

History of Cicero

THE Ciceronian Literary Society was born in the year 1851. At that time it was the only Literary Society in Doane Academy, but in the year 1883 a part of the members withdrew and organized another society which they called the Irving Literary Society.

Up to this time there had been very little stimulus in literary work, but with the organization of the new Society, an annual contest was instituted between the two. This has been kept up, and is looked forward to with, perhaps, more interest than any other event in the literary or school work.

Previous to this year Ciceronians had no badge or pin by which they might be known, but at the beginning of the year the Society adopted a beautiful sterling silver watch fob bearing the Society's motto, "Know Thyself," as a Society emblem.

For many years Cicero has been practically dead, and in the annual contests the rival Society had little trouble in bearing away the honors. However, new life has been instilled into the old Society, as the late records will show, and in the last two contests the honors have fallen to Cicero. Considering the present conditions, nothing but a glorious future can be predicted.