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SHIRLEY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The past history of Shirley Literary Society is glorious with achievement; the present, under existing circumstances, is all that the most exacting optimist could demand, and to be consistent with ourselves and our society, we will make the future more brilliant with the dazzling splendor of continued triumphs. And you, who are at first disinterested, say: "Too good to be true." And you think the statement too "sugar coated" to verify the real sinews of actuality. Well, bear with us a moment until we cast off the seemingly over felicitous feeling for old Shirley and get down to things tangible. The society does not boast of the fact of mere age; that it is the oldest in the university, yet in point of years it is not far behind the oldest and now it recognizes no superior. All, however, may claim this, but we are staunch believers in the old Latin proverb, "Ex fructibus cognoscetis eos." And we are indeed willing to let our works bear witness to our ranking in the university along oratorical lines.

In the year 1907 the custom of having three annual intersociety contests was begun. At that time Shirley challenged competition in debate, Old Men's Declamatory, and New Declamatory, but were victors in only one of the events, the Old Men's Declamatory. The two following years, 1909-10, we duplicated this status by again taking only one of the scheduled three; the former year we were victors in debate, and the latter in the New Men's Declamatory. The next year, 1911, marks a banner year for society, all of the three contests being won by Shirley's representatives. And the present year is marked with continued success, only one of the three contests, the debate, being lost. Thus, for the five years in which these three annual contests have been in vogue, Shirley is credited with having won a majority of the fifteen events by the narrow margin of one contest.

It might also be of interest to know that every man who ever represented T. C. U. in an inter-collegiate contest came from Shirley Society until the year 1908, when Stonewall Brown, a Shirley who had won the preliminary,

CLARK LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Clark Literary Society cordially invites every new girl to be present at its regular meeting, Monday, September 16, at 9 o'clock a. m., in its hall.

The aim of this society is and has always been to assist in establishing a higher literary standard among the students of Texas Christian University.

PRESIDENT.

Mr. Jones, Y. M. C. A. physical director of the city, was out on University Hill last week. He has arranged to teach physical culture in T. C. U. this year.

was taken sick about a week before the State contest and on motion of a Shirley, B. H. Bloor was elected to memorize and deliver Brown's oration. The next year, 1909, Shirley again furnished the representative in the State Oratorical, and he was awarded second place—no man has ever carried the purple and white higher than that. So really the first man not a Shirley to represent T. C. U. in the State meet was Noel C. Carr in 1910. Again, the year following, this society gave T. C. U. her best representative possible, but the last season our opponents had the honor of furnishing the representative, and their second one since the admission of T. C. U. into the State Oratorical Association. But witness this added achievement and distinction that the history of the society records: No one except Shirleys have ever represented T. C. U. in the State Prohibition Oratorical Contest.

Do you wonder that we are proud of our society and its work? Do you wonder, too, that its graduates have been winners in that larger competitive field, the world? Realizing that no society could go beyond the height of its ideals, Shirley has set its standards high, hence has attained a high mark of development. May such ideals ever be a motive that will prompt its members to noble, conscientious growth, and may it always lead them to help in broadening the power of our university just as they would have their own life powerful.

WHICH SOCIETY?

"Which society must I join?" is the puzzling question that teases the brain of each new student as he or she enters our beloved T. C. U. Indeed, it is puzzling, for in T. C. U. there are the four best literary societies in existence. Some settle the question by refusing to belong to any, while others join the one in which they have the most friends; some want to belong to the one whose name means the most to them, and others feel that they must become members of the one in which the best class of literary work is being done and in which their individual powers can best be developed and count for most.

To the latter class, we know that the Walton Literary Society will especially appeal. In it, each and every girl feels that she is one of the links that holds so firmly our Walton chain of which we are justly proud.

During the past year we Waltons have felt that we were enjoying an unusual privilege in having the personal watch, care and interest of Col. John T. Walton, the man in whose honor our society is named. To him we owe our thanks for the beautiful prints, soon to be framed and hung upon the walls of the Shirley-Walton Hall. 'Twas he also that sent us our highly prized books, a splendid start toward our future Walton Library.

