

Publications Committee

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

CIRCULAR NO. 6.]

AUSTIN, TEXAS, June 27, 1888.

RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

At the regular annual meeting of the Board of Regents, June 20, 1888, several accessions were made to the Faculty. As it is desirable that the patrons of the University and the citizens of the entire State should be fully informed in regard to the gentlemen selected for these important positions, it was ordered by the Board of Regents that a Circular be published setting forth some of the grounds upon which the selections were made. It is believed that it is necessary only that these facts be made public in order to prove that the high standard of excellence established in the beginning has been maintained in these last selections for positions in the Faculty of the University of Texas.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GREEK.

J. R. SITTLINGTON STERRETT, Alumnus Univ. of Va., Ph. D., Munich; born Rockbridge county, Va.; studied at Liepzig and Berlin; late Secretary and Vice-President Am. School of Archæology, Athens, Greece; Professor of Greek at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

[N. Y. Independent, July 29, 1886.]

Our American scholar, Dr. Sterrett, of the School in Athens, and of numerous explorations and inscriptions, is receiving the honors of Berlin. Mommsen and Kiepert have given him receptions and dinners, and the specialists of Berlin,—archæologists, geographists, and epigraphists,—were invited to meet him. Kiepert has laid his maps before the Imperial Academy of Sciences, and Mommsen his inscriptions, and a session was taken up with discussions of them. The Academy of Sciences wished to publish his maps and then give the plates to the American School of Athens; but Dr. Sterrett felt obliged to decline the honor. He is one of those modest, painstaking scholars, of whom we may be proud. He is a Virginian.

[N. Y. Nation, June 17, 1886.]

The general opinion of the students this winter, as well as of the local archæologists, so far as I have had any conversation on the subject, indicate Dr. Sterrett as the person to fill the position which the existence of the

American School of Archæology at Athens supposes. As an explorer and epigraphist he is not only our best, but he has attained a reputation among the first of his generation, and his knowledge of archæology is far beyond the stage at which our young students must begin their work at Athens. I do not know any other American scholar half so well qualified by study and enthusiasm in his science to fill the place which must be filled if the school is not to remain the mockery it now is. I understand that Dr. Sterrett has been offered a professorship of Greek in some western college; and as his means do not allow him to remain in the pursuit of classical discovery, in which he has shown such indefatigable enthusiasm and attained such splendid success, we may have the misfortune of losing him from the field where our national vanity, if not our national recognition of merit, should maintain him. It is most probable that in America Dr. Sterrett is less known than to Hellenists in Germany and England; but certainly he must have become sufficiently well known to our scholars to call out more authoritative recommendation than mine, though none may be better able than I to state the needs of the school, or judge how utterly it fails, under its present organization, to respond to any part of the plan of its founders and supporters.

Yours truly,

W. J. STILLMAN.

Athens, May 27.

[N. Y. Nation, May 10, 1888.]

The Wolfe Expedition to Asia Minor.—By J. R. Sitlington Sterrett, Ph. D. (Papers of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. Vol. III.) 8vo, pp. vii, 448. With two maps. Boston: Damrell & Upham. 1888.

* * * * * This great work, with the very important chorographical work connected with it, which has reconstructed the map of some of the least known regions of Asia Minor, presents us with a mass of original research which, so far as classical topography and epigraphy are concerned, exceeds all that has been given to the learned world by all other American scholars combined. We are not surprised at the enthusiasm with which, in these columns, Mr. Stillman presented the name of this young scholar as the true representative of American scholarship in the American School at Athens and in the East.

The present volume, most creditably produced under the auspices of the Archæological Institute of America, represents explorations made in 1885 in ancient Cilicia, Lycaonia, Isauria, and Pisidia. The chorographic work is represented chiefly by the two new maps by Kiepert. One need only compare these maps with the best previously issued, namely, Kiepert's great map of the Asiatic Provinces of the Ottoman Empire, to see that in many districts the map has been wholly created by Dr. Sterrett, from his original observations and measurements.

[Translation.]

