

## MEREDITH CELEBRATES TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

FIRST CELEBRATION OF FOUND-  
ER'S DAY AT NEW MEREDITH

Dr. Clay I. Hudson Speaker  
of Occasion

"Let us not fail in our thanksgivings for the many blessings bestowed upon our college during the past year," said Dr. Brewer on last Thursday morning at the opening exercises of the first Founder's Day celebrated in our new auditorium. A deep feeling of reverence pervaded the entire audience, and a sense of gratefulness filled the hearts of the friends and students of the college as the beautiful anthems were sung. Dr. Brewer gave a brief resumé of the progress of the college since its establishment in 1899. He directed the attention of his audience to the beautiful new site and buildings, emphasizing the opportunity which is offered to Meredith alumnae for pride and gratitude at the thought of such a marvelous milestone in the history of their Alma Mater as that of its removal to such a lovely "country home."

The speaker of the occasion was Dr. Clay I. Hudson, pastor of the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church of Charlotte. He was introduced by Dr. Brewer, and immediately upon his appearance on the platform all eyes were drawn toward him. Such a happy expression was his, so enthusiastic about life in general his subject in particular did he appear, that one could scarcely refrain from smiling at the very sight of his pleasing countenance. "The function of our religious institutions is to supply trained leaders to fill what is probably the greatest need of today," said Dr. Hudson. "The function of State Schools in to supply citizens," he declared, "and the function of religious institutions is not only to educate but to quicken the personality by contact with God."

"All truth, all light is partial until related to Jesus Christ," Dr. Hudson stated. "If we are in possession of the light we must go to other nations carrying light. Christian education is necessary for the whole world. The world is calling for trained men and women to be the leaders." He called attention to New Meredith College, in all of its glory—past, present, and future—stating that trained womanhood is any denomination's or nation's greatest asset.

In all too brief a time Dr. Hudson concluded his address, amid a heavy applause from the entire audience. In connection with the words of the speaker, Dr. Brewer stated the three goals set for Meredith students; namely, high scholarship, a devotion to God, gratitude to God. Following these brief words, Mr. W. N. Jones, chairman of the board of trustees, was introduced with a few words of well-merited commendation. In a few moments he attempted to impart to that number of Meredith friends the task which had been the trustee's, and the faculty's, as well as our president in particular. Public thanks were extended to B. N. Duke for the \$50,000 which he so kindly gave on our endowment fund \$1,300,000 he declared as being necessary for the completion of the entire plant.

At the conclusion of the program, as friends, Alumnae, students—all, joined

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## ANNUAL "RED LETTER DAY" AT MEREDITH COMES AGAIN

STUDENTS' RECEPTION BIG  
SUCCESS

Thursday, Feb. fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, was a "Gala Day" for the faculty, students and friends of Meredith College, this being the first Founder's Day celebration at the new site.

All forces joined in making it an ideal occasion. The rain which has visited us continuously, graciously, ceased and let the sun shine on our "golden sod."

There were the usual morning exercises, with a most inspiring speech by Rev. Clay I. Hudson of Charlotte, N. C., on "The Mission and Message of Christian Education. From four until six in the afternoon the Faculty entertained their friends at a reception in the parlors.

And then, the much anticipated and awaited for Student Government Reception, the annual Red Letter Day on Meredith's Social Calendar. The entire three floors of the Library Building were used. The parlors were all ablaze with rose and blue lights, beautifully arranged with flowers for the expected guests.

The rotunda was decorated with pillows and penants from our brother colleges.

Eighty-thirty found the spacious halls and parlors filled with the girls lovely and exquisite in their pretty dresses eagerly awaiting their respective dates, while the over-worked busses brought representatives from Wake Forest, Carolina, N. C. State, Duke, Davidson and Elon. Such a splendid chance to choose an ideal; all types, blonds, brunettes and titians; Sir Galahads and Dempseys.

It was a gorgeous scene, the many bits of color flitting to and fro among the stately tuxedos.

