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"But what can I get for a subject" is the cry of the prospective orator, and when you take a general view of all the stirring things that have happened from the evolution of order out of Chaos, down to the present development of the trust question—the field usually covered by college orators, sometimes all in one oration—it is indeed no simple matter to light upon your particular portion of this vastness, hence we offer some suggestions to aid you.

I once heard an enthusiastic professor of history, express wonder that historical characters were not more often chosen for subjects of orations. And when we consider the richness

of this field we too, may wonder. But when we remember how easy it is to fail by producing from such a subject a biography instead of an oration, we are not surprised that it is avoided.

I heard a student attempt to throw his oratorical soul into the lofty subject "The Man of Galilee." He told us that Jesus was born in humble Bethlehem, fled to darkest Egypt, returned to lowly Nazareth thence went to flowing Jordan, from there again to Nazareth and thence to Jerusalem thence to—so on, tracing the geographical meanderings of the Savior, and I remember he got him as far as Perea when the chairman's gavel put a stop to this prosy biographical outline. There was no oratorical power, no ele-

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Geo. W. Wendling has made a national reputation on his lectures "The Man of Galilee," and "Stonewall Jackson." What could be richer in grand conceptions than the "Achievements of Napoleon;" or fuller of lofty example than "Washington the Citizen;" or more inspiring than the "Spirit of Savonorola," or more suggestive than the "Influence of Emerson;" what more timely than "Cecil Rhodes and Universal Empire;" what more practical than "Edison the Worker." And some one leading thought in the life of a great man whom you specially admire may be the theme that you can pour your soul into, with the best results.

Every student ought to do enough magazine reading to keep up with the great movements and problems of the present day. You can not find much on the "Race Problem" in the Encyclopedia, but it will be splendid training for you to search the magazines, newspaper editorials, late events. Read such books as the

"Leopard Spots" and then draw some original conclusions.

Much has been written on the "American Ballot," but some developments in the last decade have opened up new problems that will be good for thoughtful people. The glories of a Democratic form of government have been pretty well aired, but the "Problems of Municipal Government" is a new and vital theme, which has called forth some strong writings lately and affords a rich field for speaking material. The "Permanency of the Trust Idea" may be assured and you might eloquently prove it; "The Rightful Place of the Trust" is not so certain, and you might do some valuable work in gathering statistics, evidence, quotations, etc. and presenting your side.

And finally, if the mention of these themes awake no responsive chord in your oratorical nerve, then betake yourself with thoughtful mein to the pinnacle of the Main building, give your eye full view of the broadening stretch of glorious prairie around you, and let your soul expand. Send your mind's eye to even greater distances and behold the Sunny Southland. See her fertile fields and rugged hills, many of them not yet healed from the scars of war; her rivers unharnessed and her mines untouched; her products just beginning to be appreciated and her markets

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"The Power of Endeavor Is Better Than Genius," sometime when the ministers have all had their say, and the congregation is still impatient for the final word, I'm going to preach a sermon from this text. It shall be a beautiful sermon, beautiful, strong and emphatic, one that will at times move the tender-hearted listeners to tears, and throughout hold even the wariest unbeliever by its truth. It shall abound in wise thoughts and weighty expressions. And from the great store-house of living examples, it shall be proven that the plain, unassuming stripling—dullard, if you will—who plods steadily, unflinchingly, faithfully onward, is the one who wears at last the shining glittering crown.

Oh, your genius may flash out upon the world and dazzle it for a time with his transcendent radiance, but if he be a genius only and content himself with that alone, his career is but a flash after all. His is but the bubble reputation. He is but the grass of the field which to-day is and to-morrow is—naught. Give me rather the man who is willing to work, who never loses himself in the little triumphs of the hour, but who fixes his gaze above and beyond the common herd of men who are "geniuses," and nothing more. The man who finds his work hard but glories in its very strenuousness. The man who weighted down by poverty, society's capricious bans, ill-health perhaps, but who pushing on, struggling ever, fighting always climbs over them all, and at last looks down from the lofty eminence which he has reached, to his little genius opponents, who considered hard work and conscientious endeavor beneath their royal state, gasping by the wayside.

