

## QUIET TALKS

BY S. D. GORDON

Inspire College Students

### The New Chapel Program Era

During the past week the students of Mars Hill College have been benefited by the simple but persuasive Quiet Talks brought to them by Dr. S. D. Gordon, of Winston-Salem.

The messages, which were given in the college chapel and church, were enjoyed also by a great number of friends of the college. One person made this statement: "The entire student body and community have received a great spiritual blessing."

Dr. Gordon was born in Philadelphia, and it was there he received his education in the public schools of the city. He has spent the greater portion of his life however in New York City.

Among the many offices in the Y.M.C.A. that Dr. Gordon has held, probably the most outstanding are: Assistant Secretary of Y.M.C.A. in Philadelphia, and State Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of Ohio.

### Speaker For 44 Years

Ever since 1895, Dr. Gordon has been considered one of America's outstanding public speakers. For four years, he journeyed in Continental Europe, England and Asia, lecturing in many of their great cities.

During this period he spoke on an average of three times daily, with the aid of an interpreter, to the French, the Russian exiles in Paris, the Armenians, and Belgians.

He was a guest in the press box at the League of Nations at Geneva, where he watched the deliberations of that august body. He lectured in Geneva for four weeks.

Two million copies of the twenty-two quiet talks, written by Dr. Gordon, are in circulation. There are eighteen different foreign translations of the series.

During his stay here, Dr. Gordon announced the name of his latest book, "Quiet Talks on the New Order of Things," which has just gone to press.

### Author of "Quiet Talks"

Some of the most outstanding of Dr. Gordon's books are: Quiet Talks in Power, Quiet Talks on Prayer, Quiet Talks on Service, Quiet Talks About Jesus, Quiet Talks on Personal Problems, Quiet Talks With World Winners, Quiet Talks on Home Ideals, Quiet Talks About the Tempter, Quiet Talks on Our Lord's Return, Quiet Talks on Following the Christ, Quiet Talks About the Crowned Christ, Quiet Talks on John's Gospel, Quiet Talks on the Deeper Meaning of the Word, Quiet Talks on Life After (Please turn to page 2)

## TRUSTEES

SELECT REVELL

To Fill Place of Dr. W. F. Robinson

O. D. Revell, of Asheville, has been elected a trustee of Mars Hill College, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. W. F. Robinson, Dr. R. L. Moore announced today.

Mr. Revell will automatically become chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, which was held by Dr. Robinson, who prior to his death had been a trustee of the college for over 35 years. Dr. Moore announced that a \$1,000 permanent fund had been left to the college by Dr. Robinson.

The college is indeed fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Revell as a trustee. Mr. Revell is a very prominent business man of Asheville, having holdings in both Asheville and Oklahoma.



MADAME BORGNY HAMMER

## MEMORANDA

OF DR. ROBERT

Read By The President

(The following lines, written more than sixty-five years ago by Dr. Robert, then a young man entering upon his work as a physician, were read by President Moore as a part of the funeral service. It had been the custom of Dr. Robert, to read these "memoranda" on his birthday every year.

### Memoranda of Dr. J. C. Robert

After years of study and preparation for the professional life, I thank God that I have been brought safely and with abundant blessings to this the commencement of my career as a practitioner of medicine.

On day before yesterday, the tenth of April, 1868, I came out to this location, near Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, eight miles south of Austin, Prairie County, Arkansas.

In contemplation of my previous life, during boyhood, during the progress of the way, and during the period since its termination, I am led to explain (while humbly acknowledging my great sinfulness and the total unworthiness of God's mercies):

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Please turn to page 2)

## AGED DOCTOR

DIES AT TREAT

With Sudden Heart Attack

In Eighty-Ninth Year

The college community was saddened last week by the death of Dr. James C. Robert, who quietly passed on at his apartment here Monday evening at the age of eighty-nine.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert came to Mars Hill from Mississippi about eight years ago, when the latter accepted the position as hostess in the Treat Home for Girls. For several years prior to their coming to Mars Hill to live they had visited Mars Hill each summer and remained until after the opening of the college.

### Was Students' Adviser

During these years the presence of Dr. Robert has been a benediction to the campus. For the past few months he has been confined to his rooms because of failing health, but students of other days knew him as a genial and consecrated counselor. A familiar scene which many will remember is that of Dr. Robert with his snow-white hair in the midst of a small group of young men or women, or with someone who had come seeking his advice. Many a young person has he helped through a spiritual crisis since coming to Mars Hill. His saintly character has inspired many others who did not know him intimately to nobler Christian living.

Dr. Robert came to Mars Hill as a retired physician after having ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of mankind for more than half a century. He was also a veteran of the Civil War, having served through that conflict as a soldier in the Confederate Army. Although his home was in Mississippi he was of the historic Robert family of lower South Carolina. Pierre Robert, the first pastor of the French Huguenot church of Charleston and whose name is inscribed in the old church which still stands in that city, was the grandfather of Dr. Robert.

