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# The Colonnade

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January 17, 1927

Georgia State College for Women



## Dedication

*In behalf of all who knew him as a leader,  
teacher, friend, we affectionately dedicate  
this issue of*

### *The Colonnade*

*to the Memory of Dr. Parks, remembering  
that he lived as he taught us:*

*"To look up and not down,*

*To look forward and not back,*

*To look out and not in, and*

*To lend a hand."*

*—The Staff.*



**Dr. Marvin M. Parks**

*G. S. C. W.'s Beloved Former President*



## His Life

Dr. Marvin McTyeire Parks, a great and magnetic personality, and one who was destined to be one of the South's greatest educators was born in Marietta, Georgia, in 1872.

Dr. Parks was interested in education from the beginning of his college career. He was first honor graduate at Emory University in 1892. Then he took a post graduate course at the University of Chicago in 1895 and Harvard University in 1896. Dr. Parks served as professor in Andrew and Wesleyan Colleges, and in 1915 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by the University of Georgia.

In 1903 he began his great work at the Georgia State College for Women, then known as G. N. & I. C. Here he worked until his late death with the exception of only two brief periods of time. One of these was spent on a trip around the world, an account of which was published in "Letters Around the World" in the Atlanta Journal during 1909-10. The other period was spent as State Superintendent of Schools of Georgia. This position he accepted on leave of absence from G. S. C. W. for the purpose of putting over certain definite standards for the educational system of the State.

It is on the G. S. C. W. Campus he gave his greatest contribution to the State of Georgia, as he daily influenced the lives of thousands of young girls with the ideals and standards which shone out in his magnetic personality. Here he worked with undaunted courage; constructing buildings, raising the curriculum, and building a wonderful spirit, which cannot be surpassed on any campus, until today G. S. C. W. stands out as the largest woman's college in the State.

The poet says "It matters not how long we live, but how." Every life has an echo which carries on after that life has ceased. Dr. Parks' echo is one which reaches throughout the entire state, and causes girls, teachers, mothers to bow their heads in a spirit of thankfulness and say, "The world is better for his having lived in it. I am nobler for having known him." These words are not doubted by any one who has ever known him, because all know he was truly great, for true greatness, true nobleness, consists of self-forgetfulness, self sacrifice, disregard for personal pleasure, personal indulgence, personal advantage, because some one else needs your help. These are the ideals Dr. Parks stood for. His daily thoughts and plans were for others, never shirking a duty, always standing ready, waiting to serve for the educational needs of Georgia.

Through unswerving devotion toward duty, his daily chapel talks and everyday contacts with the girls there has been embedded in every heart on the campus the true meaning of integrity, consistency, cooperation, and truth. He stood for practicality in all things, and he has left in the minds of those who have ever attended G. S. C. W. this lesson: "An educated person is one who knows how to make a tool of every faculty—how to open it, how to keep it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes."

Dr. Parks still lives. On the G. S. C. W. campus he lives. Throughout Georgia he lives. He has only gone away in body for a time, truly he still lives for, "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

## His Ideals

In gradually working out his plans for the college to which he gave his life, Dr. Parks had for his slogan, not a "Greater G. S. C.," but a "Better G. S. C." Taking "Service" as the keynote of his building, he brought into being an educational system endowed with a spirit embodying the ideals and standards of the highest type of life, and a curriculum that was both cultural and practical.

Dr. Parks believed that democracy should be the basis of all organization and is the foundation of a greater degree of development and civilization; that health, character, and personality are the most vital fundamentals of life; that there are interests, ambitions, and spheres of usefulness peculiar to women. So believing he gave to the fullest of himself in developing an institution that would reach as many girls as possible, girls who, in some instances, would not otherwise have attended college, and instill in them that depth of culture and refinement, those principles and truths that would fit each one to take her place in any walk of life as a happy, useful, well-informed member.

He spent his energy, he lent his strength to the task. Seeking, finding; selecting, discarding; improving, introducing always the question presented itself to him, "Which is the best method; what is best to accomplish the greatest results for the girls of the college?"

