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Norman and the Board of Directors occupied immediate places on either side, with the Alumni and other guests occupying the remaining places. The elegant and courtly manners and address of Professor Philpott as toastmasterwon the admiration and applause of all present and perfected the success of the felicitous occasion.

"Our Guests" was responded to in a most happy manner by the venerable President of the Board of Directors, Major A. J. Rose, who put the visitors at ease in a few cordial words of welcome and good cheer and closed with an eulogy of the college.

P. L. Downs, of Temple, made the welkin ring in response to "The Alumni," and urged his fellow collegians to be unceasing in their efforts to uphold and upbuild their much loved alma mater.

"Our Young Men" was delightfully presented by Governor Culberson, who, being a young man himself, found no difficulty in entering into the spirit of the subject and the occasion. He said:

"Although there are others here who can talk far more ably than myself, I will say a word in response to the toast of the young men. Long ago it was said, 'we need old men for council and young men for war.' I don't know how true that statement may be, but surely to a great extent it has been obliterated by experience and history.

"If you will pardon the reference here, the Savior of mankind, who performed the mightiest revelation under Christendom, was a young man. You may look back throughout all ages and wherever you have seen great thought, wherever you have seen superb action, it has all been through the instrumentality of young men. You may take Napoleon, the master of Europe, a mere boy. You may take our own country. Jefferson, who was scarcely above 30, wrote the declaration of independence, and Madison the constitution of the United States, which Mr. Gladstone has declared the mightiest instrument ever penned by man, yet he was barely above 27. So you see wherever we look, whether in philosophy, war or poetry, you see great things performed by young men.

"Take our last war for instance. Stonewall Jackson became immortal and Jeb Stuart also. It was he who said that 'duty is the sublimest word in the English language." You may look back in history and no matter what field of activity you may take, the young men have done great