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WILLIAM HOWARD MAGRUDER, M.A.,

Professor of English and

The Nestor of the Faculty

OF

The Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College

as a frail memorial of our enduring affection; as a slight testimonial of the unwavering fealty he has ever commanded from the student bodies for a quarter of a century; as an evidence of our reverence for his self-immolation and devotion to the highest ideals, and in stamping them upon the young men of Mississippi, and in leaving upon their personalities, in some degree, the replica of his own nature—too exalted for one remote or sordid touch of earth, as a token of our regard for his unselfish heart, his rich and varied gifts; his unfailing courtesy; his manifold and lavish expenditures of his life's rarest and choicest tributes in our behalf, this volume of "The Reveille"

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Professor William Howard Magruder, M.A.

PROFESSOR W. H. MAGRUDER, the honored subject of this review, was born April 2, 1837, in Madison County, Mississippi, near Canton. His patriotic ancestors, of Scotch-English blood, on the paternal side were from Prince George's County, Maryland; on the maternal, from Fairfax County, Virginia. His father immigrated into the Territory of Mississippi during Jefferson's second administration and settled near old Washington, then the capital of the Territory and afterward the first capital of the State.

Professor Magruder was educated at home until his fifteenth year, when he was sent to a preparatory school at Woodville, Mississippi, of which his older brother was the Principal, where he was fitted for the Sophomore Class, Centenary College, Louisiana. After completing the Sophomore course, he returned to Central Mississippi, and at the age of seventeen and a half years he began his career as a teacher in charge of a township free-school in Yazoo County, Mississippi.

Having been appointed principal of the Preparatory Department of Madison College, Sharon, Miss., he received in 1857 his degree of Bachelor of Arts from that institution. He taught continuously until the beginning of the Civil War, when he enlisted as a private in Walthall's Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment just after the Battle of Fishing Creek, having previously been a member of the Madison Rifles from Canton, though never having been in active service. He served faithfully through the war, surrendering with Joe Johnson at High Point, North Carolina, and at that time he commanded Company B, Twenty-Fourth Mississippi Regiment. He was wounded four times; once at Murfreesboro, Tenn., once at Resaca, Georgia, and twice at Atlanta. After the surrender, he returned to his home and resumed his work as a teacher of boys at Richland, Holmes County. Removing in 1869 to Goodman, five miles away, whither the village of Richland had already transferred the most of its business and a majority of its inhabitants, he taught there until 1872, when he was elected Principal of Canton Male Academy. In 1875 he was elected principal of Canton Female Institute, in which position he remained until his election as Professor of English in the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. During his incumbency of the Principalship of Canton Female Institute, he received from Centenary College, Louisiana, the degree of Master of Arts.

For twenty-five years Professor Magruder has been the distinguished head of the Department of English at the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, and his diligent work has been crowned with marked success. In his teaching, he always presented the fundamental principles of the subject in a clear, distinct, and forcible manner, and then dwelt upon them and their application sufficiently long to produce a vivid and lasting impression. At the end of the session, one could always see how each particular part had been planned to fit nicely into its assigned place. Possessing those inborn traits of mind which have been developed by wise culture and ripened by experience, he has influenced and impressed more men with his teaching than possibly any other educator in the South. His students always remember him with admiration and pay loyal hom-

age to him as a Great Teacher.

Since 1889, he has been the senior member of the Faculty, and, in addition to his regular duties in the Department of English, he served as acting President whenever the Executive was not on duty. He officiated in this capacity for three months at one time in 1890, during the session of the Mississippi Constitutional Convention, while General Lee was away attending it as a member, being a delegate from Oktibbeha County. And in later years the Board of Trustees appointed him as Vice-President of the College.

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SPEECH OF. DR. W. H. MAGRUDER

in Presenting the Bust of General Lee at Commencement, 1909

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Corporate Authorities of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical

of his "alma mater." ancestor, and the student's reverent regard for the executive the descendant's pride in the achievements of a great to the College as a testimony of the son's love for a father, present this speaking likeness of our dead President, given absence of Mr. Lee on this noteworthy occasion, I am here to say, of this comradeship, and on account of the enforced ciated for sixteen years with our first President. Because, I College and as his next-door neighbor, I was intimately asso-Gen. Lee, and because, as a member of the faculty of this because I served during the last year of the civil war under bronze bust of his distinguished father. I was selected present to the corporate authorities of this institution a I have been asked by Mr. Blewett Lee, of Chicago, to

malice against the foe that was successful. always magnanimous to the defeated, and held no vengeful tice; for he fought in the open with hard blows, but was his bitterest foe, that foe could never charge him with injusshowed most clearly the nobility of his great heart. Fair to. noble gentleman. But it was to his enemy that General Lee the tender husband, the loving father, the loyal friend,-the educator, the consummate statesman, the illustrious citizen depths of our love for the renowned soldier, the eminent revealing the heights of our admiration nor the measureless the name of Stephen D. Lee, for language is not capable of No eulogium that I could pronounce would add luster to

