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Students Hear Dr. Wm. Russell Owen at Opening

'Spending Reserves' Is Subject of Opening Address.

On the morning of September 10, Dr. William Russell Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Asheville, delivered the opening address to the students of Mars Hill College.

One seldom has the privilege of hearing an address more impressive and more effective than Dr. Owen's on "The Glorious Adventure of Spending Reserves."

The greatest things we can find are the souls of man, he said. Mountains are great, but only in size. There is no depth and consequently no reserves.

Dr. Owen pictured beautifully the story of Mary and Martha, Martha always being careful, working to keep a tidy house, thoughtful, and practical, while Mary was pensive, a worshiper, and inspired by the divine. She was careful enough, but when time came she sought Jesus. It is beautiful to see how she put all aside and gave her all to Him. The opportunity came to her; she accepted it without hesitation.

Dr. Owen used this story to show every student that he or she should begin now to lay aside reserves. Sometime in some place at an uncalled-for time the challenge of life will hop before one as the flames of a fire leap skyward on a dark, cold night. One should be ready and not let the opportunity of a lifetime pass by. He should be willing to go the last mile and use the last reserve. The man who is always looking around for something is the man who never succeeds.

Education is one of the best ways to lay aside reserves. When school days are over, the reserves stored away now will be one's right-hand aid and guidance into a great and happy future life. No one ever knew of Mary's reserves. They were stored aside. She did not use or grasp the opportunity as it passed by her door.

Have clean hands. Without them no boy or girl can make good. Cleanliness costs nothing—physical, mental or spiritual. Keep clean. Only the clean hands handle big and successful enterprises. Bend low, as low as any man in your race. Be like the lowly Nazarene. Never be too good or too proud to stoop to the lowest mire and help some poor struggling human being back on a sound highway.

Dr. Owen begged each one present to say to God on the first of this school year, "Lord, here I am; mould me and shape me according to thine

Nons Start New Year in Interesting Manner

The members of the Nonpareil Literary Society, after a short but joyful vacation, were happy to meet once more within the walls of their hall. The first meeting of this year was full of enthusiasm and held anticipation for another successful year. The program was interesting and rendered well. It was as follows: Reading, Marguerite Greene; vocal solo, Sharon Buckner; short story, Frances Barnes; violin solo, Emily Upchurch.

The society was delighted to have several new girls visit them, and Miss Koon and Miss Wengert also. Among the visitors were some former members. They were: Barbara Freeman, Mrs. D. E. Poole, Glen Travis, Emily Patrick, and Mack Moore. The society was closed by the Non-Eu song, after which six girls expressed their desire to become Nons.

The Nonpareil Society strives to hold high the standards of our Alma Mater, and they welcome each girl on the campus to the Non-Eu hall every Thursday at 4:00.

own will." He said that if any boy or girl could say this and start now laying up reserves, he or she would succeed. The reserves we lay up here are truth, purity, humbleness, friendliness, beautiful attitudes and, greater than all, love—love for God and our fellow man. In school no thieves, no cowards, no shirkers, and no foul players are needed.

To begin each day we were told to walk out and gaze over the splendor of these mountains and the sun as it peeps over the eastern horizon and to lift our eyes heavenward. Inspiration for each day's reserves can be secured through Him and through the one who gave his last reserve on the "Old Rugged Cross" between two who did not use their reserves when opportunity knocked.

Dr. Sams Speaks at Opening Vesper Service

"How to Be Great" Is Subject of Interesting Discourse.

Dr. O. E. Sams, vice-president of the College, delivered the first address of the year in the chapel on Tuesday evening, September 9.

The Reverend Mr. Frisbee, a former student, led the opening prayer. Following a brief song service, Dr. Sams spoke on the subject "How to Be Great."

Dr. Sams said that the atmosphere at Mars Hill would inspire one to greatness. He said that God and man used different measuring rods to determine greatness. Using Matthew, 11:11 to show the kind of a man God called great, he showed that one must have simple habits and moral courage to become great in the eyes of God. He gave as examples the simple lives of presidents, poets, ministers, teachers, and others who attained greatness in the eyes of man and God.

The wiseness of purpose was dwelt upon, and each student was urged to have in mind one thing and to come to Mars Hill with a purpose. He showed how John marched forward with a "purpose to propel," and that he was always humble in spirit.

The address was attended by the entire student body, and all of those present gave evidence of their interest by the splendid way in which they received Dr. Sams.

