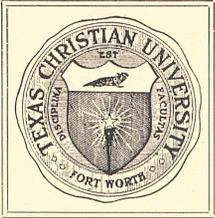


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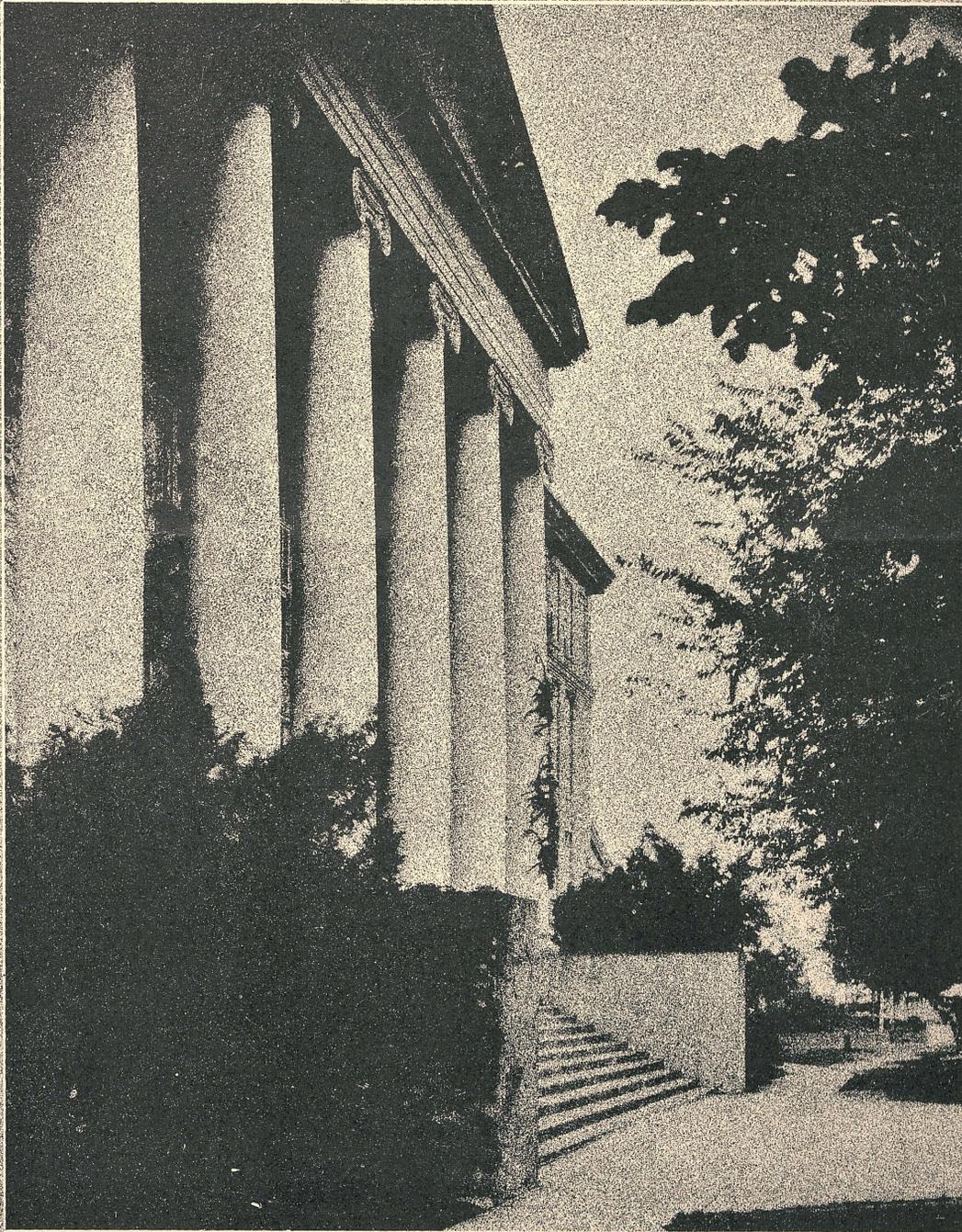
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IT HAS been my pleasure to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of T. C. U. for more than twenty years, and I have been interested in its progress through all of those years, and consider that our opportunity for further growth and expansion is brighter today than ever before, if our great Christian Brotherhood will give that help and support which the school so richly merits and requires.

Recently, I have read a pamphlet entitled "The Imperative Necessity of Continued Church Support," the writer of which discusses two propositions: First, that since T. C. U. has received the Burnett gift, there will be no need of further financial support from other sources; and second, that there is a growing fear among some of our brethren that since T. C. U. has come into possession of such a large fund, its trustees might sever the connection of the school from the church and operate it as an independent school.

