I make this statement on the recollection of those whose memories are more to be relied on than Hoard's or Parkinson's, and their truthfulness far more so, particularly a lady who was in the fort at the time, who shortly after the war became the wife of Major Kirkpatrick.   To corroborate this fact I will state, that both Parkinson and Hoard admit there were but eleven men left the fort that evening; after some trouble and enquiry I have ascertained the names of all but one of those men.   They were Sweet, D. M. Parkinson, Peter Parkinson, Fitch, McConnell, Van Waggoner, Lawhead, McGraw, Black, Price, Leech, making ten of the party, the name of the other I cannot recollect or ascertain, but he was a young man from Tennessee, who had been pursuing a certain Peter Howard (alias Robt. C. Hoard) to the west, and found him in the commanding officer at Fort Defiance. And any other men, mounted or dismounted, of any other company that marched with the detachment that night, as stated by Hoard, were all *"dressed in buckram!"*

The next morning, when the detachment was paraded preparatory to starting for Spafford's field, it was reinforced by some six or seven men from Fort Hamilton.   Daniel M. Parkinson, who had been a colonel in Illinois, who was my senior in years but junior in rank, claimed the command of the detachment on the plea, that *he had come with and commanded the party on the march from Fort Defiance the night before! ! !*   This attempt to supersede me was promptly resisted, and hence the difficulty between us.

R. H. Kirkpatrick, who was one of the re-inforcement that had joined us at Fort Hamilton, was then in the ranks; the day previous he had left his company (Gentry's) at Gratiot's Grove, and came by the way of Wolf Creek to Fort Hamilton.   He was, at my suggestion, appointed to conduct the expedition to bury the murdered men at the farm, and not till then, *did he command the detachment, or any part of it!*

None, but one possessing the most morbid feeling towards me, could read my account of the battle, so honorable to the com-