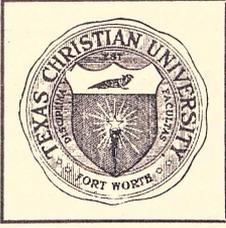


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NOT infrequently on a college campus, young men may be heard asserting their disbelief of God's existence. Our own campus is not spared sporadic displays of what passes for theological erudition on the part of some who have not advanced out of intellectual nonage. The "intellectual defeat and spiritual dismay," which characterizes so much of modern literature, is thus reflected in the campus mouthings of miniature Menckens. Not the least important of the obligations of the Christian college is that of wise and patient dealing with immature philosophies of religion. Radical utterances and unblushing denials of the fundamental verities are often the indices of intellectual birth-pangs. The young radical is sorely in need of *mehr Licht!* Here is light from Plato, for the young man who says "I do not believe in the existence of God"—Plato's splendid answer is found in the *Laws*: "O my son, we say to him, you are young, and the advance of time will make you reverse many of the opinions which you now hold. Wait, therefore, until the time comes, and do not attempt to judge of high matters at present; and that is the highest of which you think nothing—to know the gods rightly and to live accordingly. And in the first place, let me indicate to you one point which is of great importance and of the truth of which I am quite certain: You and your friends are not the first who have held this opinion about the gods. There have always been persons more or less numerous who have had the same disorder. I have known many of them, and can tell you this, that no one who had taken up in youth this opinion, that the gods do not exist, ever continued in the same until he was old. . . . What may be the true doctrine, if you are patient and take my advice, you will hereafter discover, by the help of the legislator and of others." While Plato in this passage speaks of the gods in the plural, after the common manner, we are justified in speaking of his idea of God, with goodness as the chief characteristic of divinity, added to the older conception of Greek thinkers that justice was the highest attribute of God.

What will our young doubter say about this important question, five, ten or twenty years from now? Is it not more than likely to be the historic confession, "I believe in God the Father"?

"It must be so, Plato, thou reasonest well."

The Faculty Woman's Club will present two plays in May to University audiences. The first play, "Xingu," will be given by an all-woman cast from the Faculty women or Faculty wives. Men of the Faculty will star in the second play, "The King's English." These two plays are being directed by Mrs. Henry D. Guelick. A Faculty quartette, Smith (W. C. not R. A.), Hutton, Leftwich, Hall, proposes to sing, if the audience will consent.

Ivan Alexander III, in the form of a bouncing baby boy, was the recent acquisition to the home of Dr. C. I. Alexander, assistant professor of geology. "He may take my place in the department," the proud father has been heard to say.

K. M. Van Zandt

THE death of Major K. M. Van Zandt on March 19, 1930, at the advanced age of ninety-three, removes from his accustomed place in Fort Worth the city's most illustrious citizen. The story of Major Van Zandt's life, in point of time, covers the span of years from the ox cart to the airplane, the log cabin to the skyscraper. It is the story of the Confederacy, the creating of a Commonwealth, the building of a city, and also and more, it is the building of a pattern of Christian manhood, which is destined to be one of the city's most valued traditions in all the years to come. The full story of Major Van Zandt's long and distinguished career cannot be told here.

In this appreciative tribute to his memory, Texas Christian University acknowledges with deep gratitude the Major's benevolent and generous support in the dark days of the University's history. Never a man to make promises to pay, and adverse to the idea of signing pledge-cards, Major Van Zandt again and again received the University's representatives with the utmost kindness, and with signed checks for them to carry away as positive proof of his belief in the work of Christian Education. Particularly President E. M. Waits has the liveliest sense of the Major's practical responsiveness to the appeals carried to him. At the beginning of the present administration, back in 1916, Major Van Zandt gave his check for \$1,000 and followed this with a payment of \$5,000 annually for a number of years. During the campaign in 1923 for the liquidation of the University's indebtedness, Major Van Zandt made a payment of \$2,500. Numerous other contributions towards the varying needs of T. C. U. are remembered, although not recorded here. The last of Major Van Zandt's benefactions came some two or three months ago in the form of a payment of \$1,000 for the new building for the University Christian Church. Major Van Zandt has stood as a bulwark of integrity and righteousness in Fort Worth since that day in August, 1865, when he came here to live. For sixty-five years, he has been Fort Worth's "first citizen." In 1923, Texas Christian University honored itself by conferring on Major Van Zandt the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. His place none can fill, but his splendid example has helped and will help countless younger men to fill their own places worthily. In token of the University's indebtedness to the memory of this great servant of man and of God, the last photograph made of the Major is reproduced on the front cover of this issue. This picture was taken at his desk in the Fort Worth National Bank, of which he was president for fifty-six years. Until a few days before his death, he was to be found at his desk at 8:15 each morning.



MRS. SADIE T. BECKHAM
Dean of Women

Mrs. Helen Fouts Cahoon, head of the voice department of T. C. U., was recently presented as the soloist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. She is now (April 21) singing in a concert engagement at Denver.

Miss Gladys Seigler of Hereford was the "Sweetheart of the T. C. U. Ranch" at the first annual Round-Up at the University of Texas, April 11 to 13. Her escort was A. D. Weatherly of Panhandle.

Miss Lillian Preston, assistant matron in Jarvis Hall, will attend summer school at T. C. U. She will receive her A. B. degree in the August class.

Miss Elizabeth Shelburne, assistant matron in Jarvis Hall, will spend the first part of the summer teaching in T. C. U., and will leave in August for her home in Sherman.

The senior class of 1930 will donate \$1,000 to the University as its class gift to create a scholarship fund.

Mrs. A. McCartney, house mother at Gibson House, will spend the summer in Austin and Waxahachie.

The Philosophy of Humor

By MERREL D. CLUBB,
Professor of English Literature.

Résumé of a Lecture Given at the University on March 14.

Author's Note: The reader will understand that it is difficult to represent fairly in the form of an abstract a lecture on humor. Considerations of space render it necessary to leave out almost all the illustrations in which such amusement as the paper afforded chiefly resided. The lecture itself must have been sufficiently trying to the patience of the audience in the attempt made to explain such an apparently simple matter as laughter; but the author now feels painfully guilty of adding one more to the list of labored discourses in print upon humor. Dry wit is one thing—a dry discussion of wit is something else again. But probably this abstract would never have been written if our esteemed editor had been there to hear the lecture.

MAN has for centuries been called the *animal risibile* by numerous philosophers. Whether a sense of humor is an *exclusively* human possession seems doubtful, but every thinker would admit that it is a most *characteristically* human possession. Yet most systematic philosophers have apparently considered the element of humor unworthy of more than casual notice, for in their systematic moods they are likely to be too much in deadly earnest to find a place for an irresponsible quality which often makes fun of all the things which "our best people" have decided must always be taken seriously: our sanctities, our ideals—and our human pretensions to importance.

Hence it may seem strange to speak of a "Philosophy of Humor." In the very dawn of philosophy, however, two men, Heraclitus and Democritus, both viewing the universe as a rather rickety, or at least a very unstable, contraption in which something is always getting out of order and upsetting the complacency of us mortals, came to be called, one, "the weeping philosopher," and the other, "the laughing philosopher." According to report, the latter, a centenarian, lived to be forty years older than the former.

And in common parlance, to take an upset philosophically and to take it humorously—"to laugh it off"—are not so very different. The essential difference would seem to be that it is much pleasanter to take the upset humorously.

Not having the temerity to appropriate the holy name of science, I have borrowed that of philosophy to denominate a theoretical explanation of humor based on a love of it. Possibly since the hearthstone of philosophy has of late been deserted by practically all of her family of hustling sciences except mathematics and logic who can hardly afford to get very far away from home, the ancient mother of wisdom may be willing to take this little street gamin, humor, under her sheltering roof.

