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We learn that on next Thursday evening the Shirley Dramatic Club of Shirley Literary Society will present in the University Chapel two roaring farces entitled "Quits" and "Stage Struck." The Shirleys have been doing some splendid society work this year, and as some of their strongest members form this dramatic club it may well be expected that they will give something worthy of the Society. Miss Myra Benga, Miss Hazel Brown, Miss Beatrice Tomlinson and Messrs. Mathieson and Shane will present "Quits," and the following is the cast in "Stage Struck":

Mr. Maywood, an elderly merchant
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"stage struck" Stonewall Brown
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..... Myra Benga
Cora Neville, also "stage struck".....
..... Nora Armstrong

"ON THE LORD'S DAY."

The sermons on Sunday next at the University church will be as follows: Morning, "The Story of the Prodigal;" evening, "Change of Heart."

PRELIMINARY PROHIBITION CONTEST.

This contest took place Saturday, April 8th. The band opened the program by playing two selections. The Glee Club then favored the audience with two songs. Mr. W. O. Dallas then appeared and in a masterful manner gave his oration entitled "Prohibition's Might;" followed by Mr. Fred Obenchain on "Prohibition's Struggle," a beautiful and logical speech dealing with the subject matter. These were the only speakers in the contest, and their speeches and delivery reflected credit on the school. Mr. Dallas was rewarded first place and will represent the school in the State Prohibition Contest, which meets at Baylor the fifteenth of next month. It is hoped and expected that there will be a large delegation go from here to the contest and cheer Mr. Dallas on to victory. It is the first contest of its kind in Texas and it would be a great honor for T. C. U. to come out victorious. Let us go in and win.

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VANDALISM.

The progress industriously, the growth in national power, the expansion in the realms of commerce, and the intellectual advancement among all classes of America are prominent among the wonders of the century which has just closed. But notwithstanding these wonderful strides of the nation as a whole and its people as individuals towards the goal of civilization in many lines of growth; there has been shown, on the other hand, a lamentable lack of growth in some other lines of culture and advancement. Among the most prominent of the latter is the absence of culture along aesthetic lines. The whole world criticises us, and justly, too, for our lack of appreciation for beautiful objects; for we are far behind in architecture, in painting, and in music.

It may be maintained by some that our lack of aesthetic culture is due to the newness of our national formation; that we have too many other things to claim our attention that we have not the time to pause and consider whether our growth is in accord with the laws of symmetry and perfection. This is true; but it does not follow, on account of this, that we are to disregard all the laws of harmony and good common sense and engage in a course of vandalism. But this is just what we have been doing in the past and are still continuing to do today. Where are the beautiful forests and the wild scenery which was at one time the charm of our landscape? Where are now the Indian and Buffalo; the joint lords of the forests and plains? The forests have been uselessly hewn down to perish as a thing of little value; the scenery has been marred and in its place are unattractive and fruitless fields; the Indian has been robbed and slain like a beast of prey; and the buffalo has been wantonly extinguished as a pastime for a creature which we call man. All are gone; and why? Just because we have failed to cultivate the aesthetic side of our nature.

But the greatest piece of modern vandalism is now being actually perpetrated. And this nefarious act, which will result in the loss of one of the greatest treasures America ever possessed if not arrested, is being committed by Americans. This crime of the twentieth century is the destruction of Niagara Falls. It is a pity that there are people of this enlightened age who are so shortsighted, or else so selfish and avaricious, that they will scar eternally the glory of their nation for merely a temporal and personal gain. Yet America has just that kind of people, and Niagara Falls will soon be a thing

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of the past unless national interference is not speedily brought about.

A recent writer among other things says: "For those who wish to see a fair share of the beauty and grandeur of Niagara Falls preserved, and even for those who wish to protect the great investments that have been and are being made there for power development, the unfortunate feature of the situation is that several of the immediately joining states have power to authorize the diversion of water from the upper lakes and Niagara river. The diversion of this water thus becomes a matter of competition, not only between persons seeking their own profits, but also between different governments that wish to build up their respective territories or increase their revenues. Future complication arises from the fact that the American States have no power under the constitution, to enter individually into any treaty for the preservation of Niagara Falls, or for water from the upper river or the Great Lakes, because the treaty-making power is vested entirely in the Federal Government.

"From a consideration of the foregoing facts, it seems evident that the diversion of water from the upper lakes and Niagara river will be continued until the destruction of the American Fall, and possibly that of the Canadian Fall, result. Apparently the only hope lies in the intervention of the sovereign powers concerned."

