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### A VALENTINE

"Mine" and "thine"  
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With that sweet name  
St. Valentine.

But what care I  
For that old myth?  
The sweetest name  
Is Sallie Smith.

I must confess  
I hope to see  
That name sometime  
To rhyme with me.

It said that long ago two children named Cupid and Folly were playing in the garden of the gods. They became involved in a difficulty and Folly struck Cupid and put out his eyes. For this crime Folly was punished by being made the guide for Cupid. Ever since that time Folly has led Dan Cupid and directed his darts. This is the blind god's day,

"Oh, why have you given Cupid a dart

A bow and a sharp shooting quiver  
He has already pierced my poor heart  
And now twangs his bow at my liver"

### GIRLS' HOME NOTES.

The assembly hall of the Girls' Home is to be called McKinney hall hereafter, from the fact that the Ladies' Aid Society of McKinney contributed \$50.00 for its furnishing. It is now being repapered that its walls may be in harmony with its new furniture. We trust that the McKinney ladies may send some representative to see what they have wrought by their contribution. The stairways and long halls are being carpeted by contributions from other Aid Societies. The girls can now pass along as noiselessly as fairies and thank the ladies for this privilege.

Basket ball is eliciting much interest and is a fine appetizer for supper. The cook will please note that Wednesday and Saturday are the regular days for playing and make allowance for same.

Already one visitor to our exercises of next week has arrived, Mrs. Anderson, mother of Misses Myrta and Ethel.

Miss Rebecca King is quite sick.

God made the world and rested.  
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The "solons" at Austin have accomplished no little since the legislature opened. One of the most interesting matters which they have discussed is the appropriation for the Texas Building at the World's Fair. The World's fair commission originally asked for a \$200,000 appropriation and it has been granted. The building which the commission proposes to erect will be a symbol of Texas. It will be in the shape of a huge five-pointed star, and the stellar effect has been so dexterously worked out in every detail of construction that the whole might be called a constellation nebulae of smaller stars clustered around the Lone Star of Texas. In fact the stellar motif is quite the ruling idea and has not been departed from in a single instance. The whole building will be insistently and intensely Texas, and altogether in keeping with the growth of the state.

Some unknown critic has recently most unceremoniously assailed the author of the popular novel "The Leopard's Spots." The charges brought against Mr. Thomas Dixon Jr. are as numerous as they are puerile, and the criticism is most caustic. However Mr. Dixon defended himself and completely silenced his would-be-noticed critic in a short, but strictly to the point, reply which he wrote two weeks ago en route from his home to Milwaukee.

It is significant to note that from over a million southern readers this is the first adverse criticism of the timely and almost remarkable book of Mr. Dixon. The Leopard's Spots has reached its 99th thousand, has been widely read not only here but in England, and is now being translated into the German. And it will continue to go on its own peculiar mission, in spite of the critic, presenting

the other side of the most vital question, that has ever agitated the Master Minds of our country, to a people already much prejudiced by the exaggerations of such books as "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Last week the senate rejected a proposition of the house to send a committee to visit the San Jacinto battlefield with a view to securing state aid in making it a public park. An effort is now being made to reconsider the action. The idea provides for the beautification of the grounds, and the erection of a monument to the memory of the heroes of this field, that will be the pride of every Texan's heart. It is to be hoped that the measure will meet with more favorable treatment this time. That memorable battlefield and its heroes though engraven indelibly upon the hearts of all Texas, have outwardly been neglected too long, and the present legislature can do few things more worthy its dignity than take immediate favorable action on this matter.

Chocolate blanc mange continues to be the president's favorite desert.—Ex.

Oh for the song of yesterday!  
Oh, for the plays that used to be!  
Oh, for the music of *auld lang sine!*  
Ye players!

We hate to sit for three long hours in Dante's frozen hell while these modern plays drag across the grudy stage. Give us the thrilling plays of yesterday. We prefer Ophelia, and Desdomania, to these pretty girls in costumes elaborate but scanty material.

We are sick to death of this blatant ragtime music on screaming strings, and boisterous horns. Take down from the musty archives the dusty scrolls of Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, etc., and let our souls hold sweet communion with the souls of the old masters. Sing to us those songs that are old but ever new—sweet because they convey such sad thoughts.

