

threw out a man. The cadets did not fall out as rapidly as is usually the case. They gradually dwindled in number however, and when the loadings and firings were given more mistakes were made. Those who left the ranks were unmercifully gayed by their fellows. At 1:45 but two men were left, Sergt. Marsland and Private Eager. Rain began to fall, but the interest was too great for it to drive away the crowd. They closed in until there was scarcely room for the judges. The two brave soldiers went through the movements commanded. Twice, errors made by both simultaneously, prevented either being thrown out. At last Eager made an error which gave Marsland the first place.

In the afternoon occurred the artillery drills. Three detachments contested, "C," "A," and "B." Detachment C under Commander Walter, with Corp'l. Thurber as gunner, came first. They gave a very smooth and skillful drill. They had the most experienced commander. Detachment A then went through the schedule. Sergt. Peterson was commander and Corp'l. Nelson gunner. They were scarcely inferior in excellence to the first detachment. Detachment B, under Sergt. Almy, with Corp'l. Schell as gunner came last. Only one bad error was made, a limber carried the wrong way.

The individual artillery drill was next in order. Two detachments were formed of the contestants. One detachment began the schedule, the men changing places in rotation. As the men made errors and fell out, their numbers were filled with men from the second detachment. At 4:40 but two men were left, F. F. Almy and S. D. Wheeler. Wheeler making an error, Almy took first place.

On the arrival of Governor Thayer, who was to bestow the prizes, a salute of seventeen guns was fired by the artillery. The rain poured in torrents but the valiant soldier-boys stood at their posts and finished the salute. On account of the rain, dress parade was given up, and all adjourned to the armory. There was considerable delay before the awarding of prizes, but the time was pleasantly passed in social converse, listening to music by the band and choice renditions of the college yell.

At last the companies fell in on the two sides of the drill-hall, with the band ranged across the end. Adjutant Stephens read the decision of the judges. In the infantry drill, company C received 7.99, company A, 7.79, company D, 7.64, company B, 5.25. In the artillery competition, detachment C was graded 7.87, detachment A, 7.62, detachment B, 7.46. The sword and belt for the captain of the largest and best equipped company throughout the year was awarded to Capt. Webber. The first prize, individual infantry drill, a fine gold medal, was awarded to Sergt. T. H. Marsland; the second prize, a silver medal, to Private F. D. Eager. Sergt. Almy was awarded the gold medal for best drilled cannoneer, Corp'l. S. D. Wheeler, the silver second prize medal.

Governor Thayer, accompanied by Adjutant General Cole, and Sergeant-Major Walter, bearing the prize flags, then advanced toward the four medal winners and the two company representatives who were to receive the flags. With brief, appropriate remarks, the Governor bestowed the medals, the company flag, and the artillery guidon. His Excellency then addressed the battalion as a whole, expressing his interest in the cadets and gratification at their proficiency. With three cheers for the Gov-

ernor, the cadets broke ranks. The whole affair reflects great credit on the department and its head, Lieut. Griffith. The judges expressed themselves as more than pleased with the skill and soldierly bearing of the cadets.

DELIAN EXHIBITION.

A very fair audience assembled Monday evening, June 10th, to hear the first attempt of the new Delian society to give an exhibition. The appearance of the stage had materially changed since the last program. Green cottonwood boughs covered the sides of the rostrum, palms and other plants flanked both sides of the stage, smilax was twined around the lamp pedestals, and a pyramid of plants formed the background.

The program began with a literary production, an essay entitled, "A Hindrance to Progress," by H. P. Kerr. Dissatisfied with what he possesses, man ever reaches out for something higher and better; yet the history of inventions shows one continual struggle against prejudice and conservatism. With the masses, love for the old is strong as desire for improvement. Only daring geniuses are willing to uphold popular innovations, to endure the finger of ridicule. They have taught the world its errors. They conquered the world, not to enthrone a man, whose dominion ends with death, but an idea, which is immortal. These inventors have moved the world—and in the right direction. We of today are too ready to pass hasty criticism on original thinkers. Let us examine before we condemn. After inventions have proved useful, years are necessary before their adoption. Each man wishes the other to take the initial step. Thus has the world's progress been hindered. The years of delay are just so many years of hesitation before the next step forward. Had men been less conservative, all the inventions of to-day would be obsolete and far better ones would replace them. The hesitation serves a purpose in preventing mistakes, but oftener the error is in the opposite direction. Each man may be conservative or progressive. Selfishness chooses the former, desire to serve others, the latter. Man owes more to himself than to be an imitator; more to the world than to be self-supporting. He should aid humanity to advance. Mr. Kerr read distinctly and impressively.

The program was continued by a vocal solo by Mme. Weber, with Miss Cochran at the piano. Mr. Menzendorf rendered a violin obligato. The selection was "Die Sproede"—*Adolf Weber*, and was sweetly and artistically rendered. To an encore, a plaintive and feeling melody was sung.

Alfred Pizey treated of "The Past and Present" in an oration which was delivered in a straightforward and forcible manner. Some hesitation was the result of imperfect memorizing.

He said in substance: The anniversary of Washington's inauguration furnishes much that is worthy of thoughtful consideration. It marks the division between the old and the new. Our country's growth has been marvelous. Invention has made all men neighbors. Bonds of love and home-ties unite all sections. Peace watches over us, but the lessons of war must not be forgotten. The advent of profound peace is attended with danger. "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time by the blood of patriots and tyrants." There is a great chasm between the thought at the beginning and at the close of the century. With slavery in