

strong, jr., in the fall of 1882. We carried a small business of farming, raising hogs and cattle and ginning. This business has increased slowly and constantly since then. On January 1, 1890 we accepted our younger brother, J. F. Armstrong as a member of the firm, and changed the name of the firm from W. T. and M. F. Armstrong to Armstrong Bros. We are at present doing a mod-

erately good business as manufacturers of blacksmith's materials of ash and other hard woods, our saw mill being about four miles south-east of Chapel Hill. Also own a ginnery about seven miles south of this place on one of our farms. We have a very successful farming business, and have also established a good trade in pure bred registered Poland China hogs, of which we have a fine herd.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

A. M. TODD, EDITOR.

The present corps of editors enter upon their duties with this issue. They have much less to overcome in the way of obstacles to successful college journalism than either of their predecessors. When the first corps of editors assumed control of the BATTALION it was an entirely new venture. It was successor to the Journal, which appeared just once during the session of '93.

Thus an attempt at journalism at the college has lost favor with the students.

Under these circumstances the first corps of editors assumed control and made the BATTALION a splendid success. Every succeeding issue from the first has been just a little better than the preceding one, and it is the object of this corps to keep this standard up just so far as strenuous efforts will permit.

After remaining in peaceful seclusion for about a year in the file room of the library, a number of new books were catalogued and entered upon the shelves during the month. We understand that there are now in the file room a number of handsomely bound volumes of the

Century, Forum, Fortnightly Review and other magazines. If these were entered upon the shelves they would be of great benefit to the members of our societies, who depend almost entirely upon the college library for their source of information on subjects of debate.

The editor and a few other seniors had the privilege of attending the lecture in Bryan by ex-Governor Hubbard of Texas and formerly minister to Japan. Though most of the boys went in a mule wagon, they were repaid for their trouble. Governor Hubbard is one of the most fluent talkers that it has ever been our privilege to hear. He is truly the "Silver tongued orator" of the state. In all of his descriptions one could almost imagine himself standing beside the venerable governor and himself passing through the scenes described.

It is a very remarkable fact that the students of the A. and M. College of Texas have to pay very high for stationery and other small items necessary for a student to have, and the only reason