A SURVEY OF THE FUTURE

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A sense of pride and general elation comes when the records of Marlin High School are reviewed. But the joy and satisfaction derived from the achievements of the past must in no way supersede aspirations for future successes or allow coming responsibilities to be forgotten. Looking backward only long enough to find encouragements and inspirations in the things that have been done, the real focus of attention should be found in the present and the future, the times that are still within our keeping.

In this survey new goals need to be pointed out and new aims and ambitions formulated. If there is to be real progress and development, conscious efforts must be made to attain higher standards than the ones that have already been reached. The future must outstrip the past, no matter how fruitful it has been.

Browning has written of Andrea Del Sarto, a painter, whose ambition was fulfilled and whose highest hopes were realized. He is called a half-man because he was so thoroughly satisfied with his achievements, reaching a point beyond which he did not strive to go. That situation is both sad and deplorable. If life is to grow fuller and richer with the passing of the years it must remain active and alert, and a constant striving for something bigger and better is necessary. If one goal is won, another must be set.

The desire to climb higher is born in the individual and from him passes into the prevalent thinking of the group to which he belongs. Such a desire needs now to find a place in the heart of every individual connected with Marlin High. The year of 1926-27 has been one that greatly warrants pride, but the time for a new slogan has come, "Make M. H. S. Bigger and Better in 1927-28." To do this there must be individual cooperation and a sense of responsibility on the part of every student. This will lead to an all-embracing school spirit, a more generally recognized idea of sportsmanship, and a definite effort on the part of every individual to attain higher standards of scholarship.