Dr. J. R. S. Sterrett has pursued studies in philology and archæology during the years 1878–80, at this University, and I have been intimately acquainted with him not only during that time, but have been in constant scientific correspondence with him while he was in Greece. I have known him during all this time as an exceedingly diligent man, pursuing scientific research with rare endurance, and acquired, especially in Greek, most excellent scholarship. He came to our University already provided with thorough grammatical knowledge; during his three years' stay he attended with great zeal the lectures of my late colleague, Prof. Brusian, and myself upon the several

branches of philology, and took part at the same time in a distinguished manner in the linguistic and critic-exegetical exercises of the seminary. At the close of his university studies he attained Doctorate by his thesis, "*Qua in re Hymni Homerici*," etc., in which he investigated the relation of the Homeric Hymns to the vocabulary of the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. This, the first born of his pen, printed in Boston, 1881, was even surpassed in scholarly value and scientific importance by his later epigraphic works, and especially his thorough and searching publication of the inscription of Assos, etc., 1885. In Greek epigraphy Dr. Sterrett takes thus a very honorable place, and if his finds and researches are all published, he will be one of the men who has most added to our knowledge of inscriptions. However, he has pursued such wide studies in Greek, and has carried them so far, that he must be reckoned an excellent scholar of the Greek language and literature in general, and can be most highly recommended as professor of the Greek language.

(Signed)

DR. WILHELM CHRIST,
Professor at the Univ.

Munich, June 22, 1886.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
BUCHAREST, ROUMANIA, October 24, 1887.

Hon. T. D. Wooten, etc., Austin, Texas:

DEAR SIR—Having just heard that the chair of Greek is now vacant in the University of Texas, I beg leave to suggest to your favorable consideration my friend, Dr. J. R. Sitlington Sterrett, now of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. A native of Virginia, and a distinguished graduate of the University of Virginia, Dr. Sterrett, although still a young man, has already justified fully the brilliant promise of his youth, not merely in his own country, but in learned Germany, and in classic Greece itself. I first met him at Athens, two years ago, and soon learned to admire his profound and accurate scholarship, as well as his admirable personal character. Singularly modest and unwordly, as becomes a true scholar, I fear he may not have become sufficiently known in the rather obscure post he now occupies, and it is of my own impulse that I write these lines, in the hope that your great and rising University may secure the services of a most able, faithful, and amiable man who will surely do it honor.

An Alabamian myself, and I may add, a graduate of Yale, I held the chair of Spanish and Italian in the Tulane University, of Louisiana, at the time I received my present appointment abroad, and I have always felt a deep and cordial interest in the welfare and progress of that great Commonwealth which has been so largely peopled from my native and adopted State.

Believe me, etc.,

(Signed)

WALKER FEARN,
U. S. Minister to Greece, Roumania, and Servia.

NATION OFFICE, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1887.

MY DEAR SIR—As I learn that the chair of Ancient Languages in the University of Texas is vacant, and as I feel a special interest in the study of classical literature in our country, I hope you will not consider that I am taking too much liberty in recommending to your notice Dr. Sterrett, now in the Miami University, O., whose acquirements in the subtleties of the classical languages is, I believe, in some respects at least without a parallel in this country. As correspondent of the *London Times*, in Greece, I have had occasion to know what is the opinion of scholars there—German, French, and

Greek—and they regard him as the best Greek scholar, in most respects, we have. I know that he is also very highly esteemed at Oxford, and in Germany. His knowledge of the Greek dialects, and the early forms of the language, is probably greater than that of any other American Hellenist, though he is still a young man, and his researches and collection of ancient inscriptions in Asia Minor have placed him in the front rank of explorers in that province.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed)

W. J. STILLMAN.

To Dr. T. D. Wooten, etc., Austin, Texas.

OXFORD, OHIO, May 26, 1888.