Tother day when I got ready to go where I started I just planked myself four squares in the middle of the street, and stopped a baby train. The moterman looked sorter lonesome so I stood on the front

platform. Says I to him, "How often does this car run over people?" Not much often here but up in Boston the cars run over a man every minute of the day. Thinks I. Uh! Says he, they have elevated cars up there." Says I, "That ant' what I mean." "How often does your car kill a man." Says he. "Only once. Go inside." I went. There was a woman in there, she went prancin' up to the front and stuck a nickle in a hole in the car. The moterman he looked mad and pulled a string. The woman came prancin' back, just to show her new hat. She stuck her thumb on a little button, something squalled. The moterman twisted the tail of the car an' it stopped an' that woman' rushed out. I tell you he was mad an' that woman was skeered to stay any longer. Pretty soon the moterman poked his head in the door an' said, "Fare up." Says I. "Yes I believe it will, I hope so at least, for I am getting mighty tired of this rain an' mud." Says he, "Blockhead." Thinks I to my-

self, "He knows who I am." "I mean," says he, "for you to put a nickel in that box, savy? Now I wasn't born with money in my pockets. But perhaps thinks I that is a contribution box for the poor "We have with us always," so I chipped up a nickel. The car stopped as I got off, the moterman said, "Do you want a transfer, I said (vacantly,) "No I don't." I have enough street car ridin'. —Rube.

## CLIPPINGS.

The patent office has decided it to be unlawful to use the president's name as an ad. without his consent. This is hard on the shoe polish manufacturers who might have put a "Roosevelt Black" on the market.

A New York woman is suing her husband for a divorce on the ground that he is a fool. He says the mere fact that he married her prevents him from denying the assertion.

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Everybody go to the game to-day and root for the purple and white. Baylor will have a big delegation here—if it clears up.

Is your ad. in for the Goldstein & Migel prize? Some one will win the \$5.00. Why not you?

The students have enjoyed the spring weather immensely, this week. The young ladies have played tennis and basket-ball and spring waists and sun-bonnets have been in order at the Dormitory.

Ferris has been quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism this week.

The Quintette is off today on another concert trip. This organization is making an enviable reputation for itself and the school.

At a Valentine Tea given by the ladies of the Central Christian Church last night on Washington Street, Misses Laura Mewhinney and Pricie Bush were both on the program for readings, and acquitted themselves very creditably indeed.

The Dedication and Inaugural comes next week, and hundreds of guests are expected. This will be the occasion of the year at T. C. U. The Skiff will get out an earlier edition in honor of the celebration.

Think of it! Mrs. Ingalls can do a symphony in apron making as well as she does an aria from the grand opera.

Since that big Walton blow-out, you can't borrow a quarter from a Waltonian on you life.

The Quintette has some new folders this week, quite the tastiest ever gotten up at T. C. U. The front cover is embellished with pictures of the club in miniature, decorated with some artistic scroll-work done by Mrs. Cockrell. The inner pages contain cuts of the several buildings of the University, and the back page is made entirely of press-notices of Quintette's Christmas tour.

Mrs. Mary Foreman Easley of Seymour, (Class '98) is in the city for a few days, at Hotel McClelland.

Prof. Easley has a nice cottage, corner McKenzie & Bascom Aves. to rent. See him for terms—etc.

Get that oration in trim for the April preliminary. "Its up to you."

If those radiators don't warm your room to suit you,—just keep on "a cussin'." and you will go to a place some day that will be warm enough for you.

The Skiff will be a valentine to more than four hundred people to-day. How's that for a 5-months-old youngster?

T. C. U. now has a *beauty spot*. Between the Girls' Home and the Main building, and in front of Townsend Hall. Keep off the grass!

The faculty and students are invited to a reception to-night, at the Auditorium, given by the Sul Ross Memorial Association. A number of prominent speakers will be on the program.

I will have some school pictures in my room next week which I will be glad for you to call and see. Also will appreciate suggestions as to collection of groups; arrangements etc. or additions of missing links in the story already started.

MISS MILLER.

Mrs. Ingalls, our vocalist of whom we have just cause to be proud, sang last Sunday at Palestine. Granville Jones is in a meeting there and Mrs. Ingalls sang both morning and night; in the afternoon she took a prominent part in the song service at a Prohibition Rally. Mrs. Ingalls was entertained during her stay at Palestine by Mrs. Geo. Wright of musical fame, assisted by the Deetchicke Musical Club. We are always glad to have Mrs. Ingalls represent T. C. U. abroad, and we congratulate the people of Palestine upon their rare good fortune in hearing one so talented.

