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### THE DECLENSION OF "KISS".

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When you know that a kiss is so hard to decline!"

—Selected.

### All Prophecies not Fulfilled.

All prophecies are not fulfilled. Will the legislature of Texas pass laws prohibiting the "dirty game of football?" No. If we read the signs of the times aright, football will be more popular in the future than now. Football as a university game holds its own. The leading university presidents and professors are vigorous supporters of this game. There is surely something in it or this would be otherwise. In the future more and more university men will become the law-makers. These men will support the game because they understand it and to understand this prince of games is to love it. These men in self-defence, will not use their influence against the game, for in so doing they would be committing political suicide. They would array the college bred men of

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the state against them. Better would it be for those political aspirants to have the seven vials of woe poured out upon them than to have the displeasure of the universities and college bred men; for in the future university graduates will bear the same relation to the common herd of humanity that the West Point graduates bear to the rank and file of the army.

Again, this is a strenuous age. The world demands much of the young men. It is not the book worm that succeeds; it is the active man of affairs. An ounce of action is worth a ton of know-how. The fellows that do something and not those who are always cramming their craniums with information, are the ones who get the choicest fruit from the tree of life. Football develops the positive quality and the "do" essence in man, more than any other game, to our knowledge.

Ten times as many students go to premature graves or lose their health from the want of exercise, than are injured by all the college sports combined.

"If the brutal game of football

happened to be as brutal as the enemies of the game believe, the cemeteries and hospitals would be full at the beginning of each winter." This is an active, spirited game for the stalwarts. In the line or in the back field there is no place for weaklings. To further develop the thought, we quote from Pres. Thwing, of the Western Reserve University.

"1. Foot ball represents the en-  
exorable. It embraces things that must be done at specific times, places, and in specific ways.

2. Foot ball illustrates the value of the positive. It teaches one to do. It is action, not inaction. It bucks, it punches, it breaks, it runs, it goes, it goes through the line, it goes round the ends, but it goes.

3. Foot ball represents the value of a compelling interest. There are other interests, good

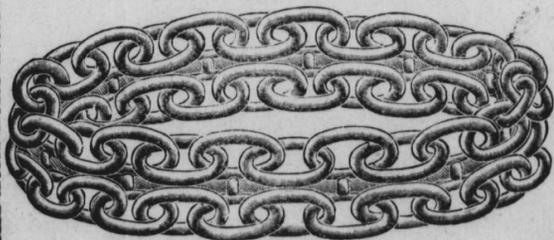
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Here is another lesson that the strong may learn from the weak. It is not telling all, to say that much of our light reading is a waste of time. If it is not positively good then it is positively harmful. The wholesale reading of newspapers effects not only the dissemination of news, but the destruction of our English. The point is, that everything that we touch, touches us in return. We cannot get the effect from the good and read the bad without effect. And this illustrates again the foolishness of that idea that we ought to be acquainted with even the bad things of the world because they are real.

And this leads to a suggestion to students on the subject of news reading. While avoiding the deluge of hasty English in our newspapers do not get behind the times. No live student can afford to bury himself from the world. *While in college we are living.* We must keep up with the world's news. But we do not need to know the market reports before breakfast nor the list of murders at all. So the suggestion is this. Read the general news in such papers as the New York Independent, Literary Digest, Outlook, etc. These contain the important news of the week summed up and commented on by leading thinkers. Thus you get the good news, culled from the sen-

sational. You learn how it strikes a man who has a broad vision of affairs, and makes it his business to study such questions. You find it much more sane, and free from bias and narrowness than the ordinary report. The English which expresses it is always the very best, positively helpful in itself.

And though we fast liverers are inclined to look with contempt on the weekly newspapers, we get the news from these magazines about as fresh as the time of a busy student will allow.

Several magazines of this character are in the Library. Others are coming, and when we move it is hoped that there will be paper racks, so they may be found without a search-warrant.