His was an ideal college, but not the fanciful, air-castle type; an ideal that he was making into a practical reality.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." What a lover of Georgia! What a friend of Georgia girls!

Our leader's voice is hushed,  
His hands are still and quiet  
Yet we are not alone today,  
We walk in his fadeless light.

There is a spirit left us  
To guide our feet aright,  
Wiping away the lonely tears,  
To make life glad and bright.

Hovering near our threshold,  
It watches o'er us all,  
A spirit bright, of faith and love,  
Scattering blessings that fall.

Like a mighty torch it stands  
'Till all the world shall see,  
A light of sublime inspiration  
Bright and shining and free.

Oh, light that will never fade!  
Oh, spirit that lives on!  
To thee we are ever looking  
With our faces to the dawn.

—Bernice Legg.

## His Achievements

There is no task concerned with commemorating the passing of a great man that can be anything but inherently mournful; but to pay tribute to the beautiful memory of a friend by enumerating his achievements, although to many they are largely familiar and acknowledged, is a peculiarly satisfying rite which is rather dear to us, for by so doing we persuade ourselves that we are in some measure perpetuating that memory.

In 1903 he came to the Georgia State College for Women as professor of pedagogy, and in 1904 he became acting president of the institution, during Dr. Chappell's absence. Upon the latter's death in 1905 he became full head of the college, and in 1905 he was made president of the Georgia Educational Association. He was an educator in the broadest sense of the word, one who worked with indefatigable zeal to coordinate all possible sorts of knowledge into a harmonious philosophy of life which would make for deep and appreciative enjoyment of every bit of life itself. In pursuance of this ideal, he secured leave from his executive duties in order to learn of the marvelous progress of civilization other than ours at first hand, and in 1909-10 he made his journey around the world. This was no ordinary journey of careless sightseeing, for he was a man of insatiable curiosity about his fellow creatures' ways of living, and an unusually keen and accurate observer. His letters "Around the World," showing perfectly his eager but discriminating apprehension of every angle of life as he found it in his journeying, were published in the Atlanta Journal in 1910, and are still referred to as one of the most vividly interesting of all such portrayals. The memento of these travels which he held dearest, was the series of illustrations for his lectures which he made with his camera at every interesting point, and which will be shown as the last number of the G. S. C. W. lyceum course this year. The only other leave of absence which he took was from August 1922 to June 1923, when he served as State Supt. of Georgia Schools. The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by the University of Georgia in 1915.

Dr. Parks was a thorough and accurate scholar, and his accomplishments in the field of classicism were by no means insignificant, but the great achievements which he made during his twenty-one years of presidential activity for this college and the monuments which will make men remember him longest. He took a college in its swaddling clothes, as one editor says,

and fought for its support and growth with all the great energy and skill at his command. With his stupendous desire to help Georgia girls, through a state school, in ways they needed helping, he made its curriculum one of practical value to students, its faculty one of the strongest in the State, and its campus one of the loveliest in the South. His motto was "we serve," but in his own unceasing labor he demanded that every student under his direction be made to learn the joy and value of working, for which many of them today rise up and call him blessed. Almost out of his own efforts he presented to the young women of Georgia a school on a par with the state university, where one learned to live, in mind and body, at one's best and where less wealthy students might come without financial strain and without encountering the snobbery rampant in most schools of the superficially "cultural" type. His intimate experience with life and humanity in many aspects and his splendid love of the bright and beautiful parts of it gave him an unsurpassed sense of values and made him unequalled as the guide of students whose characters and outlook upon life were largely to be rounded out during their college courses. The college under his direction molded real characters, not simply a delicate frosting for the real things, and incidentally he made himself "the best loved college President in the South."

When the permanent estimate is placed upon the service of Dr. Parks to the state and the cause of education, it must be a very high one. He was a man so thoroughly imbued with the unselfishness that is necessary to eminent public service and so kindled with a zeal for greater accomplishments, that he can ill be spared.