To-day is the day that decides whether College Heights will become a separate corporation or not.

T. D. Brooks, manager of the Baylor base ball team, was at T. C. U. this week. He and manager Homer Rowe fixed the following dates for match games between Baylor and T. C. U.: March 14, March 23, and May 23.

Our prospects for baseball are brighter than they were this time last year. Harris can throw a swift, crooked ball, Moulden can hold him to a finish. We have fine material to pick fielders and basemen from. Before long the campus will resound with the crack of the baseball bat, the horsehide sphere will shoot thro the aerial regions and the rooters will make the hill ring. There'll be somethin' doin'.

## HARP OF LIFE.

By Dr. Lufton, author of the great "Character Sketches", is the finest work and the biggest seller we have ever published. This statement is amply verified by the splendid record of our agents on this book in the season just closing. Their profits for the four months past have ranged from \$150 to \$600, and many of them entered the canvass without previous experience.

It is not too early for any young man to decide now how he will spend next vacation, to the best profit. The vital problem to every working, ambitious student is: "How may I honorably earn, during vacations, funds for another year at College?" This question can be most forcefully answered by Mr. Ed S. McKinney of Texas Christian University and also the following young men of Baylor University: B. F. Dancer, J. T. Abbott, F. E. Burkhalter, J. Walter Elder, J. F. Braswell, W. M. Potter, Ches. A. Smith, Taylor Bagby, G. L. McCraner, F. L. Cargile, B. B. Wilbanks, Z. Z. Nobles, A. A. McCaskell, F. H. Wood and others. Call at any time and let us show you Harp of Life.

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# Literary Societies

Shirley society has challenged the Add-Ran and Walton societies for joint debates. No definite arrangement has yet been made with Add-Ran. Walton has accepted the challenge. The debate between Shirley and Walton will be pulled off sometime in April. A young man and a young lady will represent each society.

These debates are the very things the societies need. They create generous rivalry. They put ginger into society work. These inter-society debates should be the harbingers of inter-collegiate debates that T. C. U. must take part in in order to make herself known and felt throughout the state.

The latest accession to the Girls' Home is a very acceptable vapor Bath Cabinet. It was "christened" by one of our teachers last week, but this is "Just between you and me and the gatepost' Love," lest it should come to the ears of the A. R. L. S.

The Shirleyites assembled in front of the main building last Tuesday afternoon to have their beauty struck. But when the photographer saw the crowd he backed out. He will return with a stronger camera next Tuesday afternoon. All loyal Shirleyites be present.

Yesterday morning an announcement was made in chapel relative to the time and rulings of the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest. The contest will be held May 8, and our preliminary will come April 10 since the manuscripts must be handed in to the state committee three weeks before the final.

This gives us plenty time for earnest vigorous work, and we are going to have it. T. C. U. has at least a half dozen young men who are strong enough en-

ergetic enough and possess enough college spirit to give us a spirited contest April 10.

The man who wins our reputation that night will have gained no little victory, and will deserve no little credit. Should he win out in the final we will give him some noticable mark of our appreciation—perhaps even allow him a place in the Olympic chariot with the faculty when they take their dash around the stadium. Go to work then and show the kind of metal you are made of, young men.

### In Memory of Mrs. Ollie Hildebrand Price.

Whereas the Almighty, in his divine providence has seen fit to remove from us Mrs. Ollie Hildebrand Price, therefore be it resolved: That we, the Add-Ran Literary Society, extend to her bereaved parents and loved ones our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow. Be it also resolved that we recognize that we have lost an honored name from our members: Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her parents and a copy be entered upon the minutes of the Society and also be published in the University magazines.

Committee { HOMER ROWE,  
LIZZIE ESTES,  
D. SHIRLEY.

### THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

#### SHIRLEY.

The president rapped the house to order at 9:30 a. m. The programme lasted over an hour and was interesting and pleasing from start to finish. Several impromptu speeches by members of the society was the grand final feature. At the business meeting several measures of interest to the society were discussed.

#### WALTON.

The Walton society had a very interesting program on last Monday. Every program shows an improvement in some line of work. We are glad to welcome one of our old members back, Miss Henry. Several new names were presented for membership.

#### ADD-RAN.

The Add-Ran Literary Society met at the usual hour last Monday.

After a responsive roll call followed the rendition of a delightful program. Several numbers on this program were very noticable.

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