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## THE RUSTON CONFERENCE

The delegation to the Southwestern Student Conference at Ruston, La., arrived home Monday morning and report that attending a great success in every particular. Despite the length of the journey and the fact that students are wont to spend their holiday vacations with home folks and friends, the delegates each express themselves as being glad they went and say that attending a Y. M. C. A. Conference is like getting a glimpse of things to come.

The object of these conferences is to deepen the spiritual life of the students and to train them in the various lines of Christian work and service. All problems of life which Christianity should effect, form our everyday blunders to the greatest questions man has to face, are treated and discussed from the standpoint of the student; how he can effect them, and in what ways he can prepare himself to confront them. As an immediate result of the conference four men volunteered to devote their lives to the cause of Christ upon the foreign mission fields, and it is safe to say that every man in attendance was spiritually strengthened by being there.

The Ruston Conference reaches the colleges of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and In-

dian Territory. Texas had the largest delegation present—twenty-four delegates, being followed by Arkansas with twenty-three.

C. M. Ashmore, Robt. Wheeler and W. O. Dallas were the delegates from T. C. U.

## THE ANNUAL

In 1897 the senior class of Add-Ran issued a college annual which they called the "The Horned Frog." This was the first publication of the kind in the history of the school and unfortunately it has likewise been the last. There is no reason why T. C. U. should not have an annual and to this end the class of '05 is now making an effort to present a second issue of "The Horned Frog." However, the project cannot succeed unless the entire student body gives it an enthusiastic support.

An annual is a publication which puts the whole year of college life into a permanent book form that can be kept as long as one lives. While it devolves upon some one class of the University to engineer such an undertaking, at the same time it will require the best talent from every class and department to issue a creditable annual. The students of T. C. U. have the ability to produce a book that will take high rank among the annuals of the country. We

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have writers, artists, and business managers, which are qualified as well for such work as can be found in any school. Every student of T. C. U. should decide at once to do everything in his power to make the annual of 1905 a certainty—and a success. The publication must depend upon the student body not only for literary and art contributions but also for financial support.

"Were you ever placed where you had to think quick—real quick?" asked Harry Bemis, Cleveland backstop, recently. "Of course every ball player has got to keep his thought foundry moving—no time for the wheels to clog during the game—but sometimes he has to act quicker than others."

"I had to decide between my manager and the girl who thought I was the only young man in the world once. I was playing in Toronto and the situation was like this. On third was perched a speedy base runner when I started after a foul fly 'way over back of first, near the bleachers. It meant a catch while on the dead run, away from the plate and the manager—fearing the man on third would score after the catch—yelled 'Let it go, Harry!'"

"Almost at the same instant I heard the voice of the girl, clear, sweet and musical.

"Harry'll get it," she shouted.

"Girl or manager? Manager or girl? I thought it all out in nine-sixteenths of a second, and—and—well, I caught the foul and by sheer good luck steadied myself for the throw and nailed the runner at the plate.

"That was a risky play for us, said the manager after the game. "If you hadn't caught the runner at the plate you would have lost out."

"And, if I hadn't caught that foul," I said, "it would have cost me my girl."—*Waco Times-Herald.*

To the young men of our country I will say "Boys take care of your characters; be true to yourselves and to truth and know that there is more music in the jingle of a silver dollar, earned by the sweat of your face, than all the gold ever made on margins or accumulated by the methods of Wall street. There is much more in the method of getting than in the quantity you have accumulated.

"Get an honorable job, young man, stick to it, and as sure as the sun rises in the east, so sure you will find that something better always comes to the fellow who is doing his best where he is."—*Sam Jones.*

Those who do not take spelling now and misspell hereafter will have a very disagreeable spell in the future.—*Pres. Zollars.*

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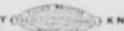
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### FOOTBALL RULES.

