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### FOREWORD

The Dakota (now South Dakota) Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association was organized at Brookings, Dakota Territory, November 5, 1887. The educational institutions originally uniting in it were:

- (1) The State University, Vermillion.
- (2) The State College, Brookings.
- (3) Dakota University (Methodist), Mitchell.
- (4) Yankton College (Congregational).
- (5) Sioux Falls College (Baptist).

Since that time the following schools have joined:

- (6) Redfield College (German Congregational).
- (7) Huron College (Presbyterian).

Augustana College (Scandinavian) at Canton, was later admitted to the Association, but it retained its membership only one year.

The first contest was held at Sioux Falls in the spring of 1888. Dakota University (now Dakota Wesleyan) was not represented in this contest, because this school had burned down that year. Since then, twenty-nine additional contests have been held to date (1917). On three occasions, the Orations that won second place in the State contest, won first place in the Inter-State. This made it necessary to publish both of the Winning Orations for each of these years—1899, 1906, 1907. The oration by Case which won the National Peace Contest in 1916, has also been added, making a total of thirty-four speeches in the volume. They cover a variety of subjects; are models of English composition, and seem worthy of preservation.

—THE AUTHOR.



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