

Thomas A. Avera of Rocky Mount Founders' Day Speaker Today

(Continued from page one) and the difficulties so many that the project was abandoned and allowed to sleep for 60 years." But the eloquent plea of Thomas Meredith was not forgotten and fitting tribute has been paid him in the naming of the institution. "He knew then, as we know now," said Mr. Avera, "that the highest product of social evolution is the growth of the civilized home—the home that only a wise, cultivated and high-minded woman can make."

Purpose of Founders

Mr. Avera went on to state that the purpose of Meredith and the other founders of the college was not simply to impart learning and culture. "While it is desirable that the civilized home in its growth and development have within it a wise, cultivated and high-minded woman, it is essential that she be a Christian woman. To that end the founders of this institution dedicated their lives, to that sacred purpose those of us who carry on are committed. Upon the basic principle that this institution gives not alone learning and culture to the young women who enter here, but the doctrines and teachings of Jesus Christ, Meredith rests and will forever rest, for in so doing is she secure."

Tribute Paid to Other Leaders

The love of Jesus was the inspiration which led a great many others besides Meredith, Armstrong, and Merritt, to work and sacrifice that there might be established a Baptist College for Women in this state. "It was the love of Jesus," Mr. Avera said, "that inspired O. L. Stringfield, when methods of transportation were poor, and difficulties many, to forget all interest of self and press on to lay this institution on the hearts of the Baptist masses of the State. It was the love of Jesus that caused the sweet spirited and lovable Dr. R. T. Vann, with us still, God bless him, to follow the star of his hope with struggle and toil that seemed like madness of despair, when all but faith had fled, until the jewel of his heart was firmly established among the institutions of higher education for young women. Today God rewards him as he is permitted to look upon this great institution with an enrollment of 521 students, and modern equipment for which we may all feel justly proud. Indeed, my friends, the love of Jesus has given us Jones, Hunter, Johnson, Broughton, Pullen, Kesler, Carrol and many others, who have labored, sacrificed and served, that the young women who are educated here may enter life's field to love Him even as they had loved, to serve Him even the better."

In speaking of the joy of serving as epitomized by the founders of Meredith College, Mr. Avera said, "Do not miss the joy of serving. It is life's richest satisfaction. Material success is good, but only as a necessary preliminary to better things. The measure of true success is the amount you contribute to the thought, the moral energy, the intellectual happiness, the spiritual hope and the consolation of man."

Opportunity for Service

Mr. Avera then spoke of the need and the opportunity for service. "How great

is this hour for service. We are living in a different world from that in which Meredith was founded. We have progressed, so that today we girdle the continent with iron rods, knit cities together with meshed wires, deliver the human voice from continent to continent almost as soon as it is spoken, ride in comfortable automobiles over roads that stretch like ribbon across the vast and beautiful distance, and ride upon the air with such speed that we cross the Atlantic within almost a day and night. Each day brings some new invention, each year marks a fresh advance, the power of production increased, and the avenues of exchange cleared and broadened. Yet, complaint of "hard times" is louder and louder, and on every hand men are harassed by care and haunted by the fear of want, and but for the provision of a government that seeks to give us a New Deal, thousands of hungry men and women would continue in want in a land of plenty."

In closing his address, Mr. Avera gave an inspiring apostrophe to the college. "Long live thee, Meredith! Respected by mankind, beloved of all thy daughters, filled with the free magnanimous spirit, crowned by wisdom, blessed by moderation and hovered over by the guardian angels of our Founders' example. Long through the undying ages may you stand, far removed from bigotry, selfishness and strife, alone in your grandeur and glory, the immortal monument of those whom Providence commissioned to found thee, to teach the power of Truth, and to prove to nations that their Redeemer liveth."

Dr. Koo, of Shanghai, Speaks To Students in Chapel

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The conclusion reached by Dr. Koo is that the gradual emergence of the world from the existing order depends upon student attitudes. You and I, he said, in our every thought and action, have a part in it.

SOCIETY

MRS. BOOMHOUR HONORS SENIORS

Mrs. J. G. Boomhour entertained the senior class at a tea Thursday afternoon, January 24, at her home on Hillsboro Road.

Miss Janie Parker greeted the guests at the door and conducted them to the receiving line which was composed of Mrs. J. G. Boomhour, Mrs. Charles E. Brewer, Miss Caroline Biggers, Mrs. J. W. Bunn, and Miss Mae Grimmer.

The guests were showed into the dining room by Dr. Julia Harris. Mrs. J. Powell Tucker and Mrs. F. C. Feezor poured tea and were assisted in the serving by Miss Ethel Day, Miss Elizabeth Boomhour, Miss Melba Hunt, and Miss Mary Yarbrough.

The color scheme of green and white was carried out in the decorations and refreshments. The table covered with a lace table cloth was set with green candles and silver candle sticks. The refreshments consisted of Russian tea, sandwiches, cakes, salted nuts, and mints.

MOTHER GOOSE PARTY GIVEN

Because of the gloom of exams which still prevailed over the school last Wednesday night, the Student Government Association, the Athletic Association and the Baptist Student Union combined their forces and entertained with a Mother Goose Party.

The guests arrived at the college gym, each representing a character taken from the Mother Goose stories. The most important event of the evening was the judging of the costumes. The contestants, forming lines, proceeded with a grand march—as each person reached the judges, Miss Caroline Biggers, Miss Janie Parker, and Miss Mae Grimmer, she recited the Mother Goose rhyme which corresponded to her costume. The first three prizes were awarded to Addie Bell Wilson, as Little Bo-Peep, Martha Messenger and Olive Dame, as Mary and her Lamb, and

Florence Pittman as Wee-Willy Winkle. Honorable mention went to Miss Margarine Mason as little Boy Blue and Miss Marion Warner as Puss in Boots.

As an added attraction a dog show was held. Each guest entered her favorite dogs. The blue ribbon went to Katherine Shuford's dog and the red to Ruby Pearson's.

Games were played, and punch, cakes, and popcorn were served.

ENTERTAIN AT BUFFET SUPPER

Miss Mary Frances Welch, Miss Annie Keith, and the dining room waitresses will entertain the seniors at a

buffet supper, Sunday night, February 3.

MISS GRIMMER HONORED

Miss Jennie Hanyen, Miss Charlotte Armstrong, and Miss Marion Warner gave a Tea in honor of Miss Mae Grimmer, on her birthday, Monday afternoon, January 28th. Miss Ida Poteat poured tea, and sandwiches were served. There were about fifty guests.

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