Now that the football season is over all the college coaches and athletic pundits are being interviewed as to how to make the game more open. At present the side that has possession of the ball has three chances to gain five yards. The theory upon which the teams seem to be trained is that the man with the ball must buck into the opposing line and then fall his full length ahead—that is, he must gain the necessary five yards in three falls of two yards each. It is found that this battering ram method is much more certain of results than a run around the end, for the runner with the ball can much more easily reach the guarded line in front of him than curve around the end when his opponent can intercept him by going a shorter distance in a straight line. The theory of this mass play has been pointed out very clearly by Mr. J. W. Middlebrook, who writes:

"For something over fifteen years now the game has been developing along military lines rather than lines of sport. The modern theory is one of pure momentum and nothing else. Momentum is the product of weight multiplied by speed, e. g., a player weighing two hundred pounds moving at ten feet per second represents a momentum of two thousand at the point of impact. A combination of two, three or four players of same weight and speed raises this figure to four thousand, six thousand, or eight thousand. The theory is to concentrate this momentum upon a point whose powers of resistance must necessarily be less; in other words, the stronger to attack the weaker. The entire variation in the game is due merely to the attempt to find the weak spot in the opposing line. Plays are directed repeatedly against one player for the express purpose of weakening him, and thereby creating a weaker spot, precisely as a breach is made in a wall by a sustained cannonade directed at a particular spot.

"My contention is that, while that principle is correct and proper enough for warfare, it is violative of the fundamental principle of sport, which is equal opportunity, opportunity for skill rather than brute weight. In fine, the game puts a premium on weight and has but slight regard for skill. This is illustrated by a comparison of the weights of the teams of fifteen years ago with those of to-day. During that time the average weight has increased nearly, if not quite, twenty pounds. This is a perfectly logical development, for the simple reason that of the two elements composing momentum, it is much easier to obtain increased weight than increased speed.

"Altogether aside from the question of the danger arising from the concentration of this mighty momentum upon one player, against whom the play happened to be directed,

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ed, serious as that question is, it would seem that the present theory of the game is one opposed to true sportsmanship."

The most practicable remedy for Mr. Middlebrook's objection is to compel the side with the ball to gain ten yards instead of five, as Walter Camp suggests. Then the man's length two-yard gain would be of little avail, and as a result the momentum plays would be minimized. And, moreover, if a touchdown counted only four, while a goal from a drop kick counted six, a premium would be put on the kicking game. If these reminders failed it might be well to allow the ball to be passed forward after a map back, or even to permit the side that punted the ball to get it if possible, whether touched first by the other side or not.—The Independent.

### A PRACTICAL SERMON.

The following is as good a temperance sermon as ever was preached. A constructor of elevators has adopted a system which governs men. It hits all alike. It will be a happy day for mankind when all men thoroughly recognize the fact that no man who drinks much liquor is as efficient a man in any line of labor as he would be if he did not drink at all. Drinking is a disqualification. The railroads, the telegraph companies and all the other big commercial, industrial and financial organizations are drawing the lines closer and closer every day against men who drink. Drinking is held to be a disqualification even in the saloon itself. The drinking bartender cannot hold his own against the sober one. Sobriety is the first essential of successful business. Now, here is the sermon:

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With greetings to both old and new students the Skiff begins 1905.

B. Haber has an elegant line of shirts.

Regular class-work began Wednesday morning.

L. Pierce Bailey, of the class '01 and now attending the University of Texas, spent the holidays at his home in this city.

Men's tailor-made clothes, latest styles at moderate prices. B. Haber.

Chapel comes now at 3 p. m. instead of 8:30 a. m.

It is with pleasure that we note that A. C. Williams, of Cooper, and E. D. Wortham of China Springs, students of last year, have again enrolled in T. C. U.

Latest styles hats at B. Haber's.

Rev. H. R. Ford, of the class '04, preached his first sermon as pastor for the East Dallas church Sunday.

Rev. Polk C. Webb visited friends in Manor Sunday and preached for the church there at the morning service.

St. Charles Barber Shop. Try the St. Charles Barbers once and you will always go there.

R. H. Foster, of the class '04, stopped over here a short while Tuesday to see friends, while on his way back to the State University.

Start the New Year right by letting the St. Charles barbers do your work.

Be sure and have your cards printed by Thos. Leech. He will be at the University Tuesday.

W. O. Dallas, Robert Wheeler, and C. M. Ashmore, after spending the holidays as delegates to the Ruston Y. M. C. A. Conference, arrived here Monday morning.

Give the Annual your hearty support.

T. N. Goodson, of the class of '04, now a student in the Medical College at Galveston, stopped over a short while during the early part of the week.

Patronize old T. C. U. students by getting your barber work done at the St. Charles Barber Shop.

Lucian L. Goss, president of the senior class, leaves to-night for Austin, Texas.

Prof. Ross spent the holidays at his home in Oklahoma City.

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Blow out! TEXAS STUNT! next week's issue.

Prof. Parks has been called to be pastor of the church at Manor.

