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he could hardly see why the alumni should have desired representation. He then related something of the early history of the college, and followed its progress and advancement with pride and pleasure,

Capt. F. A. Reichardt got three ringing cheers when he arose to "The New Board of Directors," and made a happy informal speech such as the boys love. He said he didn't feel natural with the board at the head of the table and wanted to get down the line; he didn't know very much about his duties, but expected to study up and do all in his power for the college, and considered his appointment a great honor. Of his colleagues, the other new members, he spoke in the most complimentary terms.

"The Alpha Phi" was assigned to its patron and founder, Mr. E. B. Cushing, the idol of the alumni and fraternity boys. He explained the objects of the Alpha Phi, which is to organize the some 3000 ex-cadets in the state, to bring them together socially and have them assist the 300 of the alumni in the upbuilding of the college. He spoke with enthusiasm for industrial education, and said we can now point with pride to the graduates of the Agricultural and Mechanica<sup>1</sup> college and say to the world that this is our handiwork. He urged organization, and concluded with the statement that in the Alumni and Alpha Phi lies the hope of the upbuild.ng of the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Major W. R. Cavitt, secretary of the board of directors and a member for fifteen years, responded to "The College," for which he said he would at times be willing to neglect his personal affairs if by that he might be of service. We want 1000 young men here, he said, and we can get them. We must ask the legislature for assistance, and if they won't help us let us elect legislators who will. The chairman of the recent legislative visiting committee admits that he came here an enemy to the college, and we made him a most enthusiastic convert. Now, what I want to do is to bring the whole legislature here on an excursion, as was proposed