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Many Recitals Will be Given During Remaining Terms.

Monday evening an entertaining recital was given by students of the School of Oratory in the auditorium. The program was varied and each speaker seemed to excel in his or her own special field. Evidence of careful and thorough training was not lacking and much credit is due to the department of oratory for its work, which is practical as well as cultured. The program was as follows:
The Man in the Shadow..... Lindley Wood
Pasquade's Picture.....Odessa Allison
Wives at a Social Game.....
.....Mrs. C. I. Alexander
One of Bob's Tramps.....
.....Clifton Ferguson
A Scene from "Weary Mary Ann"
..... Willie Glenn
Men and Memories of the South-land..... Carl Melton
Two Runaways..... Lucile Patterson
The Man Who Opened Eyes.....
..... Eula Brown
Many other recitals will be given by this department after the holidays. The date for the first of these will be placed early in January.

MUSICAL RECITAL.

Pupils of Piano and Violin Departments Render Program in Auditorium.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13, the pupils of Profs. Johnson and Tschau and of Miss Ault gave a recital in the chapel.

The first number, a Clementi sonata, Op. 26, No. 3, Presto, was beautifully rendered by Miss Katharine Riter, and was succeeded by the following numbers:
Souvenir de Wieniauski.....Haesche
Miss E. Blair.
Sonata, Rondo Allegro Assai.....
..... Clementi
Miss H. Shirley.
Sonata in C Major.....Mozart
Miss Lois Wilkes.

(a) Larghetto.....Spohr
(b) Abandon.....Godard
Misses A. Ault and G. Shaughnessy.
Etudes Op. 67, Nos. 9 and 5.....
..... Loeschhorn
Miss L. Teeter.

Sonatina.....Kuhlau
Miss G. Stewart.
Waltz Op. 2, No. 2.....Scholtz
Miss L. Patterson.

Sonata, Allegro Op. 47, No. 2.....
..... Clementi
Miss McXie Mae Mason.

Serenade Martindale.....Binet
Miss E. Freeman.
Sonatina Op. 55, No. 6, Allegro,
Maestoso, Menuetto.....Kuhlau
Miss Marjorie Cobb.

(a) Fantasia in C minor, Adagio.....
..... Mozart
(b) Etude in C minor, No. 27, Cramer
(c) Etude in B flat major, No. 42
..... Cramer
Miss E. Henderson.

The violin numbers, by Misses Blair, A. Ault and Shaughnessy, were especially enjoyed, and the whole program did credit to students and professors alike in its rendition.

On account of the protracted illness of Prof. Cuprien the voice students did not appear in this recital. The work of Mrs. Meyerholtz has given eminent satisfaction, and we are sure that Prof. Cuprien will be able to carry on his usual work after the holidays. M. M. M.

Sam Easley, from Taylor, is visiting his sister, Edith.

Grace and McXie Mae Mason took dinner in the city Sunday.

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The Shirleys and Waltons are to be complimented upon their enterprise and society spirit.

Y. W. C. A.

The Christmas program of the Y. W. C. A. was largely attended Sunday evening. Miss Mackney was leader of the meeting and all the girls joined heartily in telling their plans for the holidays. The song Miss Wilkes sang was enjoyed by everyone. We left, each wishing the other all the joys she had planned, with many others added on.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES.

The first of the Sunday Night Services was held last Sunday. President Kershner preached the initial sermon his subject being "The Meaning and Problems of Life." His message was one of vital importance and filled with much good for all. A goodly number of the students were in attendance and this bids fair to be a very popular form of school life. When we return from the holidays all should get behind this move and make it a success.

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COACH LEVER IS A SUCCESS

Now that the holiday season is on us, after thoughts of pigskins and padded trousers have been all but put away, there yet remains one word to say, and that word is this: Whatever may be the reason that T. C. U. did not have a winning football team in the season of 1911, no blame for the failure to be well in the running can be laid at Coach Lever's feet. There is not one member of the football squad who does not have confidence in our coach. There is not one who does not believe he knows football and has the ability to teach it. He has the respect and cordial regard of all the boys, and all of them hope that he will be their football instructor in the coming year.

Without seeking to palliate the fact that we had a weak team this year, it is but fair to state that all conditions worked against the interest of the team. First in chronological order as well as in importance, perhaps, was the late start in practice work. All other schools in the State started training camps early in September. T. C. U., owing to chaotic conditions incident to the removal from Waco, was unable to begin practice until Sept. 20, and the team labored under this handicap throughout the season. Injury to the best players had a militant effect. Daniel, Cox, Lamouca and Ware were either out of the game or playing in a crippled condition during the entire schedule; and on Nov. 4, the date of the A. & M. game, the Varsity found it impossible to present a complete line-up. In addition, inexperience, lack of hot baths and a very hard schedule might be mentioned among other circumstances. Taking the situation by and large, Mr. Lever has done excellent work of negative value.

