

chanical arts. Hence our Alma Mater is growing in usefulness and strength year by year.

Every ex-cadet has or should have a warm feeling in his heart for his Alma Mater and would like to do something to advance her material prosperity. But what can he do alone? Outside of his immediate schoolmates he is a stranger among the ex-cadets. The Alpha Phi fraternity gives the opportunity for the accomplishment of so worthy a purpose and has at its foundation that good old motto: "United we stand, divided we fall."

There are now about three thousand ex-cadets in Texas. As a class they are bright, energetic young men, and they are forging to the front in business, in the professions and in politics. Their voices are being heard in the councils of the nation. Nearly all are native Texans with the state pride strong in their breasts. Among all the fraternal and social organizations today there is not one whose members are bound together with stronger ties than those which exist between the ex-cadets of our school. They have the same hopes and ambitions. They are bound together by that strong feeling which will always exist between men educated at the same school.

There are many of the boys who are now living near to others who attended college, but at later years, who do not even know that they are brothers of a common Alma Mater. To bring all these together, to concentrate their efforts for the good of the school and of each other the Alpha Phi fraternity was organized.

The plan embraces an organization with state officers, and local chapters to be organized for social re-unions and the like throughout the state where even three or more ex-cadets reside. The dues and fees will be exceedingly light, so that all many feel able to join.

A very few of the older men have visited the college of late years. Last commencement some ten or fifteen of the "'76 fellows" met there by consent. The president and ex-cadets extended a boundless hospitality. Mr. Sbisá saw that we had enough to eat and we had a royal time. We hope through this organization to induce more of the boys to meet at the commencements. Those who have not been have no idea of the pleasure there is in treading the old pathways again. As this