Referring to the two propositions very briefly, after my twenty years of service and feeling that I am familiar with the situation, I would make this statement: First, that those who are in a position to know realize fully that the Burnett gift does not by any means provide funds to meet all the financial needs of the school in its growth and development into the great educational institution for Christian education which has been the dream and goal of our brotherhood, and it is vitally necessary that the churches and individuals continue their financial support. I consider this munificent gift as bringing to us the day of a golden opportunity for greater growth, but not a completion or finishing of our financial problems. Second, during my connection with the university, I have never heard a member of the board suggest such a thing, nor have I heard any discussion in the board, suggesting or favoring a severance of the school from the church. Rather, every thought and suggestion has been that the school must secure its support from the church, as the two are so closely bound together by every tie, both of history and of ideals, that neither would ever want to separate itself from the other.

J. E. Donlinson

TO ALL of those who have studied the history of Texas Christian University, it is evident that her foundations were "strongly laid," deep and broad enough to insure that a Christian institution, second to none might be builded in this great southwest country.

Through the passing years there have been many "ups and downs," and oftentimes the load grew heavy; less valiant soldiers of the cross would have fallen by the wayside, but because of the love, loyalty and devotion of those who have gone before us, Texas Christian University stands today a credit to the community, state and nation. With a student body numbering 1,300; a faculty of nearly 100, among whom are some of the most outstanding educators of this generation, and all of whom are not only committed to the program of education, but to



S. J. McFARLAND
(President Board of Trustees)

CHRISTIAN education, and a Board of Trustees numbering twenty-one, unitedly striving to carry on and maintain the aims and high purposes handed down to us by those who had the vision many years ago—the outlook for Texas Christian University in the years ahead is full of promise.

An institution of learning, which is truly Christian, cannot be denied; academically, she stands in the first rank, and with a normal increase in her endowment funds, and continued support of the brotherhood and the citizenship of Fort Worth, her ongoing as one of the great Christian educational institutions for future generations is assured.

S. J. McFarland

This issue of The Interpreter is dedicated to the trustees of the University and to the other friends who are making possible the great work that is being done at T. C. U. It is a pleasure to present to our readers the photographs of the trustees and other friends. The men who compose the board of trustees of T. C. U. are men of large affairs. They are leaders in their respective communities. They bring to the administration of the University's interests a wealth of sound judgment, a rich experience in business management, a clear vision of what is important and essential in the life of a Christian college. The responsibility incurred by a college trustee is by no means a light one. The property investment in a university of the size of T. C. U. demands business sagacity, if that investment is to be protected. The endowment funds must be safely and productively administered. Campaigns for additional funds for maintenance must be launched, and this usually means that the trustees start the "launching."

The material side of a trustee's concern does not exhaust his obligation. The educational program requires the careful attention of every trustee. It is necessary to secure teachers for the faculty and officers of administration. Enlightened wisdom and vision are required for effective service here.

ADDISON CLARK

ADDISON CLARK was a perfect type of early southwestern manhood. His father, Joseph Addison Clark, was a tall, sinewy, and gifted young Scotch-Irishman who had come to Austin, Texas, from Clarksville, Tennessee, in 1839, when Texas was a self-liberated republic. This father was a graduate in law and surveying from Alabama State University. His work of composing confused land titles had taken him to East Texas where, in Nacogdoches, he met, wooed and married Miss Esther (Hettie) D'Spain, a beautiful and talented young woman of Huguenot family.

Addison was born in Titus, now Morris, County, Texas, December 11, 1842. He learned the rudiments of his education, including the Bible, from his mother. He was a while at elementary school in both Rusk and Galveston. Then he had instruction in the classics under two scholarly men in "The Tennessee Colony" near Palestine, Texas. One year he spent in the Palestine Academy.

Then the war drums sounded. At 19 the young man shouldered arms and marched off to the Confederate Army where he served with distinction for four years, or until mustered out in 1865. So dependable and courageous had he proved himself that he was appointed a lieutenant before he had attained his majority.

The war over, the young soldier, together with his brother, Randolph, who had joined him two years before, returned to Texas, and both resumed their education and became inseparable during the great achievement of the founding and the building up of Add-Ran College. Both went through Carlton College under the instruction of Charles Carlton, who had been graduated from Bethany College under Alexander Campbell. Both married in Bonham, Addison choosing Miss Sallie McQuigg, niece of Mrs. Charles Carlton, a bright and capable young woman, and Randolph, Miss Ella Lee of Virginia family, a cousin of Robert E. Lee, and a young lady of unusual strength and charm of character. Both families removed to Fort Worth when it was but a village, and the brothers engaged in teaching, supported by Colonel Peter Smith, K. M. Van Zandt, Dr. Peak, Judge Milwee, and Mr. Robertson.