For the coming year we have great plans, hopes and ambitions. Not only do we want to maintain our standard of former years, but to advance steadily onward, bringing glory to our society and to our T. C. U. In this striving and working toward the realization of our ideals, we know that our brother society will lend its aid and encouragement, for beautiful indeed is the fellowship that exists between the Shirley and Walton Literary Societies. One bright young girl very fittingly remarked that S. L. S. means "Shirleys Love Sisters," and W. L. S. "Waltons Love Shirleys." Such, indeed, is the case.

Now we want to extend to all new students a cordial invitation to visit our society and look us over thoroughly. We are always glad and always prepared to receive visitors.

ROBERTS LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Roberts Literary Society came into existence November 15, 1910, under the name of Academy Literary Society. It was organized by the students of the preparatory department, for their special benefit. We know that the average preparatory student cannot cope with the college students in speechmaking and debating. This is an art only to be reached after many years of practice. Therefore as the means for such a development lies in the true value of such a society as the Roberts Literary Society.

It is our aim to make the Roberts better than ever this year. To do so we must have the co-operation of every preparatory student.

ADD-RAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

This literary society was named after Addison and Randolph Clark, founders of the university. It is almost as old as the university itself, being the first literary society organized in the history of the university. Its purposes and ideals are to train young men to be speakers and debaters. It lives the old proverb of "learning to do by doing," and thus each of its graduates leave the school well trained and experienced platform men. All of its members who graduate from the university receive diplomas from the society.

To the new men who enter the university this year the Add-Ran Literary Society extends a cordial welcome to become "one of us." We believe that you will never regret becoming an Add-Ran, for our motto is "Once an Add-Ran, always an Add-Ran." We invite you to investigate our past record and see if we are not always safe winners and gritty losers. We have always made it a point to give the new men as much work as possible, for experience has taught us that the quicker they are given an opportunity the better the class of work that is done.

Finally, we call your attention to our program painted in this issue, and extend to you a cordial welcome to come and visit us on Sept. 10 and hear this program.

Y. W. C. A.

Every young woman who will be in T. C. U. this coming session is urgently requested to be present at all the regular meetings of the Y. W. C. A.

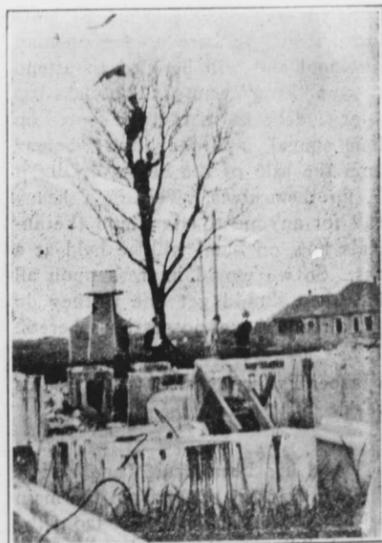
It is greatly desired that you become an active worker in the Y. W. C. A., and thereby gain strength, both mentally and spiritually.

The Y. W. C. A. will cordially welcome you as a student in T. C. U. and as a worker among its members.

GRACE HACKNEY.

Miss Kate Redford, bookkeeper for the Cobb Brick Co., visited T. C. U. this week.

Baylor Remembers It.



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BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

Mr. J. A. Dacus,
T. C. U., Fort Worth.

Dear Mr. Dacus:

I will send a box of books to T. C. U. library next Tuesday by American Express as a gift from my children to T. C. U. I will pay all charges to Fort Worth, so please call at the office and get same when they arrive.

I wish to say that I am very happy over the thought of placing our children in T. C. U. and feel that I will always have cause to appreciate the university. I had thought of taking them back East and placing them in school, but after visiting T. C. U. frequently, I think it is equal, and in many respects superior, to any there. I will at all times work for T. C. U.

Very sincerely,

MRS. ROBT. HASKINS.

Denton, Tex., Aug. 23, 1912.