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At a call meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon E. Carl Melton of Allen, Cecil E. Stiles of Thrall and J. Willard Cockrell of Benton, Ill., were elected respectively to the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary for the ensuing term. The Association has been taking on new life for the past month and much of real Christian influence is expected to be exerted by it toward the upbuilding of the spiritual life of the students during the remainder of the session, and under the leadership of these able men. The Association has felt the need of a new officer in the past, and it was decided to elect a press correspondent. Clyde Keithley of Bonham was given this new responsibility.

The matter of placing the Y. M. C. A. conference fund was finally left in the hands of a committee. It is their plan to lend this small fund to a man who could not go to the conference without such aid.

Y. W. C. A. CHRISTMAS TREE.

Old Santa came to see everyone last night. Not one was forgotten; even the Freshmen received sacks of candy. Before Santa appeared an enjoyable program was rendered, consisting of a piano duet by McXie Mae and Grace Mason, a reading by Eula Brown and a solo by Mr. Joe Murray.

After the program the curtain was raised, revealing a pretty scene before us. An old-fashioned fireplace had been built in the back of the stage, which was well decorated in the usual Christmas style. A bell was heard, and soon old Santa came down the chimney in fabled manner and in a hurry, with a big sack of presents on his back. He was assisted in giving out the presents by several of the boys and girls. By 9:30 everything had been given out, and all left declaring that old Santa Claus had been truly good to them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The class which has been needed for some time was organized last Sunday. It is to care for those not already in Sunday School. President Kershner will be the teacher and Prof. Exley the substitute. A course of lessons upon the historical side of the life of Jesus will be studied. The name of the class is from the Greek, Alpha. This class wants to stand first. Everyone not a member of some other class is urged to get in line and make it a large and enthusiastic one.

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This issue of the Skiff comes to you early because the holidays will be upon us before the regular "Skiff day."

It is not how many New Year resolutions you will make, but how many are you going to keep, that counts.

Let an old year's resolution be that you will not make more new year's resolutions than you know you will keep.

We wish that you may have a "big time" during the holidays and that you will bring a new student or more with you when you return who will subscribe for the Skiff.

The editor has sworn that during the vacation he will spend at least ONE WHOLE WEEK during which he will not even THINK of Skiff nor copy nor proof reading nor news nor anything that pertaineth thereto. In other words he has made up his

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mind that he will have a rest. It is not meet that the patient and long-suffering students should be compelled to read his dope without rest, anyway. We always thought that the big daily, which never ceased its grinding out of news, had absolutely no mercy on the general public. The Skiff, at any rate, will be merciful

enough to give the readers a vacation by taking one itself.

A crowd of Yale students paused on the rim of the crater of Vesuvius. As they peered in the seething mass of horror below them, one exclaimed in an awed tone: "Don't that beat hell?" Some English women were standing near and evidently overheard. One of them remarked to the others in her well-bred, distinct voice: "Isn't it remarkable how widely these Americans can travel."

Bun Ware was asked by Miss Birge the meaning of "forest."

Bun (who is always ready with a correct answer) replied—Well, Miss Birge, if you are there and I'm a mile away I'm the far-est.

The Freshman football pictures are attracting quite a lot of attention. Louie Miller looks like an All-American man.

William Lattner has withdrawn from school. He goes to take charge of a large furniture store at Mineral Wells.

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The Y. M. C. A. meets every Friday night. Live meetings are promised for the coming term and all are urged to get in line and make them a force to be felt in T. C. U. There is no reason why the religious phase of college life should not be as much emphasized as any other. These organizations are dependent upon you, and you—that means everyone—should be in the very forefront of the effort to make them a go. Come back after Christmas, boys, prepared to do your best to make Y. M. C. A. what it should be.

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Prof. Page (to pupil)—Suspension, purpose, and how obtained?
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To raise his poor and scattered grades up high
Just so the danger mark would pass him by.

While some were thinking of their dear old home,
Still other minds did on the campus roam.
Some thought of turkey dressing and of wine,
Some thought of gifts and company so fine.

There was but one sad thought that deep did burn;
That after all this fun, they must return.

To book and "lab" and "dom" that try the mind,
And on their "math" and "lit" they then must grind.

But this one thought their joy could never spoil,
For Xmas is no time for tears and toil.

Ah, do you hear the ringing sleigh-bell and the happy hearts that call,

I wish a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you all.
REUBEN THE PO-8.