Then was conceived the idea of founding an institution of higher learning at Fort Worth. But the rapidly approaching Texas and Pacific Railway suddenly converted the quiet village into a Wild West rendezvous, as the center from which the numerous outfits of West Texas cattle herds were supplied for their long drive to market at Kansas City. It was, therefore, thought wise to seek a quieter situation for the college, and Thorp Spring was chosen, the college opening for students in the panic year of 1873.

Addison and Randolph were absolutely necessary to each other in building Add-Ran College to a point at which it was excelled in attendance by not more than one or two colleges in Texas, the elder brother being the soul of the school internally and Randolph being the interpreter of the school and provider of finance.

Addison Clark was a man of intense convictions and

absolute loyalty to his ideals and sense of Christian duty. He never turned his back on a friend in trouble. His bearing was that of a soldier, and he delighted in vigorous activities of the great-out-of-doors, often leading the boys afoot on a twenty-mile camping trip. He enjoyed the morning plunge in the old swimming hole until frost fell. He was the friend of young men and young women. He could find more palliation for almost everything but a lie. Some thought him too reserved, but behind that reserved exterior once penetrated by intimate acquaintance there beat a great, kindly, and sympathetic heart.

Addison Clark set the mark of institutional efficiency high for his day, and the present prosperity of the university is but the natural result of all later presidents' emulation of his great example. His supreme thought and effort were to see Texas Christian University make deserved progress, and how his heart rejoices today, if he is cognizant of the greatness that is coming upon his handiwork.

RANDOLPH CLARK

The founding of Add-Ran College was the work, primarily, of the two brothers, Addison and Randolph Clark, assisted by their father, Joseph Addison Clark. Another brother, Thomas M. Clark, was of invaluable service to the College in its early days, being a brilliant and versatile teacher. The three brothers were of entirely different appearance and gifts. But each made an essential contribution to the establishment and maintenance of that college which has survived many perilous vicissitudes and which has become our Texas Christian University.

Randolph Clark was two years younger than his brother, Addison. The two boys were inseparable after their return from the Civil War. They moved to Fort Worth together. They cast their lots together at Thorp's Spring. While the older brother devoted his supreme effort to the moral, physical, intellectual and religious leadership of the college,

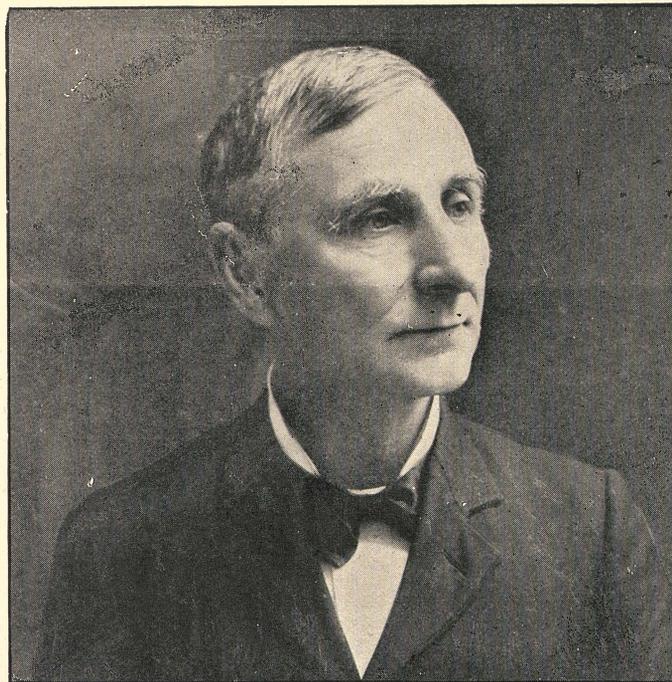
Randolph, supporting the aims and work of the institution, devoted his marked abilities in business management to the ongoing of the institution. He was the financial agent, the field agent, the interpreter of the college to the public. And there could have been no college without his valuable constructive, business management.

The home of Randolph Clark was always open to the students. Mrs. Clark was also of excellent social qualities. A beautiful spirit prevailed among the members of this remarkable family. Kindness and courtesy were prevailing virtues. Cheerfulness was unfailing, sympathy reached out to the entire student body, and many a student gained valuable home ideals from the "Old Virginia" hospitality that reigned down at "Mr. Randolph's."

