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 EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.
 

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WITH this issue of the BATTALION the present management severs its connection with the paper; before doing so, however, we desire to express our appreciation of the assistance and encouragement given us by the corps and the members of the faculty and some of the ladies of the campus, who have furnished us with some highly entertaining contributions. We feel exceedingly gratified with the success of the paper, so far this year, and with the experience which we have acquired in editing the journal, we are deeply sensible of the fact that those in charge of getting out the paper need all the assistance which can be given them, and we desire to bespeak for those who take our place your continued interest and support in a work so highly deserving. Again thanking you, we make our bow and sincerely offer our successors our best wishes.

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A great deal of comment and criticism has been awakened from the press, occasioned by the valedictory address made by Major-General Schofield, on the occasion of his retiring from active command of the U. S. army. In his farewell document he sets forth in strong, forcible terms, the opinion that we, as a nation, should increase the size of our standing army. If it is as he says, our coast defenses are almost worthless, owing to inadequate forces to defend them, and while it is true that we are a

peaceful nation and have little interest in international disputes in which we are the aggrieved party, still this advice he tenders may have its application. It should strengthen the military spirit of the states which has since the time of the civil war, been our reliance. It should show to those states that have no national volunteer guard the necessity of the immediate equipment of one. Texas can boast of a superb guard and we know not at what time she may make the best use of it. As a cadet we should congratulate ourselves that we have the benefit of such a thorough military training, and no doubt, were war to break out, many who have studied the military tactics at the old A. & M. of Texas, would be called upon to occupy high and noble positions in fighting for the defense of the state which educated them.

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THE BATTALION is, by no means, a political paper, yet the recent election has brought about such a political revolution, that we feel justified in making a few simple comments on the cause of the avalanche as it is frequently termed: 'Twas only two short years ago that the Democrats achieved such a splendid and complete ascendancy over other political parties of the day and little was it dreamed that their triumph was to be so short lived. One of the first things which attract attention in looking around for an explanation of the wonderful and marked change of sentiment shown by