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A. AND M. REFLECTIONS.

Were it possible to turn our gaze backward as it is to look forward to the things that are to be, it would reveal things to the Freshman that would make him look at his initiation as the greatest of its kind, with no exceptions. Five years ago the College plant consisted of one-third less buildings and equipment than it does today. Grass only grew in the most diligently cared-for spots. Shrubbery was truly shrubby and not a thing of beauty. The trees along Military Walk were but mere sprouts and the Military Walk extended only to the flag pole. The dormitories were crowded beyond the imagining of anyone of today. "Three-deckers" in the smallest room while one lone room in Austin Hall served as shelter for eight.

Those were the days when it meant something to get the A. and M. spirit—that spirit of backing to the limit everything that went for the good of the school.

Freshmen never missed a yell practice and dignified Seniors were Johnny on the spot. Letters home—those trig problems—that chem. lesson for the morrow were diligently worked out after yell practice. Pep was battling around 1000 per cent. The Freshmen went home Christmas as initiated members, each holding a full interest share in one of the greatest institution fostered by man and Divinity, sanctioned as is shown by the timely inscription: Ignorance is the curse of God.

The war brought on a new regime, it paved the way for some changes and those changes we see today; one of the most noticeable is that the "Y" has become the social center of the Campus. In this institution the regular form of the "Y" such as we see in the city would be functionless. Here its work is broader and more inclusive than that of the city "Y". It should be and will be more on the "hostess-house plan than that form regularly accorded it.

The institution has made one other step of advancement, that of a permanent sanitary officer. The duties of surgeon, physician and sanitary officer were too complicated and without the scope of one man's ability. Noticeable changes have already come about and more will come through your strictest and most diligent cooperation. Your constructive criticism is wanted—your destructive kicks and grouches are best left outside. They only show your mental attitude and not your desire to help your institution. This applies in all phases of College activities.

To know your institution better and to widen your circle of observation get in touch with the professors

and instructors of this institution. Find out why they stuck by the school when the commercial world would have taken them in gladly at a much higher salary.

Lastly, get on the job that your College career may be well rounded out. Do not be satisfied to make your room, your class rooms, the post office and Mess Hall your objectives in college life.

AN APPRECIATION.

We have been requested to extend Cox and Worley of Bryan the appreciation of the cadets for their bold stand which broke the combine of service cars to raise rates 100 percent. The Battalion realizes that prices have increased during recent years but we cannot be convinced that the three months vacation period was long enough to necessitate such an enormous raise.

STUDENT OPINION.

The Battalion and The Bulletin.

By way of introduction the writer wishes to say that he is not officially connected with any of the student activities of the College.

There has been some discussion about combining The Daily Bulletin and The Battalion into one daily paper. At first thought the idea appears to be an ideal situation, but from a practical standpoint it is out of the question for The Battalion to unite with any of the departments of the College. The Daily Bulletin is published by the Publicity Department of this College. It is supported by the State Legislature for the purpose of publishing the official notices of each department of the College, and not to compete with The Battalion as a newspaper. The purpose of The Battalion is to give the College news to all people who are directly interested in the College. One of the hardest problems that the business manager of The Battalion has had to compete with was to secure enough subscriptions among the students to make The Battalion a paying advertising medium. The students would not subscribe to The Battalion because they got the same news from The Bulletin free of charge which they would have had to pay one or two dollars for the same news to come to them through The Battalion.

It is quite evident that The Bulletin has been over-stepping its bounds, the few times it has been published this year, and it did so all of last year. In the issue of The Daily Bulletin dated last Sunday it contained four pages, and that four pages there was not enough official notices to completely fill one page without the excessive use of superfluous words. The Publicity Department could be of a great deal more value to the College if it would send the facts about the College to the thousands of high school graduates that are in the state. It seems to the writer that the real purpose of the Publicity Department is to advertise the College throughout the State, and not on the Campus.

The Battalion, with its limited income from the student body and from the advertisers, cannot successfully compete with a publication that is supported by the State Legislature.

If The Battalion and The Daily Bulletin should be merged into one daily paper, the question of controlling and financing the paper would be a very difficult one to solve. The Battalion is supported by its subscription list and advertisers; The Daily Bulletin is

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