

L. L. FOSTER.

At the time President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, died at the St. George Hotel, Dallas, Texas, at 4:30 a. m., December 2, 1901, having suffered a relapse from an attack of pneumonia. His son, Joseph L. Foster, was with him at the time. The remains were escorted to the depot by members of the Masonic fraternity and sent to Bryan in charge of his son. The funeral took place at College Station December 3rd. Among the State officials present were Gov. Joseph D. Sayers, Comptroller R. M. Love, Land Commissioner Chas. Rogan and Commissioner of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History Jefferson Johnson.

Col. Foster was born near Cumming, Forsyth county, Georgia, November 27, 1851, and when eighteen years of age came to Horn Hill, Texas, and worked as a farm hand and at other manual labor to earn a maintenance and to enable him to enter Waco University, where he stood high in all his classes and acquired a fair English education.

In November, 1873, he removed to Groesbeck, and November 19, 1876, began the publication of the *Limestone New Era*, as editor and proprietor.

In 1880, 1882 and 1884 he was elected by the people of the Fifty-second District, composed of Limestone, Falls and McLennan counties, to the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, and was chosen by his colleagues Speaker of the House of Representatives of the last named body.

January 20, 1887, he was appointed Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics, and History by Governor L. S. Ross, and was reappointed by Governor J. S. Hogg January 22, 1891. May 5, 1891, he was appointed a member of the newly created Railroad Commission of Texas by Governor Hogg, was reappointed to that office April 4, 1892, and January 30, 1893, serving until April 29, 1895, when he was succeeded by N. A. Stedman. He was thereafter General Manager of the Velasco Terminal Railway until he resigned the position to take an active part in the gubernatorial campaign of 1898 in the interest of Hon. Joseph D. Sayers. During the summer of that year, Col. Foster was elected, by the Board of Directors, President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, to succeed ex-Governor L. S. Ross, deceased, and surrendered the chairmanship of the Sayers Central Campaign Committee to Mr. E. M. House, who ably and successfully discharged the duties it involved.

Col. Foster was married to Miss Laura Pender, at Groesbeeck, January 2, 1875. His widow and seven children survive him: Joseph L., Walter D., Edna, Henry I., Jacob L., Maxey, and May A.
