

can do so by giving in their names to the captain of the company when the school starts. When he starts in he must keep on until the end of the session. An enlisted man is detailed as instructor and receives extra pay for it, about \$15.00 per month; he is under the instruction of a commissioned officer who looks after the whole.

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College Improvements.

On the 4th of October, 1876, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas held its reception for students. It has now celebrated its 17th birth year, and with each year it has steadily improved until now it stands a college well worthy of this, our Lone Star State.

Parents of Texas who have never visited the A. and M. can form no conception, however great, that will do it justice. As a College of its kind, it has no superiors. It is fully equipped in all that its name implies. Its beauty is marvelous. The student sees before him handsome brick buildings three and four stories high, covering thousands of feet of ground, large machine shops, immense barns furnished with all of the modern conveniences and inhabited by registered stock, in fact he sees everything that becomes an agricultural and mechanical college and that would enlighten the student as an agriculturist or mechanic. Besides these he breathes the pure fresh air fragrant with the perfume of scented flowers. He is surrounded by beautiful drives and walks, inlaid on either side with flowers and shrubs of the rarest varieties. He gazes around with wonder until finally his

gaze rests upon the campus, for there he sees floating gracefully on high the ensign of his native land. He is interested and returns to his room and begins his duties with new vigor.

Various appropriations have been made for improvements of the college, and at the last session of the State Legislature the following were added: For an electric light plant, ice factory and laundry, \$10,000; for student's labor fund \$10,000; for stand pipe, bath house, etc, \$15,000, a total of \$35,000.

And accordingly the following improvements were added to the College: 1st. The electric light plant. This plant is a great addition to the College. Before the lights were furnished from the plant at Bryan, and often it was the case that the students were awaked from hard study to find themselves in total darkness, something having happened to the lights. This condition of the lights meant a great deal to him as his next day's recitation depended upon his studying at night, and consequently with no lights, except the dim candles, he would be sure to make a low grade, and besides this the College grounds were always as dark as the night and on rainy and muddy nights the reliefs marching from one building to another would walk into puddles of water, and many were the sentinels whose ill fortune it was to slip and fall on the muddy path. But now we are bothered with no such troubles. Our lights rarely go out and when such is the case it takes but a few minutes to adjust them. And as for the grounds, well "they've dug a pole and set a hole and now 'tis light as day." The machinery ranks with the best of its kind, being from the Westinghouse Manufacturing company. The plant has a