

THE BATTALION.

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

This came off at 8:30 p. m. was well attended and much interest was shown. Mr. Kyle elected by the first class made the opening address, welcoming them to the college, this was responded to by Chairman Smith of Denison and afterwards Judge Chas. Rogan was introduced as orator of the day and made a fine address.

TUESDAY.

This day proved as auspicious as the previous ones. At 10 o'clock the battalion was formed and marched to chapel to witness the graduating exercises. Hon. L. T. Dashiell who was to deliver the commencement address did not put in his appearance; no news was received of him and the authorities were at a loss to account for his not appearing. Mr. Dean, member of the legislature from this district was called upon and nobly responded. Though not having more than half an hours notice, he produced an eloquent, patriotic and well suited address. Mr. Todd the honor graduate then read his thesis, subject, "The maintenance of orchard soil fertility." Mr. Todd's thesis fulfilled all expectations. Gov. Ross then said it is not a common thing among so many boys for one to be called upon so much but now the honor graduate is the valedictorian. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. Todd's address, it was a valedictory in the true sense of the word. The response by Mr. Durham was replete in beautiful words and true human sentiment. Diplomas and degrees were next conferred by the president of the board of directors upon the twenty-six graduates.

At 5 p. m. was fought the successful sham battle.

A drill of the Ross Volunteers followed later. It is needless to say that the "Rosses" maintained their fine reputation. They gave in addition to the usual exercises of the manual and the bayonet a gun drill by music.

Graduating dress parade followed and then presentation of presents by companies to their captains, this over the boys marched up to the armory to put up their guns and the 21st