

and confidence be encouragement for the team. It helps wonderfully. Another request to be made of the boys is that they take the same pride in the Battalion. Use your aid and influence to give it prominence. It, as well as the organizations and societies, in fact everything connected with the college, is for the good of the students. When we all come to recognize this fact and each one does his individual duty how grand old A. & M. C. will be.

When the faculty took the privilege of playing football from the students there were some marked demonstrations of displeasure from the corps. Everyone was ready to say hard things about such a measure. True, the corps should be independent and have a voice in matters which concern it, and acting upon this belief, steps were at once taken to have that privilege restored. The alumni were notified and the board of directors petitioned. As a result the faculty reconsidered the resolution which threw athletics out, and gave back the privilege of playing baseball and football with outside teams on or off the college campus. Not only did they do this, but more privileges were given to the team than had ever before been granted in the history of the college. Isolated socially, and with such regularity in academic and military duties, we believe it nothing but right that the students should have some relaxation and recreation. Nothing can compare with athletics in giving these. Yet we feel sure that the faculty were honestly working for what they considered as our interest, and as proof of this we play football again. Now that these privileges and others are ours, is it not the duty of the

corps to show its appreciation? Should we not make it evident that our satisfaction is as great as was our displeasure? We stand up for our just rights and privileges, but let these rights and privileges be judged by those more experienced and competent than the student body. The relations that bind corps and faculty are closer than those of the past year, and it is earnestly hoped that they may understand and appreciate each other better as the session wears away.

Another year's work, the last for part of our number, has been entered upon. Do we of the Senior class, realize what this last year means. It may mean an honorable reward for which we have toiled, during these long years, or it may mean directly the opposite. Starting now, let all the classes and the Senior class especially, make the year one of which we shall all be proud. Now is the time to push matters. Let duty come first; let our work be well done.

Our military department bids fair to be of high standing this session. To begin with, we have a good set of officers, and as a second and vastly important consideration there is a corps of manly and courageous young men here, who are eager to become good soldier boys. With these conditions there is no reason why the present corps should not make a record in military lines which has never been equaled at this institution.

Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under thy observation in life.

—*Marcus Aurelius.*