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### THE WOOD FAMINE.

And the sun came down, notwithstanding it was January, and it waxed exceeding hot. Then the wagons and the mules came and piled high the woodpiles. Yea, they came each day and piled them higher. And it was hot. But behold! A cloud arose in the north, a bluish cloud, and the wind blew and the rain descended and ice was formed upon the ground. It had grown cold, aye, it had become very cold. Then the wagons and the mules ceased to come and the woodpile grew exceeding lean, and after awhile there was no more wood on the face of the ground. And the poor cadets hugged their tattered overcoats about them for they too were cold. And their teeth chattered and their limbs grew numb as also did their faces. And it was biting cold. And so it is each year with the gay cadets. Ah! Blessed is he who hath wood piled high in his room, for he is blest.

In the past few issues of the Battalion much has been written about the manifold advantages to be derived from taking a course in one of the engineering branches, either civil, mechanical, electrical or textile; while the subject of agriculture has not been touched. To quote from the speech of Mr. John A. Craig, delivered before the State Teachers' convention, held at Corsicana, "Agriculture is and always shall be the leading industry of the State of Texas." After giving statistics and statements to prove this assertion, he says further, "the demand for farmers and agricultural experts is far in excess of the output. These men might be brought from other states and countries, but the best results would be obtained from the man born, raised and educated in Texas." To further show the extent of the call for serviceable men along agricultural lines, Prof. Craig says, "Within the past month or so we have had calls for three graduates of our College to go to Brazil on five-year contracts at a salary of \$2,000 per annum (American gold) and their expenses paid, going and returning. We have also been called upon to assist in filling the chairs of three professor-

ships in other colleges, carrying with them salaries of from \$1,500 to \$2,000. In addition to this five superintendents for large fruit and stock ranches have been asked for. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has also inquired for five assistants to take up the work in that department along agricultural lines. \* \* \* Now name any other institution of learning that in the same time has had such urgent appeals for sixteen lawyers, sixteen doctors or for sixteen men of any other professions." Most of us will agree with the Professor's statements that in nearly all other lines the positions are more than filled, while in agriculture the demand is only starting in. Texas, and in fact all the Southern states, need and shall continue for some time to need, the farmer much worse than it does the doctor and the lawyer, for although these professions are necessary evils, the man behind the plow is (figuratively speaking, for nowadays the up-to-date farmer is upon the plow instead of behind it) really the whole thing when it comes to a show-down.

The Battalion is issued by sacrificing valuable time, and by the expenditure of much labor and hard thought. It is issued every week with precision. This work is done by only a few fellows on the campus. They sacrifice their studies to issue a paper that will justly represent this college; not that the paper is any more to them than to the other students. And then the fellow who has never done the college one iota of good sits back in his chair with a cigarette in his mouth and proclaims the paper as "rotten." Its a safe bet that he has not yet paid his subscription and a safer one that he never will. Such men, if they can be called men, have an irritating effect on the cadets who do hustle up material for The Battalion, and their decisions would be appreciated more if left unsaid.

### WHAT IS IT THAT BOTHERS TOM?

This unintelligible piece of poetry was found in Tom Adams' writing tablet. There is only one explanation possible: He used to go into town real often to see a certain young lady, unknown to the finder of this verse, and best it is, so that no undue publicity can embarrass this person. Now he goes no more. He seems to have turned to the pages of that unfortunate bard, Byron, who had such reverses in love affairs and wrote of them so touchingly and passionately. The poem reads something like this:

Maid of Bryan, 'ere we part,  
Give, oh! give me back my heart,  
Or, since that has left my breast,  
Keep it now, and all the rest;  
And since I will come no more,  
Hear my vow, before I go.

Maid of Bryan, I am gone,  
But I will think of thee when  
alone.  
I may stay in the lonely College  
hall,  
Yet Bryan holds my heart and all.

Here a blot of ink blackened the paper, and something else had left its stain.

### THE AUSTIN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The second meeting of the Austin Literary Society, this term, was held last Saturday night with an attendance, considering the very inclement weather, that shows the interest and determination of the members that are seeking to unfold the literature of our masters and attain ease and ability in declamation and oratory.

A very interesting program was carried out, and each member felt that the benefit derived during the hour was far greater than could have been received from other sources.

It is essential that every school of any importance should have a strong and permanent literary society. With our reliable and old standing members, and the help of the corps, there is no reason why we cannot have as strong a society as any school in the State. An hour or two spent in improving one's ability to present his views before an audience is well spent, for it increases his reasoning ability, and produces a feeling of self-reliance. Every member of the corps has the time to devote a few hours to such work. It is far better to devote the time spent in visiting, and fooling every Saturday night away in some unprofitable frolic, improving this very neglected part of an education. The society has stood above the many local and temporary organizations that have sprung up with a seeming avowed determination to criticize wantonly, and play a death knell to her efforts for over 18 years, which speaks for her permanence.

It is very easy for young organizations to criticize unjustly and build air-castles. We wish them a due amount of success, but the age and permanence of every institution that has and is doing good should be considered.

The society here is well provided with seats, and has a nicely arranged rostrum for the officers. A large stove makes the hall a very comfortable room in cold weather, and the monotony of the bare walls is taken away by large pictures of eminent statesmen, that have been presented to the society by honorary members who have spent many pleasant hours in warm debate over many interesting subjects.

Officers were elected for the Austin Society at their last regular meeting of last term, and the following distinctions were conferred:

- E. M. Leary, President.
- Benjamin Bean, Vice-President.
- R. W. Shanklin, Secretary.
- A. B. Edsall, Treasurer.
- V. M. Ehlers, Critic.
- R. C. Lilly, Librarian.
- F. F. Breihan, Sargeant at Arms.

These officers, with the members, are exerting themselves to make the society a pleasant and beneficial adjunct to the college course, which will relieve the monotony of study.

The following is the program to be rendered next Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

PROGRAM OF THE AUSTIN LITERARY SOCIETY, JANUARY 21, 1905.

Oration.....R. C. Lilly  
Reading.....A. B. Edsall  
Current Events.....Casey

### DEBATE.

Resolved, That the Literature of the Last Century has done More for Civilization than the Industrial Changes.

Affirmative—B. B. Bean, F. F. Breihan, Meyers.

Negative—V. M. Ehlers, R. W. Shanklin, E. M. Leary.

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