

and Lydia M. Reed, Philadelphian. Orations, Wm. D. Edmunds, Wroughtonian, and George Howell, Philadelphian.

The judges awarded the Philadelphians the oration, paper, and instrumental music; the Wroughtonians, the debate and vocal music.

INTER-NORMAL CONTESTS.

Some time in the latter part of the fall term of 1878, a certain student of the Illinois State Normal University suggested to a few of the leading society workers among his school-mates, the propriety of inaugurating annual contests between the students of the Illinois State Normal University and those of the Southern Illinois Normal University. The suggestion met with universal approbation, and when President Hewett was spoken to about the matter, he readily gave his consent, and approved the plan proposed.

Accordingly, on December 3, a meeting of all students interested in literary work was held in Normal Hall, to discuss the project. William C. Ramsey was made chairman, and Horace E. Powers stated the object of the meeting. On motion, a committee of five was appointed to send a challenge to the students of the Southern Normal. As such committee, the chairman named Silas Y. Gillan, Horace E. Powers, S. B. Hursh, Emily Sherman and Jennie L. Wood.

On December 4, the challenge was sent. The subsequent history of the contests may be gathered from the following:

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 4, 1878.

The students of the Illinois State Normal University, to those of the Southern Illinois Normal University, greeting:

Recognizing the importance of the culture to be derived from what is known as literary work, and wishing to add a stimulus to such work in the two Normal Schools of Illinois; believing that both of said schools will be benefited by a better acquaintance with each other; and on account of our relative stand as Normal Schools, being debarred from participation in the Inter-Collegiate contests, in a spirit of friendship, and not of rivalry, we hereby send you a challenge for a literary contest, to take place during the school week ending March 14, 1879, or as near that time as practicable; said contest to consist of a debate to be participated in by two representatives from each school, an oration, an essay, a piece of vocal music, and a piece of instrumental music from each school.

We further suggest the following conditions, subject to your ratification:

1. That the contestants shall be *bona fide* pupils of the schools they represent.
2. That the place of holding the contest be Normal or Carbonale (to be decided by mutual agreement hereafter).

3. That the time allowed for each exercise be as follows: Leaders on debate, fifteen minutes each for opening, and ten minutes each for closing; assistants on debate, twelve minutes each; orations and essays, twelve minutes each.

4. That to the contest meeting an admission fee be charged sufficient to defray expenses, including the traveling expenses of the contestants and judges.

5. That the decision as to the merits of the exercises be left to a board of three judges, one to be appointed by the State Superintendent, and one by each of the presidents of the two Normal Schools.

6. That the persons who participate in the first contest be a committee to draft a code of regulations for a similar contest annually.

COMMITTEE.

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, December 7, 1878.

The students represented by the two Societies of the Southern Illinois Normal University, to those of the Illinois State Normal University, greeting:

Realizing equally with you the importance of literary contests, and recognizing the fact that such contests are never without beneficial results, we accept your challenge for a contest to take place during the school week ending March 14, 1879, or as near that time as may be practicable, with the following modifications:

That instead of four debaters, there be only two; and that the debate be limited to fifty minutes, the two opening speeches to be fifteen minutes each, and the two closing ten minutes each, and in place of the two other debaters, there be two declaimers, one from each school, each declamation not to exceed ten minutes; and that the programme consist of an oration, an essay, a declamation, a debate, one piece of instrumental music, and one piece of vocal music.

We propose this modification because it will afford a better representation of society work. Being the challenged party, we insist that the contest be held at Carbondale.

A. E. PARKINSON,
H. A. KIMMELL,
DORA A. LIPE,
A. C. BURNETT,
S. H. NORMAN,
W. E. MANN,

Committee.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 10, 1878.

A. E. PARKINSON AND H. A. KIMMELL, Chairmen of Contest Committees, Carbondale, Illinois.

Gentlemen: Your communication is received. We accept the modification as to adding a declamation; but we think you will agree

with us that it is better to have four speakers on debate; not only because such is the customary plan in society work, but also because such an arrangement making seven points, will obviate the possibility of a tie in the result. You will readily see that counting seventy-five minutes for debate, twenty-four for essays, twenty-four for orations, twenty for declamations, thirty for music, and ten for recess, the evening's entertainment will not exceed three hours in length.

