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His father, Abram Zollars, is a blacksmith by trade and

worked at the anvil fifty years. Ely Vaughn Zollars was of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, two boys and two girls having died in infancy. Three out of the four living ~~the~~ ^{attended} a college course, the youngest son being content with a public school education. The parents are believers in education, as the money necessary to accomplish this was obtained by hard work and great self-denial. They were in humble circumstances, and E. V. Zollars when a mere boy assisted his father in the blacksmith shop when school hours were over, or the out-door work was done. When the great restoration movement, inaugurated by the Campbells and others, was started, southern Ohio was one of the first sections of the

country to be visited by the pioneer preachers. Churches were for the most part closed against them; and Abram Zollars threw open his house for preaching purposes. He and his wife, his father and mother were among the first to take a stand with the then despised and misunderstood people.

When E. V. Zollars was scarcely more than twelve years of age he was sent to a private school at Marietta, Ohio, the county seat of his native county. After a few terms he entered the preparatory department of Marietta college, where he completed the work required for admission to the Freshman class.

While very young he formed the acquaintance of, and soon married Miss Hulda McAtee, daughter of Dr. Dudley McAtee of Washington Co., Ohio. The marriage proved a very happy one, and was blessed with one child, now Mrs. Page. The first years of his married life were spent on a farm, the

winters being devoted to teaching school. He thus accumulated some money which with the assistance given by his father enabled him to take up and complete a college course. Consequently in the fall of 1871 he entered Bethany college, West Virginia and graduated in 1875, sharing with E. T. Williams, now a missionary to China, first honors in a class of seventeen. He was immediately called to take the adjunct professorship of ancient languages in the same college; but at the end of a year he was made financial agent of the college, as it was in straightened circumstances. It was an unfortunate year for such work because of the panic of 1877; but he succeeded in rais-

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Our representative will call on you with his subscription list sometime during the day. Remember the Skiff mailed to you from now until commencement for only 25 cents.

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The T. C. U. Quintette made a very pleasant little concert trip eastward on the Cotton Belt last week. Although the weather was rather inclement they report a most excellent time. They scared up a snow-storm while they were gone and brought a blizzard back with them.

But more to the point, they secured promises from a number of people where they visited, to be present at our celebration this week. They also found six prospective students for next term. This organization is making more than a local reputation for itself. And we hope that our visitors will meet them all personally, and invite the Quintette to visit them professionally, in the interest of the school, at their home towns.

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"You seldom see little dried-up men in Texas" said a traveling man to me recently as a big, jolly cattleman walked into the train. "They are not small as

if they hadn't room to grow in." The genial climate, the pure atmosphere and most of all the open air life has made the Texan a man of large physical proportions. Nor is he noted for being handsome. His face is bronzed by the sun and roughened by the wind. His stride is often adapted to the peculiarity of his vocation, and his dress is more often in keeping with comfort than with style. He is the product of the large free country which is his home.

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But the physical man is not all that is influenced by environment. It has been the observation of all historians that the characters and customs of a people reflect the elements of their natural surroundings. The Swiss is as rugged in manner as the rocks he lives upon, and as pure and lofty in his thoughts as the peaks that daily direct him toward the sky. The children of Italy in their easy happy natures, reflect their sunny skies and smiling waters; the Englishman in his seriousness reminds us of the vigor of his climate, in his dependence, of the safety of his sequestered isle, and in his humor, of the density of his London fog. The ambition of the Irishman is not higher than his lowly bog; the spirit of the Scot is as rugged and undaunted as the rocks of his native highland. As I stand on our own proud college eminence and allow my gaze to wander for miles and miles over stretches of far reaching prairie, I feel my soul grow broader and my human sympathies expand. As I feel the bright warm sunshine, and note its early and sure return after even the darkest clouds, I am made to live in hope and every problem takes on an optimistic hue. And as I contemplate the miles of open stretching prairie in our great state I think what a wonderful place for the development of large-souled, broad-visioned men. No narrowness here, no clouds for pessimists. No hills to shut us in from the great wide world, no bogs to breed inactivity and sluggishness. The silent influence of the expanding scenes which greets them every day shall be a mighty factor in making the Texan the man of the hour, a man with heart big enough to sympathize with men of every race, and a mind broad enough to grapple with problems of world-wide scope. I thank God for the prairies.

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Townsend Hall.

Last spring when Dr. Zollars consented to become the head of the institution, it was with the understanding that several improvements were to be made. Not only was the Young Ladies' Hall to be enlarged and made more comfortable, but a dining hall was to be provided for, and the music and oratory departments of the school given more-comfortable quarters. This was the first step toward our beautiful Townsend Hall. Little did we then dream that in less than one year we would be holding its dedicatory service.

The erection of this building was made possible by the benevolence of Mrs. Ella Townsend of Midland, Texas, and no less by the almost herculean efforts of our beloved T. E. Shirley, president of the Board of Trustees. Yes, and there is another who is to be remembered for his zeal and sacrifices; Capt. T. M. Scott, who has supervised its building since last summer. To this trio be honor and respect and grati-

tude as long as T. C. U. shall stand for what it does today.

A minute description of Townsend Hall and its conveniences is not necessary. We invited you here that you might see them for yourselves. Go over it from garret to cellar and remember that every brick in it is not only a monument in memory of the estimable S. E. Townsend but a monument to generosity, faithfulness and Christian education.

COLLEGE CULLINGS.

The Southern inter-colleiate Track Meet will be at Atlanta, Georgia, this year. The State University will send twelve men to this meet. Luck to Orange and White.

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The celebration is on.

