

merits should draw friends about him. If a man's own personal character, on acquaintance, will not attract friends, he does not deserve any.

THERE seems to be an impression among certain of the students that the annual is a money-making scheme; that it makes the subjects of the engravings and illustrations pay for their cuts and buy the book, while the managers of the annual reap the profits, which they assume will be considerable. This idea is wholly mistaken. The facts are these. It is planned to have about one thousand dollars worth of illustrations. The class of '93, will have to pay at least one third of these, which, together with the cost of printing and binding will involve the class so deeply that only the most generous subscriptions on the part of the students and others will enable the class to meet expenses. About one thousand copies will be printed. If the students are patriotic and generous enough to subscribe liberally, the enterprise will be a success, and we shall have done something to give our university a still higher standing among the great institutions of the land. If the students do not subscribe generously and patriotically, the work will be a failure; '93 will be deeply involved, and enterprise among the upper classmen will hereafter be a thing unknown.

It is our intention to make the annual of such merit that it will take rank with those of the great colleges of the country. That is assured. Among the illustrations will be an engraving of the chancellor; a group of the deans; photo-engravings of the band, chorus, and orchestra, base-ball and foot ball teams; interiors of the buildings; class, society, and fraternity clubs; and illustrations from every department, club, and organization of the university. A notable feature will be the individual record of each student in the regular college classes; a record of his work in society, class, fraternity, military, athletics, and oratory. Yet, if there should be a surplus, (a contingency wholly unlooked for at present) it will probably be devoted to purchasing a shelf for books for the library, or some object of that kind.

Therefore, subscribe for the annual. Show that you appreciate and admire true enterprise. Stand by the class of '93.

THE state contest is over, and the university received second place again. We have been given the same place for four years in succession. This is not encouraging, to say the least. At first thought, our only salvation, now, seems to be to adopt the spread eagle style of oratory. But, after a moments reflection, we believe, stronger than ever, that our's is the true style of oratory. It has always been the opinion of the university, that the ideal standard of oratory is that which is most natural. Our views are not changed. We think a man should be just as natural before an audience, as he is while talking with his most intimate friend. We would like to ask our sister colleges, what would have been the effect, if Henry Ward Beecher, in his oration on Abraham Lincoln, had used a style of oratory similar to our friend Mr. Winter's? With such a style, do you think that Wendell Phillips could have pierced the heart of slavery with his eloquence, and sapped it of its life blood? Can you imagine Abraham Lincoln standing with his arms extended, and his eyes uplifted to heaven, as he delivered his famous Gettysburg orations? No, Abraham Lincoln talked direct to the soldiers on that memorable day. He was not there to draw the attention of the soldier to himself. His purpose was of a far different nature. He wished to comfort them in their sorrow. In order to do that he had to speak to them in the simplest manner possible. The university believes in following, as an example, such men as Webster, Clay, Phillips, Beecher, Lincoln, and Garfield, rather than ordinary elocutionists.

We have no need to be discouraged. Our speaker of this year, was marked higher on delivery, than our previous orators. In the words of our orator, "There is hope for the future."

THE STATE CONTEST AT CRETE.

Winter of the Wesleyan Takes First Honors
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CHARLIE SKILES GOES TO MINNEAPOLIS IN MAY

The Proceedings and Orations Reported in Full—How
300 Students From Lincoln Enjoyed Themselves—
What the University Did to Enliven Things.

About 200 university students with the band attended the contest at Crete, on Friday, December 11. About seventy-five went down on the noon train, the balance taking the special train at 4:30 p. m. There were five cars, and all were well filled. The university delegation were joined by about seventy five from the Wesleyan and the same number from Cotner. They made a jolly and noisy crowd. After arrival at Crete the crowd dispersed and visited the college and other places. The chief places of interest, however, were the hotels and restaurants, and wherever there was a place to obtain anything to eat. It was necessary to line up to get anything to eat in the same manner as a citizen of Lincoln gets mail on Sunday at the general delivery.

THE ATHLETIC MEETING.

The athletic convention was called to order about 3 o'clock by acting Secretary Pace. As Wesleyan's delegation was not present the election of officers was postponed, and after appointing committees on constitution and field day program, the convention adjourned to meet at the state university, Saturday afternoon, at 1:30 p. m.

STATE CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the State Oratorical association was called to order by President Cassel at 2 o'clock, in the chapel of Doane college. Delegations were present from the State, Wesleyan, and Cotner universities, and from Doane college. There were three delegates from the U. of N., with Rufus Bentley as chairman. Wesleyan appeared with five, but, as one was a proxy, he was not allowed a seat in the delegation. This left four with Mr. Essert as chairman. Cotner had five delegates to look after her interests. Mr. William Oeschger was chairman of this delegation. Doane appeared with eleven delegates, and, as will be shown later, this fact was the cause of a lengthy and heated discussion. Fred Sweeney was chairman of the Doane delegation. The chairmen of the delegations were then appointed as a committee on credentials, with Wm. Oeschger chairman of this committee. This committee soon reported, and the fun began. In the report the credentials were accepted in full, with the exception of the credentials of the delegation from Doane. Five of this delegation were declared to be delegates by the report, while the remaining six delegates were not to be admitted for the reason that it would establish a dangerous precedent to have so many in one delegation. This report caused all the difficulty. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the committee. Immediately the question came up, who had a right to vote? Evidently the six delegates were entitled to the same rights and privileges as the others, for their right to their seats was not contested, neither did they have improper credentials. The committee had made an arbitrary report, and had gone beyond their powers. The delegates from the U. of N., for about two hours, steadily maintained that to deny the six delegates seats in the conven-