With his twenty-two years of service he has probably come into contact with more lives than any one man in Georgia. In every corner of the state young women are teaching boys and girls according to the latest methods, making model homes, and engaging intelligently in public enterprises. They rise up to call him blessed and to attest in their own lives and in the progress of the state, much of which is due to them, how useful a citizen he was.—Macon Telegraph.

In addition to his fine achievements, Marvin Parks was possessed of a charming personality. He was a comrade and good friend. Georgia will miss him sadly.—Atlanta Georgian.

## Dr. M. M. Parks

The greatness of our lost leader, Dr. Parks, lay not in a single quality or power, but in a combination of qualities, each of which he possessed and had developed in an extraordinary degree.

He was a splendid organizer and harmonizer. Each department of the institution to which he gave his life, was so organized that it functioned properly in itself, and at the same time was so correlated and harmonized with every other department that the whole college worked like a perfect machine, without friction and with the highest economy and efficiency of every part.

He was a great leader. By his wisdom and integrity, his earnest efforts to give justice and opportunity to all, he was able to secure willing co-operation among the faculty and student body for carrying out his plans and purposes for the College.

He was unexcelled as a financier and business manager. Through his skill and management he was able to obtain almost double value for every dollar expended, and as a result of his genius and economy, the per capita cost of education in this College is less than that of any other institution in the State, and in the South.

He was a remarkable architect and builder. The group of buildings on the campus, constructed from his plans and under his direction, attest his skill and constitute a monument to his memory. In their beauty, their convenience, their equipment, their arrangement, they reveal his vision of the varied aims and purposes of a college for women.

He was finally and pre-eminently a spiritual leader. Day by day he so lived the religion of Jesus, that his influence permeated every part of the college life. It seems to me that his greatest work was with the student body. He was able to touch the hidden mainsprings within the human spirit, setting in motion those forces of growth and development which resulted in the unfolding of the powers, personality, and character of the students. This work created a fine esprit de corps in the student body, a healthy public opinion, high idealism, and noble purposes. In this pure college atmosphere, a student was stimulated to unfold her latent powers and grow into the finest woman that she was capable of making.

This influence is not confined to the College. The culture, refinement, optimism, and desire to serve one's fellowman acquired here in College has passed out into every part of the State and into surrounding states and will live and work and transform the lives of others. This is the spiritual Georgia State College for Women that Dr. Parks has inaugurated. —J. L. Beeson.

It was my great privilege for eighteen years to work with constantly increasing intimacy with Dr. Parks.

During that time I came in contact with many of the complex problems with which he had to deal. Problems touching the organization and conduct of the college in relation to student government, educational policies, faculty organization, as well as many of the details of business administration. Questions of interrelationship of this college to other educational institutions and organizations of this state and the southeast were constantly met, discussed and acted upon.

The method of handling all of these matters by our beloved friend and leader was a constant revelation to me. His fairness, his sense of justice and balance, his consecration to his duty in face of obstacles, and his appreciation of friendship and association were unusual. Dr. Parks' influence over the lives of thousands of young women, and on the educational policies of the State and his section, made him in the opinion of many, one of the foremost educators and administrators in the South.

Dr. Parks left with us a monument in the physical plant of the college, unequalled from the standpoint of beauty, convenience, and economy throughout the nation. He left an even more enduring and beautiful monument in the lives of the thousands who came in contact with him as students and as associates. A monument to his educational foresight is to be found in his influence upon the educational thought and policies of his generation. Our President was a prime mover in many advances in educational thought—he was one of the first and most influential in stimulating interest in agricultural education in this state. Was one of the few associated with Governor Terrell in starting the Agricultural District Schools and fostering the Agricultural College at Athens, at a time when Agricultural instruction was fighting for its very life in the State.

Our beloved friend was one of the earliest in the nation to foster and back education in home economics, health, and physical education. His influence and inspiration as State Superintendent of Education has been widely felt among those interested in building a powerful, prosperous, educated, christian state.

