

the military department throughout the College. Breaches of discipline are punished by confinement to room and guard room; extra tours of duty; demerits; suspension and dismissal. The aptitude of the students for military instruction is excellent. The following have shown special aptitude for military service; Cadet Captains B. C. Parsons and W. H. Mitchell, and Cadet Lieutenant and Adjutant J. W. Hawkins, all of whom are desirous of entering the army as second lieutenants by civilian appointment. Their general standing in studies is good and they are apparently physically sound.

The College campus furnishes an excellent drill ground. There are no facilities for indoor drill. The ordinance and ordinance stores on hand, all of which are the property of the United States, consists of 230 Springfield cadet rifles, caliber 45, and 230 sets of accoutrements, and are properly cared for under the direction of the military professor. The rifles are in excellent condition, but the accoutrements are old and worn and should be replaced. None of the stores are unfit for use. The full allowance of ammunition has been drawn from the United States. The commandant's office is in the main college building, and was found to be in excellent condition. The quarterly report has been regularly rendered to the Adjutant General of the army and copies of all reports and correspondence are retained for transfer to the officer's successor.

A morning report book is kept for each company and a consolidated morning report book for the battalion. A guard report book, order book and delinquency book are also kept. I received a view of the battalion of cadets, which was commanded by First Lieutenant B. C. Morse, 18th Infantry. The ceremony was well rendered and the battalion presented a fine appearance. The review was followed by an inspection of the battalion. The uniforms were neat and well fitting and the arms in excellent condition. The accoutrements were clean, but the leather is old and not susceptible of polish. The number of cadets present at inspection was 178; absent, 37. The battalion was subsequently drilled by the commandant. The drill embraced most of the movements in the school of the battalion and was highly creditable. The battalion drill was followed by company drills, each company being commanded by its cadet captain, and the exercises concluded with a very handsome drill by the select company. The excellent condition of the battalion reflects great credit upon the very capable instructor, Lieutenant Morse. I visited and inspected the dormitories, Mess hall, kitchen, etc., all of which were found to be in good order. Very Respectfully,

P. D. VROOM, Major Inspector General.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., May 25th, 1893.

George
A Two-minute Oration.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Convention:

Mr. Bocoek, as the gentleman would have you believe, is a wonderful man—born in Dog-days, reared in the wilds of Walaho swamp. He was captain of a "chicken and watermelon" club, whose motto was "Boys, have fun." He was teacher in a town ball team; also judge in a Kangaroo court, sometimes acting as prosecuting attorney—in case the gentlemen who regularly filled that position was absent. So it is all through his boyish days we observe him exercising a dominant influence over his companions. I might go on enumerating many points exhibiting the wonderful genius with which he is undoubtedly endowed. He is now First Lieutenant and Quartermaster for the "Ross Volunteers," vice president of the Calliopean society and secretary and treasurer of the Fatman's Club. As you

have been told, the crisis is upon us and the only way we can extricate ourselves from this great calamity, is to send men to congress who have a copious supply of originate men, whose heart and soul is with the people he represents. I feel assured that there is not a man in this democratic assemblage, who can say that he has ever been unloyal to those time honored principles of "Personal Liberty," "State Rights" and "Tariff for Revenue only."

Then, fellow democrats, if he is mentally and morally qualified to fill such a position, the next question is, "Is he the man the masses will support?" Why, if you should go out among these Bohemians and hear how confident and familiarly they speak of "Old Doc," you would unhesitatingly say Yes. My hearers, it gives me great pleasure to have the privilege of seconding Mr. Bocoek's nomination, and I call upon you in the name of love of Peace, Happiness and Prosperity to cast your vote and use your influence for Bocoek for congress.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Calliopean Society.

On September 23rd the society assembled in the Calliopean society and had a good attendance present. President Ross' countenance was seen beaming above the desk. All of the new members were initiated without further formality, after which the society proceeded to take up the programme; which was both pleasing and interesting. Music was delightfully rendered by Messrs. Polk, Cohen and Dechman, for which the society very appropriately extended thanks to the performers. On Saturday night, September 30th, the society was called to order, President Ross in the chair. The society then proceeded to the election of officers for the next three months. Those elected were:—

E. L. Bruce, President; J. H. Bocoek, Vice President; Harper Speer, Critic; Massenburg, Recording Secretary; Polk, Corresponding Secretary; Mayes, Censor; Gilbert, Librarian; Sewell, Assistant Librarian; Leary, Sergeant-at-Arms; Belden; Assistant Sergeant-at-arms. After the officers were elected the society proceeded to take up the programme. The following is a short summary of the programme:—

Mr. W. M. Luckett favored the society with an oration which was much appreciated by all.

Mr. Mayes held the attention of those present completely for a short time.

The essay by Mr. Beldin was good and well read.

The society then proceeded to debate. Question—"Resolved that Texas should maintain her militia." The affirmative side was very ably represented by Messrs. Gilbert, Japhet and Leary. The negative, by Messrs. Bruce, Ross, F. and John. All the speeches were short but to the point. The President opened the debate to volunteers, when I'm Dan Cushing in defense of the negative made a very telling speech which was answered by A. M. Todd on the affirmative.

The Tribunal decided unanimously in favor of the affirmative, after which the society transacted some business of minor importance and adjourned.

Austin Society.

Society Hall, Sept. 23.

Society was called to order at the usual hour, President Pittuck in the chair. The society opened with a full attendance and an interesting program was carried out. Quite a number of new men were declared members of the society and many more were initiated. The society is building its foundation firmer at every meeting. The programme was carried