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Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION.

Miss Margaret Kyle, the Students' National Traveling Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, made our Y. W. C. A. here a visit though her stay was short it was of great benefit to our Association. Saturday evening a very pleasant reception was held in Miss Kyle's honor, in the Y. W. C. A. Parlors, in order that she might become better acquainted with the girls and faculty of our institution.

The evening passed off pleasantly with music and a very helpful talk from Miss Kyle as entertainment. Refreshments were served late in the evening and the company parted with pleasant good-nights and good wishes.

M.

THE CHURCH SERVICE.

The pastor is beginning a series of sermons on "First Principles," to continue for several Sundays, both morning and evening. The subjects for Sunday next are as follows: Morning, "Primitive Christianity; What Was It." Evening, "Praying for Sinners."

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STATE PRELIMINARY ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The second contest given under the auspices of the T. C. U. Oratorical Association will be given in our Auditorium on Thursday evening, March 16, at 8:00 p. m. This contest will practically be a Junior contest, as all the participants are members of the Junior class.

The four orations will be delivered by four young men who have had a great deal of experience in public speaking. Three of them have had the pleasure of being together in previous contests and we only wait with patience to learn of the winning man.

The one who wins in this home contest will represent our university at the State Oratorical Contest, which will be held at Fort Worth University this year.

To win is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a student of oratory. This contest should receive the support of both faculty and students. Why not have a lively contest like the one held two years ago? Every student make an effort to go and support your man. Cheer him on to victory like you would the hero of a baseball or football game.

The music department will be ably

represented by Profs. Schockey and Smith and the Glee Club, which is under the training of Prof. Hamner.

A general admission of twenty-five cents will be charged, but the faculty and student body will be admitted for fifteen cents. The purpose of this admission is to pay the expenses of our representatives at the annual state meeting of the State Association in Fort Worth April 21.

The next contest held under the auspices of this association will be the State Preliminary Prohibition Contest, which will be held in the chapel April 6. This contest will be the best Prohibition contest that has ever been held, as the University has an organized Prohibition League.

C.

THE ROMANCE OF AN INVISIBLE EMPIRE.

Reconstruction and the Ku Klux Klan.

It has for years been a byword of intimate conversations that no Southerner who had lived through the horrors of Reconstruction could ever be prevailed upon to describe them, and that no other man could be persuaded to imagine them. The Reverend Thomas Dixon, Jr., was born in 1864. He describes his novel, *The Clansman* (Doubleday, Page & Co.) as "the second book of a series of historical novels planned on the race conflict. The *Leopard's Spots*," he continues, "was the statement in historical outline of the conditions from the enfranchisement of the negro to his disfranchisement. The *Clansman* develops the true story of the 'Ku Klux Klan conspiracy,' which overturned the Reconstruction regime." The dedication is "to the memory of a Scotch-Irish leader of the South, my uncle, Colonel Leroy McAfee, Grand Titan of the Invisible Empire Ku Klux Klan." Beginning with the scenes at Washington immediately following the surrender at Appomatox, the reader is brought directly before Lincoln, Stanton and a person called the "great Commoner," who, obviously enough, is Thaddeus Stevens under another name. Lincoln is given the respect which North and South now alike accord him, and his assassination is deplored, as

other Southern writers of recent years have deplored it, for the greatest disaster that could have overtaken the prostrate Confederacy. Upon his death the figure of Stoneman (Stevens) begins to grow in stature. He assumes proportions which come to seem almost grotesque. He towers above the North and looms threateningly over the South. His word was law as no leader's word has ever been. Reconstruction is his creature.

And then the story begins to live. Lincoln, Stanton, Stoneman, the emancipator of Johnson by Congress—all this is necessarily preliminary, but much better told in political records. The double love story advances nothing of the main purpose. One wonders where the author is hiding his Ku Klux Klan. Not until comes the description of conditions in the South under negro rule does any of the books real power show itself. Without fertility of invention, with the handling of narrative no more adroit than another's, the vivid flashes of description, the powerful pulpit oratory, take hold of reality and make it effective for purposes of emotion.

The story is misshapen, theatrical and rhetorical—the work of a pleader who chooses the forms of fiction as convenient moulds for his special plea, not of the dramatist who, surveying the whole field, is led inevitably into the main road of Destiny—but it contains, in passages of strong writings many facts that are wholesome for Northern readers to know.—Saturday Evening Post.

Y. W. C. A.

March 16: "Some Spiritual Statesmen." Hebrews 11:1-12. Georgia Carnegys, leader?

