

### 200 STUDENTS APPLY FOR WORK IN MERCER'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

News Members of Faculty Are Added to Care for Big Increase

Student Volunteer Band Now Numbers Twenty-Six Members

Scheduled to open the session with three new faculty members and a prospective enrollment of over 200 students, the Mercer School of Theology faces the most prosperous year of its existence.

The added faculty members are, Lowell Taylor Wallace, instructor in Missions and Evangelism, recently of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary; Lucius McLendon Polhill, assistant in Biblical Introduction, of the Louisville Seminary; and Gower Latimer, Assistant in Hebrew and New Testament Greek, a graduate of last year from Mercer. Professor Polhill recently toured the Orient where he received first-hand information on biblical geography and customs. He will assist Dr. Ragsdale in the instruction of those subjects.

**156 Last Year**  
The increase in the student body of the School of Theology has been well-nigh phenomenal. During the first forty years of its existence, fewer than a hundred students coming out of Baptist Churches of Georgia matriculated in Mercer University for the purpose of fitting themselves for the ministry. During the past year alone the ministerial enrollment was 156 students. Out of the 1922-23 graduates 25 took ministerial degrees.

Nor has the School's growth been outranked by the work of its alumni. Hundreds of Baptist churches in Georgia are served by pastors from Mercer. This is true in a smaller sense in other states. A Mercer graduate, John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City, is one of the best known Baptist pastors in America. His sermons draw more newspaper space than any pastor of any other denomination in America.

The pastor of the largest Baptist church in Georgia is a Mercer alumnus, John W. Ham of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta. Numerous ministers serve Atlanta church. Dr. F. C. McConnell, of the Druid Hills, B. J. W. Graham, former editor of the Christian Index and present pastor at Hapeville, George W. Garner, Jackson Hill, L. E. Roberts, College Park, T. J. Tribble, North Atlanta, Caleb A. Rudley, Central Baptist, W. Lee Curtis, Jr., and J. F. Eden are the best known among the number.

**More Missionaries**  
Yearly more and more students are prepared at Mercer for work in the foreign field. The Volunteer Band, a student's organization composed of students who are looking forward to going abroad for service, last year contained twenty-six members. Five of this number graduated during the past June. Miss Lucia May Rowdell, of Cordelle, is now in Brazil, while Louis B. Matthews is to leave in the near future for Siberia. Others are still in training before sailing.

Nearly a hundred Baptist churches are served regularly by student pastors who study at Mercer. During the past summer the students of the Theological School reported 2,533 baptisms, and 1,097 additions by letter, restoration and otherwise, making a total of 3,635 added to Baptist churches. This report is only exceeded by one other educational institution in America, the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Students who are twenty years of age and are unable to meet the requirements for regular college standing, will be given upon the completion of prescribed work in the School, the Graduate in Theology, the Bachelor in

Theology, and the Master in Theology degrees. These, the Th. G., Th. B., and Th. M., are the non-collegiate theological degrees given by other institutions to men who cover similar required courses of study.

**Oldest Institution**  
Mercer is the oldest theological institution supported by Southern Baptists. A resolution passed in 1831 which led to its founding limited the students to pious young men preparing for the ministry. There are only two Baptist theological schools in America older than Mercer, Newton Theological Institution, 1819, and Colgate Theological Seminary, 1825.

"The Theological Seminary of Mercer University" had in its faculty such distinguished professors as, Adiel Sherwood, D. D., afterwards President of Shurtleff College; John Lindsey Dagg, D. D., the celebrated theologian; N. M. Crawford, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History; William Williams, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology and Moral Philosophy, later a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Henry Holcomb Tucker, D. D., Professor of Moral Philosophy; P. H. Mell, D. D., a parliamentarian of international reputation, Professor of Greek; and James G. Ryals, D. D. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was then given to those students who, having completed the A. B. course, passed successfully three years of definite theological work.

**Big Growth**  
When Mercer University was established in 1833 the total number of the Baptists in America was not greater than the present number of white Baptists now living in Georgia. The growth of the Baptists in Georgia has been amazing. Including all who bear the Baptist name there, are more Baptists in Georgia than in any other state of the Union; more Baptists in Georgia than in any republic, kingdom, or empire, leaving out the United States; more Baptists in Georgia than there are to be found upon any continent, if North America is excepted. One-tenth of the Baptists of the world live in Georgia, and nearly one-half of these are white Baptists committed to the support of Mercer University.

The president of the Georgia State B. Y. P. U., Carlton Bains, is a Mercer University graduate.

#### WHY NOT LET THEM BOB?

Why all of this craze about bobbed hair? So many girls are asked the question: "Why don't you bob your hair?" The answers are varied. One would say, "My parents would disown me." Another excuses herself by saying, that she doesn't like the origin of the fad. Still another offers a weaker excuse—"Tom said if I ever cut my hair, he would never speak to me again." This girl, denoting the third type, needs more material inside her head than she does bobbed hair on the outside.

