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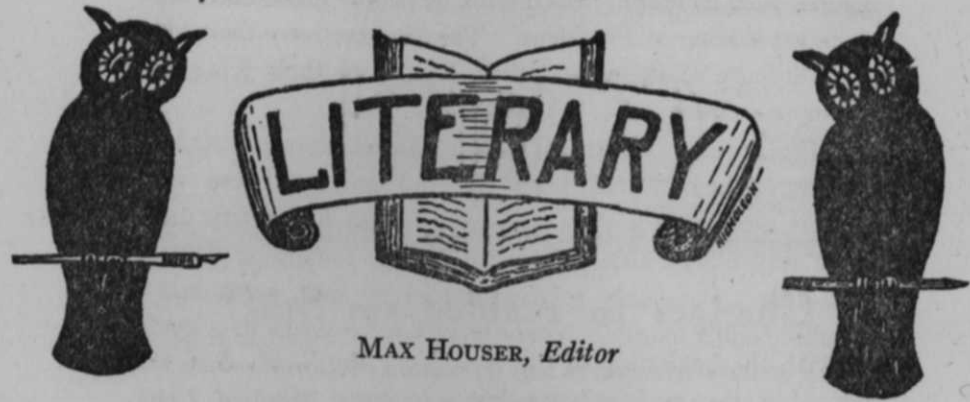
Changes in Kablegram Staff

With the beginning of the New Year the S. M. A. official publication is found wanting a business manager. In the place so ably filled by the popular cadet, Captain Richard Skinner, of Laredo, Texas. "By Gosh," as said Captain expresses it, has been chosen Cadet Lieut. Bennett Wagner. We hope that Cadet Wagner will be as successful in his new office as his predecessor, and that in securing the necessary equivalent to sustain the KABLEGRAM, we wish him to leave no stone unturned. That is we simply take the money and ask no questions.

STAFF.

Lest we forget and be forgotten, as you have heard many times before, there are Cadets here from practically every state in the union. And as you have often heard Lieut. Chandler speak in regard to some official emblem of your state, a state flag for instance; on these grounds I am making a demand on behalf of and for the benefit of the Cadet Corps of the Staunton Military Academy. I ask that these banners be placed in Lieut. Chandler's possession as soon as possible, and he will see them fittingly placed at the Finals in May. Let us all do our duty, "For Lest We Forget, We May Be Forgotten."

J. M. H.



MAX HOUSER, *Editor*

Little Siam

IF YOU open your Atlas you will find Siam, my native country, on the map of Asia. It is situated at the south of the greatest continent or near the Malay Peninsula, which is known as the greatest peninsular in the eastern part of the world. Its boundaries on the north is China, the south Malay Peninsula, the west Beuma and the east French Indo China.

Siam is very beautifully located. It is level and very fertile. I wish to say my country is excellent land for farming purposes. Every year she exports rice, teak wood, and peper in large quantities. The population is not very large. There are about ten millions of people.

Before I continue with this subject, I think it is better to tell you the short history of Siam. I believe all of you have studied geography. China is very crowded with her population of four hundred millions. Our original home was in *Hunan*, near the great river, *Yangtsekiang*. The Siamese ancestors sought their fortune in the land of the south of

China, such as Siam. Each tribe of people has a chief who is called a King or President. The Siamese have their king to take care of them, and their loyalty to their King will never pass from them.

The ancient customs of Siam:—Dates were counted by moons. They started from the full moon. There were twelve months in a year, and each month had thirty days. You may not be able to account for the remaining days of the year. It is easy to say that every four years had a double eighth month. There were twelve years in a cycle. Each of the twelve years had its name as follows:—Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Cock, Dog and Pig. Then the years re-commence. So the people who were born in the said years, wear the rings with the animals engraved upon them.

When the children were born they had a ceremony in which all the family would compliment them, and also find some astromers to foretell the future of those children. They had to wear their hair long when they were under thirteen years of age. A great ceremony was held to cut their hair off across the middle of their heads when they were nine or eleven or thirteen years of age. The aged people of the family would give to them some presents, such as money, and offer compliments to them.

The women had a dress to wear and a long and small cloth to cover their breast. The men's dress was much like the woman's but he had a linen coat.

The food which they eat is the same as we have here in America. I find one fault. The yellow people eat vegetables too much, and do not like meat. Thus they are smaller than the white people. The use plates and dishes, but no knives and forks. They eat their food with their hands except they use spoons for eating "*curry*." They do not sit

at the table, but on the floor. The Siamese have three meals each day, and the food of each meal consists of at least four kinds of delicious things and always rice.