The race of the hare and the tortoise repeats itself every day. In every avenue of life the man

who is at ease in zion, and who sleeping dreams of his glorious possibilities, is outdistanced by him who has possibilities, but who dares not sleep nevertheless. How different the two answers to the same question once asked the great Paganini and a performer, who at that time was considered equally great. "How have you become such a wonderful musician?" The performer (his name is forgotten to-day) answered, "I was born so," Paganini said, "I have studied twelve hours a day for twenty years, and am beginning to learn how to study." One need not draw a conclusion, it is too patent, so it only remains for me to repeat my text, the text from which I am going to preach that sermon, "The Power of Endeavor Is Better than Genius."

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The fourth and last recital in the Olympic Course of Entertainments will be that of Mrs. Ingalls which is advertised for Feb. 12; however the recital will be postponed until sometime in March. Mrs. Ingalls will appear then to the delight of her many friends, and her recital will make a fitting close for the very exceptional course of entertainments with which Texas Christian University has been favored this season.

Although the Skiff has not mentioned the out door gymnasium and the Olympic Game movement so often as it did formerly, still these ideas have had silent growth. And as soon as the weather permits and the apparatus arrives our gymnasium improvements will be forthcoming. This movement has been made possible by the courtesy of four of our special teachers, who have given of their time and talent unsparingly in these course entertainments. So when the stadium becomes a reality and the Olympic Games are really reintroduced, the first thing we should do should be to attempt to pay off in a measure this debt of gratitude. Then at the very inauguration of the scheme, let us harness twelve good strapping youths to one of the old Olympic chariots and while the band plays "Hail to the Chief" and the colors wave from three hundred eager hands, let us treat Professors Schimmelpfennig and Parmenter, Miss McClintic and Mrs. Ingalls to an ancient ride at a thirty-clip, around and around the sanded arena.

The Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest will doubtless be the next battle royal to occupy the attention of T. C. U. students. It comes early in April and our University has a double incentive for strenuous preparation for the coming conflict. Aside from the fact that victory and distinction in this contest are of themselves most desirable, there is the further consideration of this being our first year of representation for some time past. We ought then to make the most of our opportunity. Let us put forth every effort and let us make our preliminary in March the hottest local contest of the year. We have almost unlimited oratorical talent in our school, it only remains to be developed, and careful cultivation along this line will win laurels for T. C. U. in the future. Do not put off this matter any longer, but begin *to-day* on some subject of vital importance or at least of commanding interest. The Literary Societies, the Debating Clubs and the Political Science Classes should all pride them-

selves on having representations in the preliminary. This is a most important matter, we urge you once more to give it your careful consideration. M.

CLIPPINGS.

That Chicago preacher who has been pitching into girls who can't make pies must be originally from New England.

Both in tennis and in real life, love is a bad thing. In both cases it amounts to nothing, and, before you get through, you often have to resort to three balls to net enough to pull you through. You court, serve, make a duece of a racket—and when it's all over, you've lost anyway.—Cornell Widow.

There is a man who is firmly convinced that Theodore Roosevelt will be re-elected president of the United States, and Mr. Roosevelt sees that man every time he looks in the glass.

Teacher, "What is space?"
Student: "Why-y-y. I-I-have it in my head, but can't hardly express what it is."—Sel.

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The agony is over.

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Co. B. seems to be in the lead when it comes to base-ball. They won their second game over Co. A. Monday; however the score was 7 to 8.

Granville Jones should have been here last night to see some double bow-knots tied in the milky way.

Miss Nannie Jordan is here visiting her sister Miss Lelia. She came in time to help her sister win the \$25.00 in gold.

From the number in the order committee it looks as if we might keep things quiet even on "Tin Can Alley"

The library has been moving into its new quarters this week. It promises to be quite worthy of the name when the new lists of books arrives.

Many of our readers will be pleased to learn that the Waco Library Committee has secured the Theodore Thomas Orchestra Company for a concert in Waco, in April. This organization is the best of its kind and rarely stops at a town of Waco's size, it was only induced to do so this time by an almost fabulous guarantee on the part of the committee. It will stop at only two other points in the State.