Miss Mabel G. Cross, our last year librarian, writing from Bartlett, Texas, asks that the Skiff be sent there instead of Hiram, O. She says: "The arrival of the Skiff is always welcomed as a letter from a friend"

I have a good position as a music teacher at this wealthy little town.

Dr. J. B. Eskridge has not yet returned from Indiana where he went to hold a meeting.

Alfred C. Milican, of Fremont Station, Washington, and traveling representative of the prohibition movement in the United States, made an interesting chapel talk Thursday afternoon, on the prohibition movement in the colleges.

The forty-ninth report of Port Arthur's capture seems now to be an actual fact.

Read Thos. Leech's ad. on the fourth page.

From the way those "boodlers" are submitting to the frenzied attacks of Mr. Lawson, they seem to be the lambs and he the lion.

Help! Help! That is, help get out the Annual.

The delegates to the Southwestern Y. M. C. A. Conference at Ruston, La., report a most successful meeting. This speaks well for the colleges of the southwest.

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New matriculates by Wednesday night: Misses Ruby E. Anderson, El Campo, Texas; May Belle Bering, Port Arthur, Texas; Marie W. Cook, Thomaston, Texas; Ethel M. Wood, San Antonio, Texas; Ora J. Haile, Kingsman, Kansas; and, Messrs. W. A. Thedford, Olney, Texas; W. F. Harris, Palestine Texas; W. T. Lavender, Lancaster, Texas; Barney Halbert, Chico, Texas; H. D. Jones, Coleman, Texas; J. F. Britton, North Waco, Texas; Quinby Baroman, Hubbard City, Texas; M. W. Sheeny, Hereford Texas; Clarence Baugh, Rogers, Texas.

Pres. Zollars has exchanged his first floor class room for one on the second floor.

Friday morning at about 3 o'clock a fire started in the Waco Steam Laundry, owned by Crow Bros. The result was the total loss. Near \$4,000 worth of clothing and laundry was destroyed. All the efforts of the efficient fire department were not able to save the laundry.

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**The Reason Why.**  
A man shrieked for joy.  
"Ah, ha!" he cried, "times are bad."  
This was good. He was a watchmaker.

**The City Girl.**  
Upon the farm the city-bred  
Young girl sat down to tea,  
And noticing the honey, said:  
"I see you keep a bee."  
—Philadelphia Inquirer.  
And to the stanchions did the maid  
Go with a question: "Please,  
Which one of these dear, brown-eyed  
cows  
Is it that gives the cheese?"

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The castles I love best!  
With sighing wind and rustle  
Of leaf that tumbles by,  
I build each castle higher  
And higher to the sky!  
The forms are tall and graceful  
In liltesome curve and frieze,  
And turrets pierce the heavens  
And glitter as I please!

When darkness comes serenely  
And shrouds the castle high.



"THE CASTLES I LOVE BEST."  
I sit and dream contented  
While night bugs bumble by!

Alas! When morn has wakened  
The earth to fervent toil,  
My castles tall are missing  
With gold and glint and foil!  
But night-time finds me dreaming  
When shadows climb the slope,  
For while there's life there's pleasure  
In love and dreams and hope!

A mob threw fifteen bad eggs at a North Carolina man. He recovered by law \$300 damages for every egg that hit him. Half the mob was composed of women. How much money did the man get?

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THE FIRST SPRING ROBIN.  
The air is apulse with the passion of spring;  
The buds are a bursting; the fond heart is throbbin'.  
Who then will report for the small country paper,  
The first piping plaint of the first little robin?

Entertaining a Whipper-Snapper.  
Polonius was right, abstractly, when he said worth alone makes the man; but, if alive to-day, would he dare say that worth alone makes the woman. Every successful business man realizes that clothes enter largely into the successes and failures of to-day, and dress accordingly. Women long ago learned this truth and have little respect for Polonius and his ante-date philosophy.

Recently some very expensive and lavishly furnished apartments were erected in a well-known western city. Two ladies eminently respectable and possessed of means, being in that neighborhood, decided to call and investigate. Unfortunately they had been on a long constitutional through the parks and wore plain costumes, including short skirts. They walked brusquely up to the building and entered the agent's office. That individual was absent, but his understudy, a young male thing, with an inflated idea of his own responsibility, eyed them critically and with an overbearing manner endeavored to impress them with the enormous rentals placed on the apartments. It was more evident than pleasing to the visitors that they were being "sized up" as entirely too "cheap" to be worthy of consideration. Much disgusted and more indignant, they withdrew to the street.

