

suppose that the bishop would have taken vengeance upon the rooks for his wrong to the servant. Perhaps he did not deem the matter of sufficient importance, or perhaps he allowed the rooks to live as a warning to him thereafter. At any rate, the great numbers of rooks always flying and screaming about the towers give the Merseburgers of to-day occasion to tell the story of Bishop Thilo to all visitors.

One further fact must not be overlooked, and that is that Merseburg possesses one of the greatest organs in all Germany. This organ has more than six thousand pipes and fills one end of the cathedral. It is an object of just pride to the villagers.

Happy is the country whose annals are uninteresting. He would be a poor American who could not feel the vaster possibilities and the stronger pulses of life in his own country than in any country of Europe. But by as much as it is true that America is the country of the future, by so much is it true that Europe is the country of the past,—the country with an interesting history. One can hardly find a village the name of which is not connected with some important historic event. While Americans may find the deepest interest in visiting the scenes of the great battles of Europe, no thoughtful American will honor his own country less because she lacks the same kind of interest.

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Oratorical Matters.

The fight in the oratorical convention March 10th that was so disgraceful although settled for a time on that day, was not settled for good. That Sweeney should be the float delegate to the Interstate Oratorical convention was discountenanced by all just minded delegates to the state convention. His election was deemed unjust and unfair. Means were taken for his removal by arranging, according to the constitution, for a called meeting to be held in State University chapel April 29th. At the appointed time the called meeting met. It was com-

posed of about the same delegates that composed the convention at Cotner University March 10th. After organization the minutes were read by Maxwell. That part of the minutes pertaining to the election of officers was stricken out and then a motion was made by Marlay to elect officers. Bicknell was elected temporary chairman since the convention and association were without officers, on account of the motion to strike out. Officers were then elected as follows: President, Adam McMullen; Harmon of Cotner, delegate at large to inter-state convention; Mains of Doane, delegate to inter-state convention; Mr. Maxwell of Wesleyan, secretary of the association; R. A. Schell of Cotner, vice president of the association. Mr. McMullen then took the chair.

Report on money matters asked for and Secretary Maxwell reported that some money had not yet been turned over. A motion then prevailed to the effect that the secretary demand this money of whoever has it and take all necessary means, legal or otherwise, for securing it.

On a tie vote the president decided that it be the sense of this meeting that a constitutional convention be held soon.

Adjournment was then taken.

Lack of space forbids comment but the orderliness and good feeling that prevailed in this convention and the final results place a premium on right and justice and censure narrowness and selfishness.

ATHLETIC.

A game of foot-ball has already been arranged for between our team and the D. A. C's. The game is to take place on the Denver grounds November 4th. This trip to Denver will be looked forward to with pleasure. It is a trip that in itself will pay for the time and trouble expended by any player. Just the thought of again visiting Denver sends a thrill of pleasure through the heart of every old player and should give courage and inspiration to those who expect to get on the team next year.