Rev. Dr. R. L. Dabney:

DEAR SIR—I have intended for some time to write you with reference to Dr. Sterrett. I need say nothing about his scholarship. His work on the inscriptions discovered by him in Asia Minor is recognized as the most important contribution to the subject of epigraphy that has been made by any American scholar. But I have had opportunities of knowing Dr. Sterrett, and his work as a teacher, such as no other man has had—of these I can write. My admiration of his manliness, his truthfulness, his zeal for his science, his conscientiousness and success as a teacher has grown through these two years of intimate acquaintance. The Faculty would find him a pleasant colleague, one not afraid of work, and unwearied, self-denying in his devotion to his department and to the improvement of his classes.

He has had to work here under great disadvantages. In spite of this and the general prejudice against Greek in this part of the west, Sterrett has made his department the most prominent and attractive one in the university. He teaches all classes—from the preparatory class that begins with the alphabet, to the senior that reads Pindar and Aristophanes. The father of one of the boys spoke to me some time ago of the enthusiasm with which Sterrett had inspired his son for Greek. And this spirit is more noticeable in the upper classes. His method is an admirable one for securing accuracy and rapid progress. I could not have believed that young boys could be made to advance with such speed as I see them do here. As he speaks Greek fluently, his scholars feel that it is a living language. Besides his work in the grammar, in translation, and in exercises, he has introduced Greek history and art into his course, and thus gives them a broader culture than is given in even in the Greek course in the first colleges of the country.

It is his ambition to be a thorough teacher. I regard him as one of the greatest in the country. I believe that a young man could learn more under Sterrett in three years than under Gildersleeve. That is the highest praise I can give. He is one of the most patient of teachers, firm, but never losing his temper. I do not believe that a harsh, petulant expression has ever fallen from his lips in class room, although he is severely truthful in pointing out all mistakes.

It will be a great loss to me to have him leave us. He is a member of the New Providence Church; his uncles, aunts, and cousins are members of that old congregation; he is a pupil of Dr. McGuffey's; we have a host of common friends and acquaintances; so he is as one of the household. But I want to see him in a position where he can have a wider field and better opportunities to carry on his work.

I speak with confidence about him, for I think I have had opportunities of knowing what our colleges are doing in Greek and of knowing of the methods

and success of many of our leading Greek professors, and have had opportunities of watching narrowly Dr. Sterrett's work.

Yours, etc.,

A. D. HEPBURN.

(Dr. Hepburn is a professor at Miami University, and was formerly president of Davidson College, N. C.)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY.

ROBERT T. HILL, B. S.; twenty-nine years of age; born in Nashville, Tenn.; moved to Comanche, Texas, in 1874, of which place he is still a citizen; studied geology, biology, chemistry, physics, paleontology at the Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., from which he was graduated B. Sc. in 1887; was called to a position upon the U. S. geological survey. Published and read following papers:

"The Geology of Travis County." Austin (Texas) Statesman, Dec., 1885.

"The Geology and Topography of the Cross Timbers and Adjacent Region of Texas." Read before the Philosophical Society of Washington, D. C. Published in Am. Jour. Sci. for April, 1887.

"A Review of Dr. G. G. Shumard's Observations, as recently published by the State of Texas." Am. Jour. Sci., Jan., 1887.

"The Present Condition of Geologic Knowledge of Texas." Bulletin 45, U. S. Geological Survey.

"The stratigraphic position of some hitherto unplaced Faunas." Read before the Biological Society of Washington.

"The Artesian Wells of Fort Worth and Vicinity." Fort Worth Democrat, July 25, 1887.

"A Bibliography of Writings relating to the Geology and Geography of Texas."

"Notes Upon the Texas Section of the American Cutaneous." Am. Jour. Sci.

Testimonials.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY,

Aug. 26, 1887.