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decision had arrived. ing on the alert for every new detail until the moment for never allowing the decisive moment to pass, yet always keepalways the self-possessed, clear-headed man of the occasion, the simple affairs of his own private life. General Lee was Convention of 1890 the expediency of a measure, or directing debating with George or with Walthall in the Constitutional defeating Sherman's ten thousand picked troups; whether with field artillery on the flank of the Federal advance, or at Jackson from overwhelming numbers by a gallant charge Second Manassas, saving Lee's left wing under Stonewall Chickasaw Bayou with a force of twenty-five hundred men President was found to be a great man. In war and in peace, in every crisis of his life, our first Whether, as at

which her youth may fashion their lives. fortunate in having the example of this beloved leader, after inspiration to the citizenship of our State, and Mississippi is Such a character can never die; it will always be an

- O, iron nerve, to true occasion true!
- O, fallen at length that tower of strength

Which stood four square to all the winds that blew!

and M. College wonderful success of this child of his heart-Mississippi's A leaning from the battlements of heaven to smile down on the loving kindness which always marked the administration of admonished to enforce discipline with that firmness and that formance of duty; place it where every executive will be in its observant attitude a stimulus to promptness in the perit where each member of an ever-changing faculty may find expressive of high ideals wrought into greater deeds; place student's eye may daily behold that noble countenance, so Stephen Dill Lee. keeping this life-like representation of Lieutenant-General him whom, with the eye of imagination, T behold to-day And now, gentlemen of the faculty, I give into your Place it where for future generations the

Prof. W. H. Magruder As A'Citi As A Soldier And As A Geac By J. C. Holton

Mississippi has during her history been blessed with many distinguished sons and daughters, but in all these years she has never had a more useful citizen than the late Prof. W. H. Magruder of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. No one has rendered the commonwealth more efficient service and his name ought to rank with the very foremost of our distinguished dead for service and goodness which he has rendered.

Prof. W. H. Magruder was born April 3, 1837, in Madison county, Mississippi near Canton. His ancestors on the paternal side were from Prince Georgia county, Maryland; on the maternal, Fairfax county, Virginia. His father moved to Mississippi during Jefferson's second administration and settled near old Washington, then the capital of the Territory, later of the State. Here Prof. Magruder spent his early days as many other boys over the State, frolicking, romping, having a good time, and getting out of life what there is in it. He remained in this section of the State, teaching in the public schools later in the high schools, until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he shouldered the musket and answered his country's call. After serving gallantly four long years in the war he returned to his native State and took up his former work-instructing the boys and girls of Mississippi. He continued his work in Madison and Holmes counties until 1884 when he was elected head of the English department of the A. and M. College, Here he spent the remainder of his life in quietness, giving instruction, and training the thousands of young men who have gone out over this State, and most every State in the Union, as well as some foreign countries.

Dr. Magruder has lived a life of nsefulness, never entering politics, or taking any great stand for any set principle of reform, but few men have of more service to their State or rendered a more valuable service. As a proof of his service and efficiency the faculty of the A. and M. College saw fit to elect him vice-president of the college, which capacity he filled with credit to himself and the institution as well as the whole State of Mississippi until his death, July 27, 1913.

