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## COLLEGE WILL CELEBRATE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OCT. 12TH

**Dr. W. P. Few, President of Duke University, To Be Principal Speaker.**

Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University, will be the principal speaker at the Founders' Day program at Mars Hill College, October 12. Other numbers on the program will be the first appearance of the college orchestra and glee club. As yet, there has been no complete program announced.

Mars Hill College is the oldest college in North Carolina west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In the fall of 1856 under the name of "The French Broad Baptist Institute," with Messrs. W. A. G. Brown and P. W. Anderson in charge, the work began at this school. The years which preceded the Civil War were prosperous ones. Students from a wide range of territory flocked here.

On February 16, 1859, a little more than two years after the opening in 1856, the first charter of the school was secured, and the name changed to "Mars Hill College." This charter gave the "power to confer all such degrees and marks of literary distinction as are usually conferred in colleges or seminaries of learning." This power has never been used nor has it been taken away.

The college was first managed by a self-perpetuating board of trustees. But in 1925 the charter was changed, and now the Baptist State Convention appoints the members of the Board. This insures a perpetuation of the principles and purposes of the founders.

The college today is a junior college of recognized excellence. The organizations and all resources are devoted to the educational needs of junior college students. Graduates from this college rank high in senior colleges, universities, and professional schools. Mars Hill is a college of distinctive traditions with an atmosphere favorable to right thinking and right living. An uncompromising effort is made to keep it distinctly Christian.

Founders' Day is observed each year on October 12, and Charter Day on February 16.

### 48 Singers Pass Glee Club Try-Out

**Club Under Direction Of Miss Whittington Plan Organization.**

The glee club held its first meeting Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock in the college auditorium with 48 members present. Tryouts held early in the week indicate an abundance of material for the club for this year.

Under the direction of Miss Whittington of the voice department and Miss Biggers, head of the department of music, as accompanist the club began practice on a sacred anthem, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones", a seventeenth century melody.

Those chosen for the glee club to date are: sopranos, Eutha Adams, Clara Lee Bowen, Lois Church, Rose Ellen Elkins, Gaynell Franklin, Elizabeth Hicks, Lucelle Hartley, Elizabeth Johnston, Sara Jarrett, Doris Johnston, Dorothy Lukhard, Eleanor Moore, Melba Nanney, Iris Rabb, Nina Belle Ray, Mary Douglas Tinnen, Edith Wall, Ruth Yates; altos, Martha Glazner, Mildred Hellen, Nina Hayes, Ernestine Hamby, Kathleen Johnston, Louise Lane, Nina Gray Liles, Marion McManus, Eleanor Sellers, Francis Warlick; tenors, Jack Benson, Robert Costner, Hubert Elton, William Hill, Clay Hemrick, Paul Kendall, Edgar Kirk, Hubert Miller, Wallace Smith, John Stevens; basses, Ernest Dudley, Charles Fisher, Brownlow Hastings, Donald London.

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### FOUNDERS' DAY SPEAKER



**DR. W. P. FEW**  
President of Duke University, who will be the principal speaker Founders' Day, October 12.

### DR. SPILMAN DELIVERS LECTURES ON GOSPEL

**"Literary Portrait Painter Of Jesus" Is The Subject Of Four Inspiring Messages.**

Dr. B. W. Spilman, field worker of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., engaged in special work among the colleges, concluded last Tuesday a series of four inspiring lectures on "The Literary Portrait Painters of Jesus."

On Friday at the chapel period Dr. Spilman spoke on Matthew, the publican and Roman tax gatherer, who became the disciple and writer of the first gospel. Sunday morning at the local church he spoke on Mark the business man; Monday at the chapel period on Luke the physician; and Tuesday at chapel on John the fisherman.

For almost half a century Dr. Spilman, who is the oldest field worker in the service of the Sunday School Board, has been associated with Mars Hill. The oldest dormitory for girls on the campus was made possible by his generosity, and at present the largest home for girls bears his name. He also founded a generous loan fund for girls a few years ago. Dr. Spilman said Tuesday morning that he had spoken to Mars Hill audiences seventy-seven times during the past thirty-six years.

### B. S. U. Council Lay Plans For The Year

**"Christ Must Reign On The Campus" To Be Motto.**

The Baptist Student Union Council held their first meeting of the year Monday evening, September 3. At this meeting plans, including a social hour, a vesper service, and the get-acquainted party were made. The council sponsored a surprise party for Dr. Moore on his birthday.

