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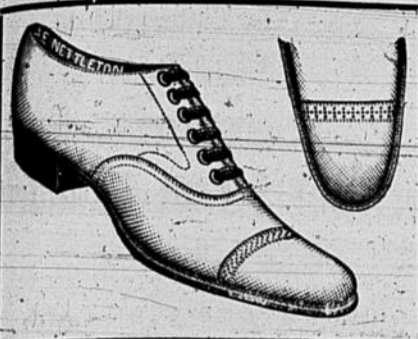
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SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGI- ATE ORATORICAL ASSO- CIATION.

Last year at Columbia, S. C., the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical Association voted to meet in May, 1901, with Texas. Mr. Chas. S. Potts was elected president and Mr. W. H. Slay secretary-treasurer. These two, assisted by the Oratorical Association of the University, have labored assiduously to make the meet a success. South Carolina sent Mr. Lucius Clifton Moise; Vanderbilt, Mr. John Shipley Tilley; Kentucky University, which had made application for membership, Mr. Robert Edmund Moss, while our own representative was Mr. Wilbur Price Allen. The visitors arrived Thursday at 4 o'clock, and were assigned quarters at the Driskill. Tuesday night a business meeting was held in the parlors of the Driskill. Kentucky University was admitted to membership in the association, and it was determined to meet with that institution next year. This gave to that institution the presidency and secretary-treasuryship. For the former position Mr. Ward Russell was named, and for the latter Mr. A. H. Lyman. Mr. J. B. Dibrell of Texas was chosen vice-president. The resignation of Washington and Lee from membership in the association was received and accepted. The contestants also drew lots for places.

On the following night, Wednesday, May 15th, the contest took place in the auditorium. Mr. Chas. S. Potts, president of the association, called the meeting to order and announced that the presiding officer would be Governor Joseph D. Sayers. Governor Sayers introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. John Tilley of Vanderbilt, who spoke upon the subject of "International Arbitration." Mr. Tilley's appearance on the stage was the best among the contestants, he being tall, erect, and of pleasing personality. His oration was clear and pointed, with a unity that made his reasoning the most easily followed of any. Mr. Tilley made many friends during his short stay, and we hope to see him again in Texas.

Mr. Robert Edmund Moss of Kentucky University had chosen for his subject, "Men Rise on Stepping Stones of Their Dead Selves to Higher Things." Evidently Mr. Moss had devoted much time and thought to the preparation of his oration. His articulation was distinct, his words were measured, and his delivery forcible.

Mr. Wilbur P. Allen of the University of Texas spoke upon "Americanism." Mr. Allen endeavored to show the distinctive traits of the American character, to measure its effect upon the progress of the world, and to indicate its future influence. Mr. Allen's delivery was the most polished of any of the contestants. He evidently had the good will of the audience, who showed their appreciation by continued applause when he had finished. His illness for the past two weeks had caused a physical weakness which was reflected to some extent in his address.

Mr. Lucius Clifton Moise of South Carolina College spoke upon the subject of "War." Mr. Moise was unfortunate in the place assigned to him on the program, for the audience becoming tired, the effect of a very fine address was partially lost. Mr. Moise's voice was against him, especially when a climax was reached, failing to be clear, distinct, and penetrating. Mr. Moise did himself credit and was an honor to the college he represented.

The judges were Justice R. R. Gaines of the Supreme Court; Hon. A. W. Terrell, ex-United States Minister to Turkey, and Attorney-General C. K. Bell. While they were deliberating Miss Alma Switzer of Weatherford College favored the audience with a violin solo most excellently rendered. Governor Sayers announced that the judges were too modest to deliver their decision in person, and had requested him to do so for them. The decision was unanimous in favor of Mr. Robt. E. Moss of Kentucky University.

The audience was divided in its opinions, each of course forming his judgment in accordance with his own ideal of oratory. Many in the audience thought the honor properly belonged to Mr. Allen, others thought Mr. Tilley deserved the prize, while many agreed with the judges. Mr. Tilley excelled in appearance and in unity and clearness of thought; Mr. Allen in a polished delivery, while Mr. Moss outstripped his opponents in the choice of a subject, in the possession of a magnificent voice, and in general effectiveness. Would that we had more of such contests and more men of the type of these four. All hail the victor of 1901, and all honor to his worthy opponents!

