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Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, Prairie View, Texas, January, 1934

#### Response To Thomas Project Pleases President Ο.

# Call of President

The Ex-Students' Relation committee of the Alumni and Ex-Students' Association is making splendid progress on the collection of funds for the Anderson Hall project. Already many alumni and friends have responded to the appeal for donations made in the last issue of this paper. I feel that many other loyal sons and daughters of our Alma Mater will heed the call.

I take this method in thanking those who responded so readily. I am also appealing to every ex-student and friend of Prairie View College to give your whole-hearted support in this effort to raise one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the purpose of furnishing the beautiful Anderson Hall Lobby.

Prairie View has so long enjoyed the reputation of getting along well or being able to weather her financial needs, that when an urgent call is made, the average Prairie Viewite does not sense the need as imperative, believing that Prairie View will come out of it alright without his help. As a result we have done a fine job of "passing the buck."

To my mind it would be a serious reflection on higher education generally and upon Prairie Viewites in particular to know that out of thirty thousand ex-students a thousand dollars could not be raised within a year.

Mail your donation to Professor J. M. Alexander, Secretary-treasurer, Anderson Hall Lobby Project.

O. J. Thomas, President Prairie View Alumni and Former Students' Association.

### THE HARRISON-VALIEN STUDY

Two energetic students were yearning for a bit of creative activity. Prof. H. A. Bullock unwittingly suggested a satisfactory project. "I wish someone would determine exactly what should be taught students of Negro History," he said, "and include only these things in a text book."

Miss Bonita G. Harrison and Mr. Preston Valien set out to fulfill this wish. They would use the student group at Prairie View and relate their findings to the sex, training, classification, and initiative of these students. A suitable method was evolved. The entire project of preface, introduction, dedication, acknowledgements, notes, references, the tabulation and digestion of material was carried to completion.

They enjoyed this work, and you will enjoy their account of it. With tables and conclusions, of indiffersparkling revelations of their reac-

# At Prairie View

On March 2, 1934 the fifth Educational Conference will convene at Prairie View State College. This conference has been held anually since 1930 and always has a large attendance including many city and county superintendents throughout the state of Texas, other school officials and educational leaders in and out of the state.

The purpose of this conference is to acquaint as many state educators as possible with significant phases of Negro Education in the Southwest. It aims to give composite and adequate information which will stimulate a greater interest in problems of education through a thorough investigation of certain phases which deal chiefly with the Negro. Each year a specific phase of this great problem is studied and presented. The previous themes are as follows:

First Conference: Facts About Negro Education.

Second Conference:-The High School Principal.

Third Conference:-The High School Teacher.

Fourth Conference:-Rural Edu-

The theme for the fifth conference will be a special problem of Negro health with special emphasis on health of Negroes in Waller County. This particular investigation is the outgrowth of the study of Rural Schools in this county in 1933. A strenuous effort is being made to analyze the educational situation of Waller County so that it may become a typical county, and also to acquaint the student body and faculty of Prairie View of the nearby existing

The Bureau of Research has begun the study on health for Negroes in Waller County with the assistance of the State Department of Health. This department is giving the service of Miss A. M. Mathis, State Health Nurse for Negroes, to assist with this project. With her assistance much progress has been made to date.

It is believed that much valuable information will be compiled for presentation during the session of the conference. -R. L. Rush, '30

tions to it all. It is this poetic treatment, coupled with the style of a of Negro Life and History. He was journalist, which lends real worth to

"One part of the wish," they write, "has been fulfilled." Perhaps so. However, I should like to commend to them the other part. "When better histories are written," philosophizes Durant, "poets will write them." Here's hoping our young friends adent value, they have intermingled dress themselves to this other task.

-Edgar Henry, '31

## State Teachers' President

Professor Charles O. Rogers, principal of Jackson High School, Corsicana, Texas, and president of Colored Teachers State Association of Texas, has experienced a colorful career over the last fifteen years.

His educational training may be summed up in saying he graduated from the Prairie View State Normal College with honors; spent one year in the army attaining the status of sergeant major; completed the course at Fisk University leading to the A. B. degree in 1924 with honors; spent two summers at the University of Chicago in graduate study.

