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## PROGRESS OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Two Hundred Men Expected to Enroll For Bible Study.

The work of our Y. M. C. A. is making good progress. Although the association is comparatively young in our institution, it will soon show itself equal to those of other colleges, which were established many years ago. All that is necessary is for us to stay with it now during its infancy, and in several years we shall feel the full force of it. It may be the means of our getting a gymnasium and other things here. The association is paying its share toward the salary of a student secretary for the state, who will endeavor in turn to secure for us one of the twenty different Y. M. C. A. buildings to be built at different colleges of Texas. The A. and M. stands as good a showing as any college. A budget has been made out, and without doubt we shall have these things in shape before long. Different cadets have been around organizing the Bible classes in the different halls. According to indications now, at least 200 men will enroll for the Bible work.

Another endeavor of the association will be to get good speakers to address us at different times. This will be an important factor in our life here.

## GROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

Many Interested in Cross Country Running.

### FIRST CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Held Saturday, With One Mile Course Along Wagon Road.

Friday evening a meeting of those interested in cross country running was held in chapel, Prof. Campbell opening the meeting by suggesting a temporary organization in order to carry on the trial runs. Upon motion, a committee of four was elected with Thompson, the track manager, as chairman, to take charge of the trial runs. It was decided to have the first run on Saturday, Feb. 19. The following are the members of the committee: Thompson, chairman, Huff, Richenstein, Utay and Cornell.

The membership of the Cross Country Club will be chosen from those making the best records in the runs, and as it will be quite an honor to be a member of the club. Don't fail to give your name to one of the above committee before going out on the runs. While the cross country runs are somewhat apart from our usual college athletics, an effort will be made to get jerseys for the team. The first cross country run at A. and M. took place Saturday afternoon at 4:30. The course for Saturday was along the wagon road a mile in either direction from the I. & G. N. Station. Until further notice there will be runs on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. The course will be different each day. As the boys get in trim the runs will be longer. About twenty-five came out Saturday and the mile was more than enough for some of them. This is something everyone can take part in and more should show up. The equipment for the Field Day sports has arrived and can be found at Shearer & Wyche's tent whenever wanted. Murphy is doing stunts with the hammer, with Ross and others also working hard to master the new plaything. Spivey seems to have the best of it with the shot.

### MEETING OF AUSTIN LITERARY SOCIETY.

The A. L. S. met at its usual place of meeting January 19th, 1907, with an attendance of nineteen members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Clayton was elected recording secretary upon resignation of the one holding this position.

The program for the meeting was a debate on the subject, Be it Resolved, "That Home Influences Have More to Do with the Shaping of Man's Character Than All Other Influences Combined." The talks of Messrs. Berg on the negative, and Clayton on the affirmative were especially interesting. The decision rendered by the judges was unanimously in favor of the affirmative. There being no further business before the society, it adjourned.

M. H. W., Cor. Sec.

Miss Prim—"In Alaska they have reindeer."

Mr. Nery—"Yes, but oftener they have snow, darling."—Ex.

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### DR. BLAKE ON "COLLOIDS."

Addresses Scientific Association on this Subject.

Dr. J. C. Blake addressed the Scientific Association last Friday night on the subject of "Colloids." He began speaking shortly after eight o'clock, and held the attention of his audience for about an hour and a half. He defined and discussed colloids and colloidal solutions, performing a series of experiments during the lecture.

Dr. Powell, secretary of the society, announced that some future speakers will be Dr. Ball on "Archaeology," Prof. Warsall on "Live Stock," and Prof. C. S. Potts on a subject not given. The first two lectures will be illustrated with stereopticon pictures.

### Underestimated.

Friend—Your wife has a very uncommunicative expression.

Husband (sighing)—You should hear her talk once.—Bombe.

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