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In last week's edition of the Battalion an editorial appeared under the head, "Righteous Indignation." Two assertions were made which are false, and for which we wish to apologize. The bow was not thrown at Dr. Walton, nor did it hit him, and the offender has been properly punished for the act.

### PUBLICATIONS

The majority of the A. and M. colleges of the country have long since annexed agricultural and engineering papers to the list of their publications, although many are much smaller in size than our institution. But now the reins have been taken in hand; we are to be classed with them. The new movement here seems to the writer to herald an era of progress, heretofore unknown in these specialized fields. The advisability and advantage of what is being done is not a matter of conjecture. Unquestionably our size and importance as an engineering school and as an agricultural school justifies the interest being taken to make the magazines successful. The national recognition we shall undoubtedly receive will improve our rating considerably.

If the engineering magazine continues its existence the college publications will total four. There are few schools in the East which are able to maintain more than this number, excluding scandal sheets, etc. From this standpoint, making a generality, we are certainly not backward. In the field of publication work no one can rate us a back seat.

And still no department of journalism.

### WHY?

There is a market difference between constructive criticism and griping and this distinction should be justly considered when reading an article in these columns concerning any phase or relations of our collegiate surroundings whether they be of the nature which concerns the college or of the nature which concerns the student body activities and traditions.

Any article submitted by anyone speaking authoritatively on an existing condition shall receive equal consideration as will staff written articles provided such writings be on a parallel with those customarily here presented.

It is our object to improve our college as one with a deep interest in it and its value in an educational way. To edit a school paper for an entire year without benefitting the school would be a very poor compliment to us; with this in mind we present articles under the above head.

What interest do you take in your school? None! If you did you wouldn't sit idly by and not only allow but encourage acts becoming only to a moron incapable of thinking. This school is yours and for your benefit and only beneficial efforts should be expended on your part for it. The process of thinking is not impossible to any except the lazy.

### OUR SOCIETY

Indignation, however righteous, is easy. Pessimism is easy, too. That is how we became pessimists long ago. And the succession of socialistic addresses recently delivered in the Assembly Hall have made socialism simple and comprehensible to most of us. There is nothing to it. The capitalists—the wicked, wealthy men, who thrive by means of unearned increment—will soon cut their own throats, the pathetic current attempt at democracy

will die, and we, the downtrodden, abused, browbeaten proletariat masses, will wave red flags and acquire leisure in which to think. Just what we shall think has not yet been divulged, but possibly we shall be given instructions in the near future.

But we are wearily pessimistic. Prohibition, the Infernal Feminine, college shows and the Faculty Committee have led us to be deeply suspicious of anything as much discussed as this question of emulating the Russians and Karl Marx. For it is written as an axiom guaranteed by numerous pages in history text books that strife follows new policies of state, and we shall not rend our youthful beards when the Nation, after listening courteously to these prophets, continues to wage the deplorable civil war of Capital versus Labor, while the Democratic donkey and the Republican pachyderm and the Independent what-not smear mud across every front page in the country. We are a college generation and we are progressive, but sometimes we find ourselves yearning wistfully for some celestial bolt to blow these "current questions" into nothingness.

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