Student Volunteer Band meets every Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Prof. Eskridge's class room. Myra Bengé, president.

"Godliness pays good dividends," says the preacher. If a reasonable demonstration of this could be shown in black and white some capitalist would immediately start a corner and work for a monopoly of the goods. Where is the proof?—Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union.

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The inaugural address of President Roosevelt is a document of much importance to the nation at this time. Previously in his acts and speeches as President he has been to a certain degree under restraint, because he was endeavoring to carry out the policy of another man.

His address of the 4th is in perfect accord with the man. It is brief, frank, terse, and positive. He shows in his message that he has a policy in which he believes, and one which he intends to act by. Our policy with other nations is dealt with in a vigorous manner,—probably just a little too much aggressiveness creeps in,—in the following order:

"Much has been given to us, and much will rightfully be expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can shirk neither. We have become a great nation, forced by the fact of its greatness into relations with other nations of the earth; and we must behave as befits a people with such responsibilities. Toward all other nations, large and small, our attitude must be one of cordial and sincere friendship. We must show not only in our words, but in our deeds that we are earnestly desirous of securing their good will by acting toward them in a spirit of just and generous recognition of all their rights. But justice and generosity in a nation, as in an individual, count most when shown not by the weak, but by the strong. While ever careful to refrain from wronging others, we must be no less insistent that we are not wronging ourselves. We wish peace; but we wish the peace of justice, the peace of the righteous. We wish it because we think it right, and not because we are afraid. No weak nation that acts manfully and justly should ever have cause to fear us, and no strong power should ever be able to single us out as a subject for insolent aggression.

But the following extract in regard to the policy that will be pursued in regard to internal affairs is both statesmanlike and in perfect accord with the principles of Democracy. If he is successful in solving the great question of organized wealth and labor to the satisfaction of the people, he will be hailed as the greatest president since the time of Lincoln.

"Our relations with the other powers of the world are important; but still more important are our relations among ourselves. Such growth in wealth, in population and in power as this nation has seen during the century and a quarter of its national life is inevitably accompanied by a like growth in the problems which

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"If we fail, the cause of free self-government throughout the world will rock to its foundations; and therefore our responsibility is heavy to ourselves, to the world as it is today, and to the generations yet unborn. There is no good reason why we should fear the future, but there is ever reason why we should face it seriously, neither hiding from ourselves the gravity of the problems before us, nor fearing to approach these problems with the unflinching purpose to solve them right."

A rich woman dreamed that she went to heaven, and there saw a mansion being built. "Who is that for?" she asked of the guide. "For your gardener."

"But he lives in the tiniest cottage on earth, with barely room enough for his family. He might live better if he did not give away so much to the miserable poor folk."

Further on she saw a tiny cottage being built. "And who is that for?" she asked. "That is for you."

"But I have lived in a mansion on earth. I would not know how to live in a cottage."

The words she heard in reply were full of meaning: "The Master Builder is doing his best with the material that is being sent up."

Then she awoke, resolving to lay up treasure in heaven. What are we sending up? What kind of material are we building into our every-day life? Is it being sent up?—Zion's Outlook.

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Mr. Ray Murrab, of Holland, stopped over here a few hours Thursday.

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Mr. Chas. Liebler, of Union City, Oklahoma, visited his sons Saturday.

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Prof. Frank Newlee visited friends here recently.

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Bro. L. D. Perkinson and wife were the guests of their two sons and daughter, who are attending school here.

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Bro. T. E. Weaver has accepted as pastor the call of the Granger church.

For the best of chile go to Bob Laird.

Messrs. T. C. Honea and W. C. Banard, after an absence of three weeks, returned to school Monday.

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Miss Sudie Jack Stewart returned to school Thursday.

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Miss Margaret Kyle, the Students' National Traveling Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. made our Y. M. C. A. a visit here Saturday.

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The musical given last night under the direction of Prof. Schockey was a rare treat to all lovers of music.

"Better late than never," but better never late. Let Naman & Goldsmith put your watch in condition.

Mrs. S. A. Hunter and Miss Sadie were visitors in Dallas Sunday.

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Miss Mattie Johnson returned recently to her home.

Mr. Fred Obenchain was among the number who went to Dallas Sunday.

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Mr. Jack Muse was a visitor at his home in Forreston Sunday.

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President Zollars reports that he succeeded in raising \$450 for improvements on the campus of Panhandle Christian College during his visit to Hereford. He thinks there is very bright prospects for the college and for the whole Panhandle country.

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The Preliminary Oratorical Contest comes off next Thursday night. This will decide who shall represent T. C. U. in the State Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest.

