

intelligently for this cause, it is necessary that they acquaint themselves with the needs, policy and purpose of the institution. Our Alumni and Alpha Phi members should visit the college more frequently than they do. Each alumnus and each ex-cadet who has any interest in his Alma Mater should join one or both of these organizations—in unity of effort there is strength.

The advancement of the college depends on appropriations made by our state legislature. If we would materially aid our Alma Mater, it is necessary that A. & M. boys take an active part in politics, thereby securing an opportunity to lay before their senators and representatives the needs of the college; or better still, let them become members of the legislature. Besides, an interest in politics is necessary for good intelligent citizenship.

It is to be regretted that our college is intermingled with politics even as slightly as it is, but for those who wish her to be still further removed, it is necessary that they take sufficient interest to accomplish that removal.

The University of Texas urges that instead of depending on biennial appropriations from the legislature, a tax of one fifth of one per cent be levied for its support. This is indeed a good idea; the growth of an institution so supported would depend on a certain income instead of an uncertain one, and the burden of taxes would be no heavier than it has been in the past, and the institution would grow proportionately with the development of the state. This is not an experiment; its wisdom has been practically demonstrated by the state of Michigan. The students at Ann Harbor number upwards of a thousand.

Texas has one of the best Agricultural and Mechanical colleges in the Union and should have one of the largest. Her vast area offers a great variety of soils, climates and conditions, and the field for study and experiment in agriculture is a wide one. The development of so large a territory will necessarily require engineers, architects, mechanics and arti-