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New Endowment Standard May Endanger Mars Hill

Southern Association Makes Definites Re- quirement \$200,000

The standing of Mars Hill college has been definitely threatened by a recent enactment of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. This most powerful accrediting agency in the South and one of the most influential in America stands much to Mars Hill. Should Mars Hill be dropped from the list of accredited institutions, her long record of development and progress would seem to have reached an end of reproach and shame while her students who vainly hoped for credit at higher institutions of learning. An actual endowment of \$200,000 is a requirement! Mars Hill has an endowment of \$25,000 with \$20,000 additional.

The action of the association is a little thing. Nearly one month has passed now. Two years from now, and she will have to report to the association again. One year from that time will be given, making a total of three years. But the fact that Mars Hill had failed to qualify at the session of the representatives of other colleges and universities presented there. They are the ones who will receive our students.

There is reason in the requirement. State high schools are receiving enormous amounts for plants and equipment and salaries. State colleges will regularly receive more. Universities have far more resources now than any junior college. Yet junior colleges will be expected to do equivalent work in their department for the first two years of the college course. State colleges will be supplied with state funds with amounts sufficient to do this. When our departmental junior colleges are able to supply only sufficient equipment to man a state high school, then we can expect to be classed as a school appealing only to a local constituency.

The only alternative to a \$200,000 endowment is to have an unconditional guarantee of an income amounting to \$10,000 annually and permanently from some reliable source other than that received from student fees. For any school to depend upon a denomination for will offerings to guarantee that when any year the convention might direct otherwise or the school fail to respond would be a tedious undertaking. But even that would be better than not at all. The only permanent and reliable source is an ample endowment.

If we are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
If we are souls that are pure and true;
If we give to the world the best you have,
The best will come back to you
—Madeline Bridges

MUSIC DEPARTMENT FEATURES CHORUS

"COMIN' THRU' THE RYE" HAS STRANGE HISTORY.

The music department, though it has not had much publicity, has been doing good work.

All the members of the department have shown their interest, and with the help of their respective teachers, Misses Martha Biggers, Edna Hinton, Kathleen Blackstock, and Mr. Farr, have been endeavoring to improve this important department of the college curriculum.

One interesting feature of this department is the chorus which is open to all students. It is indeed a great opportunity, for here, free of charge, one secures vocal training. Many should avail themselves of this opportunity, for the knowledge of music is a cultural addition to every person's life. It is hoped that many others will join in the work of the chorus for the spring semester. There are at present 62 students enrolled. This number consists of 22 sopranos, 10 altos, 14 tenors and 16 basses.

The whole student body enjoys the musical programs at chapel. The solo, "Comin' Thru' the Rye," was very much enjoyed. This song has quite a strange history. The author is unknown. Burns is usually credited with the words, but it is said he simply revised an old poem which referred to the fording of the river Rye at Dabry in Ayrshire and set them to an old folk melody. The tune is known in England as "I've Been Courting At A Lass," and some authorities claim it was originally English and not Scotch.

Ed Harrell Wins First Place

Just two days after the Christmas holidays were over for Mars Hill students, the Philomathians staged the annual contest for the senior declamation medal. There were 12 contestants.

The judges awarded first prize to Ed Harrell, second to James Baley, and third to Wade Worley.

The presiding officer called the assembly to order, and, after introducing the judges, Mr. Lee, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Grubbs, he called for the first speaker.

The speakers and their selections were: Wade Worley, the famous speech of Patrick Henry; Harry Isenberg, "The Homeland"; Ed Harrell, "The Guillotine"; Troy Jones, Henry Grady on the race problem; Hoyt Smith, "The Unknown Speaker"; Archie Qualls, on a great soldier of military genius; Paul Grogan, "The Corporal of Chancellorsville"; Wade Brown, "The Roman Sentinel"; Rex Brown, "Lee, the Soldier"; Parker Goodman, "Mark Anthony over the Dead Caesar," by Shakespeare; Jas. Baley, "I am Innocent of This Blood."

It matters not how long we live,
but how.
—Bailey

WHY \$200,000.00 ENDOWMENT FOR MARS HILL?

1. To meet the increased expense of upkeep in a growing college.
2. To guarantee permanence.
3. To employ more teachers and to pay them salaries that will enable them to remain permanently.
4. To meet the requirements of state schools and equal if not surpass them in efficiency.

The Plan

- Immediate:
1. Cash contributions.
 2. Notes bearing interest at six per cent, properly secured, and payable at any stated time.

For the future:

1. Insurance policies made to Mars Hill.
2. Will and Testament.

Contributions for endowment are truly investments in the lives of young people and are for the advancement of God's Kingdom just as much as contributions to the church. Interest on notes may therefore be paid from the tithe if it is desired.

Mars Hill is great only as her friends, teachers, and students make her great.

