

# WATSON'S PICTURE INSPIRES DEBATE

### Freshman Starts an Interesting Meeting by Oratory.

Hon. Thomas E. Watson's picture was the direct cause of the unusual commotion and the spontaneous flights of oratory at the weekly meeting of the Phi Delta literary society on Monday night. After ten new men were taken into the society the privilege of making a two-minute speech was granted them. Freshman Haley opened up by declaring he was wholly unprepared to make a speech. Some of his followers made similar excuses, but finally one Freshman spied a picture on the wall and asked if it was not that of Tom Watson. When he found this to be true, Webster's was ransacked and the largest of the large expressions were rolled out in a style that would have done credit to Patrick Henry in his younger days, in praise of Watson.

Contradictions of beliefs and disbeliefs in order, pros and cons "caused" and discussed, politicians and would-be politicians expressed their views concerning their respective favorites. Ancient history and interesting data was dug up and put on the wind by these future statesmen, in such a style as to receive hearty laughter and thunderous applause.

Debating the subject: Resolved, that Ireland should accept the proposal of Lloyd George to remain within the Empire on the basis of "Dominion Status," two Freshmen, L. J. Bowen and V. D. Whatley, representing the negative side of the question, were sent down into defeat by two upperclassmen, L. L. Fleming and J. C. Bright. These Freshmen, like all the others who have made speeches in Phi Delta hall this year, displayed real talent and lived well up to their reputation. A humorous reading was given by E. M. Broadwell.

A total of 65 men have joined the society this fall.

### "Y" NOTES

By Milledge S. Leach

When your soul is bowed down with sorrow and your heart overflows with joys the Vesper service is the place to come to hear helpful and inspiring talks made by Mercer students and others.

On Wednesday night, October 19, T. Andrew Caraker made an interesting talk on "Conquering and Its Results." Mr. Caraker took as his text the Latin phrase, "Vincit qui se vincit," he conquers who overcomes himself. He pointed out the triple "C" in Christianity, namely, Conquer, Consecrate and Carry. The speaker showed that Christianity is the only religion that teaches men to conquer themselves.

John K. Williams was the speaker for Thursday night. His subject was, "Our Relationship to God and to One Another." Mr. Williams emphasized the fact that when doubts of religion come into the mind it usually means that the moral foundation of the life is evil.

"Y" speakers for next week are Dr. Williams, Tuesday night; S. B. Matthews, Wednesday night; C. W. Pope, Thursday night; R. W. Green, Friday night.

On Wednesday night, October 12, Milledge S. Leach spoke at the Vesper service. Mr. Leach talked on the subject of "Sin," describing its full meaning and telling of how powerful a factor it had been in the soul of man since the creation in its destructive influence.

# MERCER JANITOR SINCE YEAR 1899

### Lee Battle Knows Every One Who Ever Attended Mercer.

By F. R. Nalls, Jr.

"How does I feel? I'm feeling purty tollable, but I sho' is tired. You know I washes dishes in de dormitory now, and dey sho' is a lot of them. Ev'y day it seems like I ain't never goin' to get through," said Lee Battle, who has been janitor at Mercer 22 years. Lee was in his room back of Nancy Mills Hall, and on his table lay a box about 15 inches square, from which he was eating.

"What's that you're eating, Lee?" I asked him.

"Dey's marshmallows an' I sho' does love 'em. I buys 'em 400 to de box, and I gets a box ev'y week," and he put two more in his mouth.

Lee's room is a veritable curiosity shop. He has in it the picture of almost every student who has ever attended Mercer. His walls are literally covered with them and he knows the whole history of every one of them. His bed has four mattresses, and in his little 15x12 room he has six chairs and two tables. Tacked to his ceiling is a tiger skin which was given him in 1908 by a Mercer boy.

"Lee, do you remember a boy named Roddenberry?"

"Roddenberry, Junior Roddenberry? I should say I does. He played second base on de baseball team in 1911 an' broke his leg in de Georgia game. Wait a minute, I got his picture over here in my trunk." And he went over and got me the picture. Lee can give you information about any man who has ever been to Mercer. He can tell you where he came from, what he did at Mercer and in nine cases out of ten show you a picture of him.

"What does I think 'bout Mistuh Weaver? Man, ain't he de best president you most ever see? I ain't never see a school change so much since he come here. Den look at dis Freshman class dis year. Why, man, you couldn't tell dey was Freshmen if it warn't for dey green ribbon. Dey's de bestest Freshman class what ever has been here."

"Was you at dat game Saturday? Wasn't it jes' fine? When de band played 'touchdown, Mercer,' it was de purtiest music I ever is heard. I sho ain't never goin' to miss none of Mercer's games. No, sir."

Lee has six suits of clothes and four hats, although few Mercer men ever see him dressed in anything except the old apron which he wears around the campus. He has a moustache and by diligent application has roached his hair straight back.

"My favorite drink is punch, and I make it myself. I take some plums and some peaches and some prunes and some blackberries and mixes 'em all up together. It sho' do make good punch."

"Well, good-bye, if yo' got' to be goin'. Come up an' see me jest' any old time. Ise always glad to see any of you."

### CLASS BASKETBALL

The class basketball schedule, for which the teams will begin training next week, has been announced by Coach Cody:

- November 8—Seniors vs. Freshmen. Juniors vs. Sophomores.
- November 10—Seniors vs. Sophomores. Juniors vs. Freshmen.
- November 15—Seniors vs. Juniors. Freshmen vs. Sophomores.
- November 17—Seniors vs. Freshmen. Juniors vs. Sophomores.
- November 22—Seniors vs. Sophomores. Juniors vs. Freshmen.
- November 28—Seniors vs. Juniors. Freshmen vs. Sophomores.

# MERCER MINISTRY ACTIVE IN GEORGIA

### College Preachers Secure Many Additions to Church.

Mercer ministerial students by their efforts in revival meetings and pastorates have been instrumental in securing 3,897 additions to Baptist churches in Georgia and the South-east, according to reports from 75 of the 100 or more preachers here.

Two thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine have joined the churches by baptism, either in the churches pastored by Mercer students or in meetings held by them. This report includes only the figures from less than 75 per cent of the preachers at Mercer now. It is expected that when the reports are all in the figures will reach very nearly 4,500 additions to Baptist churches by the work of Mercer ministers.

Besides the great number of conversions and additions by letters to Baptist churches through the preaching of Mercer men, these preachers have done a great amount of other kinds of constructive work in their churches. They have, according to the reports organized Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, W. M. U.'s, and other church functions.

Mercer men have conducted meetings or pastored churches in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, and other Southern States, during the last twelve months. In fact, the reports indicate that Mercer's influence in the pulpit is reaching a wider and wider circle of states as the School of Christianity is enlarged, and the number of students increase.

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