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Spring Thoughts.

This weather so balmy, so soft in spite of its vigorous breezes, so full of verdant life in spite of its drowsy feeling—is wonderfully suggestive. This is nothing new, it always has been so. Poetical suggestions spring up at this season as naturally as buds on the trees. But these are not to be "spring poetry."

Then "in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love" so an observant man told us long ago and we all have an inclination to believe he must have spoken those words just recently. There's only one situation I can think of

that keeps some certain youths from turning to love in the spring time and that is they have already turned.

But these thoughts are not to be love thoughts.

And yet this season is suggestive. It reminds me of the habit which many students have—of wasting time. Because it is easier to waste it in the spring than in the winter. Spring poetry and love thoughts may have something to do with this fact. If that is the cause the case is not hopeful of cure. But often it is only a giving up to the spring "tired feeling," the boyish fever for rest, forgetting that we are here for business. The remedy is a little thought and some looking into the future.

You have all heard how much a man can do by utilizing his spare moments. May be too you've heard an answer like the

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Well in answer let me say, when it comes to saving time in college by utilizing your spare moments,—after its all over you can't tell just exactly what you made by it, in class credits, one thing you will have that's worth more than the desired 90 credits or the 120, i. e. the habit of utilizing your time. And vice versa, if you give way to the habit now when you finish, in spite of your sheep skin quill, have the habit of wasting time.

So this is my spring thought. If it isn't poetical enough for spring poetry, then take it practically. H.

C. W. B. M. OPEN PROGRAM.

Sunday Night, April 5.

1. Devotional.
2. Music, by congregation.
3. What our C. W. B. M. is doing in the U. S.—Mrs. Errett.
4. Jamaica.—Miss Jordan.

5. Chorus.—by Juniors.
6. India.—Mrs. Ament.
7. Reading.—Miss Ethel Mills.
8. Mexico.—Miss Myra Bengé.
9. Solo.—Miss Stella Gilbert.
10. Porto Rica.—Mrs. Huston.
11. Influence of C. W. B. M. on the local congregation.—Mrs. Bardley.

12. Duet.—Misses Mable Crosse and Lula McDavid.
13. Collection and Benediction.

It is a great thing for a man to take his boyhood into his old age as has Capt. T. M. Scott.

Lives of old maids should remind us,
Our sweet charms won't always stay;
For the bloom of youth, dear maiden,
Soon ah! soon will fade away.
Oh, girls! then be up and doing,
Seize on every chap you can,
For, remember, time is fleeting,
Let your watchword be a man.
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The interest which our young men are taking in oratory and all forms of public speaking, this year, is very gratifying indeed. Never before has there been such enthusiasm in this branch of work. And the enthusiasm has been fruitful in the extreme, for as we all know several budding young orators have made their maiden attempts and have shown promise of real eloquence. This is as it should be. The crying need of the hour is for strong well-balanced young men who can speak to the masses, who can stand either on the platform, pulpit or before the bar and denounce in an effectual way the diabolical practices of sin, men who can make themselves felt, and their words carry with conviction. Woe the man who in this twentieth century of ours, finds himself unable to stand, when the occasion presents itself and defend his position.

This wave then, of oratorical fervor which is sweeping over us is a good thing. The literary societies should take it up, and oratorical efforts should ever be encouraged in their programs. Every young man should be anxious to "spress himself" well, and should assiduously cultivate this power which Cicero says is granted to us all. Indeed we cannot all be true orators. Eloquence, that matchless though indefinable gift, which all speakers covet and so few possess, like poetry is ever born in a man, and rarely attained solely through his efforts. But public speaking is something in which we can all become proficient. Let us see to it then that we grasp by the forelock this opportunity to make ourselves in after life really felt and heard among men.

And apropos of oratorical development, I am reminded once more of the physical man.

This delightful spring weather has enticed us away from the fire, out under the trees and down by the babbling brook, and our thoughts instead of dwelling on dusty tomes and dry monographs have turned to jumps both running broad and standing high, to the putting of shots and hammer throwing and to hundred yard dashes and hurdle races. Perhaps the change is for the better. I shall leave that question for the debating societies, but I do know that field day exercise is a good thing. Sometime in April, usually the 21st, an inter-collegiate field day Contest is held at one of the several Colleges of the association, and this should be in the mind of every athlete, to inspire him to vigorous effort. T. C. U. has for years won several points at these athletic meets, but never a sufficient number to give her the victory. Why not make this year epochal in this way, as in so many others?—M.

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Boys what kind of exercise are you taking these spring days? The fellow who can without exercise, keep the required amount of physical vigor during the "spring fever" season, must have a secret electric battery about him. Exercise in reasonable doses is not only enjoyable, but is a time-saver for the good student. If you can't play ball or tennis, try "skinning a cat" on the bar. Major Kinnard can find you something to do on his track team.

A MUSICAL TREAT

One of the most enjoyable musical entertainments that the people of Elgin have ever had the pleasure of attending was rendered by the T. C. U. Quintette of Waco, last Monday night. The songs were most excellently rendered and thoroughly enjoyed, while the readings of Miss McClintic simply captivated the house; especially good was her dialect story of "The Surrender of Cornwallis." The Courier, unites with all Elgin in wishing this organization the best of success.—Elgin Courier.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

North Waco!

