

U. B. D. C. vs. COTNER.

The next time the U. B. D. C. holds a debate with Cotner or any other power on earth it will have to hire the Lansing in order to hold all the people. The chapel was almost inadequate last Saturday night, all of Cotner was there and a good share of the Uni. and some town-people. It was the general opinion that both sides did much better than in the first debate, and still there is room for improvement. Mr. Abbott of the U. B. D. C. opened the debate for the affirmative and Mr. Finch of Cotner was the first speaker on the negative. Searson, Johnson, Newbranch and Bishop all made strong speeches. The Cotnerites seemed to think they had the best of the battle; the Union boys rather believed they did. So both of them were happy. Altogether it appears that the joint debate is more interesting, more useful, and in every way an improvement on the oratorical contest. Although nearly all the speakers on both sides adopted the soaring, oratorical style to a great extent, the contest was not an oratorical contest—thank Heaven! In fierceness the debate almost equalled a dog-fight. Most of the speakers have yet to learn that in order to be convincing it isn't necessary to strain one's voice to its utmost, gesticulate without intermission and rave around generally. Criticism was also made on the great amount of personality indulged in. This was unnecessary. These criticisms apply to both sides alike. The HESPERIAN wants to see Nebraska in possession of some fine debaters next year, and it only desires to point out faults noticed by everyone, which should be remedied. The motto of all true debate is: "Cultivate reserve force." Anyhow, come again, Cotner, and if we ourselves cannot welcome you warmly enough we'll have our Chancellor there to do it for us again.

Noah was the first pitcher; he pitched the ark within and without. The game was called on account of rain.—Ex.

STUDENTS' MASS MEETING.

If some of those alumni who are always relating to us what warm times they used to have in the early days, had ventured into the chapel last Monday afternoon, they might have concluded that we are not so very far behind them after all. It is doubtful if so large a crowd composed entirely of students has ever before congregated in the chapel except at chapel hour occasionally. And the interest in the discussion from beginning to end was so intense, that only a few students left the chapel till the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was called to order promptly at two o'clock by Mr. Babcock. T. F. A. Williams, now of the law school, was elected chairman. In a few very just and forcible remarks he counseled the students to consider the matter that was to come before them with all deliberation and earnestness. Resolutions were then introduced censuring the action of Adam McMullen in attempting to purchase orations for use in the contest and asking that (on account of such action, and the suspicion arising from it) he be not allowed to represent the state in the interstate contest. The question during the whole afternoon was on the adoption of the resolutions. A strong fight was made by Mr. McMullen's friends. J. H. Johnston and E. C. Strode made perhaps the most able speeches in his favor, Mr. Weaver and W. M. Johnston also speaking at some length. Their principle argument was that the student body had no right to decide in the matter as it did not possess all the proofs of the case. The resolutions were strongly supported by A. F. Montmorency, Ned C. Abbott, Messrs. Oury, Wolfe, Cramb, Miller and others. Some slight attempts were made to modify them, but all amendments were finally laid on the table and the resolutions passed by a vote of 349 to 150. Some who were present did not vote, but the vote may be considered as representing the sentiment of the student body. The resolutions were laid before the faculty and a copy was also sent to the convention at Indianapolis.