As a teacher he served as principal of his home town school, Jasper, Texas; taught mathematics in the Fisk University high school; taught two years science and mathematics and coached athletics in the Attucks High school, Carbondale, Illinois where he won the coveted A-1 rating from the examiner from the University of Illinois; was dean of Houston College, Houston, Texas one year; taught science and education in the summer schools at Prairie View State College, Houston Junior College, Paul Quinn College, and Samuel Huston-Tillotson Colleges; headed the social science department, Booker Washington high school, Dallas, under Prof. J. J. Rhoads; and for the last six years has been Principal of the Jackson High school, Corsicana.

Mr. Rogers has written many articles in the field of education for some of the leading journals. Also his articles have been accepted for general magazines and newspapers of wide circulation.

He enjoys a high reputation as a progressive teacher of Texas and in the meantime holds prominent positions in the religious, civic, and social activities of the state, as local advisor in emergency relief work giving aid and employment to colored people, Corsicana; member of executive committee of local community center work; statistician for the Texas Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress: active member of National association and of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools; recently appointed a member of the Southwest Branch of the National Association for the Study recently elevated to the position of President of the Colored Teachers State Association of Texas. He is going right to work, as is his custom, to bring to the teachers of Texas a worthy program. In order to carry this out the new president will attend the National Education Association, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio

### Ex-Students Heed Educators To Meet Charles O. Rogers Principal's Message To Ex-Students

January, 1934

My dear Ex-Students:

In view of the fine and generous response coming from the Ex-Stadents, to the request of Mr. O. J. Thomas, President of the Alumni Association, that this organization raise \$1000.00 to purchase furniture for the lobby of our new Dormitory, Anderson Hall, it has been decided to give the Association an additional issue of the Prairie View Standard. I am pleased to state to you that the money is coming in nicely, and from every quarter, the ex-students are highly commending the movement and pledge within the next few weeks to send in their contribution. I am writing this letter to request that all contributions be sent in not later than March 15th, so that we may begin making plans to purchase and install the furniture by the close of the regular session. I want to assure you in advance that all funds that are contributed to this project will be properly applied.

May I take this opportunity to urge all Ex-Students that where there are from ten or more Prairie Visities in one place, to organize themselves into a Prairie View Club, elect a local President and Secretary and send us the names of these officials so that we can mail to this group, from time to time, printed matter and information regarding the Institution.

I am hoping to visit under the auspices of the Alumni Association, many communities this spring, for the purpose of talking over the outlook of the School, and wherever possible, address the public. The Prairie View family joins me in extending to each one of you our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours truly, W. R. Banks, Principal

### RALPH METCALFE VISITS PRAIRIE VIEW

Ralph Metcalfe, world's famous sprinter, made two visits to Prairie View State College during the holiday season while guest of Mr. S. J. Cullum, Jr., of Houston, Texas. He is at present a senior in the Liberal Arts and a freshman in the Law School of Marquette University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Metcalfe will be the guest of Prairie View State College during the session of the annual Interscholastic League which convenes April 19 and 20, 1934, and will give exhibitions during this meeting. We hope that all members of the League will avail themselves of the opporfrom February 23 to March 1, 1934. tunity to see the world's fastest hu--R. W. H. man being in action.

### The Prairie View Standard

school year except July and August we shall discuss very briefly Native to the Anderson Hall Project Fund? for 1934. by Prairie View State Normal and Endowment, family life and influ- If you have not, please arrange to The election resulted as follows: Texas

March 2, 1911, at the postoffice at the type of machinery needed at col- continue to do so for quite some vice president; Mrs. Princella S. Mil-Prairie View, Texas, under the act lege to transform the person into an time. Delay in the purchasing of ligan, secretary; Miss Erie K. Lee, of March 3, 1879.

Acceptance for mailing at special rates of postage provided for in Section 103, Act of October 3, 1917; authorized July 13, 1918.

### Subscription -:- 50 Cents per Year

Publication Committee for the January Alumni and Ex-Student By a mere shift in environment (in Issue:

R. W. Hilliard, Chairman Miss R. L. Rush Lee C. Phillip Mrs I W Rowan H S Estelle O. J. Thomas G. W. Buchanan J. M. Alexander Mrs. Geo. F. Jones Miss Vernell Warren L. C. Mosley Walter Ball Haskell Houston

AIM-To maintain the bond of friendship between all who have attended Prairie View State College.

#### NEXT ISSUE

The next issue will carry an article covering our entire Athletic Program.

