

have a higher respect for themselves and the College.

Still others who are not expecting to come back are those who have made bad grades, failed on their examinations, and have become generally discouraged. It is to this class that I wish especially to speak. Boys, it will not do for you to leave this bad record. It is simply an acknowledgment of failure which you as Texas boys should be ashamed to leave behind you. You should be unwilling to be judged by such a record, but should come back with the determination to show your manhood by making such a standing for yourself that your first three months' grades will be forgotten. You owe it to yourself, to your parents, to your sweethearts, if there are any sweethearts in the case, to acquit yourselves like men.



COLLEGE STATION AS A VISITOR SEES IT.

PARK HEATON.

Having traveled over a portion of thirty-eight States and Territories, as well as a small portion of other countries, I feel that I have a right to express some opinions and make a few suggestions as I go along for the benefit of the people at large in the State of Texas in reference to this grand institution. In all my travels I have taken a deep interest in the public institutions of various kinds, examined carefully their construction, and noted how they were kept and conducted. I have been amazed at times at the beauty of the grounds surrounding some institutions in comparison to the grounds surrounding other institutions with conditions almost alike except in one point, and that point was the money.

I had heard a great deal about the A. and M. College from the lips of the late

Governor Ross when he used to visit in Waco, and he spent some time with me at the old Pacific hotel. He only spoke in a general way about the College. I always had a desire to visit the place when the students were here. I came first on July 4th last. I was pleased with all but the grounds. I could not form any opinion about the advantages of the school, as there was no school in session. I enjoyed the farmers' congress, and got my name in the report of the proceedings; got a horticultural ribbon tacked on my coat; coughed up a dollar, and am now a member of the State Horticultural Society and have a "working interest" in the elegant new building that is nearing completion.

In traveling over the State I find many, many people that do not know what the A. and M. College is for. Some think it is kept up to give some professors a soft place; others think it is to teach boys how to farm and kill bugs; others think it is a place to send boys that have never known what it was to obey, to learn how to obey a la militaire.

I only wish every State senator and member of the House of Representatives, and every father who has a son to educate, would visit the A. and M. College one day while everything is in full blast. It would open their eyes. The attendance would be larger, and the appropriation would be likewise.

Time and space will not permit me to enter into detail, but I wish to say as a visitor I am very greatly interested in this institution. Passing from class room to class room where the boys are taught all branches, we go to the carpenter shop. Here they are taught the use of tools and how to work in wood. Long rows of work benches with a case for the tools for each student at work. They must keep every tool in its place. That is system. We will step into the next room,