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DR. OWEN TALKS TO MERCER STUDENTS

Football Playing Pastor Welcomed in Chapel.

By J. P. Leggett

Dr. William Russell Owen, pastor of the First Baptist church, addressed the Mercer students at chapel hour Tuesday morning, on "The Cowardice of Compromise." The speaker is popular with the student body and is always welcomed at Mercer.

"Go on with the fight even when all hope is gone," said Dr. Owen, and continued: "Little Belgium fought valiantly to hold back the soldiers of Germany, even though knowing that their struggle was vain. There was absolutely no compromise. 'No compromise' is the message that is resounding throughout the world today and if we are to be true to God, there must be no compromise."

The speaker showed that if life at college is dominated by the cowardice of compromise, then the after life will be a failure; but if the life is dominated by the courage of consent, the after life will be placed on a higher plane and will be a success.

HOLD 'EM RIGHT THERE!

Lines by Milton (Wallace)

If I were blessed with a facile tongue, and a leather bag instead of a lung, and a line of bull that couldn't be beat, I'd make a speech so dog-gone neat that the world would stand in silent awe; they'd think me the best they ever saw! But as I can't, I'll content myself to sit me down and wait on the shelf, until old Father Time comes skipping along, and puts an end to my woeful song.

But sometimes I wonder if it ain't best that after all I wasn't blest with a line of bull and a facile tongue, and a leather bag instead of a lung. For it's tiresome to me to have to sit and listen to these birds who are so wisely lit, with all the knowledge of this here earth, as they reel and roar like the angry surf. I'd rather sit and read, you bet, in a shady place with a Police Gazette; I'd rather play the Barn-Yard Blues on the fonygraf if I could choose, than to listen all night to W. J. Brine and his grape-juice speech, though they say it's fine.

I'd rather be a friend to man than to walk at the head of a big brass band, and bore the folks with my line of talk, until they'd pray for me to balk; I'd rather receive the silent cheers than the tiresome yawns and the hissing sneers behind the speaker's roaring applause of the folks who cheer him just because.

In Nubibus

I scorn at death and drink the fire
Of unassumed disdain.
I laugh and laugh, I cannot cease,
I try, but all in vain.

The slimy serpent in the moss
Shrinks off in mortal fear.
I stand upon the water's edge
And sneer and sneer and sneer!

Wild cries of condors thrill my soul
With unknown horrors of the night,
While fighting apes curse in the trees
And add burdens to my plight.

What means those gleaming eyes
above?

Ill omens to my wretched soul!
They pause, they spring and wicked fangs
Are fastened deep in their death hold.

I feel the pain, the rush of blood,
I struggle on my knees.

"Wake up there, John, you sonof-a-gun!
You ate too much cheese!"

TO ENTERTAIN MRS. EMMETT STEPHENS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Tattnall Square Baptist church will entertain Mrs. Emmett Stephens and the wives, mothers and sisters of all the married students of Mercer, Monday, January 30, at 3:30 o'clock, in the Sunday School auditorium. There will be no cards so this is the invitation, ladies, and remember all are invited.

DR. CLARKE MAKES CHAPEL ADDRESS

Says "The Best Preventive of Disease is Good Health."

By F. R. Nalls, Jr.

"The best preventive of disease is good health," said Dr. M. A. Clarke in his address to the Mercer students at chapel Wednesday morning. There is no excuse for anyone having typhoid fever now that medical men have perfected a serum which can prevent it. The day will come when there will be no tuberculosis, although I do not expect to live to see it.

Dr. Clarke urged all men who had not taken the serum for typhoid fever to go down and do so as soon as possible, and said that everybody should be required to take this injection. "Some people," said the doctor, "think the doctors tell them to take the serum just to drum up trade, but we get more money out of one case of typhoid fever than out of a hundred cases where we give the injection to prevent it. The primary purpose of every true doctor is to prevent sickness. When there is sickness, of course we try to cure it, but I would be happy to have no more disease. I could find some other way of working."

Dr. Clarke is chairman of the executive committee of the Mercer Board of Trustees, and has been a member of this board for a number of years. His earnest, plain-spoken talk reached the hearts of the Mercer men, and quite a number of them stated after chapel that they intended to take the typhoid serum.

BESSIE TIFT NEWS

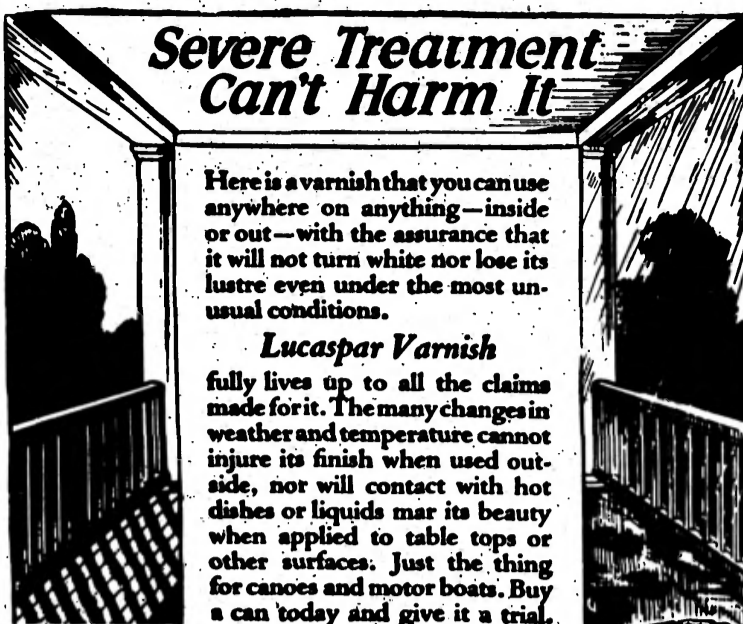
It has been very quiet at the college the past week owing to mid-year examinations that are now in progress and extend into next week. There is but one topic of conversation and but one thought pervades the atmosphere—examinations.

An event transpired last week in which the college takes a just pride. Dr. Foster was away on business, of which we knew nothing until on the first morning after his return he announced in chapel that Bessie Tift College had been taken in the American Association of Colleges. It then developed he had been in Chicago attending a meeting of this association. The announcement was received with hearty applause.

No club at the college has provoked more widespread interest among the students than the International Relations Club, which is expecting to extend its work by introducing a series of lectures on citizenship to the students. The need for a study of this subject was made necessary by the passage of the Amendment. It will be very instructive to young ladies to hear well known speakers on this subject.

One addition has been made to Bessie Tift that all feel is a great improvement. "The Little Store" has been moved into new and far more commodious quarters. It is far more attractive, as another room has been fitted up as a tea room. Dainty curtains at the windows, stands of ferns and the small tables placed about the room give them a splendid opportunity for small social functions. Those in charge will take orders for these functions and they have been enabled also to greatly increase their stock in the store. It is a great convenience and promises to be very popular.

One of the best student programs of the semester was given on Tuesday night in college chapel by members of the Senior class in Expression and Music, pupils of Miss Ulmer in Expression and Miss Dora Brinson and Miss Madge Books Sanders in Music. Their work on the rostrum bespoke splendid instruction on the part of their teachers and faithful endeavor and earnest effort on their part. It was a varied program, giving wide range for their talent, and received as it merited a sympathetic response from the audience. There was nothing but praise from the listeners for each number.



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