In the middle of the program Miss Mayme Jackson sang "Parla Ardite" in her own peerless way—how well, only those who have heard her can know. Miss Simkins played the accompaniment to this song as well as to the violin solo by Miss Switzer.

PROGRAM OF COMMENCE- MENT WEEK.

The faculty committee on Commencement exercises have nearly completed the order of exercises for Commencement week. The University Band has been engaged to furnish the music. Class day exercises—a new feature for this year—are scheduled for Monday morning. A new and pleasing feature this year will be a reception tendered the faculty and graduating classes by President and Mrs. Prather. This reception will be given on Friday night following examinations. The following is the program, subject to possible changes and additions:

FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 7.

President's Reception to the Faculty and Graduating Classes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9.

11:00 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, by the Rev. Ira H. Landrith, of Nashville, Tenn.
8:30 p. m.—Address before the Y. M. C. A.

MONDAY, JUNE 10.

Class Day.

9:00 a. m.—Morning serenade.
10 a. m.—Class Day exercises.
7:30 p. m.—Open air concert.
Evening Promenade.
8:30 p. m.—Final Exercises of the Literary Societies. The Du Bois Prize Contest in oratory.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

Alumni Day.

9:00 a. m.—Alumni Serenade.
Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni.
10:30 a. m.—Alumni Address by Sidney L. Samuels, Esq., of Fort Worth.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

Commencement Day.

10:30 a. m.—Commencement Exercises. The Conferring of University Degrees.
9:00 p. m.—Final Reception at the Driskill.

BASEBALL-BANQUET.

On last Thursday evening the faculty and alumni gave a banquet at the Driskill in honor of Dr. A. Caswell Ellis and the baseball team of 1901.

At 9 o'clock twenty-five professors, first team men, and alumni had assembled in the corridors of the Driskill, and after a few "short stories" all repaired to the banquet hall, where Mr. Daniell served one of those elegant "feeds" for which he is so noted. The menu cards were dainty affairs in orange and white, and on the inside page were the names of the men who composed the baseball team of 1901.

As Judge Clark said: "The bill of fare was served just as it was printed on the program." The judge was toastmaster for the evening, and no one ever filled that position with more grace than did that worthy old gentleman whom every Varsity student loves so well.

The toasts were of course along the line of athletics and baseball, and every speech went to prove the deep interest in athletics which is taken by the faculty and alumni. Everyone rejoiced in the success and victories won by the baseball team this year, and the faculty and alumni could have shown their appreciation in no better way than was shown that night. When every one had had his say (and also his fill) Judge Clark pronounced the benediction (it being after midnight) and the banquet was a thing of the past, but ever to be remembered by the team which had been so royally treated by the faculty and alumni.

Those present were: President W. L. Prather, Judge Clark, Dr. A. Caswell Ellis, Dr. Mezes, Dr. Battle, Dr. Bray, Dr. Mather, Dr. Garrison, Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Harper, Judge Townes, Hon. Clarence Miller, Hon. John Brady, Mont F. Highley, Capt. S. F. Leslie, H. E. Thomas, J. N. Holman, W. W. Vann, T. B. Chapman, W. R. Garland, J. P. Haven, E. C. Connor, W. S. Amsler, L. E. Fant, and S. P. Burke.

A SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The young ladies boarding at Mrs. Weller's invited a few of their friends around to a delightful little party last Saturday evening. A part of the evening's entertainment was the writing of bits of original verse by each person present upon some other member. After all the cards containing the verses had been collected they were passed upon by the judges, who awarded first prize to Mr. Prather and the booby to Mr. Smith. Then all were read aloud. Some were quite bright and witty and all were thoroughly enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served and it was a late hour when the merry party broke up. Those present were Misses Borroum, Parks, Shaw, Weeden, MacFarland, Mortimer, Shaw, Dainwood, McClendon, Bringhurst, F. Archer, Douglass, and V. Archer; Messrs. Fletcher, Duval, Sampson, Smith, I. MacFarland, B. MacFarland, Prather, Richie, Winn, and Ward.

THE REVELLERS' GERMAN.

On last Thursday evening the Revellers gave their first german of this month at the Hyde Park pavilion. About twenty couples were there and every one had a good time, for it was cool enough to make dancing enjoyable. The informality helped to make it one of the nicest germans of the season.