The receiving line headed by the S. G. President Miss Elsie Elkins, was composed of Dr. and Mrs. Brewer, Miss Carroll and the members of the S. G. Committee.

Music was furnished by an orchestra in the rotunda. It was indeed a transitory element which bore us away from reality into a sphere entirely entrancing. They held the majority on the first floor, with their latest hits, yet

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## A FORECAST REMEMBER FEB. 20 SENIOR MINSTREL

According to tradition, the Senior Class is given one night during the year to provide an entertainment, the proceeds of which will go for the improvement of Meredith. This year the Seniors have decided to give a program consisting of a one-act play and also a very amusing and humorous Minstrel on Saturday night, Feb. 20. Peppy music will also be a prominent feature of the program. The whole evening will be full of laughter and thrills. You can't miss it! We're counting on every member of the student body to back us Seniors up by coming and bring her friends. Come and bring your dates. A great time is in store for you!

## FACULTY AT HOME TO FRIENDS OF MEREDITH NEW MEREDITH OPENED FOR INSPECTION TO FRIENDS IN RALEIGH

Two Hundred Guests Called

The Faculty was at home on Thursday afternoon, to their many friends of the city. The parlors were lovely in their blue and rose draperies. Baskets of beautiful flowers were scattered about, adding their bright colors to the already charming scene. The guests were met by Miss Ida Poteat and Miss Catherine Allen, and Miss Gertrude Royster took them into the rose parlor where they were greeted by Dr. and Mrs. Brewer and Miss Carroll. Other members of the faculty, wives and husbands, were in the Parlors and showed the guests about. Misses Crystal Davis, Martha Livermon, Katherine Cooke and Anabelle Abbott were serving cakes and mints. The guests were taken by Miss Smith to an attractive corner where delicious punch was served by Misses Mary Allison and Janet Sikes. Other members of the Senior Class acted as guides to show the guests through the various buildings. The evening proved a delightful and charming affair, and our many friends from the city seemed highly pleased with our beautiful New Meredith.

## REGULAR Y. W. C. A. SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING INTERESTING STUDY MADE OF HYMNS

Sunday evening the Y. W. C. A. assembled in the rotunda. Mary Herring was in charge of the program which consisted of the following:

Song, "Son of My Soul."  
Psalm, Praise Ye The Lord.  
Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Setting—Mellie Daniels.

Prayer.

Place of Music in Worship, by Katie Dail.

Solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."  
Dorothy Turlington.

Story of Song, Elizabeth Morton.  
Setting of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," Calypso Honeycutt.

"Bless Be the Tie that Binds." Perhaps the best hymn expressed of sacred brotherhood, at least it has had, and still has the endorsement of constant use. The Author, John Fawcett, D.D., is always quoted as the example of his own words, since he sacrificed ambition and personal interest to Christian affection. Born near Bradford, Yorkshire, Jan. 6, 1739, and converted under the preaching of Whitefield, he joined the Methodists, but afterward became a member of the New Baptist Church in Bradford. Seven years later he was ordained by the Baptist Society at Wainsgate. In 1772 he received a call to succeed the celebrated Dr. Gill, in London and accepted. But at the last moment, when his goods were packed for removal, the clinging love of his people, weeping their farewells around him melted his heart. Their passionate regrets were more than either he or his good wife could withstand. "I will say you may unpack my goods and we will live with the Lord lovingly together." It was out of his heart's experience that this tender hymn was born. Dr. Faucette died July 20, 1817.

With the singing of "Bless Be the Tie That Binds" the program was concluded.

## VALENTINE'S DAY ANTICIPATED

DAN CUPID'S DAY OF DAYS  
CLOSE BY

For a boy, there are three days which linger with him forever, even through the childish old age which is characterized by the function of memory ceasing; namely, the day on which he wears his first pair of long trousers; the first time his eager fingers clinch a pay roll; and the day when he gets his divorce. The way of a maid is not thus; the days which linger in her memory come in cycles of four each year; namely, Christmas, Easter, Birthday, and Valentines. For to her, these days are days of economic prosperity for her; these are the days of jewelry, candy, and flowers.

