

The Banquet

The banquet on the 7th was given jointly by the alumni and Alpha Phi, and there were present a number of distinguished visitors. The banquet arrangements were in the hands of Prof. P. S. Tilson, and could not have been improved upon, while the spread was prepared by Mr. B. Sbisá. Prof. W. B. Philpott, the prince of toastmasters, presided at the head of the table. The toasts and responses are given herewith:

"To our Boys in the Army," by Capt. E. J. Smith of Denison.

"The University of Texas;" Judge Chas. Rogan of Brownwood.

"The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas;" President George S. Winston of the university.

"To the Knightly and Chivalrous L. S. Ross, Soldier, Statesman and Patriot;" Col. W. L. Prather of Waco.

"Governor Ross as an Educator;" Hon. W. L. Dean of Madisonville.

"Advice is Cheap;" Hon. George C. Pendleton of Belton.

Colonel Frank Holland, on being called, prefaced his remarks on agriculture and the college with a string of puns on the naval situation. He said: "Sampson is too Schley to let the Spaniards Dewey thing to our fleet, and Cervera is bottled up and will have to take Hobson's choice."

Captain F. A. Reichardt was the next speaker and left the guests in an uproar with one of his inimitable stories.

"College Reminiscences" was responded to by Colonel P. L. Downs of Temple, Captain John Q. Tabor of Bryan, Prof. Alexander Hogg of Fort Worth and Major L. L. McInnis of Bryan.

"The New Mess Hall;" Hon. W. R. Cavitt.

Hon. Jeff Johnson of Austin made a happy talk on the relations of his department of agriculture and the college.