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THE EDITOR.

THE SENIORS' FAREWELL.

The class will of the high school days cannot be resurrected for use by the Senior Class of A. and M. College for it would be considered "declassé," but in four years men cannot but amass a certain amount of property and that must be disposed of. As a substitute for the formal document referred to, The Battalion is offering a few suggestions regarding the disposal of the seniors' valuable possessions. This is not a legal document, so any litigations arising from non-performance can not be settled in court, nor does The Battalion staff assume any responsibility. Of course the Junior Class must be the principal heir, because it is the one that can profit most by this year's experience of the Seniors—and experience together with suggestions is the major part of the estate.

The Senior Class bequeaths to their successors the admonition to work in harmony; refrain from dissension aside for only by cooperation and unity can any good be accomplished. The governing body of the College is no place for dissension, there are two many things to accomplish in the short space of a year. If there be any in the Class of '26 who are belligerent, let them battle with the enemies of A. and M.

The cadet officers bequeath to their successors the command of the various tactical units with the advice to instill more discipline than exists at the present time. A College must either be military or non-military; there is no intermediate position. The cadet corps is a big asset whose possibilities are not fully realized as yet.

The Battalion staff from their lore of experience bequeath to the next members this advice: The paper must be improved and that can be done only by each member of the staff perfecting his department. The Battalion is too much of a "one man paper."

The Longhorn staff with a successful year behind them for the first time in many years, have an excellent staff organization to leave to the staff of '26.

For the upperclassmen of next year there is the legacy of responsibility. Next year will see a new Freshman Class that must be trained without hazing—A. and M. traditions must be instilled in them by some approved method. The Seniors are only passing on what previous classes left to them.

And last, there is the good will and friendship of the men who will soon be alumni. This, the most valuable heritage of all, the Senior Class bequeaths to all Aggies. May it be as lasting as the great College where it originated.

MOTHER AND DAD'S DAY.

The first annual Parents' Days were a glorious success from every standpoint. Sunday and Monday were days that will be remembered long after other days are forgotten, for the spirit which pervaded the exercises is as enduring as the ages. Somehow there was in the very air a feeling of reverence and devotion which seemed too clearly defined to be merely an abstract quality. It is somehow impossible to set a value on the effect of such an occasion as our Parents' Days. One can only feel that their significance is very great, and realize that the presence of our mothers and dads at College made those days very happy ones and gave to us a feeling which is like no other feeling on earth.

The services in Guion Hall on Sunday morning were deeply impressive. There was something more to the exercises than mere words and music, and again we call it the spirit of the occasion, but at any rate no man could sit through such a service—whether he heard a word or not—without being deeply moved. The music, the talks, the presence of our parents—account for it however you will. There was in those services something which could not fail to affect a man in a way that nothing else could. The effects of that one service in Guion Hall would alonce have justified Parents' Days many times over.

BRYAN INTEREST.

The thought that interest is being shown in the things we do in an effort to create a desire in us to do still better is what makes life pleasant and worthwhile. The offer made by Mr. J. M. Caldwell of Bryan, of a beautiful gold watch to the best drilled man in the cadet corps manifests such interest in our College. It is with this same interest that the merchants of Bryan donate prizes of value to the winners of the Gymkana.

THE BATTALION wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation of the splendid donation. Such actions of public spirited citizens by way of patronage and as a result of their interest in our community should arouse in the student body the desire to continue its good and efficient work.

FINIS.

With this issue of The Battalion the work of the staff is completed. In the beginning of our work we were handicapped by ignorance and inexperience but were blessed with that primary requisite, enthusiasm. As our work has drawn to a close, we have at least gained in knowledge and experience, but not without a cost to our enthusiasm. However, each week we have striven to publish a paper worthy of the great college it represents. The degree of success or failure with which we have met is not for us to judge.

Many of the editorials have met with disapproval. They would have been extremely weak had they not. But in the composition of the editorials our standard of judgment is the same as that of our President as well as any other true supporter of the College: Is it for the betterment of A. and M.? We do not regret the writing of any editorial, our only regret is that we were not capable of writing them more effectively.

For the succeeding staff we wish what little success we have obtained and all of the success we desired. May they always keep before them the progress of the College, remembering that which may be termed "radical"—such as the rebellion of the colonists against England—may later be termed progressive.

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