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PROF. HALL GIVES FACULTY RECEPTION

Prof. Batson Reads Paper on the Grading System

The mid-term faculty reception was given by Professors Hall and Cahoon in the home of Prof. Hall on last Tuesday evening. The entire Faculty were invited and regardless of the severe weather nearly all were present. Among the group of next year's instructors were Professors Boles and Myatt. They are both at present with Polytechnic.

The principal event of the evening was a paper on "The Grading System" which was given by Prof. Batson. The paper was a good piece of work and was highly complimented by those who heard it. An interesting discussion was held on this same question.

A dainty course of refreshments was served.

SOPHOMORE-FRESHMAN HAVE A MEETING

At the joint meeting of the Sophomore & Freshman class it was decided to have a "tacky party" on the evening of Junior-Senior Banquet. Committees were appointed to arrange for the evening together with a joke to be played on Juniors and Seniors. It was suggested that buttermilk be served as refreshments. The evening promises to be an enjoyable one. It is however out of the ordinary because it is the custom to have an informal reception on that evening.

T. C. U. had the pleasure of entertaining several visitors this week. We are always glad to see them.

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MRS. SHERWOOD LECTURES

Mrs. Sherwood gave her course of art lectures here last week. They were illustrated by beautifully colored slides which were furnished by the Chicago Art Institute. Mrs. Sherwood is a very interesting and attractive lady. Her life has been devoted largely in the interest of art.

Her lectures were thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended them. We would like to have her with us again.

PROHIBITION PRELIMINARY

Feemster To Represent T. C. U.

The preliminaries for the purpose of selecting the T. C. U. representative in the State Prohibition Oratorical Contest to be held at Baylor University, April 11, was held in Shirley-Walton hall last Thursday afternoon. The contestants were Messrs. Roy Feemster, E. Carl Tomlinson, Homer Tomlinson and

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Bob Lines.

The subject of Mr. Feemster the first man to speak, was "American Liberty." His manuscript showed careful thought and deliberate and thorough preparation. His delivery was also good, his voice clear. The judges were well justified in awarding him first place.

The second speaker, Mr. E. Carl Tomlinson chose as his subject, "The American Opportunity." Mr. Tomlinson's thought and delivery were characteristic of his ability as an orator, but owing to the lack of preparation in memorizing he withdrew as a contestant.

"The Great Victory" was the subject of the third speaker, Mr. Homer Tom-

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linson. His oration also displayed his excellent talent as a speaker. His thoughts were vigorous and his delivery effective. He was given second place.

Mr. Bob Lines, in his dignified manner, spoke on the life and work of "John B. Gough." It was an excellent portrayal of the life of the great temperance worker. Mr. Lines' speech was well delivered.

STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

A meeting of the Oratorical Association was held in chapel Wednesday morning after the chapel exercises had adjourned. The purpose of this meeting was to make arrangements for the preliminaries of the State Oratorical Contest. The committees were appointed for arrangement, finances and judges. The contest will be held Monday night of the coming week.

Last Monday Morning the Clarks installed their new officers:
President, Johnnie Agnew.
V. President, Myrtle Hart.
Secretary, Lena B. Reeder.
Treas. Annie Lee Harris.
Sergeant at arms.—Lera Brown.
Parliamentarian, Nell Andrews.

ORGANIZATION OF A TOM BALL CLUB

C. M. Livsey Chosen to Head Organization—Meeting Shows Much Enthusiasm

The latter half of the chapel hour was given over to the organization of the Tom Ball Association. Mr. Crane was appointed chairman of a committee to draft a constitution, submitted his report and the same was adopted. The officers were chosen and a motion was passed to send a telegram to Thos. H. Ball, congratulating him on his candidacy for Governor and inviting him to speak to the Texas Christian University student body sometime during his campaign.

The Tom Ball association does not embrace just those members that are eligible to vote, but every person who is interested in the election of the honorable man for whom the club was named.

The membership roll will consist of active members, those who are eligible to vote and inactive members, those who cannot vote in Texas. The permanent membership will be obtained



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by petition which will be circulated in the near future.

