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MILITARY.

The R. O. T. C. was organized by the government to train men to become officers in the reserve corps of the U. S. Army. In this, they were not only to get the discipline and fundamentals necessary in the training of an officer but were to develop the initiative and personality indispensable to the officer.

This initiative is being sadly curbed. How can a cadet officer take the interest and put the "pep" into his work when an officer stands over his company, and walks around him taking notes and counting, "it never making suggestion or corrections to

the cadet officers. We realize that they and the non-commissioned officers detailed here know more military than we. Any cadet officer will be glad to take their advice and profit by their suggestions when the same are made in a way that seems to have a helpful and not a fault-finding spirit. Many mistakes are made, but what we want is suggestions and corrections and not fault-finding.

For a fact, some of the men do not yet know the manual of arms or the name of their rifles. Why? Because they have not been given the instruction since they first drew their rifles. They do not have the time or opportunity for such at the drill hour. The officers see the need of using a certain amount of the time in rounding up the corners, nevertheless, they do not have it.

Trust the cadet officers a little more and see if they will not respond and help keep up the good name of old A. and M.

How many times have the company officers been allowed to inspect their company? Is it not just that they should be allowed to make one inspection out of every four. They know the men and have an idea of what to expect from each, and the punishment that should be awarded.

Quite a pleasing innovation was recently begun in the Mess Hall. To have soothing music to listen to while eating lends a softening air to this Spartan civilization of ours. Many a cadet's stomach could hardly stand more than a whiff of the Mess Hall up to this time, but it is now disposing of enormous quantities of food to say the least. There is the temptation to linger dotingly over the evening meal. This gives all those gastronomical enzymes, ferments and other assimilable juices time to

bring about the desired changes in food. Truly, some men used to swallow great chunks of food and rush madly from the Mess Hall as if possessed of devils. Only a mighty stomach could stand such treatment for any length of time.

We are all hoping that many other similar things may be introduced so that we may at least be able to boast to those who do not know, of what a high state of civilization we live in.

The Mission Club will meet every Thursday evening to study the problems and opportunities in the various countries.

R. J. Windrow of Waco, has been appointed State Highway Engineer, and will take office on May 15. This appointment is highly gratifying to Mr. Windrow's many friends at the College, where he is well known, having been an instructor here several years ago. He is also an A. and M. graduate.

When Texas about to enter on a great era of road building, the state has done well to secure the benefit of Mr. Windrow's knowledge and experience. Since leaving the State Board of Water Engineers he has been engaged in engineering practice at Waco.

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