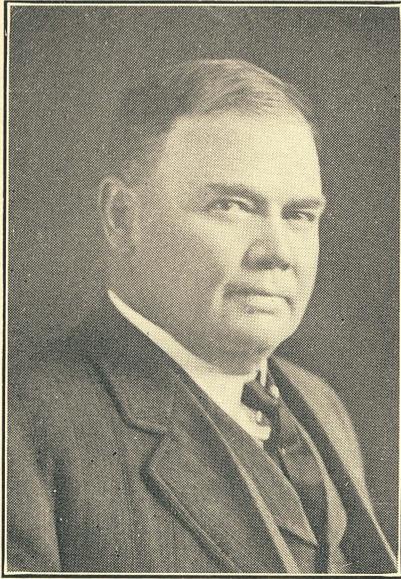
"Brother Randolph" is now chaplain of the Senate at Austin and although more than eighty years old and nearly blind, takes a lively interest in public affairs, and still studies Christian education, the great theme of his life.

In a later article, mention will be made of the second generation of the Clarks.

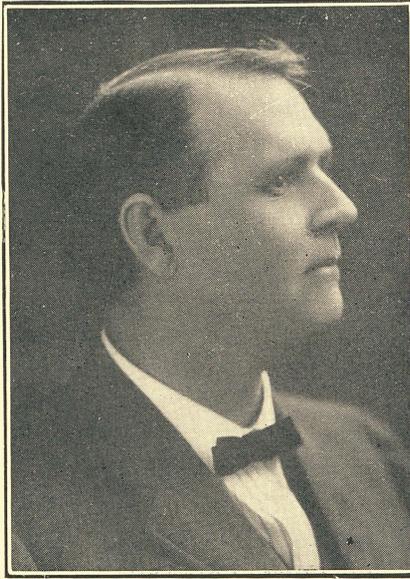
J. G. Jowles



ADDISON CLARK



L. C. BRITE



H. W. STARK



R. L. COUCH

WHOM WE DELIGHT TO HONOR

IN THIS number of The "Interpreter" the editor has asked me to record the deeds of some of those whom we delight to honor. The task is a hopeless one if we are to include in the catalogue all the faithful and loyal friends, who should be held in grateful remembrance for their heroic deeds and their sacrificial giving to the cause of Christian education—those who have borne the financial burden and heat of the day.

It must be confessed that many of the largest contributions to the success of Texas Christian University have been in life rather than in money. True education like Gaul is divided into three parts,—Mark Hopkins, his log and the student at the other end. The three are independent. Sometimes in our enthusiasm we exaggerate the one to the exclusion of the others. President Max Mason said a few days ago at the meeting of the American Association of Colleges that one man like Dr. Michelson was worth the income on a million dollars of produc-

tive endowment. Again in our emphasis on buildings, stadiums, libraries and equipment we forget the Michelsons or the students.

We can never place a money value on the product of our colleges. Who would dare to place a financial estimate on a Luther, a Knox, a Washington or a Jefferson? It is important to remember that the church college is the place where 90 per cent of the world's Christian leaders are produced. Dr. J. Campbell White says, "If by investing in colleges that are frankly and positively Christian, the church can produce competent leaders, it is doubtful whether human ingenuity has ever devised a more successful method of influencing the thought and life of the world."

Education, therefore, is a philanthropic enterprise. It must always give a student more than he receives. A student cannot at best meet more than the cost of teaching salaries. The average college must necessarily spend from \$200 to \$300 a year per capita for its students to make higher education possible. To meet this demand



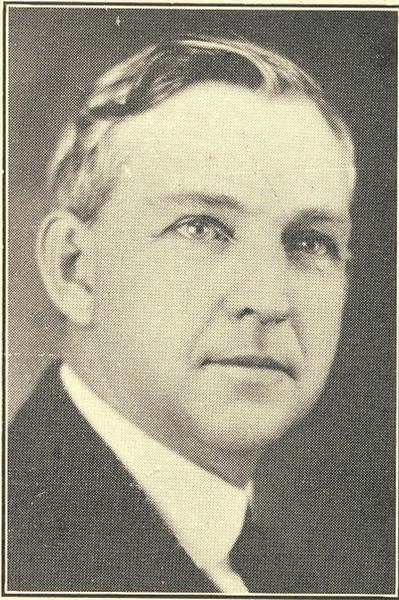
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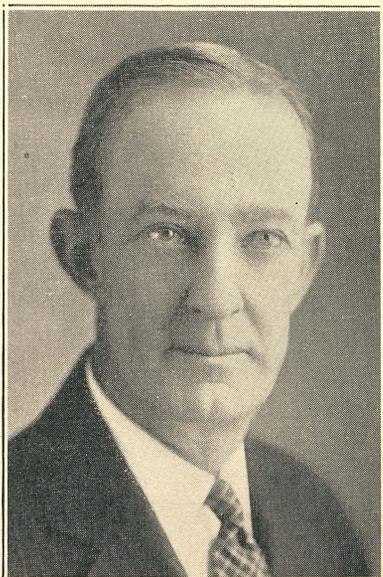


H. H. ROGERS

three sources of income are possible: income from endowment, student fees and gifts from churches and individuals. This would constitute an ideal arrangement if endowments were adequate, if students were not so poor and if well disposed donors were immortal. These contingencies require that we constantly keep open the fountains of liberality that each generation of young people shall have its thirst for knowledge satisfied.