### WHY AN ALUMNUS SHOULD LOVE HIS ALMA MATER

(This talk was delivered in the col- are set up to bring out potentialities. lege auditorium March 16, 1933 by R. W. Hilliard '30)

same understanding to begin with, parents leave off. Like his mother, let us define the terms stated in the

By ALUMNUS we mean an individual who has the stamp of approval of his institution-in other words a graduate. With your permission I shall use a slang expression: An Alumnus is one who has been through the mill, similar to a grain of wheat-it has been through a systematic grinding, an outlined routine. It is placed in at one point and undergoes a series of changes after which it comes out a product more however, realize the importance of training is not enough. The student ter. There was no addition. Wheat entered the mill. Flour left the mill. A person enters college, an individual leaves. So much for the word. alumnus.

feeling of attachment that comes ter all school is a laboratory for ci- ing. through interest and an appreciation tizenship and whenever possible the of values. We love our parents be- situations in school are made to re- forded students at Prairie View for Jap Turner, G. Turner, J. J. Mark cause we know that they are inter- semble those which the future citi- participation in Extra-Curricular ac- and Pop Singleton who started and ested in us and because we are able zen must face. I understand that be- tivities, take advantage of them. to evaluate those principles that they ginning Sunday there will be no so nobly instilled in us.—An appre- men's side of the chapel for religious ciation of values.

Alma Mater-means our mother. Why An Alumnus Should Love His Alma Mater

We acreed that love comes as a result of appreciation of values. Now if we can point out certain factors at the college which are valua-

ble to the student as a means of making a well rounded individual. Published monthly during the the task will be done. To do this individual.

W. Rutherford Banks.....Principal into the world with a plastic mind. when exposed to the proper environment. The recessive traits present, can be developed, and may lead one into any field of activity. the early years) some of our most THE VALUE OF EXTRAnotorious gangsters could have been very useful in civic enterprises.

And now the family gets this small bit of humanity with this plastic mind and proceeds to bring it through childhood, protecting it from dangers, teaching it the difference between right and wrong and instilling certain principles that are to last through life. The child attends school, achieves honors for which the parents laud him. In the face to face relations with other children, at school, he experiences conflicts of various kinds, and in most cases the parents will sympathize with him even to the point of indulgence someimes—that is natural.

We see the type of person that the college must deal with: one who has been protected from dangers, one who has received cheers for his achievement and so on.

We shall now carry him through college and bring in the factors that

College bridges one from the stage of uncertainties to a more stable po-In order that we may have the sition. College takes up where the college protects but broadens the experiences of the individual. We come to college a diamond in the rough. We stay four years and undergo a polishing, a bringing out of possibilities. College gives you nothing but brings out that which you have.

We would do well just here to consider the parts of the machine that are set up to accomplish the required results. I shall eliminate the discussion of the curriculum because all of us are well aware of the part it plays to devote one's entire time upon exin the entire program. Too few, tra-curricular activities or academic clean sport, athlete and ideal student, extra-class activities and for that who realizes the importance of both jured in a Thanksgiving Day football around them.

portunity for the development of so- of being successful when you get "out shine in its way as the living light cial ideals and habits which of course in life" may I remind you that what of this football warrior had shone. What is love? LOVE is a strong form the basis for citizenship. Afexercises but you will be permitted to sit in any part-a life-like situation. This was done because you are using what you have to the best.

We shall consider a few of the activities separately.

(Continued from page 2)

### HAVE YOU?

Native Endowment-We are born The drive closes March 15.

N. B. Edward.......Executive Secretary They tell us that it is blank, but tributors shows that a very large S. Johnson, Chorister; Mr. Clarence recessive and some are dormant. some persons who, we are sure, will lor, Watchtower Mutual Life Insur-Those that are dormant are outstand- give have not done so as yet. If you ance Executive, was made business ing and are more likely to develop have misplaced your envelope get a manager. blank and address to:

Prof. J. M. Alexander, Treasurer View College, Prairie View, Texas. Mabel Wesley, Principal of Craw-

## CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Ry Ronita G. Harrison, '35 Robert E. Vinson says, "We may think of the college as an agency of the social order and therefore hold it is its purpose to adapt themselves to the society of which they are a part and in the midst of which they are to live."

