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The editor-in-chief of this Monthly had no intention whatever of being a competitor in the recent oratorical contest until about a week before the evening of May 2nd, 1902. Upon the urgent solicitations of several members of the present class, the writer consented to enter the arena. The time was then so short that the main ideas of the editorial intended for this issue of the Monthly had to serve as a basis for the elaboration of a suitable subject. This oration, entitled "The Significance of Experience," must do duty as the leading editorial of the last number of the Monthly for this academic year. It is intended to summarize and conclude a series of discussions originating in the preceding numbers.

The annual oratorical concert of the O.N.C. was held in the Assembly Hall on the evening of May 2nd, 1902. The following program was rendered to a large and appreciative audience:

- 1—Chairman's Address.....
J. T. Crawford, B. A.
- 2—"Away in the Meadows"Root
Glee Club.
- 3—Oration....."The Empire"
Mr Downey.
- 4—Quartet.....Selected.....
O. N. C. Quartet.
- 5—Oration.. "Flash Lights on Ruskin"
Miss Moore.
- 6—Violin Solo.....Selected
Mr. Andrews.
- 7—First Prize Poem....."Springtime"
Miss Baird.

- 8—"Come Fairies All"Pelton
Glee Club.
Intermission.
- 9—"The Oars are Plashing"Geibel
Glee Club.
- 10—Oration, "The Significance of Experience"
G. M. James, B. A., LL. B.
- 11—Duet, from Opera 1492. Carl Pfeleger
Miss Kinrade and Mr. Mott.
- 12—Oration.... "Good and Bad Novels"
J. Loucks, B. A.
- 13—Violin Solo.....Selected.....
Mr. Andrews
- 14—First Prize Essay.....
- 15—"The Moon is Up"Stillman
Glee Club.
God Save the King.

The musical portion of the program was under the direction of Mr. James Johnson and the results of this department reflected great credit on all concerned. The essays and poems had been handed in to the judges a week previously. The prize winners were announced as the program proceeded. The following are the prize winners for this year:

- First Prize Oration—Mr. G. M. James, B.A., LL.B., Galt, Ont.
 Second Prize Oration. — Mr. J. E. Loucks, B.A., Frankville, Ont.
 First Prize Poem.—Miss M. M. J. Baird, B.A., Toronto Junction, Ont.
 Second Prize Poem.—Mr. R. J. Hornung, Hamilton, Ont.
 First Prize Essay.—Miss E. M. Fleming, B.A., Brockville, Ont.
 Second Prize Essay. — Miss C. C. Grainger, B.A., Orillia, Ont.

The Significance of Experience.

FIRST PRIZE ORATION.

We are living in an age of enormous expansion in every possible sphere of human activity. Never before was there such a feverish, nervous rush toward the goals of human desires. How few there