SOME FAMOUS SENIORS

To tell you of the "Famous Members" of the Senior Class would be an Herculean task, for they are all famous in a way, if for nothing more than the oft-said phrase "I don't know." That comes in so appropriate a momentous silence on the part of the class. But there are many famous for "I know" and "I can do." We are proud to note that some who won honors in the Junior Class last year are back again this year to give dignity and inspiration to the class of 1912.

The first, and one who well may lead the list is our Class President, Mr. Wm. Gambrell. By his faithfulness and devotion to class interests, he has been an inspiration. We have found that in order to be chosen, one should not have made a better choice. His success depends in a large measure on the ability of his well known secretary, Miss Bette Curry.

An office that means work, good judgment, and careful decision is that of our Pedagogue editor, Miss Naomi Gibson. Like Macaulay, it is sometimes necessary to look through twenty books to decide on a line or the right position of the pictures for a certain page. Associated with her and serving as the kind of a<br>

Advisory Board are: three more of our wonderful band, Miss Shirley, Mr. Pace, and Mr. Smith.

The success of our grand old Normal Star is due to the energy, enthusiasm, and determination of two of the most famous Seniors, Mr. O. B. King and his assistant, Miss M. Pollard. Because of her talent as an actress, Miss Pollard was chosen as leading lady in the Senior Play.

The complete success of the several Literary Societies of this term is due to the united efforts of the Presidents and those closely associated with them. The Literary Society, with Miss Lucy Schwab as their faithful President, and a few more Seniors as helpers have brought that society up to a standard never before reached. The President of the Every Day Society, Miss Lizzie

Harris, and many more of our Seniors are keeping alive the love and honor of the old South by directing the society in the study of the Southern Literature. The Shakespeare Society showed what its President, Miss Edith Sutton, with many other Seniors, was able to do by the success of the play on the night of March 2. The Presidents of the Hollar's and Comstock, with a few more grand old Seniors in each have brought their societies up to the top notch of this year.

The Germanistische Gesellschaft, with Mr. Schonefer as President, Miss Holechamp and Miss Compton, as social leaders, has been the most interesting and has done more toward keeping up the social side of the school than any of the societies. Its members are full of life and enthusiasm, happy at work as well as at play, and in almost every instance, we find them making the best grades of the class.

The Slavonia, a new society organized by the Bohemian students this year, has for its leading members from the Senior Class, Miss Dvorak, and Miss Juskone. With such enthusiastic original and efficient students, the Slavonia means success.

There are two literary societies in the school for young men. Mr. O. B. King is president of the Harris Blair, and some of the ablest members are also members of the Senior Class. The Chautauqua Society has a young man of the Junior Class for its president, but counts some of the Seniors among its members.

I have not yet spoken of the MOST famous of the Senior Class of 1912. Those who are to make our class go down in history as the banner class of the century. For we expect from this class, men who will be our leaders in both State and National affairs. These classmates, Mr. J. Gambrell, Mr. L. Garrett, Mr. Alfred Cherry, and Mr. A. E. Zellers are just beginning their career, and, in the debates with the boys of our sister schools, Denver and Canyon, we are sure they are to be victorious. Though it has been said by some that our red-headed, freckled faced, country boys from the farms, in the crook were not capable of handling such weighty questions, it remains yet to be proved. One of our boys stood the test while a Junior. What will he be, what must we not expect of him as a Senior? Judging from former speeches of the others, I think there is no need of the least fear of failure.

The above are only a few of the examples of famous Seniors in the Southwest Texas State Normal School. Surely the Senior Class has a right to be proud of herself! Let us push forward and show to the other students of this school that we are not asleep but very wide awake and have the welfare of our school at heart.

HELP!

It is only a foolish question, perhaps, but the answer I cannot construe. Tho' I've wrestled with it from the early morn.

And all the while slept.

Extend me your help, kind friends.

And assist me in my need.

My wits are dull and I cannot think.

Oh, it makes my poor heart bleed!

This is the question that bothers me so.

One I cannot construe.

If the moonlight shone in the day-time.

Would a Normalite shine too?

H. M.

WITH OTHER COLLEGES.

Methodist students at Illinois are agitating a plan to build a dormitory for Methodists in that institution.

It has been decided that all men who have represented Purdue in athletics for two years shall be given gold medals upon graduation.

Only three DePauw freshmen were able to pass an examination prepared for eighth grade pupils by the National Education Association.

Brown is constructing a new gymnasium.

Michigan is carrying on a chess match by mail with the University of Chicago. One move is made each day.

