

(COMMUNICATED.)

## FLAG PRESENTATION AT RIDDLE'S OLD FIELD.

In company with many others, we wended our way, on ~~the 1st of May~~ Riddle's Old Field, to witness the presentation of a flag, by the ladies, to the "Laurens Briars"—Capt. Todd.

Owing to the lateness of the hour at which we arrived, we did not see the beginning of the evolutions executed by the company. The day was cold, cloudy, and accompanied by frequent showers of rain; but so great the interest manifested

ed State at this time, that a large number of ladies

~~some of the ladies~~ sometime, with a edit to themselves and officers, they were drawn up in line and addressed by Col. Harris, Aid-de-Camp to Gov. Pickens, in a short but forcible manner; after which, they were marched to a stand, prepared for the purpose, and the ceremony of presenting the flag was gone through with.

Dr. M. M. Hunter, in behalf of the ladies of the battalion, addressed the officers and soldiers in a stirring speech. He alluded to the history of the past, when our soil—upon which we now stood—was the home of a Marion, a Sumter, and a host of kindred spirits; of their deeds in arms; their struggles, spilling their blood like water, to purchase for us that freedom which Northern fanatics were now endeavoring to wrest from us. He spoke of the almost gigantic efforts, in the Senate chamber, of that pure patriot and statesman, Calhoun, to secure for us the benefits of that freedom, so dearly bought.

The address was well suited to the time and occasion. In closing, he tendered the flag to Capt. Todd, who replied by paying a high tribute to the women of America. He spoke of them as the truer patriots; though man would go forth and shed his