

**DR. LOUIS GAINES SPEAKS
AT OPENING EXERCISES****Pastors Baptist Church
Make Welcoming
Talks**

Speaking on the importance of Christian influence on campus, Dr. Louis Gaines, pastor of the Hayes-Barton church, made the chief address for the opening of the college year. Philosophical teachers, and preachers said that humanity is passing through one of the greatest and most stormy periods in its history. Dr. Gaines used the familiar comparison of the church built on sand which was destroyed by the storm, and the church built on rock which endured.

Dr. Gaines suggested that each student regard her college career as a building which she was fitting with her life materials for the construction of her character. "Character is the sum total of the words which she speaks. In the life of the Christian it is the sum total of the deeds which she does," Dr. Gaines said.

Garfield, when he reached the age of twenty, said, "I have wasted many opportunities, but I have come to this conclusion: I shall always have to live with the consequences of my actions. I shall never be able to escape fellowship with him—in time and eternity."

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**Four New Members
Added to the Faculty**

There are several new members at Meredith College this semester. Miss Ethel English, the new Freshman Dean, is a member of the education department. Miss English is an alumna of Meredith College. She received her degree in the class of '21.

Miss Hesta Kitchin, and Meredith graduate of the class of '29, has accepted the position of assistant dean. During the past year Miss Kitchin held the position in the Latin department. Miss Lucille Knight, of City, Va., is the new B. S. U. secretary, succeeding Miss Madeline Elliott. Miss Knight graduated from N. C. C. W. in the class of '31.

Miss Aileen McMillan, graduate of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., has accepted a position in the Music Department. Miss McMillan, after receiving her degree at Converse, did post graduate work in England and France. Before coming to Meredith she held a position at Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. for a number of years.

Miss Jimmie M. Haney, of Raleigh, N. C., is the new

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MISS ETHEL ENGLISH

**Miss Ethel English to
Be Freshman Adviser**

Instead of being divided into small groups for various faculty members as advisers, which was formerly the custom, the Freshmen for this year will have a dean and adviser all their own. This office will be in charge of Miss Ethel E. English, a former Meredith student. Miss English graduated from Meredith in 1921 and did post graduate work at the University of North Carolina. She was principal of the Mars Hill High School for four years and has done considerable "student advising" in other schools during her teaching career. Miss English enjoys the type of work that Freshman Dean and Adviser will entail, and she is looking forward to working with the Meredith girls. She

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**Dr. Brewer's Greeting
To Freshman Class**

It is a great joy to me to say "WELCOME" to our new students. We are delighted to see you at Meredith. Through the year it will take no effort to demonstrate our sincerity. The feeling is spontaneous. We want you to have a happy and joyous year in college. May it be characterized by constructive work and worthy achievement. May your associations this year be helpful and lead to the development of finest friendships that will become more precious as the years pass. Generations of students testify to the value of the college life. They have found unspeakable pleasure and comfort from it through life. May this be the experience of each of you.

Truly yours,

DR. CHARLES E. BREWER.

**S.G. and B.S.U. Give Joint
Reception to Freshmen**

Honoring the new students of Meredith College the Student Government and Baptist Student Union entertained in the Blue and Rose parlors at an informal reception Saturday evening, September 12, at 8:00 o'clock.

The guests were met at the door of the Blue Parlor by Miss Elizabeth Thornton, Chief Astrotekton Literary Society Marshal, and Miss Rachel Marshburn, Chief Philaretian Literary Society Marshal, who introduced them to the receiving line composed of Miss Mary Lee, president of the Student Government; Miss Elizabeth Stevens, president of the B. S. U.; Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brewer, Miss Caroline Biggers, dean of Women; Miss Lucille Knight, Student Secretary, B. S. U.; Miss Ellen Brewer, Faculty Adviser B. S. U.; Miss Charlotte Makepeace, Vice President Student Government; Miss Sara Elizabeth Jenkins, Vice President B. S. U.; Miss Kathleen Young, Second Vice President B. S. U.; Miss Margaret Briggs, Secretary Student Government; Miss Margaret Peacock, Secretary B. S. U.; Miss Mary C. Shearin, Treasurer Student Government; Miss Frances Harris, Treasurer B. S. U.; and

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**B.S.U. Council Retreat
Before College Opened**

The Baptist Student Union Council of Meredith College held a Retreat September 4-7 to make plans for the ensuing year in all the religious work on the campus. Practically all the council members with the new student secretary, Miss Lucille Knight, were present during the Retreat and many very helpful and interesting plans were made.

