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## IN EXPLANATION—NOT APOLOGY.

At last the Freshmen have permission to put in some of their unlimited hot air without being interrupted, and believe me, if we don't take full advantage of the opportunity, it is not on account of any lack of gas, but simply that we have not yet had time to get used to the change. Nevertheless, we appreciate the opportunity and are going to revel in the freedom of it through one whole issue of The Battalion. Of course, we understand that very little is expected of fish and know our limit has been put very low by older men, but we are sufficiently proud of our mighty, little effort, and are going to brag of it through all time, or at least until the lid has been put back on. It is a happy fact that reading the Bat. is not compulsory, so if you voluntarily read and are displeased, don't blame us; we have one week's monopoly, and are trying to make something out of it.

Therefore, please do not remind us too much of our deficiencies, so long as we do not hear the criticisms we will feel proud of our efforts and think that we are "it" with a capital "I".

If you like the Freshman number tell everybody; if not, forget it.

The legislators expressed themselves as well pleased with the food they inspected at the Mess Hall. We'd like to know where that particular lot of food went after the legislators left.

The next issue of The Battalion will be edited by the Sophomores. They held a meeting Monday night and elected the following officers: Editor-in-Chief, Rudolph; Assistant-Editor-in-Chief, Weinert; Local Editor, Terneaux; Athletic Editor, Dabney; Y. M. C. A. Editor, Sigel; and Exchange Editor, Harris, D. B. We expect a great deal of the Sophs., for they are supposed to have absorbed some of the dignity and learning of the upper classes, and we predict a good paper, from them.

## FAT STOCK SHOW.

From March 20 to March 23, will be held in Ft. Worth the Annual Fat Stock Show of the National Feeders' and Breeders' Association. This will be undoubtedly the largest gathering of fine stock ever known in the South, as it includes horses, cattle, mules, sheep, goats, hogs and poultry. A. and M. will have some good representatives there who will contest for prizes in stock judging, and we expect them to run up a high average for the school.

## UP TO THE LEGISLATURE.

President H. H. Harrington of the Agricultural and Mechanical College has issued the preliminary report of the board of directors covering the fiscal years 1905-1906, and setting forth the amount needed for new buildings, improvements and maintenance for another two years. A careful reading of this report discloses two significant facts to the credit of the administration under Doctor Harrington—first, that the appropriations made by the last legislature have been expended with the greatest care and economy for the best interests of the institution and its students; secondly, that the amounts asked of the present legislature are so reasonable and the urgent need of every sum so clearly set forth that there should be no hesitancy in appropriating all or even more than is asked. The entire showing of the work for the past two years bears the stamp of fidelity to this great trust and ability and superior judgment in its execution. There is no shadow of extravagance, looseness or corruption, every character of improvement for which money was expended is clearly set forth, the progress, increase in attendance, widening field of activities, new buildings and new departments needed, are all dealt with in that clear, concise and convincing way which carries conviction that a genuine love of the great trust committed to them actuates the men in charge of this institution. Some of the amounts asked for may appear at first glance large, but when considered in connection with the fast increasing demand for the technical training of young men—much greater than ever before and far in excess of existing room and equipment to meet it—they will look really small, if Texas is to keep abreast of progress and have a great technological training school in which the people can take a just pride. The facts and figures in the preliminary report submitted by President Harrington and the board of directors are explained more in detail in the separate reports of the different departments of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, all of which will be in the hands of the Governor and the legislature; and *The Current Issue* believes will incline the lawmakers to a generous and willing support of this vitally important educational institution, feeling they are adding not only to the good name of the State, but to its substantial and far-reaching benefit and future growth in agricultural greatness and enlightened progress.—Austin Current issue.

## Harvard vs. Yale.

After months of investigation by the Harvard athletic authorities, it has been finally agreed that no more athletic contests will take place between the crimson and the blue after the present year. Yale and Harvard will meet this spring in baseball and track, and that will be the end of inter-collegiate contests between America's two greatest universities, considered from an athletic standpoint.—Colorado "Silver and Gold."

## Limericks.

A new cadet at A. & M.,  
While working on an inside hem,  
Murmured to himself, apart,  
I'm working at an industrial art,  
Now, if a girl could look she'd see  
That I am strictly a P. C.  
This may be true, but then, perhaps,  
The hem is weaker than Soph. straps  
Now boys, be easy and also bind,  
To this new hem on my trousers.

## LEGISLATORS WELL PLEASSED.

They Consider that the A. and M. College Needs all Asked for and More.

The House appropriation committee, composed of Representatives P. H. Clements, W. A. Trenckmann, J. C. Ralston, J. T. Curry, F. Johnston, Ben Gafford, W. J. Bryan and W. C. Davis visited the A. and M. College yesterday afternoon and returned to Austin last night. They were driven over the grounds and conducted through the various departments, accompanied by President Harrington and Major L. L. McInnis, member of the board of directors.

They also saw the dairy and dairy herd and other live stock, investigated cotton breeding, the textile engineering work and the department of entomology. They visited the mess hall and inspected the meats and cooking and were well pleased with the food supplied to the corps.

They were emphatic in their expressions that the College needs all and more than the authorities are asking for, and seemed perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the affairs of the institution are being conducted.

The visit to the overcrowded departments disclosed the pressing need for an engineering building, and the visitors said they needed no further evidence than the tents on the campus to prove the need of additional barracks.

The interest, enthusiasm and attitude of the committee strengthens the already well grounded belief that the present legislature will respond to the demands of the people of Texas and deal generously with the A. and M. College.

## COLLEGE VERSUS SHOP.

As to college discipline, says Dr. F. W. Taylor of the engineering department of the University of Pennsylvania, it can not be a good training for after life for a young man deliberately to be told by the university authorities that he can flagrantly neglect his duties sixty times in one term before any attention will be paid to it; while, if in business, the same young man would be discharged for being absent two or three times without permission.

My belief in the benefits to be derived from doing practical every-day work early in the college course is not the result of a theory. It is founded upon close observation and study of young men who have had this experience, and also upon a vivid remembrance of breakfasting each morning at 5:30, and starting to sweep the floor of a pattern shop as an apprentice some 32 years ago, after having spent several years in preparing for Harvard College. The contrast between the two occupations was great, but I look back upon the first six months of my apprenticeship as a patternmaker as, on the whole, the most valuable part of my education. Not that I gained much knowledge during that time, nor did I ever become a very good patternmaker; but the awakening as to the reality and seriousness of life was complete, and, I believe, of great value.

Commercial, manufacturing and other enterprises in which many men cooperate, are managed more and more by delegating all important decisions to a few men whose judgment has been trained through long experience, study and observation in those matters which they are called upon to decide. Yet many of our universities are managed by giving over to the young man, under the elective system, the final decision as to what studies will best fit him for his life's work, although he has, of necessity, but the vaguest idea of the nature of the subjects which lie before him. It is almost like asking

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Of all the habits and principles which make for success in a young man, the most useful is the determination to do and to do right all of those things which come his way each day, whether they are agreeable or disagreeable; and the ability to do this is best acquired through long practice in doggedly doing along with that which is agreeable a lot of things which are tiresome and monotonous, and which one does not like.

I despise the pessimist who sees nothing but the defects and blunders of mankind, and the scold, whose pleasure it is to complain of all things as they are.—Science.

Notice.—"Tough" Counger (W. R.) has dropped "Tinsley's Best" from his special line of chewing to-

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