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### DR. ROBERT

Both students and faculty are greatly indebted to Dr. J. C. Robert for the inspiration which comes through the association with his life of beauty, consecration, and charm. He has long been our counselor and spiritual adviser as well as a most interesting conversationalist and associate. He has had broad experience in the realms of medicine and is quite able to direct us in the ways and habits which lead to physical strength and perfection. Having kept pace with Father Time for eighty-six years his knowledge of and actual experience in the historical progress made during this period is remarkable and valuable. Having consecrated his life in his early boyhood years to Him who is Almighty and since never sidetracking his aims and convictions for more tempting spheres, he challenges the youth of today with his beautiful spirit and enjoyment of a sweet peaceful old age.

### MR. BLACKWELL MAY NOT COME BACK THIS FALL

It will be disappointing to all of us and especially students of Bible and Greek if Mr. Hoyt Blackwell does not return for the fall semester.

Yet we shall be glad to have him do whatever he feels will be eventually the best course; and we recognize an exceptional honor and a tribute to his ability in the flattering offer which has been extended to him by Dr. Robert E. Hume, of the Union Theological Seminary of New York. The decision has been left with Mr. Blackwell. We shall rejoice with him in any course he takes.

The proposition is so interesting, and profitable as well, that we beg the liberty to reprint here the letter written by Dr. Hume to President Moore. The Editor of the Summer-school HILLTOP assumes responsibility for its use with apologies to all parties concerned.

Union Theological Seminary,  
Broadway at 120th Street,  
New York, August 11, 1930.

President R. L. Moore,  
President, Mars Hill College,  
Mars Hill, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

I am venturing to inquire if you could arrange to give leave of absence for the first term of the approaching academic year to your Mr. Blackwell, in order that he might be my Assistant? Let me explain my request more in detail.

He has done a very fine piece of work in his first Paper in my course on "The World's Living Religion," in the Columbia University Summer Session. I do not recall in my sixteen years of teaching here at Union Theological Seminary an instance where a student has worked so hard and so successfully on an assignment. He gathered around him a very large number of books (from among the 302 on the Bibliography which I had handed to him.) And he has persisted most assiduously in his task through these hot weeks past. And he turned out a fine product. Indeed, I had it mimeographed, and presented a copy to every other member of the class. I suggested that he send both to his President and to his Dean a copy of that Paper on Zoroastrianism, in order that they might see what he had been doing with himself and his opportunities here in New York City. Subsequently it has occurred to me that I should like to have him as my Assistant during the next term, from September to January.

Two years ago, in September, 1928, there devolved upon me the responsibility for the conduct of the devotional period at the first session of the Organizing Committee of the Universal Religious Peace Conference, which convened in Geneva, Switzerland. Then for the first time in history there worshipped together representatives of all the main historic religions of the world, both Jews and Gentiles, both Roman Catholics and Protestants, both Orientals and Occidentals. These earnest and devout religionists had assembled for the purpose of preparing to make religion an instrument of peace and brotherliness throughout the world, instead of divisiveness and rivalry.

Preparations have been continuing. This very week there is being held

in Berne, the Capitol of Switzerland, as a geographical and non-militaristic world-center, another session of the same growing organization, which now has changed its name to "The World Conference for International Peace through Religion." Next year, or possibly two years hence, there will be held a large gathering, consisting of approximately one thousand representatives of all the historic organized religions in the world, for the same inclusive, co-operative purpose of making religion as such serve the peace and brotherliness of the whole world.

For that large objective I have been preparing a comprehensive "Devotional Treasure-House of the Living Religions: Choice Selections from Their Sacred Scriptures." I have already completed the first draft of the entire volume, which will include 53 or 54 chapters, and which may extend to 500 pages. Indeed, the major part of the work is all ready for the press. My publishers, Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons, of this city, have been most kind and appreciative. Really they are very eager that the great task be brought to completion as soon as possible.

But alas, I have been laid low with sickness to which I succumbed last December. Complications ensued; I have had two sieges in a hospital for operations. I was laid off for six months. I am thankful indeed to have been able to carry out my engagement to teach in this present Summer Session for six weeks. But I perceive that I do not possess the reserve power which previously I had always possessed. Therefore I find myself driven to seek assistance. And, in the providence of God, your Mr. Blackwell seems to be the one and only person who, I feel, would prove himself just the man I need. My good wife joins me in this desire to secure his assistance.

I realize that I cannot compete with his present employer on a financial basis. In fact, I shall have to make use of the kind offer of Scribners to help me in the financing of this plan, from out of the royalties which will be coming in after the book has been published. But I do feel confident that the proposition which I have made to Mr. Blackwell will prove highly advantageous to him and to you, if so be that you would be able to

Mr. Lee: "What is a Republican?"  
Crip: "A Republican is a man who spends two hours telling how much worse the business slump would have been if Al Smith had been elected."

"I'm asking for six classes daily instead of five," says "Red" Robinson. "Edison may get by on five hours' sleep, but I can't."

While dating the other night Hazel Wigdon reached over to grab Washburn by the hand and he jumped. When Hazel asked, "You're not prepared, are you?" Washburn: "No, I've got fire insurance!"

