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D. C. A. Convention.

What promises to be one of the largest, strongest and most helpful gathering for the young men of Texas will convene in Houston March 12. This will be a convention of the college, city and railroad Young Men's Christian Associations from over the state. Fred B. Smith of New York City will conduct a gospel meeting. Clayton S. Cooper will be there. His voice is as musical as the rustle of the leaves and the babble of the brooks. When he speaks the hearts of men tremble and become filled with high resolve. Other speakers of note will be there. Among these are Dr John M. Coulter of the University of Chicago, Mr. S. W. McGill of Nashville, Mr. D. E. Luther of Atlanta, Dr. C. I. Scofield, late of Northfield, Mass. The T. C. U. Y. M. C. A. should send at least one delegate to this convention.

Trustees in Session.

Annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Unusually full Attendance.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees which usually comes in March, having been scheduled four weeks earlier has been the most important happening in T. C. U. circles this week. The session convened early Tuesday morning, a

large majority of the Board being present. This meeting was different from proceeding ones in that so many of the advisory members were present. The sessions lasted until Wednesday night. The meeting was full of interest, and a number of plans for the betterment of the institution were evolved.

Granville Jones.

Heap big talk. Kill much booze—traffic. Mr. Jones delivered a strong prohibition lecture in the chapel last Thursday evening. The name Granville Jones has a magical effect here. To mention that he will speak in the chapel draws all T. C. U. out. When he speaks we would have him do it ever. The clear bugle call of his voice for men and women to help put down the demon drink, makes all desire to fall in line. With the clarion voice of

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Great Reader Coming.

The Philharmonic Society has arranged to have the noted reader, Mrs. Jessie Eldridge Southwick, of Boston, give a recital at T. C. U. early this month. This is quite an innovation in University circles and the society is to be congratulated upon having secured so renowned an artist. Mrs. Southwick is known from Maine to California as a queen of her art. Abroad she is recognized as the "American Reader." To hear her at T. C. U. will be a privilege that few of us will be willing to miss. Mrs. Southwick comes on the 16th.

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Whose cheeks can teach the rose
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Whose voice lends music to the
thrush,
To her my heart be true.

To recompense this valentine,
I who am her worshipper
Ask one priceless thing of her,
Give me the precious part of you
That happy, girlish heart of you,
Be mine, dear heart, be mine.

Be mine, dear heart, be mine,
Sadness is the part of mine,
Bring gladness to the heart of
mine,
Be you my valentine.

THE SKIFF MAN.



Give Some One Else the Praise.

The report has gotten out that I am the author of the anonymous poem that appeared in the late T. C. U. Collegian. I beg you kind friends to give some one else the credit of producing that masterpiece, "My cup runneth over." Do not snatch laurel leaves that belong to the wreath of another to place upon my brow. Accuse me of imitating Longfellow, of making the ancient lyric writers turn over in grave, let their fame be eclipsed, but do not for a moment think I can mount on the wings of Pegasus to the third heaven and bring back to the children of men a vision of that place with its love, joy and beauty.

Now there is a great lesson taught in this poem. Who but a genius could have wrought such a combination? Space forbids us to analyse this production. But let us notice two lines. They run,
"So said a letter from his dad,
"To school you'll go no more."

What a fine text this would be for some of the ministerial students! These lines go to prove that the hero of this poem has a father, that this father can write, that the hero was in school and that he won't go to school any more. Surely the heavenly muse has not forgot to sing.

E. S. McK.

Domestic Science Dignified.

There is a movement on foot among philanthropic women of Chicago to urge the teaching of domestic science in all schools and universities attended by women. The object is to have honorary degrees conferred on those competent to be managers of households, and general recognition of the art of providing comforts and luxuries for the home. The supporters of the movement say that they do not wish for conservatories of cookery, where professors of pastry and doctors of doughnuts would expound theories, but they desire to spread the doctrine that women in all grades of life ought to be learned in the economics of the home, in the laws of hygiene as in the languages. The danger of slighting the home at present is said to be among the so-called educated classes.—Ex.

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NEWS ITEMS.

A well known Indiana man, One dark night late last week, Went to the cellar with a match In search of a gas leak.
(He found it.)

John Welch, by curiosity, (Dispatches state) was goaded; He squinted in his old shotgun To see if it was loaded.
(It was.)

A man in Macon stopped to watch A patent cigar clipper; He wondered if his finger was Not quicker than the nipper.
(It wasn't.)

A Maine man read the human eyes Of hypnotism were full; He went to see if it would work Upon an angry bull.
(It wouldn't.)

—Sel.



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Roman Art is engrossing the attention of Miss Woodard's Class in Art History.

Be sure to enter Pres. Zollars' 7:45 a. m. Lecture Class in Comparative Religions, next term. It is seldom such a treat is offered.

LOCALS.

F. A. Lundberg of Ft. Worth University, while a delegate here made some very impressive remarks along "certain" lines.

Mr. L. E. Grim, formerly a student and leader of the band, called on Prof. Easley one day this week. Mr. Grim has charge of bands at South Bosque and at Moody.

Freshman or Prep? That is the question.

The T. C. U. Sunday School continues to be a growing factor on the Heights as well as with the student body. At a meeting of the teachers and officers last Sunday, Mr. Winn was elected assistant superintendent, Mr. Witten assistant secretary and Miss Norman assistant chorister. Through the kindness of Mr. Winn the Sunday School is soon to have its own chapel blackboard.

