No provisions had been made for a competent umpire, but one was furnished whose efforts to be fair were seriously handicapped by a lamentable ignorance of the game. The management of the entire affair reflects no credit on those having it in charge.

Knight Prize Essay.

"THE BEAUTIFUL."

To one who is able to appreciate beauty, it is a never failing source of pleasure. Such a person beholds the beauty of earth and sky with the admiration that only a poet can express.

There is to the poet or to the painter the added pleasure of describing to others the beauty that is a source of delight to himself.

In order to do this, he must study beauty. It is not enough for him to say that a tree is beautiful. He must be able to point out specific beauties; such as the shape of the tree, graceful waving branches, color, shades, and tints of the foliage. He must know what constitutes beauty before he can arouse in others feelings similar to those which he experiences.

This study of what is beautiful may be pursued by every one. By a careful study of the beautiful in nature, to which every one has access, certain principles may be discovered upon which beauty depends.

A winter landscape, which is almost devoid of color, is a fine study in which to observe the effect of light and shade. Whether there are hills and valleys with rocks and trees, or far stretching plains; whether the earth is bare and brown or white with snow; it will be discovered that nearly all the beauty of such a scene is produced by the lights and shades.