The aims of the B. S. U. for the year 1931-32 as adopted by the council were: (1) to be First Magnitude, (2) to have closer ties through prayer, (3) to have every Meredith student a Christian, and (4) to get away from mechanical organization. "Dare to be different for Christ" was the watchword selected for the council, while the song was "Oh, Love that Will Not Let Me Go." Miss Ellen Brewer, head of the Home Economics Department, was unanimously elected faculty adviser for the council—succeeding Dr. L. E. M. Freeman.

The revival, which is conducted through the B. S. U. by an outstanding Baptist minister each year, was planned for the

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**NEW GIRLS ENTERTAINED AT
THREE CLASS PARTIES**

MISS LUCILLE KNIGHT

**Miss Lucille Knight Is
New Student Secretary**

Coming with a state and even south wide reputation as a B. S. U. leader, Miss Lucille Knight of Chase City, Virginia, was chosen as Student Secretary to fill the place formerly held by Miss Madeline Elliott who was married during the summer. Miss Knight was graduated from N. C. C. W. in 1931, where she was an officer in several organizations, Athletic Association, Student Government, and Baptist Student Union.

Miss Knight was a Physical Education Major her first two years at N. C. C. W. but changed to English her last two years and received an A.B. instead of B.S. degree. She did some work in dramatics her senior year and was active in athletics all four years, being secretary of the

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**Plans Made By Music
Department for Concerts**

The music department is planning to accomplish even more this year than it has in previous years. Its purpose is not merely to train its own students in their particular line of work but to encourage the love of music and to create an interest for it throughout the campus. In view of this various phases of music have been introduced. A college band will be reorganized. Concerts and recitals will be given, although these have not been definitely planned or scheduled. It is hoped that during the year the girls will have the opportunity of hearing famous musicians.

The seniors who are planning to give their recitals this year and who are working toward

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**Circus By "Big Sisters"
and Pajama Party
By Seniors**

The first of the entertainments for the Freshmen was a circus given by the Juniors in the Astro Hall Tuesday evening at 8:45 o'clock.

Rachel Biggs, Junior Class president and circus leader had charge of the program. Various animals introduced to the audience were: Monkey, Edythe Bagby; Monkey's Trainer, Specks Harris; High Rope Walker, Charlotte Palmer; Bare Back Rider, Martha Vicellio; Prima Donna, Nancy McDaniel; Clown, Pat Abernethy; and fat Lady, Margaret Briggs.

After several games were played Miss English, the Freshman Dean, judged the best tricks and awarded prizes.

Music was played during the evening by the band which was composed of Isabelle Kinsey, director, Helen Bennett, Melba Hunt, Eleanor Hunt, Lois Sawyer, and Virginia Green.

Cracker Jack pop corn was served by Mary Akers, Pauline Barnes, Ruth Johnson, and Jessie Martin.

Some old class songs and yells were given before the entire

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**Faculty Give Baseball
Party to Freshmen**

The faculty of Meredith College entertained the members of the Freshman Class and other new girls at a novel reception on Wednesday afternoon. The gym was transformed into a baseball diamond, and to give still more of a realistic air to the setting, there were the lemonade vendors.

The members of the faculty taking part in the game were:

Gate keepers—Miss Poteat, Yarborough, and Crawford.

Coach—Mrs. Sorrell.

Home plate—Dr. and Mrs. Brewer and Miss Biggers.

First base—Dean Boomhour and Miss English.

Second base—Dr. Winston and Miss Barber.

Third base—Dr. Price and Dr. Freeman.

Short stop—Mr. Riley and Miss Allen.

Right field—Miss Rowland and Miss Porter.

Center field—Dr. Mercer and Dr. Harris.

Left field—Mr. Hamrick, Miss Bentley, and Miss Haugen.

Catchers—Miss White and

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