

# The Mercer Cluster

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## WHAT OF MORALS?

The younger generation of society today seems to be undergoing a radical revolution in manners and morals. In the matters of dress, dancing, familiarity and freedom as regards questions of sex, youthful society seems to be rapidly disregarding standards of morals and personal conduct established by the wisdom and experience of civilized people.

But it can perhaps be said that this tendency toward lax morals is perceptibly halted at this time. In other words, the revelation in morals and in manners seems to have spent its force, and now a reaction is seen in some quarters. This is not to say that conditions in this regard today are better than during the last few years. It means that the march of sexual license seems temporarily stayed by a revulsion of public opinion. It appears that the reason we do not hear so much about these conditions as formerly is because the public has become accustomed to the great change that has taken place. Dress, dances, manners that would have shocked us a few years ago are now taken as a matter of course.

As to the causes of the low moral standards prevalent in many quarters, one can hardly more than generalize. But one of the leading factors in moral disintegration seems to be the breakdown of home life as a social stabilizer. This breakdown, in turn, may be traced to various and manifold social and economic influences, which cannot be briefly defined.

As a remedy for perverse social conditions, our suggestion would be that we try the Christian religion. With the press, the moving pictures, the pulpit, and other powerful agencies devoted to the task of transferring from destructive activities to a constructive program based on ideals of service and fellowship to humanity, it would be possible for us to emerge from this era of unrestraint into an era of real culture.

The will to service must be developed instead of the will to self. Making men must be placed before making money. Culture must be crucified with Christ before society can be redeemed from the slough of sensuality.

## JUST "OFF DAYS"

The sporting editor of the Macon Daily Telegraph handed the Mercer baseball team a well-shaded black eye in his write-up Sunday morning of Saturday's game against Auburn. The sporting editor of the Telegraph said:

"Last night Coach Donahue had words of praise for Mercer's two pitchers. 'Allie Thompson is the best man we have faced this season. He is big league timber,' according to Coach Donahue. The Auburn mentor was of the opinion that both Thompson and Stone are of the class of Southern Collegiate baseball BUT AS FOR THE REST OF THE MERCER TEAM, THE TIGER COACH WASN'T IMPRESSED AT ALL. WE WILL NEGLECT TO REPEAT HIS OPINION ON THIS."

The capitals are our own. After reading in the Telegraph this suggestion that the Auburn coach had spoken rather harshly of the Mercer team, the Cluster wired Mr. Donahue as follows:

"Coach Mike Donahue, Auburn, Ala.

"Telegraph quotes you in Sunday's story as praising Thompson and Stone but finished thus: 'but as for the rest of the team, the Tiger coach wasn't impressed

at all. We will neglect to repeat his opinion on this.'

"Your friends and admirers here wish to know if you publicly reflected on a team you had that afternoon defeated. They believe you were misquoted in Telegraph. We wonder how strong opinions must be if cannot be published. Wire our expense.

"Mercer Cluster."

In reply to the above telegram, Coach Donahue wired as follows:

"Only statement made 'Mercer pitchers and outfield very good, infield not up to Mercer standards.'

"M. J. Donahue."

Thus Coach Donahue is shown to have spoken very highly of both the pitchers AND THE OUTFIELD, merely adding that the infield was "not up to Mercer standards." This is the "opinion" that could not be published.

Furthermore, by playing up in the headlines such expressions as "Bone-head Baseball," "Another Thrown Away" and "Misplay by Misplay" the Telegraph left the impression that the Mercer team was a bunch of dubs. The sporting editor must have been afflicted with a sour stomach, or else he would have remembered that college players are not all big league timber. If they were they would hardly be playing on a college team. Our team beat Auburn on Friday, and had previously won one game from Yale.

The Mercer team is not perfect. They pull bad plays sometimes, just as the sporting editor of the Telegraph makes serious blunders on "off days."

## 2000 HIGH SCHOOLS

Emory University is doing some super-advertising. Instead of spending so much money on booklets and bulletins which are seldom read and merely tossed aside, Emory is advertising the great Methodist institution by broadcasting her weekly paper, the Emory Wheel, over the state and in the high schools of the Southeast. Last week they produced a twelve-page paper which was sent to two thousand high schools and junior colleges. This is SUPER-ADVERTISING.

The Emory Wheel, according to their own statement made a few weeks ago, is receiving more than \$1,300.00 from their community chest fund. This amount, together with their subscription rate of \$2.00 per year, enables the Wheel to get out a paper that advertises the university to the nth degree. The high school issue sent into two thousand schools over the country will do more to turn students to Emory than a carload of bulletins, in our opinion.

