EXPANSION.

CHANDELOR W. MCCLANLH GIVES AN ELO-QUENT ADDRESS AT DES MOINES.

The above caption was the subject of an oration delivered by Chancellor Emil McClain before the students of Drake University and Des Moines College on Washington's birthday.

The speaker was introduced to the audience by Judge C. C. Cole, who referred with pride to the fact that the Chancellor had formerly been one of his students.

The speaker said that the constitution, the fundamental idea of the government, and Washington's face-were united in harmony with the theory of expansion. Washington derived his idea of government from that of England, and in the form of despotism he established the best government ever known, the prominent features of which are the preservation of law and order, the fostering of material prosperity, the granting of personal freedom and individual liberty, and such measures of participation in self-government as the people are capable of, consistent with public safety.

The blame is placed in affairs of government as any of the English-speaking people. Their failure, the speaker said, was due to the fact that the English-speaking people of the United States have not been able to exercise self-government. They have not been able to exercise this right, for the government is not a national government, but the people are not able to govern.

The world's history shows that the only people qualified to exercise that right are those who are not only of the English-speaking race, but who are not only of the English-speaking race, but who possess a large number of the qualities of the English-speaking race, and that these qualities are not possessed by the people of the United States.

If we are to succeed we must meet the conditions which confront us with confidence and hope, trusting that our people will not prove themselves inferior to others of the English-speaking race in their capacity to establish a state government among themselves, or to govern alien races.

Let us then look forward to the solutions of the present problems with the courage and enthusiasm which will achieve success, if success is at all possible.

Professional Women's League Meets

The second meeting of the Professional Women's League was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Dr. Laura Froimson.

The meeting was attended by a large number of professional women who were interested in the work of the league.

The Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical departments had charge of this meeting, and they made it a very enjoyable occasion.

Each member represented a book, and a prize was awarded to Miss Elizabeth E. Green, for guessing the largest number of books represented.

The League was in turn entertained by an instrumental solo by Miss Fannie Parker Anderson, and a declamation by Miss Maude Dally. "On Washington's Birthday," the speaker said, "Washington's birthday is a day of celebration among the English-speaking people. The oration was given in the form of a declamation by a member of the League, and was received with applause by the audience."

The entire time was very pleasantly spent. The roll has been increased to thirty-eight, and the members feel that the league is a decided success.

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The following was the program given at the Forum last evening:

Speech .................................................. Mr. Biddle at the "Bank." Paper ........................................... Mr. Underwood "Corporations."


Reading ........................................ Mr. Tallman "The Frontenac Butcher." "Extemporaneous," Mr. Sargent "Inorpanation of a Successful Lawyer." Each member helped to make the evening entertaining. Special mention should be made of the speech of Mr. Baker, and also of the reading of Mr. Tallman.

Notice.

Beginning Monday, February 27, the schedule for drill will be as follows: Monday - Co. B, Tuesday - Co. F, Wednesday - Co. A, and Thursday - Co. C. The battalion will have its usual drill, with the exception of the last two days.

Notice.

The Junior class will occur in the Society Halls, Wednesday next. All members of the class are urged to be present.

Committee.

Notice.

Senior girls will please take notice that all orders for caps must be left at Clout & Bailey by 5 p.m., Monday, February 27.

Colorado College has decided to allow work done in the literary societies to be counted as an elective study.

By the gift of $60,000 from Mr. James B. E. Conaway, the New York City, the state and local, and, for inquirers for sick students, the immediate building of the Hospital, which has been under discussion for several years, is at last settled.

Freshman Zetagatan Program.

Armored and equipped with weighty arguments and smooth-flowing words, the Freshman Zetagathans appeared before the public last evening in their special Freshman blowout. On the whole the program rendered was good. The debate lacked somewhat of the usual rush and vim, and also of the originality in hunting out original arguments.

The program was prefaced by a clever selection of music on the piano by Miss Heno, which was much appreciated.

The declaration, "A One Day's Visit," gave Mr. L. J. Tuttle the opportunity of displaying good advantage a good delivery and a fine voice.

