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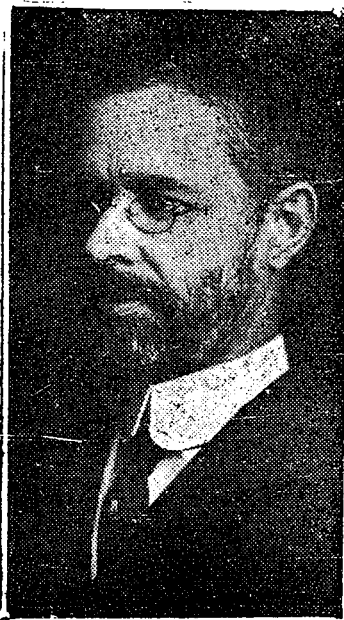
President

Sidney E. Mezes,

University of Texas
Austin, Texas.

We are congratulating ourselves on the happy action of our Board of Trustees.

Adolph Werner,
Acting President.



Austin, Texas,
November 13, 1914.

President
Adolph Werner,
City College, N. Y.

Thank you heartily for your kind telegram. The City College has a potential future of unsurpassed service and distinction. With all of us, of the Faculty and Student body in friendly and efficient co-operation, the Trustees will surely make it a reality.

S. E. Mezes.

DR. SIDNEY EDWARD MEZES, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HAS BEEN CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF CITY COLLEGE. HE WILL ASSUME HIS REGULAR DUTIES ON DECEMBER 15TH.

THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN WITHOUT A PRESIDENT SINCE DR. FINLEY RESIGNED TO BECOME STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION. DR. FINLEY WAS INAUGURATED AS COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ON JAN. 3. DR. ADOLPH WERNER, PROFESSOR OF GERMAN, HAS BEEN ACTING HEAD OF THE COLLEGE SINCE THEN.

"Ever since Dr. Finley was made State Commissioner of Education, about a year ago," said one of the trustees of the College, "the board of trustees has been looking for the best man available in the entire country to take up the work so ably conducted by Dr. Finley.

"A few days ago the board concluded, after a careful consideration of the merits of several excellent men, that Dr. Mezes was the very best man for the position. The choice was voted upon unanimously by the board and he has accepted. The college is to be congratulated.

"Dr. Mezes has an admirable record and his work is well known to such men as President Eliot of Harvard, Secretary Houston, formerly chancellor of Washington University of St. Louis; Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, of the Carnegie Foundation."

Expressions of gratification mingled with congratulation to the college over the selection were widespread among prominent educators and others who know Dr. Mezes ability, when they were told of the trustees' selection. Abraham Flexner of the general education board, George Gordon Battle, President Henry S. Pritchett of the Carnegie Foundation and others said the choice could not have possibly been better.

An appreciation of Dr. Mezes by the Hon. David Franklin Houston, predecessor of Dr. Mezes as president of the University of Texas, later Chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, and now Secretary of Agriculture, was issued by Lee Kohns for the board of trustees, in which Secretary Houston, speaking authoritatively after twenty years of intimate association with Dr. Mezes, characterizes him as "the most helpful, clear thinking, broad-minded man" among his associates from student days to the present.

His Life

The new president of C. C. N. Y. is a California "native son" just turned 51 years of age. He was born at Belmont, Cal., on September 23, 1863. His first degree, bachelor of science, was received in 1884, when he was graduated from the University of California.

He came East then to take up graduate work at Harvard. At Harvard he won his degree of A. B. in 1890, A. M. the following year and the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1893. From Harvard he went almost immediately to Austin, Tex., to become adjunct professor of philosophy at the University of Texas from 1894 to 1897, then associate professor until 1900, full professor from 1900 to 1908 and dean from 1902 to 1908, and president since that time.

Two years after he went to Texas he married Miss Annie O. Hunter of Austin, Mrs. Mezes's sister, Miss Louie Hunter, is now the wife of Col. E. M. House of 115 East Fifty-third street, one of President Wilson's closest friends.

In talking of the new president of the college yesterday Lee Kohns, one of the trustees, spoke for the trustees at his office at 44 Warren street when asked to do so by the reporter. He said: "Dr. Mezes comes here to our college bringing with him the ripe experience gathered while ably administering a State university. He comes here with a keen appreciation of the duties of a college to the community in which it exists—to open for our college always its widest measure of usefulness to this community."

