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COLBY D. HALL.

### EXPLANATION.

Among the many changes that have been taking place in college

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curricula of recent years is the shortening of the required course in Ancient languages. When we remember that students of Milton's time read Virgil at nine years of age and had to compose Latin verses at sixteen, we may all agree that there has been room for lightening the burden.

Not a few students, however, in this and other institutions seem to have misunderstood the purpose and scope of the change. Some may have the idea that the dead languages are being discarded altogether, except for teachers and preachers. Considered as unessential, therefore certain to be avoided by the majority of students. But this is the wrong notion, they are not nonessentials, and no educator has a thought of discarding them. As a necessary part of



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Down then, down with Bloomin' Baylor,  
Oh, its up to old E. U.!

We have watched our team go 'round their field, and heard the bleachers roar,

We have listened to a thousand voices counting up the score;  
Everything is green at Baylor, for they have their gold no more,

As we go marching on!

Now did you see old Lengthy fling those ocean waves so well,  
And did you see old Proctor, Clark and Gallaher, each fielder was a well,

And did you hear old Chicken yell when Moulden knocked that to—?

As we went marching on!

Here's three times three for Captain G—sky rocket of the day,  
All honor to the basemen too, Tinney, Bush and Holloway.  
We greeted all with music, shouts, with song and bonfires gay  
When they came marching home.

"liberal education" the classics can never be superseded; and as a disciplinary foundation for a professional education no substitute has been offered. Altho a scholar's attainment in the classics is not to be required of the professional man, yet the most ardent advocate of the elective system realizes that a college education without the languages is seriously lacking in stamina. It is in order to encourage investigation of this subject, and to stimulate an interest in these studies, among both the writers and readers of these essays that this prize is offered.

—H.

The law compels no one to do impossibilities.

A rule that relates even to the smallest part of our life is of great benefit to us, merely as a rule.—Law.

A Salisbury paper tells of a little Salisbury boy who noticed that his father had a new set of false teeth. "Papa, what you goin' to do with the old teeth?" he asked. "Throw them away, son," returned the father. "I'll bet you don't," came from the boy. "I'll bet you have 'em cut down for me."

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### The Summer School.

For some time the matter of opening a summer session of T. C. U. has been contemplated, and now formal announcement of it has been made. We are glad that the idea has received enough encouragement to warrant the Faculty in undertaking it. This marks another step in

our progress toward a complete modern university. Only six or seven weeks will be offered this summer as a beginning, but as the demand for it grows and the facilities are increased it will be sure to develop into a full and regular session of the college year.

It is to be hoped that the students will avail themselves of the opportunity presented. Some are rusty on the fundamental studies, and will have to review, before advancing with any degree of satisfaction. For instance, the pathway through geometry is a rough and thorny one, to the pupil who is shaky on algebra. A large number of the classes in the summer school will be rapid reviews. There are also, some of the students who have almost enough credits to put them in the Fresman or Junior or whatever class they want to enter—but not quite. Maybe the intention is to load up with about twenty hours next year in order to catch up. Then you run into that species of college suicide, which makes slaves instead of scholars—i. e. too many hours. The student who has so much to do that he is compelled to form the habit of slovenliness and to discard thoroughness would be better off if such a thing as a degree had never been heard of. The summer school will enable some to earn credits enough to put them even in their course.

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The all-year school is a part of the modern idea of practical and popular education. Formerly, education was for two classes. The ordinary man of affairs needed only the lower branches and got them in his teens. A long vacation was necessary because he was young or had to work on the farm in summer. The scholar was expected to devote his life to study anyhow and it mattered not how long he was about his training, so a vacation came in well. Now-a-days, however, the man-of-affairs must have a college—and often a professional education; his schooling extends further into years of maturity when he can stand all year's work, and he must not be too long about his preparation. So vacation seems a waste of time. The scholar too, is now, more a man of affairs himself, and besides if his life's business is study why shall he not keep at it the year round as any other business man?

Another feature of modern college life which permits the abandonment of the long vacation is the attention paid to physical development. When midnight vigils, dignified demeanor and neglect of the body brought the old time typical hollow chested student, in the course of nine months almost to physical wreck, three months even, could not repair the damage. Now that daily systematic exercise enables the body to meet the demands made upon it, day by day and affords vigorous life all the time there is not so much need of the recuperative period.

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H.

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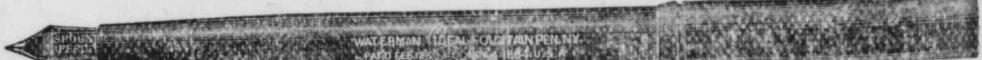
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#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Blanche Gallaher, of Weatherford, was a visitor at the Girls' Home this week.

The executive committee of the board of trustees was in session here yesterday.

Miss Mabel Chiles writes that that she will be in school again before the year is out; this will be very welcome news to her many friends.

L. P. Bailey of Eddy, is here.

Miss Mary Taliaferro has been quite sick for the last two days.

The Quintette report their Elgin trip as being most pleasant and profitable. Their next engagement is at Ennis.

The literary societies had their several war-songs Tuesday night which were most discordantly rendered; however very fortunately for us all they were drowned in the chaotic hubbub, early in the evening.