Men whose ages are twenty-one have to go to the Priest for one year. If they fail to perform this ancient custom they are unable to win a wife. I want to say a few words about the Siamese marriage. The natives marry when they are seventeen years old because in the warm countries the people are developed much more quickly than the people of cold countries. The future brides and grooms do not know each other before, but their parents arrange for the nuptials. Every year many divorces appear in the courts of justice. This is the fault of marrying without knowing each other. All the Siamese must be educated before this custom can be broken up.

Before marriage the groom-to-be gives land, a house, and a diamond ring to his bride-to-be. The ceremony is always held at the bride's home. The invited guests give them the sacred waters and compliment them. Three days after marriage they both call on the people who gave them the wedding gifts.

Almost all the ancient customs have been changed since the European customs were introduced into Siam, which, was about fifty years ago.

The children about seven years of age are sent to a Kindergarten. When they are about ten years of age they are sent to a grammar school for three years. After that they are sent to a high school, then they go to college or to some technical school. The girls do not go to college, but conclude their education in the high school. I do not like the idea of the government educating only the people in the capital and neglecting the education of the rural natives.

The fathers do not take care of their children because

they must attend to business in order to get money to support their family. The mothers take care of the children and teach them to know the right and the wrong. They are taught to have good character and to be good citizens. The parents pay a great deal of money for their education and arrange for their after-life including marriage.

Summarizing I would say that the Siamese possess great energy and patience. They are a very observant people. Brotherly love is one of their marked characteristics. They love their King and obey his commands in every respect. Siam's improvement is rapid. I am sure that my native country will some day come to a realization of her real power.

One might be surprised that I place my love for Siam first. The one aspiration of a Siamese is to make good so that he may carry back to his people a good reputation for Siam.

I came to this country not only to study in the schools but to study the American ideals—the knowledge of systems that will fit and improve my country. I intend to try to find the best way to help the Siamese people as much as I can. One cannot do the great work alone, but needs the help of many others. Suppose I am the best educated man in the world. Can I myself make the country powerful? No, I can not. I must help native brothers and they in turn will help others.

I promise you though that I should be glad to give my life for my country. I would be glad, and would smile until the last breath. Patriotism is not only characteristic of America but also of Siam.

Obligation of the Children:—I am not boasting, but tell you frankly that the Siamese children are very generous,

intelligent, and pious. They obey and respect the old people such as parents, teachers, priest, and relatives. If the children misbehave and it is the first offense they will be warned secretly. If they continue to do wrong, then they are scolded in the presence of others. If they commit any great wrong they are whipped on their wrists or tied together and they are suspended in the air for a time, depending upon the offense.

The Siamese have a tendency to be Epicurean, still they wish to acquire wealth. The rural folk earn their living as farmers and gardeners. The people in the capital are mostly laborers. This is the largest business center. There are a number of manufacturers and business houses.

Our present King has been highly educated in England. He spent fourteen years in Eton and in Oxford University. Most of the secretaries of the various departments of the government have been educated in the European countries. The government has recently changed all the old systems and brought civilized ideas to Siam.

CADET PATIPAN.

Student in America two years.



LIEUTENANT GIBBES LYKES, U. S. A.

Gibbes Lykes is Appreciated

LETTER TELLING OF HIS WORK IN FRANCE

MRS. WILLIAM LYKES, of Lykesland, Richland County, has received from Mademoiselle C. Liger, of Ureffe, France, a letter of which a translation appears below. The letter refers to Second Lieutenant Gibbs Lykes, of the United States Army, who is now serving in France and it will be read with pleasure and keen interest by his friends in South Carolina and elsewhere. The letter speaks for itself and tells a story of the fine relations existing between the American army in France and the French people. The letter follows:

Madam:

Perhaps you will be surprised to receive a letter from a person absolutely unknown and strange?

Please reassure yourself, madam, for I write to talk to you of Lieutenant Lykes, your dear and amiable son, who, during his stay at Ureffe came to bring to our dear children of the orphanage, who now love him like a devoted benefactor, his cheerfulness and fond indulgence.

Your dear son came to see us doing good and left us the best of memories and here is an act which speaks in favor of his wonderful kindness.

For the feast of St. Nicholas, the patron of our dear Lorraine, the lieutenant put himself at the head of his numerous friends, and, taking up a collection, bought souvenirs of St. Nicholas for our orphans, so the dear children take pleasure in calling him the good lieutenant St. Nicholas. Oh, yes, madam, that day was, for the teachers and pupils, a day of great joy, the memory of which will never be effaced from our souls, so grateful towards your very dear child.

In return we can give to him as evidence of our gratitude only

the tribute of our humble prayers and that will be liberally granted him. May God, madam, preserve him, may He guard him in the midst of dangers which he is going to run soon.