Though much of our laughter is so quickly and easily released as to seem almost automatic, the subject of humor is bafflingly complex. Its ramifications are about as deep and subtle as those of sex, the appreciation of beauty, and the sense of the tragic. No theory of humor can be adequate which does not allow one to make one's approach from a number of different points of view.

The laugh itself is an astonishingly complicated phenomenon of physiology which it would take pages just to describe satisfactorily. According to the most recent formula, that of Lucien Fabre, the condition anterior to the laugh is one of constraint involving diminution of voluntary innervation and vaso-constriction. After the release caused by the humorous incident, the bodily organs in returning to normal pass beyond that intermediate state into a state of increased voluntary innervation and vaso-dilatation. The psychological accompaniments of these states are, first, feelings of insecurity and disorder, and then later, feelings of reassurance. The strain may be great or almost imperceptible, the release retarded or almost instantaneous, and the laughter violent or confined to action images or to impulses held in check.

Two conflicting theories of humor are based on two diverse explanations of the origin of the smile. One traces the smile to the snarl in which the carnivorous animal bares his teeth for combat or as a sign of victory. The kind of humor which would develop from such a smile would conform to Hobbes's notion that laughter is produced by a pleasant feeling of our superiority to others or to ourselves as we were previously. This idea

easily passes into the theory that all laughter is satirical in purpose, *i. e.*, that it is a weapon by means of which society gently or severely coerces its members into conformity with social standards. Much humor is admittedly of this sort.

But it is possible to trace the smile to the expression of satisfaction to be observed when the satiated nursing quits the mother's breast—an expression which appears as early as the fourth day. Tickling, a painful pleasure very early stimulates the rhythmical giggle which is the medium of expression for the more intense humorous states. This type of laughter develops into the pure type of humor which is not necessarily blended with ridicule or egoistic superiority. It is primarily a sign of the enjoyment of the incongruities and even, on occasion, of the more serious misfortunes of life.

Laughter and weeping are often interchangeably the outlets for congested nervous strains which are generated when the smooth course of life is interrupted by pains of widely varying intensity that arise in both the body and the mind. In an unstable condition the individual may oscillate between laughter and tears very easily. A woman's "good cry" over a trifle is in effect not so very different from the spasms of laughter over trifles to which men are rather more prone than women. But laughter has always been considered in some fundamental way connected with health and power of body and mind.

Much laughter is so near the level of the reflex that it appears to involve almost no specifically humorous element. Humor, properly speaking, is a complex, not a simple, state of mind. It is basally a pleasant motion aroused by certain qualities in things which we perceive through the senses or recall by memory. In beauty we are pleased by a satisfying unity in variety; in humor our pleasure lies more in the perception of factors of intellectual or emotional difference or incongruity which are quickly seen to possess an unlooked-for congruity.

If one allows one's ego and one's desires to be touched by the disturbing incongruity, one takes it seriously or maybe tragically. If one maintains the integrity and liberty of one's *self* sufficiently to preceive the qualities of both incongruity and congruity, then laughter is possible. Laughter is closely related to the play capacity. Our word *joke* is derived from a Latin word which came to mean primarily non-humorous play in French and Italian.

Yet for all the independence of the humorist's ego, it is not at all necessary to assume that humor cannot coexist with sympathy. Paradoxically, the springs of humor and pathos, comedy and tragedy, laughter and tears, lie very near together. One may be deeply sympathetic with the person at whom one laughs, but of course, one does not in the humorous mood pretend to see things in exactly the same proportion as that person.

An individual's sense of humor is conditioned by four variables: (1) his knowledge or opinion of what is normal, ideal, or usual and his tendency to have some emotional (though possibly subconscious) preference for this; (2) his ability to recognize incongruities and paradoxical congruities between the expected and the actual; (3) his willingness to surrender himself to the emotion of surprise at the unexpected; and (4) his ability to depersonalize a situation, "to see" or "to take" a joke.

Of course, humor can be reinforced by appeals to certain emotional prejudices of ours by rendering their opposites ridiculous. Playing upon subtle antagonisms of religion, morality, race, class, sex, or even science is a common device with humorists. It is especially frequent in satire, moral or otherwise. But these types of humor are not pure fun. They are rather the products of mixed motives.

The two major varieties of pure humor are the active humor of conscious tricks and the passive humor of unconscious mistakes or of unavoidable abnormalities.

As to the scope of the humorous, no limitations can be legitimately made, though individuals and social groups have a tendency to consider it immoral to laugh concerning certain subjects to which they have attached taboos. But it is easy to show by thousands of examples that normal men have laughed at practically everything in the

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About the Professors



E. A. ELLIOTT



F. G. JONES



GAYLE SCOTT

Professor Edwin A. Elliott, on leave of absence this year pursuing graduate studies at the University of Texas, took an active part in the annual proceedings of The Southwestern Political and Social Science Association in Dallas, April 18 and 19. He served as chairman of the opening session of the Economics Section, Friday morning, April 18, and the same afternoon, he discussed the topic, "The Economic Status of the Tenantry of a Texas Cotton Estate." Other T. C. U. men having part on this program were Dr. W. C. Smith with a discussion of "How to Study Racial Situations and Problems"; Professor W. O. Suiter, whose topic was "Estimates of Yields From Taxation of Personal Incomes and Corporate Surpluses in Texas;" and Professor Robert M. Duncan, with an address on "Public Administration and Political Theory."

Professor Franklin G. Jones is acting as district chairman for the Pension Fund drive of the Disciples of Christ. His district comprises Clay, Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker, Johnson and Tarrant counties. In pursuance of his duties as chairman, he has visited the Christian Church at Arlington, Texas, to present the pension plan to the Official Board. Other churches, not committed to the plan, will be visited by Professor Jones. President E. M. Waits and R. H. Foster, '04, are also members of this district committee.

Professor Raymond A. Smith spoke in the Brite College Chapel on April 9. His subject was "The Gospel for an Age of Jazz." On April 10, he addressed a group of teachers and parents at the Pender Avenue School in Fort Worth on the subject, "Tuberculosis and the Schools," repeating this address on April 11 before a similar group at the Eighth Ward School in Fort Worth. On Friday afternoon, April 11, he spoke to the T. C. U. Mothers' Club.

Professor S. W. Hutton gave an address on "Religious Education" before a group of parents and teachers at the Alice Carlson School in Fort Worth on April 11. With the assistance of students in the field of sacred music, Professor Hutton has prepared programs for the worship services of the Texas Christian Missionary Convention in Austin, May 5-8.

Professor J. L. Whitman, head of the chemistry department, attended the national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Atlanta from April 6 to 10. "Between the sessions of the convention," said Professor Whitman, "I spent a part of my time in saving stamps." Professor Whitman has a stamp collection valued at \$1,000.

Professor S. P. Ziegler, of the Art Department, is busy with brush, pen, voice and violincello. He spoke recently to the Brushes on "Future Ideals of the Art Student." He served on the jury for an exhibition of Houston paintings at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston this month. He has been made a permanent member of a jury of art to pass on all works of art for the new Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. This jury will decide on all plans of decoration to be carried out through the years.

Dr. Gayle Scott of the biology and geology department has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists. The election took place at the annual meeting of the organization in New Orleans. San Antonio was chosen as the meeting place for 1931. Dr. Scott has been for the past year the president of the North Texas Biological Society, which recently held its seventh annual meeting. This gathering, held at T. C. U., brought together nearly a hundred delegates.