In spite of many and varied duties, the constant drain upon his physical resources, and many disappointments, he still kept his optimism, love of young life, and belief in the power and eventual success of the right. He was quiet, unassuming and appreciative

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In the passing of Dr. M. M. Parks there is the loss of one whose life was characterized by signal devotion to those ideals which are the foundation of real worth—religion expressed in enduring character, education which prepares for service to mankind.

In reviewing such a life there is discovered one who served. It was a life which epitomized the teachings of Jesus. It was a life which translated Christianity into realities all could see and understand. It was an epistle which bore testimony to the value of Christian ideals.

Others will honor the memory of Doctor Parks the Educator; but the church must take cognizance of him as one who never forgot that the loftiest ideals were those championed by the Man of Galilee. For the church to fail in paying a tribute for his contribution to the life of his time would be a dereliction, inasmuch as he was a coworker with the church in the interpretation and perpetuation of those principles which bear the stamp of God's approval. He was a moulder of character. He was a builder, not with materials which crumble with the passing of time, but with the heart and mind of woman. Therefore his work will endure. He was a servant, exemplifying in his life's work the teachings of One who "came not to be ministered unto." With his voice he called, and those who responded, felt the awakening of ideals which bear testimony to the real worth of humanity; and though that voice is silent, "he being dead yet speaketh."

Because of such a service to Christianity, the First Presbyterian church of Milledgeville, through its Session, takes this occasion to bear testimony to the life of Doctor Parks as a Christian citizen, as a Christian educator.

## DEAN SCOTT PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. PARKS

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and we can say with Bishop Candler—

"Another great, consecrated, lovable, public servant has lived—placed his impress upon his generation—and passed on to his reward."

It is left to the rest of us to carry on his life work and to pledge ourselves anew to his great mission to which he devoted his life, energy and great talents.

—Edwin Hobart Scott.

Georgia bows in grief at the death of Dr. Marvin Parks. He was so useful an educator, so upright as a man, so devoted as a friend to the rank and file that his passing leaves a sad breach in the service of the commonwealth, and in its heart an aching sense of loneliness.

In nothing else did his worth appear more signally than in this that he was ever content to remain an educator. A lesser spirit would have abandoned that quiet yet incomparably potent way of well doing for the calls that came so often to him from politics, from business and from other roads of the world's ambition, in any of which he would have shone. His personality would have made him popular on the hustings; his resourcefulness would have been a tower of strength to an industrial or financial institution. But these avenues to fame and to riches he put behind him, choosing the rarer, the lonelier, the more splendid path of those who quicken their country's minds and lift up its hearts.

For twenty-three years he was president of the Georgia State College for Women. The legions of lives that he touched to finer issues are an immortal part of the state's treasure and of his own fair fame. The example of masterly management and of constructive economy which his administration presented has become an ideal of official conduct. The pleas that he has made for democracy in schools and for things vital and practical in education at a time when the current bore mightily the other way, were those of a pioneer who had not only the courage of conviction, but the power of discernment and the patience of creative faith. For a brief term he accepted appointment as state superintendent of education that he might work the more effectively in behalf of the common schools and for administrative economy. But the great, the memorable years of his career were given to the young womanhood of Georgia, and to teaching eternal values.

Better work no man could have done, truer affection none could have shown, a nobler memory none could have bequeathed.—Atlanta Journal.

## Many Pay Tribute To Him

## MANY PAY TRIBUTE TO HIM

The most of us might dream of wonderful things; many of us might feel inspired to do wonderful things; a few of us might be able to bring about one wonderful thing; but to find one who had the vision, possessed the inspiration and the ability to bring to pass many wonderful things is but little short of a miracle. Such a one was Dr. M. M. Parks. But not here did the miracle stop—he also inspired others to try to do wonderful things.

To become a member of the faculty of the State College for Women was a compliment, for Dr. Parks was ever desirous of obtaining the best recommendations. To remain a member of that faculty was a greater compliment still—for he approved of those only who substituted service for self. But he did not expect that which he did not give himself.

As an executive officer Dr. Parks was a constant source of inspiration. With every one with whom he came in contact, he left the desire to improve, from the day laborer in the yard who got a word of praise for a job well done, to the senior students who received a quiet "Thank you" because of some special work completed.