STUDENTS RESERVING ROOMS THIS WEEK.

Louie Miller, Goldthwaite.
B. F. Ware, Amarillo.
J. C. Taylor, Abilene.
Phenix Echols, Hermleigh.
J. H. Wallace, Rockwall.
A. R. Brown, Uvalde.
Claude Ricketts, Hereford.
Clell Cochelle, Hereford.
Perry Johnson, Groom.
Rob Lines, Walter, Okla.
B. F. Roan, Fort Worth.
Ernest Hall, Dickens, Tex.
R. A. Weaver, Dallas.
Estelle Oliver, Cleburne.
Tommie Boone, Haskell.
Hallie B. Perkins, Cameron.
Clifton Ferguson and sister, Alpine.

THE HORNFED FROG.

The class of '12 have a few copies of their annual yet on hand, and if you want a copy you had better hurry. Manager Wise requests us to state that he will be here at the opening of school and will be glad to attend to your "Frog" wants. The class has a large debt to meet real soon on their annual and they must depend upon the sale of the books or dig it all up themselves. This is a heavy load for anyone to carry and the annuals now on hand will be held at a loss. So we would impress upon all that they should get one if they do not already have possession thereof.

Jasper Pyburne visited T. C. U. this week.

Gravel has been hauled and dirt is being broken for walks from the main building to the car line and from the main building to the Girls' Home.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. will open its mission study work with a class in John R. Mott's "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions." The course will last eight weeks, one hour per week; and the enrollment meeting will be September 15, the first Sunday afternoon after you reach school. This course is open to all young lady students of the university.

"John R. Mott is the greatest author on missions since the days of Paul."—J. C. Mason, Secretary of Texas Missions.

I have just learned that the Mission Study Class of the Y. W. C. A. has elected John R. Mott's "Decisive Hour of Christian Missions" as a text-book for the full course, and hasten to write a line of commendation and congratulation.

Mott's book is an expression, in literary form, of the personality of John R. Mott, the greatest figure in the world of missions today. The book is enthusiastic, full of information, and inspirational to the core. The fact that it has been selected as a text ought to make every young woman in T. C. U. anxious to join the Mission Study Class. I think I should apply for admission myself, were it not that "mere man" are barred by statutory limitation.

F. D. KERSHNER.

INTER-SOCIETY CONTESTS.

The Add-Ran and Shirley Literary Societies tie up their forces in three contests each year. The first is a declamatory contest between the men who have tested their strength on the platform before. It is a hard fought battle between masters of the college platform.

The second contest is the inter-society debate. It is one in which thought, oratory and wit, bound up with fierce society spirit, is pitted against the same forces in the other society. It is one of the interesting features of school life.

The third contest is the new men's declamatory, which is held in the spring. It is between those who have never appeared in a contest before. However, the affair is usually hard fought and creates great interest.

If you are interested in any oratory whatever, it is to your interest to get in one of these societies at once and get to work for your own honor and for your society.

OUR DEBATE.

As all the old students know, T. C. U. Oratorical Association just before school closed arranged for a triangular debate with Trinity and Southwestern, to be held during the winter term of the coming year. The subject is, "The initiative, referendum and recall (recall of judges excepted) would be best for the State of Texas." We will have a team on both the affirmative and the negative, so you cannot fail to work on the side you prefer.

The old boys should need no urging to soon get hard at work on it, if they have not been already. The new men only need to be reminded that the honor of being an inter-collegiate debater is a high one and the victory is always worthy of the efforts put forth.

As soon as possible after school opens the Oratorical Association will meet and set dates for the preliminaries and settle all minor details. In the meantime let's all go to work and win both of the arguments.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. is the most important organization in the life of the university. It stands for the training of the entire man, mentally, physically and spiritually. It makes a hobby of none of these, but tries to establish the right relationship that should exist among them. Christian manhood, strong physically, intellectually brilliant, is the ideal of manhood, and for this the Y. M. C. A. stands. The men chosen on the cabinet this year are men who have this ideal and who "practice what they preach" in the class room, in their daily lives and on the athletic field. With such men as Wood, Simpson, Cox, Stiles, Dean and Stewart at the head of this important work we feel certain of a prosperous year.

