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## LOOS ON DEBATING

### FUNDAMENTAL TRAINING FOR DEBATE

The Content of Debate—Training for Debaters—Courses Affording It

In as much as the subjects of debate are very commonly selected from the political and social sciences one is tempted to prescribe these as a preparation for debate. But as this is a manifestly impossible condition the most that can be urged upon a student's attention in his preparation for putting content into debate is that he should improve all possible opportunities in his high school course and in the early years of his college course to lay the general foundation for the study of specific questions in social science.

Correct method and persistent habits of study count for much in getting at the content of a subject. The student will derive some advantage for debate from his work in history, economics and civics taken in the high school, but these subjects are usually presented in the high school so largely by merely descriptive courses that he gets little essential discipline for rigorous analysis.

The social science that has attained the highest analytical completeness is economics, and it may therefore be urged in general that a central course in economics and economical history that is political economy 1 and 2, or 5 and 6, should be taken by every prospective debater as soon as possible after entering the university. This course should be supplemented by political science 1 and 2, and by additional courses in sociology, economics, politics, and history, as far as the range of electives and the demands on his time for other subjects permit.

The relative values of history, politics, economics and sociology are of course largely determined by the particular topics under debate. The general courses in these fields have the greatest value in giving the worker on a given topic the needed points of vision for seeing all sides of his subject. The student may take for his guidance in the selection of his work the general course of study in political and social science in the university.

For preparation to discuss specific subjects specialized courses may frequently be elected. For example, party government, labor problems, money, banking, taxation, etc. Economics 3(4) is designed to serve as an opportunity for doing special work on selected topics not provided for in any announced courses, just as a series of special problems may be assigned for solution in the physical laboratory.

ISAAC A. LOOS.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST

### HISTORY OF NORTHERN ORATORICAL LEAGUE

Winners of Past Oratorical Contests—Significance of Good Delivery

The debating league and the lyceum, features peculiar to America, have wielder a constantly increasing importance in our college and university life. Chairs of oratory have found places in all our leading colleges and universities and many of our prominent public men trace their success back to the training in oratory they received in their college days. Especially during the last quarter of a century has this been true, due in no small part to a new form which this activity has taken on—the oratorical contest. Today every college has its annual contest, which in most cases is preliminary to an inter-collegiate contest, in which the winners of the local contests of the institutions which make up the league participate.

The pioneer in this field was the Inter-state Oratorical Association, organized in 1874 and still existing. It is now made up of the state associations of ten states of the middle west, and includes the leading schools of that section with exception of the seven largest which are in the Northern Oratorical League.

In 1891, Professor Trueblood of the University of Michigan, recognizing that these universities belonged to a class by themselves, organized this latter association. Its first contest was held at Ann Arbor in May, 1891, Michigan winning first and Northwestern second. The University of Iowa was then invited to enter, and took part in the contest of 1892 and is still a member. Prior to this, Iowa belonged to the Inter-state Association. The N.O.L. now includes the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Oberlin College, Northwestern and Chicago Universities.

In the thirteen contests of the league since Iowa entered, Michigan leads with eight firsts and two seconds; Northwestern follows with three firsts and three seconds. Iowa and Oberlin have each received one first and two thirds, Iowa getting third in 1895 and in 1901. During most of this time, however, Iowa has had no chair for public speaking, and while her representatives have maintained a respectable standing in thought and style, their delivery has six times dragged her down to last place. But now with better systematic training in public speaking, through an able corps of instructors let us hope that in the contests to come, Iowa will stand where she belongs—abreast of the great universities of the middle west which make up the N. O. L.

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## RECORD IN DEBATE

### INTER-STATE CONTESTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

A Good Record—First Inter-University Contest in 1893—Our Rivals.

A prominent Iowan has said "In all that is good Iowa affords the best." These words are exemplified when they are applied to Iowa's record in inter-state debating contests. No other university in the west has a better record than ours. Iowa's greatness in debate is recognized by all of her sister universities. It is true that we are better known without the state than within.

Prior to 1893 Iowa had never engaged in a debate with a university of another state. In that year the members of the Zetagathian Society and Irving Institute agreed to decide upon the debating platform their relative superiority. This contest demonstrated that the university had strong forensic men, and in the enthusiasm of the day, a challenge was sent to Minnesota which was at once accepted by the Gophers. The debate was held in Minneapolis and resulted in a unanimous victory for Iowa. During the fall of 1894 the present debating league was organized. Since 1893 we have held a debate with Minnesota every year, except in 1895. Of the eleven contests, Iowa has succeeded in capturing seven.

In 1895 a compact was entered into with Chicago for a series of two debates. These contests were held one in 1896, the other in 1897. In these debates Iowa won and succeeded in convincing five of the six judges. The Chicago Tribune of February 6, 1897 in speaking of the debate said "Iowa's brain was too much for Chicago's brawn". In the fall of 1897 Chicago refused to debate with Iowa, and entered into an agreement with Columbia. In 1899 a two years compact was made with Wisconsin. The first debate was held in Milwaukee and resulted in victory for Wisconsin. We have held a debate with Wisconsin every year until this year, when they refused to debate with us. Of the five debates Iowa has won two. This year was our one to win, but fate was against us in not having the debate. Besides these debates Iowa, represented by the Philomatheans, has held three inter-state debates, one with South Dakota, resulting in a victory for Iowa, and two with Illinois in which Iowa suffered two defeats. The Philomatheans also held a debate with Grinnell resulting in a tie, and the Hesperian society held two contests with Cornell, in both of which, the fair ones of Hesperia were defeated although by a narrow margin.

