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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Each year the staff for the following year puts out the final issue. The old staff has finished its work and now it is ready to sit back and see what its successor is going to do with the new job. Perhaps there is little that we can do this late, and there is nothing which we see where we could have done better, but still we are ready to set the goal toward which we are willing to work and put forth every effort in order to attain. The year has been a successful one even though we have not carried off any athletic championships. If it has served to do nothing more than bring about a greater cooperation of the faculty and student body it has been well worth the time spent and it will only be another step toward attaining greater harmony in the future.

It has long been the custom to bid farewell to the Seniors in the final issue of the Battalion and express our regrets of the parting days when they will go out into the world to try to apply their education along various lines. We are sorry to lose them because in their going we lose some of the best friends we have ever had, but to them it is only a beginning, a time when they may start out and avoid having to say, "If I had it to do over again I would do better." Each year it is the same old story and the same old setting having only a change of characters. It is ever a process of watching and waiting for the time when we will be able to go forth and take our places along with our fellowmen and try to find out just what that four years in college was worth to us.

With these few words of appreciation of the Senior Class and the College as a whole and acknowledging the new job which has been placed upon the shoulders of the staff of 1928 by those who are departing, the Battalion year of 1926-27 draws to an end.

PREXY'S FAREWELL.

It is assumed that every man who comes to the A. and M. College comes with a serious purpose, that it is his purpose to take full advantage of the opportunities offered to equip himself for useful and constructive citizenship, yet some do not utilize their time to best advantage. Whether you are a freshman, a sophomore, junior or senior it will pay you to occasionally take enough time for thorough self-examination to the end that you may see plainly your own mistakes. If you are going out as a member of the graduating class you will not have a chance to profit scholastically, but self-examination will undoubtedly be helpful to you in fortifying yourself to meet the problems with which you are soon to be confronted in whatever position you occupy. If you are an under-classman, self-examination ought to enable you to improve your opportunities next year. There is but one time for the average student to qualify himself for his life's work. If that time is wasted or any part of it frittered away, you are the one who suffers most in the end. Those who make the largest successes in life are the ones who make the most persistent and intelligent effort. No worthwhile accomplishment is easy. It is either fraught with great hardships or grave dangers. In the game of life we draw out in direct ratio as we put in. So it is in getting an education. You are making an investment for the future. You are laying up mental deposits that will be subject to check throughout the remainder of your lives, therefore the necessity for establishing your mental account upon the most substantial basis possible. All of us make mistakes, and many are unable to accomplish all that they would like to accomplish during their College careers, but he who applies himself diligently will not have cause in after years to regret the hardships he may undergo while a student.

We have had a good year together and it is my hope that each one of you will spend a pleasant and profitable vacation, that the members of the graduating class may find satisfactory and remunerative employment, that the underclassmen return next September to pursue their studies until they have completed their work for their degree and that each one may have a pleasant and profitable vacation season.

T. O. WALTON.

STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Shortly after the resignation of our former editor, Mr. L. J. Franke, the Student Welfare Committee was formed. The purpose of this committee, when formed, was to bring a closer relationship between the students and

the faculty and, to give both the students and the faculty a broader understanding of the conditions here at A. and M.

The duty of the student members of the committee is to get the wishes and the sentiments of the student body and to bring them before the committee for discussion. But there seems to be an obstacle confronting the student representatives which is very difficult to overcome. The students, as a whole, seem to take very little interest in the matter and will not give a free expression of their wishes and feelings. The general attitude seems to be: "Well, we have elected you, now go ahead and get all that you can for us." But if a student has an idea he will not give it to his representatives.

The students have been howling for some sort of organized channel through which they could express themselves. Now they have it, what are they going to do with it? Let us support these representatives.

Questions of the most importance to the student body are brought before the committee and, in as much as it is all for the benefit of the students, it seems that they should take more interest in the matter.

Most of the meetings of this year have been devoted to the organization of the committee but it is believed that the committee will be in good form at the beginning of the next school session. All of the members predict a bright and useful future for the committee.

President Walton's responsible for the committee and as usual, he has met the students more than half way. Dr. Walton is an honorary member of the committee.

The following are the present members of the committee:

Dean F. C. Bolton, Chairman; D. X. Bible, M. L. Cashion, C. W. Crawford, F. W. Hensel, Ernest Langford, E. E. McQuillen, Dan Russell, O. W. Silvey, Major J. O. Sloan, D. W. Williams.

Seniors: B. T. Bowlin, S. F. Brewster, S. A. Coleman, R. F. Olsen, S. I. Stratton, H. W. Townsend.

Juniors: L. J. Bourland, J. E. Mitchell, J. J. Sloan.

Sophomores: Dan O'Neil, J. C. Skain.

Freshmen: C. O. Deeg.

AN APPRECIATION.

This is not an attempt at a sentimental farewell to our seniors; it is merely a statement of appreciation and respect for what they have done and for their attitude in the past year. The present session has certainly been one of the most successful in the history of the college, and this is largely because of the Senior's love and devotion for A. and M. being shown by their vigorous and enthusiastic cooperation in performing their Senior duties.

Indications are that the scholastic standing of the new graduating class will be high in the records of the school; there will be many who are distinguished in their four year's work. The victories in sport have not been numerous or outstanding, but those who have represented A. and M. on the athletic field have upheld well her colors and traditions. The military rating has not been announced, but the fine showing at the annual inspection was made possible by the interest and help of the Senior Officers. The Battalion has carried on in spite of great difficulties, and a wonderful Longhorn has been put out in record time.

The seniors will leave with heavy hearts and tear-filled eyes, but their sorrow will be from leaving the home they love, and not from failing to give all they had in upholding A. and M. and making it still a better place for those yet to come. They have lived up to the young Athenian's oath, "never to disgrace his sacred arms, never to forsake his comrades in the ranks, and to leave his country not in a worse, but in a better state than he found it."

FAREWELL TO THE SENIORS.

With the coming of the end of school and the happy anticipation of vacation once more there comes also to us a feeling of sincere regret. With a sureness of fate we see the time coming when we have to bid a last goodbye to the seniors who have become so much a part of us.

We have heard the class of '27 express itself in the last edition of the Battalion, and we know how they feel—how dear old Aggeland is to them, especially as they see the end of their last year of college life here.

Very little can be said or done now to show our Seniors how much we regret to see them go. We have worked with them as our leaders for one of the most successful years possible. We have fought together on Kyle Field, and when tragedy threatened to destroy our good name, we have seen how nobly they worked to uphold the honor of our school. As a big brother, the class of '27 has watched the upperclassmen, always at hand to help protect them if the occasion demanded. It is for these reasons that our Seniors have come to mean so much to us.

But time must go on and we must go with it—the reality of life causes our discomforts and sorrows. So now with an aching heart we, the underclassmen bid our Senior friends a fond farewell.

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