One important new feature this year will be a joint session of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. This session will be devoted to the discussion of such topics as relate to the school life of the student body. Such a meeting can but be of great benefit to both these institutions.

We desire to see every new student "line up" with the Y. M. C. A. immediately, and of course the old students are expected to do so. It means much to the new student in getting him in touch with the best interests of the school and in the formation of the right companionships.

A committee will begin meeting trains as early as is necessary.

A word to new students: When you get off the train watch for the T. C. U. badge and do not hesitate to make yourself known. You will be welcome in T. C. U., and it is our desire to make you feel at home.

Now, everybody, altogether, fifteen lusty 'Rah's for the Y. M. C. A.

R. A. HIGHSMITH,
President.

WILL BE HERE.

Lancaster, Aug. 12, 1912.

President Kershner:

Dear Sir.—Just a line to say that I am leaving England on the 21st, so shall probably arrive at Fort Worth on Sept. 6, to enter T. C. U.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIE JONES.

Don't forget to hold your trunk checks for Bob Lines.

Prof. Edward Owers is attending the Louisiana State Convention at Crowley. He will address the convention on the Bible School and the Christian College.

Major Jarvis and Mrs. Jarvis are spending a few days in Jarvis Hall this week for recreation and to enjoy the cool, pleasant southeast breeze than fans University Hilltop.

Mrs. Terry King, State Secretary of the C. W. B. M., has returned from a several days' trip over the State. She visited Waco, Italy and other points.

Miss Nell spent a few days in Dallas in the interest of the library.

Games, music and candy making are the present pastimes for Jarvis Hall.

Terry King has been spending a few days in the city, but is glad to be at "Home" again.

Miss Clara Townsend has returned to Gorman after visiting in the homes of Misses Lorena Deats and Fronnie Claussell.

AMONG THE FLOWERS.

Miss Una Jackson, a recent graduate of State University and a loyal T. C. U. girl, sent us a package of her favorite flower, the sweet pea. Though it is a little late perhaps, they have been planted under Miss Jackson's old roommate's (Miss Nell) window, with the hope that they may live and be a pleasure to many. Una adds that she soon hopes to furnish us with something more substantial in the way of flowers. She always takes part in everything good pertaining to T. C. U. She and her mother gave for the library a new set of "Encyclopedia Britannica" in 1911, and this year Miss Una assisted Miss Josie Heavenhill in donating the large beautiful picture of Bro. Addison Clark to the Clark Literary Society.

Mr. Stovall has recently set out a geranium over at Jarvis Hall. It is growing beautifully and we are wondering which girl he has planted it for, or whether it is for all the girls.

Mary Jane Williams, the sweet little daughter of our Endowment Secretary, W. M. Williams, takes great delight in watering the few vines and flowers we have so carefully guarded from those pesk big grasshoppers. With the persistent efforts of Mr. Elam and Mr. Stovall, the beautifiers of our campus, we are glad to report that the number of "hoppers" are diminishing, and we want every girl to bring back a plant or seed of some kind with her to plant under her own window.

Work continues on the campus. It is large, and the weeds will grow just about as fast as they can be cut down, yet we are all trying hard to present you with a clean, nicely kept yard, and request that on your arrival that you will endeavor to assist us in keeping it that way.

ADD-RAN PROGRAM.

The following program will be rendered by Add-Ran Literary Society at their hall, Sept. 9, 1912. Visitors welcome:

Opening Address—Gordon B. McFarland.

New Fellows and Polytechnic—Charles H. Bussey.

My Summer on the Hilltop—Bertis Appleton.

Declamation—Louie E. Miller.

My Football Team—Ben Parks.

Reading—J. Lindley Wood.

Vocal Solo—Edwin Ewell.

A special invitation is extended to all the new men to visit us at this meeting.

