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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that the local contest is over, let us all join hands, irrespective of factions, and do everything possible to help our representative in the State contest. The local association should take steps, at once, towards training our orator. In every state contest, so far, the university has ranked high on manuscript, but low on delivery. This has always been our failing. Now is a good time to remedy this. If we ever expect to send a representative to an inter-state contest, we must raise our standard of delivery. Let no pains or expense be spared that will bring about this desired change. Let us engage the best talent in Lincoln to train our orator this year and see what he can do. Give him training that will place him on an equality with his competitors, and the university need not fear the result.

THE recent orders published by the military department have given rise to a great deal of dissatisfaction among the cadets. There has been a marked tendency during the last few years to increase the work and expense of all students connected with this department. Until this year, students were compelled to drill only six terms, and a term once completed credited the same as any other study. Now; every male student, unless excused for excessive poverty, or physical inability, must drill nine consecutive terms. In other words, he must drill three out of the four years of his college course in order to get a diploma. Is war so imminent in this great commercial age that we must transform our colleges into military academies? The orders that have caused the most complaint are those which directly infringe upon individual rights. These dictatorial orders are: first, that hereafter no cadet will be allowed to wear any part of his uniform when off duty unless he wears the whole. Second, that hereafter cadets will have no choice in the selection of their own suits. The lieutenant and some clothing house in the east will dictate price and quality.

Now, what will be the result of these decrees? There are already students in our university that cannot afford the time and expense that this department demands. If this sort of thing continues in the future it is bound to lesson the attendance to some extent. Now that we have an excellent gymnasium the plea cannot be entertained that military