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PRESIDENT HOBBS RETIRES.

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been even more marked. In 1888 New Garden Boarding School was merged into Guilford College; the courses of study were greatly extended and the standard of scholarship raised. With an increased endowment more and better trained instructors have been obtained. When Dr. Hobbs came to New Garden the total endowment was only \$10,000.00. Since then through his efforts the endowment has grown steadily, \$45,000.00 being secured from Mr. Andrew Carnegie and \$25,000.00 from Mr. D. K. Pearsons. At present the endowment totals \$186,000.00, which is more than eighteen times the amount with which he started. Besides this he collected several thousand dollars for New Garden Hall, as well as contributions for the library, campus and laboratories.

Probably his greatest service to Guilford has been in raising the ideals and standards of Guilford. He has increased the number of its students and secured teachers of thorough scholarship. He has steered the college safely past the Charybdis of religious strife and fanaticism, and has always maintained a spirit of peace and unity among his faculty. Today as ever he has the hearty support and unanimous loyalty of his teaching force. Dr. Hobbs has always been able to sacrifice personal comfort and satisfaction for the welfare of our college. He has loved Guilford and all things Guilfordian with an unwavering affection and whatever course the best interest of the college seemed to demand he has unhesitatingly followed.

Amid all the demands for "popular" education Dr. Hobbs has stood firm for thoroughness in scholarship and adherence to acknowledged standards of excellence. Thus his ideal has become the ideal of Guilford and today she is unsurpassed in the quality of her work by any college in the State.

Outside his duties and labors as President of Guilford College, Dr. Hobbs has given much thought to the problem of public education in North Carolina, and his active support and sympathy with every movement to better the conditions of public schools.

He was among the first men in the State to grasp clearly the significance of local taxation for public education. He has made speeches in all parts of the State advocating this system. In his own community he has played a leading part in establishing what is believed to be the first rural graded school in the State supported by local taxation. He was made the first chairman of the

Guilford graded school board and has served in that capacity for fourteen consecutive years. President Hobbs served for several years as a member of the State board of examiners appointed by the Governor and for a time as member of the Guilford County Board of Education. His service to the cause of education in this State was recognized and appreciated so much by the University that in 1908 it conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. The same degree was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater, Haverford College, in the same year.

Dr. Hobbs has not worked single-handed in his effort to uplift the people of his State. Mrs. Hobbs has been his constant companion and inspiration in all his endeavors. She has given unreservedly of her time and talent for the cause of higher education among the girls of the State. Her most notable service was in the erection of New Garden Hall and establishment of the Girls' Aid Fund. These agencies, distinctly original in conception, have made a good education possible for numbers of worthy young ladies who otherwise could not have enjoyed such a privilege. Through her efforts there has been secured recently \$25,000.00 as an endowment for New Garden. Besides these material contributions her life and influence has been of inestimable value to the college community.

To Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs more than to any others belongs the credit for the progress of the past quarter of a century. Guilford today stands as the embodiment of their spirit and the monument to their labors. Future generations as well as the present will rise up and call their name blessed, for they have labored nobly and well.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

On Saturday afternoon, May 15, a good number gathered to see the final game in the girls' tennis tournament. The girls have been playing off doubles all the spring, and the two victorious couples to meet on Saturday were Hazel Armstrong and Kathryn Dorsett against Clara Blair and Catherine Watkins. The first set was won by Hazel Armstrong and Kathryn Dorsett at a score of 7-5. The other two sets were won by Clara Blair and Catherine Watkins, the score being 6-3 in both sets. During the game a good deal of enthusiasm was shown by the supporters of both sides.

Clara Blair and Catherine Watkins are the final winners of the tournament. All of the girls who entered took hold with interest and enthusiasm and showed a fine spirit of friendly rivalry.

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