

soon to leave us. In those grasps were expressed a volume of unwritten and unspoken "explanation." All punishments and corrections were forgotten, and we wanted to thank him for kindnesses, both in the way of correction and advice. At last the train arrived, and as it pulled out there was heard a spirited hurrah for Geo. T. Bartlett.

He was a thorough gentleman and never shirked what he believed to be his duty, and as he goes forth today to face the perils of war, he has the admiration and respect of the A. & M. boys and the college community. CADET.

The State Oratorical Contest.

We arrived at Mexia about 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14th, 1898, and were met at the depot by some of the students and professors of Trinity university, who had carriages ready and we were soon on our way to the university. It is situated on a low hill, commanding a view of the surrounding country. We reached Tehuacana about an hour after leaving Mexia, and were taken to our respective lodgings. At 8 o'clock a banquet was held in one of the society halls and toasts were delivered by one of the delegates of each of the different schools. A very pleasant evening was spent and all were highly entertained.

Friday morning a business meeting of the association was held at which new officers were elected. The following gentlemen were elected: President, Mr. Ramsey of Trinity university; vice-president, Mr. Kyle, of A. & M. college; recording secretary, Mr. Steeres, of Fort Worth university; corresponding secretary, Mr. Randell, of Austin college; treasurer, Mr. Hamilton, of Baylor university. The A. & M. college was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting of the association. The people of Tehuacana are the most hospitable people I ever saw. Everything possible was provided for our pleasure. The keys of the town were turned over to us.