

as less infamous than his reputation made him, that Arthur dies at last by an accident rather than by the will of his uncle. It would have been more dramatic, had Shakespeare intended to depict John as a murderer, to have followed the tradition which made him stab his nephew, in a boat, in the dead of night, with his own hand, and then sink the body "deeper than did ever plummet sound."

Young Men's Christian Association.

OFFICERS OF Y. M. C. A.

President, A. M. Todd.
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This organization, formerly entirely unknown at this College, is now becoming a live and prosperous organization. It has been maintained here for the past four years, beginning with a membership of some twelve or fifteen, it grew the next year to about thirty-two. Last session the active and associate membership reached about 75, and although the census of the present corps has not been taken, I feel warranted in predicting that not less than half the corps will be found upon its rolls, and even a larger number deriving the benefits of its labor. At the opening of this session a neat folder was printed extending a welcome to the new students, and a committee from the association met the trains to conduct the new students to the president's office, and assisted them in getting settled—thus greatly relieving the embarrassments of strangers who came. Under the genial influence of this association, as well as through the efficiency and trustworthiness of the cadet officers of the corps, the moral tone of the institution has undergone, and is still undergoing, a marked change.

Hazing of new students is a thing of the past. Recently a new student, after having been at the College for three days did not know what was meant by "strapping." Boisterousness and rowdiness are unknown. It is a matter of regret that profanity is still frequently heard among the students. One of the most pressing needs of the association is a suitable place in which to hold its devotional and other meetings. Within the past twelve months a nice start has been made toward establishing a first class gymnasium under its auspices. A hall 30x60 feet with plenty of light and air, has been fairly equipped with modern apparatus, to which all members, and the student body have access at small cost. The Association also contemplates making an effort to secure the services of some of the best popular lecturers of the country at intervals during the winter and spring. In addition to their regular meetings, special programs will be prepared and public meetings held monthly. Field day exercises have also been arranged.

All exercises of the Association will be found duly bulletined on the Y. M. C. A. bulletin board some days in advance of their occurrence. FRIEND OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

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We have in the A. and M. College of Texas two literary societies; namely, the Austin and the Calliopean, and they are organizations which ought to have the hearty support of every student.

In other colleges it is a well known fact that the literary societies have the co-operation and good will of all the students, then why should it be otherwise here? There is no reason, therefore fellow-students co-operate and join with us in making our societies models of success. If you have not joined, let me beg you to do so; and do so at once. The value of the literary societies has never been, and can never be questioned. It is an undisputed fact that most of our distinguished writers and speakers received their start by participating and taking an interest in society works while at College. The opportunity to take part in the society exercises, ought to be valued by every one very highly, as it affords us the means of working off the embarrassment so often felt by young speakers and writers. In the society hall we form many personal friends, whom we never forget, and we always remember our society meetings and debates with the tenderest of feelings. If there are those among the students who cannot join us and take an active part in the exercises, join us and encourage us by your presence at every meeting; we can assure you that you will find the exercises both interesting and instructive, and possibly sometime you will be encouraged to take part yourself. If you do you will never regret having done so.

And perhaps you might be a successful competitor for one or more of the numerous medals offered in both societies, for who can lift the veil that hides the future and foretell different. It has been done and may be done again. Both societies meet Saturday nights. You are earnestly invited to attend. The annual love feasts of both societies last June were successes, the like of which is rarely attained in any organizations of like character. There were many earnest and eloquent speeches made in both societies, and many medals offered to inspire increased zeal and interest during the present session. The medals donated to the Austin society are: A medal offered for the best essay, written either upon the life of General Sam Houston, or upon the life of Gov. L. S. Ross. The donor is Mr. George W. Dayton. Mr. Dayton entered College at the beginning of last session, and enlisted with the Austin society and carried off two medals—one for the best debator in the Austin society, the other for the best debator at the joint celebration during last commencement. The medals donated to the Calliopean society were as follows: (1.) A gold medal to be awarded to the member taking the greatest interest in society work this session. Donated by Hon. W. H. Luckett, class of '91. (2.) A gold medal offered for the best debator in the society—to be decided and awarded at the annual celebration held during this session. The society will elect the two debators and Prof. Harrington will select the subject; and Mr. T. M. Kyle, the kind donor is to be furnished with a copy of each debate. (3.) A gold medal offered to the