The superb college weekly of eight or twelve pages put out by Emory also develops the journalistic talent of the student body in a way that is impossible with a smaller paper. In a few years we will doubtless see many Emory graduates holding important positions in the journalistic world. Already the school is producing writers who evoke the admiration and wonder of other institutions as well as of the public at large. This journalistic development would not be possible without the strong financial backing given the Emory Wheel, which enables the paper to enlarge with the progress of the institution.

The printed page is probably a greater influence in moulding public opinion than any other agency today. Therefore Emory is putting the emphasis in the right place by giving so much support to journalistic activities. It is an endeavor by a Christian college to develop Christian journalists who will be equipped to step into the news and magazine world, and contribute to the world's progress by keeping journalism on a high moral plane.

It is regrettable that more of our colleges do not put greater emphasis on journalistic training. They should surely in the future use to a greater extent than in the past the power of the press.

## IS THIS YOUR SHOE?

There is a good deal of disloyal talk on the campus about Mercer's baseball team. That is the worst thing that a student body can do. If the team is winning consistently it is all right to tell the players of their

weaknesses, but when a team is losing then is the time to boost harder and make the players feel that the student body is behind them.

If you can play ball better than they can, why don't YOU get a glove, chase out on the field and show your wares? YOU will get a chance. If not willing to try out, why not keep YOUR mouth shut and let the coach do the talking? That is HIS job, and he is paid to do that.

The players are doing their best and you must remember that no college team plays errorless ball. If they did, the players wouldn't play college ball long, for they would go to the major leagues.

It is chiefly a bunch of drug store hounds who never saw a big league game who are doing all the knocking. The majority of these "grippers" never saw a street car until they came to Macon and now they put on that refined look and say, "The team is no good." A true Mercer man won't let anyone say before him that the team is not doing its best; if he does, he is not entitled to be a Mercer man.

The student body as a whole is loyal, but there are a few who do all the knocking. Let's all stop knocking and BOOST.

If the shoe fits YOU wear it!

W. S. Erwin.

## MY MOTHER

By Lonnie L. Fleming

Mother, tonight I'm thinking of you  
With a love that ever is true;  
To my heart you are dearest of all,  
And your love will evermore call.

Your life has known deep pain,  
Akin to death, as mist the rain;  
And may my life sweet comfort be  
To one who suffered thus for me.

Your care for me will ne'er depart,  
Our joys and sorrows are heart to heart;  
As your mother-love, so near Divine,  
May I be true to all with mine.

In the desert a fountain is springing,  
In the wide waste there still is a tree,  
And a bird in the solitude is singing,  
Which speaks to my spirit of thee.

## MEMORIES

By F. T. Jones

In the springtime in the evening  
When the sun sinks in the west,  
When the breezes come a stealing,  
That's the time I love the best.

Then it is I'm always dreaming  
While the birds are in their nest,  
When the moon comes rising, sailing  
Slowly, calmly from her rest.

Then my thoughts are ever weaving  
Mem'ries of my own love nest,  
And your arms around me creeping  
As your head lies on my breast.

Seems to me you now are calling  
While the birds are in their nest,  
And my heart to you is answering,  
"Lay your head upon my breast."

Oh, I love the shades of evening  
When the sun sinks in the west,  
And fond mem'ries come a stealing  
Of the one I love the best.

## MY STAR

John Milton Samples

Throughout the long night  
Though the journey be far  
And dim glows its light,  
I follow my star.

When the sky is o'er cast  
And the cloud demons frown,  
When loud blows the blast  
And the tempest sweeps down,

Still back of the clouds  
Like a beacon afar  
Through the slit curtain shrouds  
I see there my star.

When the lightning's red lash  
In twain rives the oak,  
And loud thunders crash  
With the weight of its stroke,

Although I may fall  
With many a scar,  
I trust in the call  
Of my beckoning star.

## AUBURN-MERCER GAME REPORTED BY RADIO

Radiograms reporting the progress of the baseball game between Auburn and Mercer at Macon Saturday afternoon were received by WSB, the Atlanta Journal's broadcasting station. At the close of the game the final score, 6 to 4, in Auburn's favor, was "radiographed" to the Journal twenty minutes earlier than the report by wire was received. The reports were broadcast each inning by the Tech radio experimental unit, under the supervision of Captain J. L. Autrey and Prof. A. J. Miller.

This is probably the first time in the history of baseball in Georgia that the results of a game have been broadcast by radio. It indicates one of the many practical uses to which radio may be put. Radio enthusiasts throughout Georgia interested in the game were able to learn the outcome of the contest as soon as it was finished.

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