Understanding that Mr. Robert T. Hill, B. Sc., is a candidate for the position of Professor of Geology in the University of Texas, I take hearty pleasure in stating my belief that a better appointment could hardly be made. I have known and have watched with interest the career of Mr. Hill since he first made his appearance at this University, in the summer of 1882, with little capital but his love of science and his trunk full of Texas fossils. From that day on, spite of many discouragements and some misfortunes, the fire of his enthusiasm never burned low and kindled many more sluggish souls to a zeal only second to his own. Though doing excellent work in other fields of natural history, his chief interest was from the first in geology, and especially in the geology of his own State, to which he devoted the thesis submitted by him at graduation. This paper, since published by the Geological Survey of the United States, is, I am told, regarded by high authorities as, on the whole, the most important contribution yet made to the study of its subject. During his vacations and since leaving here the time of Mr. Hill has been given, as a geologist, to the service of the United States—an experience that could not but be of the highest value to him in the career of

a teacher. I believe that he possesses in an eminent degree the qualities of a well trained, a progressive, and an inspiring teacher, and notwithstanding his youth and inexperience, I do not hesitate to commend him fully for the position he seeks.

(Signed)

ANDREW D. WHITE,
Formerly Prest. of Cornell Univ.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2, 1887.

To the President and Board of Regents, University of Texas:

GENTLEMEN—Mr. Robert T. Hill of this survey has requested me to say a word to you in relation to his connection with and work upon this institution.

Mr. Hill received an appointment upon the geological survey, June 27, 1885, and since that time has been constantly engaged, partly in geologic and partly in paleontologic work, in Colorado, Texas, New York, Massachusetts, and some other parts of the country. His work has been eminently satisfactory, and I, as well as most of the collaborators of the survey, regard him as one of the brightest and ablest young men in our corps. He has now a treatise in press, for publication by this institution, and has published scientific papers of importance in scientific journals during the past year or two, by authority of this office. Mr. Hill's knowledge of geology and paleontology is extended, and he is especially well informed concerning these sciences and other matters in the Gulf States generally, and in Texas particularly. He was recently recommended to the editors of the Encyclopedia Britannica by this office as perhaps the most competent man in this country to prepare the article on Texas for the ninth edition of that work.

It may be added that if original geologic or paleontologic work is undertaken in the University of Texas at any time, and it is intrusted to so competent a man as Mr. Hill, this institution may be able to afford facilities in the work or in the publication.

I am, gentlemen, etc.,

(Signed)

J. W. POWELL, Director.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27, 1887.

DEAR DR. HILL—I consider your work on the geology of Texas to be the best that has yet been done. It is more extensive and comprehensive than that of any previous investigator. You have also the distinction of having discovered for the first a large series of rocks previously unknown to exist in the geology of the United States. I refer to the formations which are the equivalents of the lower cretaceous of the old world, and to which you have given the name of the Comanche series. The State of Texas has especial cause to be proud of your services to science, for as a native of the State, or at least a long resident of it, you are more closely identified with it than any other geologist.

With best wishes, etc.,

(Signed)

ED. D. COPE,
U. S. National Academy Science.

[Extract from a letter to the President of the Texas University, or to whom it may concern, from H. S. Williams, Professor of Geology and Paleontology, Cornell University.]

I take pleasure in introducing the bearer, Mr. R. T. Hill, one of the most energetic students I ever had in my laboratory. He came to the University in 1882, from Comanche, Texas, with a rather poor preparation, but with

enough determination to make up for the lack. In all that I saw of him, which was not a little, he made the best use of his time and the facilities of the University, preparing himself specially for geological work in his own or other States. His final thesis was a very well written and exhaustive summary of the history and results of the work already done in geology for Texas. This is of such fine merit that it is to be printed by the United States geological survey.

[Extract of a letter from J. A. Holmes, Prof. of Geology, Univ. of N. C., to the President and Board of Trustees of the Univ. of Texas.]

Mr. Hill is doubtless already more familiar with the geology of Texas than any other American geologist; he is devoted to the interests of the State and ambitious to investigate and advertise its geology and natural resources.

[Extract of a letter from Eugene A. Smith, State Geologist of Alabama, to the President and Board of Regents of the University of Texas.]

I have been informed that Mr. Robert T. Hill, of the U. S. Geological Survey, will be an applicant for the Professorship of Geology in the University of Texas. I am personally acquainted with Mr. Hill, and am familiar with his published and unpublished geological work, and I think that no more competent man could be selected by the Board of Regents to fill the place mentioned.