Most of us as students in college feel that "college society" is isolated from the every day society. In other words, nine students out of every ten say-"When I get out in life I am going to do this or that." The student who does nothing in college will do nothing when he goes out "into life." To make an A in is not enough. To engage in extracurricular activities alone is not enough. The most successful person in college and out of college is the one who has been successful both tivities.

To engage in extra-curricular acvictions, courage, patience, tolerance, and a strong sense of humor, of Prairie View by examining its tion to the good of other people. Such development together with a from the standpoint of extra-class good academic standing renders one capable of being the type of individual who can be of most benefit to himself and to society as well. There are momentuous values to be derived from engaging in extra-curricular activities while pursuing the college course. As has been stated above, reason our discussion will center is doing the thing Matthew Arnold game against Texas College in Tyrecommends—"Seing life steadily ler, 1927. The classes of '29 and Extra-Class Activities offer op- and whole. Those of you who think '30 made it possible for this light to you are to be you are now becom- The entire Alumni mourn with Hen-

Numerous opportunities are af- S. Prince, L. C. Mosley, O. Mason,

### HOUSTON P. V. CLUB

Houston, Texas, Jan. 15 .- The Prairie View Local Alumni and Exstudent Club met in a special called session last Friday evening, Jan. 12, published in April, 1934. Remember MUSIC-1. It discovers and de- in the Y.W.C.A. rooms at the Odd -the class of '29 will have their re-Fellow's Bldg., Louisiana and Prairie, union.

for the purpose of hearing and adopting the reports of the officers Have you sent in your contribution and to pick a staff who will carry on

Industrial College, Prairie View, ences and the bridge between do so immediately. Furniture has Professor W. L. D. Johnson, Sr., home and college. This is done in advanced in price considerably since principal of Blackshear School, presi-Entered as second-class matter order that we may fully understand the last issue of this paper and will dent; Mr. V. C. Henry, postal clerk. this furniture only means value lost. assistant secretary; Miss Naomi E. Evans, treasurer; Mr. J. M. Calhoun, An examination of the list of con- mail carrier, chaplain; Mrs. Melvina that there are tendencies. Some are number has contributed but that York, doorkeeper. Mr. Hobart Tay-

> A live steering committee was selected by the club as follows: Mrs. Anderson Hall Project, Prairie Bessie H. Johnson, chairman; Mrs. ford School; Mrs. E. S. Kennard; Mr. E. B. McDonald, postal clerk; Dr. L. L. E. Smith, Miss Elna Lee, Mr. Robert Holiday, nad Mrs. Velma H. Foley.

The Club voted to continue to assist Miss Vida McGriff, a student on a scholarship of the club at I rairie View State College where she is a ranking senior.

The next meeting of the club will be February 2: the place to be announced later.

-Club Reporter

### THIS ISSUE

An attempt is being made, in this issue, to acquaint those interested in Prairie View with the machinery that is operating for the purpose of mak-Economics, Sociology, and the like, their places in the various fields of endeavor. The other issue (October) gave you facts concerning President O. J. Thomas, his very serviceable life, and his program for the year. in academic and extra-curricular acparedness of the faculty at Prairie View and a vague idea of the expansion of this huge \$3,000,000 plant. It tivities means to develop firm conthat we have a more detailed study parts. For this reason student life. activities, will claim quite a bit of our attention.

### IN MEMORIAM

The light in the center of the campus proper is more than just a light to illuminate the path to the library. It represents the life of a gentleman, Abner Davis, who was fatally in-

ry Staton, A. J. Banks, M. C. Bates, finished the game that Abner started and could not finish.

-L. C. Mosley, '29

### NOTICE

Another Ex-Student issue will be

### VITAL TRENDS IN RELIGION AND PRAIRIE for which he stood. VIEW'S PART IN THEM

constant but change." This is basic- criticism the dogmas of the church. the Prairie View representative had ly true of the warp and woof of the The essence of the Religion of Jesus the opportunity to think and plan. whole of life. We have accepted lies in the fact that it was the chamit will not work with thinking people champion of personality in child, President's secretaries. in a progressive world of scientific woman, peasant, or king. For him, research. Religious leaders have this was the central factor of the uniforgotten that:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his -Hebrews 1:1

been willing to reinterpret their reli- CHARACTER WAS REVEALED gious experiences in terms of modern PRIMARILY IN THE WAY WE day living, educated people have turned to many new cults and organizations trying to find satisfaction for their spiritual needs. They have left religion because it has been something which concerned primarily the other world, and for that reason was of little use here. Some have said that it is an opiate that prevents us from advancing. ty made the following significant and knowledge of agriculture each Reinach says:

"Religion is a collection of scrupples that are a stumbling block to the free exercise of our faculties." Another says:

"A religious man is like a sick fly taking a ride on a dizy fly wheel that continues its revolutions, getting no place."

