

WESLEYAN WINS.

OUR OWN MR. FOGARTY A CLOSE SECOND.

A Good Contest, a Large Crowd Present and Much
Interest in the Association Manifested
—Much Dissatisfaction at the Re-
sult—The Officers for the
Next Year.

At last the long expected state oratorical contest has come and gone. We were beaten, according to the marks of the judges; but the sympathy and hopes of the audience were with our man, if we may judge any thing by the continuous cheering of the entire audience when he had finished. We are not going to pull out of the association, however, on account of our defeat. We will try again and try to win next time.

At 12:30 yesterday about 150 students headed by the band, marched to the Elkhorn depot to meet the delegation from Gates College. The train soon arrived and the Gates people to the number of thirty were received with a continuous roar of U-u-ni Ver-ver-versiti Ne-bras-ki Oh my! The two delegations then marched to the B. & M. depot, where, after a few minutes waiting, the train arrived from Crete. Here the University yell was repeated with great vigor as before. But the Doane people came provided with a yell and soon it pierced the air: Do-do-do Ra-me, Sol-sol-sol-La-se, Do-a-n-e, Doane!

After a few preliminaries the march was again resumed up P street to Eleventh, thence north to the University. The band led the procession and was followed by the Gates, Doane and University delegations in the order named. At the University the crowd was dismissed and a grand rush was made for the street cars for the Wesleyan. Several hundred people went out during the afternoon. The principal attraction for many was the meeting of the delegates as it was anticipated that a lively time would be witnessed, when it came to the election of officers. A short program had been advertised to be held in the chapel at 4 o'clock and when that time arrived the delegates adjourned to the Oorophilian society hall where they finished their session.

THE CONTEST.

At 7 o'clock last night the crowd began filing into Bohanan's large hall and for an hour and a half people kept coming. By half past eight an audience of between twelve and

fifteen hundred people had assembled. The different delegations amused themselves and the audience by giving the different yells, cheering, etc., until President Baughman called the meeting to order. After a short delay the program was begun.

After an overture by the University orchestra the invocation was offered by Professor Lowe of the Wesleyan. The chairman then made the very painful announcement that owing to sickness Mr. Collins of Gates college would probably not be able to appear. Later it was announced that he was dangerously ill, being threatened with pneumonia.

The Adelpian quartette then favored the audience with a song, "Bedouin Love Song." This was heartily received by the audience and an encore was insisted on.

The first orator of the evening was then announced, Mr. Geo. O. Ferguson, of the Wesleyan. We print below his oration in full. His delivery was very mechanical, each gesture being made just so, reminding one of high school oratorical contests. His articulation was excellent, however, and on the whole his delivery was pleasing.

After another selection by the orchestra the president announced the man who would undoubtedly have been given first place by the audience, John B. Fogarty. Mr. Fogarty's oration was on "Charles Stewart Parnell." We will not attempt to give a summary of this. No summary could do this justice. Suffice it to say that it was one of the most splendid eulogies on Parnell that has ever been heard in the city of Lincoln. This production was strictly an oration. It did not savor of the deep sounding philosophy that characterized the winning oration, something too deep for the audience and the orator also. It was crisp and directly to the point. The long continued cheering after Mr. Fogarty had finished showed that he had made an excellent impression on the audience and his friends were confident of success.

After another excellent song by the Doane quartette, Mr. L. A. Turner, of Doane college was introduced. His subject was "The Redemption of Japan." This oration was a sermon. It pictured out what Japan had been and what it has been made by the noble efforts of the Christian missionaries. It wound up with an appeal that the Americans should extend a hand of welcome and encourage her to a place among the nations of the earth. Mr. Turner's delivery was rather mechanical, but on the whole fair.

Pending the announcement of the decision of the judges Mrs. Emma D. Gregg gave a reading in a very pleasing way.

The decision of the judges was then announced by President Baughman. In announcing the result he first gave Mr. Fogarty winning first place, and then after the cheering had progressed for awhile corrected himself in saying that Mr. Ferguson had won first place. Whether this was intentional or not is not known. It is to be hoped for the honor of Mr. Baughman that it was not. After the scis had tossed both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Fogarty, the assembly dispersed and all was over.