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fense. An argument used against her is that it is a Godless school. Now we who know so well should stamp this statement as untrue wherever met. We have prayers every morning, a Sunday school, and service twice on Sunday.

C. S. Graves, '82, of Porfirio Diaz, Mexico; S. A. Hare, '82, of Sherman; Dr. R. S. Lipscomb, of Grapevine; Dave Rice, '82, of Houston; Robert Sawyer, '82, of Clarendon; Aaron Talbot, '82, of Calvert; D. H. Watson, '82, of Brenham; R. H. Rogers, '78, of Galveston; M. L. Chambers, '79, of Fort Worth; Dr. H. G. Smythe, '79, of Bryan; D. Campbell, '79, of Pecos City; J. H. Haden, '79, of Blooming Grove; Rev. Malcolm Black, of Sylvania, Ark.

H. J. Miller, '87, of Belleville, lent the happy charm of his presence to our meeting, and under protest was unanimously elected a member of our Executive Committee. He is a brother of that live real estate agent and hearty supporter of the college, C. S. Miller, of Ballinger.

The staunch and warm friends of the college, Colonel T. H. Franklin, '76, and E. B. Cushing, '77, resident engineer of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, were present and added much to the pleasure of their friends. Colonel Franklin is widely known over the State for his courtly manners and elegant conversation and military renown. He assisted Mr. Cushing in organizing the Alpha Phi Society of ex-cadets, which is intended to foster the friendships of our youth, to advance the interests of our alma mater, and to give opportunity for forming acquaintance and friendship among the widely separated classes. Mr. Cushing responded to a toast at the banquet in which he covered himself with glory by appealing to the audience with the eloquence of facts. As all cadets of '77 know Cushing both by his name and physical appearance gave the origin to the word Cush. Cushing, Franklin and R. P. Bowen of New Orleans, are highly prized by their comrades, and as a mark of this high esteem theirs were among the first names to be enrolled as honorary members of the Alumni Association.

Mr. Cushing has more Alumni working for him than any man in the State.

Among others present were: A. M. Rhodes, Henry Rhodes, Dr. George Tabor and John Tabor, all of Bryan. No sooner had the three fat men. John Tabor, Cushing and Franklin, met than a flow of pleasant joking and a spinning of college yarns was started.

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