At the outbreak of the Civil War when the souls of young men were tried, Dr. Magruder responded to the call, shouldered his musket and enlisted as a private in Walthall's 29th Mississippi regiment, jjust after the battle of Fishing Creek, having prevlously been a member of the Madison Rifles from Canton, though never having been in active srevice. He served faithfully through the long and hard struggle, never at one time flinching in spite of the many hardships, when soldiers went without food or clothing, and when the hope of the South was tossing to and fro from one pivot to another, when fate seemed to be against our army, but the young soldier never lost courage, he endured the hardships life a Spartan soldier of old. He remained in service until the close and made a record that will stand as a monument to his memory for days to come, which many of our young men wil take as an example for his braver; and forebearance. He surrendered with Joe Johnson at High Point, N C., and at that time he commanded Company B, twenty-fourth Mississippi regiment. He was wounded four times, once at Murfreesboro, Tenn., once at Resuca, Ga., and twice at Atlanta. After the surrender he returned to his home and resumed his

work as a teacher in Holmes county. Prof. Magruder was educated at home until his fifteenth year, when he was sent to a preparatory school at Woodville, Miss., where he was fitted for the sophomore class at Centerary College, Louisiana. After completing the sophomore course he returned to Central Mississippi. At

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the age of 17 1-2 years he began his career as a teacher in charge of a township school known as Mineral Springs Academy in Yazoo county, in Sept. 1854. He was engaged in teaching in Yazoo, and Holmes counties until the breaking out of the Civil War, having been appointed principal of the preparatory department of Madison College, where he received in 1857 his degree of bachelor of arts from that institution. After the surrender he returned to his home and resumed his work as a teacher at Richland, Holmes county removing in 1869 to Goodman, five miles away, where he taught until 1872, when he was elected principal of the Canton Male Academy. In 1875 he was elected principal of the Canton Female Institution, which position he held until 1884 when he was elected to the head of the English department of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, where he did a monumental work that will last through time and eternity. Since being at the A. and M. College the honorary degree of doctor of law was conferred upon him by the University of Mississippi.

Since 1889 Dr. Magruder had been the senior member of the faculty and in addition to his regular duties in the department of English, he served as acting president whenever the executive was not on duty. He served in this capacity for three months in 1898, during the session of the Mississippi Constitutional Convention, while General Lee was away representing Oktibbeha county. And in later years the board of trustees appointed him as pice-president of the college.

For the past thirty years Prof. Magruder has been the distinguished head of the department of English, and his diligent work has been crowned with marked success. In his teaching he always presented the fundamental principles of the subject in a clear, distinct and forcible manner and dwelt upon it sufficiently to produce a lasting impression. Possessing these inborn traits mind which have been developed by wise culture and ripened by experience he has influenced and impressed more men with his teaching than possibly any other educator in the South. He shall continue to live through the thousands into , whose lives he has put his. What a rich and full live not only over the river to be his, but what a life he is leaving here, for these men are everywhere, they belt the globe, in South Africa, in Siam, in Canada, and in every State in the South, and most in the North, not only everywhere but in all lines of work that enter into the life of Mississippi. We find them in every profession and in every line of industry we find them by the thousands, and by their efficiency are transforming the very life of our people. Prof. Magruder will live not only in the work of these men but in their heart of hearts. Some have said in their judgment when the final record is made up it will be found he is the greatest teacher our State has thus far produced. He was the hardest working and most conscientious teacher I have ever known, and his students always remember him with admiration and pay loyal homage to him as a great teacher. I will only say that the State had no truer son, no braver soldier, no more daring officer, and his war record is an honor to the State and the cause for which he fought as well as a cherished memory to his family and friends. But with undaunted courage he determination to secure an education in order that he might be of real service in the great task of reinstituting and rebuilding the prostrated and blundering South. This he did by devoting his life to a worthy causeinstructing the youths of Mississippi.



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Dr. W. H. Magruder, vice-president of the A. & M. College and been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. for 28 years filling the Chair of English in that institution, died at his home on the Campus Sunday shortly after the noon hour.

The end came suddenly and unexpectedly. He had complained of not feeling well and had retired to his room during the morning and when a servant went in to serve his dinner he was dead.

Dr. Magruder was one of the oldest and most widely known edunators in the state, and during his long connection with the College he has exerted a great and good influence while imparting knowledge and shaping the characters of the hundreds of young men who have gone out from that institution to take up the rattle of life, many of whom are now men of affairs in all parts of the Union.

Dr. Magruder not only ranked high as an educator, but he was a brave and gallant Confederate soldier in the Civil war, a life-long member of the Episcopal Church and stood high throughout the diocese as a churchman.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, Dr. Alex Magruder, of Colo rado City, Colo., Rev. Jas. Magruder, of Covington, Ky., Mr. Carson Magruder, of Hattiesburg. Mise., and two daughters, Mrs. Bettie Chilton, of Gunnison, Miss, and Mrs. Kute Chilton of this place.