We shall probably elect our contestants soon, and then they will take the place of our committee in making permanent arrangements for an annual contest between the two schools. In the meantime, however, we suggest the following:

That, of the proceeds of the contest each year, whatever remains over and above the expenses be divided equally between the literary societies of the school at which the contest is held; and in case the proceeds fail to pay the traveling expenses of the judges and contestants, the deficit be made up by the students of the school at which the contest is held. Such a plan will be an incentive to the students at which the contest is held to "work up" the matter by advertising, etc. Of course, this is on the presumption that when once inaugurated, the contests will be held alternately at Carbondale and Normal.

It will probably be necessary to have two boards of judges—one for music, and one for the literary work. Probably each year two of the judges can be selected from the residents at which the contest is held, thus necessitating the traveling expenses of but four judges and seven contestants, so that the necessary expenses each year, including advertising and the printing of programmes, will probably not exceed one hundred and twenty-five dollars. We feel confident that, with judicious management, an audience of five hundred, or more, can be secured for such an entertainment.

In respect to the question for debate, our rule here, in the annual contests between the two literary societies, is that the challenging party selects the question, and the other takes choice of sides, within a week after receiving the question. This rule has always been found satisfactory with us, and we suggest the propriety of adopting a similar plan.

Very respectfully,

SILAS Y. GILLAN,

Chairman of Contest Committee.

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, December 12, 1878.

MR. SILAS Y. GILLAN, Chairman of Contest Committee, Normal, Illinois.

Dear Sir: Your communication is at hand. Committee met and decided as follows:

1. That we insist upon only one debater from each school, for these reasons: (a) With four debaters, the exercises would be four hours long, exclusive of the time occupied in changing, which, at the

lowest estimate, would be thirty minutes. (b) In your first proposition, you implied six points, and in our reply, we implied the same number. We insist that the first proposition, as accepted, stand.

2. That we insist upon only *one* board of judges, for the reasons: (a) If the judges appointed are capable of judging the literary exercises, they will be capable of judging the music. (b) The probabilities are that the attendance will not be sufficient to defray so much expense.

The other propositions you make, in regard to expenses, choosing your question, etc., are agreed to. As soon as our contestants are elected, they will be the committee on further arrangements. Please let us know the question for debate as soon as decided upon.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR E. PARKINSON,
Chairman of Contest Committee.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, December 16, 1878.

MR. ARTHUR E. PARKINSON, Chairman Contest Committee, Carbondale, Illinois.

Dear Sir: Yours of December 12 is received. In reply, let me say: 1. The fact that our challenge included only six points, was an oversight. There ought to be an odd number of points, as you will no doubt admit. 2. It was with reluctance that we voted to include the declamation, as the aim of our Societies here is to give special prominence to *original work*. 3. We do not agree with you concerning the judges. On the contrary, we think the instances extremely rare in which one person is capable of judging intelligently of musical and also of literary performances. Yet we grant the possibility of finding judges who are thus capable.

There seems to be but three points on which we do not agree, and we propose the following compromise: Having already yielded to your wish in regard to introducing the declamation, we shall also yield the other point in regard to the judges, and agree to have but one board. We make these concessions, hoping that you will be so considerate as to yield in the remaining point, and agree to have two debaters on each side; for we deem it of importance that the contest be inaugurated, and we feel confident that when once the representatives of the two schools come together, they will be able to adopt permanent regulations that will be fully satisfactory to both parties.

In regard to the length of the programme, let me say, at our annual contests here, the exercises are not unfrequently three and a half to four hours long; yet our audiences are always large and never wearied. With a programme consisting of such a variety of exercises, an audience may easily be held for full four hours.

Very respectfully,

SILAS Y. GILLAN,
Chairman Contest Committee.

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, December 18, 1878.

MR. SILAS Y. GILLAN, Chairman of Contest Committee.

Dear Sir: Your letter is received. Committee met this p. m., and decided to yield in your favor in regard to the debate. In other words, we agree to the four debaters, but think the exercises will be entirely too long for a Carbondale audience. Please send question for debate as soon as possible. According to this programme there will be seven points. Reply at once. Yours, etc.,

A. E. PARKINSON, Chairman.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, January 13, 1879.

MR. A. E. PARKINSON, Chairman of Contest Committee.

Dear Sir: We submit the following subjects for debate, and ask your debaters to select one from them, and take their choice of sides:

Resolved, That the United States Government ought to take steps to secure such a modification of the treaties with China as would prevent further Chinese immigration.

Resolved, That our Government is a league of States, and not a Nation.

Resolved, That the present system of National Banks should be abolished.

Resolved, That the United States ought to adopt a system of Free Trade with all nations.

