

STUDENT OF CHINA HEARD IN CHAPEL

Rev. Emmett Stevens Interests
Mercer Men in East.

By F. R. Nalls, Jr.

Rev. Emmett Stevens, graduate of Mercer and for seventeen years missionary to China and now taking a special course in theology here, Wednesday morning gave the students of Mercer one of the most interesting talks they have ever heard. He took as his subject "Realities," and illustrated freely the importance of believing in the reality of the things of the spiritual world by telling of his experience among the Chinese.

He kept the boys interested, telling of the effect of his attempts to convert the skeptical yellow race. In one case a mandarin had prepared a huge coffin, as is the custom among the Chinese, in preparation for his death. Mr. Stevens asked the man where he expected to go after he had died, and the old fellow was unable to answer. Mr. Stevens then told him of Christ, of Heaven, and of Hell. The Chinaman refused to believe in such a religion and scoffed at Mr. Stevens for doing so. Several days later relatives of the unbelieving Chinaman told Mr. Stevens that the sick man had died and that he had suffered the most horrible visions of devils, who had come after him. He had raised up in bed, given a shriek of terrified anguish and fallen back dead.

Mr. Stevens begged the Mercer men to believe in the reality of a heaven and a hell, because they were realities. He said that unless they controlled their passions and their habits they would be controlled by them.

Mr. Stevens was born at Ball Ground, Ga., and graduated from Mercer in 1900, receiving an A. B. degree. From Mercer he went to the North Georgia Baptist College, and was president of that institution for two years. The next two years of his life were spent in the Louisville Seminary, which he left to go to China, where he has been a missionary for the last seventeen years.

PIEDMONT INSTITUTE

Piedmont reopened Wednesday morning, January 4, at 10:30. Rev. Harris, of the First Baptist church, conducted the opening exercises. Prof. Carlton made a short talk on the "Duties and Work of the New Year."

Prof. P. L. Tollison, athletic coach and history teacher, has returned from his home in Belton, S. C., where he had been spending the holidays.

Miss Mary Davidson, of Russellville, Ky., directress of business department, and Miss LaRose McGuire, of Atlanta, teacher of china painting and art, have arrived with more determination than ever to see that respective students make great progress.

Practically all of the 1921 students are back, with a few new students. Lester Roberson, of Blackshear, and Sam Odum, of Waveross, are new boarding pupils, while Miss Burnice Sweet, of Waveross, is taking a business course here.

Student government has been offered the student body. The girls have accepted but the boys have declined.

The following programs were rendered by the Literary Societies Saturday, January 7:

Mu Delta Phi

Song, society; prayer; chaplain; roll call and minutes; secretary; violin solo, Lewis Donaldson; Life of Thomas Jefferson, Kirby Smith; quartette, Valentine Paschal, Stewart Haworth, Florence Grace Carlton, Buster Findley; campus conversation, Chaudoin Carlton, Lois McCool; jokes, Effie Mae Pittman; wants, Odella Bates; report of critic, adjournment.

Hesperian Society

Song, society; prayer; chaplain; roll call and minutes; secretary; vocal solo, Roy Bethune; reading, Keith Lewis; piano solo, Hazel Crutcher; Value of Truth, Lilly Mae Prissold; violin solo, Herman Parker; reading, Oza E. Davis; vocal solo, William Taylor; declamation, Teddy N. Oglesby; adjournment.

FACULTY MEMBERS GIVEN ONCE OVER

"101" Was Boy Nickname of
Prof. C. B. Wray.

By E. A. Woolwine

"101" was the boy nickname of Prof. C. B. Wray, who is known to all the Mercer boys for teaching accounting, mathematics and English of commerce. The information was extracted by the Cluster reporter.

When Prof. Wray was a mere lad ten years old he weighed 101 pounds so his friends gave him the name of "101."

"I was born in the large city of Seartown, Ga.," declared Professor Wray.

"By packing peaches I earned my first dollar," he said. "When I went to college at the University of Georgia, we had a yell that started with 'ay, ay, ay,' which was my nickname through college," explained Professor Wray.

"My chief hobby is accounting. I like to teach it better than any other subject," he replied. "No man should study accounting with a position as bookkeeper as goal. Any man who is fortunate enough to get a college education should look on accounting as a stepping stone to something greater. I do not mean to say that no one should aspire to be a professional accountant. A professional accountant is well paid and there is plenty of room for certified accountants. I do not think that every man or bird study can become a successful accountant, but there are many other requisites," explained Professor Wray.

