

FACULTY BANQUET GIVEN PROFESSORS

General Get-together Greatly Enjoyed.

The members of the Faculty were guests of Dr. Walton last Monday night at a banquet given in the banquet room at Sbis Hall. The primary purpose of the meeting was to bring the faculty in closer contact with each other, to welcome the new members into "our large family," and as Dr. Walton further expressed, "just a general get-together in order to become better acquainted, so that each one could cooperate with the other in carrying on a great work for even a greater cause." To insure a good beginning, the President asked each of the 150 members present to stand and introduce himself, stating with which department he is connected.

Dean White, of the College of Industrial Arts, the first speaker on the program, gave a short talk on the large number of college men and women in America today. He said that out of the one million students enrolled in colleges throughout the United States, over 50,000 of them are enrolled in Texas institutions. Dean White closed his talk by praising the wonderful progress made at this school in recent years, and expressed hopes that such progress would not only continue, but increase from year to year.

Dr. Walton, in his address, gave some very interesting facts concern-

ing this college and the three others with which it is affiliated. This system of four State supported schools, consists of Texas A. and M., John Tarleton, North Texas Agricultural College, and Prairie View College for negroes. They have an annual enrollment of about 8,000 and employ something over 1,000 men and women. Not only does the state support these four institutions, but various other departments connected with them. For instance, the Extension Service, which employs over 300 men and women; the Research Department which not only does research in agriculture but in the engineering field as well, is divided into eighteen various stations scattered throughout the state. The state Legislature has provided funds for four others which have not been stationed. The Department of Forestry, with its headquarters here at College Station, has the actual experimental work carried on in East Texas. "It is necessary to review these facts," he explained, "in order that we may keep up with the progress we are making. Even though our progress seems very slow at times, we find on checking up, very startling figures which prove that we are really advancing with comparative rapidity. Since September, 1925, there has been \$2,900,000.00 spent on the improvement of this system of schools, \$1,485,000.00 of which has been expended for A. and M. alone. It is very discouraging at times, when we see the dire need of physical equipment in our institutions and that the State Legislature will not appropriate enough funds, but we will not give up the fight. Even

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though we lost the last battle, the war is not over yet, by any means.

"Another great problem with which we are confronted is one that is so very prominent in military schools. That is, the barrier that has long existed between the student and his instructor. It has grown so strong that the students actually consider it a sin for one to consult an instructor on some problem concerning his every day life. I earnestly desire to see each member of this faculty make a conscientious effort to break down this barrier that has caused so many difficulties among the student body."

Later on in the year, the faculty and their wives will be extended an invitation to attend a similar meeting. For those who cannot bring their wives, Dr. Walton suggested, "That we make arrangements with Dean White to have him bring some of the members of his faculty along for the next banquet."

Dean Puryear gave a brief explanation of the system of Term Examination and the meeting was adjourned.

A CHALLENGE.

Challenges were sent out today to 62 rifle teams in all sections of the country by marksmen at Kemper Military School here, who yesterday began their range season. Included among those invited to participate in a dual telegraphic meet are marksmen of Texas A. and M. College.

More than fifty aspirants to the Kemper varsity team answered the

initial summons of Capt. W. T. French, coach, yesterday. An immediate cut will be made in the squad, followed by intensive practice to fit them for the opening of their interscholastic schedule shortly before the Christmas holidays.

Cadet Lieut. Archie J. McGuire, of Blackwater, Mo., a ranking shot last year, was today named captain of the squad.

Last year the Yellow Jacket marksmen defeated 61 teams in a slate of 62 matches, won the military schools' individual championship, and ranked high in the Dewar, Hearst, and National Rifle association matches. Of the 62 invited to compete with them this year, all but Pennsylvania State college fell before the Kemper shooters.

Of particular interest to the readers of The Battalion is the announcement that Daniel Russell, popular professor of rural sociology at A. and M. will begin a series of articles on his work as a special investigator of the social conditions in Chicago in The Battalion in the near future.

The series of articles, while dealing with the problems that Professor Russell discovered when making his investigations, will be replete with many of the experiences that he encountered while working. Some of the topics to be written are: leisure time, commercialized amusements, and relation of amusements to crime and politics and vice versa.

The title of the first article, which will appear in The Battalion in the near future is: PROBLEMS OF COMMERCIALIZED AMUSEMENTS.