

Friday night, April 15th, the contest took place; each college in the association was represented; and the orations were excellent, especially those of Mr. Porter, of Georgetown, and Mr. Smith, of Fort Worth. The prize, a beautiful gold medal, was awarded to Mr. W. T. Smith, of Fort Worth university. The judges on delivery were three very distinguished men, viz: Hon. J. W. Blake, of Mexia; Hon. T. S. Smith, of Hillsboro; Hon. Rufus Hardy, of Corsicana. All seemed to think it was the best contest ever held. Let the boys and faculty of the A. & M. do all in their power to make the next contest a success.

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A Presentation.

The departure of Mrs. Ross for her home in Waco was the occasion of a thoughtful testimonial of appreciation by the residents of the college.

A large oil painting of General Ross, done by a distinguished artist, was presented to Mrs. Ross as expressive of the appreciation and esteem in which she is held by the residents of the campus and their great regret that she is no longer to make her home here. This was also a touchingly beautiful expression of deep and tender sympathy.

The handsome framing of the painting was contributed by the students of the college, who gladly embrace every opportunity to do honor to the memory of their beloved president.

The ladies of the college are to be credited with the thoughtful consideration that prompted this expression of love.

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Mrs. Ross' Acknowledgement.

My Dear Friends:—The life-like features of the splendid painting of my dear husband will always recall the pleasant social relations and kindness of the college people toward me. I wish that language might tell you how much I appreciate the portrait, and your kindness in presenting it. I can only thank