The president, Bob Costner, urged the adoption of the motto, "Christ must reign on the campus," by every student this year.

George Noel, Jr., state B. S. U. president from Wake Forest, was on the campus at the beginning of the year. Mr. Noel stressed the responsibility of Christian boys and girls to their fellow students, the faculty, and most of all to Jesus.

With each councilman and member of the faculty enthusiastic and zealously working to fulfill the commands of the Master, all feel sure that the Baptist Student Union will accomplish great things this year.

### NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO COLLEGE STAFF

**Several Changes Among House Mothers And Music Faculty.**

Several additions have been made to the faculty this year, and several leaves of absence have been granted. Miss Zula Evelyn Coon, head of the Voice Department, is studying this year at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Margaret Whittington, who received her degree at Meredith College last June, will be the head of the voice department for the coming session.

Miss Caroline Paul, a native of Beaufort, S. C., is taking over the head of the orchestral training in the Music Department, replacing Mrs. Douglas Robinson. Miss Paul came to Mars Hill from Stuart Hall, Staunton, Va.

Succeeding Mrs. Burnett as hostess in Melrose is Mrs. C. D. McComb formerly of Ward-Belmont and Baylor College. Mrs. Burnett, who won her way into our hearts during her two years here, joins her husband in Louisiana, where Mr. Burnett is president of Dodd College.

Miss Eula Mae Hester, a former student and a graduate of the Georgia Baptist Hospital and School of Nursing, will have charge of the infirmary this year.

In Treat Dormitory, Miss Pearce will act as hostess; in Spilman Home, Mrs. Jane H. Miller, of Evanston, Ill.; in Rivermont, Mrs. Arthur Fox, of Morristown, Tenn.

With these excellent additions, a successful year is seen ahead.

### From The Society Presidents

#### NONS

As president of the Nonpareil Literary Society, I welcome you to Mars Hill and especially to our Non-Eu Society Hall. The Nons meet every Thursday at four o'clock, and sincerely hope that some time during the year you will visit us. If you are attracted by us and the type of work we are advancing, we will be so glad to extend you an invitation to become a member with us.

Throughout the year, call on any Nonpareil to help you out in anything that you are endeavoring to do. We are here for service. We want to help you—and we will!

IRIS RABB, President.

#### CLIOS

In behalf of the Clio Literary Society, I wish to extend to each new student a hearty welcome. We hope you are "well", we see you have "come", and we know you are "welcome". We are happy to have you on our campus, and we welcome you to our society.

You have a place here, and you must find it. The old members have already commenced the friendly fight for the honors, and it is our desire to have the new students with us. Find your place in one of the societies. Begin your fight today. We need your pep; in fact, we need YOU, Welcome!

ERNESTINE HAMBY, President.

#### PHI'S

As president and spokesman of the Philomathian Literary Society I want to say that we welcome heartily every new student on our campus. We, as Philomathians, are at your service in any capacity you may desire us. Do not fail to use us whenever you find a need of our services.

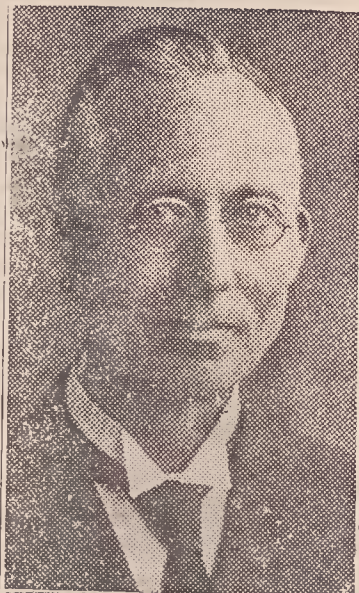
Having been a society member for two years at Mars Hill, I know what it means to be a member of a body which was founded to bring out the best that is in a man. If you have not joined a society, do so at once, so that you may enjoy the fellowship and social contact that they offer.

You will miss a great part of life at Mars Hill if you do not join one or

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## TOTAL OF 467 STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED FIRST WEEK OF TERM

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**President R. L. Moore, age 64, who has served Mars Hill 37 years.**

### MR. BLACKWELL WEDS MISS OLIVE BROWN

**Couple Sails For Europe Where Mr. Blackwell Will Study; To Return To Mars Hill.**

A wedding of wide interest was solemnized at the First Baptist Church of Irwin, Tenn., Wednesday afternoon, September 12, when Miss Olive Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brown of Irwin, became the bride of Professor Hoyt Blackwell, of Mars Hill College.