Yale leads Eastern colleges in registration of Westerners.
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When we reflect a little, we wonder why some people think that the whole world is going to the doom of bow-wows; and we wonder why they are not, too, when they think the world is standing on such unbecoming ground. The truth is, they are not thinking. They do not seem to understand that "every bitter has its sweet." And they do not seem to understand that this sweet might be extracted if they would only do it. We are sorry for this kind of a people.

Again we are caused to wonder why some people do not succeed in life. Of course, we all build our air-castles—each has built a million—which make us, now rich, now an author, now a statesman, or at another time covered with laurels of victory and innumerable honor. These dreams are good things if they are directed in the right way to a great ideal. But that ideal must be one that will necessarily require sacrifice and hardships or a failure must come. More than two thousand years ago, a great man said, "There is no royal road to learning," but it can be applied to ourselves in our Twentieth Century manner of getting ideas. We have, besides what he had, centuries and centuries of great progress from which to draw. The last century gave us the scene gang, the electric light, the binder, and "various and sundry" other improvements—improvements that leave innumerable opportunities alike before the willing and the unwilling hand. These opportunities are to be grasped. Our success depends on how we grasp them.

If you are one of those chronic bow-wows, we would suggest that the other side of life might give more peace and real comfort. Positivism makes you a constant bore to yourself and others, when a little optimism would seem as a little spring sunshine after a storm. Be wise in your ways.

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The history of the present "Senior Class" is one of repeated dangers and hardships. Let the facts be submitted to the candid world.

On September last, a vast number of people came to embark in the "Senior Class." What was their surprise and astonishment to learn that they must be tried "as by fire" ere they should be classed as Seniors. They were first matched against some of the great characters of history. This contest over, they were assailed by an appalling array of equations, surds, and quadratics under the command of Mr. Brown, armed only pen and paper, these heroes (and heroines) next attacked an English army, led by the invincible Thomas. Then they were classed as Seniors (all that was left of them). After crowding their course cards to overflowing with many subjects, which they disliked, but which were required, they were ready for their voyage. The "Senior Class" was then launched on the great sea of difficulties.

There were three long months of sailing—don't think it was easy sailing—and the old ship reached her first station. She reported a very stormy voyage, rough weather and high seas. The first serious trouble was occasioned by striking some object. It was solid—and very solid at that. On the high sea sound waves caused some rocking of the old ship, but not very serious trouble. At one place on the voyage, famous, seemingly of fire and brimstone, (from the chemical laboratory), came

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ed some fears among the more timid of the crew. Some feared a general eruption that would destroy the whole. They were attacked by those dreaded monsters, “Themens,” and some poor fellows fell victims. There was a period of calm (it was before the storm). A great wave of Psychology swept over the old ship and for a space of time life seemed to be extinct. Soon the old ship partly righted herself and some of the hens or the fears. The ship then drifted into port on Dec. 5. Her condition was reported, and an effort made at repairs, and then she was ready for another voyage.

In some respects the second voyage was more successful than the first. The Solid rock was not totally escaped, but the damage was reported less than it was the first time. The sound waves were tided and the timid were becoming used to the odor of fire and brimstone. Waves are hard to foresee. Again the ship was swept by a mountain wave in Psychology and came very near sinking. She partly righted herself and sailed into port March 2, amid the shouts and cheers of the people and the triumphant waving of flags.

The old ship has now embarked on her last voyage. Her heroes are still bearing the terrors of the deep. The Solid rock has been removed, but other difficulties lie in her path. The waves are mountain high, but she sails proudly on. Let us hope that the end of her voyage, May 22, 1912, may be brighter than the beginning, September 13, 1911. And may we be able to say:

“We have crossed the ocean
And anchor safe today.”

Freshman (to Miss Pearsall)—“Oh, Miss Pearsall, you sure do look nice tonight.”

Miss P.—“I’m real sorry, but the grades are already in for this term.”

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WITH OTHER COLLEGES

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One hundred and ninety-two preparatory schools are represented in the Freshman class at Dartmouth, Exeter having the largest number.

Missouri has a canning factory in connection with its horticulture department, which supplies the local grocers with canned vegetables.

According to the latest reports, California and Stanford Universities are discussing the reinstatement of the standard American football game in place of the rugby game now played.

Freshmen at the University of Wisconsin are not allowed to walk on the campus. They are compelled to run from building to building with their caps in their left hands.

Cornell football team in operation is the subject of a new vitagraph film. This is the first instance of the kind on record.

Mr. Pace, when asked what he considered the most important event in the Senior Class, replied "I passed Styles in Solid Geometry."

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