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Many who are strongly interested
in our State educational system wonder
why it is that there is not a
stronger feeling of unity between the
A. and M. College of Texas and our
State University. A part of the
same system and according to law
a part of the same institution, their
interests are identical though their
fields of work are different.

It is unnecessary to call attention
to many of the instances in which
they could be of great benefit to each
other—a single example will suffice.

The entry of A. and M. into inter-
collegiate athletics gave a great im-
petus to that form of student en-
deavor in this institution, while our
relations with them beyond question
helped to upbuild their athletic
spirit. Both colleges stand in this
regard in a class entirely to them-
selves in this State, and because of
magnificent distances are almost iso-
lated athletically from other colleges
of their class. By uniting their ath-
letic managements where necessary;
or at least working in harmony in
the bringing of foreign colleges to
Texas, the athletic arrangement of
each could be greatly improved.
Amplification is unnecessary. Will
those who have the best interests of
both institutions earnestly at heart
not unite their labors and see what
good will result?

Every year it is becoming more
painfully evident that we have a
surplusage of social functions ap-
pended to our Commencement
exercises with a corresponding de-
traction to the Commencement
proper. Beginning with the middle
of the week preceding Commence-
ment, there is a perfect round of so-
cial enjoyment with which most of
the participants become surfeited be-
fore the functions are half over, and
the remaining days are a burden to
be borne only for loyalty's sake.

Evidently this year will be no ex-
ception to the rule. Announcements
already made indicate that the com-
ing festivities will be in strict ac-
cordance with precedents already set.
Even those by whom these entertain-
ments are given are alive to the evil
of them. Will they not begin now
to make arrangements to reduce the
number for the 1902 Commence-
ment? Nothing short of a united
effort will accomplish anything. Will
the fraternities not set the example

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by making arrangements now for a
Pan-Hellenic ball for next year in-
stead of the many individual balls
they will give this? The institution
and the fraternities themselves can
not fail to prosper by such a course.

S. J. A. A. MEET.

The sixth annual Field day of the
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic
Association took place on Tulane
Field, New Orleans, on Saturday
afternoon. The colleges represent-
ed were North Carolina, Vanderbilt,
Tulane, and Texas.

Texas was only able to send
three men, while each of the other
teams had at least eight. Our team
arrived in New Orleans on Friday
morning about 8 o'clock and was
met by members of the Tulane re-
ception committee at the ferry land-
ing and escorted to the Denechaud
Hotel. After a hearty breakfast we
took the cars to the athletic field.
The field is larger than ours, the
track being one-quarter mile. The
track was very hard and fast and the
turns were long and easy. The team
got out and warmed up a little, and
Bowdon tried the turns a few times,
and we then returned to the hotel
for dinner.

The preliminary heats in the 100
and 220 yard dashes came off at 3
p. m. before a crowd of about one
hundred and fifty people, mostly
Tulane students.

In the first heat North Carolina
and Vanderbilt both got put back
a yard for making a false start, but
in spite of that handicap Osborne of
North Carolina made the remark-
ably fast time of 10 1-5 seconds,
equaling the Southern record. Bow-
don started in the second heat and
got away with the pistol, but on the
second stride his spikes struck a hard
piece of clay and turned his foot,
bringing him to his knee. He was
up again, however, and after the
bunch like the wind and beat out
a Vanderbilt man for third place. If
he had ten yards further to run
he would have won second place, as
his time was 10 3-5 in spite of the
fall, the winner's time being 10 2-5.
As only the first and second man in
each heat could qualify for the
final heats we did not get a place
in the finals.

Before the heats in the 220 yard
dash Capt. McDaniel, at the request
of the referee, gave an exhibition
with the discus. None of the visit-
ing teams had ever seen it thrown,
and they were greatly interested and
gave "Mac" plenty of applause. His
best throw was 105 feet 5 inches—
two feet more than his previous

In the 220 yard dash Bowdon had
the inside track, making the turn
close to the stakes, and was beaten
for second place by about a foot, his
time being 24 1-5, or three-fifths
faster than he had ever run it be-
fore. These heats ended the pro-
gram, and the team returned to the
hotel for supper.

Saturday morning was spent in a
street car ride about the city and in
a visit to the mint, the French
Market, and the docks.

