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MEETING OF AUSTIN LITERARY SOCIETY.
The A. L. S. met for its first meeting in the new year, January 12, 1907. The recording secretary being absent, the corresponding secretary took his place. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted. The treasurer made his report on the finances of the society for the fall term. It showed a small amount of money on hand. This amount ought to be increased by everybody paying his dues. The constitution and by-laws were then read by the secretary. Mr. Bean impressed on the members the necessity of immediate work. We have only five months ahead of us, and if anything is to be accomplished we must get down to it now. The programs of the next two meetings will consist of debates of interest. All members should be present.
M. H. WEINERT, Cor. Sec.

Direct Appeals to the Supreme Court
Washington, Jan. 5.—It was stated at the department of justice that appeals will be taken direct to the supreme court of the United States in behalf of the cases under the employers' liability act, which was recently decided to be unconstitutional.

CORNELL'S SPEECH AT THE LAST Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

The ten days I spent at the Ruston Conference were the happiest and best days of my life. It was not a very large gathering, but every man went there to learn something, and I believe he did. There were only 138 delegates, but they were a jolly good crowd of men and boys.

The Ruston people opened their homes, and welcomed us to their town. The Mayor turned the town over to us, and we hallowed and yelled until we couldn't. Not a case of misbehavior was reported, and everybody wore a smile, not a selfish smile, but a "natural, good old smile." We all dined together in a hall near the center of the town. After gathering around the table, we usually sang a song, returned thanks, and then the fun began. College songs and yells were in order during the meal, and it was very interesting to hear from the different institutions. There were delegates from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and last but not least, Texas. There were men from thirty different colleges—seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen, preachers, teachers, lawyers, doctors—all mixed together. Several delegates were married men and wore mustache, but you couldn't tell it by the way they acted.

From 8 to 9 o'clock each morning was spent in some sort of Bible study; 9 to 10, conference and ministry work. At these conferences every fellow had a say-so, and the delegates outlined the different subjects, such as "How to Organize a Bible Class," "How to Spend the Class Hour," and "How to Select Leaders." Ten to eleven, American problems and Foreign Mission work. Eleven to twelve, platform lectures, which were very good. The afternoons were spent in interviews with the speakers, and in athletics. Seven to eight in the evening, platform addresses. Eight to nine, conference similar to the one in the morning. Nine to nine-thirty, state conferences. Ten o'clock, bed time.

The principal speakers were Cooper, Laflamme, and Murray of New York, Milliard and Weatherford of Atlanta, Harde of Mobile, Hobbs of Kansas City, McCulloch of Nashville, and Brown of Texarkana. Besides these, there were some fifteen or twenty Y. M. C. A. secretaries.

Laflamme gave us two lectures on foreign mission work. He has just returned from India. The district in India where he worked has 250,000 people. He told us that there were 20,000 widows under seven years of age in India.

Two or three forceful lectures were given on choosing a life work. Be sure to choose something that is large enough to hold you down. The Y. M. C. A. could use 200 college graduates now, but they are not to be had. Three hundred pulpits in the Presbyterian churches are vacant, and they can't get men to fill them. The foreign mission board wants one thousand men each year for ten years.

Cooper's lecture on Sabbath desecration was grand. I wish you all could have heard it. If we could get Cooper down here, I believe he

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