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## The Local Oratorical Contest.

The annual local oratorical contest will take place in the chapel next Friday evening, March 10. The contest will be the most spirited of any held for several years. Eleven contestants will compete for the seven highest places on manuscript. These seven will deliver their orations in competition for the first prize and the honor of representing the University in the state contest at Omaha. The contestants are as follows: Miss Rena Alderman, C. C. Crouch, C. F. Horner, F. E. Edgerton, R. L. Waterman, Lee Berry, H. R. Tucker, F. A. Bartos, C. W. Jones, G. E. Talbot, F. A. Nimms.

Much interest should be taken in this contest because this year it is absolutely necessary that we win the state contest in order to insure the success of the Inter-State contest which occurs here next May. We must win the state contest to insure interest and support for Nebraska's representative which is the only way to secure a large audience for this event.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES

### Delian New Members' Program.

Delian hall was well filled last Friday evening by members and friends of the society who came to witness and enjoy the Delian New Members' program. The opening selection was a mixed quartet, with piano accompaniment by Miss May Buckmaster. Mr. E. M. Dunaway next "very formally" introduced each of the new members. After this unique presentation, the new members appeared in a row on the stage in eight (?) grade school children's costumes and each spoke his or her "little piece" from the latest revised nursery rhymes, much to the merriment of the whole house. The next number in pleasing contrast to the preceding, was a pantomime by Miss Flossie Archer. In almost breathless silence every eye was fixed on her graceful movements and studied postures. Then came Mr. Vernon Batie with a "side splitting" select reading on the experiences of the small boy with a hornet's nest. It was very evident that there was a point in the story. But the chair, it is painful to note, very indiscreetly vouched for its authenticity and thereby slightly wounded his reputation for veracity. The back woods District School Debating

Society was vividly depicted in a recitation by Mr. C. F. Horner. Mr. Horner is perfectly at home on the platform. Then followed another pantomime, "The Lotus Eaters" by Misses Saults, Archer, and VanValin, which was well rendered and greatly appreciated. The final number was a vocal solo by Miss Lida Dunaway. Miss Dunaway has a sweet voice and pleased her auditors very much.

The names of the new members are Misses Archer, Dunaway, Saults, Van Valin, Votaw, and Messrs. Dunaway, Batie, Boylan, Bartos, McGee, Teach, Horner, Morton, Morrow, Reedy.

The Palladian program for last Friday evening consisted of four numbers. Mr. Hutchinson discussed under "Current Events" some phases of our Army Question, recent important inventions, and lastly the Junior class bounty resolution. Miss O'Connell then read "The Lady or the Tiger." She did not afterwards try to settle the disputed question, Which? Frank Miller read a paper entitled "Some Affairs of France." He tried to picture the empire builders at work in Central Africa. One of the best numbers on the program was a magazine story read by Le Mar, "The Third House." Mr. Heuleitt then entertained with his gramophone.

### Delian Contest.

The Delian Oratorical contest will be held in chapel tonight. There will be four contestants, C. W. Jones, C. F. Horner, F. E. Edgerton and F. A. Bartos. The latter is a Junior law man. Mr. Horner is a Freshman. Messrs. Edgerton and Jones are Juniors. The first prize in this contest is offered by O. A. Davis and J. F. Boomer, and the second prize by the Delian society. Mr. O. A. Davis, chairman of the committee on oratorical contest, has been untiring in his efforts to bring about this contest.

### Pall. Sleighing Party.

A party of Palladians took advantage of the recent fine sleighing and went out for a lark Tuesday evening. The large handsome "bob" of the Palace livery barn was tightly packed at eight o'clock, and with gingling of bells, blowing of horns, and a conglomerate mixture of yells and songs, the merry crowd set off for a fine spin about the city. An evening better fitted for such an occasion could scarcely have been found. At a late hour the party disbanded, all expressing themselves as having enjoyed one of the most delightful sleighing parties the Palladians have ever given.