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FOOTBALL BANQUET.

Talks Made By Team Men—Letters Awarded.

Last Thursday night the Athletic Association gave a banquet at the Shirley Club House in honor of the football squad.

The menu consisted of oysters served in every conceivable style, celery, hot chocolate, coffee, cakes and cigars. Everyone present enjoyed the treat greatly, many wishing that training season would be concluded many times during the year.

One of the main features of the banquet was the awarding of letters.

President Kyle, of the association opened the meeting with a short and forcible address. The secretary, Mr. R. J. Potts, then took charge of the assemblage, spoke a few words to the players, and stated that men receiving letters would be expected to respond with a few words. Manager Moore was the first awarded a letter. He expressed his appreciation of this honor being conferred upon him. Among other things, he said: "You fellows have accomplished much this year and I am glad to know that I have the credit of managing such a team. I assure you there is nothing in my power I would fail to do for any one of you if called upon to favor any one of the 1911 squad. I am, however, sorry to state that there will be some disappointment in the council's decision. Under the existing circumstances

the association did not deem it wise to award too many letters. To those who meet this disappointment I wish to say: return next year, work as hard as you can, and show your friends that it is in you to win. By all means be a 'sticker.' To give up now would not show the proper spirit. You were not outclassed as much as you were outnumbered, and I feel sure if you had had the opportunity to play in more games you would have done as well as those who are to receive letters." After Manager Moore's talk there were short speeches from Barnes, Cretcher, Altgelt, Shaedel, McDowell, Bateman, Beasley, Bell, Whyte, Flinchum, Hohn, Grissom, Lambert, Kerns and Ward. Each of these men received their "T."

Besides the men receiving letters there were seven who played in a number of games and did excellent work when given the opportunity. Although the council were not in favor of awarding letters to these men, they wished to present some remembrance of their consistent work. To Miller, Dywer, Abbott, Vesmirosky, Slayton, Lyons and Underwood the association awarded silver football watch fobs. Six of these men will return next September and will no doubt make regulars of the first team.

Other members of the squad who failed to receive either a letter or a fob were given jerseys. At many colleges it is not the custom to remember the scrubs with a gift. In every

case the success of the first team depends on the material they practice with. The scrubs are the first eleven and train them. Under no circumstances let a cadet forget the men who won for us, though it be indirectly, the championship of Texas.

A unique and important event of the meeting was the awarding of a letter to Mr. Si Perkins of Bryan. Mr. Perkins is the father of football at A. and M., having been the first one to captain a football team representing the "Farmers."

After the awarding of honors had been completed Mr. Potts called up Prof. Robert F. Smith for a talk. In a fascinating manner Prof. Smith complimented the team upon the success of the past season. Then, to the surprise of all, he lifted a beautiful silver cup from beneath the table and said: "Gentlemen, this cup is sterling silver and I wish to present it to you for the sterling work you did at Houston on the fourteenth."

Captain Barnes made a very becoming talk concerning the help the team had received from three members of the faculty. After commenting on the individual work of these men, Captain Barnes said: "You three fellows have been extremely good to us this year and we want to present you with something as an appreciation of your efforts." He presented Colonel Milner and Professor Puryear with gold headed canes and Captain Moses with a loving cup. The three made short

talks, congratulating the association, team and coaches, and expressing their appreciation of the gifts.

Professor Fermier and Captain Kidd were present but did not display any of their oratorical powers.

A number of Bryan's most prominent business men were present. Messrs Astin and Saunders addressed the team. The former talked of football back in the ninties, when he was a cadet, and "Pete" expressed his desire of playing Princeton, Harvard and Yale.

A very short but pointed talk by Coach Moran closed the pleasures of the evening.

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