Texas Christian University has been fortunate during the fifty-three years of its life in the loyal and devoted friends who have been willing to minister to its material needs. In Thorp Spring and Waco days, there were men like Major J. J. Jarvis, Colonel J. Z. Miller, Thornton Sherley, Captain Scott, and others who are held in grateful remembrance. In the fifteen years since the university came to Fort Worth, old friends like T. E. Tomlinson and the lamented Charley Gibson followed it with their love and loyalty. Now a new generation of devoted friends has emerged. This new generation does not have larger vision, but it is possessed of larger financial resources,

and well has it built on the faith of the founders. Upon the removal of T. C. U. to Fort Worth in 1910, the citizens of that city met the challenge of that new era with a gift of money and property aggregating \$200,000. Time forbids and space would fail, if an attempt should be made to specify exactly the generous amounts of time, service and money contributed by the Jarvises of Fort Worth, the Reeds (Dave and Malcolm) of Austin, the Sherleys of Anna, by Ross Sterling of Houston, H. H. Rogers of San Antonio, L. C. Brite of Marfa, M. H. Thomas of Dallas, H. W. Stark of Gainesville. The list could be extended indefinitely. The names of R. W. Dunlap of Italy, Mrs. Lee Bivins of Amarillo; S. J. McFarland, C. C. Huff, D. G. McFadin, D. D. Rogers of Dallas; T. E. Tomlinson of Waxahachie, Dr. S. D. Moore of Van Alstyne, Charles Wheeler, K. M. Van Zandt, Van Zandt Jarvis, W. S. Cooke of Fort Worth,—these names, and many others deserve to be remembered for their work's sake in connection with the support of T. C. U. Within recent years two staunch friends and trustees of the insti-



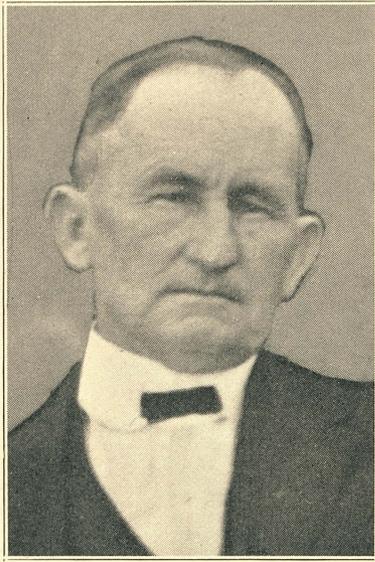
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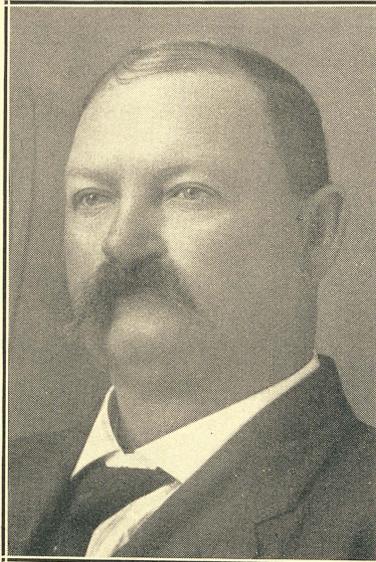
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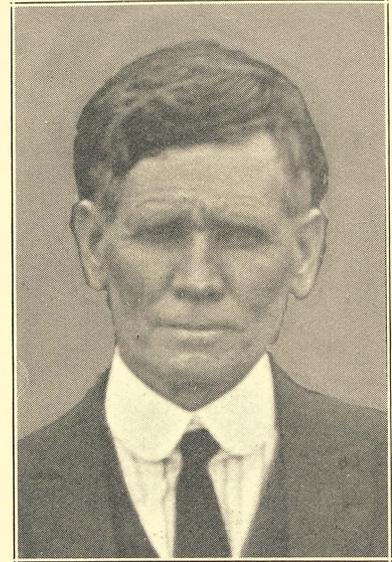
R. S. STERLING



W. W. MARS



S. P. BUSH



ANDREW SHERLEY

tution, C. W. Gibson of Waxahachie and Dr. Bacon Saunders of Fort Worth, have passed to their reward. All of these, living and dead, have wrought valiantly, given generously and their labors of faith and service of love will go down among our annals as a joyous and unforgettable heritage.

