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Pres. E. V. Zollars' Inaugural Address.

The following is an extract of Pres. E. V. Zollars' inaugural address. He said in part: I am very deeply impressed with the signification of this occasion, and profoundly humbled by a sense of the weighty responsibility incident to the high office to which, in the providence of God, I have been called.

In view of the great task that confronts me, if I did not feel assured of your deepest sympathy and unanimous support, I

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2. What Education should do for the Individual. It should make him realize he is the thing the Lord God made and gave to have dominion over land and sea. He is the lord of all other animals. It should instill within him self-confidence and confidence in his fellow men. For, "He who is not true to self can ne'er be true to any man," and "he that cannot believe in self can not believe in any man." And he who does not believe in man cannot be a public benefactor. All great souls have had implicit confidence in men. No man can truly believe in self or others who limits his history to the mere boundary line of time. For this reason materialism is degrading. Altho man may strive upward in quest of the truth the leaden wings of materialism hold him to the earth, while Christian education makes man stand by faith on Sinai's dark dread and thundering mountain—and by prayer hold sweet communion with the Lord.

3. The right system of education will instill within the heart of its subject, the principles of love, truth, justice and mercy. It implants in man positive principles, deep seated conviction. There is more hope for a man who has strong convictions and speaks them in very strong words, altho he tomorrow he will have to retract them, than for a shallow, vacillating man who knows not what he does know.

When I see a man come forth from a great university and is willing to be all things to all men, even when a moral principle is involved I know that his education is defective. For true education scorns veneer, pre-

tense or sham. No truly educated man will stoop to low or mean things to conquer.

3. A truly educated man realizes he is not his own but was bought at a great price, and "for him a thousand minds are thinking and a thousand hands are working." God has so wrapped up the interest of each individual with the interest of all that each actor in the great drama has it in his power to materially change the fortunes of a large circle. The sum total of human duty can be summarized in two words "get—give."

The right kind of education urges the whole man, body and soul onward by an irresistible power that makes no compromise, brooks no opposition, acknowledges no defeat, and gives the individual no place until eternal victory sits upon the banner he bears.

5. True education will open up to the eyes of the student the beauties of nature—the bird songs, the rift of dawn, the reddening of dawn, the swing of the pleiades. It brings him into fellowship of the great minds that have added glory to the history of the race. It furnishes him a key that will unlock the vaults that hold the richest treasures of the earth, a ticket to the banquet hall where the most delightful feast that mortals ever have known are spread.

7. The difference between savage and civilized nations is
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Yes, I believe in the Divine Discontent! The uneasiness and longing that will not allow one to be satisfied with little things, but spur him on to nobler achievements. This is a most commendable thing. But the other discontent, which partakes of envy and dissatisfaction and has no higher aim than to gratify one's own selfishness and vanity, is deserving of the most caustic censure.

The state of never being contented is deplorable. Here we see a man who is a lawyer, dissatisfied with his profession and anxious to enter the business world. There is the minister, pouting for political power and the vain glory of the world. Even the mother in the home has caught the infection and is sighing for a larger sphere. And the daughter, the proud beautiful daughter who has her every wish granted, whose luxuries and delights are legion, yearns for a career!

This spirit of discontent often enters into college life. We see students who enter the four years' course, but to whom after a term's work, the way seems long and weary, and they branch off into Typewriting or Photography or Base ball or stop altogether. Here's one discontented with Algebra and must needs leave it for Roman History which offers more allurements. There is another dissatisfied with his society and forthwith he must have his "honorable discharge," and enter another, which perhaps in time becomes even more unbearable, and he finds himself longing for a third. And so goes the world.

Once more I am reminded as I write, of the small boy who learned several weeks before the time, that his Sunday school would not have that year a Christmas tree. So he began to plead with his father to allow him to join a rival school in the

same little village. "That denomination never failed to have a tree," so Johnny reasoned, and he thought he'd be safe there.— After a long seige, in which the advantages of the change were earnestly presented, the father consented and Johnny with radiant face betook himself the following Sunday to his new school.