It was Byron who said:  
"Sweet is Revenge—especially to women."  
The very next day there drove up to the building a handsome equipage, from which alighted two fashionably dressed women. The sunlight sparkled on their jewels and they bore themselves with the unmistakable air of good breeding and plenty. The agent, smirking and smiling, begged to show the ladies the apartments, but they insisted, strangely, on the assistant being their escort. That individual fawning and bowing and feeling much elated at their marked preference, led the way.

Then began one of the most strenuous experiences of a whipper-snapper. From apartment to apartment they urged him, up stairs and down stairs, through a modern city apartment of miles of stairway. At each landing they found many grievous faults with the inferiority of the building. They were exceptionally outspoken in their criticisms and even took occasion to sink the shaft of venom into the humiliated assistant.

At last, after having taken almost two hours of the young man's time, he was not over-politely informed they wouldn't think of living in such a shoddy, unpretentious and mediocre structure.

"Have you nothing better to show us? Something worth, say, two or three times as much and several times nicer arranged and more elegantly equipped?" they demanded. "I see we have been misled by the advertisement, but yesterday when we were here the prospects seemed better for some really modern and acceptable flats."

About this time the truth began to dawn in the much-muddled mind of the whipper-snapper, but before he could assume a retaliating air, the ladies, their noses elevated and their faces locked with disdainful rigidity, swept grandly out past the bewildered agent to their carriage.

"Home!" they cried in chorus.  
They had been avenged.

Mrs. Bilkins (sweetly): Do have another piece of cake, Cousin John.

Cousin John: Why, really, I've already had two; but it's so good I believe I will have another.

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Little Johnny (excitedly): Ma's won! ma's won! She said she'd bet you'd make a pig of yourself!—Galveston News.

### EVENING OF MUSIC

The musical concert given by the Raskmosky and Rhapsodie quartettes and other pupils of Prof. L. Reic Shockey on the evening of the twentieth of December was pronounced by those present to be one of the most enjoyable musicals ever attended in the chapel of T. C. U. The selections given were of the highest order and rendered in a very excellent manner. Each piece brought forth hearty applause; especially was this noticeable following the rendition of "Rigoletto" by Mr. Barry Sympson. This is the first time Mr. Sympson has appeared before a T. C. U. audience this session and the way he was received shows how well he is appreciated here. Prof. Shockey is due special commendation for the high-grade work he is bringing out in the musical department. The program was as follows:

Battle Marche of the Priests in Athalia, *Mendelssohn*. Rhapsodie Quartette.  
Poet and Peasant Overture, *Suppe*  
Misses Edna Wester and Nannie Stowers.  
Praeludium and Sarabande Op. 62, *Nicolas V. Wilbur*, Misses Bessie Coffman and Pauline Shirley.

Marche Militaire, *Schubert Tansig*  
Miss Willena Hannaford.  
Overture, De Fra Diavolo, *Me. Decourcelle*, Rhapsodie Quartette.  
Valse, Op. 34, No. 1, *Moszkowski*, L. Reic Shockey and Miss Zenna Miller.  
Rigoletto, *Liszt*, Mr. Barry Sympson.  
Overture, De Tannhauser, *Wagner*, Raskmosky Quartette.

### Song of Strange Lands.

Ye who have traveled over many lands,  
Ye who have braved the rigors of the sea,  
Ye who have burst the all-restraining bands  
Of dull confinement sore that ye might be  
A wanderer o'er the earth, say now  
If ye have touched those islands in the farthest seas  
Wherein the gods give blest eternity!  
Say, traveler, have ye seen aught of these?

Or in the search for many and strange strands  
Have ye seen, like a cloud upon the lee,  
A goodly stretch of glad and golden sands,  
A paradise of tropic vine and tree—  
Fair Avalon, where Arthur dwells,  
Even he  
Who once was lord of many baronies,  
Where Oberon still riots in his glee?  
Say, traveler, have ye seen aught of these?

Or have ye found where that blest island stands  
Whither Ponce de Leon sought to flee,  
Where fountains spring that give with open hands  
Succor from age's chilling misery,  
Making old blood run joyously and free,  
Warming old limbs to pliancy and ease,  
And called in ancient legends "Bimini"?  
Say, traveler, have ye seen aught of these?

L'ENVOI.  
Ah, prince, all men shall see them,  
even we!  
Death is our shallop, icy cold the breeze;  
Till thou vain is the question, men agree;  
Say, traveler, have ye seen aught of these?  
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.