In addition to these individuals who have been mentioned above, we also delight to honor the churches of Texas which have responded so generously in campaign after campaign; as a final climax of our grateful memory, we would weave a chaplet of flowers into a wreath of everlasting remembrance for the brow of our deceased and lamented benefactor, Mrs. Mary Coutts Burnett, for her supreme gift to the cause of liberal learning and the betterment of the oncoming generation of youths of our great southwest. It will be a perpetual benefaction.

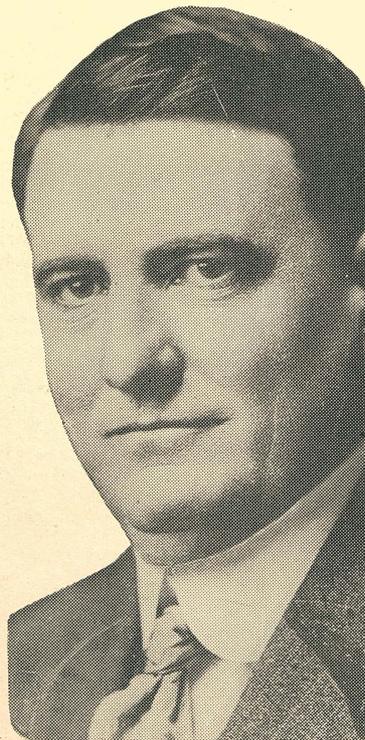
The wonderful record of liberality which all these friends of Christian education have made will not have its full significance, unless other friends are raised up to accept the heartening challenge of these donors, matching

dollar with dollar. It is to be remembered that many contributions heretofore made have been in the form of pledges, as yet unpaid in whole or in part. It must never be forgotten that these donations have been made with the hope that the announcement of such gifts would evoke further necessary gifts of endowment and buildings. It should be said very frankly that our beloved institution is suffering from the publicity given to previous contributions to its support. There has been a decided "letting-down" on the part of many stakeholders. This reaction is not fair to those who have given liberally in the conviction that their gifts would call forth other gifts. There was a time when friends hesitated to contribute to T. C. U. because of the feeling that its future was insecure. Shall we falter now, when the perpetuity of the institution has been guaranteed? Now that provision has been made to meet the salaries of the professors regularly and promptly, shall there be no eagerness to provide the buildings and equipment so imperatively needed?

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W. E. GEE



B. S. WALKER



D. G. McFADIN

A GIDEON'S BAND

GIDEON'S three hundred was the select few after the testing of loyalty and the fitness for battle. Never was a group of God's servants chosen by gruelling test more surely than the trustees of Texas Christian University through the lean years of struggle. At the cost of time and trouble, cash and criticism, these men have served.

If this issue of The Interpreter were historical it would stretch into a book, to do justice to all who have served. It is rather, a presentation of the present body of trustees. Time must be allowed to gather the historical and do justice to that later. But at the very mention of the trustees, some names leap boldly into view by the very prominence of their service, and must be mentioned. Just a few of these are presented in picture in this issue.

T. E. SHIRLEY

There is T. E. Shirley, the courtliest gentleman that ever graced the campus. In all the heroic annals of college building, no record of devotion will ever excel his. It was he who, as chairman, refused to put the motion to abandon the school when the churches failed to support it. Then he, resigning his business position, gave his time for several years, without salary, to the slavish task of tramping Texas to raise \$18,000 that stood between T. C. U. and foreclosure.

After his retiring from the chairmanship of the board, due to failing health, he remained as a member for several years, until his continued compulsory absence made him desirous of retiring. May he be spared many many years that his great devotion may be appreciated and that he may know it.

The life of Brother Shirley is closely interwoven with that of T. C. U. by personal contacts. His children were all educated in T. C. U. His convictions in favor of Christians patronizing their own church schools run deep. He lived near the campus at Waco during those years that he devoted to the financial interests of the institution and for some time after others had come to share that load.

About the time of the fire, he was compelled by the state of his health to live on the plains, but even then he came back faithfully to board meetings even at the cost of physical suffering.

COL. J. Z. MILLER

Then Col. J. Z. Miller, who preceded Brother Shirley. What a giant of a financier was he. Indeed, if the financial brains that guided this institution through the years had been given to a corporation for profit, nothing less than a mammoth of United States Steel size would have resulted. What a contribution these business men have made, and how much more lasting than fortune of material goods.