Prof. Eubanks, superintendent of the C. O. B., arrived at T. C. U. a few days ago and is working like a football coach for his department and athletics.

Miss Viola Caldwell of Garland will attend T. C. U. She came along with her father and mother in their car about a week ago to see if she would be pleased here, but with her mind about made up to go to State University, but she was so favorably impressed that she will be with us in September. Mr. Caldwell is a prominent lumber man at Garland. Miss Caldwell is a popular young lady of that town and a friend of Miss Della Brown, who attended T. C. U. in 1909. We are glad to welcome her as one of us.

Miss Holly Clendenen of the city has reserved a room in Jarvis Hall.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Mrs. J. H. Fuller of Dallas sent a large bundle of magazines for our library. This makes several boxes Mrs. Fuller has sent us this year.

Welcome.

This is the name of abreezy little bulletin the young people of the Oak Cliff (Dallas) Church issue each week in the interest of every department of church work. We have on file in the library a complete edition of the first volume, or rather all that have been issued, in all 41 numbers. It is the best of its kind we have seen and we are glad to receive it each week. Bro. J. H. Fuller is the beloved pastor of these young people, and we feel safe in saying that we know much of the success of this little paper is due to the fact that they have Bro. Fuller for their minister. We wish them continued success in their editorial adventure, and hope that other young people may be stimulated to follow their efforts along this line of church work.

Texas Missions.

When you want facts concerning our Texas missions, just ask for a little bulletin called "Texas Christian Church Missions," the year book and minutes 1912, which is now being mailed from the office of our popular Secretary of Texas Missions, Bro. J. C. Mason of Texas, not Dallas, for we claim him for our very own. We fail to find words to express ourselves when we endeavor to tell of the very efficient and faithful services that Bro. Mason is rendering the cause of Christ every day that he lives. If one could but glance in at his office and see the busy, earnest and smiling face of this aged (yet young) Christian man and servant of the Christian Churches of Texas at work, they would do more than ever before in their lives to advance the cause of Texas Missions. This should be our most important and vital part of church work, for after all is said and done, we cannot have a great T. C. U. without first having Texas Missions, for it is Texas Missions that makes T. C. U. great and will make her rank first in the State and Southwest when all or a large portion of our people contribute to this cause. The same way with our State paper, the Christian Courier, and our Churches and Bible School. When the day comes that we support the work in the way it should be supported, then all these departments of Texas Missions will be all that we could wish them to be.

We have received annuals from the following colleges and universities of Texas: Southwestern University, College of Industrial Arts, Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas, Trinity University, Baylor College (Belton), Sam Houston Normal, and State University. Others have written that they are expressing us copies. We are glad to exchange again, as this custom was abolished by T. C. U. for several years, and we missed these splendid exchanges.

The road to success is hard to travel on account of the nefarious signs on the by-ways telling of the nearer route to the goal.

Miss Clara Stevens has our thanks for her expressed appreciation of the Summer Skiff.

Coach Lever writes that the Skiff is a bearer of welcome news to him. He wishes us success the coming year.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

The inconvenience of the past two years of being forced to go into the city for church services will be done away with the coming year and a church organized out at the university.

The first sermon will be preached Sunday morning, Sept. 18, by Pres. Kershner. Sunday evening the details of organization will be settled and later a pastor will be employed.

This means much to the young people of T. C. U. They will receive a training in conducting their church affairs and in management that will be invaluable to them and the church at large. Their spiritual needs will not be neglected but they will be under the guidance of a wise and able pastor.

This will fill a long felt want and will be a most excellent thing for the student, the school and the church at large.

Word has been received here that Prof. F. W. Cuprien, who was at the head of our voice department the past two years, has opened an art studio in Los Angeles. Prof. Cuprien is an accomplished artist, ranking among the best in America, and we wish him all the success that may possibly be his, and then some more.

OLD TEACHERS AT T. C. U. THE COMING YEAR.