The afternoon program began at
3 p. m. with the final heat of the
100 yard dash which was won by
North Carolina in 10 1-5 seconds,
equaling the Southern record. The
high jumps was the second event,
and in this we expected at least sec-
ond place. Gillette had been nurs-
ing his bruised heel since Thursday
and while it was still sore he was
able to enter. The bar rose rapidly
to 5 feet, where all but Clegg of
Tulane, Linville of North Carolina,
and Gillette dropped out. Five-two
and five-three were cleared in rapid
succession and Clegg cleared 5 4-5,
but both Linville and Gillette failed
to make it in their three jumps and
this gave Clegg first place. The
bar was then lowered an inch and
Linville and Gillette began to jump
off the tie for second place. Five-

three and a half and 5 4-5 were
cleared by both men and the crowd
was becoming excited. Then Lin-
ville cleared 5 5-8, an inch higher
than the winner, and Gillette in his
first trial stepped on the corner of
the track where the grass had not
been removed and slipped, wrench-
ing his foot and heel. He made
two more game efforts, but was un-
able to clear the bar and had to
take second place, having jumped
5 feet 4 1-2 inches, the same height
as the winner and an inch better
than he had ever done before.

McDaniel failed to qualify in the
shot put and it was late in the after-
noon when the hammer throw was
started. The hammer handles were
made of very fine wire and kept
breaking every two or three throws
and the contest dragged along until
dark. In the final round Council of
North Carolina won with 100.70 feet
and "Mac" got second with 91
feet.

The contest lasted so late that we
missed the regular 8:40 p. m. train,
but succeeded in getting out at 9:30
p. m. on an excursion to Beaumont,
where we arrived at 10 o'clock the
next morning and were obliged to
lie over until 5 p. m. We took ad-
vantage of this wait to go out to the
oil fields at Gladys City and in
strolling around Beaumont. We
arrived at Houston at 8:45 p. m. and
left for Austin at 11 p. m.

Our score was small and does not
at all represent the good work we
did. If we had been able to take
Weissman and Neal along, too, we
could have won the mile run and
shot put with ease, but we just had
a limited amount of money and
had to make the best of it. While
we did not score many points, our
men did well for novices and beat
their previous records by a good
margin, and but for the fact that
Bowdon was taken with a severe
chill just before the one-fourth
mile run we would have showed up
better.

The total score was: North Caro-
lina, 41; Vanderbilt, 37; Tulane,
25; Texas, 4.

THE RUSK.

The Rusk was called to order last
Saturday night promptly at 8 o'clock
by President Hilliard. After roll
call and approval of the minutes of
last meeting the following program
was rendered:

First, a declamation on "Ameri-
can Volunteers" by Mr. Bigler,
which was excellently and eloquently
delivered.

Second, a declamation, being the
speech delivered by Mr. Ingersoll to
the springing of the bomb at
dianapolis. This selection was also
an excellent one and Mr. Camp did
not fall below the standard of elo-
quence set by Mr. Bigler.

After a meeting of the Oratorical
Association the following debate was
had:

Section 1—Mr. Frank, chairman.
Affirmative: Bishop, Moffett. Neg-
ative: Mann, Buchanan.

Section 2—Mr. Adamson, chair-
man. Affirmative: Newsome, Cook.
Negative: Markham, Ayers.

Section 3—Mr. Curtsinger, chair-
man. Affirmative: Garrett, Griggs.
Negative: Dabney, Zumwalt.

Question: "Resolved, that Eng-
land is justified in her war against
the Boers."

This was the last debate of the
Rusk for this session, and we are
glad to say that it was one of the
most enthusiastic debates of the
year. The judges in each section
were divided in opinion.

Next Saturday night will be the
last regular meeting of the Rusk for
the present session. It is expected
that all the members will be pres-
ent, as it is election night. Especial
interest should be taken in the selec-
tion of officers this term, as they
must all be chosen from those who
will return next session. Politics is
the life of any society. Know whom
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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Examinations are dangerously near.

The Ashbel show, was quite a success.

W. T. Boyd, B. A. '98, is teaching in Vernon.

Rev. C. P. Goodson conducted chapel last week.

Hogge Whaling is in the banking business in El Paso.

The Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association is out.

The matter for the next issue of the Record is ready to go to press.

Arthur J. Rector spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Austin.

This warm weather makes the students long for their happy homes.

The Magazine will get out a Commencement issue that is said to be a winner.

Jerry Taylor has been chosen business manager of the Magazine for next year.

