

taking an active part in the Austin Society, the one to which he belonged.

He was commissioned cadet captain of Company D under Lieutenant B. C. Morse, U. S. A., commandant of cadets.



The College is extending its influence even to distant lands. During the past summer two young men found their way hither from the Argentine Republic, by way of the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa and England. Messrs. Luis Gonsenbatt, from Entre Rios, Parana, and Ricardo Coll, from Buenos Ayres, come

under the auspices of their government to pursue a special course with us in stockraising, the diseases and breeding of cattle, and kindred branches. They are two of some twenty-four students sent to the United States and Canada to take courses in agricultural and technical branches. If the Argentine Republic trains and keeps in her service many young men as intelligent and gentlemanly as these appear to be, it speaks well for the State and her future. We bespeak for them a kindly reception among our Texan youth, and wish them every success in their work.

AUSTIN SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the Austin Society for the session of 1900-01 was held September —, at 8 o'clock. The house was called to order by President Carpenter, who in a few words gave a brief history of the past year's work, and outlined the work for the present year. We were greatly pleased to have our commandant and Professors Philpot and Fountain meet with us. Colonel Edmonds, in an eloquent speech, gave us much encouragement and excellent advice. He showed us that many men have achieved prominence with almost no advantages at all as compared with those we enjoy here. He spoke of the splendid opportunities open to us, and encouraged us to take advantage of them.

Professor Fountain, in an excellent address, expressed not only his willingness, but his earnest desire to aid the societies in every way possible.

Our critic, Professor Philpot, delivered an earnest address, pointed out the advantages to be derived from a proper use of the societies, showed the students that the work done in the societies should be both profitable and pleasant,

and urged all to arouse themselves to a recognition of the importance of the work to be accomplished.

Members of the society are gratified that some of the officers of the College are taking so much interest in this phase of our College life. Sometimes the societies have felt neglected, enthusiasm has died out, and the few who were intensely in earnest in their efforts have labored under many difficulties.

The literary societies of our school for the past few years haven't been up to the standard. This year, however, the Austin Society intends to make a record. We have already secured twenty-five new members, and hope to treble that number before the close of the fall term. Alumni who live at the College or near by will be invited and address the society from time to time. Professor Fountain has been appointed chairman of the program committee, and we can feel sure of having an interesting and instructive program each meeting. Taken all in all the prospects were never better for a flourishing year in the Austin Society.