

**WILLIAM D. GIBBS.**

Was born and reared on a Western Illinois farm, attended high school at Winchester, Ill., graduating in 1888. Entered four years' agricultural course at University of Illinois in 1889; graduated with the degree of B. S. in 1893. In the fall of 1893 he was given a scholarship in agriculture at the university and did special work in teaching soils, crops, stock breeding and stock feeding, receiving his Master of Science degree in 1894. During the time he was a student, he was foreman of the stock farm connected with the University. In 1895 he took special work in the study of soils with Prof. F. H. King in the University of Wisconsin at Madison. From there he was called to the Ohio State University as foreman of the farm and assistant in

agriculture. After serving two months in this capacity he was called to the Division of Soils, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., where he held the position of soil expert during the summer of 1895. From this position he went to the Ohio State University again, this time as assistant professor of agriculture, and later to professor of agronomy. On the 1st of January, 1902, he accepted the position of director, agriculturist and professor of agriculture in the New Hampshire Agricultural and Mechanical College. In August of this year he accepted the position of dean of agriculture and director of experiment stations at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

**E. J. KYLE**

The Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at its meeting during commencement in the early part of June, selected Mr. Edwin Jackson Kyle, of Kyle, Tex., to an instructorship in the Department of Horticulture. Mr. Kyle is a native Texan. He is a son of the Hon. Ferg. Kyle, of Kyle, Texas, who has served in three sessions of the State Legislature and who will be a member of the next House. Mr. Kyle received his preparatory training in an excellent private school near his home. He entered the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in the fall of 1896, receiving advanced standing with admission to the Sophomore class. Mr. Kyle's record at the college was one of much distinction. He held

the highest military rank of the Sophomore class, responded to the valedictory address, was valedictorian for the class in which he was graduated, held the senior captaincy of the first class, presidency of his class, the presidency of his society, the presidency of the Y. M. C. A., the position of assistant librarian, and acted as commandant during the illness of the regular commandant. He was graduated with the second distinction in his class, receiving the degree of B. S. in horticulture in the spring of 1899. From the Agricultural and Mechanical College Mr. Kyle went to Cornell University for the purpose of pursuing graduate work in his chosen field. From this institution he received the degree of B. S. A. in the spring of 1901, and the degree of Master