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THE MABLE SMITH ORATORICAL CONTEST

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MEDAL.

EARL X. GOUGH IS WINNER

The Second Place Was Given to Braxton Bragg Wade.

Last Friday evening the Smith Oratorical Contest, the preliminary to the State contest, was held in the University auditorium. The Oratorical, the greatest event of its kind, of the year, was of an exceedingly high order. The entire number of orations were well written and delivered.

"The Dawn of a Tomorrow," by W. Clyde Hackney proved to be a masterful theme. He showed himself to be a forceful speaker, by his excellent voice, gesture and bodily poise. Mr. Hackney easily won for himself a good place in the minds of the audience.

Mr. Earl X. Gough, on "The United States and Universal Peace," the winner of first place, and the worthy man for the \$100.00 medal, did justice to himself and the University for which he will represent in the State Contest to be held in Fort Worth, this year. Mr. Gough will be hard to beat in the contest to follow. It is a delight to the school to have so worthy a man to represent the university.

"The Alien Peril," by Roy G. Tomlinson, well brought out the good qualities of the speaker. Mr. Tomlinson has a good delivery, one that will count for much in the future.

Mr. Robert E. Abernathy gave "The Child and the House," in a strong and unique way. His theme was logical throughout and his delivery was good.

"Tennessee's Most Gifted Son," was beautifully portrayed by Braxton B. Wade, the winner of second place in the contest. Mr. Wade will be the first delegate to the State contest of the representative speaker from the

University, at the banquet, and business sessions.

Mr. Leron B. Gough appeared better in oratory than ever before in his oration on "The Imperialistic Age." Mr. Gough, although he was the last speaker, made his hearing worth the listening.

Mr. Losh favored the audience with several vocals that were much enjoyed. Mr. Losh's deep bass voice is envied by many.

The program appeared as follows
Gypsy JohnClay
Mr. Losh

The Dawn of Tomorrow.....W. Clyde Hackney

The United States and Universal Peace.....Earl X. Gough

The Alien Peril.....Roy G. Tomlinson

The Child and the House.....Robert E. Abernathy

Tennessee's Most Gifted Son.....Braxton B. Wade

The Imperialistic Age.....Leron B. Gough

The Bandolero.....Stuart

Decision of judges.

THE BRUSHES.

A number of the Brushes are taking a short vacation between terms. Miss Baldwin has gone home and will not return. She will be greatly missed by every one in the art department.

The Brushes indulged themselves in another picnic at City Park. The main object was kodaking with supper a close second. The fortune teller was there and every one was allowed a glimpse of the future.

Jack Moore was a recent guest of Mrs. Cockerel. "Once a brush always a brush."

Ruth Pate Denny passed through the city recently on her way to Wichita Falls. She will visit T. C. U. as she returns.

Miss Jackson writes encouragingly of her work at the Art Institute. She will probably remain for the summer session.

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I.
Sonata, Allegretto.....Beethoven.
Miss Katherine Riter

II.
Sonata Allegro.....Hayden
An Matin.....Godard
Miss Harriett Shirley

III.
a. Month so Charming.....Lotta
b. The Dove.....L. Roval
Miss Lois Wilkes

IV.
Prelude.....Rachmasrenoff
Miss Jane Barnard

V.
Obstination.....De Fontainailles
Mr. Allan Sears

IX.
a. Sonata.....Dussek
b. Minnetto.....Thomas
Miss Mildred Wright

VII.
a. Star of My Heart.....Geordan.
b. Haytime.....Liza Lehman
Miss Grace Hackney

VIII.
a. Concrete Etude.....Wollenhampt
b. B. Butterfly.....Grieg
Miss Gladys Reed

IX.
How Fair is Spring.....Becker
Miss Naomi Lockhart

X.
Two Songs Without Words.....Mendelssohn
Miss Mary Rockett

XI.
a. Pastoral.....Veracin
b. The Little Thief.....Sterr
Miss Louise

XII.
a. Chaconne.....Durant
b. Pizzacati.....Delibes
Miss Lorena Lamar

XIII.
a. The Night Has a Thousand Eyes.....Hawley
b. Interludes.....Melloj
Mr. Earl X. Gough

XIV.
a. Impromptu.....Es Dus-Schubert
b. Rondo Capricioso.....Mendelssohn
Miss Elizabeth Henderson

XV.
a. Roll on Thou Mighty Deep.....Moll
b. When Love is Gone.....Stebbins
Mr. Joe Murray

"The Bar."