The following officers were chosen: C. M. (Hon. Mike) Livsey, president; C. B. Reeder, vice-president, and Miss Grace Mason, secretary-treasurer.

THE SHIRLEYS HAVE PARLIAMENTARY WRANGLE

On last Monday morning, after an excellent solo by Mr. Williams, the Shirley Literary Society resolved itself into a meeting of the 59th Texas Legislature for the purpose of practice in the rules of parliamentary procedure. The whole society took an active part in the program and some very interesting and instructive situations were developed. Several important bills were considered at this sitting of the legislature, among which the following were the most notable: (a) A bill, introduced by Senator Keith of Dallas county, providing that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to attend to the immediate burial, with military honors, of all dead soldiers found lying back of Clark or Goode Halls, and that a Court of Inquiry be established to inquire into the circumstances of such a wholesale slaughter of the Texas militia. Senator Keith's heart-rending description of Colonel Budweiser's death, at which he was present, almost moved the audience to tears.

(2) A prohibition bill, by Senator Hayes of Jack County, which had especial reference to affairs in T. C. U.

(3) A strongly-prohibition bill, statewide in its sweeping provisions, by Senator Jones of Cornstalk county.

The consideration of these bills was ludicrous in the extreme, but the drill thus obtained in parliamentary rules was very beneficial.

THE BASEBALL OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Twenty-five Men Report Daily To Coach Cahoon

Baseball prospects at T. C. U. were never brighter this early in the season than they are at the present time. Two dozen men are appearing daily for practice, and from these, Coach Cahoon will pick two teams; one to represent

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the college circles and another to cope with the high and preparatory schools of the city for the interscholastic supremacy of Fort Worth. At present only a few men have shown themselves superior to the many candidates for the different places and a lively tussle is sure to be seen within the next few days. McKown at third, who was one of our all-state men last year, will be seen at the difficult corner. Klutts, a fast lad from Childress, has shown much speed and hitting ability and will no doubt play short. Borleland at second, was Polytechnic star infielder last season and needs no introduction to T. C. U. fandom. Fuller, who comes well recommended from Arlington, will prob-

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ably be seen at the initial sack. Garrett, a pitcher, is also showing up well for the place. A very live fight will be seen between Stewart and Stirman for the catcher position. Both of these men are heady receivers and good hitters. Stewart hails from Denison and is making his first appearance in a Christian uniform. Red Lowe for pitcher is enough said. He will be assisted by McNamara, Shelbourne and Ethridge.

The outfield is giving our genial coach most worry. Gunter, Griffin, Serogina, Wright, Garret and Cooper are all showing well and it would be too early to prophecy who will land the berths. Besides the above mentioned men there

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'T' ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED

Parker Chosen to Head the Association. Aaron Griffin, Vice Pres.

The "T" Association was called together by Alvin Stree last Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the association. Luther Parker was chosen president. Mr. Parker is a man of much experience in athletic activities. He has won his letter for several years. Mr. Griffin was chosen vice president. Mr. Griffin won his letter this year for the first time but he has given much attention to athletics and has been a loyal supporter for the different branches of the sport ever since his first appearance on the scrub football team three years ago.

Miss Katie Mae Cook was elected to the office of secretary-treasurer. Miss Cook was on last season's basketball team.

There was one thing original in the meeting and that was the presence of of the young ladies. Never before has it been the custom in the university to award "letters" to the fair ones for athletic service; but T. C. U. has at last recognized that it is only just that her girls as well as her boys be awarded for representing her upon the athletic field.

are others who are showing up well. The conditions as a whole look very favorable and it would not be saying too much if we predicted an undefeated college team for our school.

The Interscholastic League will include North and Central Highs, Poly and T. C. U. scrubs and Bryant Training School. Last year we finished second. This year we'll finish first.

An education is like a cold bath. You want it; you need it; and you have to take it.

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EDITORIALS

THE FRESHMAN SKIFF.

The Freshman's turn to "put out a Skiff" has come and the responsibility of this great event rests upon the shoulders of a class that has not had a trial in that field. It would, therefore, not become us to criticize that have preceded ours. Of course, we feel that they, as well as anything else, are subject to criticism, but we would rather leave that work for the Seniors, who have perhaps taken "last chance at the grab-box" in order to show the other classes their mistakes. This is a wise plan.