While some familiar faces, such as those of Anderson, Eskridge and Sears, will be missing at T. C. U. the coming session, on the other hand a number of new-old ones will help to take their places. Among these we mention our much beloved and scholarly former president, Dr. Clinton Lockhart, Professor and Mrs. Cockrell, and Professors Hamner and Hall.—Courier.

WHAT IS A MAN?

A hundred and fifty pounds of bone and muscle is not a man. A good cranium full of brain is not a man. The bones and muscle and brain must know how to act a man's part, do a man's work, think a man's thoughts, mark out a man's path, and bear a man's weight of character and duty before they constitute a man. A man is body and soul in action.

ROOT FOR ORATORY.

Contestants, get busy on your orations for the "Prohibition Preliminary" this year. Get busy now while you have time. After school begins you will be too busy to do yourself justice. The "State Preliminary" will be held at T. C. U., and we must entertain the other schools in such a way as to make them sit up and take notice. To do this in the right way we must win. Dr. Lackey has agreed to give a larger and much more valuable medal to the winner of the first contest, so let's show him how T.C.U. appreciates his kindness by winning the state.

The Livesey boys, Chalmers and Lonnie, and their sister, Miss Annie, write that they will be here Sept. 10. That's the day the old bunch will all be back.

Mr. Loy Ledbetter of Denton has reserved a room in Goode Hall.

Miss Elizabeth Higginbotham has returned to her home in Ennis after spending a very pleasant time with friends at a house party.

THINKER.

The way of today is rich in opportunities for those who are "thinkers." The effect of the thinker is far reaching. Original ideas are wanted everywhere, in every line of endeavor. The time demands them, and the honest "thinker" equipped for present day business battles finds it easy to win his way to the front and make himself a power in the world. The only way to make yourself a power in this world is to pick out some profession to follow. Be sure that whatever you do, do it well. One of the best paying professions of today is that of an accountant or stenographer. To be this, attend the College of Business in the T. C. U., for here you will receive the very best of training. Write today for full, complete particulars regarding these courses.

The Y. W. C. A.'s Student Volunteer Department is in correspondence with a possible new volunteer or two among the young ladies. Ruth Musgrave, Waxahachie, has the pleasure of this work.

The new Front Rank Bible, just published by the Christian Publishing Co., of St. Louis, is the best Bible for the Sunday School teacher or student we have so far examined.

Bert Camp and Leron Gough are in Chicago this week attending to insurance business.

Miss Myrtle Vann, who was with us last year, writes that she will be here the 10th. She is going to bring her sister with her.

A FOOT-PATH TO PEACE.

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars. To be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them. To despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice. To be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgust; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners. To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors. These are little guide-posts on the foot-path to peace.—Henry Van Dyke.

A MORNING RESOLVE.

I will this day try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity in every trust, and a childlike trust in god.—John H. Vincent.

The first of the dairy cows came to the school this morning (Thurs.) as we were going to press. Three others are now on their way. Prof. Dacus has the honor of supplying the first one. She is of the Jersey family, the kind which produce rich, pure cream.

Sky-rocket
Sis—boom—ah,
T. C. U., T. C. U.
Rah, Rah, Rah!

THE NEWCOMER COLLECTION.

One of the most valuable gifts the T. C. U. library has ever received reached us last week, when the Newcomer collection of books came in from Hagerstown, Md. There are over fifty books in the collection, which includes a full set of the Millennium Harbinger in forty-one volumes, sheep binding. A note on the fly leaf of one volume conveys the information that this is the only complete set of the Harbinger which was in existence east of the Allegheny Mountains, aside from the set in the Congressional Library at Washington. The books are in splendid condition.

