

science you can digest, drilling you into stiff-jointed European soldiery; on the contrary, the theory of the processes through which you are going is this: The training, and discipline, and mental drawing-out which have made successful, and useful, and righteous American statesmen, professional men, artists, artisans, and farmers in the past will make them again. This is no experiment; the process has the approbation of ages, and it has been stripped for you, young men, if you only knew it, of many a foolishness and hardship of school-life which would be to you just sources of complaint. College life gives you not a single qualification which you have not brought with you. It strengthens, widens, enlargens, in some cases—it is to be hoped—prunes tendencies and capacities which are yours by nature; in a word it is an evolutionary process rather than a probation. It is not to make something out of you, it is to develop all that is in you that is healthy and vigorous and righteous. This is no employment office in which clerks, book-keepers, teachers, etc., are made to order, it is, I believe, in the conception of its reasonable patrons, its directory, its president and his colleagues, an arena on which manhood is matured, the very manhood which is to be carried with one through life, the *manhood* which will make you a wise, conservative, conscientious lawyer, doctor, statesman, teacher, or what not, or on the contrary, a pettifogging, time-serving, aspirant for cheap notoriety and money.

The Alpha Phi Fraternity.

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This body has for its purpose, the up-building of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas, the cultivation of acquaintance and friendship among the ex-cadets, and the advancement of the individual interests of the members of the fraternity.

Texas now has one of the best equipped agricultural and mechanical colleges in the United States and should have the largest patronage. The development of so vast and diversified a territory as our state has creates an increasing demand for men especially trained in scientific agriculture and the me-