

Farmer from the Palladian society then delivered his oration—"Finland." Mr. Farmer's oration showed that he had given the subject careful thought and study. Miss Scott's vocal solo, "Spring Flowers," deservedly met with a hearty appreciation from the audience. The Delian's representative, J. B. Fogarty, then came forward with his oration, "Chas. Stewart Parnell," which was the feature of the evening. Mr. Fogarty was thoroughly familiar with his subject, and, as he was expressing his strong convictions, he delivered his oration with much feeling and force. His choice of words, his flowing sentences, his beautiful periods, made his oration a fine production. At the close he was greeted with a storm of applause. While the decision of the judges was being made the orchestra again favored the audience with another excellent selection which met with an encore. The decision of the judges, Professors G. E. Howard, H. W. Caldwell and Mr. S. L. Geisthardt, was then given which awarded first place to J. B. Fogarty and second place to Edwin Farmer. Mr. Fogarty will represent the University in the state contest to be held March 1.

### EXCHANGE.

If there is one person connected with college journalism that has obstacles in his way it is the exchange editor. Exchanges are numerous. It is exchanges, exchange till you can't rest. They are pleasant to read, no doubt, yet multitudinous. And the subjects—if there is any one subject that is not treated of, this editor has failed to find it. Verily the exchange editor must be a versatile man. Chorus of exchanges—"You're green. Wait till you get used to it." All right. We are, at any rate, launched. Don't hit us too hard; we may fight. However we extend our greetings to the eds. and to the co-eds, particularly to the latter.

It is reported that Nebraska Wesleyan is to start a paper in the spring. We hope so. It is an evidence of college advancement. As an encouragement we promise at least to give a good word.

Hero-worship is far from dead. It seems as if the *Northwestern* and other college papers ought to have a more independent spirit than to be forever quoting, like a his flatterer subject, what the great eastern colleges are doing and have done.

The west leads. The board of regents of our university some time ago abolished the lower primary class. Now comes news in the *Phoenix* that Swarthmore college has done likewise. Verily they have set unto themselves a good example to follow.

The *Round Table* is no doubt a good paper. It certainly presents the best record of alumni we have yet noticed. It is, however, hard up when it is compelled to treat its readers to an exchange column as "slushy" as the one presented in the issue of January 17.

After our preface, which was of course necessary, we hasten to record that England has but one college paper, the *Oxford Review*, while in the United States there are over two hundred. This important statement seems to have taken hold of the exchange editors like, what we once would have said, the deuce but, now say the grip or McGinty.

The K. S. U. *Courier* print two articles in its issue of the 17th. In the first the "frats" seem to be indorsed; in the other literary societies. Here, friend *Courier*, the two are diametrically opposite and from reading the *Courier* we believe they are not harmonious at K. S. U. Are we not right? If so, which do you support, or, better, how do you support both?

Baker University, Kansas is mourning over the prospective loss of its efficient and popular president, Dr. Gobin. Says the *Index*: "There is not a student or friend of Baker who does not regret the necessity of having to see Dr. Gobin sever his relations with the school." In conclusion it predicts that other colleges may come and presidents may go, but Baker university, like Tennyson's, goes on forever."

In the *Argus* for January is an editorial scoring one of the literary societies for its undignified and well-nigh disgraceful conduct at an election of officers. It was as the old condition of things here when "frats" and "barbs" belonged to the same literary society. Rings and wire pulling were the order or better, perhaps, disorder. Our present position is being vindicated every day. Let us rejoice and stand together.

Firey is the wrath of the exchange editor in replying to a sarcastic hit of the *Columbia Herald*. It is edifying. Read his conclusion. "On the other hand, if it were possible for a ray of light to penetrate the darkened cranium of our critic in his present state of asinine stupidity, he could not fail to find, scattered broadcast over their sacred records, such deeds as would cause the crimson flush of shame to mount even his own adamantive cheek." That is a firey southerner for sure.

Several colleges of the east have elected for class orators colored men, notably Harvard and Cornell. Wherat our Southern editors groan inwardly and sputter outwardly. The Lake Forrest Student, however, utters not so much infective against the negro as against this white class-mates. For them it has nothing but unspeakable contempt that they allow themselves to be represented by a person of inferior race. The South will some day see whether the adjective is applicable or not.

Southern exchange of this month all print articles in memoriam of H. W. Grady and Jeff Davis. To the eulogies upon the former we can give hearty assent, for the praises of the latter we have no sympathy whatever. The character of Davis is said to have been spotless. Possibly, yet there is something very inconsistent between that fact and his acts as head of the Confederacy. Nor would we suppose that he would ever have had the effrontery to state in print that the government of the North was responsible for the prison outrages of the South during the war. We greatly fear that history will put the seal of untruth upon this statement.

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