The saloon is sometimes called a bar. A bar to heaven, a door to hell; Whoever named it, named it well. A bar to manliness and wealth, A door to want and broken health, A bar to honor, pride and fame, A door to sin and grief and shame. A bar to hope, a bar to prayer; A door to darkness and despair; A bar to honored, useful life; A door to brawling, senseless strife; A bar to all that's true and brave; A door to every drunkard's grave; A bar to joys that home imparts; A door to tears and aching hearts. A bar to heaven, a door to hell; Whoever named it, named it well. —Ex.

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Oh that faculty, as the students see them! Queer bunch, those fellows. Did you ever hear them rise up in chapel and pour out their bitter lamentations because "athletics eclipse oratory" in T. C. U.? How many times have you seen them, with doleful faces, urge the young hopefuls in their charge to turn from the gridiron to the rostrum, to forsake the diamond for the forum— With passionate outbursts, they affirm their allegiance to efforts, however unpretentious, which tend to develop the spirit of public speaking among the students. Their sincerity of expression proves to us, beyond a shadow of doubt, that they believe that they really feel that way. But such a self-delusion! The lore of deep learning is as dust in their eyes and they can not behold their real attitudes.

And then comes in the student's viewpoint. Last Friday night, the date of the most important oratorical contest in our school, we looked at their attitude as it applied to real conditions. We saw them then—rather we did not see them then. Of the whole oratory-loving bunch there were two members present, seven and three-fourths per cent came out; one-thirteenth (lucky proportion, isn't it?) of the twenty-six were present to cheer us on to greater things. Of course the other twenty-four, as individuals, had reasons which were adequate to their actions. One has sick children, another has a preaching appointment which draws him two days before it is to be fulfilled, another has himself a trip abroad on his hands and it takes all his time, another must grade exam papers, and so on and on their reasons run. Good reasons, too, according to their way of looking at them. But there comes in two viewpoints again. To the students they are flat. Of course the difference of viewpoints accounts for it all; in as much as we are incapable of seeing things as the faculty we are not to blame for the two ways of looking at the matter. But as it does look this way to the students, we would preach the same sermon to the worthy faculty that they preach so often to us—"Abstain from the appearance of evil." While your actions are perfectly justifiable in your own deep minds, it does not look right to the students, to see you act so inconsistent in regard to support of oratory in T. C. U.

YOUNG WOMENS' CHRISTIAN ASS'N

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE
NEXT AND PRESENT TERM.

MISS ODELL IS PRESIDENT

The Cabinet Has Been Selected With Great Care.

The new president and her cabinet have been elected for the year beginning March 26, 1911. We bespeak for this worthy and efficient band of girls a successful year, made so by the co-operation of the student body and faculty. The new president, Miss Lela Odell, has worked during the previous year as vice president of the association and is most capable of standing at the head of this organization. The cabinet is composed of Misses Grace Hackney, Maude Burns Bess McNeill, Lois Wilkes, Juddie Holloway, Harriett Shirley, Pearl Gibbons, Jane Barnard. Let the Y. W. C. A. be the strongest organization by giving it your name for membership and your efforts for support.

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Christian Endeavor will meet at 7 o'clock next Sunday instead of 6:30. The meeting will be a consecration service with Mr. Ray Camp as leader. The local union banner will go during April to the society having the largest percentage of pledged tithers. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Cockerel has received a good collection of fruits from Japan and will be glad to show them to any of the students who are interested in seeing them.

