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OUR WEEK-END GUESTS.

It has been our privilege this week to have with us the representatives of the greatest women's organization in the world. The Fourth District Federation of Women's Clubs is composed of our Mothers, the mothers of our friends, and those interested in the welfare of our State. From every part of the Fourth District these women come to discuss their problems, plan new work, and make their efforts more effective by united action. Ever working, never tiring, they strive to better all conditions that relate to our social and political life.

To analyze the work done by the women's clubs of this State would be too large a task to attempt at this time. Originating in the home, their influence reaches to the very foundation of our American civilization. Welfare work is done that could not be accomplished by any other organization. City, State and National governments feel the strength of Women's Clubs, as a voting power directly and indirectly. Our Mothers are daily trying to have our country governed by the principles they have taught us were right. Their influence has raised the standards of political organization, and has accomplished much toward removing the elements that in the past were so undesirable. Education is fostered by these women in such manner that they have done more for the public schools than any organization in existence. Free clinics, public nurses, and public nurseries where children of working women are cared for are examples of the noble work undertaken by these bodies. Many of the opportunities we enjoy are the direct or indirect outgrowth of their efforts. Their reward is the joy that comes to those alone who give their time and energies that others might be benefited.

As these women go to their homes they carry a vision of the work being done at this College. We are fortunate to have these women become better acquainted with us and the things we are doing. Through them many will come to know about us that might never have learned of the advantages of Texas A. and M. We are glad to have our old friends with us, and with the greatest pleasure we welcome our new ones. We hope that they will all return to their homes favorably impressed with our college, and will work with us to make it the best institution in the land.

—A.M.C.—

A SUGGESTION.

Needless to say, every man realizes the value of a broad and general education—the knack of conversing intelligently with his contemporary on every issue he may advance. Brilliant conversationalists, men that are referred to as being "well read" contrast vividly with men whose education has been guided into more confirmed channels. Due to the short time allotted to master a technical education it is unfortunately true that students specializing in engineering courses are forced to neglect the more cultural subjects offered in strictly academic schools. We find these men fully acquainted with the mystery and technical details of their particular vocation but placed at sea when confronted with problems which have no direct bearing on their chosen professions. From time to time men of prominence are brought to the college to lecture to the students in highly technical language on highly technical subjects. These talks are of inestimable value to the students under whose scope it portends, but are unintelligible to those having no key to the code.

Would it not be a feasible plan to inaugurate at A. and M. a semi-monthly get together assembly, of at least seniors, and have for each occasion some member of the local teaching staff prepare a brief lecture in comprehensive language on the fundamentals of some scientific, fine arts, or general cultural subject. Treatises on such topics as: pink boll worm, Grecian architecture, Elizabethian literature, the evolution of the railroads, and so on, should be greatly appreciated by the thinking man. We believe that if such a plan were properly arranged much interest would be displayed and a great good attained.

SPRING.

Spring is here. This dizzy old terrestrial globe has revolved into Spring once more and with it comes the thought of a new and gayer raiment that all including nature will assume. The Easter parade will form. One may perhaps see the shock trooper with an extra decoration; and farther down the line a prof or two marking time in their spring finery. The Bat will be in line. It wants to be one of the first to perk up at the sight of the vernal season, to wear an extra smile because skies are sunny, and to get a little more pleasure out of living because—well, just because its lots better to live now that there is a warm tinge to the air.

The Bat hopes that the students will prosper under Spring's gentle regime; that two more championships may be acquired out on the athletic fields; and that all will tend to put its readers in shape for the home stretch of a good year.

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