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INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF ORATORY.

To the Members of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society.

GENTLEMEN,—Before us lies another year of academic life, for some of us the last, for some the first, but last or first we ask, what shall it do for us? The answer will not be complete until at the close we stand and looking at the past count up the losses and the gains. Among the opportunities of our college course stand out prominent those offered by our society, and of these the chief is that of exercising ourselves in the art of oratory, for looking forward to our work it would seem as if excellence in this art were not simply important, but necessary to high success. To do our work we must be orators in the truest and highest sense. What the art of painting is to the painter, oratory is to the preacher of the gospel.

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