The girls boarding at Mrs. Welles entertained a few friends Saturday night.

Walter Amsler went to McGregor Thursday to spend a day or two at home.

Lillian, daughter of Professor Sutton, has been quite sick with scarlet fever.

The Senior Laws are exceedingly anxious to receive their Constitutional Law grades.

The Cactus will be here the latter part of this week. Get your subscriptions ready.

Miss Imogene Hicks of Rockdale will spend Commencement time with the Misses Scarbrough.

McDaniel, Bowdon, Gillette, and Mr. Curtiss returned from New Orleans Monday morning.

The baseball team was banqueted by members of the faculty at the Driskill Thursday night.

The reception given by the Misses Armstrong after the oratorical contest was a most enjoyable affair.

Denny Parker, now in the service of the Brazos Valley Railway, was a visitor to the University Saturday.

Prof. Arthur Lefevre, C. E. '95, and formerly Instructor in Mathematics here, has been appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction by Governor Sayers, vice J. S. Kendall, resigned to accept the superintendency of the Denton Normal.

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W. L. Barber is sick with mumps at B. Hall. He has expressed his appreciation by turning out side whiskers.

Miss Bessie Stevens, an ex-Varsity belle, is to spend Commencement week with Miss Jimmie Armstrong.

Judge Lewis returned Tuesday of last week from Georgia and took up Evidence with the Junior Laws the following Friday.

"T" sweaters have been ordered for the baseball men. The sweaters will be pure white with the regulation "T" in orange.

Miss Gladia Crane makes an ideal Irish girl. Her work in the Ashbel play Friday night would have done credit to the professional stage.

Miss Felton Walker, who was recently called to her home in Schulenburg by the illness of her father, has resumed her work in the University.

Misses Edith and Annie Hall entertained a party of Varsity friends on Tuesday night of last week in honor of Miss Josie Grimes of Gatesville.

Norman T. Robertson, who has been working under Mr. Parker at Marlin in the offices of the Waco & Brazos Valley Railway, spent Sunday with friends in the University.

Gates Thomas, '00, who has been teaching in the Victoria public schools during the past year, is visiting friends in the University. He will remain in Victoria next year.

C. C. Cole, B. A. '00, who has been in the employ of the W. Reid Coal Companies at Dallas, will shortly go to Oklahoma City to take charge of a branch office at that place.

BASKET BALL GAME.

On last Saturday a game of basket ball was played in the ladies gym.

Two picked teams, one called the Oranges, the other the Whites, played a match game before a large and enthusiastic audience. Score, 8 to 2 in favor of the Oranges. An admission fee was charged and the proceeds, a neat sum, was donated to the Tennis Club with the compliments of the young ladies and best wishes for Varsity to be victorious in the coming State tournament which will be held here this week. This interest and enthusiasm shown by the young ladies is to be commended highly, and Varsity appreciates their effort to aid the Tennis Committee in entertaining the tennis players who will be here from all over the State. Miss Norvell states this was the best basket ball game played here this season, and she deserves great credit for originating the idea of helping the Tennis Club out in this way.

THE ASHBEL SHOW.

The long-talked of Ashbel play was presented in the auditorium Friday night, May 17th, by the girls of the Ashbel Society. There was a large house, since no one who saw the performance of last year was too busy to go out, and a large number of townspeople were also present.

When the Snow-Capped Sisters marched upon the stage they were greeted with enthusiastic applause. Their costumes were clever and unique, and scarcely anyone could distinguish the individuals. All we knew on earth and all we needed to know was that they were the Ashbel girls.

Miss Heard introduced the Sisters one by one and persuaded each to contribute her part to the evening's entertainment. The first on the program was unfortunately unable to recite all of "Paradise Lost" on account of having a very bad cold; she got no further than the fruit of the forbidden tree, and like another Eve, then she stopped.

The twins were sweet. They were so alike in shape and size that no one could have told one from the other except for the fact that they wore sashes of different color. Miss Mary Lou Prather and Miss Popple well acted this part to perfection.

Susan Deplora deserves mention. Fifty years of her fleeting youth had been spent in grief, and still the fountain of her tears had not run dry. Her motive was not to win the praise that comes to constancy, either.

"At length I saw a lady within call. Stiller than chiseled marble, standing there. A daughter of the gods, divinely tall, And most divinely fair."

This was "The Late Lamented," Mary Key.

