

liberally and kindly. He detailed the history of the then pending appropriation bill as it affected the college, and said that the committee had done all in its power for the institution under the circumstances, but that it was confronted on all sides with demands for appropriations and many perplexing difficulties had to be contended with. It was the purpose of the committee to distribute to all public institutions of the state with the hope to aid all and cripple none. He believed that the bill would become a law, giving, besides the usual amounts, the sum of \$25,000 for a new mess hall, \$5,000 more than the governor recommended, \$5000 for repairs and \$3000 for two new residences.

Hon. John B. Long responded to "The Retiring Board of Directors." He said, while probably the members of the old board came here reluctantly at first, they had learned to love the college and the progress of the college was not only gratifying but satisfactory to the board which had tried to do the very best they could for the institution, and, he added, as we pass out on the waters under the flood gates and move on down the stream, remember to dip us up if you ever need us

"The Press" was the subject intrusted to Hon. Frank P. Holland, who received three hearty cheers when his smiling face and rotund figure loomed up. Mr. Holland said that while civilization "begins and ends with the plow," and he had been at both ends of it, he wanted to see no friction or battle between the institutions of the state; he wanted to see them work together because it is cheaper to build schools than penitentiaries. He was first for the Agricultural and Mechanical college, but favored greater appropriations for all the educational institutions of the state. He was surprised at the progress made here during the past two years, but said the college had fulfilled the prophecies of the Farm and Ranch.

Judge Charles Rogan responded to "The Alumni" in a most happy vein. He complimented the members of the old board who were so full of enthusiasm for the college that