

to entertaining talks by invited guests may be very pleasant, but it is far from accomplishing the work of a society. Each member of the society must be regular in attendance, and when on the program he should come forward well prepared and determined to do his very best.

While we are receiving so much encouragement, let us wake up to the importance of the situation and determine to make a record for ourselves, our society and our school.



Prizes have been offered for the three best articles offered for publication in the December number of *The Battalion*.

Three dollars are offered for the best article, \$2.00 for the second, and \$1.00 for the third.

These articles must be between 1500 and 2000 words in length and must be in the hands of the critics, Professors Philpott and Harrington, by the 5th of December.

These prizes will be continued month after month, and will be increased in value as the funds of the societies will permit.

Students should at once begin preparation of articles for future numbers. By entering this contest you will help to improve our College paper, make an enviable reputation for yourself, gain valuable training, and a valuable prize.



For the last few years *The Battalion* has been far below the standard. It has been maintained by a faithful few who had some spirit of college pride, and who had some conception of the seriousness and dignity of college life. There are a large number of students who say: "I'm no literary character. All I care for is to get a good paying position and then let the world rock on as it will." These fellows put in every moment they possi-

bly can visiting and interrupting those who want to study. These same pestiferous fellows have a carefully arranged classification of the faults of teachers and the shortcomings of officers. They find fault with the College, with the societies, with *The Battalion*, and everything else except themselves. They never do any good, for they would have to stop their miserable complaints for a few minutes. Such drones never accomplish anything except to earn the hearty contempt of all right thinking students.

There is another class of good, easy-going students who occasionally do wake up to ask themselves if they really are accomplishing anything. As a rule their efforts, outside of enforced duties, are spasmodic, and of little lasting good.

But after all there is a constantly increasing number of students who really have some conception of the work to be done in this world and who recognize the value of the training being given here. They take advantage of every opportunity for self improvement, and for thoroughly equipping themselves for responsible places in the great world of human effort.

A few of these determined fellows are putting some effort into society work and are trying to raise *The Battalion* to a higher degree of excellence.

Let every student who has ought of college or society pride, who has ambition to make a name and a place for himself in college life, join the ranks of the earnest workers. Let us make our *Battalion* the very best publication that comes from any Southern A. and M. college.



With a view of helping worthy and deserving students who are willing to work to pay part of their expenses at the A. and M. College, I have started a stu-