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Just a word of thanks to the Business Manager for paying such a sterling tribute to the editor and accompanying same with his likeness. It was indeed a surprise—and so at last fulfilled that part of his desire. The printers proved their worth in keeping a perfect silence in order that the dark secret might not come to light. The only principal objection is—it was not taken into consideration that without an article of explanation or a suggestion of the idea, it would appear to all as if the editor was a bit sweet on himself—even to the extent that he would admit it himself. Barring this and the fact that it was placed in such a bold position, the compliment is accepted and in return thanks and praise are offered for such ingenuity and progressive spirit.

—Editor.

It is our eager wish, as it has always been the policy of the Battalion to suggest things which are of a constructive nature. Through carelessness of the generations of the College certain traditions have become things of the past, as it has been the case with two happenings which ranked with the Thanksgiving dance and the R. V. Hop, with the slight difference that they were limited only to the community and immediate surroundings. The events which we have reference to are: the engineering reception and the bug-hunters' picnic. The picnic was an affair given by the entire student body to the School of Agriculture to the entire student body of the School of Engineering and visa versa. The class of 1919 was the last one to enjoy in the Spring of 1916 the last bug-hunters' picnic giving it in compliment of the reception given by the engineers of all classes. The class of 1920, that is the present senior class enjoyed thoroughly a reception given by the engineers in the Civil Engineering building in the fall of 1916. We can recall a collection, which was taken up that year for a picnic but due to the outbreak of the war nothing could be done. During the session '17-'18 the conditions did not allow such festivities and much less when the "glorious and immortal S.A.T.C." was reigning supreme at College Station. Now conditions are normal, the spirit of all the students is like never heretofore, we are leaving a clean, successful athletic record. The same is true of

the scholastic session. Our question is clear, why not complete everything and leave it in a smooth and pink condition? The Battalion will support this idea because these two events bring the two schools very close together and not only the schools but also the individual bug-hunter, mathematician, mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical engineers are brought in close contact with each other.

It is a safe bet to say that "it brings forth an amalgamation for further good and sound cooperation of the entire student body present." Not only students, but professors, campus and Bryan residents get acquainted. Very few are the lucky ones who know the inhabitants of their surrounding medium. There is our center of social activities the Y. M. C. A. whose duty it is to lend a helping hand in the matter. The senior students of the two schools ought to come together and appoint committees for a rapid development of things.

## MUSIC FOR R. V.

Not that we believe in alabris or excuses because according to army rules nothing short of results are desirable or accepted. However, a little explanation of some things will always help just as it's easier to lie a little bit than to explain a good deal. The attempt has been made for the past two or three years to obtain the services of the original Dixieland Jazz Band (which is considered to be the best in the country because of their successful renditions of such pieces as "Lazy Daddy," "Mournin Blues," "Livery Stable Blues," etc.) for the big dances. This year was no exception but as usual the same results were obtained—the reason being clearly defined in the following letter just received from them:

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