And there was Sappho, white-robed, angelical.

"Elysian beauty, melancholy Grace, Brought from a pensive though a happy place."

Headless of the empty noise around her, she sat "with eyes upraised, as one inspired," nor would she leave her place until the yellow crescent of the moon was hung before her eyes.

In striking contrast to Sappho was the sprightly French girl, Marie Elise. We might suggest that a little more "local color" would have been appreciated.

There is little to be said about the second part of the play, "Dr. Baxter's Great Invention." It was clever in places, but other uninteresting parts were too long-drawn out. The climax was good, however, when the electricity was turned on, and the patients emerged in all their youthful prime.

Meanwhile we await as patiently as may be the Ashbel play of 1902.

GLEE CLUB DISBANDS.

The University Glee Club held its last regular meeting of the year on May 13th. At this meeting it was decided, on account of the press of work, to disband for the remainder of the year. Before disbanding, however, officers for next year were elected. Mr. Edgar Townes was chosen as president, Mr. F. D. Russell as secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. P. Hargrove as business manager, and Dr. Penick was again unanimously elected as director.

During the meeting Mr. West, as spokesman for the club, in suitable words presented Dr. Penick with a silver mounted baton as a token of the appreciation that was felt by the members for his untiring work for them during the year. More suitable words followed on the part of the director, and for a time the meeting seemed to be turned into an old-time experience meeting. The three ladies, Mrs. Shurter, Miss Jackson, and Miss Simkins, who went with the club on the trip, were elected as honorary members of the club, which fact called forth more speeches from them. In fact, it seemed to be peculiarly a speech-making meeting all around, and it was with reluctance that it was finally adjourned.

The prospects for the club next year are very bright indeed. It was determined to take the trip next year some time in January, as early as possible after the holidays. Quite an extended tour is being arranged, in which engagements will be filled in the principal cities of Texas. New voices are being heard of on all sides, and these together with the old men can not fail to make the club a success.

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THE ARMSTRONG RECEPTION.

At the palatial home of Major Armstrong on last Wednesday evening, after the oratorical contest, was tendered one of the most enjoyable receptions we have had this year in University circles. The spacious halls were thrown open for dancing while the beautiful lawn was covered with scores of Japanese lanterns, under the soft radiance of which Texas chivalry and beauty assembled to do honor to the representatives from South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

The visitors were completely captured, and all of them were unanimous in the opinion that Texas hospitality rivaled any they had seen in the older States.

The Misses Armstrong are due especial credit for their great-hearted hospitality. Let us trust that more of Austin's leading citizens will throw open their homes to the University in the future, and there shall be developed that rare social culture which only a college town can know.

From the Louisiana State University Reveille: L. S. U. regrets that certain unkind remarks, entirely undeserved and made by irresponsible persons, should have been uttered in the hearing of our friends from Texas who visited us recently. That McNeese was struck by a pitched ball unintentionally has never been questioned by L. S. U. It was an accident that any baseball player is subject to.

There are a few people who attend our games, who, having never been college men, can not, in consequence, appreciate the sentiment that prevails between college teams in their athletic contests, which are essentially contests between gentlemen. We know that no one regrets the accident more than the Texans themselves, and we apologize to them for the shortcomings of some of our friends. The absurdity of such assertions as that the affair was intentional makes this article seem absurd in itself, but we heard that our friends from Texas felt hurt over the matter, so we thought that this would not be amiss. Manager Higley and his team were in every respect the finest set of college men it has ever been our pleasure to receive on our campus, and it is our sincere hope that we may see more of them in the future.

THE DU BOIS PRIZE CONTEST IN ORATORY.

The preliminary contest will be held in the auditorium on Friday next, May 18th, at 2:30 p. m. Contestants are requested to meet Prof. Shurter in room 70 at 2:15 on said date, to draw for places.

