WOFFORD COLLEGE.

Rev. Benjamin Wofford, a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died in the town of Spartanburg December 2, 1859. He left in his will a legacy of one hundred thousand dollars to the South Carolina Conference "for the purpose of establishing and endowing a college for literary, classical and scientific education, to be located in my native district, Spartanburg." One-half of the amount was to be held as a permanent endowment.

A charter was given by the legislature of South Carolina, December 6, 1851. Suitable buildings having been erected, a president and professors were elected, November 24, 1853, and the college was opened August 1, 1854. Since that time it has never been suspended except for several years during the war, though for a time during the war it was not above the grade of a classical school. At the close of the war College classes were resumed. More than six hundred students have been sent out.

The donation of Benjamin Wofford was exceptionally large at the time it was given. No Methodist in America, perhaps in the world, had given so large an amount to religious or educational objects. The will of the founder was clear, so that no difficulty or doubt has arisen in carrying out its few details. Measures were taken at once to add to the endowment. All was swept away by the results of the war. The South Carolina conference liberally made arrangements for the emergency. An annual assessment on our people has kept the college from closing its doors. In the meantime efforts have been made to restore the endowment. Our ministers and people, in the midst of many discouragements, have continued their contributions; but for these, the first college presented to Methodists by the liberality of one man would have fallen.

THE PLANT.

There are in attendance, candidates on a combined course of nearly seventy-five. Besides the main college building there are six brick residences for professors, the Wilbur E. Burnett Gymnasium, J. B. Cleveland Science Hall, three large brick buildings used for the fitting school, and nine cottages.

CLEVELAND SCIENCE HALL.

This hall is the generous gift of John B. Cleveland, of the class of '60. It is complete in every particular, and has enabled the college to enlarge its work in the sciences. The lower floor contains two lecture rooms (seating 150) [illegible] laboratory and [illegible] for laboratory work in the sciences. The upper story contains [illegible] of chemistry and [illegible]. The upper story contains [illegible] rooms and laboratories for the departments of physics [illegible] in addition to a museum [illegible] office (15x20). The central room, below the dome, 30 feet in diameter, may be used for [illegible] of applied mathematics.

A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

Wofford College is first of all a Christian college, and is controlled by the Southern Methodist Church in South Carolina. In being a church college, its mission is to develop and train Christian character. Young men, at the most perilous period of their lives, are trained intellectually in an atmosphere strongly and unmistakably moral.

A LITERARY COLLEGE.

Wofford College stands, as it has always stood, for thoroughness and accuracy in scholarship, and for a well-rounded, generous culture of mind, heart and spirit. It tries to have depth of method with breadth of aim. A manly, aggressive, yet self-controlled type of piety, a mind keen, sane and alert, a broad and chastened spirit, open and sensitive to what is of the very best, these are the things that the college thinks make a man ready to master life in any of its relations, even to the most practical. They make him a better farmer, a better mechanic, a better lawyer, a better merchant, a better physician, a better preacher.

COURSES OFFERED.

