

IS THE STATE'S GREATEST SPEAKER

—PROF. BRESSLER.

DR. TRUETT MAKES ELOQUENT
APPEAL TO BOTH INTELLECT
AND EMOTION.

COMPARED TO ORATORS OF OLD

"The first time I ever had the opportunity of hearing Dr. Truett was at the Y. M. C. A. meeting at Monte Ne, Ark., last June. At that gathering, after I had heard his first talk, I said to the men who were sitting near me: 'That man seems to be on better speaking terms with God than any man I have ever seen.'"

"Dr. Truett is every inch a man. He has a fine big body, not muscular, but sturdy and pioneerlike. In his bearing he is stately; in his appearance he is immaculate. Every feature of his benign countenance delineates the nobility of his character. On his brow is written indelibly the history of a pure life. What an inspiring record! There you see serenity and peace, the storms and passions of life nobly overcome. At times his face is lighted up by 'The Gleam,' and then it is magnificent in its own grandeur and strong in its own strength. Over all there is a trace of sadness as if this man felt truly the pangs and sufferings of humanity.

"As you sit in his presence and listen to the clear-cut, logical sentences that are uttered, you forget all about the man; you think of his message only. He seems to be merely a medium through which some power from a superworld is speaking to mankind. You come away from his meetings with a feeling that you have seen things that it is not very often the privilege of man to see. You have been lifted above the common workaday world and you are sure you can look life in the face without a fear. The recurrence of everyday events ill no more be prosaic. The what-you-were and the what-you-are are different. The commonplace has been elevated; the visionary has been lowered. The abstract has been made concrete; the concrete has been made ideal. The temporal has become eternal; the spiritual has become tangible.

"The philosophy of the Galilean is exemplified not only in the teachings of this man, but also in his life. His message is not to do as I tell you, but do as I do, for I know and I have done. You believe him because back of that message is a mind, an intellect, great enough to obliterate all doubts that might arise in the mind of the hearer. The personal magnetism and the superior intelligence of the speaker are powerful enough to overcome all indecision in a doubting audience. His is not the message of a ranting evangelist, or spiritual pygmy, but of the intellectual and spiritual giant.

"When I think of Dr. Truett I re-

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DR. GEO. W. TRUETT,
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FEW REALIZE IMPORTANCE OF CONVENTION

—DR. W. B. BIZZELL.

CONVENTION WILL PRODUCE A
LASTING INFLUENCE ON
OUR COLLEGE LIFE.

AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY

"The State Y. M. C. A. convention soon to be held in our midst is an event of epochal importance. Few of us realize what these three convention days will mean to the Agricultural and Mechanical College. No man can analyze in advance the deeper significance of such a meeting. No man could analyze in retrospect the lasting influences that such a convention must exert on each individual life. But in prospect there are some results and benefits that we can reasonably expect to observe from such a meeting as this.

"1. In the first place, it means contact with men of religious vision and social ideals. Every ambitious man is interested in men of this type. We are all interested in men of personality and when personality is dominated with religious conviction and moral leadership our interest is transformed into human sympathy and admiration. I predict that many of us will never forget the messages of Bilheimer of Denver, of Hurrey of Montclair, N. J., of Whitmore and Dr. Fisher of New York City, and of Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas. These men have personality; they have moral conviction; they have messages for men—vital, timely and uplifting.

"2. In the second place, this convention brings a new emphasis to our college life. Religion is a life, it is an atmosphere. College is a life, it is an atmosphere. The college life should be as complete as possible, and it cannot be complete without the proper emphasis of religion. Our college atmosphere must possess all the essential elements for wholesome living. Religious conviction and moral conviction are as essential elements of the college atmosphere as oxygen and nitrogen in the atmosphere of living things. This convention means the fuller recognition of these moral elements in the atmosphere of our college life.

"3. I think this convention will give a new meaning to the significance of our college social life. The Y. M. C. A. would have justified its existence if it had made no other contribution than that of enlarging the opportunity for friendly intercourse. This association has given opportunities for friendships in a thousand ways that have made the world kinder and more deeply human. No man who comes in contact with this convention will be able to escape this feeling of comradeship. No anti-social feeling will survive the warmth of feeling, the wholesome optimism, and the human interests of the two

HISTORY OF OUR Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

DR. FOUNTAIN GIVES SOME HERETOFORE UNKNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE BUILDING.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN

It is a pleasure for us to be able to publish the following history of the origin and completion of the campaign for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. Building at this place. It contains some interesting facts which all should know.

The history follows:

"Back of the Y. M. C. A. Building, the completion of which has brought joy to the hearts of cadets and officers of the college alike, are many stories of battles against obstacles which seemingly could not be overcome. Not once, but many times, it has appeared that the plans for this building, so highly cherished, would fall by the way in spite of every effort that loyal supporters could put forth.

"And it is to the efforts of a few men that the building stands as a memorial. E. B. Cushing of Houston, ex-president of the Alumni Association, ex-president of the board of di-

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Y. M. C. A. BUILDING DEDICATED

FORMAL CEREMONIES IN COLLEGE CHAPEL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

INFORMAL NIGHT RECEPTION

At last we have our Y. M. C. A. Building. It was formally dedicated last Sunday afternoon. After many long and patient struggles, told of in another part of this issue, we are to enjoy the fruits of the faithful labors of some of the members of our faculty and student body.

Dr. Bizzell made a strong speech in eulogy of the Young Men's Christian Association work in general and of its relation to this institution in particular. He also emphasized forcibly religious activity as an essential part of a well rounded college education.

Mr. Coulter, State Y. M. C. A. secretary, gave some interesting information relative to the early history of the association and also pointed out the various spheres which the association would fill at this institution.

The first informal reception of the campus people, students and people of Bryan to be held in the new building

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