We thought at first that we would put the Freshman Skiff out in green ink, but this was seriously objected to by the majority of the class because they were not in favor of sailing under those colors. Whether right or wrong the idea was abandoned. Then came the searching for a new scheme. We, as underclassmen, did not wish to follow in the ruts of the preceding classes. So this is the attempt at presenting our first publication as one of the classes of Texas Christian University. We hope that it will meet the approval of those who have been so ready to criticize us in the past and those who have been our friends and who have overlooked our blunders.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you believe in some of the things that are practiced at T. C. U? No, not the things that have already been ridden to death, but in such things as "backbighting" and "gossiping." Do you think that the way to have effect upon a person is to be continually giving him a "black eye," and then not being satisfied with that, to hold him up as a public example. In some cases that is the thing to do but slurring remarks and "wonderful tales" of gossip have never done any good. There are

people, not one but several, who look upon themselves as perfect and those who do not fit in that mold are lost forever. If you have not found that person, or those persons, look them up for they are here. Remember that no man is perfect according to that teacher whose instructions rule the Christian world. Is it best to fight the boy or girl who is doing wrong or to be his friend and show him the right way instead of trying to make a scape grace of him for the things that you would be doing under the same circumstances? If he is not worth your time and attention then he is not worth your time that it takes to gossip about him. This is a Freshman's idea and may not meet the approval of those whom it hits, but if the shoe fits wear it and have the same charged to the editor's account. This is only one person's idea but remember that your idea of the other fellow is only one person's idea also.

ENTHUSIASM IN T. C. U.

We do not feel that the high standard of enthusiasm is being kept up in the various fields. It is as high as it has been this year. Tennis and basketball have gone to the front, it is true, but where has the other enthusiasm gone? I mean that kind that makes you feel that you would do anything for T. C. U. If it is here, then this article is a sad mistake and the writer of it has been asleep. Please wake him up to the fact because he does not like to look on things in this way. But to him things are not as "peppery" as they have been in the past. Picture a ball game with Baylor in the days gone by, then picture one of our modern games. Picture a contest in the days gone by and picture one at present. One person was present at a late contest besides the judges and other officials--is that enthusiasm? It was a prohibition contest and still some one is always howling about the dead soldiers back of Clark Hall. If enthusiasm in a general sense is as high as it has ever been then we wish the Senior class would correct this statement and show the writer where he is wrong. Of course T. C. U. is not dead, but the enthusiasm is not what it used to be. As a whole T. C. U. is a better school but it hasn't the "Pep" that it has had. Now be honest about it. It might be suggested here that we "do something" to arouse the enthusiasm, but no one would care to take instructions from a "Fish" so we leave it to the Senior class and others to settle and to correct our mistake if there be any.

SHIRLEYS ELECT DEBATERS

The committee appointed some time ago by the Shirley Society to elect two debaters and an alternate for the Inter-Society debate have elected J. A. Crain, J. H. Monk, with John M. Kieth as alternate.

College Press

Edited by Edwin R. Bentley

TEACHES BUTCHERING.

Missouri installs a complete course in the gentle art of butchering. In one of the Agricultural buildings a complete butcher shop is located.
—Tiger (Colorado College.)

Those Missourians believe in being showed all the way down the line.

SOOP.

The Cotner Collegian, the weekly newspaper of Cotner University has a department called the "Soop." This department is for localisms similar to the Ironoclast column in our own paper. Pertinent comments on local occurrences are found in these columns. We do not know the why of the rather unattractive name of the Collegian but the Soop editor has the following to say: "We want it known that this 'Soop' column is not a 'hash' column. 'Soop' served once is never hashed over again unless the printer makes a 'bone head' mistake like the one appearing in last week's issue."

FROM PHILLIPS U.

"The Senior Class of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, has decided to publish an annual this year which has been christened the Phillipian. This is the first endeavor of the Phillipians to issue a year book. Success to the Phillips boosters.—Skiff, T. C. U.