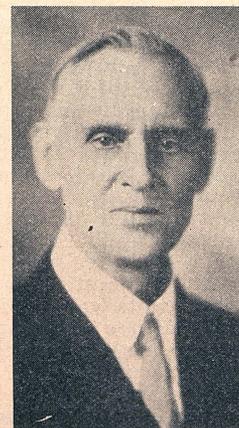
Dr. Clinton Lockhart has been giving a series of lectures on the "Canon of the Old Testament", before the men's Bible class of the University Christian Church.



R. A. SMITH



S. P. ZIEGLER



CLINTON LOCKHART



JOHN LORD



E. R. TUCKER



E. W. MCDIARMID

Dr. John Lord, in addition to his heavy duties as dean of the Graduate School, finds time for numerous outside engagements. For several months he has been supplying the pulpit of the Christian Church at Temple. He has also filled the pulpit of the Christian Church at Holland. He has just closed a series of Bible lectures at the Woman's Club in Fort Worth.

Professor F. E. Billington preached for the Christian Church at Holland, Texas, on April 20.

Mrs. Sadie Beckham, dean of women, plans to go on a cruise to the Caribbean countries during the first part of the summer. The cruise is being sponsored by Cy Leland, T. C. U.'s premier athlete. Dean Beckham will return to the campus early in August, where she will supervise repairs and improvements to be made at Jarvis Hall.

Professor Herbert L. Hughes appeared before the Dallas chapter of the University Women's Club on March 12. His subject was "Paul Green." On March 26, Dr. Hughes gave his lecture, "James Branch Cabell," before the Sorosis Club at the Women's Club in Fort Worth.

Dean L. L. Leftwich spoke before a meeting of Texas deans of men at the University of Texas in Austin on March 29; his subject was "The Adjustment of Freshmen." Dean Leftwich will attend the national convention of college deans of men to be held at Fayetteville, Arkansas, May 1-3. The dean has been giving a course of lectures in Fort Worth on "The Development of Personality."

Miss Eula Lee Carter, assistant professor of Spanish, will be in Austin, Texas, on May 8, attending the State meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma fraternity. This is an organization composed of leading women educators. Miss Carter is the president of the Fort Worth chapter of Delta Kappa Sigma.

Dr. W. C. Morro has preached recently for the First Christian Church of McKinney, Texas. Dr. Morro will deliver a course of lectures on the "Organization of the Primitive Church," at the summer session of Cotner College to be held August 1-7 at Sylvan Dale, Colorado.

Registrar E. R. Tucker attended the eighteenth annual meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars in Memphis, Tenn., April 15 to 17.

Professor B. A. Crouch spoke to the primary group of the Mother's Club of Handley recently on "Child Guidance." He is the assistant teacher of the Bible class of the University Baptist Church. The Glad Welcome, official organ of this church speaks of Professor Crouch as "a keen and cultured gentleman."

Dr. W. M. Winton and Mrs. Winton drove to Tucson, Arizona, during the Easter holiday period, April 18-23, to attend a convention of geologists.

Dr. H. D. Guelick, director of the School of Fine Arts, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Mass," before the Euterpean Club of Fort Worth on April 16. On April 22, Dr. Guelick has an appointment to lecture on "The Evolution of Piano Music" before the University Place Study Club. Dr. Guelick has again been chosen as chairman of the local music committee in charge of the celebration of the annual Music Week early in May.

Professor E. W. McDiarmid was the speaker at the monthly meeting of the T. C. U. faculty, April 1. His subject was "The Challenge of Humanism." On Thursday, April 17, he spoke at Handley, Texas, before a group of teachers and parents on "Parental Education." Other engagements for the month of April include an address at the annual banquet of the Fort Worth chapter of the American Association of University Women, April 28, and an address at Longview, Texas, April 29, at a banquet to be given by the First Christian Church of that city to the members of the graduating class of the Longview High School.



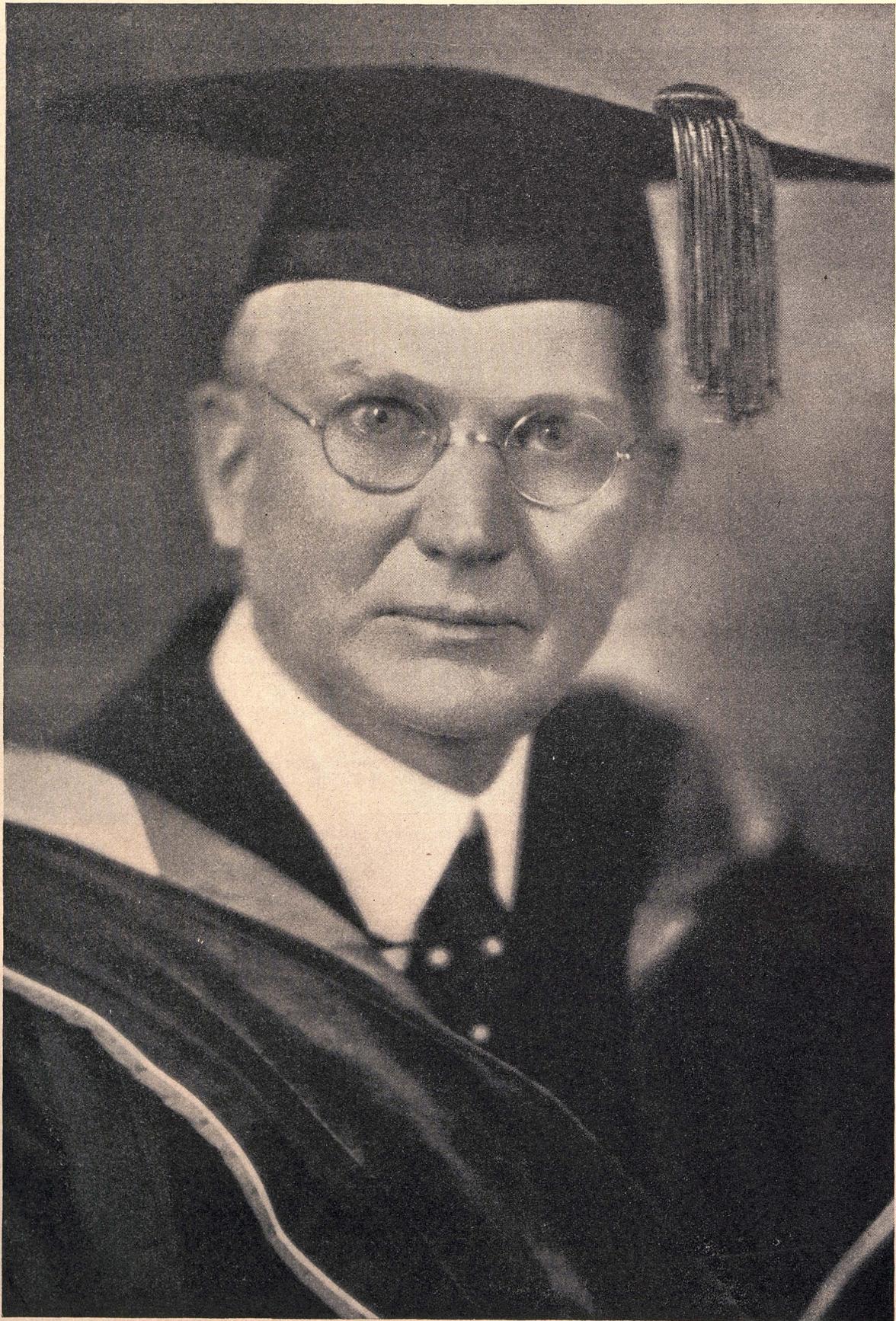
F. E. BILLINGTON



W. C. MORRO



H. D. GUELICK



PRESIDENT E. M. WAITS

What the Reviewers Say:

John H. Sorrels in the Fort Worth Press:
 "I read it the first time at one sitting . . . so easy, so swift does it flow. . . It is studded with epigrams, embroidered with allusion; yet neither does the epigram nor the allusion slow the pace of the book. . . . Rather it gives the whole a delightful acceleration. . . . It is an education of a sort to read this book . . . so rich and so apt in quotation as it is. . . . You are taken aboard an argosy of purple sails, and you touch on many shores, and come home laden with a wealth of fine thoughts.