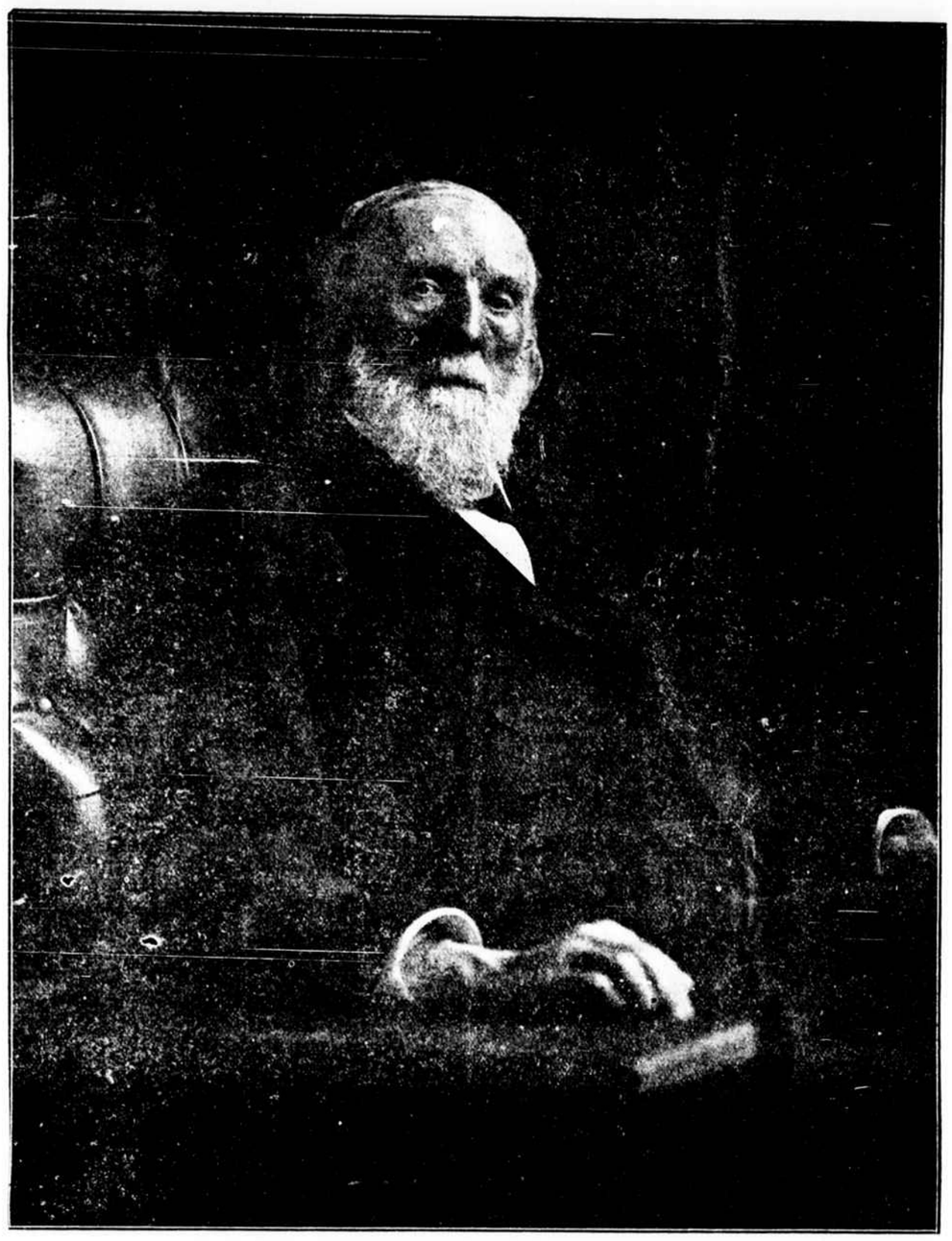
The courses offered are broad enough in scope and various enough in kind, to fit the tastes, and answer to the special aptitudes that must belong to two hundred or more young men. These courses are divided into ten departments, and each department is directed by a teacher of experience, who has been specially trained for his work. The following list of departments will give an idea of the scope of courses offered: Department of bible study and ethics; department of physics, geology and mineralogy; department of chemistry and biology; department of mathematics and astronomy; department of English language, literature and composition; department of Latin language and literature; department of Greek; department of the French and German languages and literatures; department of psychology; department of history and economics.

TIME REQUIRED.

Four years are required for graduation, the student receiving his diploma with the degree of A. B. But this does not mean that every student must, or even should, take the full course. Students may select, on the advice of the faculty or their parents, such special courses as they need or are prepared for, and on completing them receive certificates. Hence, many students come to Wofford, and find a one, two or three years' course in several departments exceedingly profitable.

PREPARATIONS NECESSARY TO ENTER WOFFORD.

It has been found from experience that the success of a student in college depends much on how he is ready for the college course. Students, and even parents, have an idea that they can enter almost any class; that after they once enter a class they can get along well enough. This mistaken notion is the cause of many a failure. A student should be ready for his work. The failures in college usually come, not from lack of ability, but from a lack of right preparation. Now, it is hard to estimate the [illegible] is hard to estimate the "right preparation. Now, it is hard to estimate "right preparation" by what a young man knows, or by the time he has spent on any particular subject; for the kind of boy he is, the kind of teacher he has had, the kind of training he has been put through, count for more, perhaps, than actual knowledge and the time spent in acquiring it. To be prepared for the freshman class of Wofford College a student should have a good knowledge of geography and United States history, of arithmetic and of algebra through quadratics; should have given at least two years to the study of Latin; if he elects the Greek course instead of the course in French and German, should have given one year to the study of Greek; should have had a thorough drill in English grammar, and the analysis of sentences; should be able to write four pages of English composition, correct as to grammar, spelling, punctuation, and paragraphing, and should have a reading acquaintance with some of the best English authors.



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FITTING SCHOOLS.

Not all schools can give this necessary training. There are many communities in which the schools, for several reasons, are poor and inadequate. Now, Wofford College owns and controls two well equipped and carefully managed schools that prepare especially for its freshman class. One is connected with the college at Spartanburg, and the other is at Bamberg. The discipline and method have been adapted for doing just such work as will fit a boy for a successful college course. Parents, therefore, are urged to look well into the claims of these schools when they have in mind sending their boys to college. A. M. DuPre is head master at Spartanburg and H. G. Sheridan, at Bamberg. They take pleasure in answering all inquiries.

SOME ADVANTAGES OF WOFFORD.

Climate and surroundings have much to do with the kind of studying a student does. No better climate can be found anywhere for intellectual work than that of the high Piedmont region of upper Carolina. It is salubrious and bracing, and stimulates mind and body to do their best.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

It is proposed that the Spartanburg schools prepare an exhibit for the Jamestown Exposition. This, however, will not in the least interfere with the regular work of the schools. It will be prepared in the course of the regular work without excitement or pressure on the part of the pupils or teachers. In its preparation, as well as in the presentation of this exhibit, it is intended to be educational and inspiring.

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