

their energies to the industries of peace. Foremost among these was the development of education.

The constructive progress in education, the result of 5,000 years of slow progress, was checked and almost destroyed when the Roman Empire was overrun by the barbarians. In this even we are able to see the power of the Christian influence. A barbarian chief at the request of a Christian Pope consented not to destroy the city of Rome. The years intervening between the fall of the Roman Empire and the Renaissance were dark, indeed, for culture and learning. The world owes an incalculable debt to the Christian monks who preserved and added to the scraps of learning saved out of the deluge of barbarism. These men who were actuated by Christian spirit by the toilsome drugery of centuries finally awoke in men the new desire that came to be known as the Renaissance.

When men woke to the need of learning, they came to the monks to get it. Thus, their knowledge was directed by the kindly influence of their teachers. This was a fortunate thing, because an education without the moral control of a Christian becomes not only a menace to the man who possesses it, but a positive danger to the people that come in contact with him. It is within the power of a well schooled man to conceive and to execute a more dangerous crime than the ignorant man. Thus, when anyone works for an increase of knowledge, he assumes a greater responsibility to mankind. Educators have recognized this fact and have built and maintained their institutions of learning with the ideal of moral education always in mind. College men laboring under a false impression of college spirit and moved by the mob impulse often do things of a criminal nature. This applies not only to the students as a group, but to the individual as well who will do things that in the home atmosphere, he would never attempt. Every college man should strive to understand and appreciate the traditions of education. The facilities we have access to today are the results of all the trials which civilization has met and conquered in the course of its development. Let us who are in college not foolishly disregard our privileges, but strive to conduct ourselves in such a manner as will be advantageous to us and to reflect honor upon our institution.

**IMPRESSIONS OF THE YEAR.**

This probably will be the last issue of the Battalion for this year and I am glad that the editor of the Freshman issue has given me the opportunity of expressing my extreme satisfaction with the spirit exhibited by all students during the year just coming to a close.

In a great many particulars this has been one of the best years in the history of the College. The unparalleled success of our athletic teams as represented in the winning of the Southwestern championship through undefeated teams in both basketball and football has been typical of the year. In track we have made a splendid record winning three out of four meets already in the face of the hardest kind of opposition. We have a good lookin for the Southwestern meet which is to be held at Houston Saturday. In baseball our percentage at present is 764. If we can take one from Texas and hang one onto Southwestern we will stand highest in Texas. In the Southwest-

ern conference no definite standing can be worked out due to the failure of so many of the conference clubs to meet each other. If we can hang two on Texas we still have the best claim of any Texas club to that distinction, however. In boxing and wrestling we whipped the University soundly.

What has occurred in athletics has been taking place in other places of student competition. Our stock judging team this year, won for the second time, the International Live Stock Judging Contest. This is an honor that seldom comes to any school twice and is the best testimonial to the thoroughness of the instruction given in this institution. In the state stock shows for both beef and dairy cattle as well as sheep hogs, and horses, the College has made a magnificent showing walking away with prizes amounting to more than \$2,000 in cash and an endless number of ribbons.

This is the banner year of the College from the standpoint of attendance, there being enrolled in all of the courses more than 1800 students.

Few vexatious problems have developed during the past year and all in all it seems to have been a thoroughly satisfactory year.

The Freshman Class, more than any other group of students in the College is in touch with the men at home. Ample provision will be made to take care of all students who wish to enroll here for the term of 1920-21. Some counties and towns are represented by only a few men from A. and M. The Class of 1923 can do a big piece of work by popularizing this institution in those sections and towns.

Some very fine material for College men enrolled here last fall. In comparison to the records of previous years very few men have been dropped or have resigned from the institution. The Class of 1923 should enjoy a splendid history and under present indications should contribute largely to the continued development of the College.

IKE ASHBURN, Commandant.

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**PREXY'S TRIP TO MEXICO**

Texas has gone dry. Prexy went to Mexico. We wonder why. He told us many of the experiences he had while he was there. He was strolling around watching the peons at their siesta, but when he got near the brush a bunch of bandits arrested him for smuggling. He was taken before the grand jury of the district and condemned to be shot at sunrise the next morning. We imagine Prexy sitting on his stool all night and wondering how the Fish class was going to live if he were not here.

When the firing squad came up to him the next morning he thought he recognized one of Sbisa's hashers among the crowd. Prexy's hope began to rise and he submitted to their ill-treatment without any resistance. Just as the officer was to give the word to fire, and send our noble Prex to the pearly gates, the bandit chief arrived and cried: "He is a friend of mine, don't fire. He once gave me a tip when I was hashing in Sbisa's beanery." Prexy thanked the bandit from the depths of his heart for saving his life and asked him if there was any way to get back to God's country.

We know that Prexy is back, but how it was accomplished we know not. We think the ex-waiter was the reason, though. What we want to know, however, is this: has Prexy any souvenirs?

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