The foot ball season is over. No longer do we hear those vigorous raahs! No longer can we see those stripped athletes bounding across the gridiron; rolling on the ground; or standing like a phalanx against the onslaughts of an opposing team. It would not take a Kempler to count up the number of scores T. C. U.'s team made against other teams this year. Still we were proud of it. The team was composed of a spunky, stalwart set of young men. In the team were several fine individual players, and with the proper training it would have accomplished much. The funds of the the association were not sufficient to employ a first class coach. With the exception of the two weeks Mr. Hildebrand, and the three days Mr. Choat coached the team, it had no instruction. 'Tis true the boys learned a few good plays from their opponents at the eleventh hour, after it was too late to put them into practice. Every man who was on the first team and the most of the subs expect to be back next fall. With the experience they now have and with the aid of a good coach T. C. U. will have a team as good as was Add-Ran's team of 97.

Week before last was the beginning of a new era in the home life of the young men who live in the T. C. U. dormitory. Pres. Zollars gave them authority to make their own rules and govern themselves. The young men met *en masse*, and appointed a committee to draft the rules. The committee drew up the rules and submitted them to the faculty. The rules were then

submitted to the male student body. After much discussion and a few changes the rules were accepted. A committee was appointed to see that they are carried out.

The young men of T. C. U. should feel proud that Pres. Zollars and the faculty have placed this confidence in them.

The privilege of self government is a great boon. Every mother's son among the students should consider himself a committee of one to see that these rules are obeyed. May these rules be to them the law of the Medes and Persians.

## THE ENCAMPMENT.

The committee on locating the encampment of the Christian Church was in the city prospecting, on Thursday of this week. In the afternoon they were es-

corted over the city by the Business men's committee, visiting the points available for the camping ground. Several sites are contemplated, and the propositions of both sides were discussed, but no definite conclusion was reached. Lampasas was visited by the committee just before Waco. That little place by its beautiful shade and splendid water is quite a model location for such an encampment and our city may have a hard race for the victory. Of course Waco has plenty of advantages if she will show them.

The committee consists of J. C. Mason of Palestine, J. J. Cramer, Lockhart, Chalmers McPherson, Ft. Worth, Addison Clark, Amarillo. E. E. Faris, Dallas, J. W. Marshall, Waco, and our own Bro Shirley of Texas. These are all good friends of T. C. U. and familiar visitors. We were glad to greet those sturdy faces on the campus, in the dining room, in the halls and at chapel.

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The Marshall and Brower meeting at the Central Christian Church will run on until Christmas. Interest is good. Thirty-three have been added to the church already.

Mrs Ingalls spent Thanksgiving day in McKinney. The following Friday night she sang at the Wilson and Kendell meeting at the Central Christian Church in Dallas. This was quite an honor: for Evangelist Wilson hardly ever has any one but his regular song leader, sing solos at his meetings.

The students recital last Tuesday evening was quite a success. A large audience was present. All were well pleased.

A. T. Sherman, Fellow and a Silver Medallist of the Society of Science, Letters and Art. of London, Ltd., England, and Post-graduate student of T. C. U., class of '97, with the degree of Master of Arts (A. M.) is taking a non-resident course for the degree of Master of Accounts (M. Accts.) with Ruskin College, Trenton, Missouri.

Prof. Parmenter is an artist in his line of work. He was at his best last night and moved our souls. Very few people learn to play the violin. But all like to hear a violin when a master hand draws the bow. The human voice is the sweetest of all music. Of all instruments the "fiddle" nearest resembles the voice.

Pres. Zollars will be away from the University the most of next week. He will attend the Lectureship.

H. C. Allen went home last Wednesday night. He received the sad news that his mother had died.

The reporter of this paper did not know that 15 overcoats could be sold in 15 minutes until he went into Freedman's store one day this week. He no longer rests under that delusion.

Miss McClintic, Mrs. Cockrell, Mrs. Ingalls, Misses Draper, Grant, Mewhinney, Crowder; will represent T. C. U. Art, Oratory, Vocal, and Music departments at the lectureship next week. Mrs. Cockrell will take some of her own work and the paintings of some of her students.

Miss Nora Field of Bruceville has matriculated in the music department.

The Add-Ran Debating Club is doing good work. Those who know the most about this club are its best friends. The power to think while standing, to talk from the shoulder, to speak to a point, to look at both sides of a question, and to make others believe with the speaker; is the power that this debating club is developing within the members. The club will startle the Heights with a grand open program in the near future. The subject for discussion to night is: Resolved that the Adoption of the 15th Amendment has not been justified.