How did Pres. Zollars enjoy his serenade?

Mrs. A. M. Atchison of Gainesville spent Sunday with her son, Will Cox.

"The girls will have a called meeting in the parlor just after supper."

"Please sir where am I at," is the question that is greeting the Classification Committee of the Faculty these days.

Prof. Hall addressed the Y. M. C. A. Gospel meeting at Temple last Sunday, and also filled Bro. Perkinson's pulpit at the morning service.

H. E. Luck, of Gatesville is with us again this week.

Ezangelist Tom Smith is home for a short vacation and rest.

Ben F. Hill has returned from a week's visit to his home in Meridian.

Capt. T. M. Scott has been tendered the position of Aid de-Camp with the rank of Colonel on Gov. Lanham's Staff.

Mrs. Cockrell and Mrs. Ingalls spent Tuesday in Dallas.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. F. H. Marshall is very much better, at this writing.

Toll Hamlett of Italy, Texas spent Sunday with homefolks.

The C. W. B. M. program, to be given in the Chapel Sunday evening promises to be very interesting. A number of original papers will be read or delivered by members of the auxiliary.

Several have already signified their intention to try for the prize offered by Prof. Hall in last week's Skiff.

The sermons delivered Sunday morning and evening by Bro. Trainum were masterly in more ways than one, and delighted all who heard them.

The president's talk in Chapel Tuesday morning about student's deserting their societies, was strictly to the point and most opportune.

North Waco's newest business venture is the ranch partnership formed between Col. A. C. Easley and Hon. A. S. Henry. Mr. Henry is to raise the cattle on his western ranch and Mr. Easley is to furnish the feed from his black land farm. The venture promises to be very successful.

The interest of the Commercial department centered this week in a Penmanship contest. A handsome fountain pen was the prize and it was won by Fred C. Davis.

Prof. Easley has also offered a similar prize for the student showing the greatest improvement in Penmanship between now and June.

Mrs. J. H. Coffman of Melissa, is here for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Taliaferro spent Sunday and Monday in Hillsboro, Mrs. Wolcott assuming the duties of matron during her absence.

A number of the faculty and students have already engaged their seats for the Theodore Thomas Concert which comes April 11th.

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Pres. and Mrs. Zollars and Prof. and Mrs. McCully spent the day at the University Sunday.

Misses Minnie Johnston and Dolly Padgett from the city, visited the Oratory department last Tuesday.

Capt. T. M. Scott returned home Tuesday morning.

The celebrated pianist from Chicago, McCullough-Ferguson will give a recital at the Waco Conservatory, Tuesday evening April 7th. Mrs. Ferguson will be assisted by our artists Mrs. Ingalls and Miss McClintic, and the program will be very interesting indeed. The concert is given under the auspices of the Central Christian Church, and should be largely patronized by the student body. Tickets 50cts. Now on sale at Easley & Co's. store.

Dont forget to see the "Skiff" man, and make him glad by presenting him with a subscription to his paper.

Capt. T. M. Scott read, in Shirley Hall Monday morning, a paper on the life and work of Cothus, the Hungarian patriot, soldier and author. This was one of the most interesting papers we have ever heard read. Capt. Scott has at various times read papers before the literary societies this session. In these papers he has always held up to the young ladies and gentlemen a man who was or is not only great but good.

Praxtitiles drew a picture of a bunch of grapes that deceived the birds. His rival drew a picture of curtains, that deceived Praxtitiles. But T. C. U. is one ahead of Greece. She has within her walls an artist, Mr. Ruff, who drew the picture of a fellow with the mumps so true to nature, that others have taken the mumps from the picture.

PLAY BALL.

Next Friday the T. C. U. nine goes up against the team of the State University. May our team know the importance of this game and know what victory over or defeat by Texas means for T. C. U. in the eyes of the

athletic world. Just because the team has had a *walk over*, both times it has gone up against Baylor this season, may it not imagine that Texas will be so easy to handle. Texas has seven or eight hundred men from which to select her players, these players are not mere novices at base ball. Texas has a skilled coach to teach her team both the art and science of the game.

To win this game T. C. U. must get to hard practice, not careless playing noted for so many blunders that characterized the game with the Waco team last Saturday, not that lifeless playing that made it possible for the second team to beat the first last Monday. will lead us to victory. The way to learn to play base ball is to *play base ball*.

Our material is good—some of it is in a crude state yet. We need a coach to bring out latent energy, this we have not. To supply, as near as possible, this want, those in charge should grasp with an iron grip the management of affairs and do things.

We must win back the laurels at base ball this summer that we lost at football last fall.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

WALTON.

Monday morning the Waltons accepted the invitation to visit the Shirley Society. They spent an hour very profitably in the society of this their staunch friend. Among other interesting features of the program was the paper read by Capt. Scott.

After the program they convened in their own hall for the business meeting. It was decided to render a San Jacinto program on the 20th of April.

He stood where the maiden stood beside

A beautiful, blushing rose,
And he lovingly bent his head,
and sighed

And he buried his mouth and nose

Among the petals so sweet and rare,

That the fair maid's lips had pressed

And a bumble bee that was resting there

Proceeded to do the rest—Ex.

Granville Jones will deliver a prohibition lecture in Waco Wednesday night, April eighth.