Satisfaction with one's work is likely to be the end of the growth of that work, and the thing within us that says "I can do better next time" is a saving grace.

Dr. Parks had a happy faculty of being able to arouse this feeling at the same time he was expressing his appreciation of some work well done. No member of his faculty ever left his office except with a renewed determination to be of more service to the college. Wishing them all to be happy and contented, he did not hesitate to say that it was the first duty of the president and the faculty to think of what was best for the school. This he practiced daily.

It was a happy life he led, and a busy life. No one except those very near to him know how often he worked far into the night. Then—bright and early the next morning he was up—a visit here—a direction there—a plan yonder. It was a wonder to his friends how he did so much and did it all so well—and yet not break under the strain. There is an answer to this—he loved his work with an all-absorbing love. It was a game. A splendid game, and every day he found some new interest and more beauty in this work. His entrance into the wholesome pleasures enjoyed by the girls, and his delight in providing some special treat for them gave as much joy to those around him as the treat itself.

This constant example, his unswerving devotion to those high ideals which he carried as a cross before him, made possible that beautiful spirit that lends fragrance to the atmosphere of this college, and did much to bring about its almost unheard of success.

As a citizen of Dr. Park's home town; as a member of his faculty for 20 years, and as one whom he has inspired time and time again, I say with a sorrowful heart that this is a sad, sad day for Georgia: a grief-stricken day for the little city of Milledgeville; a heart-breaking day for the faculty and students of the Georgia State College for Women.

—Mrs. Nelle Womack Hines (Atlanta Journal)

How futile is my attempt to express the tribute of love and appreciation that is found in the hearts of thousands of girls, enshrined around the memory of the life and great personality of Dr. Parks. How each one of us seeks for words that will say differently, that we loved him, to convey the deep sentiment of our hearts for the beauty of his life.

We knew and loved him best, not as the great executive, although this characteristic was outstanding; not even as the great material builder and financier that he proved himself so nobly to be. But he will live on in our hearts and lives, as the great friend and counselor who ever helped us to find and develop our best; as that great builder of character and personality that will continue to express his wonderful influence through us, in acts of real service, in the years to come.

Those ideals that he so lived and loved have come to be a part of the lives of so many which will ever form living monuments to the memory of him whose life was such a blessing to all who knew him. Each one of us even now, responds to the call that comes from the heart of him to us.

"Continue to carry on the work of the Master Builder in the spirit of love and sincerity."

—Mary Moss.

"For four years I had the honor of being his pastor I was in the most intimate companionship with him throughout that entire period. In all that time he grew upon me as an original thinker in the field of education, as a genius in educational administration, and as a broadminded Christian citizen whose heart embraced in an especial manner the needier elements of our citizenry. Also during that period Dr. Parks developed steadily as a church man, being an official member of



the local church and also serving as representative at district, annual and general conferences.

"Since that time Dr. Parks has remained in fixed position of prominence as a lay leader in Southern Methodist circles. This was a natural consequence at once of his birth—for he was born in a Methodist parsonage—of his schooling at Emory College, and of his subsequent development as he attained the noble maturity of his splendid manhood.

There is not a county in the state but that has in it a goodly company of his former students who will today and through the coming days feel personally bereaved in the going away of this master educator."

—Dr. Elam F. Dempsey.

#### DR. PARKS, THE BUILDER

Dr. Parks was pre-eminently a builder. Upon assuming the Presidency of the College in 1904, he found four buildings, a faculty of twenty-eight, and a small student body. With remarkable skill and vision and extraordinary executive ability he built it as it appears today. Twelve beautiful buildings, excellently equipped and modern and well suited for the purposes intended, have been added and now the attractive arrangement and the beautiful exteriors give us a plant in size, beauty and usefulness equal to any and inferior to none in the South—and this has been done at so small a cost that it is almost unbelievable. A faculty, composed of about a hundred men and women, specialists in their respective fields and the products of the best Universities in the country have been working with him. From a patronage of a few hundred the number has grown to twenty-four hundred students a year who have come under the influence of his teaching. He had the privilege of training possibly more young women than any other college president in the South.