JUNIORS VS. SENIORS.

On Monday afternoon the Juniors and Seniors locked horns in a contest on the diamond. The final outcome was a victory for the Juniors at the rate of 11 to 1. The Juniors are by far the strongest class in school when it comes to playing baseball. In fact, six of the first team men belong to this class. Consequently it is not surprising that they piled up such a heavy score against the Seniors. The only surprising thing about the game was the fact that the Seniors were allowed to score at all.

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The violin concert, given by Miss Claudia Page yesterday evening, proved to be the most popular chapel entertainment this season.

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It is with pleasure that we note that Miss Fannie Pitts is again in school.

The write-up of the ball games yesterday and today, and the concert yesterday evening will appear in next issue.

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The absence of the headings to the columns in the report of the baseball games last week is the fault of the printer and not the fault of Mr. Shirley, who gave the write-up.

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President Zollars returned Wednesday night from an extended trip through Northwest Texas, embracing the towns of Haskell, Benjamin, and Seymour.

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The Preliminary Prohibition Oratorical Contest Saturday evening proved to be a very close one.

See LeMay for our special on photos.—Thompson.

Miss Mattie Johnson spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

Shave at the St. Charles Barber Shop.

Misses Flora Aronsohn, Kate Pringle, Mrs. T. A. Moore, and Mrs. Dilard and Mr. Harry E. Bykowski, of Marlin, also Miss Nettie Gabert, of Waco, were the guest of Mr. T. H. Mathieson recently.

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Mr. John Ellis returned Tuesday to his home in McGregor.

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The third team defeated the Waco Independents Tuesday.

Did you ever take a bath—at the St. Charles Barber Shop?

The students, like Mother Earth, are preparing for Easter by getting new suits.

The new catalogues are now being gotten out, and pictures are being taken for the college booklet.

The views displayed in the chapels this week by Profs. Anderson and Marshall were both enjoyable and instructive.

The girls say that Prof. Ross looks twenty years younger since he lost his mous-tache.

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"Which do you think counts for the most in life, money or brains?" "Well," answered Miss Cayenne, "I see so many people who manage to get on with so little of either that I am beginning to lose my respect for both."

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Dear Stanton: Appoint this man chaplain in the army. A. Lincoln.

Dear Mr. Lincoln: He is not a preacher. E. M. Stanton.

The following endorsements are dated a few months later, but come just below:

Dear Stanton: He is now. A. Lincoln.

Dear Mr. Lincoln: But there is no vacancy. E. M. Stanton.

Dear Mr. Stanton: Appoint him chaplain-at-large. A. Lincoln.

Dear Mr. Lincoln: There is no warrant of law for that. E. M. Stanton.

Dear Mr. Stanton: Appoint him anyhow. A. Lincoln.

Dear Mr. Lincoln: I will not. E. M. Stanton.

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The leading Universities and Conservatories of America and Europe are represented in the Faculty. Well equipped libraries, laboratories and studios are at the disposal of the students. A large number of the new upright pianos, three grand pianos, a pipe organ and a full set of band instruments constitute the musical equipment. No school has better pianos for practice purposes. We use largely the Starr and Knabe, which are supplemented by the Emerson, Ivers and Pond, and Chickering. Graduating pupils practice on Chickering and Knabe full concert grand pianos.

The Church Parsons system of Kindergarten music is taught by a graduate of the system.

AMERICA 100 YEARS AGO.

There was not a public library in the United States.

Almost all the furniture was imported from England.

An old copper mine in Connecticut was used as a prison.

There was only one hat factory, and that made cocked hats.

Every gentleman wore a queue and powdered his hair.

Crockery plates were objected to because they dulled the knives.

Virginia contained a fifth of the whole population of the country.

A man who jeered at the preacher or criticised the sermon, was fined.

A gentleman bowing to a lady always scraped his foot on the ground.

Two stage coaches bore all the travel between New York and Boston.

A day laborer considered himself well paid with two shillings a day.

The whipping post and pillory were still standing in Boston and New York.

Beef, pork, salt fish, potatoes and hominy were the staple diet all the year round.

Buttons were scarce and expensive, and the trousers were fastened with pegs or laces.

A new arrival in a jail was set upon by his fellow prisoners and robbed of everything he had.

When a man had enough tea he placed his spoon across his cup to indicate that he wanted no more.

Leather breeches, a checked shirt, a red flannel jacket and a cocked hat formed the dress of an artisan.

The church collection was taken in a bag at the end of a pole, with a bell attached to arouse sleepy contributors.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, 1897.