Dr. H. L. Hughes in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Sunday Record:

"These essays and addresses are for the most part brief and crisp, but even so they unflinchingly contain geniality, profundity and art. The writer reveals himself as a wide-ranging reader and anthologist who never fails to find beauty or to distill the essences of whatever he touches. The phrases are pithy, the statements are epigrammatic, and the references and quotations from the field of letters at all points generous.

Miss Mabel Major in the Woman's Club Magazine:

"A College Man's Religion' contains essays that appeal not merely to those interested in the college and its problems, but to all thinking adults.

"Each essay reveals the truth that the man of broad knowledge and unselfish interest is an optimist. It is the petty, self-centered soul who finds life meaningless. Such a work as this is of great value in a time when it is popular to preach the doctrine of futility."

The Temple (Texas) Daily Telegram:
 "The pace of modern times is fast and youth must keep abreast of the times. The race needs more fair judges like Waits."

Clarence Marshall in The Skiff:

"Dr. Waits' book is not one to be perused, like a popular novel, at one sitting. It is a book to be read leisurely during many days and nights. After a discouraging day's work, an essay such as 'Religions and Discords and Harmonies of Life' renews one's optimism.
 "When the radio produces only static or jazz, 'Robert Browning, Poet, Artist, and Philosopher' offers profit and pleasure. Even, I might hint, when the weather has tempted one to remain at home from church, 'Religion and the Set of the Soul' or 'Religion and Life's Possibilities' is a pleasant sedative for the conscience and a spiritual tonic in one."

The Dallas Morning News:

"President Waits comes to the writing of his addresses prepared by travel and reading for the literary expression of his profound convictions. His words to his students have an unusually sincere ring to them, and in such an earnest and successful administrator it would be captious to criticize an overemphasis upon Tennyson and Browning as representatives of the best in English literature. He has read the Bible with little pedantic literalism and has almost entirely avoided the tone of the sermon helps and question manuals."

The Christian Evangelist, St. Louis, Mo.:
 "Such a course of addresses put in brief space required intense study and mastery for clearness and substance. They necessarily cover the restudy and restatement of the basis of life; for this age demands it and they contain in well-balanced proportions the progressive and conservative principles demanded by a growing world. There is rich and abundant reference to biography and literature which illustrate, brighten and enforce the ideas set forth. The style is fluent, beautiful, eloquent; the substance informing, important, solid."

Miss Rebecca Smith in the Texas Outlook:

"Fortifying his own philosophy with the sayings of great men, President Waits sums up in 'A College Man's Religion' his own 'large view of life'; and ends on a note of sturdy faith in the possibility of the good life for his own generation today, and of a better life for the younger generation tomorrow."

A College Man's Religion

By E. M. WAITS

An excerpt from one of the chapters of this book is presented herewith. If the reader wishes a copy of the first edition, which will soon be exhausted, order from the University.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

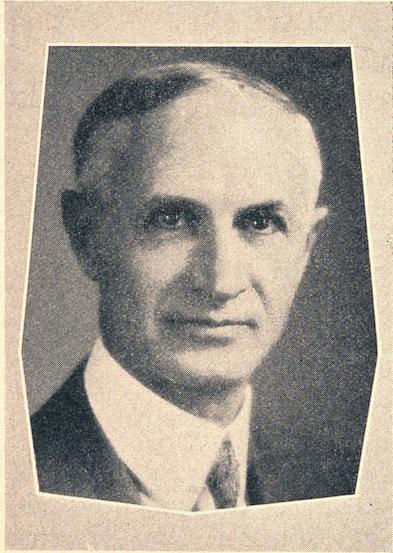
The Christian college makes three contributions to the social fabric of the commonwealth:

First, *Christian life*. The supreme contribution that the Christian college makes is Christian character, based upon the ethics of the Bible. We believe that the soul of culture is the culture of the soul. A single driving-wheel on the locomotive of one of our modern express trains carries a load of thirteen tons. With a train making sixty miles an hour, any given part of the rail receives this thirteen-ton blow from the driving-wheel in the thousandth part of a second. Under this constant hammering, rapid and tremendous, this shock of atom against atom, the rail bears the fearful test and resists the strain, and the cargo of life and merchandise is carried on in safety. If the rail is faulty, there will be wreck and loss. Our educational mission is to build character that can stand the shock and the terrible impact of modern life with its countless temptations to wreck and destroy.

Second, *Christian leadership*. The Church as well as society has always received a goodly portion of its leaders from the Christian college. The men and women who will be called to leadership in the modern world will be only those who are disciplined in body, mind and heart. They must be men and women who can be depended upon to render unselfish service, that the new world may be a world in which dwells righteousness. Not only has the progress and very existence of the Church been dependent upon leadership, but also from the same source has come the majority of world leaders. The lists of men and women who have attained to positions of responsibility and trust show that nearly eighty-five per cent have been trained in the atmosphere of the Christian college. The men and women on whom we relied during the stress of the great war are, almost without exception, sterling Christian characters.

Third, our Christian colleges excel in *moral and spiritual idealism*. Ideals rule the world. "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision," was the secret of one of the earth's greatest spirits. The hope of a democracy like ours lies in the men who have learned the world of ideas and the glory of ideals; in leaders who know what the world has thought and said; in men who have breadth of sympathy and who know the race mind and the race need. Such men come, not alone from the laboratory, but from the cloister as well. They come, not as the result of teaching in the classroom, but of inspiration at the altar. For the training of such idealism the Church college is peculiarly fitted by tradition, by curriculum, by atmosphere and by objective.

The Christian college asks three things of the Church: *Students, money and an educational conscience.*

In the Rio Grande Valley

COLBY D. HALL

DEAN COLBY D. HALL spent over a week in the famous Rio Grande valley, March 30 - April 6, visiting and inspecting the two junior colleges in that section of Texas, speaking at several high schools, preaching at five or six churches, visiting former students and making new friends for T. C. U. At the cornerstone laying of the new Christian Church at Mission, Texas, April 6, Dean Hall made the chief address. The Dean reports a lively interest in T. C. U. among the people of the valley. This is indicated by the

number of splendid students now enrolled from there, and by the numerous inquiries from prospective students, whose thoughts are turning this way.

Professor H. L. Pickerill is preparing a religious education exhibit for the state convention of the Christian Church, which is to be held in Austin May 5-8.

The exhibit will include a number of posters showing the use of pictures in the primary department of the church school.

A colored chart made by Gus Ramage, pastor of the Arlington Heights Christian Church, showing the effect of the weather on church and Sunday school attendance, is included in the exhibit.

There is also to be a chart showing the percentage of reasons for absences in the primary department. The primary department of the University Christian Church was used as the basis for this experiment.

