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CULTURE TO THE ENGINEER

A. & M. College is an engineering institution, made so by those who saw the need for such an institution in this and other states. As students here, we must necessarily be more attentive to the engineering subjects than any others. We are required, by each department that we are under to work almost whole-heartedly in the interest of our course. To be sure, the situation demands that most of our time be spent in the interest of the branch of study that we may specialize in, but by no means requires all of our time. Some attitudes seem to be that we are acquiring technical knowledge and training and nothing more.

Anyone who is familiar with the general habits and customs here will admit this to be true. Only a very small percentage of the student body takes the time to develop the cultural side of their lives. It is usually conceded as unnecessary. What use is a cultural education to an engineer? That can be acquired after graduation. And thus it goes from year to year, each man promising himself that he will start reading and being refined as soon as he graduates.

The fallacy in this sort of reasoning is obvious. In no place has anyone a better opportunity to spend idle hours to a better advantage than here. In the library are all types of books for all types of readers and by most of the authors of any repute. Surely, in all of the books in the library there are some that are interesting to everybody. Time after time we hear men stress the importance of cultivating that part of the education outside of the purely technical class. Old men, who have been out of here several years have realized their mistakes, and have urged us in every possible way and on every possible occasion to take advantage of our opportunity along these lines. If we will just get a book occasionally and substitute reading it in place of a few otherwise wasted hours, it is certain that we will derive some benefit from it, and while this will not in itself make us cultured, it will assist materially in doing so.

RELIGION ON THE A. AND M. COLLEGE CAMPUS

"Man by nature is a religious animal." This is true in every place where man is found. He may have one God or many gods but he always has some form of religious worship. We at A. and M. College are not in any way different from other men concerning religion.

Let us consider some of the progress that has been made in religious activity on our campus.

About eight years ago the religious work on the campus was lacking in enthusiasm and vitality. A small union Sunday School was being held in Guion Hall each Sunday morning before the chapel service. About this time the different denominations began to see an opening to a field which was fertile, and began placing student pastors in charge of their respective flocks. Today you are able to find a normal church service in most any denomination meeting from Sunday to Sunday on or near the campus. One denomination has built a beautiful little chapel building just north of the campus, and several others own property and intend to construct church buildings in the near future.

The writer was interested in two items that appeared in a recent issue of the Battalion and he believes that they will bear repeating. One from William E. Gladstone, "The Sunday School is the world's greatest institution for popularizing the world's greatest book", the other from the late John Wanamaker, "I know of no other work that begins to compare in results with that attained by the Sunday School." The latter statement may be brought closer home according to some recent statistics compiled from the records of one of the denominations represented on the campus. Last year eighty-eight members of this denomination resigned from the college. Only five of this number were regular attendants at Sunday School. Out of the five, one resigned on account of bad health, one was called home to care for

his father's farm and three because of financial conditions.

This may or may not add to the statement that it pays to attend Sunday School.

There seems to be a general trend toward more religious activity on the part of the students this year. It is here for us, we should make the most of it.

B. D. MUZZY, Jr.

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR PICTURE MADE?

Contrary to the usual custom this article is not on our conduct at the picture show, the food we get in the mess hall, or compulsory chapel but about something of more vital importance at the present to the Longhorn Staff. Why do we wait until the last minute before we go ahead and do that which must be done anyway? It is just as easy to have our pictures made now as later on because we are certainly not likely to get any better looking by waiting or to improve with age as wine does. Are you afraid to face the facts? There's one consolation—you have to look at it only when you choose the proofs and others have to look at it all the time; but maybe they want to, so don't deny them that privilege and I don't know of anyone who would rather see them than Bradford, the Editor of the Longhorn.

The Longhorn is a big job and takes lots of time and work, so it is as little as we can do to help them out by attending to this at once. Let's don't let the Editor and Business Manager be going around here with long faces and worried looks thereby spoiling a perfectly good disposition. What more can you want? Gerdes has offered to lend anyone the money to have the picture made with and it can be paid back when you get it. Break down and go face the camera, it isn't so bad. Ask Leo if it is.

Mrs. Snapper: "Every time you see a pretty girl you forget you're married."

Mr. Snapper: "You're wrong, dear. Nothing brings home the fact with so much force."

Ben: The race is not always to the swift.

Hen: Yes, but it goes to them so often that it makes it mighty discouraging to the slow fellows.

She—And you can get girl figures in any shape?

College Cartoonist—Sure.

She—On paper?

C. C.—Well—that is more difficult.

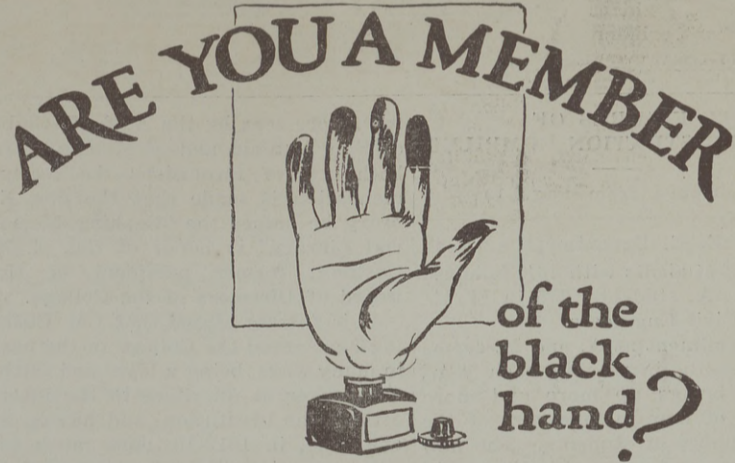
"Marie and I agreed that after we were married I should decide all major questions, and she would decide the minor ones."

"How has it worked out?"

"We have been married three years, and I am grateful to say there have been no major questions."

Professor: "Can you give me an example of wasted energy?"

Freshman: "Yes!—telling a bald-headed man a hair-raising story."



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