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THE CLASS NUMBER OF THE BATTALION.

The two younger children of the A. and M. College have tried their ability on magic "hand mill," and have produced two numbers of The Battalion that not only should the respective classes be proud of, but the College as well.

It now comes the time for the next older child to show his ability to wield the mighty pen, with a hand which by reason of seniority, is expected to more clearly establish the fact that indeed "The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword."

This class of editors must not be mistaken for class rivalry, for that is not their purpose. The purpose is to develop more writers to continue our publications.

Students must be found who are able and willing to keep up and improve the high standard of excellence already attained by the student body in the publication of The Battalion and the Long Horn.

This need is being realized too, as several excellent writers have already been discovered, and it is our hope that this Junior issue will furnish evidence sufficient to suspect that there are yet with our great "tech" school a few "knights of the pen" that have not been doing their duty.

The meeting of the Colonial Conference at London, April 15, will mark the beginning of one of the most critical periods of the modern history of a first power nation.

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PROMINENT STOCKMEN PAY US A VISIT

Messrs G. O. Creswell, E. Boog Scott of Coleman were the guests of Prof. Marshall and Dr. Francis last week. Each of these gentlemen had a herd of bulls here under the care of Dr. Francis, who acclimated them. Mr. Creswell left his two stallions and one Aberdeen Angus bull here, and Mr. Boog Scott also left a Hereford bull to be prepared for the Fort Worth show.

Both of these gentlemen are staunch friends of the College, Mr. Creswell giving the Animal Husbandry Department an Aberdeen Angus steer last fall, and Mr. Boog Scott giving Prof. Marshall the pick out of his last year's calf crop. Part of this crop won first prize at the last International Stock Show. These gentlemen recognize the importance of the College and are always ready to speak a good word for it.

Notice has been given out that the State Y. M. C. A. will hold the twenty-fourth convention in Dallas, March 14-17.

THE BIBLE.

"This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of Salvation, doom of sinners, and happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable.

"Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

"Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you, in life, will be opened at the Judgement and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its contents."

Our Exchanges.

Among the best exchanges on our list this week are, The Academy Record, a neatly gotten up pamphlet published by students of San Antonio Academy; The Purdue Exponent, an enterprising daily from Indiana; The Rocky Mountain Collegian, from the Colorado Agricultural College; and The Chapparral, from our sister college, the College of Industrial Arts. The C. I. A.'s are certainly getting the proper training in literary work as well as industrial.

Juvenile Idea.

Little Johnny (in cemetery)—Say, paw, why didn't the man who is buried here go to Heaven?
 Paw—Perhaps he did, my son.
 Little Johnny—But it says on his tombstone 'Peace to his ashes,' and it must be a warm place where there's ashes.—Ex.

Cadet Ridenour, on noticing his alarm clock was fast, "I will declare, that measly clock cheated me out of five minutes sleep this morning."

Dora—What a finely chiseled mouth you have. It should be on a girl's face.

Evans—Well, I rarely ever miss an opportunity, and—

BOOK NOTICES—NEW AND OLD.

"The Development of the North Since the Civil War"—Volume XVIII. By Joseph Morgan Rodgers A. M. Edited by Frank N. Thorpe Ph. D. Published by Geo. Barrie & Sons, Phil., Pa.

This book deals with the history of the Northern states since the early 60's. The leading events are set before the reader in a very attractive manner and forcible style. It deals with the forces that are so vital not only to the North, but the South as well, more heavily than he does to merely the narrated events, special attention being given to the successive causes which have resulted in placing the United States at the top as a world power.

He brings out how in the last forty years the population has trebled. Wealth increased in a much greater ratio, and while as yet the natural resources and opportunities have not in the least diminished. Recognition is given individuals who have benefited industry, art, science, education and letters.

"King Lear."

Shakespeare—One of his four masterpieces, in fact King Lear is often put at the apex of Shakespeare's achievement, and by many judges at the head of the dramatic literature of the world. The story was old and had already been made subject of a play, a crude effort by some nameless playwright during the experimental stage of Elizabethian drama.

Here, as was his constant custom, Shakespeare followed the main lines of the story as it was given him. Here too, as always in Shakespeare, if we pierce to the core of his meaning the real tragedy is a spiritual one.

"King Lear" is an imperious nature, wayward by temperament, and made most incapable of self-government by long indulgence of his passionate whims. At the opening of the play we see him striving to find a refuge from himself by surrendering all his wealth and power in exchange for absolute love. Love is the element upon which the old "King" exists, and age, instead of abating this hunger, has made the craving more imperious. He demands love not only in spirit but in letter. As if in sympathy with the chaos in Lear's soul, the elements break loose; and in the pauses of the blast we hear the noises of violent crimes, curses, heart-broken jesting, the chattering of idiocy, and the wandering tongue of madness. The ruin wrought in the old being's heart is irreparable, and the tornado which whirls him to his doom, carries with it the just and unjust.

The Book of Camp and Wood craft. By Horace Kephart. Published by the Outing Publishing Co. New York.

As the name suggests, this book deals with the sport and life in the woods. Outfitting is treated in detail; this alone makes it acceptable. The one who contemplates going to the wilderness, either for sport or business, that have lived in the city.

The book consists of articles contributed to The Field and Stream and Sports Afield. It is well illustrated.

Captured.—A Philippine story. By General Chas. King. Published by The R. F. Fensho Co., N. Y. The value of this book which treats of the love of an army officer to the daughter of a grafting civil servant, lies in the good description of the life in the Philippines.



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