THE BATTALION.

and well read.

The debate, "Resolved that civilization is promoted by the education of woman," was opened by Mr. Todd, who paid tribute after tribute to the fair sex and defended his side admirably.

Mr. Overshiner of the negative side defended his side very creditably and was successful in his efforts. The tribunal decided in favor of Mr. Overshiner, of the Austin Society.

Just as the afternoon train came in the detachment of artillery fired several salutes in honor of his excellency, Governor C. A. Culberson, who arrived on the train.

The Alumni held their meeting Monday night in the Assembly hall and music was made for them by the orchestra and band, assisted by Mr. Gruene, one of the Alumni. President Ross made a beautiful speech welcoming the Alumni to their alma mater.

Mr. Fuller, of San Antonio, one of the Alumni, made a most beautiful and touching speech, bringing back recollections of bygone college days.

Mr. McNair also made a splendid speech and was roundly applauded.

Next came Mr. Law, of class of '95, who made a speech which for eloquence and beauty could well be placed among the foremost places in oratory.

The Alumni then repaired to a banquet held at mess hall, where toasts and the like were indulged in till the wee hours of morning.

TUESDAY.

Comencement day is at last here and the heart of the senior joyous in the extreme. At 10 o'clock sharp the strains of "Dixie" were heard and the senior class of '96 marched slowly down the aisle.

The commencement address, delivered by Judge Norman G. Kittrell, of Houston, was the finest address delivered at the college in some years.

Mr. C. M. Park, of Dallas, the first honor student, next read his graduating thesis, entitled "The Siberian Railway."

The valedictory address, by Mr. E. W. Kerr, of Vineland (chosen by the first class), was very beautiful and touching.

The response to the valedictory, delivered by Mr. B. F. Bryan (elected by the second class), was in his usual original, charming manner.

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