John D. Newcomer, who died less than a year ago at an advanced age, was one of the most prominent members of the Christian Church in the East. He was born in Washington County, Maryland, near the town of Beonsboro, and within a few miles of the battlefield of Antietam. During the administration of President Grant he became associated with the First National Bank of Hagerstown, and from that time until his death was actively occupied in the banking business, his term of service with the First National being over forty years, about twenty of which were served as cashier. Mr. Newcomer was a philanthropist of the highest type. He came nearer following the scriptural injunction to sell all and give it to the poor than any other man with whom the writer is acquainted. No worthy charity ever went to him for help in vain, and the people whose pathway he has smoothed and made lighter number, we doubt not, in the thousands. He was a living embodiment of the highest type of practical Christianity. He was one of the founders and for many years an elder of the First Christian Church of Hagerstown, and was also for years a trustee of Kee Mar College, Maryland.

In accordance with what he believed to be the desire of his father, Mr. Jacob L. Newcomer determined to give the most valuable portion of the library of John D. Newcomer to one of the institutions for higher learning among the Disciples of Christ. After some deliberation he selected Texas Christian University as the beneficiary. The university is under deep obligation to him for his choice—the more so because our old library was entirely destroyed in the Waco fire. The portrait of John D. Newcomer accompanied the books and will have an honored and permanent place on the walls of our library.

Among other volumes, aside from the Harbinger, in the collection are Life of Raccoon John Smith, Caskey's Book, Campbell's Evidences, Life of W. H. Hopson, and Green's Life of Garfield.

THOUGHTS FOR WORKERS.

Don't fear honest competition. It is a splendid way to show your strength.

Don't go to work half-hearted. Good work needs plenty of enthusiasm.

Don't hope the great things to come your way until you do the little things well.

Don't shun plenty of hard work; it is a true, steadfast friend.

If you wish to enjoy your work, work one day at a time.

If you want to do good work, find time for recreation. A man who works without resting soon rusts out.

Subscribe for The Skiff.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Kirksville, Mo., Aug. 20, 1912.
 Dr. F. D. Kershner,
 Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Let me congratulate you on calling back to your assistance in the great work you are doing in T. C. U. two of her old teachers, Colby Hall and Dr. Lockhart. I knew Prof. Hall through his work as reported to me by students who were under him when I was a Texas preacher. Dr. Lockhart I have known personally for the past fourteen years, both at Drake and Christian Universities. Since having work under him as a student, I have had work under men in the State University of Texas, Northwestern University (Evanston) and the University of Chicago. I have associated with teachers as fellow members of the faculty in Christian University, but I feel that I can truly say that Dr. Lockhart in the class room as I see it, has but few equals and no superiors. I congratulate you and the greath brotherhood of Texas in securing these men, and especially Clifton Lockhart. These men are also to be congratulated in having the privilege of helping to build up an institution that has and will mean so much to the kingdom of the Lord.

Wishing you continued success in your great work, I beg to remain,
 Yours truly,

W. H. TRAINUM.

Mr. Emmet Spinks, an old C. O. B. student of T. C. U., had his salary raised one third last week and is now collector and stereographer in the office of the general manager of the Fort Worth & Denver. Watch how the C. O. B. students of T. C. U. climb.

**Some Scenes
 on
 T. C. U. Hill**



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You have been reading since June of this year the Skiff in reduced size, the paper we call the "Summer Skiff." This article is not concerned with that publication. It is the purpose of this article to call your attention to the regular weekly paper of the university, the Skiff, which is published from the beginning to the ending of the school year by the students of the university.

If you are a student of T. C. U., or expect to be, you should count on subscribing for this paper either immediately or as soon as you reach the university grounds, in order to insure your getting the first issue. In the right hand lower corner of the first page of this issue you will find a blank which you should sign and mail immediately to Boyd Wilson, Business Manager The Skiff, care T. C. U., Fort Worth. You should enclose the subscription price of \$1.00, but if that is not convenient send your name anyway and see that you are provided with the cash to pay this important debt as soon as you get to school.

Just as any town or community needs, and is supplied with a newspaper, so does the college community need a medium for the exchange of ideas; and it is a fortunate thing indeed that we are supplied with one. The Skiff during the past year has been truly representative of the student activities and was managed on a very high plane. This paper received many compliments from subscribers and old students as being among the very best published in all the universities and colleges of Texas. It is worthy of every student's and friend's support.

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