

ten points, as the case may be. So one's sympathy rather goes out to those poor old judges who so often dodged their onerous responsibilities and found safety in a tie vote! But what small consolation that tie vote was to the ambitious contestants who had used the approaching contest as an excuse for poorly prepared lessons and non-performance of society and other duties!

The first contest of the Palladian society with any organization outside of the University was the engagement with the Hesperian society of Doane College in May, 1882. The Palladians chartered a train and went down in a body, accompanied by the cadet band and many members of the faculty and a goodly number of interested citizens. The literary part of the program was as follows:—

Essays

"The Ethics of Poetry," A. B. Shaw, Hesperian
"Napoleon," Edson Rich, Palladian

Orations

"The American Woman," H. H. Avery, Hesperian
"The Women of Shakespear," May B. Fairfield, Palladian

Recitations

"Selections from The Lady of the Lake," Minnie Parker, Palladian
"The Rhyme of the Duchess May," Grace Andrews, Hesperian

Debate

"Resolved: That the General Government should own and operate the railroads of the United States.
Affirmative, Edward Yates, Palladian
Negative, Frank B. Stevens, Hesperian

The decision of the judges gave the recitation and oration to the Palladians and the essay and debate to the Hesperians — a decision which seemed to satisfy neither side and was greeted by many groans from the Palladians. The midnight train to Lincoln brought home a crowd somewhat less exuberant in spirit and perhaps wiser for their experience.

A candid historian of these early contests cannot truthfully say that they produced much good beyond the training in composition and public speaking which they brought to those on the programs. They added to the unnecessary and often hurtful rivalry between the societies and interfered with quiet, earnest work in the class room.

Banquet.

It was about eleven o'clock when the company of over one hundred Palladian alumni, faculty and present Palladians were seated at the beautifully decorated tables extending along three sides of the room. The arrangements were perfect and the menu nicely served and thoroughly enjoyed.

Over two hours were consumed in considering the menu. The excellent music of the Hagenow orchestra added much to the brilliancy of the occasion. At length the toast master took matters into his hands, and for two hours more the company enjoyed the responses, which were wise, witty, or grave but all speaking congratulation for the work of the last quarter century and hope for the next one. The program was follows.

TOASTS.

Forma mentis aeterna est.

Toastmaster,	E. P. Holmes
Ten Years an Alumnus	Will Owen Jones
Our Societies Then and Now	Lincoln Frost
Palladian Girls	Mrs. A. W. Field
The College Man out of School	Victor Rosewater
"Let No Man Despise thy Youth"	J. F. Boomer
The Palladian—and Menander	Mary Tremain
"Let us Banquet Royally after this Silver Day of Victory"	R. S. Baker
A Necessary Adjunct	H. B. Ward

At the close of this feast of reason the toast master proposed a health to the Palladian and the next twenty-five years. This was drunk with a will, and all joined in singing "John Jones," the Palladian anthem, to the sweet strains of the orchestra as they filed slowly from the hall. The Palladian celebration was over.

Palladian Society and the Hesperian

The Hesperian was originally published by the Palladian society. September 29, 1871, the society decided to publish a monthly paper, said paper to be given over "to the hands of the University" at the end of that term "if they desire it," the paper to be published at an expense of five dollars per month to the society for 250 copies. At a special meeting of the society Oct. 2, 1871, to arrange for the publishing of the paper, Mr. Street moved that three editors be elected, one of whom should be called editor-in-chief, the other two co-editors. Carried. Messrs Steptoe Kinney and Willis L. Sweet were nominated for editor-in-chief, Sweet being elected. Mr. Kinney and Miss Cynthia S. Kelley were then chosen by acclamation as co-editors. January 5, 1872, Mr. Sweet moved that the society request the chanceller to call a meeting of the students, and that the students form a newspaper association for conducting the "Student." Carried. A week later the society turned over the "Hesperian Student" to the "Hesperian Student Paper Association."

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