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MERCER SPIRIT

The question has been asked, "Whence comes the Mercer Spirit?" Does the Mercer Spirit come from the glorious traditions that cluster about Mercer's progressive history, inspiring our hearts with noble emotions?

Does the Mercer Spirit come from the richness of the lives and characters of the galaxy of great men, statesmen, jurists, doctors, preachers, lawyers, Christian citizens, who have gone out from Mercer in the past to be a motive benediction to the land?

Does the Mercer Spirit have its source far up in the rugged hill of Yesterday in the fountain, golden hearts of Adiel Sherwood, Jesse Mercer and others, who gave from their Godly spirits the first impulse to Mercer's crystal stream?

Does the Mercer Spirit come from the loyal multitudes of Georgia Baptists who by the unselfish gifts of their money, time and prayers make Mercer's progress possible?

Does the Mercer Spirit spring from the hearts of her noble teachers, past and present, who have labored in her hallowed halls to teach the truths that make men free?

Does the Mercer Spirit rise from the unified soul and high ideals of her present incomparable student body?

Yes, yes, to all of these questions, yes.

The Mercer Spirit comes from the collective power and flower of all these. The Mercer Spirit is cumulative in impulse and effect. Its sources are primary and varied, but all are now blended in one harmonious whole.

Let the Mercer Spirit, a supreme concept of a Christian college, ever grow and ever radiate until stream and gleam of truth and light meet stream and gleam in the four quarters of the God-loved world!

ECONOMIC FACTS

Courses in Economics offered at Mercer give the students an insight into some of the most fundamental problems of the times, according to those taking work in this department.

The main benefit of these courses is said to be the gaining of a general and comprehensive knowledge of the laws and processes of present day economic and trade movements. To this more general knowledge is added a multitudinous number of concrete facts concerning tariffs, trade, commerce, labor and capital, and other important factors in economics.

A glance through the pages of a single text-book used in the Economics department under Prof. Railey reveals some striking figures on the foreign trade of the United States.

The foreign trade of the United States in 1916 amounted to \$6,500,000,000, including both exports and imports.

The total value of all manufactured articles in this country in 1914 was estimated to be \$40,000,000,000.

The export trade of the United States grew from \$835,000,000 in 1880 to \$5,920,000,000 in 1918.

The output of manufactured articles doubled from 1900 to 1914.

Our foreign trade has increased at twice as great a ratio as our population.

More than twice as much cotton is used by the world than wool and all other textiles.

The use of cotton has increased forty-fold in the past century.

The United States supplies three-fourths of the cotton production of the world.

Our home consumption of cotton exceeds 6,000,000 bales, while in 1918

we exported 4,587,000 bales.

Our leading exports in the order of their importance are cotton, iron and steel, meat, wheat and corn, petroleum, copper, wood products and leather products.

Of cotton, corn, petroleum and copper products the United States produces more of each than all other nations combined.

Many other interesting facts too numerous to mention are given. When it is remembered that these are only isolated facts from a great sea of information found in the course, it will be realized how beneficial is the work in the Department of Economics.

MEN WANTED— WITH BRAINS

To the college man of today there is a great field of opportunity in the field being waged to eradicate disease. The lines of battle are being drawn, and Medicine, Chemistry and Physics are allying themselves together in an effort to win the day for humanity.

Appealing is the task held out to the youth of imagination and desire to serve. Chance for achievement is not greater in any other realm than in that of the sciences which must be depended upon for progress in preventing and curing disease. This field includes medicine, chemistry, physics, biology and their allied sciences.

No longer does the student in one realm of science work independently of the others. The man of medicine brings to his aid the biologist, the pathologist, bacteriologist, pharmacologist, chemist or physicist to assist him in charting the sea of disease and health. All these together or in their several capacities study minutely and thoroughly those physical and chemical questions, a correct knowledge of which is absolutely essential to the alleviation of human suffering.

The demand for men trained in the sciences is greater than the supply. Problems yet unsolved await the skill and patience of those who enter this field. Phenomenal gains are being made, but wider fields are yet to be conquered. For the three greatest destroyers of human life, tuberculosis, pneumonia and cancer, no specific treatment has been found. Scores of specifics for other diseases can be improved immeasurably.

Mercer men would do well to consider well these great fields of endeavor, and be ready to lend their assistance to the ever-active campaign to destroy disease.

THE FLAPPER

Apologies to Langston

By R. L. Brantley

She has pulled off the corset and undone the stitches, She has raised her skirt high, and put on the breeches.

She has left her poor mother at home cooking dinner,

While she struts with her collie—does this feminine sinner.

Yea, the "flapper" has come, "like the wolf on the fold,"

And she rants, and she swaggers, with sarcastic scold,

Leaves matters religious to mother to keep,

While the ways of her daughter causes mother to weep.

And man—poor devil—is afraid of this fool,

Who smokes cigarettes and shoots excellent pool;

She vamps in the courts, and makes fools of the jury,

And she swears on the streets—does this feminine fury.

She stands on the corners, she teases the men,

She speeds in her roadster and thinks it no sin

To go to the lock-up, and be hit with a billy,

She's a menace to peace—is this feminine silly.

She is boss at her home, she wrecks good feeling,

She bankrupts her father, and has him squealing

"I'm broke, I'm ruined, and can't send you to school."

Pray, what does she care—does this feminine fool.

Look out for a season of cruel disaster,

When this exponent of jazz becomes ruling master;

She's sowing wild oats, a harvest she'll reap,

Then nations will bleed and governments weep.

Let the "flapper" perish; let girlies not roam.

From the hearth and true love of that dear place called home,

For when there, she's so gentle, and modest, and square,

And too, while with mother, there's no bobbing of hair.

Self-respect is her fortune; then, there let her shine,

And possess habits of culture, while yet in her prime.

We're praying and hoping, our good Lord above

Will make her a queen in that kingdom of love.

SKYSCRAPERS

John Milton Samples

Like listening sentinels they rise Up from the land below,

Piercing the depths of the arching skies

By day, at night aglow With flaming lamps that fling afar

Into the face of night Radiance like the far-off star

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