A word of explanation is perhaps due to you. We hope you will not think we have intentionally delayed the sending of this question for debate. We were not elected until Wednesday evening, and did not know the result until Thursday noon, on which day, and also on Friday, one of us was sick and out of school, so that we did not see each other until after mail time Saturday evening.

We expect that each of our pieces of music will be a solo. At present, we can not give you the full list of our representatives, as there is a probability that one of our musicians can not serve, and that we shall have to elect another. The election of essayist has been postponed until to-morrow. By next week we shall be able to give you the names of all.

Yours very truly,

SILAS Y. GILLAN, Leader on Debate.
HORACE E. POWERS, Assistant.

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, January 21, 1879.

MR. SILAS Y. GILLAN.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 13th instant is at hand. I should have answered sooner, but our debaters were slow in selecting the question. They decided to-day to accept the first question, and take the affirmative side, thus leaving you the negative.

Yours truly,
A. E. PARKINSON,
Chairman Contest Committee.

The Illinois State Normal vs. the Southern Illinois Normal, at Carbondale, Illinois, Thursday evening, March 13, 1879. Judges, Hon. J. H. Oberly, Hon. M. Weir, Hon. E. M. Prince. Dr. Robert Allyn, president of the evening. Programme: Music; prayer; music; debate: "*Resolved*, That the United States Government ought to take steps to secure such a modification of the treaties with China as would prevent further Chinese immigration." Affirmative, Wm. B. Train, Luther A. Johnson (*b*); negative, Silas Y. Gillan, Horace E. Powers (*a*); instrumental solo, "Rondeau Brillante," Jeannie B. Morrison (*b*); instrumental solo, "Liszt's II Rhapsodie," Minnie G. Adams (*a*); oration, "Results of Doubt," Frank B. Harcourt (*a*); oration, "Republicanism in Europe," Arthur E. Parkinson (*b*); music; essay, "Let there be Light," Dora A. Lipe (*b*); essay, "Sermons in Stones," Daisy Hubbard (*a*); vocal duet, "O'er Hill, O'er Dale," Lizzie Sheppard, Lizzie Harned (*b*); vocal solo, "Going out with the Tide," E. Carl Webster (*a*); declamation, "The Maniac," Mary L. Beecher (*a*); declamation, "Lost and Found," Maggie Kennedy (*b*); music, Northern Normal (*a*), Southern Normal (*b*). Decision: On debate, instrumental music, essay, and declamation, the judges decided in favor of the State Normal; and on oration and vocal music, they decided in favor of the Southern Normal. Result: Five points to two points in favor of the State Normal.

CARBONDALE, January 14, 1880.

MR. J. HANNAH,

Dear Sir: We submit the following question for debate, viz: "*Resolved*, That the migration of the African race from the Southern States will promote harmony among their citizens and the prosperity of that section."

Truly yours,

E. L. SPRECHER,
Chairman of Committee.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, January 17, 1880.

Dear Sir: The question proposed for debate does not seem clear to us in two points. There is doubt as to the meaning of the word *migration*. Do you mean the migration of the whole African race, or the present migration with all the uncertainties of the future? Second, we understand you to say this migration, whatever it may be, will promote harmony and prosperity in the States, from which the migration takes place. Is this your meaning? An answer in the form of a revised statement would be preferable.

Respectfully,

JESSE F. HANNAH,
Chairman Contest Committee.

CARBONDALE, January 20, 1880.

MR. J. F. HANNAH, Chairman Contest Committee:

Dear Sir: Your letter concerning the question for debate came to hand to-day. We prefer to leave the question as it stands, and take the popular construction in regard to the meaning of *migration* of the African race from the Southern States. Putting this interpretation upon the question, it seems clear enough to us and seems to be in the proper form.

Respectfully,

CHARLES E. HULL, Secretary.

NORMAL, ILLINOIS, January 29, 1880.

MR. CHARLES E. HULL, Secretary Contest Committee.

Dear Sir: We have decided to support the affirmative of the question proposed for debate. Respectfully,

JESSE F. HANNAH,

Chairman Contest Committee.