[Extract of a letter from G. K. Gilbert, Chief of the Appalachian Division, U. S. Geological Survey, to the President and Board of Regents, University of Texas.]

He has made the most important recent contributions to Texan geology.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS.

THOMAS U. TAYLOR, C. E., University of Virginia; born in Parker county, Texas, 1858; graduated at Sam Houston Normal 1880; from Univ. of Va. with degree of C. E. 1883; for last five years Professor of Math. in Miller School, Albemarle county, Va.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, May 10, 1888.

MY DEAR SIR—I write to recommend very cordially Mr. T. U. Taylor, a graduate in pure and applied mathematics and civil engineering in the University of Virginia (now professor in the Miller Manual Labor School of Virginia of pure and applied mathematics) for the position of assistant in mathematics in the University of Texas. In 1883 I selected Mr. Taylor from among a number of my pupils as the best man for his present important position as instructor in pure and applied mathematics in the M. M. L. S. He has done admirable work in this position and justifies entirely the confidence which I had in his character, energy, and attainments. Mr. Taylor is a Texan and will be an applicant for the position of assistant in the University of Texas. He would make an excellent appointment.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed)

CHAS. S. VENABLE.

To Major T. M. Harwood.

[Extract of a letter from C. E. Vawter, Superintendent Miller Manual Labor School, to the Board of Regents, University of Texas.]

In all his work we have ever found him an earnest, energetic, faithful, and most successful teacher. He succeeds well in getting his pupils interested in their studies, which is the best test of a teacher. He is constantly growing

and advancing in his work. Withal he is a man of fine physique and health and a most capital disciplinarian. I most heartily endorse him. He will be found a most valuable man by any institution who may be so fortunate as to secure his services.

[Extract of a letter from Dr. M. W. Humphreys, Professor at the University of Virginia, to Dr. Leslie Waggener, Chairman of the Faculty, University of Texas.]

From all I have been able to learn, I think the appointment of Mr. Taylor would be a good one, whether for instructor or associate professor. I have looked into the matter with the same interest with which I should have done had I been sent here, as a member of your Faculty, for the purpose.

[Extract of a letter from Prof. S. Tompkins, Director of the Department of Practical Mechanics in the Miller Manual Labor School, to the Board of Regents, University of Texas.]

Mr. Taylor's reputation at the University is that of being one of the best and most thorough engineers ever turned out by that institution, which reputation has been grandly supported by his work here.

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, June 3, 1888.

Dr. T. D. Wooten, President Board of Regents, University of Texas:

Mr. T. U. Taylor graduated from the Sam Houston Normal with the first year's class, 1879-80. The records of our Institution show that he ranked among the first in his class; that in the department of mathematics he was especially fine; and that the Faculty placed a high estimate upon his teaching ability. Mr. Taylor has since graduated at the University of Virginia, and has had a number of years' experience in the training of boys and young men in one of the best Virginia schools. From all that I can learn of his record, I regard him as well qualified to fill with credit the vacancy in the University Faculty occasioned by Prof. Lane's resignation.

Very respectfully,

J. BALDWIN,
Principal Sam Houston Normal Institute.

[Extract of a letter from Prof. H. F. Estill, Sam Houston Normal Institute, to Dr. T. D. Wooten, President Board of Regents, University of Texas.]

Mr. Taylor is not only a proficient scholar, but he is a wide-awake, enthusiastic, and successful teacher. By birth and early education thoroughly identified with Texas, now in the vigor and maturity of young manhood, I believe he would prove in every respect a valuable factor in the continued success and popularity of the University.

PARIS, TEXAS, May 30, 1888.

Dr. Thos. D. Wooten, Prest. Board of Regents, University of Texas, Austin:

DEAR SIR—I am advised that Mr. T. U. Taylor, of the Miller Manual Labor School, Crozet, Va., is an applicant for the appointment of Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the University.