C. H. Roberts

C. H. ROBERTS

CHARLES H. ROBERTS, head of the History Department, is finishing his forty-seventh year of teaching this year, twenty of which have been with Texas Christian University. He has taught in five different states: Kansas, where he began his teaching; Illinois, where he was married; Colorado, Oklahoma, where he taught thirteen years, coming to that country before it became a state, and Texas. While in Oklahoma Professor Roberts taught in Central State Teachers College, and was the principal of schools at Kingfisher and Guthrie. He is the author of Oklahoma History and Civics, a textbook which was adopted and used in the Oklahoma schools for five years, and has also written articles for magazines.

Coming to Texas Christian University the first year that the school was moved to Fort Worth, Professor Roberts helped conduct the first term's work in the downtown district. He was principal of the Academy, in which he also taught history, from 1910 until the Academy was abolished in 1918. In that same year the history courses which had been combined with the political science courses were formed into a separate department, and Professor Roberts was made the head of the newly created department. He conducted all the courses, with an initial enrollment of ninety-one. In 1920 Professor G. W. Dunlavy was added to the staff as part-time instructor, and the following year was given full time in the department. In 1924 William J. Hammond was made an instructor, and in 1926 Bailey Diffie was added, and in the following year C. A. True and J. K. Bently were made assistants, all of whom received their training under Professor Roberts. The department now has four full-time instructors with approximately 500 course enrollment.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Glaze spent the Easter vacation in and around San Antonio. They went in their car with Mrs. Glaze's mother, and with Helen, their daughter.



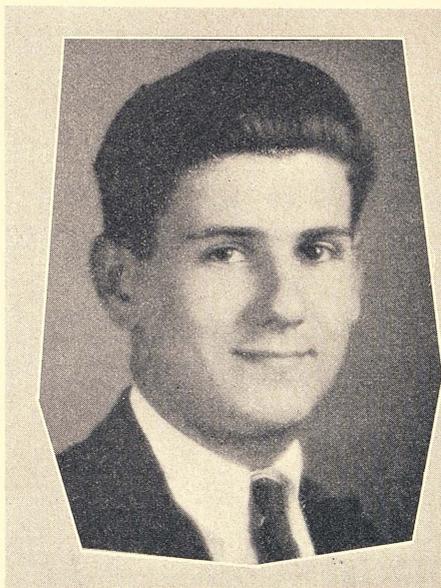
R. M. DUNCAN

Duncan to China

Dr. Robert M. Duncan, assistant professor in government, will spend the next three years in Peiping, China, as professor of political science in Yenching University. Dr. Duncan will work through the Princeton-Yenching School of Public Affairs, which is associated with the Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs.

Dr. Duncan has been a member of the T. C. U. faculty for the past two years. He received his Ph. D. degree from Princeton in 1928. He and Mrs. Duncan plan to leave the United States about July 1, going to the Orient by way of France, Italy, the Suez Canal, and around the southern coast of India.

Professor Duncan has made a distinct contribution to T. C. U. in his scholarly work here, and his withdrawal from the University faculty is viewed with great regret by his colleagues and his students. His presence at Peiping will stimulate local interest in the important educational movements going on in China.



STEWART HELLMAN



DR. L. D. FALLIS

Hellman Wins

Stewart Hellman, senior at Texas Christian University, will be entered in the National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest to be held in May by virtue of his triumph in the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Association contest held at Baylor University on Friday night, April 18. Hellman, who is president of the senior class, was awarded first place in the contest with representatives from five other universities and colleges in the state.

Hellman, who is active in student activities at the university, has won many other forensic honors. He has twice won the Gough contest held at the school each year. He is a leading debater on the T. C. U. teams.

In the contest at Waco, Charles Barnes of Simmons University was second and W. T. Sparkman of Howard Payne third. Frank Wilson of Baylor, Dorman Nell of Daniel Baker and Arthur W. Munk of Southwestern University were the other contestants.

John Scott was elected president of the association, Homer Peoples vice-president and Paul Martin secretary. All three are from T. C. U.

The New Stadium

Contract for building the new T. C. U. stadium, to seat 60,000 persons when completed, was let April 19 to Butcher & Sweeney, Fort Worth, for \$273,579.

Work on the project, to be built west of T. C. U., will start next week, and is scheduled to be completed September 10, the contract stated.

The contract was let only after the campaign to sell \$175,000 in second mortgage bonds, required for the initial work, "went over the top" Saturday morning when \$186,700 worth were sold.

"We hope to have the stadium ready for the opening of the football season, late in September, or at least in time for the big games starting in October," said Butler Smiser, business manager at T. C. U.

Only one complete section, with 51 rows of seats, and part of a second unit, with 25 tiers, will be erected at this time, to contain 20,000 seats.

Cafeteria Remodeled

During the Easter vacation, final work on the remodeling and redecorating of the cafeteria has been done. New tile floors and wainscoting, with new chairs and tables, have added tremendously to the appearance of the "dinery." Students will have great satisfaction in this improvement.

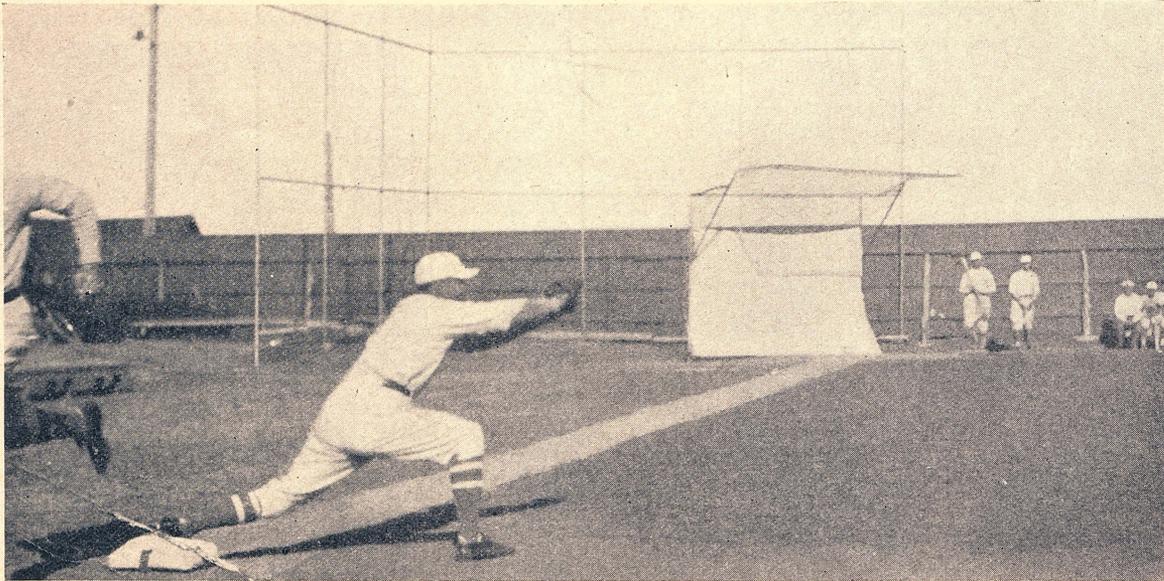
Dallas Woman's Club

The Dallas T. C. U. Woman's Club celebrated its fourth birthday Friday, April 4, at a regular monthly luncheon at the Dallas University Club with sixty-five members and guests present. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Leona Crain Gamble, the president, who introduced the three past presidents in order and lit a candle for each upon the enormous and elaborately embossed purple and white birthday cake. These presidents are Mrs. Libbie Wade Cameron, Lola McFarland Hill and Mrs. Grace Jones Bramlette, each of whom gave a brief resume of her year's work.