Saturday night after the Christmas tree, when all the fellows who had broken into society were stalling for time at the Girls' Home, some ruffian was placing tacks in their beds. When the fellows rolled over and fell into the trap, they would bounce into the air and utter a slight oath, and settle quietly down, hoping that their roommate, who was choking a sheet down his mouth, had not heard him.

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LIBRARY NOTES.

Mrs. F. D. Kershner donated a December, 1911, Delineator, and Miss Frankie Miller, city, the January, 1912, Delineator. We thank these ladies, for the magazine is not on the list taken by the library, and we are glad to have them on the reading table.

Prof. H. T. Sutton, our oratory teacher, has presented the library with a year's subscription to "School and Home," a splendid little monthly magazine published in Oregon. In the October issue is an illustrated story entitled "How a Dog Taught His Master," written by Prof. Sutton. Your spare moments will be well spent in reading this.

The library has recently been honored with a visit from such persons as Dr. Clinton Lockhart and wife, Bro. Randolph Clark, Bro. George Morrison of Alpine, Bro. McGill of Brownwood, Miss Lula Reed, Bro. Owens, Miss Fife of Waco, Misses Kathleen Munn and Rae Lyttleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jackson and Mr. Sam Harmon of Alpine, and probably others who we cannot recall. We take special pains in showing visitors through, and gladly welcome them.

Willie Glenn has been quite ill for the last few days.

OLD STUDENT MARRIED.

Miss Myrtle Mills of Groesbeck, an old T. C. U. student, was married to J. F. Parker, a brakeman on the H. & T. C. at Ennis, Sunday, at Groesbeck. They will make their home in Ennis. Miss Mills had many friends in T. C. U., and we wish for her much happiness.

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Peace Prize Contest

Hoping that someone in T. C. U. will break the record and try for one of these prizes, we publish the following information on the "Peace Prizes" offered this year:

The Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration offers a first prize of \$200 and a second prize of \$100 for the best essay on "International Peace" by undergraduate women students of any college or university in the United States.

Donor of the prizes, Mrs. Elmer Black of New York.

The contest closes March 15, 1912.

Conditions of the Contest.

For the purposes of this contest the term "International Peace" may be held to include any subject specifically related to the modern movement to substitute law for war, to establish a permanent court for the settlement of international disputes, and to secure arbitration treaties between the nations of the world. It is especially hoped that many contestants will devote themselves to the suggestion of ways and means of securing these desired ends.

Each contestant is required to append to her essay a complete list of works consulted, if possible with specific references. (It is suggested that contestants write the American Peace Society, Washington, D. C., for its free list of inexpensive references.)

The term "undergraduate" applies to one who, in a college or scientific school, is doing the work prescribed for the degree of bachelor, or its technical equivalent.

Essays must not exceed 5,000 words (a length of 3,000 words is suggested as desirable) and must be written, preferably in typewriting, on one side only of plain paper (ruled or unruled) of ordinary letter size (8x10 1/2 inches), with a margin of at least 1 1/4 inches. Manuscripts not easily legible will not be considered.

Each essay should bear a nom de plume or arbitrary sign which should be included in an accompanying letter giving the writers real name, college, class and home address. Both letter and essay should reach H. C. Phillips, Secretary Lake Mohonk Conference, Mohonk Lake, N. Y., not later than March 15, 1912. Essays should be mailed flat (not rolled).

The award of the prizes will be announced at the Lake Mohonk Conference in May, 1912.

For additional information, reference, etc. address the secretary of the conference.

The Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration offers a prize of \$100 for the best essay on "International Arbitration" by an undergraduate man student of any college or university in the United States or Canada.

Donor of the prize, Chester DeWitt Pugsley of Peekskill, N. Y., Harvard, '09.

Contest closes March 15, 1912.

Conditions of the Contest.

Each essay should show an understanding of the nature and history of international arbitration apart from and in connection with The Hague Conferences and Hague Court, and may also refer to (or, subject to the above requirement, emphasize) such subjects as the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the proposed Judicial Arbitration Court, Good Offices, Mediation and Commissions of Inquiry, as treated in the "Conventions for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes" adopted by the first and second Hague Conferences, and in the "Draft Convention Relative to the Creation of a Judicial Arbitration Court" agreed to by the second Hague Conference.

Each contestant is requested to append to his essay a list of works consulted, if possible with specific references.

Many visitors were at the University last Sunday.

Ray Camp's aunt, Mrs. Collier of Pecos, came out to school for a short visit, Saturday.

Aaron Griffing had relatives visiting in Fort Worth, Saturday.

Policeman Hopkins is establishing quite a reputation as a barber. Take Boger for a sample of his work.

Miss Tyler Wilkerson of Dallas is the guest of Miss Kate Jackson.

Miss Camille Gallaher, a student in the University last year, is visiting Josie Cannon.



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