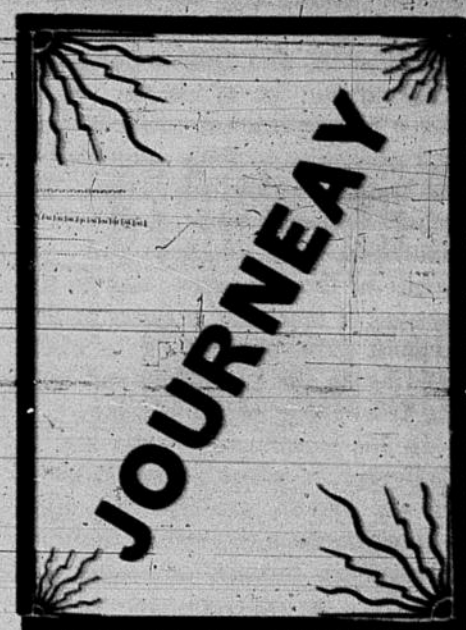
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Fort Worth, Texas.
N. B.—The Epworth Leaguers will go to Frisco our way in July.

THE APRIL NUMBER OF THE QUARTERLY.

The April number of the Quarterly contains, most appropriately and almost exclusively, an account of that period of the Texan Revolution known as the San Jacinto Campaign. This subject is, of course, one of never failing interest to all Texans, and especially to those interested in the historical growth of Texas. The article in question consists of a short, straightforward account of the events of the campaign; and to this account is appended a series of documents, given in part or in whole, relating to the campaign and written from many points of view.

In his introductory note, Mr. E. C. Barker, to whom we are indebted for the article, explains his object—to construct a clear and absolutely nonpartisan account of events, and to print, as supplementary to his account, the original sources from which he has obtained his material with the purpose of popularizing them. Mr. Barker is to be complimented not only for having ably edited and annotated the original documents, but for having so successfully constructed a concise and unbiased account of the actual movements of the army during the most important period of the Texan Revolution.

The first of the supplementary documents is General Houston's official report of the battle. This account is perhaps too well known to require comment, but it is of interest to compare it in detail with the official report, printed in translation for the first time, of the Mexican commander, Santa Anna. As is to be expected, the point of view in the latter document is in decided contrast with that of the former, but in one point at least they are compelled to agree. There was no disguising the fact that the Mexicans had been disastrously defeated, whatever attempt Santa Anna might make to excuse or palliate this defeat.

The third document is made up of extracts from a letter of Moseley Baker to General Houston, and was written in the heat of political jealousy and rivalry several years subsequent to the occurrence of the events narrated. The document is chiefly interesting as an instance of the widely varying estimates put upon the value of General Houston's services, both in the Revolution and after.

The other accounts, eight or nine in number, are chiefly important for the side lights they throw upon the various attitudes assumed towards Houston afterward, and are conclusive evidence that the task of constructing an impartial and unpartisan narrative is no easy one, since it is plain that no two of the documents recount the events of the campaign in quite the same light. Mr. Barker has, it would seem, been careful and painstaking in his research, and particularly successful in the selection and compilation of his material.

SIGMA NUS ENTERTAINED.

Last Thursday night the members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity were banqueted by Dr. Sylvester Primer at his home. At 9:30 o'clock the guests were ushered into the elaborately decorated dining room, where several pleasant hours were whiled away in conversation and in enjoyment of the dainty spread. The decorations were tastefully arranged, consisting of palms, flowers, vines, etc., mingled with the Frat. colors. At the termination of the banquet everyone agreed that he had been most royally entertained and that Dr. Primer is the prince of hosts. The Frat. yell was given, succeeded by nine yells for Dr. and Mrs. Primer, after which the guests departed. Those present were: Thos. Scher, H. R. Bondies, O. M. J. H. Booth, R. J. Randolph,

J. S. Simkins, Ben Robertson, E. Lee, W. E. Pope, F. F. Sampson, W. H. Finlayson, and Walter Bowden.

LIST OF ACADEMIC SENIORS.

The following is the revised list of applicants for graduation. Errors in names should be reported to Fred Taylor, at once.

B. S.

Jamie Durell Armstrong
Charles Thomas Brues
Joseph Edgar Bullock
Alex. Camp
Edward Pendleton Randolph Duval
Mabel Maria Falvey
Lena Lessora Haskell
Margaret Halliday
Wills May Johnson
Emile William Koch
Alex. Leonard Melander
Harry Washington Ostman
Lee Phillips
John Claiborne Paett
Joseph Dury Shaw
Oswin William Wilson
Dudley Keres Woodward, Jr.

