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## FACULTY SERVES COLLEGE 319 YEARS

Average Term of 34 Teachers and Administrative Officers is Eight Years.

The aggregate tenures of office of the faculty and administration officers of Mars Hill College reaches a total of three hundred and nineteen years of service to the Western North Carolina institution.

The faculty members, having been the longest at Mars Hill are President and Mrs. Moore, who have been connected with the College for thirty-five years, the average for the entire staff being eight and four-fifth years.

The list of the faculty members in order of years of service to the college is as follows:

- President Robert Lee Moore, A. B., D. Ed., Mathematics, thirty-five years.
- Mrs. Robert Lee Moore, Bursar, thirty-five years.
- Miss Beulah Bowden, Art and Religion, twenty-four years.
- Flora Harding Robinson, M. A., Mathematics, nineteen years.
- Mr. Preston Calvin Stringfield, M. A., University of Pennsylvania, Education, seventeen years.
- Mr. Joseph Bascom Huff, A. M., English, twelve years.
- Mrs. Nona Moore Roberts, B. M., French, thirteen years.
- Mrs. Laura Shaw, Dietitian, eleven years.
- Mr. Oren Roberts, A. B., Physical Education, ten years.
- Mrs. Cornelia Howell Vann, M. A., Spanish, ten years.
- Miss Bonnie Wengert, Graduate School of Expression, Expression, ten years.
- Isaac N. Carr, M. A., History, nine years.
- Mrs. Walter Eugene Wilkins, A. B., German, nine years.
- Mr. John W. Huff, M. A., Latin, eight years.
- Mr. John A. McLeod, M. A., English, eight years.
- Miss Ethel Gregg, A. B., English, eight years.
- Miss Martha Sinclair Biggers, B. M., Piano, eight years.
- Miss Nora Kelly, R. N., Nurse and Health Education, eight years.
- Mr. Shannon Otis Trentham, M. A., Biology, seven years.
- Miss Ella J. Pierce, A. B., English, seven years.
- Mr. Ralph Marion Lee, M. A., Eco-

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## COLLEGE SHOWS STEADY GROWTH

Current Session Has Largest College Enrollment.

Figures taken from the registrar's report show that the college enrollment has steadily grown during the eleven years, 1921 to 1932, that the junior college has been in existence.

Enrollment in the college classes, exclusive of the summer school and special students, has been as follows for the eleven years: 14, 71, 114, 171, 242, 325, 385, 376, 378, 402, 420. Enrollment in the senior class for this period has been as follows: 1, 4, 22, 33, 85, 94, 127, 127, 143, 154, 171. The numbers receiving Associate in Arts diplomas have been as follows: 1, 3, 19, 35, 64, 75, 67, 69, 96, 99, 115. Total enrollment for the eleven years, exclusive of the summer terms, is as follows: 467, 481, 512, 545, 493, 488, 412, 487, 471, 490, 485.

## Religious Groups Wield Wide Influence

A religious atmosphere predominates the student life on the campus of Mars Hill College. It is a spirit that can be defined only by close observation and experience. After having caught that "Mars Hill spirit," which is so clearly brought about by the close fellowship of the students in carrying on the cause of Christ on the college campus, the students have

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## DR. FRED BROWN ELECTED PRES. S. B. C.

Former Mars Hill Man Given Highest Honor In Baptist Denomination.

Dr. Fred F. Brown, graduated from Mars Hill in 1904, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, was elected to the highest office of the Southern Baptist Convention at the meeting held in St. Petersburg, Fla., recently.

Dr. Brown is an outstanding leader in the denomination, having been appointed recently as South-wide director of the every-member canvass. The church of which he is pastor in one of the leading churches of the South, particularly in contributions to world-wide benevolences.

As a student at Mars Hill, Fred Brown was red-blooded and mischievous, yet intensely devout. He was particularly interested in public speaking and society work, being a member of the Philomathian Society when the meetings were held in what is now the music building. Mrs. W. H. Woodall, his teacher of expression, wielded a strong influence over him during his student days here.

Dr. Brown decided for the ministry after leaving Mars Hill and continued his education at Wake Forest and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Societies and Clubs Are Campus Assets

Four Societies and Four Scholarship Clubs Offer Valuable Extra-Curricula Training.

One of the important features of Mars Hill College is its literary societies. There are four of these organizations: the Euthalian, for boys, and its sister society, the Nonpariel; the Philomathian, for boys, and its sister, the Clio. The societies offer unlimited opportunities for development in debating, orating, declaiming, and other phases of literary activities. Society spirit runs high at the anniversary season and at commencement, with the friendly rivalry among the societies adding color and impetus to the campus life.

Mars Hill has four scholarship clubs. Students averaging "B" on a required subject are eligible for membership. The four clubs are: the Scriblerus (English) Club, the International Relations Club, the Science Club, and the Language Club. Interesting and instructive programs are presented in monthly meetings.

Many parts of the world are represented on our campus in the regional clubs. The largest membership is held by the Madison County Club. All of the fairly well represented counties have clubs, while the remainder of the students are taken care of in state, section, and cosmopolitan clubs.

## Honored



**DR. FRED F. BROWN**  
Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn., who has been chosen president of the Southern Baptist Convention was graduated from Mars Hill in 1904.

## Mars Hill Alumni In Many Fields

Below are listed some representative Mars Hill graduates. This is not a roll of honor, for hundreds even thousands should appear on such a roster.

### Six School Men

A. W. Honeycutt, superintendent Hendersonville, N. C., city schools, newly-elected superintendent city schools, Lexington, N. C.