Mr. Elliott: "What is your interpretation of The Lady of Shalott?"  
Blackwell for this new temporary call to service elsewhere, and allow him to postpone into the second term some of his first term's schedule and also perhaps either to omit some of his assigned schedule, or else assign it to some other teacher. Of course I cannot undertake to suggest further any of the details. But I would assure you that Mr. Blackwell and I have not failed to take into consideration the re-arrangements which would entail upon you and your institution, even while we have been thinking out the benefits to him and to the College.

Hoping very much that the administrative problem can be solved, while we are confident that the proposed plan will bring honor and benefit to you all as well as help to a world-cause and

Yours sincerely,  
ROBERT E. HUME.

### Summer Vespers

By Dorothy Whatley

The summer vesper services should mean to every boy and girl a path leading to a new life, a life of peace, happiness, and eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master.

Vesper services are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at seven o'clock. The time is spent in learning more about God, praising Him with our songs, and telling others more about Him.

Different ones take active part in the programs, which are wonderfully prepared and mean so much to our lives.

The services are held at Locust Grove, a beautiful spot underneath shady locust trees that seem to draw us near to God as well as to nature. At the close of these services we see what a wonderful artist our Lord is, as well as a Father and Savior, as He paints the western sky with glorious colors of heaven. The beauty of it all is a promise of life more abundant.

Dr. Robert, a venerable old man and a true servant of God, leads our vesper services sometimes, and by his beautiful words of life helps us to

see what is in store for a true Christian. If we could only have the simple trust and calm faith that Dr. Robert has! He has influenced many lives and led them to Christ.

Parallel to the vesper service is the Morning Watch, which is held before breakfast every morning except Sunday. This is held by a voluntary group of girls and boys and led by someone who wishes to take part. It is brief and simple, but by its simplicity and earnestness draws us nearer to God and strengthens us for the tasks of the day.

### GREETINGS TO NEW STUDENTS

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train or bus at Asheville, look for a boy or girl with a M.H.C. on his or her sleeve; introduce yourself and let him or her take charge of your difficulties. Second, when you reach Mars Hill follow the posters and do as you are instructed. If these instructions do not give your problems a satisfactory result, step around to the B.S.U. office and we will instruct you as to where you can find a solution to all your problems.

"If you don't know, ask."

### Why Come to Mars Hill?

#### IN ORDER—

To feel that you are one of those who are seeking the best by our Master's help.

To enter into the fellowship of the big brotherhood which Mars Hill offers.

To find that after you have found home, you have only one larger one.

To see, know, and understand the spirit of helpfulness and cooperation of each Faculty member and student. They are consecrated to the tasks of helping and leading you to obtain the best of the best way.

To be educated spiritually as intellectually.

To enjoy an atmosphere of democracy seldom found in other schools.

To reap the advantage of an invigorating and healthful environment.

To appreciate the scenic beauty of Western North Carolina.

### Alumni Graduate Higher Institute

Mars Hill is pleased to note the success of her sons and the graduate classes of institutions, where the record of extraordinary achievement of the graduate students of

#### At Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans

Evelyn Beryl Hughes, Degree, Master of Theology Training.  
Samuel Hovey Jones, Degree, Master of Theology

#### At Meredith College

Lucille Elizabeth Gambrell  
Mary Elizabeth Hamby  
Mary Martha Harris  
Emma Margaret Hartsell  
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#### At N. C. C. W., Greensboro

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F. E. Drake (School of Education)  
C. M. Ledbetter (School of Education)

#### At Wake Forest University

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#### At Wake Forest University

E. F. Baker  
Earl Bradley  
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Wade Brown  
H. H. Deaton  
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Charles A. Maddry

#### At Furman University

J. B. Bolt  
Moody Henderson  
Jesse Wingo  
The Aston Park Hospital School for Nurses  
Miss Irene Elizabeth Williams  
Mary Black Hospital of S. C., graduated Miss Leibel.

We regret the fact that some of our graduates whose schools do not appear here know and we will publish in the next issue.

Miss Daisy Anderson has been librarian in Judson home for a few weeks.

Miss Bee White of Lenoir is visiting her grandparents Mrs. J. C. Roberts.

Heaven tries our virtue. —John

## MOUNTAINS OF CAROLINA

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| O<br>Moun-<br>tains of Car-<br>olina, Long live<br>your fame! Critics<br>from every land Hail you<br>sublimely grand. Oh, how our<br>hearts expand Calling your name! | O<br>Moun-<br>tains of Car-<br>olina, eternal<br>towers! Grandeur<br>unparalleled, Nowhere<br>to be excelled; Oft have our<br>bosoms swelled, Naming you ours. | O<br>Moun-<br>tains of Car-<br>olina, Noble and<br>grand! Daughters and<br>sons you gave, Liberty's cause<br>to save; None are more true<br>and brave In the whole land. | O<br>Moun-<br>tains of Car-<br>olina, Breathes<br>in your air Rose<br>for the fading cheek,<br>Strength for the faint<br>and weak, Peace for the hearts<br>that seek Freedom from care. . . . | O<br>Moun-<br>tains of Car-<br>olina, Blessed<br>your sod! Under<br>gentle sky Fain<br>I live and die; He<br>my ashes lie—So near |
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