

judges by the contestants, and the exercises commenced with an instrumental solo, "Our Bohemian Girl," rendered by Miss Armista Wilson. The first oration was delivered by Mr. J. O. Sturdevant, of the Palladian, Subject: "Non Finem sed Initium," showing that college life is only a beginning and preparation for future usefulness, and that this life is a preparation for another. Mr. Sturdevant showed careful preparation and considerable originality of thought together with a pleasing delivery. Mr. C. E. Stratton, of the Union, followed with an oration, subject: "Beneath the Surface," in which was evinced considerable knowledge of Grecian art and literature, and their bearing on modern civilization. Miss Emma Parks, of the Union, read an essay on "Problems." Miss Parks had evidently given the subject careful study, as she handled it in a manner that showed clearness of thought and a good command of language. Miss May B. Fairfield, of the Palladian, then delivered an essay, subject: "Once Bit Twice Shy," that was replete with good common sense and practical suggestions clothed in good language. Mr. Charles Magoon, of the Palladian took the affirmative in the debate, question: "Should the State support higher education?" Mr Magoon is a logical reasoner, fluent speaker and is perfectly at home before a public audience. He confined himself closely to the subject, and produced arguments that were difficult to refute. The negative of the question was argued by Mr A. C. Platt, of the Union, who, as he said, had the unpopular side in this city, but he proposed to present to them "hard facts" that they could not well get round. He is a very close reasoner, and brings everything right to the point. Mr. Wilson, of the Union, delivers an oration on the "Questions of the Day," which showed his political turn of mind, his knowledge of current events, and interest in the public good. The subject was well handled and delivered in a pleasing style. Mr. Holmes

presented in a pleasing and forcible manner "Individuality." Mr. Holmes deserves great credit and we think he rather outdid himself on this occasion. The performances were interspersed with a solo by Miss Gillett, a duet by Misses Rogers and Ransom, the accompaniment by Miss Florence Brooks, a quartette by Misses Ransom and Hall Messrs Harrington and Rhodes, and a solo by Miss Hattie Gerrans. We need only to mention these names to convince you that the music in every respect was highly entertaining. At the close Miss Rogers sang a solo which brought great applause from the audience. When the judges summed up and compared figures, strange to say, it was a tie. We do not hesitate to say that this was equal to, if not better than any entertainment the societies have ever given. All were well satisfied except the performers who would rather have had a decision in favor of one side or the other.

PERSONALIA.

S. R. Mitchel is teaching near Centreville.

Mr. John Silvernail has gone to his home near Kearney.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson and Miss Kate Hall gave us a pleasant call.

Mr. Webb has left school and returned to his home at Kearney.

Misses Lizzie Hawley and Minnie Williams gave us a pleasant call.

E. P. Unangst called at the sanctum last week, with a pleasant word for us.

Mr. H. BOWERS, a teacher of this county, called at the STUDENT office last week.

C. L. McKesson is meting out knowledge to the lads and lases of Benton Station.

E. F. STEELE has gone to his home near Falls City where he will granger it this summer.