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NARROW-MINDEDNESS.

The perfect man is yet to be found. Even though some men apparently think themselves so, it is quite true that no man is without fault. One of the most detestable faults that any man can have, though, is narrow-mindedness.

We see on certain commodities offered for sale in our grocery stores, the words, "There's a reason." Not so with the narrow-minded. No intelligent person could hope to prove, with reason, any basis for narrow-mindedness.

Narrow-mindedness may occur in many forms. One very common form was neatly expressed by, "The modern girl is largely responsible for the downfall of the modern generation;" this from a prominent man on the campus. Although this statement indicates a lack of thought and consideration, it may however have been said out of envy, the speaker realizing that it is not that the young generation is so abnormally wicked, but perhaps gets too much pleasure per sin!

There are also a great many who are unconsciously narrow-minded. It is very easy to judge and censure others actions. No trouble at all to say what should not be done. But when the self same experience that we censure comes to us it is easy enough for us to find excuses and reasons for our actions, all forgetful of the fact that we gave no quarter in our conviction of our neighbor.

The double code of morals in our society is another example of the narrow-mindedness of, in this case, the general public. It is not so hard to condone a man for his misdeeds, but a woman is required to go the straight and narrow path or be spurned by the world. Where is the justification here? We have admitted woman's equality in almost everything else.

The lack of intelligent thinking is perhaps the reason for most narrow-mindedness. As soon as we begin to realize that the head may be used for something besides a hat rack, we may be able to give consideration to our fellow-man's side of the question. At least let us hope that our education here will tend to bring us above that despicable class known as the narrow-minded.

SQUADS RIGHT.

"This military system" is constantly cursed and discussed here at college from the view-point of laziness. The only objection the cadets can possibly think of to militarism is that it is deucedly inconvenient and bothersome to have to get up at six in the morning for reveille, to have to drill two hours a week, and to have to wear the uniform continuously. If that isn't laziness of the first degree then the hoboes are a misguided class of people.

Whether militarism is ethically correct never enters the student's head, it is one of those things decided by God and the war department and so above all question. But stop and think for a minute; are you not having the precepts of peace constantly banged into and through your head? Don't your pastors and mothers tell you constantly that fighting is vulgar, illbred, brutal, and in every way objectionable? Then what kind of malicious thing is this so called patriotism that can make a man forego a whole life's training for the sake of slaughtering his fellow man? And that is what military training is, an efficient method of slaughter.

Not too fast however! The whole civilized world is based on one thing and that thing is the sacredness of private property. Russia, where private property is a thing of the past is hardly civilized. And what better method, in an age of organization, is there to protect your property than by an organized army of defense. You may say that an army of defense may very easily be turned into an army of offense. If it is there is something fundamentally wrong with the government or the people and there

would have been war anyway. And there are such governments in existence today. Then how can any sane man talk of leaving his home and family at the mercy of any nation that happened to cast covetous eyes in his country's direction.

Next time you go to cussing this military system stop and think that the very home you have and the pleasures you enjoy are yours because you are, and have been, protected by "this military system."

WEEK'S NEWS

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heartedness?

We have always been heartily welcomed in Dallas, and every effort was made to receive them as heartily as Aggieland can welcome; so in whatever measure we failed toward their reception they made up in their true Mustang sportsmanship.

While we are on that same topic it would not be amiss to say something about the way the boys conducted themselves also. There have been several comments on the action and noted improvement of conduct at the picture show. For one time those who attended the show seemed to sense the spirit of the occasion and responded to the urge to give their best attention to the visitors and show them that we can meet an emergency when it is necessary. After all it is the little things of life that count the most. There have been no unfavorable comments on the attitude of the cadets toward the outcome of the game. They took it in a way that is becoming to a gentleman.

RESPONSIBILITY AT A. & M.

At some time or other every A. & M. cadet has had, just beneath the

surface, an unreasonable desire to break loose and "raise sand."

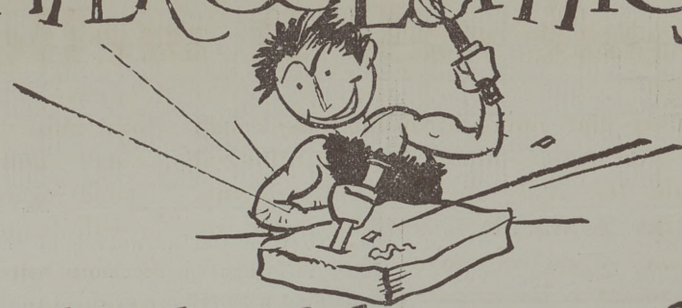
Realizing as they do that this almost universal inclination is the natural though often unconscious reaction against the restraints to which military and academic discipline restricts us, it is not surprising that interested observers often wonder how the average A. & M. senior and Junior acquires the ability to govern the men under him in such an efficient manner under such conditions.

The answer may be summed up in the one word, responsibility.

The theory that an individual will act most efficiently when he is trusted to perform some important function, is the foundation upon which our system of military government by student officers is based.

Probably the most beneficial part of the education received by a cadet at A. & M. is the strengthening of his moral fiber and character by the responsibility that the college places upon him in his senior and junior years. We should try to make the most of this valuable experience afforded us by the military system upon which this college operates, so that when we leave this institution and are confronted by the problems of life, we will be better prepared to face them.

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