"He is an able, scholarly man," said President Pritchett of the Carnegie Foundation, "and has an exceptionally good history as administrator of the affairs of the University of Texas. I've had occasion personally to discuss educational matters with him from time to time and I've always found his advice most valuable. He is a welcome and highly addition to education in New York."

Secretary Houston's Tribute.

"I knew Dr. Mezes," Mr. Houston's statement runs in part, "when he was a graduate student of philosophy at Harvard. He and I went to the University of Texas the same day nearly twenty years ago. He worked shoulder to shoulder bringing about certain necessary reforms in the organization and ideals of the university.

"Dr. Mezes was the most helpful, clear thinking, broad minded man among my associates and I have no hesitation in saying that I have not worked with any college or university man who was any more satisfactory in any respect than Dr. Mezes was.

"When I resigned my professorship and deanship of the faculty to accept the presidency of the State College I recommended the appointment of Dr. Mezes dean. He made an unusual success. He developed a keen interest in details, managed the student body with marked success, making the students his friends, and commanded the affections and support of the faculty."

When I went back to the university as President Dr. Mezes still served as Dean and Professor of Philosophy. When I resigned the Presidency to go to St. Louis, Dr. Mezes was elected to succeed me. He has made a wonderful success in that capacity. The institution has now about 3,000 students, and is intimately in touch with the people of the State, the school system, and has the good-will of the public men. He has been as wise in his contact with public men as he has in his contact with the Faculty and the student body.

"Dr. Mezes was an excellent teacher," continues Mr. Houston. "He is one of the foremost scholars in his speciality. His writings have been of a high order. His book on ethics I regard as one of the best in the field. Dr. Mezes is a man of excellent personal presence: I should say that he has a distinguished bearing. He is quiet and effective. He speaks clearly and well, but he is not an orator in the popular sense. He would hold his own in any circle. He is really the urban type of man."

Man of Wide Experience.

"I think Dr. Mezes's experience with a great State University would enable him to grasp your problems and assist materially in extending the service of the City College to the adult population of your city. In many respects the problems of a city college are similar to those of a State university. One of your great tasks is to serve the ambitious young man who has not had the best opportunities for training and who is anxious to fit himself better for his day's work.

"I think you will find Dr. Mezes an exceedingly experienced and competent adviser along these lines. I know his

mind so intimately, advised with his so frequently, that I have no doubt myself of his ability to assist you."

Dr. Mezes is part author of "The Conception of God" and author of "Ethics, Descriptive and Explanatory" and a frequent contributor of learned writings on philosophy, ethics and education to the reviews. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and past president of the Texas Academy of Science. Besides the degrees in the course listed above he holds the degree of LL. D. from the Southwestern and from the University of California.

Concerning the selection of Dr. Mezes, Dr. Abraham Flexner said last night:

"The Trustees of the College of the City of New York, in choosing Dr. Mezes, have performed an important public service in the most satisfactory manner. Ignoring all local and personal considerations, they have frankly gone into the open field and chosen the strongest available man. They have thus set an example that ought to be followed through the educational system.

"Dr. Mezes is emphatically an educator of modern type, well trained, a man of affairs who would be distinguished in any vocation. The city is to be congratulated on its selection."

Down in Texas it is believed that if the selection was not made at the suggestion or with the co-operation of President Wilson, it at least had his hearty approval. Not so long ago the President offered to make Dr. Mezes Ambassador to Spain, but the educator refused. Early in the present administration the post of United States Commissioner of Education was his for the accepting, but he preferred to remain in university work.

Dr. Mezes pronounces his name as if spelt meh zay.

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ACCOUNT OF THE ELECTION OF DR. MEZES IN THE MERCURY—TOMORROW

C—THE CAMPUS on October 21st was the first newspaper to announce the election of the President of City College, U—Dr. Mezes was chosen on October 20th. R—Bright and early on the morning of the 21st the CAMPUS appeared with the notice of the definite election of a President. Y.

Regular edition containing many features out on Friday.

By regulation of the Faculty Committee on Student Publications: the Editor of THE CAMPUS is George D. Hirsch.

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