

money. Col. Franklin's father heard it but made no comment; in a few days Gen. Bee received a letter from a Houston firm stating that Mr. Franklin had established the credit of the college to the extent of \$2500.00. And furthermore, when the corps was awarded the blue ribbon for the best drilled military organization at the fair, Mr. Franklin out of his own funds, to commemorate the event, presented the corps with a handsome \$250 silk flag with appropriate inscription on it. This flag was highly prized, was preserved for years and ought yet to be somewhere in the college. And now the son, after a lapse of twenty years, has repeated the father's endeavors in behalf of the college. Col. Franklin has long been prominent in military affairs, is a warm friend to the college, its directors and officers. While here this commencement he secured the services of Cadet Preston of Galveston for his bugler at the coming encampment.

