

The Colorado-Nebraska Debate.

As the Burlington train steamed out of the station a week ago Wednesday evening, it carried three University students whose pitiful attempts at gayety were but ghastly betrayals of their quaking hearts. They were R. S. Baker, Bertha Stull and H. E. Sackett, on their way to Colorado to uphold the scarlet and cream in debate with Colorado college, of Colorado Springs. On their arrival at the latter place they were most cordially welcomed by the Colorado College reception committee, who escorted them to the delightful quarters provided for them. Friday afternoon President Slocum and wife, of the local college, gave a reception in honor of the Nebraska delegates, at which the college and townspeople vied with each other in making the contestants forget their agony of spirit for the time, and enjoy the royal hospitality with which they were entertained. During the reception, President Slocum read a telegram from Nebraska University alumni at Denver, announcing their arrival in Colorado Springs at 6 p. m. to "stand up for Nebraska." The cheering effect of this news was heightened as the alumni stepped from the train, their faces beaming with enthusiasm, their scarlet and cream ribbons gaily fluttering. They were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Churchill, Dr. E. B. Pillsbury, Mr. Bigelow and Miss McKay.

The opera house was tastefully decorated with the Colorado College and Nebraska University colors, with banks of palms on the stage. The house was filled with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. The Denver alumni placed themselves in the front ranks, and though they were few in number they were mighty in lung power. The Nebraska delegates will not soon forget the inspiring sight of Mr. Stratton's cane with its scarlet and cream streamers, waving in time to their applause. Each Nebraska debator was presented with a magnificent bouquet of red and white roses by the Denver people. With such backing, and the hearty support which the Colorado College people gave, the Nebraskans felt that nothing could excuse a failure to acquit themselves with credit. Then the kindly words of President Slocum and Governor Adams made them feel that they were among sympathetic friends, and not strangers in a strange land. Strange how the uplifting influence and bracing air of the grand old mountains will suddenly affect one! The Nebraskans had not noticed this effect till these words fell from the lips of Judge Vaile, "The judges' decision is unanimously in favor of Nebraska." The Denver alumni forgot that they were dignified men and women and joined with Nebraska's debaters in promenading the streets, while "U-U-Uni!" "reverberated and echoed back from the Rocky Mountains," in truth. It was 2 p. m. before they had finished their improvised banquet and returned to their hotel. Part of the alumni remained over the next day to enjoy the sights of Colorado Springs with the University

people. They attended a very delightful picnic given by Colorado College at Cheyenne Canon, one of the most beautiful spots in that region.

Monday the Nebraska contestants bade a regretful good-bye to Colorado College, feeling the deepest gratitude for the great kindness with which they had been met on all sides.

The three debaters were met at the Denver station by Mr. Stratton, who escorted them to his beautiful home, where they were entertained while in Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Stratton took great care that their visitors should see all the interesting sights in the city. Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Churchill gave a reception, which was also a Nebraska University reunion, where about twenty five University people of Denver, with three from Lincoln, compared experiences in college, victories and defeats of the past, until a late hour. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Nebraska representatives felt that their enjoyment both of their Colorado trip and their victory was greatly enhanced by the enthusiastic interest manifested by the Denver Alumni, and their open-hearted hospitality. Truly the University of Nebraska may well be proud of her graduates in Denver. Those who had the honor of bearing Nebraska's banner will ever remember with keenest pleasure and gratitude the people of Colorado and Colorado College.

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THE DEBATE.

The Colorado Springs Gazette says:—"Mr. R. S. Baker opened and rebutted for Nebraska. He spoke very earnestly and forcibly and had his debate well in hand. Miss Bertha Stull, the second Nebraska debater, is a credit to her sex and has excellent self-possession on the platform. Mr. H. E. Sackett displayed great ability and warmed up to his subject in a manner which impressed his audience. The Nebraskans were all eloquent."

Mr. J. R. Thompson opened for Colorado, Mr. S. L. Goodale spoke second and Mr. A. E. Holt closed for the negative. The Colorado disputants were strong individually but lacked team work and continuity of argument.

Our victory is more than we expected. Although we did anticipate success, yet no one believed that our victory would be such an overwhelming defeat for our silver-tongued neighbors. Colorado has been making elaborate preparations for this debate. She put forth every effort to win. We are proud of our victors, first, because they won; and second because they won a unanimous decision. The judges were Captain Emerson, of Kansas, Attorneys Vaile and Patterson, of Denver.

Word was received from Gov. Holcomb Tuesday morning that he would not accept the company which was to be organized in the University. It is rumored that Gov. Holcomb received orders from Secretary of War Alger not to accept a University company as he did not think the need was urgent enough.

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