Miss Rebecca Smith, professor of English at T. C. U., also introduced by Mrs. Gamble, gave an interesting talk on "The Contacts of Poetry," in which she designated the instructor as the critic, the public who buys and reads the verse as the patron, and the producer of the poetry as the flame, and as such she introduced Miss Siddie Jo Johnson, sophomore at T. C. U. from Corpus Christi. Miss Johnson is a native of Dallas, and the recipient of the 1928-30 scholarship of the Dallas T. C. U. Woman's Club. Miss Johnson has won national recognition with her poetry. She wrote her first poem at the age of twelve, and since that time has been a contributor to more than twenty leading publications. She read "The Land I Know," "The Shore Road," "Blue Spring," "The Portrait," "The Old Woman," and two of her child poems, "The Red Head" and "The Pirate." She gave personal sketches of her life correlated to the poems. Miss Johnson was the winner of the Bryson Poetry Contest of 1929 and the Texas Poetry Society award for 1928.

Other guests of honor introduced were Jan Isabelle Fortune, Grace Noll Crowell and Hilton Greer, president of the Texas Poetry Society. Dr. Guy Tittle, president of the Dallas T. C. U. Alumni Association, sent birthday greetings from his organization. Mrs. Georgia Hirt Cardwell, chairman of the social committee, announced the tea to be given May 2, honoring the mothers of the club, at the home of Mrs. Dan D. Rogers. The executive committee, with Mrs. Rogers, will be hostesses. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. They were Miss Ilene Timmerman, president; Mrs. Eileen Copeland Hunter, first vice-president; Mrs. Guy Tittle, second vice-president; Mrs. Lester Sowell, secretary; Mrs. Virginia Ruer Jaggars, treasurer, and Mrs. Gamble, parliamentarian.

The table was beautiful, a profusion of purple and white spring flowers with the birthday cake as centerpiece. Tall purple candles tied with purple tulle added to the attractiveness. Purple sweet peas were given as favors.



HORACE WALLIN COVERS FIRST ON A CLOSE PLAY

A Batting Record

HORACE WALLIN, the premier first baseman of the Horned Frogs and of the Southwest Athletic Conference, made what is undoubtedly a Conference record for long distance hitting in the T. C. U. Baylor baseball game at Waco Tuesday, April 15. Out of four official trips to the plate, he bagged three home runs and one two-base hit. It is needless to say that the Frogs won—15 to 2. The Bears turned the tables the next day, neatly trimming the Frogs in a ninth inning rally by a score of 6 to 5.



HORACE WALLIN

Wallin secured a home run in one of the Baylor games played at home, making four round-trippers to date. In a batting slump last year, Wallin has evidently regained his batting eye. With Buckley, Carrell, Wallin and others of the Frogs hitting at a terrific clip, Coach Leo R. Meyer has his eye on the championship this year. His team is resting (April 21) in first place with five games won and one lost. The crucial games with the University of Texas are to be played April 28-29 at Fort Worth, and May 12-13 at Austin.

Mrs. Beulah Boggess will remain in charge of Jarvis Hall during the summer session. She will visit friends in Houston during August.

Mrs. Aline Terrell, house mother at Sterling House, will travel in East Texas during the summer, as field representative of the school, interviewing prospective students.

Cy Leland

Cy Leland, T. C. U.'s Flying Frog, is continuing his splendid performances in the century dash, and also in the 220. At the Kansas Relays, held at Lawrence, Kansas, April 19, Leland won the 100-yard dash over Claud Bracey of Rice Institute and Eddie Tolan, negro sprinter from Michigan. The Associated Press spread the information over the civilized world in the following dispatch:

"One world's record was bettered and one was equaled as sterling track athletes of the Midwest and Southwest competed here Saturday in the eighth annual University of Kansas Relays.

"Cy Leland, sprint star of the Southwest, representing Texas Christian University, sped with the wind down the 100-yard straightaway to be clocked by nine of ten officials' watches in 9.4 seconds. The recognized world's record is 9.6 seconds. Leland's mark is not likely to be recognized as a new world record.

"The sprinters ran with the wind and Bracey was nosed out by inches. The time of 9.4 seconds equals the inter-collegiate record and better the recognized world's record of 9.6 seconds.

"Timers in the century dash who caught Leland in 9.4 seconds included Dr. Joseph A. Reilly, athletic director of the Kansas City Athletic Club, and a man with high standing in national athletic circles. However, relay officials intimated the record would not be allowed as a new world's mark because of the wind advantage and also because all runners used starting blocks, not yet officially approved by the Amateur Athletic Union, whose president, Avery A. Brundage, was referee of Saturday's meet.

"Bracey, as usual, got the jump at the start and swept into a slight lead. Halfway to the tape Leland, gathering momentum, pulled past him. Bracey gave his last bit but the flying Frog from Fort Worth hit the finish tape inches ahead of the rival he has consistently beaten all season.

"It appeared as though Leland's forward leap to the tape, leaning over, gave him the advantage over Bracey, who reared back and perhaps missed a victory or at least a dead heat in one of the fastest centuries ever run and certainly the speediest ever witnessed at stadium track here. Despite the fact the runners were aided by the wind it is singular that nine of the ten watches caught Leland at 9.2-5 seconds.

"Leland and Bracey ran the preliminaries in separate heats. Leland in the first won in 9.7 seconds, with East of Chicago second. Bracey in the third was clocked in 9.6 seconds with Root of Chicago second."

Notes From the Classes

1895

VAN ZANDT JARVIS, chairman of the Board of Trustees of T. C. U., gave his daughter, PRISCILLA JANE JARVIS, ex-'30, in marriage to BERNARD C. WILLIAMS, '29, on Saturday, February 15. "Blackie" Williams, captain of the football team in 1927, and his wife are living on Cockrell Street near the University.

1897

J. T. McKISSICK, teacher of Bible in Randolph College at Cisco, Texas, recently visited the campus of his Alma Mater. His daughter, Elizabeth, is one of the most talented students now gracing the campus.

DEAN IRA P. HILDEBRAND of the University of Texas Law School was the honor guest and principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Fort Worth Chapter of the University of Texas Ex-Students' Association, held at the University Club. Dean Hildebrand stirred up considerable discussion by his frank comment on the athletic situation in some Texas colleges.

1901

MRS. OLIVE McCLINTIC JOHNSON of Dallas was the chief speaker at a lovely party of the Book Club Division of the University Place Study Club, April 10, at the home of Mrs. Colby D. Hall. Mrs. Johnson read one of her own short stories, and lectured on the subject, "The Short Story." Many stories from this versatile pen are appearing in the various magazines. Mrs. Johnson taught Expression in T. C. U. for a number of years.

1907

WILLIAM LE MAY, ex-'07, who did much of his undergraduate work at T. C. U., then moving to Oklahoma, is now located at Weslaco, Texas, where he has a fruit ranch. He also serves as pastor of the Christian Church. A daughter of the manse announces her intention to come to T. C. U.

W. O. DALLAS is in charge of the Christian Church at Corpus Christi, Texas. Two boys of his are students at T. C. U.

1908

MRS. CHARLES HALL (RUBY MOORE, ex-'08) is now living at Brownsville, Texas, where her husband is the editor of the Brownsville Herald.

MRS. COLBY D. HALL (BEATRICE A. TOMLINSON) has been elected president of the University Place Study Club, Fort Worth, for 1930-31.

1909

DAN D. ROGERS, vice-president of the Mercantile Bank and Trust Co. of Texas, is broadcasting an interesting series of talks on "Thrift." He may be heard each Tuesday evening, speaking from Dallas. Mrs. Helen Fouts Cahoon, T. C. U. artist, is the exclusive Mercantile soloist on these same programs.