All went well—the boys of his former class, who had more obdurate parents than he, were outwardly calm but inwardly wrenched and torn with envy. However, Johnny's triumph was of short duration. On the following Sunday the superintendent of Johnny's school arose, and announced that upon mature deliberation the directors had decided to have no Christmas tree that year!

You may make the application, and find the moral of the story for yourself. I do not know that it even possesses one; I only said that it "reminded me."

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In order to celebrate the weekly appearance of old sol the first and second teams have crossed bats the last two Monday evenings. The inmates of the Girls' Home graced the grand stand with their presence and inspired the boys to good work with their cheers. The first team boys look sporty with their new gray suits, blue caps and stockings on. The following is the schedule of the games matched with other Universities.

Baylor vs. T. C. U. March 14.
Baylor vs. T. C. U. " 23.
A. & M. vs. T. C. U., April 6.
S. W. U. vs. T. C. U., " 25.
S. W. U. vs. T. C. U., May 15.
Baylor vs. T. C. U. " 23.

It is not known definitely where the games will be played. The manager has not yet made arrangements to play with Trinity or the State University. The boys will be allowed to play only three games out of Waco.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

There is a strong desire on the part of the student body of T. C. U. to hear Bro. Granville Jones preach, therefore there has been steps taken to secure his services for a revival meeting for the University Church. We think that we should have the meeting by all means.

Pres. Zollars preached a "wonderful sermon" last Sunday morning, and Sunday night of

last week. If you were absent a great opportunity was lost to you.

We think Pres. Loos right when he said that the ministers who may be tutored in Texas Christian University should have "the best possible training that the institution can give."

The University prayer meeting continues with a good attendance and is well attended at each service. Place of meeting Prof. Marshall's recitation room. Time 7 to 7:30 p. m., Wednesday night of each week. You are invited to attend.

—W.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Clara Blakey, of Benjamin, Texas, is visiting her sister Mrs. J. H. Shephard.

George Cornitius, of Herring Avenue, Waco, enrolled for work in the Commercial Department of T. C. U., this week.

Those young ladies who got bogged up in the middle of the road last week, say the next time they steal a ride in a buggy they will walk.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear the recital last Thursday afternoon were highly entertained by the students of vocal and instrumental music and oratory.

It don't get too muddy for Easley & Co. to get goods to their customers.

Dr. S. B. Kirkpatrick, whose card appears this week on the front page of the Skiff, moved from Commerce to Waco two years ago. Since moving here he has made many friends. He has been in active practice since his graduation in 1883. He has been a member of the Christian Church since early manhood. Altho a busy man he finds time to attend Sunday school and preaching. He is a staunch friend of T. C. U. He was at one time surgeon for the Midland Rail Road.

A new fraternity has been organized at T. C. U. It goes by the name of the D. D. S. H. which being translated means the Dirty Dozen Snipe Hunter's fraternity. When you see a fellow wearing a red ribbon on the lapel of his coat you will know the gods have let you live long enough to see a snipe hunter.

Don't forget that Easley & Co. have a number of the leading magazines and all students are welcome to go and read during their leisure moments.

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The Walton Open Session.

Was one of the most finished concerts ever given by the student body of T. C. U.—it was an intellectual feast and musical festival.

"The Overture to Tancrede" by Misses Carey and Davis was the first thing on the program. These young ladies played together as one and brought a world of harmony out of a multitude of sounds.

Mr. Gallaher's "President's

Address," was terse, forcible and to the point. Gallaher speaks like he plays foot ball—first a buck, next a sprint, then a touchdown. Miss McDavid's solo was full of pleading and love's passionate appeal. Miss Mewhinney is at home before the footlights, and her reading last night was well spoken and acted. Miss Taliaferro's paper was indeed "Our Inspiration". While Miss Coffman was at the piano, sweet strains "came o'er my ear like the sweet sound that breathes upon a bank of violets. Stealing and giving breath." Carpenter's oration showed he has within him the stuff that orators are made of. The Violin Solo by Miss McClelland was played in a masterly technical style. Miss von Tiercks reading "Jean Valjean and the Bishop," was like the book the selection is taken from. The "Polka de Concert," by Miss Henry was delightfully performed. But the grand final climax of the whole evening was the "Newspaper of 1925," read by Miss Shirley. This was the best of the lot.