May God grant us also, the joy of having again in our midst the dear gentleman who left our dear orphanage the 12th of this month.

He liked to talk affectionately of his much loved parents, papa and mamma. He was to us a subject of joy and edification. How happy he seemed in giving to those poor little orphans caresses and kindnesses, which may God restore to him here below a hundredfold.

Without having the honor of knowing you, madam, I am happy to write you all this, although I tell it imperfectly. These are realities, feelings which are not expressed clearly.

My venerated companion, the superior of the orphanage, and with whom I share the care of the management, asks me to say to you that she regrets not being able to write you because of ill health.

She joins me in asking you to accept our humble wishes for you and your husband and all the family the expression of our deep respect.

Give to Y. M. C. A.

You who are not called to bear your gun
 On foreign soil against bloody Hun,
 Unto you the call is borne today,
 Needful and you should not turn away—
 Give freely to the Y. M. C. A.
 Men, the best the country has in stock—
 Earnest, valiant, firm as Gibraltar's rock—
 North and South united, cross the sea,
 Suffering, that the world may be free.
 Coward, he whose son goes to the battle
 Homeless, like dumb and driven cattle;
 Roofless, with no place to lay his head,
 In a land where the dying and dead
 Serve as shelter in the awful fight
 To death in the trenches day and night,
 Indifferent to his son's every need,
 And with hoarding miserliness and greed,
 Nothing gives to shelter in the storm.
 As the father lies upon his pillow,
 Son, far across the foamy billow,
 Soaked in mud and water to his belt,
 On his bended knee in pain is knelt,
 Calling God for help that he may live,
 In faith that father will freely give
 Assistanceto build a home and fire
 To which his son may sometimes retire,
 Inside a shelter, out of the storm;
 Only a hut, but cosy and warm,
 Nobly given for Y. M. C. A.

J. W. Hook.

Social

A. DEAN EAGLE, *Editor*

The various clubs of the school held their respective banquets on the night before the cadets left for the holidays.

The Exter Club banquet was given at the Virginia Hotel and was a very delightful affair.

The Triangle Club gave their annual banquet and dinner dance at the Beverley Hotel.

The Academy Club held their usual banquet at Cohen's Restaurant.

The holidays ended January the fourth and despite the snow storms and congested conditions of the railroads, many of the cadets returned on time. They enjoyed an informal dance in the gymnasium.

The First Presbyterian church gave a most enjoyable reception to the cadets attending the First Presbyterian church. The reception was held at the city Y. M. C. A.

Basketball

The initial turnout of the basketball season was on Saturday, January 5, 1918, just one day after we had returned from our mid-year furlough. On that eventful day over fifty cage aspirants greeted our athletic mentor and received uniforms and preliminary instructions.

Coach Tarr is more than pleased with the showing so far this year. Most of the men turning out have had previous training on various prep. school teams throughout the country. And it will be only a short time until S. M. A. will have a team that will more than defend the honor of the school.

Capt. Curry, at center, Lummus, at guard, and Eagles, at forward, all letter men from last year's notable crew, have been showing up well in practice and will form the nucleus of this year's aggregation.

Games have been scheduled with our rival academies, prep-schools and colleges. The schedule to date, reads as follows:

- January 18th, Central High School, Washington, here.
- January 24th, Lebanon Valley College, here.
- January 29th, Eastern College, there.
- January 30th, Central High, Washington, there.
- January 31st, Tome Institute, there.
- February 6th, Eastern College, here.

February 13th, Trinity College, of N. C., here.
 February 14th, Randolph-Macon Academy, here.
 February 20th, Augusta Military Academy, here.
 February 23d, Fishburne Military School, there.
 February 27th, Augusta Military Academy, there.
 March 1st, Fishburne Military School, here.

Negotiations are under way for games with Bridgewater College, Washington and Lee, and the University of Virginia, but as the KABLEGRAM goes to press the dates have not been definitely fixed

J. M. H.



ALUMNI NOTES

B. M. BROWINSKI, *Editor*



THIS time when Service Flags are to be seen displayed by nearly every institution and in thousands of homes all over our country, it is only fitting that the Staunton Military Academy have its flag.

Col. Kable and Col. T. H. Russell have decided to have the flag and from all authentic reports received, the number of stars in the flag will approximate one hundred and sixty. Of course this will not represent the total number of S. M. A. graduates and former students, for so many leave and are never heard from again.

On the following list, which I am going to call our "Roll of Honor of Graduates and Former Students," only names have been placed that have come from reliable sources. As time goes on we wish to see more names placed on the "Roll of Honor."

