

Alumni Address.

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Today the commonwealth of Texas mourns for the loss of Gen. L. S. Ross as a soldier, a statesman and a citizen. Every school boy has read in song and story of his exploits as a soldier, even when yet a beardless boy. Every citizen has realized his sterling worth, integrity and ability as a citizen. Texas can do no grander thing than to pay due homage to the hero, whose life was spent in her upbuilding and advancement.

General Ross has with truth been called the friend of the young man. He adequately proved this when he, of his own accord took charge of this institution, and spent the last years of an eventful life in the endeavor to train Texas youths to fill exalted positions, in the state he loved so well.

Yesterday we pointed with pride as the grandest man in the state of Texas. Today he is gone, but we can point with equal pride to the record he has left us untarnished by a single wrong.

Young gentlemen we have lost one of the best friends we will ever have, but he has left us his example to emulate and his precepts to follow, we can do no more fitting thing as a token of our regard than to follow the teachings of the man.

I bear a tribute to the life of General Ross not as a soldier or as a statesman, that is left for his companions in war and state, but to his perseverance, kindness and encouragement to us while students of this institution. To the alumni of this college he needs no monument of marble, for his image will ever remain fresh within our memories. His was the hand of encouragement extended to us when the dark shadows of failure threatened to envelope us, and despair would fain have taken the place of hope. In him we knew the master firm in requirements, yet ever ready to give praise to duty well performed, and encouragement to those worthy