

train properly. It may be of interest to compare some of our records with those made by the winners at the State athletic contest recently held at Fort Worth. We tied their record of 0:11 1-5 for the hundred yard dash, but fell slightly behind in most of the other contests. For instance, in the running high jump their record was 5 feet 3 3-4 inches, while ours was 5 feet 2 inches. Brown made it easily practically without any previous training, and did not try for a record, and he could undoubtedly have tied or beaten the Fort Worth record. Brown is a promising man, and with proper training will make a fine athlete. In our half-mile run we were beaten by 3 3-4 seconds; in the hop-step-and-jump and in the running broad jump by five inches, and in the hammer throw by about 3 1-2 feet. And we came this close to the winning records without any previous training, many of the boys never having tried before in their lives! Now, why can't we enter these yearly contests? Why can't we train up such men as Garrett, Markham, Carswell, Brown, Boettcher, Hurst, and the scores of other promising men and send them up to the State meet next year and carry off that banner, with the inscription, "Amateur Championship of Texas," which the Fort Worth Y. M. C. A. carried off in triumph this year? Why can't the A. and M. be first in every kind of athletics, even as she is in foot ball?

"Everybody lend a hand" now, and next year, with fine training, our college boys will stand without a rival in the Lone Star State.

To see the prettiest picture in Texas, one has but to look at our cam-

pus, decked out in all the glory of Spring's green grass and beautiful trees. It forms a most striking contrast to the bleak and barren appearance that it presented only a few weeks ago. The only defects are the piles of piping and dirt, which mark the lines of the newly laid sewerage system. It is to be hoped that these will soon be removed, and then nothing will mar the fine effect of the long lines of shade trees and hedges, and the plots of green grass scattered everywhere.

Boys we want every one of you who have the least bit of literary ability to help us out in our commencement number. The majority of the cadets are very backward in contributing to our paper, and unless they do bestir themselves and take an interest in the literary department we can never hope to produce a sheet that will do justice to our college. A man with a paralyzed arm is handicapped in every way, and so is a college which is paralyzed in one of its chief branches. Those who grumble at times of a poor paper, perhaps do not realize that their indifference is one of the main causes of the paper's deficiencies.

Only a few short weeks now and commencement will be here with its crowds of visitors, and the college will put on its holiday regalia. All are eagerly awaiting it, and are in a very fever of expectation of home and friends. But we must not let this interfere with the success of our commencement, but let us all brace up and make the commencement of '00 the greatest success, and the one to be longest remembered ever held at the old A. and M.