Second Annual Inter-Normal Contest, Normal, Thursday evening, March 11, 1880. Judges, S. S. Lawrence, Esq., Pontiac, Illinois; William Hill, M. D., Bloomington, Illinois; T. T. Fountain, Esq., DuQuoin, Illinois. Programme: Quartette, "Carnovale" (*Rosini*), Normal Quartette Club; debate, "*Resolved*, That the migration of the African race from the Southern States will promote harmony among the citizens and the prosperity of that section." Affirmative, John H. Tear, Austin C. Rishel (*a*); negative, Charles E. Hull, Lauren L. Bruck; instrumental solos, "Last Rose of Summer," Miss Annie C. Wheeler (*b*), "Le Dernier Sourire," Miss Hattie Potter (*a*). Recess. Essays, "Want Stimulates to Action," Henry A. Kimmel (*b*); "Jean Engelow," Miss Sarah Brooks (*a*); vocal solos, "In Quests Simplice," Miss Mary B. Walker (*b*); "Who's at my Window?" Miss Emma Bookwalter (*a*); orations, "The Desire of Eminence," Harold W. Lowrie (*b*); "Just Beyond," Jesse F. Hannah (*a*); declamations, "No Sects in Heaven," Miss Alice Krysher (*b*); "Rock me to Sleep," Miss Addie Gillan (*a*); quartette, "In this Hour of Softened Splendor," Normal Quartette Club. State Normal (*a*); Southern Normal (*b*). Decision: State Normal won the *whole seven points*.

The following persons had the honor of being elected for the third Inter-Normal contest: Debate, David W. Reid and James V. McHugh; essay, James B. Estee; declamation, Robert Elder; vocal music, Margareth Dalrymple; instrumental music, Minnie B. Potter; oration, George Howell.

NORMAL, January 12, 1881.

TO DR. ALLYN, President of the Southern Normal University:

We send this question for contest debate: "*Resolved*, That the United States, in its tariff legislation, should adhere to the principle of a Protective Tariff."

Respectfully,

(Telegram.)

NORMAL DEBATERS.

CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS; January 14, 1881.

E. C. HEWETT, LL. D., President Illinois State Normal University,
Normal, Illinois.

Dear Sir: I yesterday received a telegram, purporting to be from the contest debaters of your University, stating a question for debate and implying a desire for an answer.

I am at a loss about replying. But as our students have made no movement in the matter of any future contests, and just now seem wholly indifferent about doing so,—indeed, appear rather indisposed to move,—I have deemed it best to say so much that you may communicate it to your contestants.

I may add that my opinion, personally, is decidedly averse to more contests conducted as the two already had been carried on. I have scarcely named it to our faculty, but from casual words dropped from time to time, I infer their opinions coincide with mine. Our students, as yet, have made no arrangements for a contest, and when I mentioned the fact of the telegram, seemed wholly apathetic.

I am, very respectfully and obediently,

ROBERT ALLYN.

ARMY LIST.

The following named persons, formerly teachers or students in the Normal University, were in the Union army:

TEACHERS—NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

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| Charles E. Hovey, | . . . | Brevet Major-General, U. S. Vol. |
| (a)Dr. E. R. Roe, | . . . | Lieut. Col., 33d Ill. Inf. |
| Leander H. Potter, | . . . | Lieut. Col., 33d Ill. Inf. |
| Ira Moore, | . . . | Capt., Co. G, 33d Ill. Inf. |
| Julien E. Bryant, | . . . | Lieut. Col., 1st Miss., (C. V.) |
| *Dr. Saml. Willard, | . . . | Surgeon, 97th Ill. Inf. |

STUDENTS—NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

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| Edward Allyn, | . . . | Private, Co. A, 33d Ill. Inf. |
| Jas. H. Beach, | . . . | Private, Co. H, 20th Ill. Inf. |
| *Wm. C. Baker, | . . . | Ord. Sergt., Co. A, 33d Ill. Inf. |
| Eugene F. Baldwin, | . . . | Ord. Sergt., Co. B, 12th Ind. Inf. |
| Wm. A. Black, | . . . | Private, Co. —, 87th Ill. Inf. |
| James H. Baily, | . . . | Gunboat Service. |
| (b)Charles Bovee, | . . . | Corp., Co. A, 33d Ill. Inf. |
| James M. Burch, | . . . | Capt., Co. —, 94th Ill. Inf. |
| Lorenzo D. Bovee, | . . . | Private, Co. E, 100th Ill. Inf. |
| George M. Berkley, | . . . | Corp., Co. C, 13th Ill. Inf. |
| Joseph M. Chase, | . . . | Corp., Co. —, 3d Ill. Cav. |
| Wilson M. Chalfant, | . . . | Private, Co. —, 104th Ill. Inf. |
| (c)Charles M. Clark, | . . . | Quarter-master, 2d La., (C. V.) |