The remains were carried to Richland, near Goodman, in Holmes county. Besides the immediate by Chancellor Robous for admismembers of the family, several members of the College Faculty saying that he passed muster. and other chizens went to Rich Aberdeen Weekly. land to attend, the burial, among whom were Hon. W. W. Magruder, Dr, H L. Noel, College Physicing, Prof. F. J. Weddell, Dr. B. M. Walker and Rev. J. Lundy Sykes, priest in charge of the Episcopal Church here.

Dr. Magruder was born April 2, 1837, and uad reached his 76th

A. Monster Squash Vine.

Mr H. A. Belk, of this city has a squesh vine in his garden that caught a monster cat fish at Harmhas excited the worder of all who ou's take last week. It was caught have seen it. This vine is what is on a trot lines and weighed nearly known as the petato squash varies ou pounds. ty. It has grown to such an extent that it has covered pround

Kinard-McCreight Wedding Cards.

The following invitations have Calhoun Kinard of Marion, Miss., request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter. Wilma, to Mt. Clyde McCreight, on the evening of Wednesday, the sixth of August, at half after eight. Marion, Miss.

Miss Kinard is a lovely young woman, and is a member of one of the most prominent families in this section of the country. The groom resides in Chattanooga, but is a native of Starkville, Miss. He has resided in this city, leaving here just recently to make his home in Teunessee. - Meridian Disparch.

Mr. McCreight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCreight of this city and is a young man most excellent character and sterling worth. For several years he has held a responsible position with the Southern Express Company at Meridian and has recently been promoted by that company and sent to Chattanoogn, Tena., where he will have charge of the company's claim department for that district. The Times joins Mr. Me-Creight's many friends in Starkville in wishing him happiness and continued success.

Mr. Wm. E. Ward, son of William Ward, editor of the East Mississippi Times, was in the city on Monday. Mr. Ward has just completed the law course at Washington Lee University, and armed with his diploma, was examined sion to the bar. It goes without

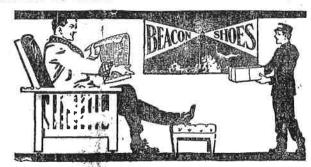
LOST-In Trim Cane swamp this side of the bridge near Mr. Y. A. Pearson's house, a ladies gold watch, the ring in stem missing, open tace with gold dial and raised metal figures. Suitable reward will be paid to finder upon return of watch to J. D. Nance, Starkville, Miss.

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HANKING all for the liberal patronage given us, we beg to announce that ne going to give special prices on our celebrated BEACON OXFORDS; all this in all styles, button or lace, black or fan, in a variety of leathers.

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Are they feverish, restless, nervous, irritable, dizzy or constipated? Do they continually pick their awful burning, ite nose or grind their tooth! Have skin-disease knows they cramping pains, irregular and another name for ! ravenous appetite! These are all good to realize, als cinity alone have stopped the use of signs of worms. Worms not only son's Eczema Oint dugerous caloniel when their liver cause your child suffering, but on a perfect cure.

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A Debt Of Gratitude Is Paid By Former Student

By E. B. FERRIS, '95

When one feels deeply obligated to another even though the debtor has long since passed away, the urge finally comes to pay the debt, at least in part, by expressions of appreciation. This is the attitude of many an old student of the A. & M. College toward one of its old professors, William H. Magruder, affectionately known as "Old Billy."

His was, from the very nature of conditions, the hardest task on the entire faculty, for it was his duty to take boys who may never heard the English language spoken correctly and in the course of a few years so train them by an endless grind of compositions, essays, reviews and text books at least to express their thoughts in better language and to appreciate what was in store for them in English literature. Such was a much harder task than simply to teach them the facts of history, the names of botanical or geological speciments, to work a problem in mathematics or even to exp'ain a chemical reaction.

Profsesor Magruder did this to a far greater degree than would seem possible, but not without endless work and patience on his part, coupled with a driving power that made the students under him feel he had no mercy in his soul. We knew him for many years, and if he ever had any other thought or diversion than the ones of getting more work out of the boys he taught. it was not apparent on the face. For a long time his only physical exercise was an early morning ride on a favorite horse whose gait every boy knew and many have been the times when we have heard the students say: "There goes old "Billy," even though neither horse nor rider could be seen While few of us appreciated his efforts at the time, possibly all came later to look upon him as the one professor who had contributed most to working what might better be called metamorphoses in us, even though many of us have accomplished much less in life than his efforts deserved.