As a true architect, three characteristics stand out predominantly: a good foundation, serviceableness and beauty, and in addition to these, more than the ordinary architect, he was concerned with spiritual structures as well as material buildings. He often read to the students the parable of the House Built on a Rock and emphasized the necessity of a sure foundation for any building to be erected. An incident in connection with the erection of the new auditorium shows how important he considered the foundation. At one time inspection of the work that had been done showed that the foundation was not being built according to the specifications and he immediately ordered that the foundation be torn out and reconstructed so that it would be "strong enough to last for all time." Likewise, he stressed the importance of a good foundation for one's character, and in addition to truth and sincerity he put

foremost such fundamental virtues as courtesy, co-operation, respect, reverence, unselfishness and service to others.

While seeking service both in the material structures he erected as well as the characters he strove to develop, he never lost sight of beauty and ornament. Plain lines, and ornate Corinthian columns characterize his buildings, and the absence of superficially, snobishness and everything that is base, insincere or undemocratic was sought for in his spiritual structures.

As the beautiful columns he loved so well take a prominent place in every building he constructed and draw attention upward to their attractive capitals, his life will ever be an inspiration to us and will direct our attention to higher and nobler living and to that place to which he has gone to enjoy the beauties and glories of a "city with buildings not made with hands."

—O. A. Thaxton.

The great outstanding virtues of his life are going to be made more real to us by his going. The contemplation of his splendid rectitude, his virile courage, his loyal nature, and buoyant, happy life must now be the source of our consolation.

As great and conspicuous as were his achievements, his inner life and ideals were even finer and more resplendent, and at this moment when our hearts are wrung with sorrow, our heads bowed in grief, and our eyes drenched with tears, he seems more alive than when he was here passing in and out among us.

My intimate association with him, showed him to be a great and good man from whatever angle we viewed him. I have known intimately many of the college executives of the South. In his close personal sympathetic contact with every phase of the institution's life, his marvelous business judgment, and his almost uncanny power to win and keep the hearty, loyal and enthusiastic support of the individual student and instructor, Dr. Parks was superior to any other college president I have known. His personal attention to and supervision of every activity in the college life necessarily made an exacting claim on his time, and yet with his stupendous task before him each day, he found the time to inquire into and understand the individual's problem, and to help each one solve his problem in line with her highest interest and advantage.

In every truth, he seemed to lavish bounteously the inspiration of his virtues on each one whose life touched his. His influence on the lives of the young women of the Institution was instant, potent and uplifting. He left us when his great work, as it seemed to us, had only well begun. His going is lamentable. Few men had more inducements to live. He had just reached

the noontide of life, and was standing in that serene atmosphere when everything invited the enjoyment of the full fruition of his splendid efforts and noble virtues.

Blessed is this community if the mold of his virtues be not lost to any of us. Happy this town if the Lord raise up others like unto him to illustrate to us all the beauties of true character in private, social and business life.

—Dr. Holmes, Pres. G. M. C.

I think I risk nothing in saying that he was the outstanding educator of the South. Certainly in Georgia, he was better known in more homes than perhaps any man who ever lived in this commonwealth. Dr. Parks possessed an unexampled degree that heart touch of sweet sentiment which makes the whole world kin. He was the most manifold man whom I have ever met. He was an intense student, a great scholar, a profound philosopher, a splendid teacher, and yet he was as much at home in important matters of financial business as if that had been his entire life work."

—Judge Russell.

"No other man in this generation has more powerfully projected his commanding personality and wholesome, constructive influence upon the educational, civic and religious life of Georgia than has Dr. Parks."

—Congressman Upshaw.

"In the sudden passing of President Marvin Parks, Georgia loses one of the most distinctly useful men who has lived in this generation. He had that prophetic gift of discovering the latent possibilities of young people and of calling out those talents in a surprising manner. He seemed to me to embody the highest branches of educational effort and Christian aspiration. His career will be cherished as a fragrant memory by countless thousands whose lives have been blessed by his contribution to his generation."

