

ALUMNI COME TO HONOR R. L. MOORE

Campus Paragraphics

AUTOGRAPHS

Autographs were in demand when the Laurels were finally circulated. Students hurried here and there about the campus requesting the signatures of friends. Seniors affirm that this is an important part of their commencement.

SHOCKED

Dean Biggers was shocked to find three newshawks, Bellinger, Chapman, and Elliott, indulging in a mumble-peg game in the outdoor theatre recently. The boys hung their heads as the kindly dean administered a severe tongue lashing.

RETURN

From all parts of the state, and surrounding states, come hundreds of loyal Mars Hillians this week to pay tribute to R. L. Moore on the fortieth anniversary of his presidency at Mars Hill. Old students find reminiscence pleasing and society halls are a center for former members.

ILL

The Reverend William Lynch, popular pastor of the local church, has been confined to his home for sometime with illness. The youthful divine is expected to be able to attend the 81st finals this week, and friends and students are happy to note his steady improvement.

CANTATA

One of the features of Thursday's program, honoring R. L. Moore, will be the cantata, "Caravan," which will climax the musical program in the auditorium that evening. With orchestra and glee club in full quota, the event promises to be an outstanding part of the festivities.

FETED

Members of The Hilltop staff, with guests, enjoyed a delightful supper served picnic style on the spacious lawn of faculty adviser, John A. McLeod, last week. Mrs. McLeod charmingly served the guests from heavily laden tables, assisted by her sister, Miss Allen. After partaking of the supper, newsmen and ladies joined in a childhood spectacle, which included hide and seek, and other games. Editors Elliott and Chapman took graceful falls to delight lesser staff position holders.

PARTING

Many students are expressing their hopes of being back next year and find parting from this year's group sad. Considered one of the finest group of students ever to assemble here during Dr. Moore's forty years of leadership, cooperation has been had from all. Many express the hope that parting will only be a beginning of a perpetuation of college friendships.

Diplomas To Be Given To 134 Seniors

Exercises will be held tomorrow, May 28, for the largest graduating class in the history of the college. The class of 1937, which numbers 134, will be composed of the following qualifying seniors:

Abernathy, Lena, Adams, Anne, Aiken, Richard, Allen, Edna Ray, Allen, Homer, Allman, Leta J., Anderson, J. C., Anderson, W. K., Barringer, C. D., Bass, Elizabeth, Beare, Lucile, Beck, Martha, Bell, Helen, Benfield, Floy, Bradshaw, Buck, Bradshaw, Georgia, Brooks, Alma, Brown, Haynes.

Carter, Dean, Carter, Edward, Chapman, John, Clyde, Robert, Cornatzer, Eugene, Crater, Edith, Culberson, Rue, Culp, Nancy, Dale, Garmon, Davis, Emmett, Delbridge, Wm., Dixon, Arthur, Dixon, Philip, Duck, Otis, Elliott, Betty, Elliott, Hubert, English, Irene, Ernest, Mary Lee, Fleetwood, Elizabeth, Fleming, William, Ford, Grace, Gaddy, Julia, Gibson, Helen, Glass, Wilson, Gregory, Clarence, Greene, Winifred, Griffin, Cull, Griffin, D. M., Griffin, Exum, Hagler, Dorothy, Hamlin, Annie Lou, Hand, Harry, Hare, Albertina, Harkey, Harry, Hopkins, Ruby, Howell, Edith, Huff, Richard.

Jarret, Alton, Johnson, Elizabeth, Jones, James, Jordan, Irma, Jordan, Robert, Keller, Violet, Kelley, Rachel, Kirk, Helen Ida, Knight, John, Lamb, Mildred, Lane, Louise, Lewis, Margaret, Linney, Lillian, Long, Samuel, Mayberry, Charles, Morgan, E. S., Morgan, G. G., Morgan, Maurice, Murray Durwood, McCain, French, McCall, Shell, McLendon, Albert, McLendon, Eranda, Newman, Evelyn, O'Quinn, Harold, Pattillo, Masie, Pierce, Crowell, Pigg, Mildred, Pipes, Lena, Pope, Jane, Preslar, Allen.

Pruett, Beulah, Randleman, James, Ray, Boyd, Reagan, Gloria, Rhodes, Thomas, Rice, Willie, Roberts, Elizabeth, Roberts, Julia, Roberts, Verlie M., Robinson, Harold, Rush, Estelle, Russell, W. K., Sanders, Neal, Sanderson, Willie, Sanford, Howard, Scruggs, Clarice, Simpson, Adele, Sinclair, Edgar, Sloman, Effie, Snelson, Frances, Spears, Edwin, Spence, Dan, Spoon, Mildred L., Sprinkle, Marian, Sronce, Clyda, Stevens.