Did you ever take a bath—at the St. Charles Barber Shop?

Messrs. Norman Liebler, Audrey McCallam, Frank Lacy, Franklin Kinard and others went to Dallas Sunday.

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At a business meeting of the Oratorical Association a few days ago the following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. M. Ashmore; vice president, Mr. Fred Obenchain; secretary, Miss Cecile Wolford; delegates to the State Oratorical Contest, Messrs. W. M. Le May and Bonner Frizzel.

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4. Make every member of the church feel that he has not done his

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5. Any church of average size and average financial ability can keep some worthy young person in school, and there are young people in every church who are anxious for an education who have not the means to secure it. Will not each of our leading churches select some worthy young man of promise and place him in Texas Christian University to prepare for the ministry? No better missionary work could be done.

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In the pulpit Mr. Brady was particularly happy in the little stories or parables with which he illustrated and brought out his points.

One day he was picturing the foolishness of secret wrongdoing, the absurdity of the idea, held by hypocrites apparently, that it is possible to do ill by stealth and still receive the same rewards that virtue gets.

"Secret wrongdoers," he said, "remind me of a little boy of 7 years.

"A letter and 2c were one day handed by his father to this boy.

"Buy a stamp, John," the father said, 'stamp the letter and mail it at the postoffice.'

"The boy set out and returned chuckling. He gave back the 2c to his father.

"Here you are," he said, 'and your letter's mailed, too.'

"Why, how does this happen?" said the father. 'Didn't you stamp it?'

"No," replied the boy, 'there was no need. A big crowd of people were putting letters in the letter boxes and when no one was looking I slipped yours in for nothing.'—Dallas News.

WISDOM'S WHISPERS.

When a man is popular the danger of a fall is greatest.

A man usually magnifies the importance of what he does.

Woman's wit appeals to a man's sense of humor for its rarity.

Women find a sentiment in flowery which is unknown to men.

Men regard wrinkles on the face with little in the way of horror.

Some women show the upstart in their composition without an effort.

Because a man dislikes to be called old it is not convincing evidence of vanity.

The woman who continually complains wonders why hard lines appear on her face.

When a woman takes up physical culture there is a suspicion that she is older than she pretends.

Many men's reputations have been made by a blind venture.—Philadelphia Vindicator.

Junior Partner—I never suspected him at all.

Senior Partner—Neither did I, although it did seem a little singular to me that he should be able to pay \$2,000 a year rent out of a salary of \$1,500.

Two Sinners.

There was a man, it was said one time,

Who went astray in his youthful prime,

Can the brain keep cool and the heart keep quiet

When the blood is a river that's running riot?

And boys will be boys, the old folks say,

And the man is the better who's had his day.

The sinner reformed; and the preacher told

Of the prodigal son who came back to the fold,

And the Christian people threw open the door,

With a warmer welcome than ever before,

Wealth and honor were his to command,

And a spotless woman gave him her hand.

And the world strewed their pathway with blossoms abloom,

Crying, "God bless layde, and God bless groom!"

There was a maiden who went astray

In the golden dawn of her life's young day.

She had more passion and heart than head,

And she followed blindly where fond love led.

And Love, unchecked, is a dangerous guide

To wander at will by a fair girl's side.

The woman repented and turned from sin,

But no door opened to let her in.

The preacher prayed that she might be forgiven,

But told her to look for mercy—in heaven,

For this is the law of the earth, we know,

That the woman is stoned, while the man may go.

A brave man wedded her, after all,

But the world said, frowning, "We shall not call."

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Folks in Ruts.

Th' world is full o' ruts, my boy,

Some shaller an' some deep;

An' ev'ry rut is full o' folks, as high as they can heap.

Each one that's grovelin' in th' ditch is growlin' at his fate,

An' wishin' he had got his chance before it was too late.

They lay it all on someone else or say 'twas just their luck—

They never once consider that 'twas caused by lack o' pluck.

But here's th' word of one that's lived clean through, from soup t' nuts:

Th' Lord don't send no derricks 'round t' h'ist folks out o' ruts.

Some folks has stayed in ruts until they didn't like th' place,

Then scrambled bravely to th' road an' entered in th' race.

Sich ones has always found a hand held out for them t' grab

An' cling to till they'd lost the move peculiar to a grab

But only them that helps themselves an' tries for better things

Will ever see the helpin' hand t' which each climber clings.

This here's the hard, plain, solemn facts, without no ifs or buts;

Th' Lord don't send no derricks 'round t' h'ist folks out o' ruts.

—Baltimore American.

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