

her troops are well nigh completely officered by ex-cadets, and I do not consider it bold to express the hope that the day is not far distant when we shall see a graduate of this institution occupying the highest position within the gift of the people of this state. It is only a repetition of political history that the alumni of a state's leading colleges not only give direction to, but actually govern its legislation. Then why should not the prophecy in a few years become a fact, that the alumni of the A. & M. college become the leading factor in the legislation of the State of Texas?

Gentlemen of the Board: We have known you only a short time, but the deliberation you have used in recent matters of grave importance has inspired us with confidence in your ability and judgment. The fact that two of you are sons of this institution peculiarly fits you to understand her needs and anticipate her requirements. We feel assured that the highest motives will govern your every action, and expect to see our alma mater continue to advance and flourish under your government. As one of your number recently said: "We have but one Agricultural and Mechanical college and I want to see the institution made one, not only in name, but in theory and practice as well."

Mr. President: It is an acknowledgement conceded by all just and fair minded men that the performance of duty in one's chosen profession, is the fulfillment of work prescribed for man, but for the past five months you have had a double duty to perform. Owing to circumstances which have controlled the affairs of our college since the death of our former beloved president, you have not only filled your place as professor and member of the faculty, but have also performed the arduous and oftentimes trying position of president of the college. It required ability of a superior order, excellent judgment and untiring labor. When you accepted that position you asserted your devotion to the interests of this institution and professed