Miss Helen Horn was unable to meet her classes Friday on account a severe attack of tonsilitis.

Easley & Co. keep up to date.

Dr. Reijnhart spoke to a large and interested audience at the Central Church, Wednesday night.

We are sorry to learn of the destruction by fire, of the Christian College at Canton, Mo.

If it ever gets dry enough, the street in front of the University will be rock-ballasted and graded.

Dr. Reijnhart, our returned Missionary to Thibet, delivered two lectures to the school this week, on Thursday evening and Friday morning. She is a good speaker but it is not her eloquence which impresses the listener; utter consecration and pure faith are the two main characteristics which she possesses. Thibet to us, was an uninteresting country, a great bare spot on the map, until we heard Dr. Reijnhart. Now it has become the most interesting of Mission fields; and it is no exaggeration to say that the possibilities which it holds out, as a fertile spot for the sowing of the divine seed, are strongly alluring to more than one of T. C. U.'s consecrated students.

"Man wants but little here below," but he can get all his wants supplied in the way of notions and confectionaries at Easley & Co's. Store.

The non-resident ministerial class met at the university for two days of work this week. Those enrolling were: J. F. Quissenberg, Corsicana, W. E. Gould, of Ennis, L. D. Anderson, of Ennis, J. T. McKissick, of Weatherford. The next meeting will be on April 20th, and we expect at that time that the class will be increased in number. They express themselves as highly pleased with the work as planned, and expect to enter heartily into preparation for the next class meeting. Pres. Zollars and Prof. Marshall are conducting the work.

Those of the T. C. U. faculty who were formerly connected with Hiram College, were pleasantly surprised by the visit of J. Camp Dean and H. W. McManan, who were students at Hiram during President Zollars' regime.

A move is on foot to arrange for an annual debate between T. C. U. and some other recognized university in the state. The idea is a good one and meets with the approval of both the faculty and student body; it is to be hoped that the oratorical association will take the matter up at once. Trinity would be all right.

John Burland, of Waco, is one of the best base ball umpires we have ever seen. Whenever T. C. U. and Baylor play base ball the game should be pulled off at West End and John Burland should umpire the game.

It is thought by Reynolds' friends that he will stand a good chance to win out in the state contest at Sherman.

If present indications count for anything, there will be a large class receiving special department diplomas this June from T. C. U. It will be remembered that last year Geo. N. Beakley, of Coleman, won the Clement Few prize for superior excellence in Bookkeeping department and Miss Minnie Flowers, of Beaumont, won the G. M. Easley medal for superior attainments in the Amanuensis work. Who will be the next?

Mr. A. S. Henry and son Patrick, who are drumming for Sanger Bros. in West Texas, have been spending a few days at their home in North Waco.

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#### A CORRECTION.

In mentioning the officers of the oratorical association last week the Skiff failed to state that Homer Rowe was elected treasurer of the association.

#### THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

##### WALTON.

Last Monday at the usual hour the Walton society was called to order. The program was, as is usual in this organization, replete with good things.

The main feature of the program was the reading of Miss Hutchins, her selection was a cutting from Thomas Dixon, his famous story "The Leopard's Spots," and she rendered it in a most interesting and artistic manner.

After the visitors were excused we had the business meeting.

#### RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The Christian Church and Sunday School in East Waco, is in a flourishing condition. Bro.

J. H. Shepard filled the pulpit for Bro. Ford last Sunday night.

The mission near the Woolen Mills has a good Sunday School, under the direction of the Central Church. The workers and leaders ought to have perfect concert of action in all that is attempted.

Let us have the revival meeting in the University, as suggested some time ago. There are young people attending school here that are not Christians but should be, and could be led to obey the gospel and cause hearts at home to rejoice. We are confident Bro. Granville Jones would gladly do the preaching. What do you say?

### T. C. U. Defeats Baylor the Second Time.

The T. C. U. nine won a glorious victory over Baylor last Monday afternoon at West End. The game was rather one sided, otherwise it was a fine game. The north wind put ginger in the players, helped the pitchers curve the balls and when the batters rapped the horse skin the wind helped carry it across the field. The best of feeling existed between the schools during the entire game. Each school cheered its own players, but somehow the green and gold bleachers were more silent than the purple and white. Perhaps the reason of it was because T. C. U. made 22 scores to Baylors 6.

The T. C. U. boys were pretty well up on the science of the game. Harris was at his best. He fanned eleven men. We venture to say that Moulden is one of the best back stops in the state, and when he hits a ball a plank fence or a house to generally stops it. He knocked a home run and brought in two men once last Monday. When

a ball was thrown toward the first base it generally lodged in the Bush. If Bush muffed a ball during the last game we failed to see him. So well did the Baylor runners learn Bush that when they saw a ball start toward him they would drop their bat, walk to one side and not try to make the first base. Holloway and Tinney caught, dattet and sprinted well. The shortstop, well every body knows how he always eats the the game up. Clark never failed to make a safe rap: Clark, Proctor and Gallaher were death on flies.

Mr. Prof. (To Street Gammin): "Say kid what time is it by your nose."

Kid: "Mine ain't runnin.' Is yours?"—Ex.

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