Those of us who will admit to

facts will know that that is just about what religion is to most people. It is that which takes all the joy out

Religion, has been defined as "allegiance to whatever one considers the Supreme." Christianity, which religion, is simply ONE of the many other religions which are much older than it. If this is borne in mind, I am sure that it will pave the way for us to see, weigh, and evaluate religion in a different light.

Religion is as varied as the num ber of individuals. There is a religion of beauty, of truth, and of art. Dr. Harry E. Fosdick, in his book, "As I see Religion," says:

"Whenever any man discovers something greater than him-self and in self-forgetting ser-vices gives his life to it, there religion has struck in its roots.

"There is such a thing as the 'religion of science,' where men at all costs and hazards live for the love of truth.'

There are four main things which make it necessary for us to change our means of expressing an interpreting religion. These four principles come from: (1) The new culture of held in Andrew Rankin Memorial science (2) our threatened barbarization by the machine. (3) the new ington, D. C., from December 26 thru Negro School system. Captain Milorganic philosophy, (4) the new compulsion of international intimacy created a situation which will not organization composed of students outfit along with teaching vocational leave the thought of the church and from colleges located in all parts of agriculture. Mason is mathematics religion alone.

The religion of Jesus was a reliwere frequently upon his lips. Then, tion.

not mean to be like some other per- York. Virginia Union College and a son who proclaims to be Christian, host of other schools of higher learn-Hericlitus said: "There is nothing nor does it mean to accept without ing. It was with these students that will that one person, even a child, Because religious leaders have not should perish, that QUALITY OF if it is to be useful. (Continued on page 4)

### PRAIRIE VIEW STUDENT ATTENDS NAT'L STUDENT LEAGUE CONVENTION

In his inaugural speech in 1929 the President of Lafayette Universi- have won prizes in agricultural work statement: "We are too prone to ex- year. He won the Master Teacher's press uncertainty as to the mission Medal of the state in 1933. This is of the college. And this is because a medal that carries with it the high the product of our college is men. . . esteem of the entire state. Learning, if it it is to be useful, must be applied with common sense to the swiftly changing conditions." In the light of this uncertainty the following statement from the Prairie View Standard for May, 1933, is interest-

"The pursose of Prairie View College may be stated in these words:

To make available to the colored possible training in the program of players. The writer has direct inmost of us mean when we speak of a Land Grant College which can be formation concerning the activities more specifically stated as:

(a) Liberal Arts and Sciences (b) Vocational Training in Agriculture. Home Arts. Industrial Arts, Nurse Training and Rural Extension

Service.

for Constructive Leadership, Produc- Mason, Ned Love, Baby Pollard and tive Citizenship, and Worthwhile J. J. Mark compose this team. Character."

December 28, 1933.

the United States. The League has teacher and director of athletics in for its purpose the fighting of re- the Sherman High School, Mark gion of the NOW. "The Kingdom is stricted education, imperialistic war who needs another summer in Iowa coaching the Texarkana High School at hand." "The Kingdom is within" preparations, and racial discrimina- State College to complete work for team. The writer is without infor-

of Jesus, which we call Christianity students were present from Har-staff. Pollard developed several finish his course in Mechanic Arts -let us see what Prairie View is vard, Yale, Columbia, Michigan, New championship contenders while this year.

To be Christian or Christ-like does Emory Colleges, City College of New

At this meeting plans were made more readily than we have in the re- reth was a historic character, making the League. A demonstration was ligious realm. We are still trying a concrete and desirable contribution held against imperialistic war and a to put 'new wine in old bottles.' But to human thought. He was the delegation conferred with one of the By sending its students to these various conferences, Prairie View

verse and he used this as the inter- not only trains them for Construcpreter of all other facts. For him, live Leadership, Productive Citizen-"when one person turned from spiri- ship, and Worthwhile Character, but tual failure to success all the angels it enables the students to recognize sang; that it was not the Father's the swiftly changing conditions to

### PROF. B. T. W. BREMBY '26

The other issue mentioned Prof. B. T. W. Bremby's work but did not give the state in which he worked. He has been employed in Biscoe, Ark. for the past 5 years. His students

### WHERE ARE OUR FOOT-BALL STARS?

There is much time and study spent in preparing oneself to play varsity football. It seems that the Prairie View Alumni are cognizant of these facts. They often want to citizens of the Southwest the best know what happens to our football of ten of the eleven best players who have made athletic history at Prairie View within the last ten years, class of '34 considered.

