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The adoption of the new system of election by ballot last year by the corps was probably the wisest reform ever brought about by the student body of this college. Previous to this year elections have been called without much warning and candidates have been nominated and voted upon without sufficient thought, or no thought at all by the mass of the voters. The result has been that unsuitable men were frequently placed in office and suitable men have as frequently been overlooked. Not only was such a lack of system unfair to capable men who should have been placed in positions of responsibility and influence, but the student body, itself, suffered to just the extent that, by its votes, it placed mediocre men in positions which should have been occupied by capable men.

According to the new system, for which we are principally indebted to former Colonel V. V. Parr, all elections will be by written ballot, in much the same way that state elections are held. The election will be held by an election committee composed of three representatives of each of the upper classes, elected last year. This committee will before each election secure from Registrar Friley a list of the members of each of the upper classes. These names will be numbered and as each cadet reports at the place of voting his name will be checked off and the vote he casts will be numbered before it is slipped into the ballot box. This plan will prevent errors and insure justice to all. All nominations must be signed by at least twenty voters and handed in to the chairman of the election committee by a specified time, two weeks before the election. One week before the election these nominations will be published in the Battalion so that the corps may know who the candidates are ahead of time and have time to become acquainted with their relative merits. The committee will count the votes and announce the results. The proper members of this committee will supervise all class elections and the whole committee will be in charge of corps elections. The members of the committee from the senior class will hold the freshman class elections.

One provision of the present plan of election plan which may not appeal to the freshman class is that the freshman will have no voice in the corps elections. However, past experience has shown that the freshman vote, to say the least, is not calculated to increase the chances that the proper

men will be given corps offices, for the reason that freshmen are poorly acquainted with members of other classes and seldom know the candidates they are voting on. But for this fact the Battalion would be opposed to this part of the plan as being altogether undemocratic.

Class elections will be held in a few days and will be followed after a few weeks by the general elections. The Battalion wishes to earnestly urge upon all cadets that they adapt the following two principals and vote accordingly.

(1) Vote for the men who are best fitted for each office, altogether regardless of their affiliations, past or present.

(2) Distribute the offices so that no man will be given more than one important honor.

We believe that if the two foregoing principles are observed by the student body that all dissatisfaction and agitation will be avoided and that the corps will enjoy a period of harmony and union such as has seldom been known before.

"A. and M. has been more or less in a state of chaos for several years; it will be a Herculean task to untangle the webs of discord and bring the college into smooth running order, silencing dissension and creating in its stead a reeling of amity between all parties. We do not doubt for a moment the ability of Dr. Bizzell to do this if he is given a free hand, but we cannot but wonder why anyone would voluntarily undertake such a job."—Examiner Review.

Among the newspapers of the state A. and M. has a reputation for turbulence which it does not by any means merit. The same dissension which the Examiner-Review had in mind, the strike of 1913, was in itself a most remarkable demonstration of loyalty and orderliness. In that turmoil the students took great care to obey all military regulations and after the dramatic dress parade marched to the armory and stood patiently in line while the hundreds of guns being received. Practically every cadet had by that time realized the futility of the strike, but they had pledged themselves to stand by their fellows and stand by them they meant to do. That was loyalty. This same intense loyalty awaits the president who can command it, and, if the Battalion knows the sentiment of the corps, Dr. Bizzell is the man who can do it.

DAEDALIAN EXTRA.

The Daedalian of C. I. A., the a monthly publication has issued a six-page extra announcing Dr. Bizzell's acceptance of the presidency of A. and M. The extra is a newsy little sheet and suprisingly full of ads in view of the short time its promoters had to secure them.

Last year's Junior Battalion set forth several reasons why we thought C. I. A. ought to be consolidated with A. and M. The process has begun. We have C. I. A.'s president and now five hundred and fifty C. I. A. girls warn us to "be nice to him" or else they "will all be down."

A number of girls have been writing the new president of A. and M. College what Mrs. Bizzell says are regular love letters. Is it possible that this is on account of previous A. and M. experience?—C. I. A. Daedalian.

The Battalion exchanges will be placed on the table in the press room and all persons in the college are invited to come and read them.

The new president of A. and M. is named Bizzell. That sounds like business.—East Texas Register.

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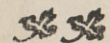
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