### Five Children Living

Dr. Robert is survived by Mrs. Robert; one daughter, Mrs. Fanny Robert White, of Norwood, La.; four sons, Captain W. P. Robert, of the Navy (Please turn to page 2)

## C-I CLASS OFFICERS

Officers of the C-I class elected this week were:

President, Joe Dixon; vice-presidents, James Dudley and Miss Nina Hayes; secretary, Miss Alice Early; treasurer, Robert Cosner.

## C-I'S ELECT

DIXON PRESIDENT

Ellis Chosen A-4 Leader

The C-I Class met Friday afternoon, September 29, in the college auditorium, for the purpose of perfecting the class organization, when Joe Dixon was elected president. Dixon made a speech of acceptance, pledging his full support to the class.

Mrs. G. J. Burnett and Professor J. A. McLeod were elected class sponsors.

The class heard the request of Bill Martin in regard to financing the college yearbook. The class voted unanimously to accept the plan offered by Martin.

With over two hundred members, the C-I Class expects to go far and to play a big part in the affairs of Mars Hill College.

The academic students of Mars Hill met October 1 and elected the following officers: President, Dean Ellis; Vice-President, T. J. Wilson; Secretary, Charles Trainum; Treasurer, Doris Smiley; and Reporter, Florence Burnett.

The organization unanimously elected Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Wood sponsors.

A group of academic students went on an eight-mile hike to Bailey Mountain, September 30. The party had supper at the spring and after climbing to the summit came home by way of Dr. Moore's. The tired students returned to school about seven o'clock. The chaperon for the occasion was Mr. Wood.

## FOUNDING OF INSTITUTION

Celebrated On 77th Anniversary

With E. G. Davis As Speaker

Commemorating seventy-seven years of useful service as an institution of learning, Mars Hill College presented its annual Founder's Day program this morning.

The program follows:

Alma Mater, audience; Prayer Mr. J. W. O'Hara; Orchestra, "Cavalleria Rusticana", Address, Dr. E. G. Davis; Glee Club, The Heavens Resound by Gounod; Benediction, Dr. M. N. McCall.

The speech of Dr. Davis on the "Crisis of Education," was the main feature of the services.

### Library Annex Dedicated

In the course of his address Dr. Davis said: "I see little to gain on the technical and mechanical side of education, but much to gain on the spiritual." We are cursed in many lives with leadership of mediocrity, and will continue to be so long as we pay a million dollars to one who writes, "Yes We Have No Bananas." The test of an educational institution, as that of a form or factory, he said, is the product.

Initiated years ago as a celebration of the founding of the school, these programs have been given yearly with such noted speakers as Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Nashville, Tennessee, Editor Santford Martin of Winston-Salem, Mayor Wickes Wambolt of Asheville, Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville, Tennessee, and others.

The history of the school has been reviewed numerous times and has served as an inspiration to thousands. French Broad Institute was established in 1856 with Dr. W. A. G. Brown as president. In 1859 Mars Hill College was chartered "with power of conferring all such degrees and marks of distinction as are usually conferred in colleges and seminaries of learning." For years the school struggled through childhood. At last the rugged and sterling character of Dr. and Mrs. Moore, and those who were before him, has made Mars Hill one of the outstanding junior-colleges in the country. Dr. Moore has been president of the college for thirty-four years.

Last year as a part of the Founder's Day program, a stone marker in memory of Old Joe, a slave who went to jail as security for a debt of the college, was unveiled near one of the entrances to the campus. Negro spirituals were chanted in primitive fashion by colored members of the community.

### Programs Held Annually

Following the program in the chapel a brief service was held on the (Please turn to page 2)

## "GHOSTS"

TO BE SEEN

At Mars Hill College October Twent-First

When Laurence Clarke presents Borgny Hammer, noted Ibsen actress, in "Ghosts" and "The Master Builder" at Mars Hill College on October 21, the people of Western North Carolina will get a chance to see performances by one of the greatest living actresses of the legitimate stage.

Madame Hammer calls Norway her native land, where Ibsen was also born. At an early age she displayed a flash of genius, which was immediately recognized by European critics. After playing successfully for some time in her capital city of Christiania, Madame Hammer made her American debut in Ibsen's "Rosmersholm" and (Please turn to page 3)

## TO THE YOUTH OF AMERICA

### SELF-MASTERY

Everybody worth while is ambitious. He's ambitious to be and to do the best and the most.

The highest achievement of life is self-mastery—every power disciplined to its best. Only through self-mastery can there be mastery of circumstances, problems, difficulties. And there is no mastery of Self without the Master, Jesus Christ, Saviour, Fellow-Human, Friend.

A life of self-mastery brings on three things: an Act, a Purpose, a Habit. The Act—surrender, gladly, freely to Jesus Christ as Master. The Purpose—in everything to please Him. And when in doubt don't wait till the doubt clears. The Habit—a bit of daily time alone with the Teacher and the Book. There the vision clears, the judgment poises, the spirit gentles, the will strengthens, the life becomes really human.

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of messages given for publication in the Hilltop from noted persons to college students.

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