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Three times three for the visitors who braved the weather in order to be here.

The Skiff's greeting and warmest handshake is extended to all. We thank you for your presence, all T. C. U. delights to honor its friends.

Every car is bringing out more guests and the Girls' Home is fast filling up. By the way, it is considered a special honor to be assigned a room over there in the "Home Beautiful."

Dr. C. L. Loos, our distinguished guest from Kentucky University, arrived Tuesday evening.

Miss Miller in the registrar's office has arranged a very interesting picture of T. C. U. life and development. You are invited to go in and see it.

We regret very much that President Hadley and Theodore Roosevelt have previous engagements and will not be able to attend the festivities.

Judge Wilkinson from Austin arrived Tuesday.

Hon. T. E. Shirley and son Carl came in Tuesday evening.

Miss Willie May Scott, a student of last year, is at the Girls' Home. Miss Scott needs no recommendation to those who were here last year, and to those who were not we need only to say she is a kinswoman of our own Capt. and Mrs. T. M. Scott.

Maj. Easley says he went skating Monday. The Major had better "look a little out," else some one will be calling him a light man. We couldn't find ice enough to bear up our office cat.

Bro. B. B. Sanders arrived in time for chapel service last Wednesday. His talk on Courage was much appreciated by the students.

Miss Madeline Marks has gone to spend Sunday at her home in Groesbeck.

Granville Jones arrived here Tuesday. He came in early to attend the meeting of the Board.

Hon. G. V. McClintic was the last Board member to arrive.

Basket-ball and base-ball on their respective sides seem to be frozen up this week.

Miss Miunie Wiley is here, the guest of Miss Chiles.

The marble slab for Townsend Hall is completed and in place. It reads as follows: "This building is dedicated to the cause of Christian Education by Mrs. Ella Townsend as a tribute of a loving wife and mother to the memory of her husband S. E. Townsend, who died April 8, 1902, and her son Irye, who died Sept. 19, 1895."

Look out for the Skiff man; he will row around while you are here and for twenty-five cents enter your name on his list, for a sail from now until June.

Prof. A. C. Easley has of late received notice that he has been appointed Aide-de-camp with the rank of Lieut-Colonel on Governor Lanham's staff. Prof. Easley held this position under Governor Sayers. We are glad to know that he is thus honored.

Misses Gunn, Smith and Compton of Troy, are visiting Miss Simpson.

The next time you visit Texas Christian University you will see our outdoor gymnasium in operation. We are growing all the time and we don't mean to stop. This venture was made possible by the generosity of four of our special teachers, Mrs. Ingalls, Miss McClintic, Prof. Schimmelpfenning and Mr. Parmenter.

Those boys who took that chicken for a lark would make poor judges at a poultry show.

Thirteen jolly school boys Took in old Waco town; They swiped a neighbor's chickens And cooked them good and brown.

They were without pickles When they ate that chicken meat.

The committee has been kind enough To give each boy a "beat."

Texas Lyceum Bureau.

One of the latest organizations for Waco is the Texas Lyceum Bureau. Jno. W. Marshall and Ed. S. McKinney are the prime movers in this new enterprise. This Bureau expects to work only for Texas. Already some of the best talent of the American platform has been secured for next season. The Bureau will use only such talent as will educate and elevate. Texas affords a great field for this work, and has some talent that will be developed in this new movement.

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Evangelist J. W. Marshall is at home this week visiting his family and attending the celebration.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS.

W. H. Shumate on leaving school left vacant the office of major in the military. Some of the other officers have resigned their position in the companies. For the reasons just mentioned there have of late been several military promotions. Capt. Kinard, promoted to Maj.; First Lieut. Adj. Shirley, promoted to Captain; First Lieut. Ammerman, to Battalion Adj.; Second Lieut. Proctor, to First Lieutenant; Color Sgt. Ashmore, to Second Lieutenant; First Sgt. Foster, to Color Sgt. All non-commissioned officers of Co. A were raised one place.

Pres. Ely Vaughn Zollars.

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ing about \$27,000. At the close of the year he resigned his position and accepted the presidency of Kentucky Classical and Business College at North Middleton, Kentucky. He held this position for seven years, during which time the school was very prosperous. He then resigned, intending to devote himself entirely to the ministry; but was at once called to the presidency of Garrard Female College being organized at Lancaster, Kentucky. He accepted upon the condition that he might give up the work at the end of

the year if he desired. Accordingly, as his inclination toward the ministry became stronger, he accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at Springfield, Ill. Its membership grew from about three hundred to over six hundred during his ministry of three years; and he then resigned to accept the presidency of Hiram College, Ohio, which was tendered him in 1888. He gave himself unreservedly to this work; and under his administration the school was exceedingly prosperous, the patronage being more than doubled, the endowment nearly trebled and the material equipment greatly enlarged,—until the institution occupies a leading place among the colleges of the Disciples. After thirteen years of pre-eminently successful devotion to this institution, in the spring of 1902 he resigned to accept the presidency of Texas Christian University at Waco, Texas, which work he has assumed with the enthusiasm and determination for success characteristic of the man.

Upon his graduation from Bethany college he received the degree of A. B., and a year later that of A. M.; and during his connection with Hiram college the Board conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. He has been engaged in college work for over twenty years, during which period he has taught at different times nearly all branches embraced by an ordinary college course. However, for the last fourteen years he has devoted himself almost exclusively to Biblical lines of work.

He is the author of several books—a Bible Geography, The Holy Book and Sacred Day, The Great Salvation, and Hebrew Prophecies. And in addition several of his lectures have been

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