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The names of the members in the senior class who will be elected into Phi Beta Kappa were announced today. The following are the new members arranged in alphabetical order.

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Ruth Fleming  
Mabel V. Hoffman  
Edward Ray Johnston  
Alice Marie Lynch  
Mary Makepiece Morris  
Clarence A. Newman  
Marguerite Reguet  
Rolland M. Stewart  
Ethelind Swire  
Abram Owen Thomas  
Hertha Louise Voss  
Josef Wiehr  
Iowa Madge Young.

Scimitar and Fez will initiate tonight.

Lillian Waite is visiting in the city.

F. D. Kern will leave for Lafayette, Indiana to-morrow. He is employed in the United States experiment station.

The Zetagathian and Hesperian societies will give the military drama "From Sumpter to Appomattox" at West Liberty next Saturday night. A special rate of sixty cents for the trip has been secured.

Messrs. Hunt, Bedford, Kern and Newton took a short Easter recess spending it at a house party with Grinnell friends at Colfax, Iowa. A leap year dance and an excursion to the Capital City were features of the entertainment and the boys report a most enjoyable time.

Professor Thomas Day Seymour of Yale, president of the Archaeological Institute of America will give a lecture on "Recent Excavations and Explorations in Greek Lands" in the assembly room at 8:15 tonight. The lecture is given under the auspices of the Iowa Chapter of the institute. Admission will be by card which can be obtained at the office of Dean Currier.

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The Lessons of 1903-4

Iowa has always laid the stress on thought in public speaking. Iowa is right; it belongs there. We won in the N. O. L. in 1902 at Chicago because we had placed it there. We have a long line of victories to our credit in debate for the same reason. We shall go on to victories so long as we lay the chief stress on that element in public speaking which calls for strong intellectual grasp.

But a great mistake will be made if we lay the stress wholly there "The primary test of speaking," says Professor Baker of Harvard, "is thought, but the final test is delivery." Is not that the chief lesson of this year, a lesson we must learn whether we want to or not. Iowa had unquestionably the best oration in thought and composition at the Hamilton contest and secured the last place in the "final test." The Northern Oratorical League has changed its rules of procedure. There is no longer a separate judgment rendered on thought and composition. The whole matter is settled by the way in which the speaker handles

his audience. The speaker who will win honors hereafter in either the Hamilton or League Contest must be one who illustrates the truth that, "Art at its highest, and nature at her truest are one."

But while this may all be true of "oratory", does it apply with any force to debate? In the Minnesota Debate, it must be kept in mind that these words occur in the compact: "Each judge shall decide for himself what constitutes effective debate, except that he shall consider both thought and delivery." What this means is made clearer by Professor McDermott's letter on another page. The decision went against us largely because we failed in presentation.

Hasn't the time come when the Debating Leagues must insist that students who are to represent in inter-collegiate contest shall have at least a fundamental course in political economy and public speaking? In the debates this year of the six men selected to represent the university more than one student had taken neither. Whether the student takes these courses or not the School of Political and Social Science and the Department of Public Speaking are held responsible for the public work of these men. The work in these departments is for the most part elective and if the students refuse to choose this work the responsibility lies with them; but "outsiders" refuse to put it there. Defeats are university defeats and that means, when the defeats become frequent, a direct and effective charge against the adequacy of the preparation provided by the departments concerned.

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A number of persons were tried for each part and those were chosen who were apparently best adapted for the respective parts.

The caste thus far selected is:  
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Hastings J. W. Cogswell  
Stingo(Landlord) T. P. Donovan  
Mrs. Hardcastle Madge Young  
Miss Nevile Ethelind Swire  
Miss Hardcastle Marie Lynch  
Maid Miss Kastman

There are also ten additional minor parts that have not yet been assigned.

Work will be commenced at once, it being deemed better to do the major part of the rehearsing now than to leave it until the last few weeks before commencement when picnics, boatrides and 'exams' are wont to distract the attention.

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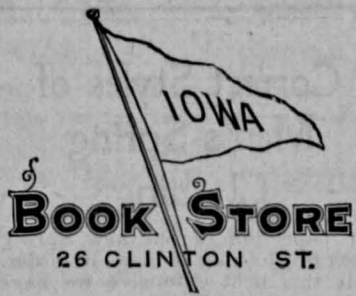
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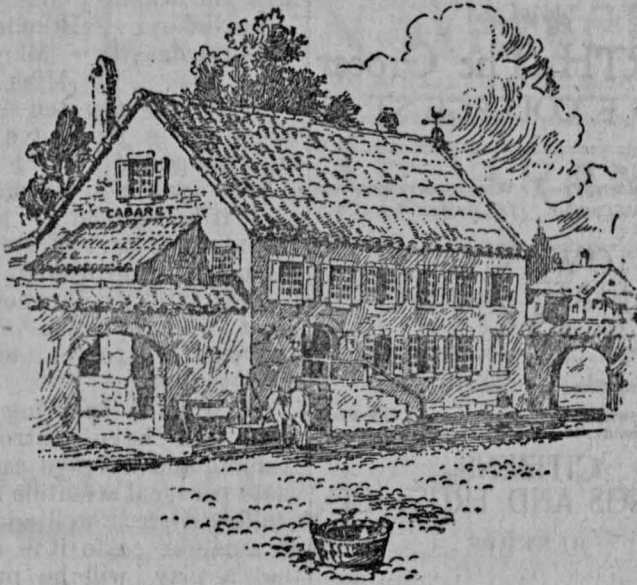
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