

sent the Junior class alone, but the whole University. So let every loyal student do his part by purchasing at least one Sombrero and contributing to its literary department.

A reception was tendered the members of the Palladian Society last Saturday evening by Ernest Ames, at his elegant home at Twentieth and Sumner streets. About twenty-five couples were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. Games, cards and dancing were indulged in until about eleven o'clock, when light refreshments were served. This reception is the second given within the last month. The delightful times experienced will be long remembered by all.

The 31st recital of the Musical department which took place on the night of December 18th was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The programme on this occasion certainly added greatly to the already well known ability of Mr. and Mrs. Menzendorf. The solos of Miss Blair were the attractions of the evening. This was her first appearance before a Lincoln audience. The chorus and orchestra deserve much praise for the way in which they rendered their parts.

The first annual S. L. & Q. contest in oratory took place in the chapel December 16th. Mr. Shrieves opened the contest with an oration entitled "The Present Social Unrest." His was a plea for reform in the the social world. Mr. Patch followed with an oration upon the civil war, clearly proving that it was the greatest struggle in history. Then Mr. Abbot appeared with a strongly written oration upon the injustice done to the Indian. Mr. Shrieves was awarded first prize and Mr. Abbot second.

The 11th annual Chase and Wheeler contest was held in the chapel the night of January 6th. "The Greatest Triumph of Civilization," the subject of Mr. Benedict's oration, showed the importance of Abraham Lincoln's great proclamation to present civilization. Miss Mary Edwards then spoke on

the influence of the individual in affairs of government. Miss Thompson's oration deviated somewhat from the usual college oration, having a humorous tendency throughout. This oration was a portrayal of the highest ambition of every lower classman, namely, "to be a senior." Mr. Smith, by a contrast of the physical and moral man, pictured the highest type of manliness. The last oration was "What is the Proper Education for Women?" by Mrs. Myrtle Wheeler. The principal thought was that a woman should receive an equal education with man. Mr. Smith received first prize and Mr. Benedict second.

The annual meeting of the State Historical Society brought a number of prominent men to the city. From Omaha came J. H. McMurphy, who gave some reminiscences of pioneer life, and Victor Rosewater with a sketch of municipal government in the state. S. C. Bassett of Gibbon described the "Soldier's Free Homestead Colony." C. B. Aitcheson, Bee correspondent at Hastings, and student in a law office at that place, gave a paper on "Governor Burt." This biography was worked out at a cost of much time and trouble, and won Mr. Aitcheson much honor. Mr. H. W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National Bank, Omaha, who is a regular correspondent of several papers devoted to banking and finance, read a most interesting discussion of "Early Nebraska Currency and Per Capita Circulation." Hon. T. M. Marquette of Lincoln, who is too well known to need introduction to any except recently adopted citizens of the state, discussed the "Effect of Early Legislation Upon the Courts of Nebraska." Two papers, whose authors were not here, were omitted on account of the lack of time. These were by Hon. B. J. Johnson of Howe, and F. Ball of Palmyra.

The most important item of business transacted at this meeting was the action looking toward a change from an annual volume to a quarterly. Thirty-six members were received.