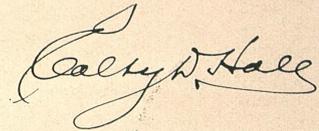
C. W. GIBSON

Then "Uncle Charley" Gibson, quiet and wise, and never doubted by a soul, who, worn by struggle passed home several years ago. He was one of the four persons who contributed a thousand dollars apiece in that decisive campaign of T. E. Shirley's referred to above.

And having invested his funds, he followed it with his heart, and his time, until his last day.

Brother Gibson sent his children to T. C. U. and the Gibson home at Waxahachie was a haven of joy and fellowship for T. C. U. groups on many an occasion. The youngest of the family, Miss Sherley Gibson, will receive her degree next June.

In 1910 and 1911 Brother Gibson, in association with Brother Shirley and Tomlinson, served on the locating committee, and spent many, many days and months in full time devotion to the task of locating the school, and then in supervising the erection of the buildings.



THE TRUSTEES

FOUR of the trustees of T. C. U. have their homes in Dallas. S. J. McFarland, the president of the board of trustees, is the president of the Federal Finance Corporation, and has many bank connections, Dan D. Rogers is vice-president of the Mercantile National Bank of Dallas, R. L. Couch is the manager of the Winona Mills in the southwest, D. G. McFadin is a capitalist, B. S. McKinney of Dallas has recently resigned his trusteeship.

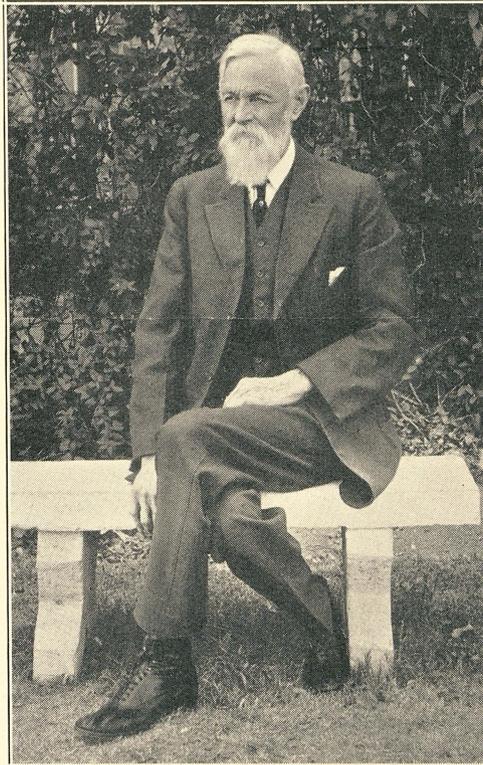
Fort Worth contributes seven trustees to T. C. U. W. S. Cooke is a member of the firm of Cooke-Boyd Motor Co., C. F. Spencer is a lawyer and an oil man, Van Zandt Jarvis is a rancher and a director of the Fort Worth National Bank, as is also Charles Wheeler, who is also president of the Acme Laundry, B. S. Walker is a capitalist and bank president, and mayor of the city of Breckenridge, although retaining a home in Fort Worth, L. D. Anderson is the pastor of the First Christian Church, W. W. Mars is a ranchman.

Houston is represented on the board by R. S. Sterling, owner and publisher of the Houston Post-Dispatch, and chairman of the State Highway Commission. San Antonio is the home of Trustee H. H. Rogers, lawyer, cotton mill owner, and president of Rotary International. Andrew Sherley is a planter and merchant at Anna, Texas. H. W. Stark is a furniture dealer and wholesale druggist at Gainesville.

W. E. Gee is a lawyer living in Amarillo. D. C. Reed is a cotton broker and man of many interests at Austin. T. E. Tomlinson is a member of the Smith-Tomlinson Hardware Company at Hillsboro. S. P. Bush is a farmer at Allen, Texas. L. C. Brite is a ranchman with large holdings at Marfa. Mr. Brite has just been elected president of the American Livestock Association. This honor was conferred upon him at Salt Lake City, and he will preside at the next convention of the association at El Paso.

In addition to these trustees, pictures will be found in this issue of R. M. Rowland, formerly a trustee, now attorney for the board; M. H. Thomas, of the well-known firm of M. H. Thomas & Co., investment bankers, cotton merchants and brokers; and of M. H. Reed of Austin, a cotton exporter of Austin, brother of D. C. Reed.