"We are grateful for this expression of good will from our sister university of the South."
—The Slate.

GOT WISE.

"It is gratifying to note that the German Faculty of the State University has decided to teach the German script through all the years of German offered. This method has been in vogue in T. C. U. ever since the department was reorganized by the present management. This certainly speaks very highly of the method used by the head of our own Modern Language Department.—Skiff.

"We are glad Texas U. 'got wise.' German script is in use in the German courses at Phillips."
—The Slate.

ROLL NEEDS REVISING.

Last week the Junior class down at Baylor University took charge of the Lariat and stood responsible for one issue. In that issue they had what they called "The Junior Class Invoice." In this column is listed the names and positions of trust and honor held by the members. Somewhere down the list of names we read this terse comment: "Lera Brown, University Beauty." Now it appears that the said Junior class of Baylor University should revise and bring up to date their class roster. Lera Brown is and has been in T. C. U. all this year. She knows a good thing when she sees it.

MR. ROGERS SPEAKS IN CHAPEL SATURDAY

L. W. Rogers, of New York City, national lecturer of the Theosophical Society, gave an interesting lecture in chapel Saturday morning on the "Psychology of Shakespeare." During his speech Mr. Rogers gave references and quoted passages from many of Shakespeare's productions, including "Julius Caesar," "King Richard the Third," "Hamlet," "Macbeth" and "As You Like It."

Mr. Roger's address centered upon the main question, "Do We Survive Bodily Death." He dealt with this question from a scientific standpoint, mentioning experiments of noted scientists, upon which is based the claim that it has been scientifically demonstrated that the human being survives the death of the physical and continues his career in the immediate vicinity of this world, at least for a time.

Mr. Rogers went from here to Dallas where he will deliver a series of lectures.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY A LIVE ONE

The T. C. U. Endeavor is a live wire among the religious organizations for the development of the spiritual lives of college students. We have about sixty of the students enrolled as active and associate members, each of whom is wide awake to the questions confronting society today. We are working on the Efficiency Chart and already have a number of points towards a front rank society; but we still have room to enlarge our ranks, our knowledge of social conditions and our own efficiency. We have taken the Loving Cup the past two months at the Local Union meeting, and as the next meeting will be at the University we hope to win it again thus entitling us to keep it.

Last meeting there was a change in the regular procedure of the program, there being a debate between two Endeavorers. The subject was: "Resolved that Poverty is a greater detriment to Christianity than Riches." The debaters were: Affirmative—Clifford Sperling, Miss Keith. Negative—Paul Perkle, Miss Foise.

The judges decided in favor of the negative.

The Endeavor meets at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and everyone is cordially invited.

A MEMBER.

BOX PARTY

Friday night the Senior boys gave the young ladies of their class a box party for "Within the Law" at Byer's Opera House. Since there was a larger number of boys than girls the young men of the class decided by lot who were the fortunate ones. The guests were as follows: Misses Agnew, Barnard, Mason, Baldwin, Roberts, Martin, and Messrs. Freeman, Cole, Parker, Livsey, Rawlins, Batson, Dean and Mrs. W. B. Parks, chaperones.

Miss Leota Blassengame has returned after spending several days with her parents at their home.

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ADD-RANS CHOOSE DEBATERS

Monday's program for the Add-Rans was turned over to the "try outs" who were competing for the Add-Ran team which will represent that society in the annual Add-Ran-Shirley debate. The men who entered the contest were Arthur Moore, Birge Holt, Aaron Griffing and J. B. McBride. Moore and McBride will represent the team, with Holt as an alternate.

The contest was a close and hard fought battle in which a good deal of material was shown. The final debate promises to be first class and well balanced.

Miss Lois Wilkes '13 was among the guests this week. Welcome home Lois.

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Mrs. Cahoon, Misses Lena Beckham Reeder, Katie Mae Cook, Ruby Spiller, Katie May Chilton, Allie Merrell Conger, Ethlyn Bowman, Charlie Koch and Una Stark attended Grand Opera in Dallas last week. They all report a fine time.

Prof. Beutel, after so long a time, secured a ticket and attended Grand Opera in Dallas.

