

pervision of men who learned to read the rod and handle the instrument at the A. and M. College of Texas.

There are at present two difficulties with which this department has to contend. The first consists in the shortness of the time devoted to this course, and in the inadequate preparation on the part of students when entering. Under the present curriculum, sufficient time is not given for that thorough theoretical training that is absolutely essential to the highest order of practical work. The addition of one year's work to the present course would greatly increase the efficiency of those who take it, and, as a natural consequence, would multiply their chances for rapid promotion. A student who graduates here ought not to feel that it is necessary to spend a year or two in other institutions to secure

advantages, denied him here, in the way of more thorough preparation for his work.

The second difficulty is the lack of room for the testing of materials, the performing of experiments, and for giving the right kind of instruction in drawing. Accommodations that a few years ago were regarded as amply sufficient, are now felt to be entirely inadequate.

There is no reason in the nature of things why our institution should lag behind those of other States. If Texas looks to her sons to take the lead in the development of her almost unlimited resources, she should certainly exercise the greatest liberality in furnishing every appliance that is necessary for the most thorough equipment of those upon whom her future greatness depends.

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### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

We are sorry to see so little interest taken in athletic affairs by the students. The association needs and must have the support of the student body, otherwise it can do very little toward making athletics a success in the College. We urge that all new students, and all old ones who are not members, join at once and give the association all the aid possible.

Here we would say a word to all the students who do not play football. In the afternoons when the team is at work

go out to the grounds and encourage the players. No team can make much progress when not more than one-fifth of the students go to the field to see the men play. It shows a deplorable lack of interest on your part, and the interest the players themselves take in their work will grow less and less as they realize that they are without support. So let each and every student lend the team his presence and aid. Unless this is done, athletics will be a failure here this year.

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The understanding is not a vessel which must be filled, but fire-wood which needs to be kindled; and love of learning and love of truth are what should kindle it.—Plutarch.

A man must know his faculties; he must know the subordination of the

lower to the higher, and his practice must accord with his knowledge.—Horace Mann.

The discovery of truth can only be made by the labor of attention, because it is only the labor of attention that has light for its reward.—Malebranche.