The following men will be represented by a star in our service flag:

Alexander, C.	Cant, A. M.
Armstrong, O. P.	Driskell W. P.
Adams, C.	Davies, La V.
Altman, D.	Dockery, J. M.
Brown, J. S.	Dale, J.
Blizzard, J.	Doty, L.
Breuil, F. S.	Davies, L. R.
Buckley, D.	Erkenbrack, K.
Bronson, H.	Evans, S. H.
Ballou, L. C.	Foster, H. B.
Blum, R. H.	Fry, N.
Burleigh, R.	Faber, L.
Brooks, L. B.	Fisher, J. J.
Barton, A. G.	Fentress, T.
Beattie, H. C.	Gibbs, I. H.
Bradford, G. C.	Giles, W. C.
Bell, E. S.	Greene, J.
Berthalet, F. E.	Hudson, C.
Bernnader, H.	Harris, D. L.
Brown, P. B.	Haar, H. J.
Cox, C. H.	Holden, H.
Castillo, A.	Hayne, F. B.
Comstock, R.	Hugill, F. S.
Coumerillh, W.	Harrison, H. H.
Coots, H. N.	Horton, C. R.
Carr, A. R.	Harriman, F. W., Jr.
Culbertson, G. S.	Hubbard, B.
Clarke, E. D.	Hutchinson, J. E., Jr.
Campbell, T. E.	Hoskins, E.
Campbell, C. I.	Hauser, J. F.

Hardy, R.	McGuffin, R. A.
Ingham, G. B.	McCullough, H. W.
Johnson, G. W.	McCullough, H. K.
Jackson, F.	Macaulay, A.
Kyle, E. G.	McQueen, C.
Kendall, G. L.	Norvell, R.
Kivlighan, M. O.	Newton, W. F., Jr.
King, A. F.	Nix, R. W., Jr.
Kingsbury, J. D.	O'Connor, F. B.
Legge, B. R.	Phelps, W. M.
Levinsohn, S.	Patterson, W. S.
Lynch, H. H.	Pringle, E. C.
La Marche, D.	Proescholdt, Stanley M.
Lannuier, S.	Peyton, F. L., Jr.
Ledbetter, L.	Rosenberger, J.
Lykes, G.	Reifsnider, E. F.
Lykes, W.	Ranshaw, W.
Lewis, C. B.	Reese, R. M.
Moss, S. A.	Roblee, N.
Meusset, C. E.	Rosenbacher, O.
Milliken, G. V.	Sanderson, E. C.
Malone, C. B.	Stromeyer, W.
Moore, J.	Smith, E. P.
Morey, I.	Stevens, J.
Manasses, A.	Schermerhorn, T.
Moody, W. H.	Simmons, J. S.
Moore, C.	Smith, H. H.
Moore, A.	Scott, R.
Moule, A.	Stevens, S. W.
McMahan, F.	Stephens, S. H.
McNutt, J.	Smith, E.
McNutt, L.	Smith, G. W.

Salzer, K. E.	Talley, M. C.
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Maj. Wonson has been at the head of the Alumni work for several years and, beginning with little or practically no material, has compiled an excellent record of our graduates and old boys. A great deal of credit is due him for his valuable work concerning the men in the service. You can assist by reporting the whereabouts of any graduate or former cadet that you may know about.

Exchanges

NORMAN A. WEDUM, *Editor*

We gratefully acknowledge the following and sincerely trust that we will be so fortunate as to have the pleasure of exchanging magazines with you again:

The Little Tiger—Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tenn.

The Monthly Chronicle—Episcopal High School, near Alexandria, Va.

The Journal—Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn.

The Caduceus—Norway High School, Norway, Me.

Register—The Burlington High School, Burlington, Vt.

Pine and Thistle—Flora MacDonald College, Red Spring, N. C.

The Orange and White—Greenbrier Presbyterial Military School, Lewisburg, W. Va.

The Record—Staunton High School, Staunton, Va.

The Kemper News—Kemper Military School, Boonville, Mo.

The Polytechnic—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.

The editors of the *Pine and Thistle* have every reason to be proud of their November issue. The arrangement is good. We find "An Estimate of the Life and Works of Alan Seeger" a splendid essay. The quantity, as well as quality, of the matter in your magazine deserves praise. It is a well-balanced number, with well-written stories and poems.

We find the June issue of *The Caduceus* unusually good. We consider it a very complete issue. You are to be commended for it. The poetry is far better than in the average school publications.

Journal: Why not add an Exchange Department to your magazine?

The Little Tiger: If your literary department were brought up to the standard of your athletic or military department, your magazine would be better balanced.



