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SOCIETY DAY BLOOMS

One of the best, if not the very best address given on Society day since the custom of having one day a year devoted to alleged oratory and pseudo eloquence was instituted, was given by Tom Cobb last Wednesday in chapel.

Taking as his subject "The Intelligence of the Twentieth Century," Cobb expressed the liberty-love of modern intellectuals. The majority of students in denominational colleges swallow, with one gulp, the doctrinal hokum fed them, then forget about it and go about their business of loafing and their pastime of getting by it classes.

It is fitting at this time that the intelligent minority of Mercer should have such a courageous spokesman as Cobb. It is heartening to those who are turning cynical by the reactionary conservatism reigning here to know that a man who is admired by the faculty—not a half-shot radical, but a scholar—should at last profess that twentieth century convention is a lot of bunk.

Society day speeches, usually small of sentimental swill. Home, mother,

MRS. BIVINS DIES

The Cluster expresses for the student body of Mercer its sympathy with the relatives and friends of Mrs. Howard Bivins, who died Monday morning. Mrs. Bivins was Miss Marion Mullikin, of Macon.

Mrs. Bivins was the wife of Howard Bivins, who was graduated from Mercer in 1925. He was one of the founders of Gamma Alpha, local fraternity which has since become a chapter of Sigma Pi.

Surviving Mrs. Bivins are her husband, her mother, Mrs. J. F. Mullikin, of 132 High Street; and a sister, Miss Margaret Mullikin, of Macon. The funeral was held Monday afternoon.

BRANAN WILL LEAD VOLUNTEER GROUP

Ernest Branan, of Atlanta, was elected president of the Mercer Volunteer band at its regular meeting Thursday night. The other officers who were elected at this meeting are: Doyle Justice, of Phoenix City, Ala., vice-president; W. R. Suddeth, of Chamblee, secretary and treasurer; and Robert All, of Savannah, reporter.

"Y" HEARS SPEECH BY DR. ANDERSON

Dr. Park H. Anderson, professor of missions and theology, spoke at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night. The attendance was comparatively small due to the basketball game.

Wednesday night Miss Emily Thigpen gave a musical and dramatic program which was well applauded. Aubrey Estes, of Gay, spoke to the group Thursday night.

God, law, etc., are praised in the terms of yesterday; the old hokum bucket is overturned and its swill poured over the rostrum. But last week were heard two Society day speeches that were worth while, that were not mere splurges of pseudo-oratory. In Cobb's speech, and in that of Fred Salter, who spoke on "A Decade of Reason," was heard evidence that at last enlightenment is penetrating the walls of creed that surround denominational schools.

Hope arises. Perhaps some day Mercer will be a liberal university. While the diehards of the faculty did not approve of these two speeches, several liberals congratulated the speakers. If a denominational school can turn out such tolerant intellectuals as Cobb and Salter, there is still hope.

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