B. A.

William Henry Adamson
James Franklin Ammerworth
Walter Scott Angler
Holland Edwards Bell
Robert Carlton Clark
Wallace Carnahan, Jr.
Henry Lamar Crosby
Carter Thomas Dalton
George Michael Decherd
Joseph Burton Dibrell, Jr.
Robert W. Haynie
Margaret Ideson
A. Bledsoe Lacy
Hermine Clara Richter
Elizabeth Howard West
Robert Anderson Wiseman

B. LIT.

Ethel Baker
William Berger
Mary Erin Crane
Thomas Fletcher
Nellie Young Fort
Emma Gutzeit
Benjamin Franklin Marable
Ida Mae Mead
Robert Lee Moore
William Lambdin Prather, Jr.
Lu Emma Raymond
Loula Rose
Mary D. Estelle Towell
Nancy Dodge Turner
Elizabeth Weedon
Steve Howard Worrell

GRADUATES.

M. A.

William Henry Adamson
Wilbur Price Allen
Mabel Brooks
Robert Carlton Clark
Lucy Ella Fay
Robert W. Haynie
Edmund Thornton Miller
Robert Lee Moore
Maud Margaret Shippe
Franklin Hans Smith
Maud Smith
Elizabeth Howard West

M. S.

Lula Mary Bailey
Frank Homer Curtis
Alice Philena Hubbard
John Matthias Kachane
Onesied Heywood Palm
Florida Thornton
Hattie Virginia Whitten

THE TERM EXAMINATION SYSTEM.

[Delivered before the Class in Public Speaking.]

The majority of students of the University of Texas are devoted to the Varsity. They work in its interest, talk of its advantages over other schools, enjoy alike its duties and its pleasures. But one thing they condemn almost unanimously—one feature of University work causes a groan to be heard throughout the school regularly three times a year. This is the term examination.

The system of regular term examinations may have some advantages, but the disadvantages are so much more numerous, so far more apparent, that it is a wonder it has

been endured so long and that the effort has been made to abolish it in our University. The examinations of themselves are bad enough. Having to devote a whole week to writing all you know, the mental and physical exhaustion caused by trying to keep everything at your tongue's end are extremely wearisome, to say the least; but there are other evils that are encouraged by the system—evils of a more serious and lasting nature that affect us not only during the term examinations but during our whole university life. One of these is a disposition to shirk the regular preparation of lessons and another, which, naturally accompanies it, is the inevitable cramming that takes place at the close of each term.

Even the most studious of us are glad to have a rest sometimes, and when there is something attractive outside of our school duties we can not resist the temptation to let studies go and enjoy ourselves awhile. It is quite right and proper to do this occasionally, but it is so easy to form the habit of neglecting work for pleasure that this may become quite a serious hindrance to the preparation of our lessons, especially when we have the assurance that we can "cram up on that when examinations come."

It naturally follows that term examinations are not a fair test of a pupil's ability. Some pupils can shirk all the term and just before the final ordeal sit up and study all night and write a passable or in some cases a brilliant paper on the subject. Others plod along steadily the whole term and really learn a great deal more, but when the time comes they feel compelled to cram up—simply because it has become the custom of every student—with the result that they frequently go to the classroom utterly exhausted both mentally and physically, and so tired and nervous that they can not do themselves justice. Their grades will be lower than the grades of those who have taken things easy all the term; they become discouraged and decide to study less, and thus another shirk is added to the already increasing number.

The habit of cramming is injurious not only to the body but to the mind also. Is it reasonable to suppose that the mind grows or develops any from these spasmodic spells of study? Do we remember any length of time the things we have literally drummed into our brains one night for the next day's use? No; we do not expect or even desire to keep them in mind any longer than it takes to write them down. We must get them out of the way as soon as possible in order to make room for the next thing. Thus we fail entirely to accomplish the very aim of our education, that of the systematic training and development of our minds.

Of course it is only the students who complain of term examinations, but the teachers also realize the evils that arise from them and even admit that they ought to be abolished. Why then do we still continue the system? The reply is that there is nothing to substitute in its place. Why do we not substitute instead regular class work, have recitations, quizzes, and drills, and short examinations throughout the term? It would be a little hard on the shirk; it would be harder on the teacher than the present system, for he would have to keep a record of the pupil's work in order to make up the term grade, and it would necessitate an interruption of his systematically planned lectures to accommodate the recitations and quizzes, but it would effectually do away with the system of term examinations. Then we would have a great deal less shirking, less cutting of classes and cramming, and above all else be rid of those terrors of a student's life, those nightmares that disturb our otherwise peaceful slumbers—the term examinations.

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