



COMMENCEMENT---1903.

THE LAST SABBATH OF THE SESSION—
1902-03.

Commencement Sunday, June 7, 1903, was a beautiful day. Quite early the cadets were at work on their rooms, every one striving to have his room in the best of order, for this was the day when the number in commandant's inspecting staff was changed from three to hundreds; when the ladies, both old and young, should visit barracks and see bachelors' housekeeping. Perhaps mother and sister might be with the rest and, of course, it was but natural that all should endeavor to give to quarters a good appearance.

At 9 o'clock the bugle announced inspection, and promptly Capt. Avery, the staff and many visitors left the main building to inspect Ross Hall first, then Austin, Pueffer and Foster in the order named.

The excellent condition in which the visitors found barracks was quite a revelation to many. Expressions of surprise were heard on all sides, and everybody seemed to be well pleased with the way the cadets are housed.

Inspection over there was an hour for

rest before the bugle called for chapel. An overwhelming crowd was present and listened with great interest to the excellent sermon preached by the Rt. Rev. Kinsolving, Bishop of Texas.

In the afternoon the band gave an open air concert. Many visitors were out and enjoyed the music very much. The band, though being without a leader for nearly two months, has done very well indeed and the boys are to be congratulated for the way they have kept together and improved the band.

At 8 o'clock Col. J. C. Edmunds, our old commandant and the guest of the first class, delivered a fine address to a large audience at the chapel. The lecture was instructive and entertaining and was greatly appreciated by the boys he had come to address.

MONDAY.

This was the day that the great majority of the visitors had looked forward to with much delight. It seemed only a short while after guard mounting when the shops and halls became crowded with spectators, who could be seen swarming in and out the