Older people abhor the idea of short hair, because they think it means that all the dignity is gone. But is a woman's hair her crown of dignity? Dignity does not manifest itself in long, flowing locks, but in the actions of a girl. So many companies, and business men bar girls from their offices, because of their short hair. This is a silly prejudice, and will soon wear off.

Some ask the reasons for cutting hair. It is the most sensible thing a school girl or business woman could do. A woman spends at least forty minutes each day—not speaking of wasted energy—fixing long, stringy and dead hair. If she cut it—about ten minutes a day is required for its attention. It is healthy, economical, sanitary, and very comfortable. Then why should we object?

The world is not concerned with what a woman has on the outside of her head, but what is on the inside.

### CHAPEL WALL IS COLLEGE HISTORY

Collection of Valuable Portraits Reveal Past

Perhaps the most cherished place among the buildings of Mercer is the Chapel. The light that fades through the richly tinted windows falls on portraits of presidents, statesmen and educators of the age who have been connected with the founding and rise of Mercer.

The picture of Jesse Mercer, the founder of Mercer, has the most prominent place, the middle of the wall over the rostrum. On the left is the portrait of Dr. Billington M. Sanders, Mercer's first president.

To the right of Jesse Mercer's portrait is that of possibly the greatest supporter the college has ever had. It is the portrait of Dr. Lansing Burrows. At his death a few years ago much of his valuable library was given to Mercer.

No figure holds a more prominent place in Georgia Baptist history than that of Jesse Mercer. His gift to the institution was the first to be received and amounted to \$40,000, which of course went much further then than now. It is said that the death of this great man was mourned more than that of any other Baptist educator.

Dr. Sanders, whose portrait is next to Jesse Mercer, was the first president of the college when at Fenfield, Ga. The school began with two log cabins, thirty-nine students and a large farm. Manual labor was one of the features of the college at the time. It was through the skillful management of Dr. Sanders that led Mercer through that critical period.

In the president's row hangs the portrait of Dr. James L. Dagg, noted collegian, instructor and author; Dr. Holcombe, noted writer and orator; Dr. G. A. Nunnally, under whose administration the chapel building was erected; Prof. P. D. Pollock, under whose administration the Wiggs Science Hall, the Y. M. C. A., and the gymnasium were erected. It was during President Pollock's administration that Mercer was raised to a standard A-1 college.

There is also a congressmen's row of portraits. The former trustees have a place. Among the latter are Rev. Henry Bunn, George W. Evans, Willis Sapp and Judge George Hillier. From Mercer there have probably come more statesmen in the history of the state than from any other similar school. Some of the portraits of these are Governor William J. Northen, ex-Governor A. D. Candler, Judge Thomas A. Lawson, congress-

### Picking Peaches, Bad Job for Chi Sun Chow

"So Many Rough People" Spoils Celestial's Ripe Flower

Chi Sun Chan, Mercer's Representative from the realm of the Celestial Empire, eager for first hand experience in the packing branch of the Georgia peach industry, hired himself out during the rush season at the munificent wage of "two dollars per" with board and lodging.

Ferry, Ga., chanced to be the site of his first labor. It seems that after working two weeks for a certain Mr. Brown, attorney-at-law, who was beset by financial reverses, or as Chan puts it, "business trouble," conditioning his disability and necessitating his "letting everyone go" to Chan's dismay, for his services are required no more. Left in the lurch or stranded, as it might be, Chan put out for Ford Valley, where he learned that A. G. Evans owns "more peaches than anybody" in that locality. He succeeded in landing a position and holding on to it for eighteen days.

After seeing thirty-two days of peaches and peach crates, Macon and the walls of old Mercer called to him with an abiding appeal. "Chan," he was asked, "how did you like your experience in packing peaches this summer?" And his ready response came, "so many rough people there I didn't enjoy very much."

Mr. Chi came to this country for the first time in the late summer of last year and has been at Macon since the Autumn term. His choice of courses was the Three-Year Pre-Engineering one, in which he is creditably pursuing his studies. Three other celestials will join him as Freshmen this year.

The biggest capitalist of Central Georgia is a Mercer University graduate.

**CLAUDIUS LAMAR MCGINTY, B. S., A. B., Th. D.**  
Dean of the School of Theology, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Systematic Theology. B. S., 1904, A. B., 1911, Mercer University; Th. M., 1913, Th. D., 1913, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; author "Quakerism, Its Rise, Content and Tendencies"; Dean of Theology and Professor Mercer University, 1913—

man, and Rufus H. Lester, congressman.

There are many other portraits of leading ministers and educators which have won a place on the walls of the library and other buildings.

The biggest capitalist of Central Georgia is a Mercer man.



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