

busy shops. The wood lathes offered much amusement to the people and the emery wheels created much excitement.

Nearly every one got a souvenir from the shops to remember their pleasant days at A. and M. One of the most attractive features of the inspection was that of the chemical-veterinary laboratory, with its collections of precious geological and zoological specimens.

In the afternoon there was battalion drill in extended order, being formed for attack against the artillery squad, which was located in the forest at the western extremity of the drill ground. There was also some volley firing, which was, on the whole, very good.

After supper the Alumni association gave an open meeting in Chapel, which was enjoyed by all the faculty. The corps of cadets are always glad to have the Alumni with them, and it is to be hoped that the much-talked-of "big reunion" will actually take place during the commencement of 1904.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, the final day, was introduced to the guests of the College by the loud sound of the artilleryman's cannon.

After the usual assembly of the battalion on the parade grounds, and the "hungry veterans" had satisfied themselves with perhaps the last breakfast some of them would partake of in old Mess Hall, the program for the day was ready to be carried out.

Company competitive drill was the first event of the day, having been substituted for grand guard mounting in order that the

coolness of the day might render some protection to the cadet. Lieut. Todd, U. S. A.; Prof. Kyle and Mr. Pittuck, having been appointed judges, arranged a series of movements through which the company had to be drilled. Company "B" was the first to be moved forward by the firm voice of Capt. Mansfield, followed by companies "A," "D" and "C" respectively. Company "C" was the one announced by the judges to have won the trophy offered for the best drilled company, followed by companies "A," "D" and "B" respectively. Company "C" did some very good drilling, but it was a surprise to all that the beautiful Texas flag was not borne off by company "B."

Individual competitive drill took place on this occasion, and those who won the beautiful company medals worked hard for them. Those who proudly bore off medals as an emblem of their efficiency to handle a gun were J. E. Wilson, company "A;" Henry B. Farmer, company "B;" C. L. Bernay, company "C;" Fred Simonds, company "D."

Just one hour had elapsed when the bugler's horn was heard sounding "Chapel" for its last time, and soon the battalion was marched to Chapel. The hall was crowded with visitors and cadets, very anxious to hear the final graduating exercises.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. Bittle, after which the great and popular Texas senator, Joseph W. Bailey, delivered an appropriate address.

The valedictory address, by Richard H. Mansfield, followed; and it was, indeed, a sad time for those to whom diplomas were soon to be presented. The last "farewell"