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AN ANSWER TO BAYLOR'S SLANDER.

Again A. and M. must suffer from the ironic and distorted tales that issue from the pens of ambitious editors. Only this time we have the editor of a college daily to blame for the stigma placed upon our great institution, and its student body. The Battalion cannot let the fallacious statements that appeared in the Daily Lariat, the official publication of the students of Baylor University, go unchallenged, for we feel that it is a misrepresentation of facts. The indiscretions of a few students have been made the subject for an editorial and a news story that would make the blood of every true Aggie boil.

There is not and never has been, a more chivalrous body of men anywhere than the A. and M. cadet corps; women have always commanded the respect and admiration, as well as the attention of an A. and M. man. Every reference made by the "Lariat" to the alleged rough treatment to, and ungentlemanly conduct in the presence of Baylor and Waco women, is a slur made by men whose attitude towards their own co-eds has been challenged repeatedly; charges made against a body of real men, and gentlemen in the eyes of those who know them, who have always governed their conduct toward members of the fair sex with the thought, that she is—some boy's sister. Repeatedly, many visitors on the campus at A. and M. have noticed and commented upon the respect that the opposite sex commands from every man in Aggieworld.

The Aggies, unlike most of the student bodies in Texas, support their teams in defeat and victory alike, and when the corps left their seats after the game in Waco Saturday to rush upon the field it was to carry the maroon jersied warriors from the athletic field of honor to their dressing rooms. The deliberate misconstruing of a custom as old as the history of A. and M. by the Baylor editor was a littleness that until now we would not have accused him or any other Baylor student of possessing. This intended and applied malice will not be forgotten very soon by the student body at A. and M. The tear streaked faces, the grim countenance, and the squared jaw of every Aggie showed how much the loss of that game meant to them, for the student body at A. and M. is taught to love their institution and to support their athletic teams in defeat as well as victory.

Who would not be aggravated when some "lame-brained ignoramus" driving an automobile tried to run over the players who were "eating their hearts out on the sidelines" —waiting for a chance to enter the contest? Speaking of sportsmanship, this was a very poor example of it that was displayed by Baylor students. A body of college students that would pull a "stunt" like this has lots of room to accuse a body of men noted for fair play and sportsmanship, of conducting themselves contrary to ideals and customs.

Not only as Aggies, but as native Texans, we resent the inference made by the editor of The Lariat that our own native state is in a semi-civilized condition; that Texas is still in the age of barbarism. The misguided editor reprinted the radical opinions of some of the enemies of "The Lone Star State," and in so doing proved himself a traitor to his state.

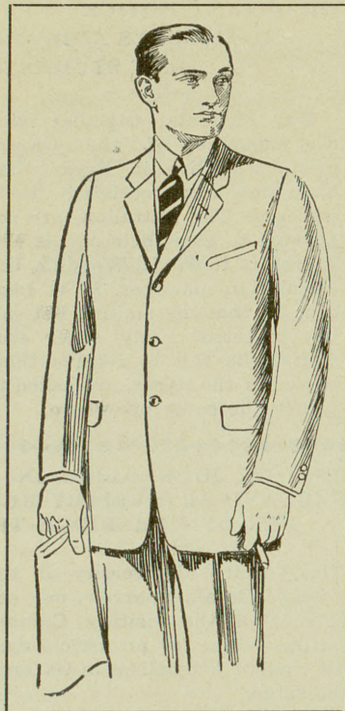
So we pass it on with this:

Constructive criticism is always welcome; but slander—never.

THE THOUGHTLESS FEW.

There are times in our school lives when we feel almost certain that we will be drawn beneath the tide of misfortune and circumstance by the strong undertow of public opinion set in motion by the actions of a few thoughtless students, who persist in showing their "A. and M. Spirit" by stealing from the Pullman Company and others.

Gentlemen, we ask you, do we have to take the insults thrown at us by



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a few so-called A. and M. men who steal just for fun? Do we have to face the barrage of idle, uninformed gossipers, who spread the stories of how A. and M. boys destroy property and steal wherever they go? Does not the widely, and justly heralded A. and M. spirit stand for ideals built on a higher plane? Does not that which we call good, stand for the same thing that we call A. and M. spirit? And in the last analysis, is not Aggie Spirit just another name for that which causes men to fight for a worthy cause and to fight against the unworthy?

Would you cherish the idea of having someone tell your mother that one of her boys had stolen some blankets from the Pullman Company, or any other company? We are positive that you would seriously object to having such unfavorable publicity circulated about your home; yet is it not the same rank injustice for the innocent students of A. and M. College to have to pay the penalty that must be paid every time some culprit gets to exercising his converted idea of school spirit? Let's make the old Aggie spirit what it should be, and discourage all such practices that invite unfavorable publicity. When you see an A. and M. man on the wrong track try to help him to right himself. If he refuses your helpful advice, do not shield him, JUST HELP SHIP HIM, for there is not room enough in Aggieworld for a man of this calibre.

AFTER THE GAME.

Did you ever notice how a kid acted after he had just received a five dollar bill that he wasn't expecting? He would rush around and suddenly discover that there wasn't anything quite good enough for him. As he wouldn't really know what to do with it, he would try to let everyone know that he had it and was quite used to carrying five dollar bills.

A football victory has just about the same effect on some student bodies. No matter whether their victories are few or many, they always act like a tramp in a Tuxedo and leave the impression that they are much more familiar with defeat than victory. After being the victor on the athletic field, they look around for more fields to conquer and usually pick scholastic work as the nearest enemy; so, a holiday is requested or demanded.

A. and M. deserves some credit for not being of this type. Of course the corps is always glad to see the team win, but that doesn't make them think that they own the world for the rest of the season. A game won is past history and something to be proud of, but a game lost cannot be dismissed so lightly. The corps is to be commended on the way they took the defeat last Saturday, for there were tears in every man's eyes as the student body left the field. Not a man thought lightly of losing that game, and it was very evident that not a Baylor student was celebrating anywhere near a bunch of cadets. The look on the Aggies' faces seemed to immediately damp their spirits and they went elsewhere to tell the world how good they were. All of which is just another reason for being proud of A. and M.

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