But of the four great days Christmas is so rushed; her birthday is liable to be forgotten; sometimes the Easter corsage arrives wilted or even forgets to come.

But Valentine's Day comes at such a unique time of the year as to be delightful to all parties concerned. By February 14 the men have paid practically the last installments on silk parasols, pearls, and rings and happily "lightly turn their thoughts to love." If there is anything that pleases the heart of a man, it lies in the depth of his heart wanting to pretend amorous affections where idealistic love is not found. Just as a maid delights in showing off a made-over gown as "brand-new from Paris," just so does a youth love to show off a mild liking in terms of glowing ardor. Valentine's Day affords a wonderful opportunity for this innocent amusement. He buys his letters already written, he need not use his signature (except in case he wants another Valentine, sent to him) and he can send as many as he likes without fear of being turned down by some offended young lady.

But now let us picture the girl's side of the occasion. How innumerable are the thrills that she receives on the Day of St. Valentine! How she delights in proclaiming up and down the hall to her friends how she just received the most beautiful Valentine you have ever seen—no it did not have any signature at the end but the address was exactly the writing of that tall blonde with a moustache that she met on the house party last summer—

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## CURIE CHEMISTRY CLUB MEETS

UNIQUE CHEMISTRY CONTEST  
ENJOYED

On Friday afternoon, February the fifth, the first meeting of the Curie Chemistry Club was held at New Meredith. No longer are we forced to hold our meetings in the same class room that has been previously filled with monthly tests, for now we are fortunate in having nice parlors for such occasions.

The program for the afternoon was very unique. At first, when it was announced what was to follow, a ghastly appearance swept the faces of those present—we were actually terrified! A contest was announced which made us of necessity delve into the ruins of Freshman Chemistry that was

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVOCATED FOR SEC- ONDARY SCHOOLS

MOVEMENT FOSTERED BY WOMEN  
COLLEGES OF THE SOUTH

The Women's Intercollegiate Association of Student Government and the Southern Intercollegiate Association of Student Government have recently created a distinct department for the extension of student participation in government in secondary schools. For several years the two Associations did this kind of work independently. In the Southern Association a Graduate Adviser directed the colleges in carrying on this work, and in the Eastern Association a committee of college students did it. Then as the amount of work increased, the two Associations realized that college students could not do this extension work efficiently on account of their many other conflicting duties. They, therefore, voted to employ a secretary whose whole time was to be devoted to extension work for both Associations. Such a Secretary was secured and her work began in the fall of 1925.

Everyone always asks how the colleges happen to be doing such work for high schools. It came about in this way. College student government officials visualized how much Freshman training would be simplified if the Freshmen had experienced the advantages of student government in the high schools and preparatory schools from which they came. They felt that their efforts would be repaid, if by helping secondary schools to develop such government, they would better prepare the oncoming college students for the responsibilities of self government there. It was not long, however, before the Intercollegiate Associations broadened their purpose in the extension work and saw the fine chance of helping secondary school students develop their sense of honor and good citizenship whether or not they ever attended a college.

Since the territory in which the Extension Secretary was to work necessarily had to be limited in some way, it has been restricted to the states in which there is at least one college that is a member of the W. I. A. S. G. or the S. I. A. S. G. This makes in all, twenty-three states in which the work is carried on. It reaches over 3,000 secondary schools.

The work of the Department consists in gathering information about student participation in government and relaying it on to secondary schools. It tries always to gain the cooperation of state educational officials before approaching the schools. It attempts through correspondence to interest principals, faculty, and students, and where specific help is needed, to give it. The Department is not originating plans or proposing new schemes of government; it is rather making it possible for the high schools that have worked out successful methods of government, to share their knowledge gained through experience, with thousands of other schools.

It is a fine thing the college of women of the South and East are doing to support such an undertaking. Their support, however, must not end with their college years, for it is when they are teachers and workers in the

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