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TO THE ALUMNI.

Some of the alumni subscribers have been complaining that they do not receive The Battalion regularly. On inquiry we find that one reason for this complaint is that some subscribers have changed their addresses of late without giving us due notice. We should be notified of change of address at least two weeks before the contemplated change is made. Both the old and the new addresses should be given. We do not know of any reason other than the above which explains why The Battalion has not been received regularly by all our subscribers.

GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.

It is announced that the Glee Club will give its annual concert in the Assembly Hall next Saturday night, April 20. The students seem to have the impression that the concert is a number on the Lyceum Course, but this is not the case. A special rate of 25 cents will be made for A. & M. students, however, and all should try to attend.

Prof. Junkin, the director, states that in his opinion the organization is this year a better balanced glee club than ever before. This means that it is able at least to equal its performances of past years, and we all know what the Glee Club has done in the past. The Club will be ably assisted by Miss Hettie Smith of Bryan, and by the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

We appreciate the fact that the members of the Club have spent much time and study in the preparation of this entertainment, and we hope that they will have the support of the faculty and the students.

THE HONOR SYSTEM.

The Baltimore Sun of March 23 contains the following editorial under the cap-

tion of "A Student on Trial Before His Peers."

"An interesting and somewhat remarkable trial took place at the University of Virginia the other day. One of the students was accused by his fellow classmates of cheating in an examination. He denied the charge and a regular trial took place before the presidents of the various classes. This trial resulted in a verdict of guilty and the accused appealed to a higher court, namely, one composed of a committee of five alumni of the university. It happens that this committee is composed of a judge, the Hon. R. T. W. Duke, two members of the Albemarle bar, the principal of a boys' school, and a member of the faculty of the university. Three members of this court are men accustomed to the examination of witnesses and trained in the trial of cases. The other two had the advantage of being teachers and an understanding of the subject matter. This was not a mere moot court, but the trial was a practical and serious one. Upon the result of it depended the college career of the accused and his good name, for the penalty of the offense with which he was charged is expulsion from the University in disgrace. The proceedings before the court were regular and dignified. The prosecutor was the class, the president of the class being the prosecuting attorney. The accused was represented by counsel and the examination of witnesses seems to have been conducted according to the law of evidence. After hearing the testimony and the argument of counsel, the court retired and shortly returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty. In rendering this verdict Judge Duke declared that the protection and maintenance of the integrity of the honor system is as dear to the alumni of the University of Virginia as it is to the students, and he commended the zeal of the honor committee in taking cognizance of the matter, even though the grounds of the charge were slight and only based on suspicion.

"The University of Virginia first adopted the honor system of conducting examinations. The students make a pledge not to aid nor accept aid in their examinations and put themselves upon their honor to conduct themselves fairly. The teachers accept this pledge and there is no espionage upon such occasions. They go on theory that the best way to make a young man cheat is to treat him as a cheat and unworthy of confidence. The best way to make him honorable is to trust to his honor. The occasions when the pledge has been violated have been exceedingly rare, and in each instance the punishment was speedy and merited. The offender. That punishment consists of a disgraceful expulsion, the class serving notice that the convicted person shall at once leave the University. Other colleges and schools have adopted the same plan, but the University of Virginia was the pioneer and has been the most vigorous enforcer of the law. The tendency of it unquestionably is to greatly elevate the moral tone of a school."

THE NATATORIUM.

The improvement in the care of the natatorium is a matter of general comment in student circles. For a long time it seemed to be impossible to have things cared for as they should be cared for, but a janitor is now in the building almost all day, and conditions have greatly improved. In the name of the corps of cadets, The Battalion wishes to thank those whose efforts have brought about the change.

PROF. C. S. POTTS' LECTURE

Large Audience Hears Lecture on "Railroad Consolidation"
 At a meeting of the Scientific Association last Friday night, Prof. C. S. Potts lectured to a large audience. The subject of his lecture was "Railroad Consolidation." Railroad maps were used for illustration. The lecture was interesting, and Prof. Potts kept an attentive audience.

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AN ADDRESS

By Mr. W. D. Weatherford—Y. M. C. A. Speaker Makes a Hit at A. & M.

Every cadet who attended any of the addresses by W. D. Weatherford of Atlanta, Ga., doubtless derived great benefits from them. Mr. Weatherford is a young man who was born and reared in Texas. He is a college man and understands all the battles, trials and shortcomings that occur in college life. With a smooth, impressive way of speaking, a large supply of illustrations constantly at hand, and above all, being of a strong manly character himself, he never fails to impress his hearers.

At the meeting Saturday night the things accomplished were not what was desired and what should have been accomplished. It seemed impossible to have the boys turn out, not even one hundred attending the meeting. When the Y. M. C. A. deems it essential enough to extend a hearty invitation to the occupants of every room on the campus to attend an address, there is no reason for them to think that the meeting will be of no benefit to them. We at the A. & M. need just such addresses. Mr. Weatherford's topic Saturday night was "The Power of a Clean Record." It was a grand sight to see the eyes of every one present riveted on the speaker as he poured forth from his heart the hard facts that life had taught him. By illustrations from every walk of life, and from college life especially, he showed the value of a clean record. After the address many a cadet whose heart had been touched walked up and shook the hand of the speaker.

The Sunday night meeting was better attended. About 150 hearers were present. Mr. Weatherford spoke on "The Freedom of Man," dwelling in particular upon the fact that college men too often throw away their liberties and become bond-servants to sin. Brawny football and baseball fellows as well as the rest might have been seen drinking it all in. In the afternoon, from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., different students had private conferences with him, talking over some difficulty in their lives as christian men. In these consultations Mr. Weatherford speaks to you as college man to college man. Much good is to be gotten out of such conferences.

Great fruits were reaped at the last meeting, Monday night. The large chapel was nearly filled with willing listeners. The speaker seemed to be growing in force after each address. The topic, "The College Man's Battle," is so closely connected with ourselves that the speaker was able to make a great impression. At the end of the meeting at least three dozen cadets promised to try to begin a new life, and to take the stand for Christ. After the meeting a large crowd remained to hear a few words on the first things leading to christian life. After this Mr. Weatherford discussed with about twenty leaders the work that lies before us.

The singing during each meeting was exceedingly good. It showed that the boys had entered into the spirit of the thing.

Every cadet will acknowledge from the feelings in his heart that the biggest thing he has done for a long time was when he attended these addresses.

Mr. Weatherford left Monday night on the 3 a. m. train. He carries with him the best wishes of the A. & M. cadets.

RECORDS OF THE SOUTH-WESTERN INTER-COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

- 100 yards dash, 10s, University of Texas.
- 220 yards dash, 22 1-5, University of Texas.
- 440 yards dash, 52 3-5, University of Texas.
- 880 yards run, 2m 7s, Washington University.
- One-mile run, 4m 54 1-5s, Missouri School of Mines.
- 120 yards hurdles, 16 1-5, Washington University.
- 220 yards hurdles, 26 2-5, Washington University.
- Running high jump, 6 ft. 7 in., University of Texas.
- Running broad jump, 21 ft. 2 in., Washington University.
- Pole vault, 10 ft. 3 3-4 in., Oklahoma University.
- 16 lb. shot, 36 ft. 2 1-2 in., Washington University.
- 16 lb. hammer, 135 ft. 8 in., University of Texas.
- One-mile relay race, 3m 40s, University of Texas.
- Discus throw, about 100 ft., possibly a foot or two more.

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