

With the Alumni

LETTER FROM PENNER.

The following is an extract from a letter from W. A. Penner E. E. '06. He is now an apprentice at the General Electric Company's works at Lynn, Mass.

"The things I've heard of College since the opening have turned my thoughts more than once to the Brazos bottom. These first days of each school year are always interesting, and I think I should like to lounge around the place while the other fellows do the work.

"I confess that it isn't altogether a matter of seeing the College people that makes me want to be in that particular place. You see, this season of the year generally brings a change in a school boy's diet, and my desire for a change just at this time almost amounts to a 'hankering'.

"The boarding houses where we working folks eat are good enough, but the rations are handed out too much on the order of a la Sbis. The meat is poor and is almost always cold storage stuff. The chickens run almost altogether to neck and legs; there are no professors at my boarding house and it is hard to understand where the good meat goes. We have biscuits, but they don't belong to the same family as those south of the Mason and Dixon line. The one good feature lies in the fact that you never get enough to founder you on one order, and you do not like to be eternally calling for more.

"These Yanks are not such brilliant people as I once imagined; they just naturally have to hustle in this sorry country. This immediate locality was created in the beginning, if the face of it indicates anything. Our Creator certainly would not have been satisfied to do a job like this after he had made that country at home.

"The good points in these people outweigh the bad, however. The system of good roads is something great, and a person would travel a long while before he could find any better. In the last ten years the State has expended about twenty-seven millions for grade crossings alone, and they're still building.

The State operates a line of bath houses, also, and the crowds at such places are immense. At the most popular bathing pavilions there are amusement parks, and these do a land office business in the hot season. The places are closed now, of course, but people who live near the beaches still take to the water. Last Sunday was cold, yet there were about twenty-five half naked people scampering around on the beach.

"Since the theatres opened up, I've been 'busted' the greater part of the time, but it is worth the money to see Jefferson in 'Rip Van Winkle,' David Warfield in 'The Music Master'—and others.

"This work is fine, and I realize more than ever that a person who jumps into the electrical field with-

out supplementing his theory with practical work of this nature is seriously handicapped. Of course I don't believe I'll know it all by any means, but this will help a great deal. It seems to me that I am learning quite a lot, but I suppose that it is only the realization of my ignorance.

"Tabor is in Boston now, and is attending Boston Tech. and the football games. Baines saw Prof. Lomax, once, but so far, I have not been able to find him. The world doesn't seem half so large when you know a few of these good people are around you."

We are indebted to A. J. Neff, '03, for the following interesting letter. He writes:

"I am running a small foundry and machine shop in Brownwood. Came up here the first of April from Houston, and have had all that I could do, at all times.

Since the ginning season opened I have had to work quite often at night.

"In the foundry I do all kinds of iron work, such as making columns, sills, lintels, sash weights, ventilators and grates, etc., also all kinds of repairs for machinery. I can pour anything in cast iron that does not weigh over 1200 lbs. I do machine blacksmithing of all kinds. In the machine shop I have two laths, one planer, a drill press, emery wheels, wood lathe, hand saws and rip saws. I am using a six horse-power Weber gas engine for motive power.

"I am working five men now and at one time I had eight men on my pay roll. I have melted something like 125,000 pounds of cast iron since I have been here.

"I am in perfect sympathy with the College and shall be glad to receive The Battalion every week. With best wishes to the class of '07 and all the campus people, I am,

"Yours truly,
"A. J. Neff."

ALUMNI NOTES.

We are surprised to see how few members of the class '06 subscribe for The Battalion. Surely the men who voted unanimously that their college days were the happiest of their lives, will avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by The Battalion to keep in touch with their classmates and their Alma Mata.

H. F. Matthews '03 is at work in Indian Territory surveying the route for the M. C. Guffy Oil Co. pipe line from the Indian Territory to the Gulf.

Mr. Bennett Puryear, who is a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. army, is stationed with the Third battalion, Second regiment, at Havana, Cuba.

J. R. Rainey is employed by the First National Bank, Longview, Texas. He says: "Send me The Battalion. You have no idea how much I enjoy it."

"Shorty" Risien '03 is an engineer on the N. Y. C. & H. R. railroad in New York. His address is 419 W. 115th street, New York.

A. C. Love '99 is Resident Engineer on the Lafayette-Baton Rouge extension of the M. L. & T. Ry. & S. S. Co., Port Allen, La.

J. B. Sterns '03 is Resident Engineer on the Lafayette-Baton Rouge extension, Beaux Bridge, Louisiana.

Wm. Bretschneider '98, Civil Engineer on the T. & N. O. Ry., is the father of a fine girl.

Mr. E. L. Martin '99 is resident engineer on the G. C. & S. F. Ry., DeRidder, La.

W. F. Glover '98 is a planter on a large scale at Mt. Phersonville, South Carolina.

W. P. Cottingham '92 is a well known dealer in engineers' supplies at Houston, Texas.

V. M. Ehlers '05 is Civil Engineer with the Pickering Lumber Co., Pickering, La.

Mr. J. R. Tabor '06 is attending the Boston Technical Institute.

Mr. T. S. Jobson '03 is the father of a fine baby boy.

R. E. Barham '03 is instrument man for J. B. Sterns.

Mr. Dick Johnson is now located at Sabine Pass, Texas.

M. S. Church '05 arrived at College Sunday.

Del Beeman is now located at Sonora, Mexico.

A. & M. 34; DANIEL BAKER 0
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and Cornell. Puckett went across for touch down. Kicked goal. Score: 28-0.

DeWair went in at quarter, Beasley at left guard, and Dabney at center. Danny kicked off. Held College for downs on 25 yard line. Simpson made good gain around left end. Clordy bucks right guard. Another try at wide tackle and first down on the eight yard line. College took a brace. Two plunges at left guard got Daniel Baker five yards. Kirkpatrick started around right end, when DeWair broke through and made the prettiest tackle of the game. A. & M.'s ball on five yard line. Puckett, Hamilton, Utay and Ross rushed the ball out of the danger zone. Cornell called round for big gain. DeWair round left end for another. Visitors get ball near center and Sub Symes goes in at right end. A. & M. takes a spurt and soon has another touch down. Score: 34-0 and time up.

A. & M.	D. B.
Schmidt.....C.....	Hockinson
Neece.....R. G.....	Foote
Dale, I.....L. G.....	Colwick
Dale, J.....R. T.....	Black
Cornell.....L. T.....	Perry
Noguess.....R. E.....	Roach
Puckett.....L. E.....	Row
Hamilton.....R. H.....	Simpson
Utay.....L. H.....	Hulbert
Kelley.....Q.....	Kirkpatrick
Ross.....F.....	Clordy

Subs—A. & M.: Allen, Leggett, DeWair, Dabney, Beasley, Symes. Daniel Baker: Eaton, right guard. Officials: Burleson and Andrews. Time-keepers: Jenkins and Burleson.

Time of halves: 25 and 15. Touch downs: Puckett 4, Kelly 1.

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