Henry Staton, William Franks, Ted Hunter, Sam Prince, Bull Bates, Emphasis is placed upon training Milton Sanders, Hog Davis, Shelton

In most cases the knowledge gain-In pursuance of the last statement ed is used as a means to an end with Prairie View often finds it fitting to the Panthers. Staton refrees, coaches send its students to various confer- and teaches in and near Calvert. ences in order that they might feel Hog Davis coached Jacksonville High the pulse of student opinion and in- School team until he became princiterpret it to their fellow students. It pal of a county training school in was with this in mind that, under that vicinity. Ted Hunter, a dentist the sponsorship of Mr. Lee C. Phil- in Paris, Texas, takes time out to lip, the organizations of the college referee a few games. Sam Prince cooperated in sending Mr. Preston referees college and high school Valien of the Class of '34 to attend games, subs in the Ft. Worth High the Third Annual Convention of the School system and assists Bates who National Student League which was coaches the I. M. Terrell High school football team and who is director of Chapel of Howard University, Wash- physical education in the Ft. Worth ton Sanders of the '31 Championship The National Student League is an Panther eleven directs the Cameron his Doctor's degree is a member of mation concerning Frank's activities. if we are talking about the Religion | At this third annual convention | the Kentucky State College coaching | Love, greatest of them all hopes to

### doing to put into practice the things York, Princeton, Denver, Fisk and PRAIRIE VIEW JUNIOR IS Howard Universities; Morehouse and DELEGATE TO IMPORTANT MEETING

Miss Bonita G. Harrison, capable Junior College student and a young lady of sterling qualities who is now serving a second term as President this change in all phases of life much pion of personality. Jesus of Naza- for the furtherance of the purpose of of the local Y. W. C. A., attended the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Student Council. This meeting was held in New York City, December 27, 1933 through January 1, 1934. Miss Harrison represented the Southwest region in this body which formulates the general policies and governs the activities of the Y. M and Y. W. C. A.'s in all colleges of our land. By the work of this committee the "Y" which their learning must be applied has come to be one of the most farreaching organizations concerned —J. Clarence Davis '32 with the interests of students. It is noteworthy that this organization not only makes for improved intercollegiate relations but it is interracial in its structure and fosters concerted action. However, there was only one other Negro student at this meeting-Miss Virginia Simmons of North Carolina.

Prairie View has come to play this all-important role of furnishing the representation and leadership for the Soutwest region in this body not only because it discovers and develops such students but because of its long well manifested interest in the welfare of youth. -J. Clarence Davis

### EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of extraclass activities and their presidents: Y. W. C. A., Miss Bonita G. Harri-

Y. M. C. A., Mr. Preston Valien.

The Panther (Student Publication). Miss Velma Edwards, Editor: Mr. Wm. Dailey, Manager; Mr. Preston Valien, Treasurer,

The Senior Class, Mr. Preston Valien. The Junior Class, Mr. Marshall

Williams. The Sophomore Class, Mr. A. C.

Herald. The Freshman Class, Mr. Maceo

A. Sloan.

The Sigma Nu Debating Society, Mr. Preston Valien.

The Delphian Literary Society, Mr. William Dailey.

The Charles Gilpin Dramatic Club. Mr. William Dailey. The Dallas-P. V. Club. Mr. Hugh

Porter. The Houston-P. V. Club. Mr. J. Q.

Miller. The San Antonio-P. V. Club. Miss

Agnes Plummer The Co-Eds Miss Arthuryne An-

drews and Miss G. Summerell. The Elite Club, Mr. Chas, Holford, The Home Economics Club. Miss

M. Bledsoe. The Agricultural Club. Mr. Carl

Ross. The French Club. Miss Jewell Price.

The Dilettante Literary Club, Miss Evelyn Powers.