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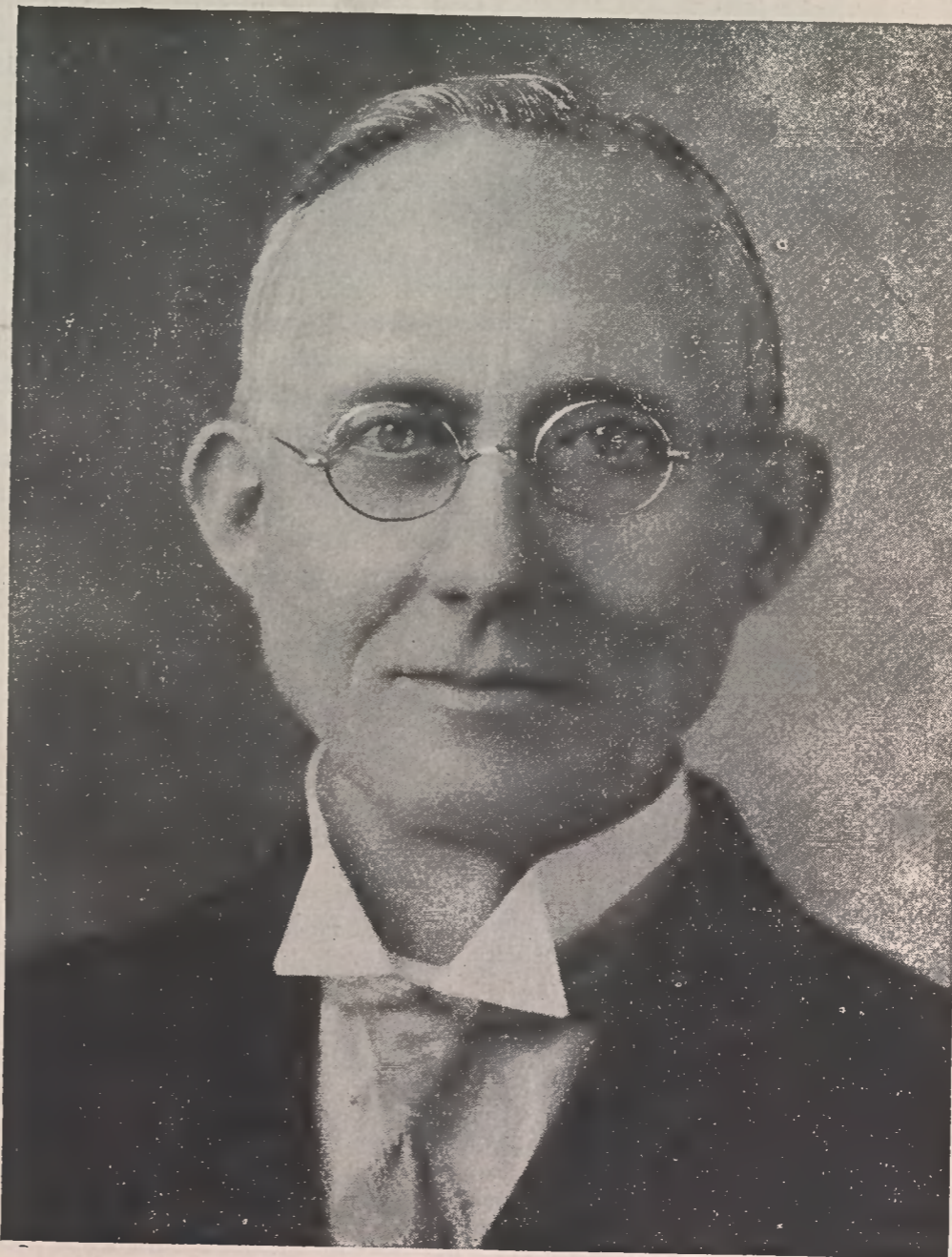
Dr. Powell Speaks To The Graduating Class

Using for his text the verse from Isaiah, "I will make a man more precious than gold", Dr. William Francis Powell delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the seniors in the college church on Sunday, May 23.

The gold standard, he brought out, has been used for the world's financial transactions since God made that statement. "But God", he said, "recognizes a higher standard. God makes man so high above the money standard," he asserted, "that we lose sight of monetary values."