—Louie D. Newton, Editor of Christian Index.

Georgia can ill afford to lose a citizen who ranked so highly, an educator whose influence upon the rising generation was so great and a man whose life embodied an example that was an inspiration to all of those with whom it came in contact. The Times regrets exceedingly his tragic death and it sympathizes deeply with those who are nearer and dearer to him—Valdosta Times.

## Resolutions of Alumnae

(By Mary B. Brooks, Pres. Alumnae Association)

All Georgia mourns the passing of one of her greatest sons, Dr. Marvin McTyeire Parks; but there are no sadder hearts than those who knew him best—the graduates and former students of the Georgia State College for Women. During the twenty-two years that he guided, with the hands of a true genius, the affairs of the institution literally thousands of the young women of Georgia come under his leadership. It was Dr. Parks who gave them the great ideals of true womanhood, and who built into them that spirit which has mystified all people outside the college walls. It was he who taught them the true meaning of service; who trained their hands and minds, yet ever touched their hearts.

This spirit of service was taught by example as well as precept. He knew every student. He was never too tired or too busy to hear their every problem. Some needed one thing; some, another. He always knew just what and always supplied that need. He taught them the true meaning of the scripture, "Study to show thyself approved unto God—a workman who needeth not to be ashamed."

His influence is of inestimable magnitude for it permeates every phase of the College and has spread over the entire Southland.

As an educator, administrator, leader and College president few have been his equal—none his superior. Every daughter of the College rises up to call him blessed and to say, "He was my friend."

In this sad hour each life that he has touched in that vast assemblage of College Students pledges anew to devotion to his ideals, his standards, and his institution, The Georgia State College for Women.

As one expression of this devotion the following resolutions were formally reported and adopted at a call meeting of the Alumnae and Former Students on Monday, January 3, 1927:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove suddenly from this life our revered president, friend, and teacher, Dr. Marvin McTyeire Parks, in the midst of his duty nobly performed, at the crest of his career and while upholding the ideals and aims for which he had striven as president for twenty-two years, and

Whereas, we the alumnae and former students of the college, are desirous of showing our heartfelt sympathy with his family and relatives, and our high and enduring



appreciation of his many and sterling virtues, his years of self-sacrificing and unremitting labors in the interest of education; a grief which we in common with the whole State, experience in the untimely loss of a friend, a guide and a mentor: Therefore

Resolved: That it is with feelings of the deepest grief and shock that we experience the loss of Dr. Parks. He was one of the foremost educators of the South and indeed of the nation, progressive yet never radical in his views. He had a rare blending of the qualities of scholarship, efficiency, and magnetic personality. He was possessed of a fine courage, knowing no fear but that of God. He taught and lived the principles of the Christ he loved. He was dauntless and firm in emergencies, a very rock and pillar of strength in times of stress and trouble. He followed the gleam of high ideals, nobly planned, and painstakingly executed. Through his eyes the daughters of the college saw his vision of nobler womanhood and development of personality; and in their academic and personal striving their highest goal of achievement was to measure up to his standards. His great spirit animated every nook of the college he loved, and though he is with us no more his spirit still marches on. His influence is deathless and burns an eternal flame to lighten our path.

Resolved: That we tender the bereaved widow and family our deepest sympathies under this their irreparable loss, of a noble husband and father who died as a soldier in God's battles should, in the midst of his work and with "his armor on," and whose memory will always be green in the hearts of thousands who knew, respected, and loved him:

Resolved also: That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the alumnae and that copies be furnished to the family of the deceased, to the college, and to the papers of the State with a request that they publish the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Frances Conn Binion, Chairman; Katherine K. Scott, Ruth Stone, William Thomas Bone, Gertrude H. Hutchinson, Kate Thrash, Marie Whitfield, Olive Bell Davis, Edith Carr Tigner, Eloise Rozar Turner, Rebecca Little McKinley, Mary A. Brooks.

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