

Frank Woods, last year of the class of '95, now of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, is the winner in the state oratorical contest of Colorado. This speaks well for Colorado College, but since Frank was so recently a student of the N. S. U., we must claim a share of the glory for ourselves. We wish him to secure second place under Nebraska's first in the inter-state contest.

Lee Edwards, a former student of the University, visited relatives and friends in Lincoln recently. Lee will graduate a full-fledged M. D. from the Omaha Medical College in April next. He then, so we are informed, will open up an office in the Burr block, from whence he will sally forth on his attacks upon diseases and maladies of all kinds. May he find success in the practice of his chosen profession is the wish of the HESPERIAN.

[The local in regard to the disposition of funds in the hands of the treasurer of the Oratorical Association, that appeared in the HESPERIAN for February 15th, was vague and did not state the whole case. The motion entire that passed at the meeting of the Oratorical Association was that twenty-five dollars should be paid as a prize to the winning orator and also twenty-five dollars for training in preparation for the State contest. Then after paying the expenses of the contest, all moneys left in the treasury, with the exception of five dollars, were to be paid to the athletic association to pay off its indebtedness. The motion met with much opposition, but the athletic fever raged higher than the oratorical fever and it passed. Mr. Sheldon in writing the following letter could not understand all the facts, but his letter upholds the position of the minority in the oratorical meeting, and it should have some weight if the question in hand ever comes up again, and it undoubtedly will next year. —Ed.]

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Editor of the Hesperian:

Dear Sir: I have this day received a copy of the HESPERIAN dated February 15th. With your permission, I desire to make a few remarks through your paper upon the following paragraph, taken from the HES-

PERIAN before me: "At a recent meeting of the Oratorical Association a motion prevailed whereby all surplus moneys in the hands of the treasurer, with the exception of five dollars, should be turned over to the Athletic association. The athletes are appreciative of this generous assistance and rejoice over the fact that they can make preparations for the spring work, untrammelled by indebtedness."

I, too, rejoice with the athletes "over the fact that they can make preparations for the spring work untrammelled by indebtedness," but I exceedingly regret that the Oratorical Association sacrificed its own important interests, thereby acquiring an empty treasury and leaving its representative to the state contest dependent upon his own resources.

The attitude of the students of the University towards oratory is an unfortunate one. I have read heart-rending appeals in the columns of the HESPERIAN and of the *Nebraskan* urging the alumni and students to exhibit their loyalty to the University by rendering the Athletic association financial support. But in the discussion of oratorical matters, I have not noticed any intimations that the University orators should receive financial aid. It is to be regretted that the students are willing to spend hundreds of dollars to train a foot ball team and only five dollars to train their orator. The University orator should be as liberally and loyally supported as are the base ball and foot ball teams. Sober reflection must convince every student that the fame of the University depends upon the success of her orator as much as it does upon the success of her base ball and foot ball teams.

The *Nebraskan* says: "The State University expects its orator to win the state contest with great ease. * * * Mr. Wing has a heavy trust imposed upon him, and no doubt will not disappoint his admirers."

If the resolution passed by the Oratorical Association may be taken as a criterion of the support the orator is receiving, I doubt whether the trust "imposed upon him" is as great as might be inferred from the above