The liveliest athletic movement of the hour is the young ladies basket ball organization. They have four teams already and several more in contemplation.

Rev. Dr. Rund of the Dutch Reform Church was a visitor at the University recently.

Mr. A. S. Henry and family have arrived from Colorado, Texas and will make their home here on the Heights.

Workmen are still busy on the campus, getting things in trim for the dedication which will soon be upon us. Gravel walks are being made and more trees being set out.

We are in the new dining hall at last, and a swarm of butterflies just burst out from their imprisoned chrysalic forms were never more delighted with their rainbow-hued wings than we are with our new improvements. There is a great deal in environment, and hash and hominy never tasted better than now.

The students recital Thursday afternoon was well attended, and every number on the program was admirably rendered.

Robt. Estes of Midland, was here early in the week to see his sister Miss Lizzie.

Miss Jessie M. Garvin the widely advertised temperance lecturer, gave her entertainment in the chapel Saturday evening. Her efforts were excellent and were well received. She remained over Sunday and gave another lecture in the afternoon to boys and girls especially.

Miss Henri Lea Wolcott has returned from her visit to Waxahachie. Miss Chiles will remain there for a time visiting her mother.

Tildy is delighted with her new quarters and she has been giving us some exceptionally good biscuits since the change.

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From the amount of practice the young ladies are doing, their choruses during the Inaugural will be well worth the hearing.

Mrs. J. H. Coffman, of Melissa, is a guest at the Girls' Home this week.

This issue of the Skiff is gotten out entirely by Profs. Hall and McClintic—Mr. McKinney our lively business manager having "Crosses" and "Crescents" and things, on hand.

Several advertisements have been handed in this week for the Goldstein & Migel prize. This is a very commendable proposal of this well known firm, and every student should make a try for the \$5.00.

Walter Gray a student of this school when it was called Add-Ran, was here Wednesday, visiting his brother Clyde.

From all accounts there will be a regular reunion of old students here during the dedication. The more the merrier. That's what the celebration is for.

Miss Lalla McClintic returned to her home in Groesbeck Saturday.

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First honors fell to Miss Lelia Jordan and well may she be proud of them for she had no easy race. "Queen Esther" was her subject and her beautiful tribute to woman at the close held her listeners spell-bound and undoubtedly won for her the \$25.00 in gold.

W. F. Reynold's strong oration on "The Licensed Saloon" won second money and he is to be congratulated for having made the speech of his life.

"The Historical Preparation of the World for Christ" came in for the \$10.00 prize, and although it was the maiden effort of Fred Obenchain it was not lacking in force and concentrated energy, and points to Mr. Obenchain as public speaker of great promise.

The four other speakers are to be highly commended for their oratorical attainments, nor did they "lose out" in any sense of the word. They were all victors.

The orations on the whole were more thoughtful and better prepared than in the average contest and reflect no little credit on Miss McClintic's work at the head of the Oratory department of Texas Christian University.

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No person ever became great in any art because they flashed out once or twice on certain occasions. But the one who shines with a steady light, becomes a power in this world. The true musician forgets self, forgets everything and makes music for others. And the keynote should be, that the chief end in life is to benefit the human race.

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Choosing a Subject.

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now challenging the completion of the world. Listen to the roar of her oil mills opening a new field of industry, to the rattle of the woolen mills siezing the opportunity of the century, to the hum of busy colleges laying broad and deep the foundation of future greatness. Feel the plaintive wail of the negro as he recalls the poetry of an age gone by, catch the inspiring strain of the Henry W. Grady as he plans for days of greatness yet undreamed. And then with your soul swelling with gladness for the "New South" give a ringing call to your fellow citizens to rise to their country's greatness. H.

Any one who has a picture representing any part of T. C. U. (Add-Ran) University life that they would like that to have shown in the "Picture Story" that is being gotten up by me will please leave it in the Registrar's room for copy—and greatly oblige. MISS MILLER.

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