DOUGLAS TOMLINSON, founder and president of the All-Church Press, has added two papers to his list in the past year, the Oklahoma City Star and the Tulsa Herald. The others are the Dallas World, the Houston Times, the Memphis Mirror, the Fort Worth Tribune. Homer Tomlinson, 1917, is the general manager of this enterprising company. Read on to learn about the T. C. U. boys who are making good with the Tomlinsons.

1913

MELVIN M. KNIGHT's book, "Americans in Santo Domingo," is used to good advantage by students of T. C. U., especially those interested in the problem of Latin-American relationships.

W. C. FERGUSON is the manager of the Dallas World, one of the important papers in the All-Church Press, owned and operated by the Tomlinsons, Douglas and Homer.

1916

HORACE JONES continues as the successful representative of the Tomlinson interests in Memphis, as the manager of the Memphis Mirror.

WALTER L. THORNTON resides in Los Angeles, California. His address is 216 Chamber of Commerce Bldg. . . . FRANK MCKEE, ex-'16, is a physician and surgeon in Fort Worth. . . . TOM WORTH MAXFIELD, ex-'16, is a stock farmer at Round Rock, Texas. . . . RICHARD P. PRICE, ex-'16, is a physician at Richland Spring, Texas. . . . MRS. WILLIAM N. SHORT (NANCY ADELIA O'NEAL), M. D. '16, is a missionary and nurse at the Kabanga Mission on the Congo in Africa.

1919

RILEY AIKEN, A. B. '19, M. A. '25, is an instructor in modern languages at the University of Texas. . . . JOHN R. ALEXANDER, ex-'19, is a cotton buyer at Crosbyton, Texas. . . . MRS. LOUIS GUY CREEL (IONE RIGNEY), ex-'19, is postoffice clerk in Greenville. . . . LORRAINE ORR DUTTON is a pathologist at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. . . . VERNON A. FAIRES, ex-'19, is connected with the Phoenix Fire Insurance Co. in Fort Worth. . . . SHELLEY STRANGE is a special attorney with the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Washington, D. C. . . . GENEVA MARGARET HORN, ex-'19, is an expression teacher in McKinney, Texas. . . . NOWLIN RANDOLPH, ex-'19, is practicing law in San Antonio, Texas.

1920

BEN F. HEARN has begun a new ministry with the Christian Church at Mineral Wells, Texas.

MRS. H. V. SHANK (BEULAH BELL) is receiving numerous friends at her home in Fort Worth, who drop in to see the new baby, Bettie Clay Shank, now three months old.

R. R. BERRY, ex-'20, and his brother, W. T. BERRY, ex-'19, in partnership with PETE DONOHUE, ex-'22, have opened a cleaning and pressing establishment in Fort Worth on Pennsylvania Avenue, under the name of Berry Brothers and Donohue. Since leaving T. C. U. for the first time in 1921, Donohue has been a star pitcher with the Cincinnati baseball club. "Rube" Berry, catcher, and Pete Donohue, pitcher formed one of the best batteries a college nine ever had.

JEWELL BEATRICE ANDREWS is teaching in Cooper, Texas. . . . WILLIAM JAMES HARRIS is a lumberman in Littlefield, Texas. . . . MARION ARNOLD is teaching in Temple, Texas. . . . EUGENE STEGALL, ex-'20, is a druggist in Holliday, Texas. . . . C. S. WOODWARD is a physician and surgeon in Fort Worth.

1921

DR. FRED W. NORRIS, 138 B Street N. E., Washington, D. C., has a position in the government service as food and drug inspector. He commends this line of work to other T. C. U. graduates who are specializing in chemistry or medicine. Dr. Norris looks forward to the international convention of the Disciples of Christ, which is to be held in Washington in October, at which time he hopes to see many of his T. C. U. friends.

CLARENCE C. PATE is engaged in the practice of medicine and has charge of a sanatorium in Paducah, Texas.

THEODORE J. RATLIFF is the principal of the public schools at Hayes, Louisiana. . . . MAURINE OSBORN is the society editor of the Austin American in Austin, Texas. . . . MINNIE HARPER is teaching in the Sam Rosen school in Fort Worth.

MRS. OSCAR L. PARKER (formerly KATHRYN PICKENS, ex-'21) is active in the work of the Fortnightly Study Club of Ada, Oklahoma. On March 20, she led a very interesting lesson on the philosophy of David Hume. Under Mrs. Parker's leadership, the members of the club learned of Hume's literary school of historical writing, his important doctrines of modern political economy and his paramount influence on the philosophical thought of the eighteenth century. Some material for this program was furnished by the department of philosophy of T. C. U.

1922

EVELYN ANDERSON is teaching at Graham, Texas. . . . CHARLES F. BAILEY is a physician in Ballinger, Texas. . . . BERNICE BAKER, ex-'22, is an instructor in art at Baylor College, Belton, Texas.

1923

A. B. McREYNOLDS continues with splendid success his ministry of evangelism. Recent meetings of his at Henryetta, Oklahoma, and Shreveport, Louisiana, have resulted in large ingatherings. In the Oklahoma meeting, there were 127 additions. At Shreveport in March, the reporter says, "This Texas evangelist (McReynolds) has certainly taken Shreveport by storm." In an early report from this meeting, 185 additions were noted.

CLAUDE WINGO has left the pastorate of the Christian Church at Big Spring to take charge of the Christian Church in Floydada. Ye editor recalls with pleasure an enjoyable visit to Claude Wingo's former parish. His sister, Kitty, is teaching in the Big Spring High School.

EDWINA DAY has a secretarial position with a law firm in Brenham, Texas.

MRS. FRANCE E. GUEDRY (EDITH ALDERMAN, ex-'23) has been society editor of the Fort Worth Press for the past five years. Mrs. Guedry has studied journalism at the University of Texas and at Columbia University.

MARY REEDER, ex-'23, has taught for the past five years in the Knox City schools. . . . JAMES G. ALLEN, ex-'23, is secretary to the manager of the North Texas Traction Company in Fort Worth. . . . LUCILLE COWAN, ex-'23, is teaching at Abbot, Texas.

1924

MISS SADIE MAHON, instructor in biology, and five students represented T. C. U. at the University of Oklahoma's Annual Biology Round-Up. Students making the trip with Miss Mahon were: Miss Lucille Jackson, Miss Elizabeth Harris, W. T. Lace, Robert Watt and Cy Terry.

GENEVIEVE ABRAM is a piano teacher in Lufkin, Texas. . . . LUCILLE ATCHISON, ex-'24, is teaching at Llano. . . . LEMUEL E. DAY, ex-'24, is a physician and surgeon in Chicago, Ill.

1925

MRS. H. E. FERGUSON (VIVIAN FAVOR), who received the A. B. degree with this class, is teaching at Amarillo, Texas.

MRS. J. A. FOWLER (THELMA COLLINS) is teaching in Galveston. . . . ROSSIE LEE LIPSCOMB is a teacher at Grapevine. . . . EDDIE HALL, ex-'25, is an oil scout at San Angelo.

1926

EUGENIA SHEPHERD is teaching Spanish in Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. It will be remembered that her father, B. E. Shepherd, who is now living in retirement at Donna, Texas, served Drake University for many years as professor of philosophy.

MABEL HUDSON is working as a home demonstrator in Arkansas.



PROFESSOR CLAUDE SAMMIS
Director of the T. C. U. Band

1926

BAILEY DIFFIE will spend this summer in Porto Rico, completing a book he is writing concerning the Porto Ricans. He will teach in City College, New York, next year.

KENNETH BONHAM finishes his medical course at Galveston this year, and will have an internship at the Sealy Hospital for 1930-31. His wife, Esther Shepherd Bonham, spends much of her time at Donna, caring for her mother at the old home place.