Mrs. Ferguson, who studied Art before Christmas, visited the art rooms a few days ago. She reports that she will be back in the summer to resume her work.

Miss Ethel Brown, who graduated in Art last year, visited the art room Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Alma Ellis, a student in art and voice, visited the two departments Wednesday.

The Brushes will give a picnic in Forest Park Thursday. Every member is urged to brush up and come out in full force.

Mrs. J. R. Clark was visiting her friends in T. C. U. this week.

LIBRARY NOTES

A series of Bulletins from the University of Texas are coming to the library, which are of special interest to the History and Education Department.

Mr. H. W. Stark of Gainesville, a member of the Board of Trustees, has donated a set of the new Standard Encyclopedia, which is being shipped from the factory.

The 1914 Senior class has planned to furnish the Philosophy Department with new books. The gift will be presented at commencement with appropriate services. The books are to be selected by Dr. Batson, head of the Philosophy Department and Miss Nell Andrew, the librarian. This is indeed a splendid gift and we are grateful to the seniors.

An interesting little book by J. P. Altgeld, ex-governor of Illinois, entitled "The Cost of Something for Nothing," has been received as the compliment of the J. P. Altgeld Memorial Association of Chicago. The book is made up of thirty or more short essays, any one of which can be easily read between class periods. Call for it at the librarian's desk.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Bert Camp and Charles Bussey were T. C. U. visitors this week.

C. S. Burkhart, who has been absent from school on account of sickness, has returned and will resume his work.

Bernard Roan has returned to the University to take up his school work. He was compelled to be absent from our midst for several days on account of sickness.

First Freshman—What is a good definition for the word "impossibility?" Second Freshman—To find a Sophomore who knows as much as he thinks he does.

Mrs. H. R. Garrett entertained a number of her T. C. U. friends with a big picnic dinner at Forest Park Monday afternoon. After dinner the guests spent the afternoon in "Forty-two," "Flush" and kodaking. Those present were: Misses Hanan, Tudor, Wilhite, Caldwell, Ferguson, Elkins, Mary and Beatrice Garret, Isaacs, Messrs. Sisk, Camp, Rollin Garrett, Ralph Garrett, Wade Garret, Isaacs, Van Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Garret.

Roberta Scott has been very ill all the past week. She is better now and will soon be able to attend her classes.

Answer to the Soph's "Why not the boys and girls go to the Roost together?"—Well, on Tuesday night they did combine their forces; and on Tuesday night they did go to the roost together.

Last Thursday evening a number of T. C. U. people enjoyed a delicious dinner with Professor and Mrs. Colby D. Hall. Those present were Misses Jane Barnard, Grace Mason, Messrs. Basil and Reese Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bentlev.

English Professor—What is a six-foot couplet?

Student—Two Sophomores.
Professor—Please illustrate your meaning.

Student—"Holly" and "C. C."

Talk of class spirit! Well, you ought to be a member of the Freshman and get to enjoy some real true class spirit.

Wednesday morning at chapel Dr. Kershner announced that there would be a mass meeting of the Freshmen and Sophomores, and then remarked, with a smile, that it seemed as though the lion were lying down with the lamb. Now, Sophs! Just use a little liniment of some kind to rub the swelling out of your heads. He had reference to the Freshmen when he spoke of the "lion."

Miss Stella Morrow of Durant, Oklahoma, is visiting in T. C. U. She will remain in the institution for several days.

Miss Fay Eason has returned to T. C. U. to take up her work. Miss Eason has been unable to be in school the past few weeks on account of severe illness.

If you are not attending the Freshman class meetings you are missing things that would do credit to a Legislative Chamber at full heat. If there is anything in reincarnation we have Mark Anthony, and Patrick Henry in our class, and several others whom we are not able to recognize.

Roy Scroggins; (at Byers, in the T. C. U. box.) Here kid! bring me some candy, I am going to show these boys I am a sport.

Candy Kid;—We haven't anything but a twenty-five cent box.

Scroggins.—Good Lord! I want a five cent box.

Some sport!

English Professor:—What is a six-foot couplet?

