

THE COLORADO DEBATE.

W. C. Browning, one of Colorado's debaters writes an account of the Lincoln trip for the last issue of the Tiger of Colorado college. We quote a few paragraphs which show the appreciation of Nebraska treatment:

"Friday morning we attended a rally meeting in the interests of the debate and heard some fine speeches by Dean Reese of the Law School, Prof. Fling, and Prof. Caldwell, a little man 4 ft. 2, more or less with whom our Caldwell discussed geneologies and tried to trace their family ties to a common stock. In the afternoon Caldwell wrote letters; Rastall and myself studied debate.

"In the afternoon we saw a game of baseball between the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Indians. The Indians won by a score of 11 to 10 after a rather unexciting game. The Nebraska team did not appear to me to be our equals and the crowd was small and listless. Their athletic field would compare with ours about as fifteen cents would compare with a dollar and a quarter.

"Friday evening after a very scanty meal we had the pleasure of attending a debate which happened to take place that night. It occurred in the University chapel. The room was crowded, about 700 people being present. Before entering we met Governor Poynter, Chancellor Bessey and the judges. When we appeared upon the stage we were greeted with a terrific "U-U-Ver-Ver-Versi-to. N. E. Bras-Ki-O. My! And then the room resounded with "Pike's Peak or Bust" that made us feel more at home.

"After the debate was finished, Governor Poynter arose and said "I have a divided decision. The judges vote two for Nebraska and one for Colorado." Then the roof fell in, or the floor blew up or something. A stupendous roar hit the roof and rolled all around the chapel and out through windows and doors into the street. A throng of students rushed upon the platform and began to toss their victorious comrades high in the air. Caldwell and Rastall suddenly remembered a pressing engagement out in the hall and bolted leaving to me the task of gathering up our books and papers. While thus engaged, I was seized and before I knew it I was sailing up—up—up—almost through the roof. "Hold still and stiffen your back" came a voice from the distant depths below—and I held.

"Three times I went up higher and higher, and three times I came down with a rush into the strong arms below, then I was let go, and the crowd dashed after Caldwell and Rastall who fortunately for them were at that time fulfilling their engagement down stairs—the chapel is on the second floor.

"We met in the Chancellor's office where we were duly congratulated and where some encouraging words were said by Chancellor Bessey. We grinned at our condolers with that hearty grin that a man wears when he rises from a slippery pavement and looks around to see if anyone is near. Then we went down to the telegraph office and sent to Colorado the sad news. Then we went to the restaurant and partook of a repast. Caldwell talked law with a Nebraska law student, Rastall renewed acquaintance with one of Nebraska's last year's debaters, while I pondered.

"Saturday morning we went up to the University and attended a mass meeting in the chapel at which Chan-

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cellor-elect E. Benjamin Andrews of Chicago was present. He was welcomed with enthusiastic cheers and made a short speech.

"The treatment we received in Nebraska was excellent. In fact, it far surpassed my expectations. The men who entertained us were fine fellows, gentlemanly and courteous, and everything was done to make our stay a pleasant one. The crowd at the debate was fair in treatment of us and we have returned with only the pleasantest memories of Lincoln and the University of Nebraska,—except, of course, the memory of the decision which was naturally unpleasant. We were beaten in a hot debate and all that we can say is, "Wait until next year, Nebraska." May the cordial relations existing between these two Western institutions be continued and deepened in coming years."

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