C. C. C. ENTERTAINS.

The Criterion Culture Club entertained with a chafing dish party Saturday evening, Feb. 28, in honor of Miss Scott of McKinney, who is the guest of Miss Coffman.

During the evening music was furnished by Misses Clark, Taliaferro, Cross, Wolcott, Shirley, and Coffman and two very enjoyable readings rendered by Misses Mewhinney and Bush.

After this, delicious refreshments, of Welsh Rarebit, Chocolate, Cream, Cake and Fruit were served.

Those present were Capt. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Cockrell, Mrs. Taliaferro and daughter, Mary, Misses Scott, Coffman, Mewhinney, Shirley, Stockton, McPherson, Bush, Pricye Bush, Cockrell, Cross, Wolcott, Clark, Horn and Hamlin.

Hand painted souvenir cards, the work of Mrs. Cockrell, were presented each guest.

Toasts were given by Capt. Scott, Mrs. Taliaferro and Miss Cross, the last being responded to by Miss Scott.

The entertainment was one that will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present, and as Capt. Scott says "The hair of the youngest will be gray long before the pleasure of this occasion will be forgotten."

C. C. C.

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"Beware the winds of March."
—Life.

Mr. Robt. Elliott, of Troy, vis-
ited his son, Odell, this week.

Miss Mabel Miller has been
awarded the prize in the Gold-
stein & Migel Contest. Hers
is one of the best gotten up and
novel adds we have ever seen.
The advertisement will appear
in the Skiff as soon as Goldstein
and Migel can have a cut of it
made. The other adds handed
in were all good. We may pub-
lish some of them soon.

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PRES. E. V. ZOLLARS' INAUGU- RAL ADDRESS.

(Continued from 1st page.)
the difference in education. It
may be truthfully said that
Christianity is the highest and
most beneficial form of civilization.
But does not Christianity
embody the highest form of education.
To say Christianity is
the mother of modern civilization
is but another way of saying
it is the parent of modern education.
Christian education is
the palladium of our national
greatness.

The true worth of a nation
lets in the amount and kind of
knowledge it possesses.

9. Education has first to do
with the bodies of men. The
soul should have the most beau-

tiful and well developed instru-
ment possible in order that its
divine work may be most effect-
ually performed. He is the best
man, the most efficient man, the
most useful man, other things
being equal, who has the best
body. The soft muscled, hump-
shouldered, hollow-eyed, sallow-
cheeked man is no longer the
typical student. We are coming
to know that robust physical
manhood is not incompatible
with higher intellectual powers
and entertainments. We are
coming to understand that brain
and brawn are not sworn ene-
mies, but that the development
of one depends to a large sense,
upon the development of the
other. We have here a location
almost ideal for a university.
We are away from the dust,
noise and noxious gasses of the
city. Life giving ozone is in the
air. Here under the southern
sky we are surrounded by scenery
that inspires the poet to
sing and fans the flames that fills
the orator. We are planning for
an outdoor gymnasium.

Men have forever worshiped
at the shrine of knowledge, they
have forever been hero worshipers.
Their gods have usually been men of herculean intel-
lects. I am constrained to believe
that undue prominence has
been given to purely intellectual
training to the neglect, in a
large degree of both moral and
physical culture. While the ed-
ucational pendulum may have
swung too far in the intellectual
direction, I hope that it will
never swing too far in the phys-
ical direction and develop the
brute qualities of man regard-
less of his mental training. The
education of the future, to ac-
complish its purpose in a just
degree, must train the whole
powers and capacities of the in-
dividual.

(Concluded next week.)

A CORRECTION.

We wish to say that Mr. J. L.
White gave to T. C. U. for his
son, Harry, \$50.00 instead of \$25,
as was mentioned last week, and
that Mrs. A. S. Henry gave \$50
instead of \$25 as was mentioned.

'04 CLASS.

The '04 class has so far been
very quiet this session. But
this quietness has only been the
calm before a storm. Look out
for the Juniors. Messrs. Ford,
Ammerman, Goodson and Pro-
ctor came into the class this
week. The class now has fifteen
members. You will soon see
the Juniors' flag waving. Next
Friday evening comes the re-
ception. Then, to be a Junior
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