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R. B. Waggoman had business with the Dean Tuesday morning.

BOILED HAPPENINGS

T. C. U. versus Central High, score 11 to 3. Game lasted two innings.

Foomster wins first. Tomlinson second in Prohibition contest.

Tom Ball Association was organized, with C. M. Livsey, president. Much enthusiasm shown.

Freshmen hold A Meeting—not many meetings.

The Stockmen's Convention brings many visitors to T. C. U.

Junior-Senior Banquet will be held tonight.

Sophomore-Freshmen have arranged for their annual reception. Refreshments will be guarded.

Orations are being prepared for the State Oratorical preliminaries.

Baseball team looks good.

Tennis is still thrifty.

Faculty have reception at Professor Hall's.

Add-Ran debating team is chosen by preliminaries held at regular session.

Shirleys have parliamentary practice in the form of a lively "Ninety-ninth Session of the Texas Legislature."

Freshman class has a row over question of printing Skiff in Green.

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Jas. McKowan was at church last Sunday morning.

One day last week "Goat" Wright, "Senior" Wood, "Eternally Rorin" Gracy and "Frolicky" Hudson were granted a holiday by Prof. Dabbs. The holiday was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Miss Ethel and Eula Brown were in T. C. U. last Tuesday. They attended school here the first term but did not return after the holidays. They are very popular young ladies and their T. C. U. friends have missed them during their absence.

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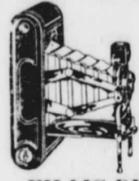
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In the last issue of the Skiff the Sophomores boasted that their jokes were like olives—at first disliked, but after a while appreciated. Now this simile is entirely out of harmony with the true nature of the average Sophomore joke. Their jokes are rather like green apples—sour both at first and last, liked only by little children, and always leaving the eater with a "pain."

Last week while speaking of the Junior Skiff, a Sophomore editorial said: "They had a big, red '15' on the front page of their edition. This stands for their class. It was put on crooked, which we presume is to represent the policy of the class." What we can't see is where the Sophs have any room to criticize. When their edition came out there was a big black "Sophomore" in the upper left hand corner. We suppose that this was to designate that they were "corners!" and did not know what else to do. And that the unbalanced appearance and one-sided effect was to represent their state of mind.

Wonder why that fellow who is always talking about the dead soldiers at the rear of Clark Hall is so much interested in them. Are they related to him?

In the spring a young man's fancies slightly turn to thoughts of love. But in T. C. U. there is a certain little bell that was not meant for love's vocabulary.

While gamboling around back of Clark Hall last Saturday, a stray milch cow unfortunately got hold of a Sophomore Skiff, devouring same, (ironoclasms, jokes, editorials and the write-up of Tom Ball). Monday the cow went dry.

Students are not the only folks around T. C. U. who fail to get their lessons. For instance the Sunday school lesson which Pres. Kershner failed to get this week. Wonder if he'll get a demerit.

V. Z. Rogers, of Trinity University, spent a few hours Sunday at T. C. U. with his friends, Tyson Secrest and Riley Aiken.

ECONOMIC ASPECT OF MEXICAN REVOLUTIONS

Laying all moral considerations aside, the revolutions in Mexico are insupportable from an economic standpoint. Every day thousands of dollars worth of powder and lead are wasted without ridding the land of any bad Mexicans, the marksmanship of the rebels being as bad as their morals. Long marches against the enemy cause an enormous expenditure for shoe leather and laundry bills. These marches also increase the appetites of the belligerents, thus augmenting their consuming powers vastly, and resulting in the wholesale investiture of chili parlors and devastation of hot-tamales. Moreover, the sultry dust of hasty retreat and the odor of wasted gunpowder have brought on deplorable nasal afflictions, causing the stock of catarrhal remedies to be depleted, and the supply of cubebs well nigh dissipated. The frequent occurrence of presidential elections demands a huge supply of campaign literature, and business is kept at an unstable condition. If this monstrous condition of affairs prevails, U. S. will have to intervene and civilize the natives, in which event it is certain that their enlightened view of the commodities necessary to human sustenance will increase their financial obligations phenomenally. The enormity of the situation is only too obvious; and it is to be hoped that when they read this they will mend the error of their ways.

