

the best drilled company in the Lone Star State.

Boys, it takes interest, determination, and the co-operative work of each and every man in the company to make it what the name—"Foster Guards"—calls for.

In years gone by, interest has fallen so far below what it should have been that it has been hard to find the required number of boys with the proper interest to form and hold together a first class company.

It should be considered—if it is not—such an honor to become a member of this organization, that when a man is elected a member he would stay with the company as long as he remains at College, and after he has gone, show that he is still in sympathy with and loyal to the Foster Guards, by doing anything and everything he can for the advancement of the company.

Last year the Foster Guards did not commence drilling as they should have done until a week or two before commencement, not expecting to give an exhibition drill at any time before then.

This year let us get down to drilling

at once; then if we learn the company movements and bayonet exercises perfectly and put these into execution as we should do, we could take up something else of interest to ourselves and others.

I can't see why the Foster Guards shouldn't put up an exhibition drill in Houston or somewhere else on San Jacinto day next spring.

On the 21st of April, 1897, when the corps went to Houston, it was said, and by prominent men, that the drill of the Ross Volunteers was by far superior to that of the Houston Light Guards. Then each man took a deep interest in his company.

With Armstrong as our captain, the only thing that we will have to face to make ours the best drilled company in the State will be in getting every man to take an interest, and all to "pull together," then when "retreat" sounds on June 11, 1901, it will be said by old A. and M. College boys and others, "That drill by the Foster Guards was the best I ever saw executed by any volunteer company."

### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

"If it be the object of education to lead out and develop the God-given capacities of a man, to give him a kit of sharpened tools and a trained capacity to use them to make him more the master of unfriendly environment, to make him more capable of lending a hand to help upward those about him less favored than he, to teach him the basis on which to decide between that which is wise and unwise, between right and wrong, then there is no training in education superior to engineering, when properly carried out, to produce self-reliant, independent, creat-

ive thinkers—to produce God-like men."  
—F. R. Hutton.

It has been said that "A man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder." Then also a man knowing naught but theories may be compared to an engine without steam, so useless would they be to him.

Theory in itself is the foundation of practice, but in laying such a foundation, of what use will it be if the proper building—practice—is not put on it.

On the other hand practice, by itself,