A movie was enjoyed after the services.

Sunday School Shows Great Improvement Over Last Year

On Sunday morning the majority of the students found their places in one of the eight Sunday school classes on the campus. Each class has been organized and definite meeting places assigned.

The report was indeed gratifying to the B. S. U. Council. The Council worked out a budget for the year. It was to be put forth through the Sunday school classes. It is indeed marvelous how well the classes, teachers, and presidents are co-operating in all things to put this over 100 per cent strong.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

B. Y. P. U. Going Good

The B. Y. P. U.'s met Sunday afternoon in the church auditorium. It was filled with boys and girls who awaited anxiously the plans which were to be given.

Eagerness to get started in this work was manifested by the sparkling interest shown in the eyes of many. There are ten Unions headed by boys and girls who love but fear the Lord.

Do not hesitate. Come right into the B. Y. P. U. It needs you and you need it.

ENROLLMENT TOTALS 425 FOR FIRST WEEK

Thirteen States Represented on the Campus.

The final count of the registration having been completed reveals that there are 425 students on the campus this year. Thirteen states have contributed these new arrivals. North Carolina, having 327, leads in total numbers. To other states that are represented and their respective numbers are South Carolina, 47; Tennessee 21; Florida 8; Georgia 7; Virginia 2; Kentucky 1; Louisiana 1; Mississippi 1; and Texas 1.

Of this number, 225 have decided on the vocation that they intend to pursue after having been graduated from Mars Hill.

Below are the professions that have been chosen and the number that chose each: teachers 73, ministers 34, doctors 30, lawyers 16, Christian workers 11, mechanical engineers 10, business executives 8, missionaries 6, musicians 5, electrical engineers 5, Physical Education instructors 4, civil engineers 3, librarians 3, textile experts 3, farmers 2, pharmacists 2, evangelistic singers 2, electrician 1, mechanic 1, sailor 1, soldier 1, aviator 1, telegraph operator 1, county agent 1, stenographer 1, chemist 1, and forester 1. Two hundred are undecided as to their life work.

The student body is principally Baptist. A goodly number have already united with the college church. There are also the following number of members from four denominations: namely, Methodists 33, Presbyterians 7, Christian 1, and Brethren 1. All of the students are American and are of the Protestant faith.

Euthalians Have Fine Program to Start Year

New Year Opens With a United Spirit and Enthusiasm.

The first Friday night of the school year saw the Euthalians render a fine program. After greetings by the president, Cooper Greter rendered this oration, "Character and Education." He showed great spirit and enthusiasm. Mack Moore followed with a declamation. Once More Mack held the audience speechless. The debate which came next was full of fire and energy. David Taylor introduced the question that the Philippines should be granted immediate independence. Virgil Ellis gave reasons backed with facts to show they should not.

Boyd Brown showed still further why the islands should be free. "Red" Usher with fiery language and gestures made plain to the judges that independence was not what the islands needed. The judges said the islands should remain under the protection of the United States by a vote of two to one.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

The Public and Social Functions Committee have prepared the following program for the fall semester:

- Sept. 9—7:30 P. M. Movie.
- Sept. 13—Get-Acquainted Reception.
- Sept. 27—1:00 P. M. Mountain trips, the young men going to Bald Mountain for the weekend and the young women going to Ogle Meadows, or such other points as may be decided upon.
- Oct. 4—2:00 P. M. All-class picnics.
- Oct. 11—2:00 P. M. All S. S. class picnics.
- Oct. 18—Margaret Hayes Symphony Ensemble.
- Oct. 25—Movie.
- Nov. 25—Dramatic Club play.

Get-Acquainted Reception at Opening Is Gala Affair

Dr. Powell to Deliver A. E. Brown Lectures

Series Will Be First Under Foundation Established by Dr. A. E. Brown.

Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver this year, October 12-13, the first series of lectures under the Albert E. Brown foundation.

The series of four lectures, which will be given every other year at present and eventually every year, will be the first provided by the foundation established by the late Dr. A. E. Brown in honor of his father, W. A. G. Brown, the first president of Mars Hill College. The subject of this series of lectures has not been announced; but according to the provisions of the bequest the lectures will be fundamentally of a religious nature and applicable to present-day problems.

A happy coincidence is seen in the fact that the lectures will be begun on the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the first president of the College. Dr. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, has been fittingly chosen to bring the first series of these lectures. He was for many years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville and was active in the religious and civic betterment of the city and surrounding mountain country. Besides having been intimately associated with Dr. A. E. Brown, he is eminently fitted as a speaker and writer to bring the first of these important lectures.