—A Sophistical Soph.

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SEASICK SOPH

Last week the Skiff was put to test On foggy higher seas; The mighty Sophs, of whom I jest, Swarmed up the deck like bees. It seemed that they would journey far, And with each class wage naval war; Make walk the plank all those who mar Our weekly paper's leaves.

Young Captain Knight, with pen in hand Gazed o'er the inky waves; His compass set for Junior Land To scrap the Junior knaves. Had been his long, ambitious whim To show this class his potent vim By means of which he'd conquer them And make them weep and rave.

And after that to Freshman Isle, He'd steer the haughty boat, To show them up in pretty style, Or "get some Freshie's goat." So many things he'd have them know, Regretted that he'd have to go 'Mong men so ignorant and low Of whom few writers wrote.

And last of all to Senior Land, The land of brain and thought; (?) Where no one lives but wisest man, In knowledge lacking naught. (?) He'd have them see another man Who knew as much or more again Than Senior chaps thruout the land Who naught but lassies sought.

Thus dreamed the captain on the deck As he gazed o'er the sea. He boasted, laughed and said, "By Heck Just leave the job to me. Thruout this Skiff I'll have the dope From cannon rounds to rigging rope; Ha! this will set them down, I hope, Then happy will I be."

But as our hero smiled and gazed, (It's most too sad to tell) Became all seasick, drunk and dazed, And staggered 'round pell mell. The rolling boat seemed on it's head, The wheeling sky 'came greenish red; At last the Cap. was put to bed, And th' expedition fell.

Crestfallen Sophs all came ashore Just one day late by time. 'Twould be too bad to tease them more So I will stop this rime. But just a word to Captain K— I've often longed from day to day Revenge for that last summer's lay, To you I give these lines.

Riley Aiken.

"CHAPEL"

If there is one phase of college life, above all others, of which T. C. U. students are proud, it is our daily chapel exercise. Chapel is a great thing for any college. There is probably more studying done during the brief thirty minutes of chapel than any other period of the day. You see study is about the only antidote, yet discovered, that will counteract the chapel exercise proper. Those who do not care to study this time of day would enjoy the program much more if some benevolent and kindhearted friend of bored youth would only see fit to furnish the chapel room with pillows and cushions. Or some enterprising young financier could foster an inestimable good to the student body and also lay the foundation for his own fortune by renting the above mentioned articles at the chapel door each morning.

The program rendered in chapel each morning is something that will never be forgotten by anyone who has had the privilege of listening one through. We sing a little song or two; have a little chat; hear the batting average in the "demerit league;" hear a few announcements; listen to some hints on "the campus beautiful;" and then we close. What an exercise for a great big healthy man!

Sometimes we have a visitor who always brings along his "chapel talk." These "chapel talks" would make fine instruments for digging post holes, and

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they are also a very present help in case you have a class immediately following chapel. Otherwise, until we get the above mentioned pillows and cushions, the less said the better. Chapel talks cover every subject in captivity and some from the jungle, i. e. bees, lead pencils, success, prohibition, duty, study, and George Washington. Chapel talks are all built on the same formula, as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen, it affords me great pleasure to be allowed to say a few words to you this morning. Not many years ago, I will not say how many, I was a student just the same as you, and I want to tell you that you are now spending the happiest days of your lives." Next comes the standard joke. "Now I am not going to detain you long this morning, as I know you are every one anxious to get to your studies." (Cheers, applause, thunderous applause, and oh, if we only had those much needed cushions, together with a few "alley apples" and ripe tomatoes.) If we could only get a visit from Mrs. Pankhurst and the faculty would see fit to bring out an act from the Majestic circuit, we feel that our list of chapel attractions would be about complete.

Not long ago one Freshman had a dream in which the value of chapel was clearly demonstrated. This particular Freshman dreamed that he had died and was to be permitted to enter the city on high. As he approached the great gates St. Peter extended the welcome with these words: "Come right in, we are now having chapel." The Freshman fled, exclaiming "Me for the other world."

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