In 1885 I had occasion to investigate the qualifications of Mr. Taylor. His high qualifications as a mathematician were vouched for by Prof. Venable, of the University of Virginia. His personal standing was vouched for by Hon. R. M. Lusk, and others of Fannin county, of which county he was a resident. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and so far as I know or believe, is justly entitled to the high encomiums he has received.

I have ventured to say thus much, that the Honorable Board of Regents may seriously consider the application of this native Texan. In common with every friend of the University, I want the very best teachers.

Very truly, etc.,

(Signed)

S. B. MAXEY.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY.

GEO. P. GARRISON, L. A., Edinburgh; born in Carrollton, Ga.; resident of Rusk county, Texas. Four years Instructor in English and History, University of Texas.

To the Board of Regents, University of Texas:

We cordially unite in recommending Prof. Geo. P. Garrison for the position of Assistant Professor of History, should you see fit to establish that chair.

(Signed) Respectfully,

LESLIE WAGGENER, Prof. of E. and H.;
GEORGE BRUCE HALSTED, Prof. of Math.;
ALEX. MACFARLANE, Prof. of Phys.;
EDGAR EVERHART, Prof. of Chem.;
H. TALLICHET, Prof. of Mod. Langs.
R. L. DABNEY, Prof. of Philosophy;
A. V. LANE, Assoc. Prof. Maths.;
O. M. ROBERTS, Prof. of Law;
ROBERT S. GOULD, Prof. of Law.

Austin, June 18, 1888.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LATIN.

W. W. FONTAINE, M. A., Univ. of Va.; Prest. Carey Crane College, Independence, Texas; born in Virginia.

Mr. Wm. Winston Fontaine, a distinguished graduate in my department, when a student here, and favorably known as a scholar since, is in every way—in natural ability, in acquired knowledge, in power to impart instruction, and in character—eminently qualified for a chair in a great University.

(Signed)

M. SCHELE DEVERE,
Prof. Univ. of Va.

Sept., 1887.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE,
WAKE FOREST, N. C., May 29, 1888

Dr. T. D. Wooten, Chairman Board of Regents, University of Texas:

DEAR SIR—It gives me pleasure to testify to the high reputation which Col. W. W. Fontaine, now of Independence, enjoyed in Louisville, Ky., as a scholar and an impartor of knowledge. He was universally admired, by students as well as their parents, both for his genial social manner, and his very *unusual* learning. I have often heard him spoken of as a “walking encyclopædia.” His early advantages in Latin and Greek were of the very first order, and his subsequent attention to them render him a finished classical scholar, and I should be glad to see him placed in the chair of Ancient

Languages in the University of Texas, your already famous institution, alongside of the other honored members of the Faculty.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed)

G. W. MANLY,
Prof. of Latin.

[From Prof. Noah K. Davis, M. A., Ph. D., LL. D.]

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA.,
May 5, 1888.

Dr. T. D. Wooten, President Board of Regents, University of Texas:

MY DEAR SIR—I beg leave to add my commendation to the many that favor the appointment of Col. W. W. Fontaine, M. A., to the chair of Ancient Languages in your University. Col. Fontaine is beyond all question a gentleman of high general culture, of scholarly attainments, and wide experience as an educator. It does not become me to speak particularly of his classical acquirements; of these he will present abundant evidence. But in all else that pertains to professional duty, I feel at liberty to say that he will prove a most valuable acquisition to your corps of instructors. I congratulate you on the opportunity of securing his services.

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

NOAH K. DAVIS.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 5, 1888.

Dr. T. D. Wooten, President of the Board of Trustees, University of Texas:

DEAR SIR—I understand that my friend Col. W. W. Fontaine will be a candidate for the chair of Ancient Languages in the University of Texas. He is a gentleman of high character and unquestioned scholarship, and I understand has devoted special attention to classic study. The students will find him affable and pleasant, and the professors will have in him a pleasant literary companion, while the University will secure in him an accomplished teacher.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed)

JAMES P. BOYCE,
Chairman of Faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

[Extract of a letter from C. H. Toy, M. A., University of Virginia, Ph. D., LL. D., Professor of Oriental Languages Harvard University, to Dr. T. D. Wooten, President Board of Regents, University of Texas.]