The wedding was one of beauty and simplicity. The altar before which the vows were spoken was banked with evergreens and ferns among which were placed floor baskets of white asters. Tapers burning in tall candelabra on either side of the altar cast a soft glow over the scene. The pre-nuptial music began with an organ solo, "Kamennoi Ostrov", by Rubinstein, played by Mrs. Vreeland F. Peters. Following this Mrs. Douglas Robinson, of Mars Hill, a schoolmate of the bride, accompanied by Mrs. Peters at the organ played a violin solo, "Liebestraume", by Liszt. Just before the processional, the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, Mrs. Preston C. Stringfield of Mars Hill, sang "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," by Gounod. The pastor of the bride, Rev. Roscoe C. Smith with Dr. O. E. Sams of Mars Hill, officiated at the ceremony.

Miss Jodie Brown, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Misses Ruth Brown, Sara Penney, Alda Sams, and Mrs. Ted Harrison

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### Boys Hosts To Girls On Saturday Evening

**Music, Readings, Stunts, Feature Evening Of Entertainment.**

The entire female student body of Mars Hill College was entertained last night by the boys with a delightful program of music and mirth at the boys' dormitories. All of the girls of the college were present and were delighted with the type of program rendered and were proud to receive the honors bestowed upon them by their fellow students.

Several numbers of a musical variety were rendered by Misses Whittington, Paul, and Biggers. The solos of each of these were enjoyed very much by all who were privileged to hear them. Several students, some of them C-1's, gave special piano and expression renditions which were received with enthusiasm by the student body. Miss Wengert's students did themselves honor with their readings, while Bowan and Brockman also

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### Sixteen States, Three Countries, Represented Among Students.

Statistics from the Registrar's office at the close of last week state that 467 students have registered for the first semester at Mars Hill this year. The number enrolled shows an increase of 52 over the total registration for last year at this time. Sixteen states—Germany, Cuba, and Brazil—are represented among the students.

The present registration shows that the boys have outnumbered the girls by 97, there being 282 boys, and 185 girls.

North Carolina claims the largest number of students with a representation of 350. South Carolina follows with a total of 36; Tennessee 31; Virginia 17; Georgia 5; Florida 4; Louisiana 4; New York 4; Indiana 3; Michigan 2; Texas 2; Kentucky 2; and New Jersey, New Mexico, Maryland, and Connecticut have one representative each.

There are 75 counties of North Carolina represented with Madison County leading. Madison has an enrollment of 60 students, and Buncombe follows with 43. Madison, Buncombe, and Rutherford Counties had the largest representation last year.

Statistics show further that on the campus there are 367 Baptists, 53 Methodists, 13 Presbyterians, 4 Episcopalians, 3 Catholics, 1 Moravian, 2 Christians.

Mars Hill has held her place well during the storms of recent years, and it is gratifying to friends of the college to know that the increase in enrollment is steadily growing, that Mars Hill has been the choice of many in preference to senior colleges. The nominal sum which the college charges has done much to help the needy student receive a college education who otherwise would be left out.

### Construction Begun On New Infirmary

Last week the excavation was completed for the new Robinson Memorial infirmary of Mars Hill College. The structure will be completed in the near future and is to be placed directly west of the newly-finished library, facing the extension of the main court of the future campus.

The new building is to be a stone structure, matching the library, and is to contain modern accommodations for more than twenty-five patients and a nurse. Full details of the construction have been approved and the heating, plumbing, lighting, and actual stone work will begin this week, according to information received from Mr. Tilson.

On the southwest end the building will have three stories, with furnace, storage and laundry rooms in the basement.

The forty by fifty feet building will be of the most modern type of eighteen inch stone wall construction, one of the main features being a very modern diet kitchen. Both boys and girls will be provided with open front wards.

According to President Moore, the building was made possible through a gift of \$2,500 from Mrs. W. F. Robinson and an equal amount from the faculty and a few friends. This leaves a total of \$4,000 to be raised by the sixteen alumni associations of Mars Hill College which are scattered along the Blue Ridge from Boone to Murphy. It is expected that the money will be raised easily and the construction is to begin in face of the lack of funds.