Dr. Powell enlarged upon his point by bringing to the attention of his audience the names of men whom the world has known as be-

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Forty Years of Service Rendered by R. L. Moore

Today, Homecoming Day, represents the fortieth anniversary of Mars Hill college under President R. L. Moore. Dr. Moore has served as president since his entrance into that office in 1897, at which time the financial responsibility of the college was turned over to him by the board of trustees. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, living then in what is now Treat dormitory, underwent considerable sacrifice in order to provide education for the willing students of the surrounding community. They used the common living room with the students and were in close personal contact with them. They were often of great personal help to the students, sometimes foregoing comforts for themselves in order to aid needy ones. The common dining room was equipped by Mrs. Moore with her wedding presents of china and silver. Stories are told of the cold nights when Mr. and Mrs. Moore would do without sufficient covering for their own beds in order that the students in need of covering might keep warm.

Dr. Moore helped to restore the stability of the college through his

unselfish work for the college and his refusal to take more salary than he needed to live simply. He has never accepted a salary higher than that of an ordinary teacher and has always contributed part of it to the growth of Mars Hill.

It was in 1915 when the college was on a sufficiently strong basis to be turned back to the trustees.

The college has grown since the days when President Moore first came. Mars Hill was then an insignificant school in a remote section of Western North Carolina. The expenses were very low, amounting to only five dollars a month for board, room, and laundry. Tuition was ten dollars a semester.

President Moore took over the leadership of the college under such conditions as these. He overcame the difficulties and made Mars Hill financially sound. He is today the oldest college president in point of service in North Carolina. Today is observed the triumph of a forty year struggle to promote education through the medium of Mars Hill college.

Catharine Etheridge Is New Non President

Catharine Etheridge was chosen to succeed Marian Sprinkle as president of the Nonpareils for the next term at their regular meeting on May 13. Other officers elected were: vice-president, Lena Sue Shermer; recording secretary, Virginia Anne Craver; corresponding secretary, Sara Darrough; censor, Virginia Drake; chaplain, Eleanor Cashwell; chorister, Polly Hartsell; pianist, Evelyn Hancock; treasurer, Ruth Martin; reporter,

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Clios Elect Almond As New Society Head

Mary Lou Almond was chosen as president of the Clios at their regular meeting May 13. She succeeds Martha Beck. Other officers elected were: first vice-president, Helen Smith; second vice-president, Julia Squires; secretary, Marie Murphy; treasurer, Julia Chiles; censor, Margaret Chandler; corresponding secretary, Betty Cousins; chaplain, Ruth Clark; chorister, Frances Ward; pianist, Ruth McKelvey; marshalls, Ruth

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Over A Thousand Former Students On

Campus as College Pauses to Honor Oldest President In North Carolina.

40 YEARS SERVICE

Completed as School Year 1936-37 Comes to a Close

Over a thousand alumni are expected to be on the campus today to pay tribute to their alma mater. Homecoming Day is particularly outstanding this year because of the fact that it marks the fortieth anniversary of Mars Hill college under President R. L. Moore.

All members of the class of 1892, Dr. Moore's class, and all former teachers and students have been invited to return. Mr. Marshall of Raleigh, a former teacher of President Moore, who helped prepare him for college, will be present.

The exercises celebrating the president's fortieth anniversary, beginning at 10:45 in the morning, will be opened by E. F. Watson of Burnsville, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Several speakers from throughout the South will bring greetings to President Moore. The concluding address will be given by Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Clemson College, a former Wake Forest teacher of Dr. Moore and a former president of Coker College.

The Alumni Association will elect the officers for the coming year today and will be addressed at their annual alumni luncheon by Dr. Marvin Scruggs of Charlotte.

The Glee Club and orchestra will present a program of music in the college auditorium at 8:00 P. M. Five selections will be rendered by the orchestra and three by the Glee Club. Both the orchestra and Glee Club combined will give three selections from the operetta "Caravan." The expression

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Dr. Smith To Deliver The Final Address

The baccalaureate address will be delivered tomorrow, May 28, by Dr. Henry Louis Smith of Greensboro, who is a former university president, lecturer, and author. He is a graduate of Davidson college and, after graduation he continued his advanced studies at the University or North Carolina where he received his LL. D.

His career as an educator began with his position at Davidson college as professor of physics. He became president of that institution in 1901. From 1912 until his retirement in 1930 he was president of Washington and Lee University.

He is outstanding in the scientific field, belonging to several academies of science, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He is known as the author of **Your Biggest Job**, and a lecturer on educational and scientific topics.