

THE HESPERIAN

The Delian Oratorical contest which takes place next Friday night March 3d will be one of the most interesting programs held for years.

On Friday evening, March 10, the Delian Dramatic club will give a laughable farce in three scenes entitled "Stage Struck." The cast of characters are: Marston Haynes, a stage struck poet, Chas. Horner; John Carroll, a wealthy merchant, C. W. Jones; Nellie, Mr. Carroll's daughter, Nora Davis; Maggie, Nellie's maid, Harriett Packard; Jerry, Mr. Haynes' servant, Chas Root.

Delian-Doane Debate.

The Alpha Omega debating club of Doane college and the Delian Boys Debating Club held a debate in Delian hall last Friday evening. The question "Resolved that party allegiance is preferable to independent action in politics" was ably discussed by both sides. Messrs Golliver, Patten and Powers represented Doane while Messrs O'Connell, Maxwell and McNaughton looked after the interest of the D. B. D. C.

In opening for the affirmative, Mr. O'Connell clearly stated that even the early forms of civilization recognized that association was necessary to progress and that there is no unity of action in independent government.

Mr. Golliver in speaking for the negative dwelt upon the word "allegiance," claiming that it signified too strong a tie. He claimed that the worse the tie became the stronger was the tie of allegiance.

Mr. Maxwell in his reply to the preceding speaker pointed out that without parties there would be no check upon the government, without which it could not exist. The speaker claimed that independent action in politics does away with a national policy.

F. V. Patten was the next speaker on the negative. He claimed that it was the independent action which is starting reforms all over the land. He said that as parties have failed to meet the vital issues of the day, independent action is necessary.

In closing for the affirmative Mr. McNaughton pointed out that individual sacrifice was necessary to make a strong government. Mr. McNaughton's speech showed the result of much work on the subject and was liberally applauded at the close.

Mr. Powers closed for the negative. He believed that reform within the old parties was impossible.

After the debate an informal reception was given for the visitors.

Base Ball.

Indications point to Nebraska University base ball team being one of the best, if not the best, that has ever been put in the field. Thirty of our best athletes are being carefully trained in indoor practice and as soon as the weather permits the field work will begin. This leaves no reason to doubt but there is plenty of material from which to select an excellent team.

The eastern trip is almost assured. The boys will probably go as far east as Notre Dame, playing the best collegiate teams in the middle west. Five games at least have been assured upon our own campus. Among the teams that will play here are Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota.

Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Reception.

The men and woman of the Christian Associations of the University entertained Monday evening from eight till ten, at the Lincoln hotel. The reception held was in honor of Miss Price, president of the National Women's Association. A great number of students had the privilege of meeting that lady. The court was decorated with bunting in scarlet and cream, and the entrance to one room was arched by the flag. In the parlors the receiving line consisted of Mr. Boose, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Moore, Miss Grace Cook, Miss Wood, Chancellor MacLean, Miss Price, Mr. Chas. Ray and Mrs. F. M. Hall. The guests, dispersed in the parlors and the long aisles of the court, seemed everywhere to enjoy themselves. Under the flag Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Manning, assisted by the Y. W. girls, dispensed ices to the guests. The evening passed all too soon, and at ten the guests were departing to prepare for Tuesday's classes.

Rev. Dr. Rowlands spoke on the life of Washington at Chapel, last Tuesday. It was an able address such as the doctor knows well how to make, and was keenly appreciated by all who heard it.

The new dynamometer which has lately been placed in the department of physical training is a thoroughly efficient machine. A number of athletes have already been examined and others are preparing for the same. At present only the base ball and track men will be accommodated.

On account of a number of men who are unable to take physical training at regular hours, the managers have decided to arrange for night classes. These classes will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The work will be of a recreative nature and under the special direction of Dr. Hastings. All men desiring to enter will meet at the gym. Monday evening, Feb. 27, at 7 p. m.

Miss Mary L. Jones, the former esteemed librarian of the University library, was recently called to her home in California by the death of her father and mother. She has decided to remain in California having accepted a position in the Los Angeles library. It will be of interest to University people to know that the position thus left vacant by Miss Jones in the Iowa State library was immediately offered to Miss Edna D. Bullock, a graduate of the U. of N. and of the Albany Library school also. Miss Bullock, who is now assistant librarian of the public library of Helena, Montana, could not accept the Iowa position, in spite of several advantages, because of the unwillingness of the librarian and library board at Helena to consider a resignation.