-L. C. Mosley, '29

### WHY AN ALUMNUS SHOULD LOVE HIS ALMA MATER

(Continued on page 4) velops talent. 2. It provides cultural development and increases the appreciation for better music.

DRAMATICS-1. Able expression is developed. 2. It encourages imagination. 3. It teaches self control and poise.

LITERARY SOCIETY-1. Educates students in oral expression. 2. Like dramatics it teaches self control and poise. 3. It widens and increases the range of interest in the world about us.

DEBATING-1. Gives one great capacity to appraise and analyze modern affairs.

Example, (a) Resolved that the United States should agree to the mutual cancellation of inter-allied war debts.

- (b) Resolved that the several states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance.
- (c) Resolved that Great Britian should grant immediate independence to India.
- 2. It brings fluence of speech, and clear and logical thinking.
- 3. It develops intellectual capacities and good sportsmanship.

PUBLICATIONS-1. Give actual practice in moulding and influencing public opinion. 2. Foster school 3. Give opportunity for self spirit. expression and creative work.

Let us read a few extracts from The Panther, May, 1932. Miss Flemmings, the editor wrote: "No doubt we have dreamed of tomorrow: that a future is calling us to some distant land, where we will join the teaching profession, forgetting that the field is already crowded and that an unusual ability is necessary to fulfill such a dream. Then what are we going to do?

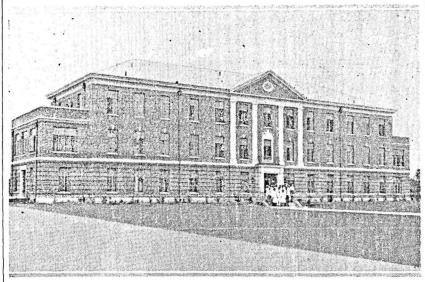
"Preparedness, the keynote to success, does not necessarily mean to own a degree, but ability to transform the knowledge that we have acquired to life's situation. . . . . All through college we have talked about "Campus Problems, Social Problems, and all manner of problems." We've found problems, we've made problems, but now we must solve problems. . . . Tomorrow's a new day without mistakes. Keep smiling. Above all, be prepared."

Another writer in the same issue says: "I have found that a college career is like a bowl of soup-if you only taste the top you will never know what lies at the bottom. Olera L. Mason '32."

ATHLETICS-1. Physical development. 2. Mental and social training. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES-1. The institution carries a regular religious program. In addition we have the organization which has as its symbol, a triangle. This triangle physical, intellectual and means spiritual development. The "Y" Forum clasps hands with the various departments of the curriculum.

And now let us discuss some benefits that may be derived from class affairs and organizations.

A.—The leaders of the classes soon find that: 1. In every cause regardless to how noble it may be there will be opposition. In time he learns to appreciate this oppositionit makes him think through every growth. -R. W. H.



The \$100,000.00 Prairie View Hospital which was given to the institution by the Rockefeller Foundation. The plans complete were drawn by a Prairie View graduate—Mr. L. E. Fry who is now teaching at Howard University, Washington, D. C.

plan his work in order to work his plans. 2. The class leader soon finds that class spirit is important because spirit makes men do beyond normal accomplishments. Consequently they sponsor class projects of various kinds—an effort to instill that "WE" spirit in the group.

With all of these interests some of us make the mistake of spending four years in college without identifying ourselves with any one of We feel that the world owes us something. An example:

I know a graduate who hated his Alma Mater because he could not get a job. This was six years ago when jobs were not quite so scarce. school life of that individual (the life that a number of us believe that we can cut out later) revealed that he was the type who believed that he should be heard from one end of the campus to the other and that profanity was the basis for popularity. He was not true to himself-who could use him in their program?

We cannot afford to spend our time in a frivolous manner. We cannot live one way today and another after school. Our diary is being written each day. It is "up to us" to say what shall go into it.

To give more proof that there are values at college for us let's turn to the 1932 Panther again. The staff has an article headed DEPARTING: 'This issue markes the end of volume four of the student publication. We feel that we have been fairly successful-We hope that the results of our efforts have met with the approval of all who have read the issues. The experience gained through the publication of this paper is indeed an asset."-An appreciation of values.

Another article by the class of 1932 reads: "As we reflect on the past we realize more fully the role Prairie View State College has played in preparing us for a better understanding of life. The rudiments of different courses that we have acquired are subordinate to a few fundamental principles inculcated in us.