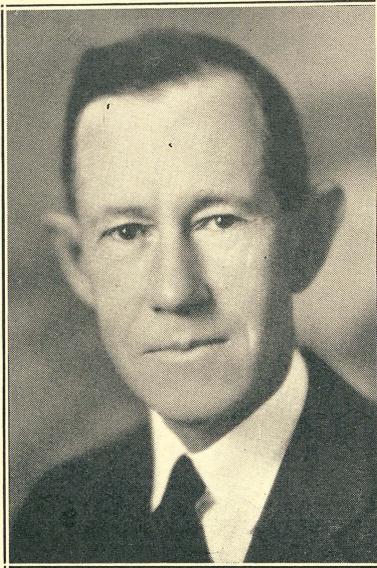
The annual meeting of the board of trustees of T. C. U. will be held at the University on Thursday, February 10, beginning at 10 a. m.



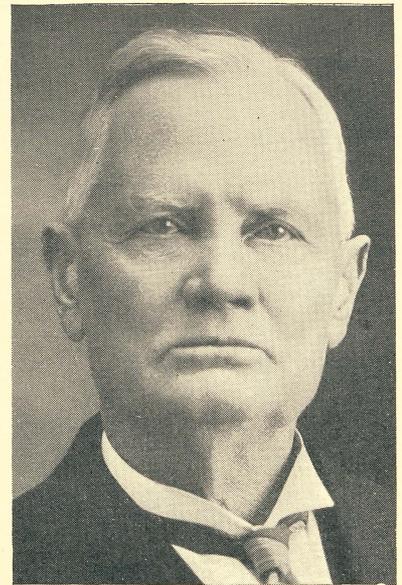
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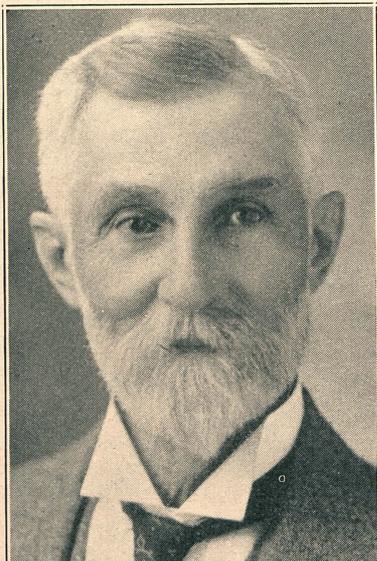
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Washington University in St. Louis has today a noble group of buildings, adequate to its 2,500 students, and is possibly the only university in America of first importance, the entire plant of which is in one architectural style. The explanation is Robert S. Brookings. When he retired from business some years ago, he and his partner, Samuel Cupples, looked around for some enterprise worthy of liberal support. They observed that "most giving does harm rather than good. It pauperizes or degrades or spoils the recipient, and so is a wasting of accumulated wealth and also an evil to society. Finally, they agreed that education is the one gift that is constructive, because it requires the recipient to give as well as to receive, and because the gift enlarges the recipient's productive powers and his usefulness to society. They resolved to give liberally to the cause of education. And Mr. Brookings resolved to give not only money, but also himself. He retired from business, and devoted his intense energies and his mature judgment to a great educational cause." So runs the interesting story of Washington University's great benefactor; it

may be found in the December World's Work. The Texas Christian University of the future will be the creation of Christian philanthropists, who like Robert S. Brookings believe that "the gift without the giver is bare," and that no giving is so productive as that which makes education possible for those who seek it above all else.

The total assets of our colleges at our centennial convention at Pittsburgh were reported to be about six million dollars. Today the total permanent assets of our colleges amount to thirty million dollars—a gain of twenty-four million, most of which has been made in the last decade. Last year the total income for current budgets in all our colleges was \$987,841.66. It is also interesting to note that 60,000 contributors to these institutions have been added during the last five years. Such universal support suggests that the church has at last arrived at the conviction that it must have an adequate educational program which will give to the "Restoration Movement" intellectual vigor and a prophetic voice. Real leadership in Christian education must rest finally upon soundly financial and ably directed colleges.

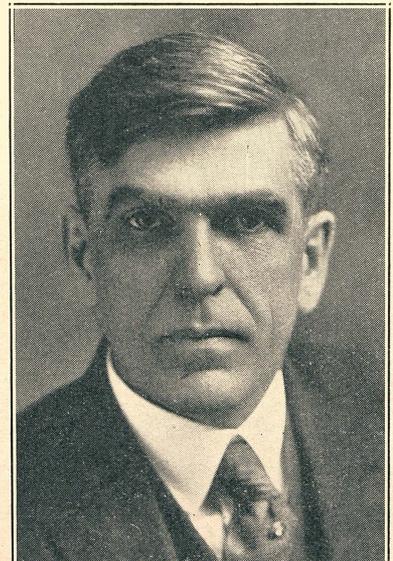
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