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Bro. McPherson made a rousing chapel talk Friday morning in which he emulated Bro. Shirley for the grand work he is doing for T. C. U. That grand man of God, Bro. Addison Clark, made many of our hearts glad by his presence and hearty hand-clasps.

A. C. Elliott of West, an Add-Ran graduate of '93, was on the Heights the first of the week.

Emery Elliott, of Troy, visited his brother Odel, the first of the week.

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A good report for the Alumni Library Association, comes from A. J. Cook, class '93, Principal of Seguin City schools. This is encouraging.

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J. C. Mullins is singing second tenor with the Chicago Glee Club.

Pres. Zollars spoke at Allen last Saturday night, he preached at McKinney last Sunday. At Allen he raised \$500.00, at McKinney he raised \$1000.00 for T. C. U.

#### GIRLS' HOME NOTES.

Mrs. Bynon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Holmes.

We are glad to report Miss Cockrell decidedly better.

Recently when the girls ask permission to go anywhere the matron grants the request on the condition that they do not go to West. However, one of our girls often dresses herself up and with grip in hand announces herself ready to go to West.

After so many dark dreary days of rain, the girls are delighted with the bright sunshine and although it is crisp and cold they are up on time for breakfast and ready for duty.

The edict that has gone forth that all must be members of some literary society struck terror to the hearts of four of our timid girls who have never had the courage to become members of any society.

#### THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

##### SHIRLEY

The Shirley Literary Society met on Monday morning December the first with a good audience. The Add-Ran Society favored her with a much appreciated visit. Much interest was manifest during the entire programme. We could give complimentary critiques to each person on the programme. Singing evangelist, John Brower thrilled the hearts of the assembly with his rich baritone voice.

##### WALTON.

The Walton Society had as usual, a very interesting program on last Monday. The music rendered was excellent and the literary work was mostly original and showed much thought and preparation on the part of the

members. The Dream by Miss Shirley is particularly worthy of mention. She foreshadowed the future destiny of many of our members and fellow students. A number of visitors were present. These are always welcome.

##### ADD-RAN.

Last Monday morning the Add-Ran Literary society unanimously accepted the invitation to visit the Shirley society and truly they will never have cause to regret their action. This society contains some of the best talent in the school and we are sure that, if its members line up to the society motto, they will all prove to be boons to the cause of humanity.

After the program was finished the visitors returned to the Add-Ran hall and proceeded to a business meeting. The new officers were installed and then they adjourned.

#### BAYLOR WEARS LAURELS.

At West End last Monday afternoon Baylor and T. C. U. locked horns for the last time this football season. The evening was drizzly, very few people from the city witnessed the game. But the grand stand was crowded with purple and white and with green and gold adherents.

Several sensational plays were made on both sides. The bleachers roared at every chance. Vanham, Baylor's full back hit the line like a battering ram, and hardly ever failed to gain. Wicker and Jones made several yell inspiring sprints toward the purple and white goal.

Grissom, Gallaher, Moore, Shumate and Rowe, were T. C. U.'s stars. Grissom was little but loud. His tackles laid low many a man almost twice his (Grissom's) weight. Galaher's 35 yard run around Baylor's right end was great.

The game was free from squabbling and slugging. Everybody was in the best of humor. The Baylor rooters often cheered the opposing side, while we cheered for the green and gold.

Baylor's cyclone plays played havoc with the T. C. U. line. At one time during the game when the ball was in the middle of the field, Baylor made a fumble. Rowe of T. C. U. grabbed the ball then there was a red, white and blue streak, Baylor gave up the chase in despair. Rowe made a touch down; but Baylor

was off side. The phenomal 55 yd. run gained our team nothing. The game resulted in 20 to 0 in Baylor's favor.

#### All Prophecies not Fulfilled.

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and bad, but certain temperaments need something like foot ball to arouse them. Speaking of a lazy boy, Emerson said; "Set a dog on him, send him West, do something to him." Foot ball serves such a purpose.

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