

IN MEMORIAM
ALEXANDER PENN WOOLDRIDGE

The General Faculty of The University of Texas, remembering that Alexander Penn Wooldridge was one of those citizens described by Governor Roberts as "acting according to the opportunity afforded him" in helping to establish the University, desires to spread upon its minutes its appreciation of this fact. His public services during his long life of eighty-three years were not confined to the University alone. Austin, particularly the schools of Austin, were his chief beneficiaries. To list his services to the University is therefore to make only a very incomplete list of what he did for education alone.

In 1881, when he was thirty-four years of age and in the prime of his powers, he was a leader in the efforts made to locate the University at Austin during the campaign that was necessitated by the constitutional proviso requiring the University "to be located by a vote of the people." In particular he was responsible for certain details connected with the ballots and campaign circulars that proved to be of great importance in the final result.

He was Secretary of the Board of Regents from August 1882 to September 1894, during which period, owing to capacity and training and interest, he influenced University policies to a considerable extent.

He was devoted to all forms of public education from kindergarten to University. He was devoted also to civic and state and national welfare. He was by general agreement the first of Austin's Most Worthy Citizens. We, the General Faculty of The University of Texas, wish to record these facts and to acknowledge the help he gave the University while both he and it were young, acknowledging also his continuing interest and sympathy as the years went by.