Miss Pierce Attends Meeting of Modern Language Association

Miss Pierce of the English faculty attended the forty-fourth meeting of the Modern Language Association of America held in Louisville, Ky. The 750 delegates of this association, comprising a membership of 3,777 educators were officially in session by 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 28, when eight research groups were assembled in various rooms in the Brown Hotel for the purpose of discussing vital topics in our modern languages and literature. Wednesday afternoon in the playhouse of the University of Louisville, the entire body was cordially welcomed by Dean W. M. Anderson of the university. In the general meeting Dr. Ashley Horace Thorndike of Columbia University delivered the presidential address. Following the address there was the presentation of the early English comedy, Grammer Gurton's Needle. Regular sessions, morning, afternoon and evening were held through Friday, December 30.

Dr. Hugo R. Schilling of the University of California was elected president of the association for the year 1928 to succeed Dr. A. H. Thorndike.

The forty-fifth session will be held in the University of Toronto Canada.

The purpose of the modern Language Association of America is expansion of scholarship. Statements made in the recent meeting show that the American scholar is the most efficient in the research work that is necessary to be made for this expansion. The new interest

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CLIOS START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

The Clio Literary Society held its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 5, 1928. Promptly at 4:10 o'clock the president called the society to order. After the devotional, she expressed, in a few words, the joy of entering upon a new year of society work. She really expressed the sentiments of the entire society, for the Clios love society work as nothing else on the "Hill."

Each girl seems to have returned from the holidays with renewed resolutions to make the society a success. Building upon the excellent work of the fall semester, the Clios feel sure that this will be the most successful year in the history of the society.

The members strive ever to uphold the ideals upon which the society was founded which are identical in measure with those of the college.

The society thoroughly enjoyed the interesting impromptu program that was rendered. Those taking part are to be commended upon their excellent response. The program was as follows:

Vocal duet—Mildred Mears and Opal Fryor.

Reading—Louise Griffin.

Stunt, (Mrs. Rampey, manager), Johnnie Dixon, Olympia Fletes, Jessie Bowman, Osie Bennett, Mary Agnes Lattimore, Beatrice McBrayor.

Piano Solo—Elizabeth Spangler.
Jokes—Ethel Young and Ruth Jarvis.

Why I Am Going To Be An Old Maid—Julia Rouse.

Mr. M. A. Huggins Visits Ministerial Student Recently

While here recently to attend the mid-winter session of the trustees, Mr. M. A. Huggins met with the ministerial group for a short business meeting in behalf of the Baptist Board of Education. He made an effort to locate some of the former ministerial students of the college and made a few remarks as to what the ministerial student should uphold both on and off the campus.

He then presented the conditions of the students which the board is helping at the various Baptist schools of the state. Due to a lack of funds, said Mr. Huggins, the student aid would have to be cut \$2,500 for the present year. Some of the students applied for help but quite a few had the aid dropped for the year.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on the dial
We should count time by heart-throbs
He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest
acts the best.

—Bailey

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED TO THREE

MARS HILL TO HAVE NINE- WEEK SUMMER SCHOOL

Six-Day Week Is Inevitable

On January 10th that great body of unsung, unpaid, unselfish, serving, striving, useful men and women, known as the trustees of Mars Hill College met in the mid-winter session of the board to consider such questions as meeting the requirements of increased endowment recently passed by the Southern Association of Colleges, the advisability of adopting a nine-weeks summer term instead of two six-weeks terms, and the six day school week.

Following in the steps of Wake Forest and Duke University, Mars Hill and perhaps other schools will have a nine-weeks summer school term instead of two six-weeks sessions. The time honored six-weeks summer school is fast losing its grip in North Carolina, because it so little suits the semester hour plan; however the nine-weeks scheme fits perfectly into institutions run on the semester-hour schedule. Nine weeks are to the semester as six weeks are to the quarter—one half.

The credits allowed under nine-weeks term will be proportionate to the former schedule; whereas, six semester hours were granted formerly, now nine hours will be possible during the summer session.

It is reasonably certain that during 1928-29 Mars Hill will observe a six-day week instead of the usual five days of work. This will mean that Saturday mornings will be just as busy as Friday. The library will be relieved of especially busy days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The class rooms will not have the days of rest; nor will the teachers be so overworked on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The courses will be divided equally so that many three-hour classes will run Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; thus the days will be balanced, and "off-days" will be no more.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Lineberry and Corpening for the year 1928-29, and to Miss Bowden for the spring term of 1928. She will leave for Columbia University during the first week of February where she will receive her degree this year.

A new rule in regard to visitors was passed which requires a fee of one dollar per day for days in excess of one. Visitors must have reservations made for them with the matrons before entering the dining hall or sleeping places.

Dr. Vann was elected college physician.

The trustees who attended the meeting were: Dan C. Bryson, Sylva; N. S. Whitaker, Mars Hill; Rev. R. J. Bateman, Asheville; G. D. Carter, Asheville; Rev. J. B. Grice, West Asheville, chairman; Weaver Wilson, Asheville; R. S. Gibbs, Mars Hill; C. B. Mashburn, Marshall; W. C. Continued on Page 4