"Prairie View College taught us to direct our thoughts along constructive channels. It outlined to us the meaning of a liberal education, gave us a fuller conception of our place in society and aided us to better unders and our fellowmen by developing ander immediately."

situation thoroughly. It makes him in us a consciousness of true values and tolerance.

"We leave with a feeling of gratitude toward the institution, and feel confident that what it has given us will prove its worth in life."-An appreciation of values.

And finally school is the birthplace of lasting intimacies. One month after graduation or discontinuation of school we realize that our dearest friends are those that we make while in school. Secondly-College treasures some of the most valuable experiences of our lives.

With the various values spoken of in mind how could an Alumnus deny the love that is due his Alma Mater. By that love one will seek to reflect creditably upon his Alma Ma-By that creditable reflection and resultant prestige the individual himself profits.

Honor and love thy school-it is a sane means of self-preservation and growth.

### WHAT THEY SAY

We have received numerous letters concerning the last paper and the Anderson Hall Project. shall give several extracts from different points.

Miss Pauline Watkins writes from Los Angeles, California, where she is doing graduate work at the University of Southern California, "I sent my contribution to Prof. Alexander and am willing to do anything else for my Alma Mater. There is a large number of Prairie Viewites out here. I shall attend the next meeting.'

Miss L. V. Bradley who is teaching in Hearne, Texas, writes: "In answer to your request I am enclosing my contribution. I am also enclosing a list of ex-students and graduates that you may not have. The paper was quite interesting. I wish to receive it regularly."

Mr. William Pigford is teaching in Georgetown, Texas, and writes: "I am very much pleased with the publication and am interested in the project to the extent that I am mailing my contribution now."

Mr. B. T. W. Bremby who is doing a splendid piece of work in Arkansas writes: "You can count on me for full support on anything where Prairie View is implicated. I shall This is the objective of the religious send my contribution to Prof. Alex-

Mr. W. Marion Davis, president of

the class of '29 and principal of Beeville High School, Beeville, Texas, writes: "You may expect my full cooperation on the project. Call on me for any type of service. My contribution is being mailed separately."

Mrs. Teal who is employed at Booker Washington High, Houston, Texas, said: "The paper was full of the right type of information. My husband and I would like to give a beautiful lamp for Anderson Hall. Is that permissable?" To be sure, Mrs. Teal, it is. (Note: This is quite an expensive lamp that was hand made in the high school).

Mr. W. L. Davis of Houston, Tex., who is very prominent in educational, religious and fraternal circles, was among the very first to send in his contribution. He also was pleased with the paper.

We have scores of others who have written in and sent their contribution. Another cross section will be given in the next issue.

### VITAL TRENDS IN RELIGION AND PRAIRIE VIEW'S PART IN THEM

(Continued from page 3)

TREAT PEOPLE OTHER THAN OUR RELATIVES; and that to gain the whole world was an unprofitable bargain if one failed in building character in oneself."

Whether Jesus healed the body, taught the mind or inspired the spirit, or whether he attacked economic customs that exploited people, or risked his life against an ecclesiastical system that misguided them, he was motivated by one central principal—the supreme importance of people.

The religious life of Prairie View intends to give the students a dynamic faith in the value which survive. Its program is to prepare them for living fully and beautifully here, because it is a known fact that death will exact its toll and we are able to pay only in proportion to what we have put into life here.

This plan is carried out in our religious servcies every Sunday morning and the vesper service on Sunday evenings; the mid-week vespers on Wednesday evenings, and personal conferences dealing with the frustrations growing out of the seeming. conflict between religion and science. Concepts of right and wrong are discussed, and the students are urged to take as the basis for their conduct those things which would be safe for society if they were made universal principles.

The religious program of Prairie View intends to make students say with Ernest Crosby when he said:

"I am homesick. Homesick for the land where I shall look horizontally into the eyes of my fellows. The land where men rise only to lift. The land where equality leaves men to differ as they will. The land differ as they where freedom is breathed in the air and courses in the blood. Where there is nothing over a man between him and the the sky. Where the obligations of love are sought for as prizes, and where they vary as the moon. That land is my true country."

This is the spirit of the Christ.

This is the leaders of Prairie View. Is there any religion in Prairie View?

-L. C. Phillip