THE BATTALION.

Let every ex-cadet who has a warm spot in his heart for his Alma Mater and his old comrades, fill out the application blank for membership in the Alpha Phi fraternity and forward it to the proper authority immediately, and enclose therewith your ideas on the fraternity building.

There, fired by love of our Alma Mater and our interest in each other, working shoulder to shoulder in such a cause, would beget an acquaintance, friendship, a reliance, a trust and confidence in one another which can arise from no other conditions. The Alpha Phi's glorious purpose, blended with such favorable circumstances, means a brilliant career for the fraternity.

Recognition at Last.

The idea has been general among the ex-cadets throughout the state for some time that there should be one or more of their number on the board of directors of the college. The custom of having alumni on the board of visitors or directors prevails in the older colleges and universities and it is a proper one. Surely no one is likely to have the welfare of an institution more closely at heart than a person whose education was acquired therein, and no one would be more earnest and untiring in their efforts for its advancement.

Governor Culberson saw the force of this argument and, with that wisdom that has characterized his official career, determined to show his appreciation of the fact by appointing Captain Frank A. Reichardt to the directory which he did on December 23rd.

Captain Frank A. Reichardt, the appointee, was born in Houston, Texas, November 5th, 1860. He attended the schools of Houston until 1877, in October of which year he entered the Agricultural and Mechanical college. His upright and manly conduct as a student made him very popular "on barracks" and with the faculty. He was soon promoted and attained the rank of lieutenant in Company A. In those days the elective system of study prevailed and he was a department graduate in 1879.

After leaving college he entered the drug business, leaving this in 1884 to become a member of the firm of Brasher Bros. & Reichardt, wholesale confectioners. He has remained a mem-

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