

declares with becoming pride, "I am from the Baptist Female University" — to which, he would suggest, the presidents of these institutions should send their graduates for true university training.

At a meeting of the trustees on May 24, 1909, by a vote of ten to three the Baptist University for Women became Meredith College. The diplomas that year bore both seals; in 1910 the legislature changed the name in the charter. In the beautiful spirit characteristic of him, W. N. Jones, who had led the opposition, moved to make the vote unanimous. His "Hail to Meredith College" was echoed over the State, for the name met with universal approval. Its lack of pretentiousness, its brevity, and its beauty of sound were welcome to the friends of a school which had been "groaning under too much name." Most of all, the denomination was pleased with the tribute to a man who, as Josephus Daniels said on Founders' Day, 1910, "gave to his commonwealth the most priceless gift that any man can bestow, the gift of himself." For the 1910 *Oak Leaves*, dedicated to the memory of Thomas Meredith⁴ Dr. Vann wrote:

While others slept he climbed the height.
He stood alone, with vision strained afar.
And, peering long into the lingering night,
He saw the morning star.

The curriculum of the College more than kept pace with its growth in numbers and in financial stability. A few weeks after Dr. Vann's election he appointed W. L. Poteat and A. A. Marshall from the trustees and J. L. Kesler from the faculty as a committee to prepare the catalogue—an assignment which involved the reshaping of the curriculum. This reshaping was done with the intent of making "the courses, the quality of work, and the degrees. . . in all essential respects equivalent in cultural value to those given at Wake Forest."

The entrance requirements were not greatly changed from those in the *First Annual Announcement*, but were more definitely stated. In Latin, two years were required, the work to include four books of Caesar; in English, gram-

⁴ A brief account of Thomas Meredith will be found in Appendix A.