Cadet Parry: "You seem mighty busy! What 'yer doing?"

Cadet Wright, L.: "I'm writing a love letter, I've been working on it for more than an hour."

Cadet Parry: "Why such pains?"

Cadet Wright, L.: "I want to be dead sure that if this letter is ever read in court, it won't make me appear a fool."

Ouch!

Mrs. Beal: "My son is very rough. I don't know what to do with him."

Col. Kable: "Why not let him be a dentist?"

Cadet Brophy: "What are you looking at, Benson?"

Cadet Benson: "Say, Joe, if I was thin as that rat I wouldn't pay no jitney, I'd get in a draft and blow down street."

An S. M. A. practical joker called up the telephone operator and said, "Hello, Central, give me Heaven," but that isn't what she gave him.

"Well, Henry," observed the Judge, "I see you are in trouble agzin."

"Yes, suh," replied the negro. "De last time, Judge you rec'lect you was my lawyerh."

"Where is your lawyer this time?"

"I ain't got no lawyer dis time," said Henry, "Ah's gwine tell de troof."

Higher Mathematics

St. Manning: "If a farmer raises 1700 bushels of wheat and sells it for \$1.17 per bushel, what will he get?"

Cadet Young, H.: "Automobile."

All Clear Now

Old Farmer (to son just returned from the front): "Well, Dick, what be these tanks like that there's so much talk about?"

Son: "Why, they're just wobbling thingamobobs full of what-you-may call-'ems and they blaze away like bellyoh."

Lt. Haynes: A quiet corner.

Corps: A later tatoo and reville.

We have meatless days and wheatless days now. Why not have a few "beatless" days. How about it T. G.?

Joel Wright (Drilling Xmas rat): Right face. About face. Left face. Hand salute. Forward march. To the rear march.

Freitag: I quit.

Joel: What's the matter?

Freitag: You change your mind too often.

Shepard, T.: Is Frew really as hard as he seems to be?

Parry: Say boy, he's so tough he quit his girl because she wouldn't chew tobacco.

Lt. Chandler: I wonder what makes that boy so crooked?

Cadet: Well you see he was born in a fog and now everything he touches is mist.

Pop Brophie: I didn't say you stole that dollar, Red. All I said was, that if you hadn't helped me look for it I probably would have found it.

Gen. Sheridan: I think I will go to the next dance.

Jaceques: What are you going for, you can't dance.

General: Well what are you going for?

Texas Watson, (rushing into commandant's office): "Major I want my room changed."

Maj. Acker: "You have a good room. Don't you like your room-mates?"

Texas: "Yes, sir."

Major A.: "Well I don't see why you want to change, but I suppose I can change you to another room. By the way, what's wrong with the room you have now?"

Texas: "The durn thing is on fire."

Hueghan: "What's good for a cold besides whiskey?"

Peeples: "Who gives a whoop."

Waitress: "There goes D&d to the kitchen, why don't you ask him now?"

Kendrick: "Wait until he goes to the cash register. I'd rather be hit with a roll of bills than with a stove lid."

(You know Red. Ask Kendrick, he knows).

Miss H.: "Yes, I went to M. B. S. until I was sixteen."

Gawge Streit: "My, what a wonderful memory you must have."

Eugene Robinson: Do you reckon Bolton will ever get married?"

Willie Robinson: "He has a slim chance."

Max Hauser: "Well believe me, Sherman sure has a fat chance."

WANTED!

By Wright, L: Senior Captaincy.

Ogden, Hutchings and Sherman: Shevrons.

Maschke: Old clothes, rags, bones and bottles.

Riley and Jacques: One Hudson Tube.

Hulshizer: One French Maid.

Malone, H.: A clean shirt.

Feldman: Another nose.

Lummus: An alarm clock.

Col. Ted Russell: One pair of military hair brushes.

WELL, SOME ONE DID IT

Two men fought a duel. One man was named Shott and the other Nott. Some said that Nott was shot, others that Shott was not. Hence it was better to be Shott than Nott. There was a rumor that Nott was not shot, and Shott avows that he shot Nott, which proves either that the shot Shott shot at Nott was not shot, or that Nott was shot notwithstanding. On trial it was proved that the shot Shott shot shot Nott, or, as accidents with firearms are frequent, it may be possible that the shot Shott shot shot Shott himself, when the whole affair would resolve itself into its original elements, and Shott would be shot, and Nott would be not. Apparently the shot Shott shot shot not Shott but Nott.

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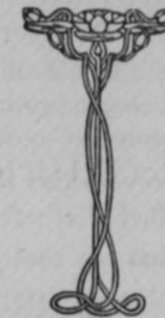
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