



# COMMENCEMENT--1900.



Sunday, June 10.

**C**OMMENCEMENT Sunday dawned without a fleck in the clear blue sky, and those who had been in suspense for fear of rain felt much relieved.

The perfume of countless flowers and the lovely green hue of the grass plats and trees made a picture which defied the brush of a Michael Angelo or the pen of an Irving. An especially pleasing effect was produced by the bevys of charming young ladies who honored us with their presence. Crowds of the opposite sex, among whom were many of the alumni, were also welcomed.

The first thing upon the programme for the morning was the inspection of the quarters of the College by the College officers and visitors. Promptly at 9 o'clock the bugler sounded call to quarters and the Cadets stood attention while the Commandant looked into the condition of the corners and pried under the beds and trunks. The fair visitors swarmed everywhere, and joked and laughed with the boys to their hearts' content. Austin, Gathright, Ross and Pfeuffer Halls were visited successively, and the visitors were favorably impressed with the clean and tasteful appearance of the barracks.

The majority of the Bryan visitors arrived about 10:30, and the Chapel was comfortably filled, half an hour later, when the Commencement Sermon was delivered.

## NOTES ON SERMON.

The Rev. Geo. W. Truett, of the

First Baptist Church of Dallas, preached the Commencement Sermon. His text was the famous declaration of St. Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth."

The silly shame of the young man at being taken for a Christian, though his early training may have all been in that direction, the reluctance of the so-called philosopher to be recognized as a follower of the Nazarene, the egotism of the outright infidel, who is above such folly, and can at a touch of his critical wand, tumble Bible and its authors from their foundations, these mental conditions were kindly but earnestly and logically opposed by the preacher. On the one hand, he proved by a rapid sketch of the Apostle's training, his mode of thought inherited and acquired, and his intellectual bias, that he, Paul, would have been the first to grow ashamed of the gospel and refuse to proclaim it in imperial Rome and learned Athens, had it failed to meet their intellectual and moral wants. A great man does not reject inherited and acquired advantages to become the persecuted preacher of doctrines of which he is ashamed.

On the other hand, neither the gospel itself nor its author, Jesus Christ, have in them any element that would inspire shame. The one when adopted has never failed to elevate and make man better, the other, Christ, has challenged the admiration of all ages, con-