"Why do I think every man should study accounting?" he repeated. "Every successful business man handles money. To be able to handle or invest that money wisely, for himself or for those for whom he holds it in trust, it is necessary for him to know how to invest it. As the greatest field of investment is that of stocks and bonds, it is absolutely necessary to study accounting. I contend that a person cannot correctly interpret a balance sheet unless he understands the underlying principles involved," he continued. "Last but not least, the student feels that he can put into practical application when necessary," Professor Wray concluded.

LOST

By T. M. Hart

The years roll by, youth passes away,
As I wait yet, my hair grows grey,
I'm waiting for that far-off day,
When I shall see her face again.
She's left the ways and paths of men,
She's fled as flees the passing wind,
Beyond the touch of grief and sin.
I knew her when she was a girl,
To me she seemed a radiant pearl,
Each smile so fair, each golden curl,
Art now gone ever from this world,
And laid into the grave away.
The summers pass, and too, the frost,
We play the game and damn the cost,
Of joy and sorrow, make the most;
'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all."

CAPTAIN JOHN T. ZELLERS

Captain John T. Zellers, former star football, basketball and baseball player and Mercer University coach, is now stationed at Washington, D. C. with the headquarters department of the United States Army, according to information reaching his friends on the Mercer campus.

Older Mercer football fans will remember Jake Zellers as the captain of the team that swept Georgia, including Bob McWhorter and Kid Woodruff; Timon Bowden, off their feet, did the scoring that caused the severance of athletic relations for several years. He later coached Lanier high school and then Mercer University.

Jake writes that he is still keeping up with Mercer University and is endeavoring to secure a transfer to Camp Behning next fall so that he may visit his alma mater.

AN EPITAPH

Here lies a man
(Not much to see)
Who parked his plane
In a hickory tree.

ABOUT MERCER MEN

J. W. Littleton, of Quitman, Ga., is one of the new men on the campus. He is making his way through college by shining shoes. Step up, fellows, you are next!

Edward B. Everett, Mercer's first amateur boxer, suffered a slight accident Monday by having his lip cut through in a friendly bout with W. A. Bootle. "Ed" seemed inclined to laugh the matter off, but the pain of the cut lip prevented anything more than a comical smile.

Forest T. Jones, of Winter Haven, Fla., is back at Mercer after missing the fall term. Forest says that he intends to stay this time till he finishes.

Mercer students were glad to see J. T. Slade back upon the campus Monday to take up his work for the winter term. Slade lives way down in Cordele and it took him a long time to get back after Christmas.

William G. McKee, of Rockmart, is again at Mercer after skipping the fall term. McKee spent several months in California during the summer and fall, but was lured back across the continent by the call of Mercer.

Howard Littlefield had the misfortune to have his purse stolen from him a few days ago. The purse contained twenty-six dollars in cash and a check for seventy-five dollars.

EDITOR'S O-O

Furman University will give letters to the men making the debating teams. This seems a fair recognition of important service rendered a college. Furman's team that meets Mercer this year will receive "gold block F's." Mr. Chairman, we move you, sir, that Mercer-speakers in all intercollegiate debates receive each a coveted "M."

Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas, began a revival meeting at Baylor University January 11.

Baylor University has adopted a new system of grading known as the Biological Curve System. We hope that Mercer will continue to use the "Tige" Stone Curve.

Freshman Flunky Flings a Few
I ironed a middy suit today,
And made a bed and shined a shoe;
(And it's not much fun, I'll say.)
Tell me, whose flunky are you?

I come at my Senior's beck and call,
And as to jobs they think of 'em all.
But say, whose flunky are you?

—United States of
Baylor College.

Wake Forest has abolished the rule for compulsory attendance upon literary societies. Literary societies throughout the colleges seem to have hard sledding competing with athletics, commercial training and social activities. But the inestimable benefit of training in public speaking is still realized by many students, and the societies will continue to function.

The Furman Hornet says, "On account of a lack of funds the staff is compelled to omit a few issues of the Hornet. The Hornet will appear twice a month for the next month or two." The successful financier of a college paper should be able to do almost anything, including unscrewing the inscrutable and perfecting perpetual motion.

Georgia's Red and Black says Georgia debating teams have won 22 out of 34 debates with other institutions since 1901. This is a great record, and we hereby register applause.

RIGHTO

'22 (soulfully): "Ah, what is more tempting than to behold a beautiful girl?"
'23: "A live one to be held."
—Gargoyle.

LOCUST GROVE TO PLAY

As a preliminary exhibition of basketball to the Mercer-Florida game to be played on the new City Auditorium court, February 1, the Mercer Freshman team will wage battle with the quintet from Locust Grove Institute. The Mercer-Florida game will be the first game to be played in Macon by the local club, following the Tennessee road trip.

From Locust Grove come reports that the team representing that institution is one of the best prep teams in the State. Judging from these reports it would seem that the first year "basketeers" will have their hands full to register a defeat to their prep opponents.

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