

composition. (The impressive term Creative Writing was a thing of the future.) Alfred Noyes's reading of "The Highwayman" and "The Barrel Organ" still echoes in his hearers' memories. Dr. Vann was dismayed when Scottish Hugh Black insisted on walking the seven blocks from the station, carrying his own bag.

Founders' Day, first observed in 1909, brought speakers who were North Carolinians or who were associated with the state intimately enough to know the background of the College. Henry Louis Smith, a native North Carolinian, who was at that time president of the University of Virginia, was the speaker on this first Founders' Day. He chose as his subject "Higher Education as a Field for Christian Philanthropy." The next year, 1910, when the change of name to Meredith College was ratified by the legislature, John E. White spoke on Thomas Meredith. Students, faculty, trustees and guests went in a body at the conclusion of the program to the City cemetery, where after a brief service a wreath was laid on Thomas Meredith's grave. On Founders' Day in 1966, which marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of the granting of the charter to the Baptist Female University, a similar service took place.

At other times during the year there were talks by men and women who were leaders in denominational work. Miss Heck in 1903 gave a series of talks, *The Missionary Century*. Secretaries of the various boards, state and southern; foreign missionaries, some of them Meredith graduates; W.M.U. workers—all came to the College from time to time. In 1913-14 there was a series of monthly talks on various aspects of denominational life, each talk by a different speaker. Pastors of churches over the state have always been especially welcome chapel speakers.

Though there were fewer of them, student activities played a larger part in college life then than now because the students' interests were to a far greater extent centered on the campus. After its organization in 1903, the Athletic Association sponsored sports. Mr. Sackett, after being himself instructed by the director of athletics at A. and M., coached the girls in basketball and tennis. The basketball court and the one tennis court were on the northeast side of