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PRESCOTT OF OREGON WINS FIRST PLACE

Oregon's Intercollegiate Orator Carries off Gold Medal in the Annual Contest With His Excellent Oration, "Mercy That Condemns"

FIRST PLACE IN BOTH COMPOSITION AND DELIVERY MAKES DECISION DECISIVE

FOR the fourth time since the organization of the Oregon Intercollegiate Oratorical Association sixteen years ago, Oregon's representative has emerged victorious from the annual contest. Bert W. Prescott, of Baker City, the 'Varsity's orator, is the man who brings the honor to Oregon. Mr. Prescott's oration "Mercy that Condemns," won first place in the contest both on composition and delivery, making the decision decisive. Since his return to Eugene yesterday afternoon, Mr. Prescott has been showered with congratulations. Joseph R. Richardson, of McMinnville College, was awarded second place, while Clarke R. Belknap, of Willamette University, was given third honors.

Since the organization of the association in 1893 the University of Oregon and Pacific College have each won four contests; McMinnville college has come out triumphant three times; Pacific University and Albany College have each won twice while Willamette University has taken first place once. The Oregon Agricultural College and the Oregon State Normal School have unfortunately been unsuccessful as yet in the annual contest.

Mr. Prescott, who won the contest for Oregon, is a senior in the University, majoring in the department of economics. Since entering the University three years ago as a Sophomore, he has always been active in student affairs, having been a member of the 'Varsity glee club for three consecutive seasons. At present Mr. Prescott is president of the Associated Students, having been elected to that position of honor at the student election last May.

Before entering the University Mr. Prescott competed in several intercollegiate contests in oratory so that he is by no means a novice on the forensic platform.

Perhaps there has never been a contest held by the Intercollegiate Association where the rivalry was more



Bert W. Prescott, '08.
Winner of the State Oratorical Contest at Monmouth Friday Evening.

keen and college spirit more in evidence than the recent contest at Monmouth. Each institution was well represented and college yells and songs enlivened the evening preparatory to the orations. Music by the Monmouth orchestra, the O. S. N. S. girls glee club, Mrs. May Bowden-Babbitt, and the O. S. N. S. faculty male quartet was heartily appreciated by the large audience present.

President Hubert A. Goode, of the Oregon State Normal School, presided at the contest and introduced the speakers. The program of the evening was as follows:

EIGHT COLLEGES OF LEAGUE ENDORSE UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION BILL LAST FRIDAY

Music, selection by the Orchestra, 7:30 to 8:00.

Invocation, Rev. J. A. P. McGraw.
Music, O. S. N. S. Girls' Glee Club.
Greetings from Spring, Straus.

Oration, Joseph G. Richardson, McMinnville College, "The Trend of the Hour."

Oration, W. E. Gwynn, Pacific University, "National Stability."

Oration, E. E. Calloway, Oregon Agricultural College, "A Nation's Need."

Music, Piano Solo, Mrs. May Bowden-Babbitt, Scherzo, B flat minor, Chopin.

Oration, Mrs. C. A. Bryant, Oregon State Normal School, "A Prophetic Record."

Oration, Clarke R. Belknap, Willamette University, "The Twentieth Century State."

Music, O. S. N. S. Faculty Quartet, Winter Song, Bullard.

Oration, Harry Maxfield, Pacific College, "Training for Intelligent Citizenship."

Oration, Bert W. Prescott, University of Oregon, "Mercy that Condemns."

Music, O. S. N. S. Girls' Glee Club, Waltz Song, Czibulka.

Decision of Judges.

The judges on composition to whom the orations were submitted three weeks before the contest were Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, Oregon; Prof. E. M. Hulme, of the University of Idaho; and Rev. T. L. Elliot, of Portland. The judges on delivery were Rev. H. O. Henderson, Portland;

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