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The Spring term has begun with good results so far. The enrollment is good, and but few, comparatively, have withdrawn from the University. Everything seems to be going on well, but now at the time when the corn is beginning to grow, and the cotton is coming into existence; when evening rides, on the pikes, at home in the old family machine, look good; when there will be no studying to do, and all the evening entertainments are calling you at home; when you feel like stretching along on the hammock, in the cool shade on the side porch, from dinner till supper; and you can sleep in the morning without being disturbed by the "old horrid bell," and can get warm breakfast at any hour that you awake, it may make you feel that the college life is not worth the living, and that you would feel better without it, and that that is all life gives to any one. But look at the end of such a life, and see where it would take you. Could you have time to trifle your opportunity for developing yourself, while you are young, into the most useful man or woman? If ever you expect to show your determination, and self control, the Spring time is the time to show it. Show yourself that you can withstand difficulties of any such trivial nature, then when the harder tasks come before you they can be more easily overcome. Stick to your studies, make good grades, and end the year as well if not better than you started it.

Nothing is more needed here than the honor system in our student body. It is the prevailing custom for the students to assist others and receive aid in the classroom and during the examination; and nothing is thought of the plan of such aid. It seems to be thought of as a matter of course to work the teacher because the others do, and no one seems to object materially.

It should be given to the student body to control the matter. As long as the faculty expect to see all that is being done in this line the aid received and given in an unfair way will be practiced. But as soon as the whole body realize that the other members look upon the disgrace of such procedure, they, too, will be compelled to abandon the practice. It should be as is in practice in many large institutions, that if a person be caught copying or giving aid, he is expelled from that body. And that is not a disadvantage to the students, for the preparation as intended will be given to each subject, as it should be, if it is known that it will be demanded of the student. But as long as it is left possible for the student to cheat in class work and in examinations, he will continue to do it. And as long as this fellow student makes high grades by so doing it is not fair to the student that does not cheat, and is an incentive for him to do likewise.

The students of the University and the baseball team are somewhat discouraged because of the recent defeat of the team. They are looking at the last two games that have been played and not at the first two. They must remember that we stand even with the world in scores. We should not think that because we should lose a game, or even two games, that we are going to lose all of the remaining games. Just for an example, the team at the University of Texas has played five games and lost four, and they are living over it. They have, besides the regular coach that stays with the University all of the time, hired the best special baseball coach that they could find, and still they are not doing well. They did not show up well with St. Edwards, but that is no proof that they will do the same all the season. The whole truth of the affair is that the faculty is not allowing all of the players to enter the games. And too often the best players are those that are not able to get the grades and other requirements to be admitted on the diamond. The thing for us to do is to get our boys to make their grades and show what a good team can do. Already the State University is expecting to have us beat them, and A. & M. College is feeling shy.

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Glory is not the VICTORY, but in the hard fight! Not failure to WIN, but failure to try marks of the great men from the cowards. Defeat! What a defeat? If a man does his best—well, history has no grander stories than Thermopole and the Alamo. Ashamed! Not a bit of it!! You SCRAPPED 'EM! And it is no disgrace to go down with the ship—after you have nailed the colors to the mast.

I suppose it sounds a little bit lightly to speak of a college games in terms of life-or-death world battles; but it is not. The spirit is the same in each case. In one this spirit is applied to momentous things; in the other, it is applied to something smaller. But the fact of its difference application does not change its intrinsic nature. By "spirit" and "it," I mean that confident determination which says inwardly and without boastful antics: "There is no power on earth or in hell strong enough to keep me from establishing the Right in the long run." Note that I say "no power on earth or in hell"—I make this limitation because I know God always puts His power not against but for the man who struggles for Right.

CHEER UP! Why your under lip was dragging so that I couldn't help but feel that I was stepping on it while I walked about the room reading your thoughts. No! You haven't "done went and done it!" You will live over this occasion and worse occasions when you really get to doing things in the big world. Your funeral mood will depart and you may easily expect to begin feeling cheerful again within a decade or two. Fight 'em scrap 'em, laugh with 'em—and always keep up a jolly pace in preparing for the tomorrow. CHEER UP!

