

judges chosen failed to appear, a local politician and a reverend gentleman took their places. Moreover, our representatives had prepared on the question that Hawaii should be annexed to the United States while the Missourians insisted that the question was that annexation would be beneficial.

In the Kansas contest, while our representatives showed more ability to argue, to refute argument and a better comprehension of the the question under discussion, yet they were clearly outclassed from the point of delivery. The Kansans had good stage presence and perfect self-possession, proving to be experienced platform orators.

THE MISSOURI DEBATE.

The Missouri contest took place in the chapel of M. S. U., at Columbia, last Wednesday evening, before a fair sized audience. Dr. Hicks presided. Chancellor Chaplin, Father O'Reilly and B. M. Anderson were the judges.

Mr. G. H. English of Missouri, opened the discussion. He urged annexation because of the geographical position of Hawaii, the necessity of a coaling station and the commercial advantages.

Mr. F. G. Hawxby of Nebraska answered Mr. English. The speaker began with a disparagement of the islands—thinly populated and in the hands of an Asiatic hord. "It devolves upon the affirmative," declared the speaker, "to show the expediency and constitutionality of annexation." After literally annihilating the argument of his opponent Mr. Hawxby showed that we would gain nothing by annexation which we have not without it, and that annexation would be a dangerous precedent.

Mr. Highley, of Missouri, spoke next. His propositions were: 1. The importance of controlling the Hawaiian islands. 2. Their necessity for Pacific trade. 3. Their value from a commercial standpoint in securing Asiatic business.

Mr. G. E. Kindler followed Mr. Highley. The speaker's exordium questioned the propriety of annexation, and the danger of dissipating the energies of the American people. Next followed an attack upon the islanders—a badly mixed, unassimillative, licentious, ignorant and brutal people. The assimilative power of the Anglo-Saxon race is now taxed

to its utmost. He concluded that the Hawaiians were incapable of maintaining a republic. Let America attend to her business. America ought not to bequeath to posterity the international complication which would result from the annexation of Hawaii.

Mr. Coppidge, the next Missouri speaker proved to be rather witty. He urged that annexation had been a slowly dawning necessity during fifty years (*en passant*) before the sugar trust gorged itself. Mr. Coppidge closed with the question: "The Kankas are dying. Soon a new race must live in Hawaii. Shall it be an American republic state, or shall an alien race menace the frontiers of our land?"

Mr. Taylor, of Nebraska, was the last speaker. Mr. Taylor entered into the status of the present Dole government of the islands. The Dole government was not a representative government. It had never been submitted to the people of the the islands for their ratification, and the right of suffrage carried with it a property qualification of \$3,000, which disfranchised every one but the sugar planters and their subordinates. Coolie labor prevailed in the islands—and Coolie contract labor a euphemism for slavery. Mr. Taylor's argument in regard to the constitutionality was fine.

Mr. English rebutted for Missouri in a fluent and very effective manner. Mr. Hawxby closed for Nebraska in a forcible speech. He attacked the argument of the former upon the statement that Hawaiian sugar would injure American planters. Mr. Hawxby argued that annexation was not feasible.

The Kansas Debate.

After two mass meetings, much advertising and street music by a brass band, an audience of four or five hundred turned out to the Funke, Friday evening, to listen to the fourth annual debate between Kansas University and the University of Nebraska. It was nearly nine o'clock when Supt. Saylor, of the Lincoln schools, made a few appropriate preliminary remarks and announced the question to be discussed: "Resolved, that the English cabinet system of government would be better for the United States than the congressional system."

Mr. J. B. Cheadle of Kansas opened the

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