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What Is A Monument?

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Forty-three years ago a group of men met to organize in this section a school where worthy boys and girls might get an education at nominal expense. One might well wonder if these men realized the full import of their deed. Were they thinking merely of building a high school to serve the needs of the community for a few years until better transportation and state appropriations made such a school obsolete? And they have a distant dream that went into tomorrow to vision an active school of higher education? The answer to that is found in the fact that there has been no need to change in the basic policy of the school since its beginning in 1905. In 1928 it was made into a junior college. This was a step forward to be sure, but the policy of providing a place to obtain an education under Christian influence is still in effect.

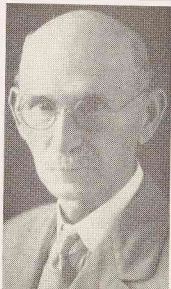
The credit for making Gardner-Webb cannot be given to any one individual. The men who founded the institution launched a noble task, but there had to be men of ability and sincerity to carry on the work of these founders. During the depression years when operating funds were inadequate, and when the central administrative building was wrecked by fire, there were still men who dared to carry on. These friends of the school, trustees and teachers alike, often put the school ahead of their personal comfort.

In 1942 The Hon. O. Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, Undersecretary of the Treasury, and at the time of his death Ambassador to the Court of St. James, took a renewed and vital interest in the school that now bears his name. This interest aroused the Baptists

of the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Association to new and unheralded ambitions for a greater Gardner-Webb College. The story since that time is one of rapid and startling growth. The college however, has not attained its goal; the greater work is yet ahead. So it is with every growing institution. It is well for those who are now vitally concerned with Gardner-Webb to remember that it is the affectionate haunt of those men who were so concerned with the future as to cast their lot with the spiritual efforts of a small but cultural community.

Vividly, as the centuries roll into history, the recording hand of time has proved that men who seek to obtain personal greatness lose their fame with the changing of time. No monument to personal glory has withstood the satire of the ages. Even the Egyptian pyramids, which have resisted the elements for five thousand years, have made no outstanding contribution to humanity. In just twoscore years, on the other hand, a small college, our college, has helped in molding the lives of thousands of the leaders of men. These in turn go out and join in the fight to sustain social standards and preserve the spiritual value.

Not on this side of the eternal can the true value of the works of a few men who had the ability to see into the future and the courage to strive toward that future be revealed in its ultimate essence. Their steps along these paths left four monuments to the vision that was theirs, the courage that enlarged that vision, the effort that answered that courage, and the results which are ours.



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