I saw a mule the other day, just a plain donkey without a pedigree, an unostentatious farmer's "Beck"—but the saddest looking animal I ever saw. His ears were long, and drooping; his tail was bony—and hanging; his eyes were watery, pious, resigned—as if he had already eaten the last ear of corn in the trough and realized that there was no more in the crib; he was bow legged, swunk down as if despairing of the task of carrying his carcass. And his sad, sad mouth! Poor, poor plain mule without a pedigree. His lips were flappy; and he opened them to sigh—dolefully. Now it just occurred to me this his whole countenance from tail up, would take on a different aspect if someone should squir some high-life into his sagging, sighing mouth.

You know John W. Kern was elected senator from Indiana at the last election. He wears whiskers, genuine whiskers—you have seen his picture. A farmer out in California who had known Mr. Kern intimately in their boyhood, wrote him a letter: Congratulations on election. You are going to the Senate. Now, John, shave off them dern whiskers—nobody but jays is wearin' 'em now."

Do you see the point of these two illustrations—how the applicator hits your case? Now, pull up that dern lip—nobody but—well, the mule ought to have had a pedigree.

By this time, I know you have pulled yourself together, have forgotten the past except for the lesson it teaches—and are looking to victory in the next game. Congratulate the player, as you have already done and as shall do as soon as I can find time to write—and look to the future. Don't you remember how discouraged we used to become after numerous defeats? But by keeping on, keeping on, we finally won, as a man always will when he keeps fighting and refuses to accept defeat. There are no impossibles to the fighter.

And don't you forget that there will be bigger events after a while. Next year will be greater—and after next year the doors of the world can be broken down by strong men—break 'em. —'09.

The Chaperon.

There are meters of account,
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—Ex.

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Local Notes

It is reported that Ollie Burcham, '08, was killed in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Burcham was engaged in a good position at the time.

Many friends of Nora Armstrong, daughter of J. F. Armstrong, at one time professor of Science of T. C. U., will be married at the Central Christian church, Dallas, on this evening, Thursday, March 30, to Geo. W. Graham.

It has been reported that Blair Kerr was recently married.

Professors Cockrell and Sutton made a flying trip to New Braunfels and the Rio Grande country.

Mr. Daniels reports the following mixed quartet at the New Healy this week: Miss Reed, first soprano; Miss Fleming, second soprano; Mr. Daniels, first bass; and Mr. Tomlinson, second bass. Because this quartette has not appeared in public there is no reason for their not being the center of attraction at the Healy this week.

Mr. Keathley is recovering from short attack of illness.

The Country Club is an ideal place to play tennis.

Miss Stirley treated to a tennis match at the Country Club last Monday.

Miss Beula Potts is retiring from the University.

Miss Camille Gallaher will be out of school in this term.

Mr. Jim Reeves sent a large snake to the Biology laboratory.

The suits measured by Dabbs are a fit.

The College of Business is getting results from the campaign for recruits in that department.

It is regretted by the Skiff that Miss Wolford will not be with the University during the Spring term. The vacancy for Art Editor will be reported soon.

Sam Easley is spending a few days at his home in Circleville.

Mr. Boyd Wilson, student '10, has returned to take up the Spring term's work.

CAUSE FOR THE LACK OF INTEREST IN ALMA MATER.

The cause of the apparent lack of interest of the alumni in its alma mater, the T. C. U., has been investigated, and will be explained briefly here. It is understood when an alumnus returns to his mother school that he will not see many old friends among the students, for the average life of a student is short, but he without question does expect, and has a right to expect, the members of the old faculty to be in their places. Of course a slight change is necessary occasionally, but complete removing of almost the entire faculty, leaving only a handful, from president to the least assistant, is detrimental to the alumni, as well as the present student body, and the remaining faculty. It will be observed that the graduates of the last few years are loyal to the institution, to a much greater degree than those before them. That is easily accounted for. They have not lost all trace of the old school; they still see something of the same faculty; alumni, as well as the present students are still here, but as soon as the round of the change of faculty is made, they too will be seen across the fence, not because of any special ill will toward the institution, but because of the lack of interest of the school in them, because the faculty is not the friend that it could be had it been your guardian.