PAOLO GLORIA, ex-'26, is now leading a successful work as pastor of the Mexican Christian Church at McAllen, Texas. He is most highly regarded by the citizens of that progressive city.

ROWLAND BROILES, ex-'26, spent three months in Europe since leaving T. C. U., and is now "making good with a bang" as a salesman for the Marvin D. Evans Printing Company in Fort Worth.

IKE T. SIDEBOTTOM, ex-'26, is doing interesting work as pastor of the College Avenue Community Church in Fort Worth. He is working independently of all organizations, and is meeting with happy results. After leaving T. C. U., Mr. Sidebottom graduated from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in 1928.

1927

The highest honor that Princeton University offers to a graduate student has been awarded to HENRY L. SHEPHERD, JR. The Proctor Fellowship has a monetary value of \$1400. On the day before the awarding of this fellowship to Mr. Shepherd, he had been awarded a fellowship at the Brookings Institute for Research at Washington, D. C., at a stipend of \$1200. Naturally Mr. Shepherd chose the Proctor Fellowship. It is his intention to spend the summer in Europe in study at Munich and other centers.

Mr. Shepherd was an instructor in government in T. C. U. during 1927-28. He received his M. A. from Princeton last year and is now working towards his Ph. D. degree. His numerous friends at his Alma Mater have great satisfaction in the splendid record he is making at Princeton.

JOHN TINSLEY went to Vanderbilt University to obtain his M. S. degree, and now has an important position in the research laboratories of the Hercules Powder Company in New Jersey.

DAVID LEAVELL is on the editorial staff of the Fort Worth Press and lives near the T. C. U. campus. The Leavell family hails from McAllen, Texas, and continues its representation in T. C. U. Hester Leavell is spending her first year here and has made a place for herself in the orchestra and in other activities. Mrs. Dorothy Leavell Hughes, '28 (Mrs. Guy Hughes), is now living at Lubbock.

KATHERINE SCHUTZE of Marfa, Texas, has achieved an ambition of long standing by some months of study in the School of Nursing of Yale University.

WILLIAM VIVRETTE, ex-'27, is the popular and successful pastor of the Christian Church at Denton. President Waits recently spent a Sunday with this church and brought back a flattering report of "Bill" Vivrette's work.

1928

Mrs. JOHN A. WALDROP (MERLE WILLIAMS) had charge of the conferences at the World Fellowship convention held April 4-6 at the Magnolia Christian Church in Fort Worth. "Witnessing for Christ" was the general theme of the convention. Mrs. Waldrop lives in Abilene, Texas.

EDITH McDONALD left New York on March 5 for a tour of Europe. She has joined Miss Mary Virginia Coleman, and the two are now touring Italy and Switzerland. After several weeks of this, Miss McDonald will return to Paris for an indefinite stay.

MARGARET STUBBS is in charge of the home economics department of the Mexia High School.

ELLENE TIMMERMAN is the new president of the Dallas T. C. U. Woman's Club.

GEORGE R. GRAY, majoring in chemistry in T. C. U., is now an analyst for the Southwestern Laboratories in Fort Worth.

WILL P. ATKINSON, business manager of the Skiff in his senior year at T. C. U., is making a great success of his work as general sales manager of the All-Church Press. He has five men on his staff and his work takes him to all the six cities where these church papers have been established. His latest successful "newspapering" has been done at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in connection with the development of the Tulsa Herald. W. C. EWELL, a classmate of Atkinson's, is the manager of the Tulsa Herald. A good report comes from the head office in Fort Worth concerning the work these young journalists are doing.

HARVEY M. REDFORD, who received the A. B. degree in 1928, is now working for the B. D. degree at T. C. U. For two years he has been the pastor of the Christian Church at Palmer. He is now installed as the pastor of the Christian Church at Arlington, Texas.

GEORGE ED STOWE is with the Gulf Production Company at Eastland. . . ELLEN SUE GILLILAND is teaching Spanish in the Weatherford High School. . . LUCILLE AMOS is teaching Spanish at Embouse, Texas. . . Mrs. R. H. GOUGH, ex-'28, has recently returned from several months of study at the Sorbonne.

1929

The Housel family at San Benito, Texas, is one of the best contributors to the student life of T. C. U. Mrs. Charlotte Housel Scott, '29 (Mrs. Fred Scott), specialized in Home Economics, and is now living in Fort Worth. Her husband, Fred Scott, has an important position with the Hubb Diggs Motor Company. Mrs. Fannie Housel Casey, ex-'23 (Mrs. J. D. Casey) is now living at 213 N. Hamilton Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Gardner Housel spent 1927-28

in T. C. U. and is now associated in business with his father in San Benito. The list of children in this family is completed with the name of May Housel, a member of the freshman class in T. C. U.

FRED ERISMAN, whose picture adorns this page, is making good at Brown University with his fellowship in Economics.

Mrs. CATHERINE WEAVER, who received her M. A. degree from T. C. U. last year, has been added to the teaching staff of the department of English as supply teacher. This addition to the teaching staff was necessitated by the increased enrollment in English. Mrs. Weaver received her A. B. degree from the University of Michigan.

WILLIAM BALCH, who has been filling a professional engagement in Chicago doing concert work, is planning to leave for a summer in Europe. A classmate, WEIR MCDIARMID, will pal with him on this tour. They leave the latter part of May.

MINA LOIS PRUDEN is teaching at Burleson, Texas. . . VIRGINIA GRIGGS is teaching English in the Troy High School.

The Philosophy of Humor

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known universe, both physical and spiritual: at atoms and electrons, at stars and comets, at lightning and earthquakes, at all sorts of machines, at vegetables (consider the onion, how it grows), at animals, at every organ, piece of clothing, social custom, mental conception, and spiritual ideal which constitutes the *genus homo*, his birth, his diseases, his death and burial—and even at tangents to circles, to cite an extreme case.

Sometimes the greater the dignity of the idea or the situation, the more excruciating the fun, as was clearly recognized by that genius who invented the game called, "This is a ver-y solemn occasion."

Almost everything, then, has been looked upon as funny by somebody or other, but it should be noted that just as in beauty so in humor there seems to be a scale from the lower and physical types to the higher and spiritual types, though all forms can be defended in their proper places. "To everything there is a season, . . . a time to laugh and a time to weep." Ill-timed mirth or inartistically executed wit are the only reprehensible varieties.

Although the idea may come as a shock to many people, it seems possible that the God who created so many laughable objects and creatures, if, as most Christians believe, He has anything analogous to personal consciousness, Himself has a sense of humor. It is hardly to be questioned that to many poor stumbling mortals a God possessed of a sense of humor would not be in the least less exalted but would certainly be more lovable than the awful Judge and Ruler, the rather stern Father, of Calvinist theology. The quality even of mercy is likely to be a bit strained without an admixture of

gentle humor.

How many crimes of persecution and torture, of intolerance and excommunication, of holy war and heresy-baiting, which have torn the great family of all God's children, would have been prevented if men had conceived of their Father as possessed of the quality which has on thousands of occasions been the only thing that has preserved human family relationships in times of storm and stress.

Coach Francis A. Schmidt was in New York City early in April, attending the meeting of the National Rules Committee in basketball. Coach Schmidt is the member of the committee from this section.

The Horned Frog Band, under the direction of Professor Claude Sammis, played two concerts daily during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in March. The band has been outfitted with new uniforms. Many compliments have come in concerning this organization's appearance and ability. The band also played for the opening Texas League baseball game in Fort Worth April 8.



FRED ERISMAN, '29