At that time the College was a much smaller institution than it has grown to be in the nearly fifty years that have intervened. The student body in 1892 possib'y numbered fewer than three hundred and approximately one-third of these had to take preparatory training for one or more years before entering the Freshman class Professor Magruder alone did all the teaching of English in the college classes and Braded all papers, even a student assistant to aid in such routine having been added later. As an example of the work required. the writer during five years of study under him doing graduate and post graduate work, Was required to submit no less than twentyfive papers, possibly averaging ten pages of regu'ation size, double spaced and closely written. He graded every one of these and his criticism in red ink frequently numbered almost as many words as the paper itself contained written in black ink. Thus he taught or graded penmanship, spelling, grammar, rhetoric, and style, all in one fell swoop. When such work with a single student is multiplied by the thousands who studied under him during his twenty-edd years at the College, a better idea may be had of the almost super-human work required.

Besides this, he was never too busy to take time off, in his home or his office, to discuss subject matter and methods of presentation with any student interested enough to ask his assistance, even making them feel that they, rather than he, had granted the favor. Naturally one might expect to find a man so engrossed in such details somewhat narrow in his views, but quite to the contrary he locked on and taught life in its broadest aspects. He had been four years a soldier in the Confederale Army, but having been born a teacher, he perhaps followed the lead of his superior officers, Generals Robert E. Lee and Stephen D. Lee, with less effort and possibly more success. All three had laid down their swords after Appeniation to engage in constructive rather than destructive work, in teaching young men how to live in a country whose most precious ideals had so recently been destroyed. While a Chesterfield in his manner, we have occasionally seen the fire of the soldier return to him when an unthinking boy was guilty of ungentlemanly conduct

His views of life were so broad that as one time he had been accused of being unorthodox in his religious beliefs. Yet he was the one man of the then faculty who invited the studentsto his section room on Sundays for religious services and to read with them the ritual of the Episcopal church. This was due to the fact that at the time such students had no local church organization. In discussing religious matters, he often said that while he once had doubts, time had changed his attitude, often quoting the familiar saying: "He who never doubted, never half believed."

He seemed to have almost an uncanny ability to separate the wheat from the chaff in his selection of the choicest literature for outside reading as well as for c'ass reom discussion. In fact, he should be classed with McGuffey, through whose school readers so many had been taught a better appreciation for the best in English literature. Not only did he read such literature to us but insisted on his students' memorizing his selected verses from the best known poets. He taught that the Bible contained the best of all literature, even disregarding its inspired origin. To his students who, with

age begin to reflect on the past, nothing is more consoling than to recall the beautiful poems he caused us as boys to memorize. Thus, without having seen the poem since he discussed it with us more than forty-five years before, the closing lines of Thantopsis come vividly to mind: "So live that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable cavalry which moves to the mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, that thou go not as a quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon; but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

That he taught us an apperciation for good litreature, may not have added much to our ability to make a living, a thing we dony but like religion it has been the means of sucthing many an aching heart, which, without such memories, might make life harder to endure, besides the joys that comes every day with living, as it were, with the best minds of the centuries, So we are sure of voicing the sentiments of many an old student in an appreciation for what Professor Magruder did for us.

GRIFFIN H. McKAY, '30, HAS OUTSTANDING REECORD

Griffith H. McKay, class of '30, is another State C'ollege alumnus who is making good in his chosen profession and is making an outstanding record with his company, the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation, with headquarters at Shreveport. La

Two recent engineering articles appearing in The Petroleum Engineer, published monthing at Dallas, Texas, testify to "Mac's" knowledge about engineering in general and specific subjects in particular. In the November issue he wrote about "Method of Designing Charts for Determining Compressor Capacities," and in the February issue his subject was "Graphic Method Facilitates Gas Pip Line Flow Calculations."

McKay received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State College in 1930. Immediately after graduation he was employed by the Arkansas Natural Gas Corporation and put in its Junior Engineering Training Course and was trained in office and field operations for two years—in gas production, gas transportation, gas compression, gas distribution, oil production, oil transportation and in natural gasoline operations.

At the end of this period, seven years ago. "Mac" was placed on the general engineering staff of Arkansas Natural, and his record there does him honor and reflects credit to his Alma Mater.