And there is a reason for the change of teachers in this university; and the greatness will never be attained until the alumni is brought to be a support to the alma mater. It is the seemingly thought of the Board of Directors of the University, that any man that has the ability to teach is alright for T. C. U., whether he is interested in the welfare of the school

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or not; whether he be a unit with the faculty or not; just so he has a recommendation, that is all that is needed, with them. They forget that a competent professor of the several departments should be sought for and given the place for life or until unable to give satisfaction. Meanwhile any advancement that this person can make for his scholarship, should be considered an advancement for the school, and the Board should offer inducements for such excursions each few years at least for gaining energy and information.

And in the plan, the alumni faculty should be aimed at, but for the best of material, not letting go any other that proves to be the best man for the place. The interest in the school, in this plan has been proven, by the best universities, to be solid.

And until our school can have some encouragement in these lines the growth and future prospects will be dwarfed and blighted as the past history has been, comparing it to what it could and can be. So do not blame the alumni, for not coming to the alumni meeting, or for not visiting the school, or for not desiring to read the college paper or give any information of themselves in its columns

Willie Thetford, seeing the street gang surveying a street preparatory to paving, exclaimed, "Oh, Miss Reeves, what is Mr. Alexander's class surveying this street for?"

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The pool halls are crowded every Sunday with young men who are just waiting for some one, for YOU to ask them to Sunday School, church or Endeavor. They are young men who labor during the week days and on Sunday are seeking some place of amusement, where they can mingle and ASSOCIATE with other young men. They want something to get their minds off of their work awhile. They want association above all else, and that is one thing the church as a whole is very, very short on. It is said that a church is the coldest place in the world. It does seem so in some cases. A traveling man when asked why he did not attend services at the churches in different towns said: "I went into a church in your town and no one seemed to notice me. I remained till the services were over and in leaving not a soul spoke to me or invited me to come again and I don't like to go where I do not feel welcome." I was talking to an elderly gentleman the other day and he, having traveled a great deal, related to me one experience of his in the city of St. Louis. He said the first place he went when entering a new town was the Y. M. C. A. He said he looked up the Y. M. C. A. the first chance and called around one evening to read awhile. He walked in and instead of giving him a cordial welcome as they should, they asked him if he had a card and when he told them he did not he was told to get out. The first thing he saw after leaving was a saloon and he decided to go in and see what kind of a reception he would receive from them. He ordered a glass of beer and a free lunch and said he thought he would eat all the free lunch he could to see if they would tell him to get out, but they said not a word to him and it is very likely they invited him to call again.

That is the way the young men look on the pool halls and billiard parlors. They are given a cordial welcome and invited to come again and they feel at home. If the church would do this the pool halls could not be in existence. It is not the people who frequent these places or those who run these places that are to be blamed. It is the church and there is no getting around that fact. YOU and I are to be blamed if we let the Devil be more polite than we. It is our fault that these places are open on Sunday. If the young men had other places to go where they could feel as if they were wanted the pool halls would soon be without customers. There is a certain young man in First church today who was one of those who frequent these places on Sunday. He was strolling around on Main street one day before Christmas and saw the advertisement that Brother Dinger was to speak at the Imperial Theater and said to himself: "I believe I will go there this afternoon instead of going to the pool hall." Well, he went and heard a good sermon, was invited to church, came, was baptized, and is now one of the most promising young men I know. He is a good Endeavor worker and is thinking seriously of studying for the ministry.

If the pool halls are to be allowed to be open on Sunday why not the saloons or the theatres?

There are some boys in T. C. U. who frequent the pool halls and we should try to get them to see the evil of their ways and invite them to Sunday School and Endeavor. Boys, what would you do if the young ladies of this University were to frequent these places? What would you say if your own mother or sisters would play pool and billiards? You would not speak to any young lady that did so. Well if it is not a place for ladies, it is not a place for gentlemen. If every young man would resolve not to do anything he would have his mother or sister do, that he would not say anything he would not have them say, and stick to that resolve the world would be won for Christ in less than half a century.

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