I commend him very heartily to the University of Texas as a valuable aid in the performance of the important function which belongs to the University as the centre of culture of a great State.

[Extract of a letter from John A. Broadus, D. D., LL. D., Professor of Ancient Languages, Louisville, Ky., to Dr. T. D. Wooten, President Board of Regents, University of Texas.]

Col. Fontaine is a very fine specimen of the southern gentleman, and his relations to students and faculty would be highly agreeable. He is an enthusiast for ancient languages and history, and I should think him apt to communicate his enthusiasm to others.

BELTON, TEXAS, May 16, 1888.

Dr. T. D. Wooten, President Board of Regents, University of Texas:

MY DEAR SIR—Most heartily do I favor the appointment of Col. W. W. Fontaine to the chair of Ancient Languages in the University of Texas.

As a christian gentleman, an accomplished scholar, and a successful teacher, I am confident he would do honor to our University.

Very respectfully,

JOHN HILL LUTHER,
President Baylor Female College.

In addition to the above, the following gentlemen recommend Prof. W. W. Fontaine for the chair of Ancient Languages in the University of Texas:

Chas. E. Taylor, B. Lit. (Univ. of Va.), Prest. and Prof. Wake Forest College.

Hon. Wm. Wirt Henry, M. A. (Univ. of Va.), B. L., LL. D., Richmond, Va.

R. M. Dudley, D. D., LL. D., Prest. and Prof. Georgetown College, Ky.

Edw. S. Joynes, M. A., Ph. D., LL. D., Prof. S. C. College, Columbia, S. C.

G. W. Riggan, A. M., LL. D., late Prof. Ancient Languages, S. B. Theol. Sem., Louisville, Ky.

W. S. Ryland, A. M., Ph. D., Chairman of Faculty, Bethel College, Ky.

J. C. Hiden, M. A., D. D., LL. D., New Bedford, Mass.

C. C. Bitting, D. D., LL. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

John L. Johnson, A. B., LL. D., Prof. Univ. of Mississippi.

Hon. H. H. Hickman, President Board of Trustees, Summerville Academy, Ga.

Col. Wm. R. Aylett, Graduate in Ancient Languages, V. B. L. (Univ. of Va.), LL. D.

H. C. Ghent, M. D., Trustee Port Sullivan College, Texas.

Hon. J. L. M. Curry, D. D., LL. D., former Prest. Richmond College, U. S. Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain.

Wm. Royall, A. M., LL. D., Prof. Wake Forrest College, N. C.

F. M. Law, D. D., Prest. Board of Trustees, Baylor College, Texas.

A. J. Huntington, A. M., LL. D., Prof. Greek, Columbian Univ., Washington, D. C.

P. S. Henson, D. D., LL. D., Chicago.

J. L. Burrows, D. D., Norfolk, Va., Prest. Board of Trustees, Richmond College, Va.

Lansing Burrows, A. M., D. D., Augusta, Ga.

Hon. James C. C. Black, B. L., Augusta, Ga.

Alfred Baker, Trustee Summerville Academy, Augusta, Ga.

D. S. Wright, Trustee Summerville Academy, Augusta, Ga.

G. W. Pickett, D. D., Prest. Board Trustees, Carey Crane College, Texas.

THE FACULTY.

The Faculty of the University consists of Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Instructors. The Instructors attend the Faculty meetings and participate in the consultations, but do not vote. Professors are appointed without express limitation of time; Associate Professors are appointed for five years, Assistant Professors for three years, and Instructors for one year. At the end of the term of an Associate Professor, or of an Assistant Professor, or of an Instructor, his connection with the University ceases, unless he be promoted or reappointed. Instructors are responsible to the Professors in their respective branches of study. All members of the Faculty are subject to removal by the Board of Regents for inadequate performance of duty, or for misconduct.

The Faculty for 1888-9 is as follows:

FACULTY 1888—9,

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