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DEGREES FOR WOMEN

An unusual, interesting and significant feature of the Mercer Commencement this year was that two women received diplomas. This was the first time that Mercer has ever awarded degrees to women. But Mercer does not lag behind the times; she is quick to make history in keeping with a changing era.

As the New York Tribune remarks, "It is a slow task altering the world so as to gain for women, the natural and proper rewards of their achievements. Habits and customs are sticky things, difficult to reshape. The ballot was a valuable symbol, a flag, as well as a shield and sword. But non-political institutions are not so readily amended."

The Tribune was discussing specifically the case of honorary degrees for women. Harvard University, which has never given an honorary degree to a woman, refuses to make an exception even of Mme. Curie, of whom the world of women is so justly proud. Columbia, however, did give Mme. Curie a degree, and has honored other women of distinction.

Yale has been especially generous in granting recognition, and a notable list is the following upon whom that institution has bestowed honorary degrees:

Jane Addams, M. A., 1910.
Mabel Thorpe Boardman, M. A., 1911.
Cecilia Beaux, M. A., 1912.
Mary Emma Woolley, M. A., 1914.
Katharine Berent Davis, M. A., 1915.

Marie Curie, Sc. D., 1921.
Julia Clifford Lathrop, M. A., 1921.
Mary Adelaide Nutting, M. A., 1921.
Mary Adelaide Nutting, M. A., 1922.
Edith Wharton, LL. D., 1923.
Mary Emma Woolley, LL. D., 1923.

Certainly, there are in the world women in every field of thought and activity who are highly deserving of large recognition. In rating masculine achievement above feminine, an impartial mind does not always hold forth. And the editor of the Tribune brings to bear a timely wisdom in suggesting that "the example of Yale be generally studied and digested in those mysterious and exalted regions of academic authority" that make the selections for the honored and be-hooded company.—Macon Telegraph.

CLEMENT TYSON GOODE,

A.B., A.M., Ph.D.
Professor of English, 1905;
A.B., Wake Forest College, 1905;
A.M., Harvard University, 1911; Ph.D.,
Cornell University, 1920; Principal and
later superintendent Oxford City
Schools, Oxford, N. C.; 1905-8; head
of the Department of English, City
High School, Durham, N. C., 1908-10;
instructor in English, University of
Arkansas, 1911-12; associate professor
of English, ibid., 1912-14; Professor of
English, Sweet Briar College, 1915-22;
instructor in English, Cornell Univer-
sity, 1919-20; professor of English,
Summer session, Trinity College, 1919;
professor of English, Summer quar-
ter, George Peabody College for
Teachers, 1921; member National
Council of Teachers of English, and
Modern Language Association of
America; author several historical and
critical articles; professor of English,
Mercer University, 1922-.

MALCOLM DUPONT JONES, A.B.
Professor of Law,
A.B., Mercer University, 1885; mem-
ber of law firm of Miller and Jones;
Judge Superior Court, 1920-.

FOUNDATION AND PURPOSE OF BESSIE TIFT COLLEGE

"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."—Theodore Roosevelt.

"Exclude religion from education and you have no foundation upon which to build moral character."—Elliot.

The Georgia Baptist Convention feels the force of the great utterance of Benjamin Franklin, who said—"When human science has done its utmost and when we have thought the young worthy of honor, yet still we must recommend them to the Scriptures in order to complete their wisdom, regulate their conduct through

life and guide them to happiness forever."

"To save the youth of our land from being a menace to society, our education must be surrounded by and permeated with the Spirit of Christ as revealed in the Word of God.

The greatest task underlying the development of any great and noble people is that two fold task of winning its leaders to Christ and then training them to be themselves the leaders in the work of winning others to the Kingdom of Christ.

The Georgia Baptist Convention functions in the realm of higher education of women through Bessie Tift College. The convention owns, directs and supports the college, and has a right to expect of it the highest forms

of intellectual development and the finest type of Christian character and service.

JOHN GREEN HARRISON,

A.B., Th.M., D.D.
Professor of Philosophy, Supervisor of Georgia Baptist High Schools
A.B., Mercer University, 1889; Th.M., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1899; D.D., Mercer University, 1903; graduate student University of Chicago, one year; University of Berlin, 1905-06; Professor of Philosophy and Education, Mercer University, 1906-17; Secretary of Georgia Baptist Education Board, 1915-19; Professor, Mercer University, 1921-.

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