E. E. Sams, superintendent Lenoir county schools, Kinston, N. C.

C. S. Black, Ph. D., professor of chemistry, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

Hannibal G. Duncan, Ph. D., associate professor of sociology, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H., and author of several college texts.

Coy Muckle, president Wingate Junior College, Wingate, N. C.; also president of the State B. Y. P. U.

J. Spurgeon Edwards, superintendent of Montgomery County schools, Troy, N. C.

### Six Pastors

Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.; also president Boiling Springs Junior College.

Rev. O. R. Mangum, pastor Wornall Avenue Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. J. M. Kester, pastor First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C.; member of the Foreign Mission Board; author of "The Life After Death."

Rev. Porter M. Bailes, pastor First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas.

Rev. J. Ben Eiler, pastor First Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.

Rev. C. B. Austin, pastor West Washington Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; member of the Educa-

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## LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS THURSDAY

Sheepskins To Be Presented To 92 College Seniors; 23 More To Finish In Summer School

Professor Elliot Speaks.

With the largest graduating class in the seventy-six years of its history, Mars Hill college opened the commencement program Sunday, May 22, with the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Dr. A. B. Conard, pastor of the First Baptist Church of High Point, N. C., the remainder of the week being devoted to various class activities, inter-society contests, and alumni meetings. The awarding of diplomas and prizes will bring the year to a close Friday, May 27, at noon.

The number to receive diplomas this year, including those graduating in summer school, brings the total to 115 as compared with 99 of last year, which was, up until that time, the largest graduating class. There will be 92 to receive diplomas on May 27.

An extensive program of interest has been planned for the commencement exercises. On Wednesday, May 25, the reading contest will be held in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Thursday, May 26, at 11 A. M., the oration contest for women will be held, at 2:30, the inter-society debate will take place, at 4:30, a reunion of classes will meet in the Phi Society Hall, at 5:30, the alumni supper in the Sams Dining Hall, and an entertainment at 8 o'clock by the music and expression departments will close the day's activities. On Friday morning the diplomas will be awarded at 10 o'clock. At 10:30 the alumni address by Professor P. L. Elliott, of Western Carolina Teachers' College, will be delivered.

The true climax of the entire commencement program comes at 11 o'clock Friday morning when the announcement of the honors and prizes for the year will be made. Those winning in the various contests, and those who receive recognition of any form will be announced. The winners are then presented with medals.

These prizes are given by various patrons of the school, and are the center of friendly rivalry throughout the year. The debate medal is given by C. B. Mashburn, the declamation medal by G. C. Brown, American History, memorial medal, by Mrs. Quaid: Improvement in composition, Mrs. Kate Woodrow; loving cup to the women's society whose representative wins in the oration contest, J. L. Corzine; reading, the College; oration.

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## Several Improvements On Campus Made During Year

The campus of Mars Hill college has gradually taken on an entirely new atmosphere with the beautification of its grounds. There have been 425 evergreens planted on the main campus, around the boys' dormitories, and on the land surrounding the cottages belonging to the college and occupied by its faculty. Grass has been sown in the plot back of Treat and also back of the church. These places have been hedged in and will make delightful parks for the girls. A blocked flower bed has been planted behind the Administration building which will be a splash of color against the green. Lilacs and snow-balls have been set out, which will bloom in profusion.

This summer, Highway Number 235 will be paved through town and as far as the grammar school on the Burnsville road. The Marshall highway will also be paved.

It is hoped that the college will soon be able to construct a suitable entrance to Melrose and Brown dormitories from the Asheville highway. This entrance will consist of columns and shrubs on either side of the road.

With the above improvements, as well as the looked-forward-to swimming pool and golf course, Mars Hill offers even more for the coming student's enjoyment.

## Enrollment Shown By Departments

The report of the registrar gives the enrollment in the different departments as follows: Art 41, Bible 198, Biology 127, Chemistry 97, Economics 52, Education 222, English 431, French 199, German 19, Government 33, Greek 14, History 307, Home Economics 17, Latin 139, Mathematics 221, Physics 25, Physical Education 254, Health Education 182, Spanish 29, Music 110, Chorus 67, Orchestra 22.

## Pearl Howell Wins Dramatic Awards

Expression Department Has Splendid Record; New Plans Announced.

The recognition of the most faithful student in the expression department this year has been accorded to Pearl Howell. Honorable mention goes to Douthit Furches and Catherine Rollins. The honor is awarded annually and the name of the student is engraved on the plate in the expression studio. Previous recognition has gone to T. Carl Brown and Sibyl Pace.

The expression department has played an important part in school activities this year. Notable performances have been presented in the plays, which were warmly received and well attended by the students. The department is presenting a rollicking comedy as its commencement feature. It includes some of the most outstanding talent among the expression students.

A new plan of program presentation is to be inaugurated next year. The club will be divided into three groups, each under the direction of a captain who will have charge of the programs. This plan will introduce variety into the programs.

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## Mars Hill Grads In Who's Who

Names of Three Members of the Faculty in Latest Volume.

The names of at least eight former students of Mars Hill appear in Who's Who in America:

John Q. Tilson, New Haven, Connecticut, floor leader in the House of Representatives.

H. T. Hunter, president Western North Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, N. C.

James A. White, Berkeley, California, pastor and author.

Gerald W. Johnson, Baltimore, Maryland, journalist and author.

Fred F. Brown, Knoxville, Tennessee, pastor and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Curtis W. Reese, Chicago, Illinois, dean of Abraham Lincoln Center.

Oscar E. Sams, vice-president of Mars Hill College.

J. B. Huff, head of the English department of Mars Hill College.

The name of President Moore, who is not a graduate of the college, also appears in this volume.

## MARS HILL COLLEGE

SHOWING NUMBER OF STUDENTS BY STATES