The saloon is doomed.

Judge W. K. Homan of Colorado, Texas, was here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Blanks of Lockhart, are in the city.—Waco Times-Herald.

Mrs. Rowell, who has been ill for some time, is much improved at this writing.

Miss Effie Mills was a visitor at the university recently.

Homer Rowe is in Dalhart, Texas, for a visit to home folks.

When you wish to take a spin and take in the sights in and around Waco, get your rig from Sidney P. Smith 7th St.

Last week the '04 class had a spirited meeting. Class pins, robes, theses, and the banquet were discussed. The following officers were elected: Houston Foster, president; E. K. Laverder, vice president; Homer Rowe, treasurer; Miss Lena Lewis, secretary.

Medicines and goods that can't be well done without, may be purchased on Sunday. Please try to get all other goods before closing hours Saturday night.

Very respectfully,
W. F. SANDERS.

H. W. Johnson of Ottoway, Iowa, and Dr. C. Lipscomb of Denton, Texas, were visitors here this week.

For first class dress making, see Miss Flora Lane at the Crawford house, opposite Pres. Zollars' home.

E. Edwards has matriculated in the Commercial department.

Preston Cunningham now has a good position in Little Rock Arkansaw.

Prof. Luther Reic Shockey of Wilson, N. C., has accepted the position as Director in our Music Department and will begin work on the 21st of this month.

During the month of May there will be a Southern inter-collegiate track meet at Austin.

The January Battalion is brim full of good things. The author of the lines, "Just How it is Done," surely writes from experience.

W. F. Sanders' clerks are playing a merry tune on the cash register. Sounds like business, don't it.

The spirit of debate is now rife in T. C. U. Alonzo Ashmore and Polk C. Webb debated lately the question: Resolved, that in case Russia and Japan go to war Japan has the better chance for victory than Russia. Webb, the affirmative won the debate. Last Monday McKinney and Webb debated the following question: Resolved, that in case Russia and Japan do cash arms it will be a greater blessing for humanity for Russia to win than for Japan. McKinney, affirmative; Webb, negative. Shirley Society hall was crowded. All of the Walton and Add-Ran societies were there to witness the battle. Each speaker was allowed twenty minutes. At the end of the debate the judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative. This debating be continued. It is up to any one else who desires to wear the belt.

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Lewis (Zoo Zoo) Symson of Quanah was on the campus this week.

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"Can a woman teach Oratory?"

B. M. Edwards who has been home on a sick furlough came in Thursday.

"Have you had a kindness shown?"

Pass it on.

'Twas not meant for you alone—

Pass it on,

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in heaven the deed appears,

Pass it on."

War seems certain in the far East. Russia is pouring troops across the Yalu river and the Japanese are mobilizing in Corea. The Japanese have abandoned all hope of peace. So says the Times Herald.

College Men Seek Business Life.

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The president urged that each school do all in its power to make the coming contest the best in the history of the Association as the interest seemed to be lacking at present.

Those present were: Pres. W. G. Lang, Trinity University; Sec. D. A. Shirley, T. C. U.; F. A. Lundberg, Ft. Worth University; C. L. Bounds, Southwestern University; W. L. Tillman, Austin College; T. Y. Adams, Baylor University; R. H. Foster, T. C. U.

Athletics.

The base ball season is now upon us. Although the weather will not permit constant practice yet when a warm day comes you can expect to see the boys practicing.

We have, with one exception, the same team as last year and the record we established last year will no doubt be the same this year.

Our schedule is not yet complete, but expect to have it completed by the first of March and then you can see what we have to go up against. Games have been arranged with Baylor, Southwestern, Trinity and State University. The dates for these games have not been fully decided upon.

The second team, under the direction of Capt. Irby, is developing fast and we expect to see some fine practice games in the near future. We will also have practice games with the local teams of the city.

Let every loyal student support the team and in that way help to place upon the diamond the fastest team in the state. The manager is doing all in his power to accomplish this and without the help from students, his duties will be hard.

How to Eat.

Don't bring worries to the table,
Don't bring anger, hate or scowls;

Banish everything unpleasant,
Talk and eat with smiling jowls;

It will aid your own digestion,
If you wear a smiling face;

It will jolly up the others,

If you only set the pace.

Knowing something funny, tell it;

Something sad forget to knell it

At the table.

Cares domestic, business troubles,

Ills of body, soul, or brain;

Unkind thoughts and nagging tempers,

Speech that causes others pain,

Public woes and grim disasters,

Crimes and wrongs and right's defeat—

None of them are to be mentioned

When you sit down to eat.

Knowing something funny, tell it;

Something sad, forget to knell it;

Something hateful, quick dispel it

At the table.

—(What to Eat.)

Children's Party.

"Backward turn backward, O
time in thy flight!
Make me a child again just for
tonight."

This was the desire of every occupant of the Girls' Home who took part in the children's party last Saturday night. Even the oldest and most dignified perfectly ignored the "long results of time" and once more participated in the frolic and mirth of childhood.

For a few hours studies, Sunday School lessons and cares of all kind were forgotten and every one enjoyed the party as only children can. With such diversions as this and the wedding on a recent Saturday night, it is to be concluded that the duties of the week can be more cheerfully performed "with a little fun now and then."

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