In "An Epoch of History," Mr. Max Baer eulogized Andrew Jackson. The debate of the evening was upon the question: "Resolved, that the government land grants to railroads were not to the best interests of this country.

In opening the debate, B. C. William son made a spirited attack upon the land-grants. Holding that they were unnecessary, and a source of corruption, he was followed by J. W. Meacher, who dealt with the excess prices and development of the country through railroads.

J. W. Morse, in continuing the debate, insisted that the argument should be confined to the question. His entire appearance is deserving of great praise, his rebuttal work being equally good.

Richard McCabe quoted authorities to prove that individual enterprise alone would not have built the railroads. His work was in every way strong and characteristic of a fine debater.

F. H. Randall made one of the finest speeches of the evening. His rebuttal was of a high order.

Vernon Plum eulogized Andrew Jackson. His speech was characterized by a fine oratorical ability, and was appreciated by all.

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The Nebraska considers it of sufficient worth to publish it in full.

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The oration by Mr. Stockwell was the treat of the evening. The beauty of the language with which he expresses his every thought, mark him at once as one of the position writers in the University. His delivery is one of the spread English style, but rather is made all the more impressive by his modality.

The piano solo made a very beautiful closing number.

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The judging of debates.

Just what shall be the points upon which a debate shall be judged, is a question which is agitated not only in our own University, but elsewhere. In three of the late issues of the VDete-Reporters we have published extracts from discussions that have been carried on in the columns of The Ariel, the official paper of the University of Minnesota. The points presented by the disputants are full of interest.

The plan presented by two contributors is a novel one. They would have the debate take place on neutral ground—the Iowa-Minnesota debate, for example, to be held in Nebraska or Wisconsin, for example. The debates are so great their arguments to the audience. The rendition will then be allowed to determine by a majority vote which side has won the decision.

This plan has several features to commend it, besides its novelty, and might prove successful; did it not so conflict with the eternal fitness of things. Debaters on class and society debates could not spare the time or money necessary to the proposed migrations. Even in the case of inter-state debates, facilities in the human nature of even college men are such that abuses would be likely to arise if such a practice were initiated.

The propositions of one contributor, who would allow for "defects of speech and similar handicap, as some very good arguments are often lost by the inability of the speaker to make them clear," is ridiculous on its face. The purpose of all debates being to encourage ability in debating, the speaker who can best present the best argument is necessarily the best debater. With our system of marking equally on argument and presentation, the question would not require discussion. The giving of consolation votes by judges is certainly a most reprehensible practice. Judges are chosen to decide for the side which they believe is right, not in the wrong, which has won, not lost.

All the contributors seem to be unanimous that the judge should leave out all personal bias when judging a debate. The debaters are not required to remove doubts and convictions in the minds of the judge. The judge should be perfectly neutral on the question while passing upon the debate. To require one side or the other to remove the doubts that may exist in the mind of a judge, is to pit the affirmative or the negative against the judge, not against each other.

The side which makes the best argument before the judges should receive the decision. Only by this will the ideal of these contests be kept in view, namely, the encouragement of skill in debating. True, when the choice of sides on a question lays with one set of debaters, they will choose the side which they consider the stronger, and they do so because that side will give them the greatest opportunity for the display of their ability in argument, arrangement, rhetorical ability, and rebuttal.

It may be deduced further that this is to be laid on the stronger side of the question, an undue part of the debate will lie in the fortuitous choice of sides. The debaters will go on the platform with the chances of the debate hanging greatly in favor of one side or the other, and that a word is spoken by either, instead of being, as they should be, exactly even before the judges.

The judge ought to compare the speakers on each side as they progress in debate. At the close of the debate the results should be summed up, and the side having the preponderating margins should receive the decision of the judges. This we believe, is the correct view to be taken of the judging of debates. It keeps steadily in mind the purposes of college debates. It is the view that has obtained, we believe, with the soundness of our University judges.

Certainly the question is one of importance. The Debating League should speedily adopt some course in reference to it.

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