Ministerial Conference Holds First Meeting

The ministerial group this year will number around forty. The fellows met in their first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 11, and heard inspiring addresses by Dr. Moore, Dr. Sams, Pastor Owens, and Mother Milstead. Life in the classroom, on the campus, in the dormitory, and in the church were some of the topics discussed.

This meeting also served as a kind of get-acquainted meeting. Most of the ministerial group this year is made up of new students, and all of the boys are entering heartily into the work under the able leadership of Boyd Brown, president.

We meet each Thursday in the church at 7:30 P. M. and extend a cordial invitation to visitors. It is inspiring to us to have members of the faculty and student body meet with us, and we believe you will find our programs interesting and helpful.

Clio Literary Society Begins New Year

Clio-Phi Hall Scene of Bountiful Enthusiasm.

The first meeting of the Clio Literary Society for the new year was held September 10, 1930, at 4 o'clock. Many of the old girls were present and expressed much joy and gladness to be back in the hall again. The roll was called of the '29-'30 alumnae with each accounted for regarding location and work. Miss Grace Elkins in her usual entertaining manner rendered a beautiful selection at the piano. The Clio Standards and Ideals were clearly set forth by Miss Sibyl Pall. Miss Martha Parker gave the standard of attainment for 1930-31. The Relationship of Clio-Phi as felt by each member of both societies was given by Miss Lillian Turbyfill.

A large number of the new girls were present and thirteen of them expressed a desire to become permanent Clios. Mrs. Robert, matron of Trent Dormitory, was a very welcome visitor as well as two Philomathian brothers, Mr. Nelson Jarrett and Mr. William Kennedy.

About Four Hundred Attend Initial Social Event.

Promptly at 6:30 on Saturday evening, September 13, about four hundred gaily attired students, old and new, and the faculty assembled on the campus for the get-together social under the auspices of the B. S. U. This was the annual B. S. U. social which is always held at the beginning of the year in order that the students and faculty might become acquainted with each other.

As the young gentlemen and young ladies came up they were each given a small pennant bearing the name and colors of a college. There were eight colleges represented, such as Podunk School of Peanut Butter, Chigger Flat Institute, Cheat 'Em University, Kayookus, Goose Neck Normal, 'Possum Kingdom University, and Flunk Prep School. When every one had been assigned to a school, the girls formed a big circle around the boys. As the boys marched by, in an inner circle, they had the opportunity of speaking to each young lady and learning her name.

Then Val Edwards, the B. S. U. president, announced the fact that there were to be various games in which all the schools could compete against each other. Very quickly each group was organized; and, by the help of the group leaders, were yelling loudly for their school. There were many curious-sounding yells; and it truly seemed that peanut butter, chiggers, and 'possums were in the air. As each contestant left his school to try to win the candy, cracker, football, or basketball game he was madly cheered by his group. In this way everybody became intensely interested in the games and really got a school spirit regardless of the name of his college.

After everyone had yelled until his throat was sore, a dummy soupline was formed. Punch tables were placed all about the campus, and as the boys and girls promenaded around the campus they were served some delicious drinks from bowls decorated in white and blue, the B. S. U. colors.

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Phis Have Interesting Initial Program

Twenty-nine New Students Become Philomathians.

The Philomathian Literary Society held its initial program of the year in the Phi hall on Friday evening, September 12, 1930.

As a throng of new students poured into the hall the Phi orchestra in a very slow tempo was playing the Washington and Lee Swing.

The following program was given: Declaration, Roderick Holden; oration, Ed Fox. The query for the debate was, Resolved, That the nations should adopt a plan of complete disarmament excepting such forces as are needed for police purposes. The affirmative was upheld by T. Hoyle Lee and Ward Pittman. The negative was supported by Nelson Jarrett and Howard Camnitz. The negative won a 3-0 decision. Following the debate the Phi orchestra under the direction of Clemmer Campbell, added to the spirit of the occasion. Henry Whiteside rendered the jokes.

The hall was filled to overflowing by both old and new students. Coach Fenchers, former assistant coach of the college and a Philomathian, gave an interesting impromptu discourse. Twenty-nine new students enlisted under the banner of the blue and white for the coming year. Many old Phis were in the hall, and every new and old student was given an opportunity to say something.