

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Milligan College is situated in the foot-hills of the Buffalo Mountains, near the Buffalo Creek, therefore it was formerly called the Buffalo Institute. The scenery is magnificent. The mountains are so variable in their enrobement that one never knows what appearance they will present when next he sees them. In the morning a robe of mist, in the evening a purple haze. In the spring-time a robe of green, tinged with brown; in the summer a mantle of mingled tints of green; in the autumn the most gorgeously colorings, changing daily; and in the winter, green and brown peeping through the snow. Sometimes old Buffalo is the background for the valley landscape, sometimes the fore-ground of the most wonderful cloud pictures. Always changing, never the same, one never tires of gazing upon her beauty. She is the inspiration of the poet and the artist, the unconscious weaver of spells upon the reluctant lover. The budding literary genius gets impulse from this environment, and the connoisseur dips his pen ever anew in the ink-well of her glories.

The climate is equable, being a slight modification of the warmer Temperate zone, with malaria and other handicaps removed; while the bracing breezes of the foot-hills give vigor and zest to the most listless. It is, therefore, an ideal environment for the student, and a beautiful location for any resident.

The college campus nestles in the valley of the Buffalo, surrounded on all sides by the most restful and inspiring scenery. This, of itself, is conducive to thought and meditation and furnishes nature-studies for descriptive writing. One who could not attempt to describe Buffalo is hopeless, and one who could fully describe her is a genius.

THE NEW MILLIGAN

When the Administration building burned to the ground on Nov. 16, 1918, and only the blackened walls remained as a monument to the past, there went up to God the prayers of at least one man, who saw, in the place of blackened walls, not only another building to take the place of the one which was consumed by fire, but a New Milligan. As we stood on the front porch of Hardin Hall and watched the dying embers send out their last puffs of smoke and fade away, we heard

the sound of a voice, tho weary and heart-sick, yet firmly believing that God would help us in our loss, speaking to us in firm and convincing tones. It was President H. J. Derthick, and he pictured to us a New Milligan which would be built from the ashes of the old. The old smoke-blackened walls seemed to crumble before our eyes, and new buildings raise themselves up as in the tales of the fairies; and that night everyone slept, believing that fancy would give place to fact.

Today there are here twelve of the student body who were standing on the porch that night and watching the flames devastate the building, who have seen the dreams come true, and see the dawn of a new era for Milligan. The struggle has been a hard one; there have been foes to dispute every gain we have made; but the struggle is over and we are stronger by having had to face it; our foes have retreated and we are making our way unimpeded toward the heights; the knockers have hushed and are standing with mouths agape at the wonderful achievements which have been accomplished in so short a time. The New Milligan is now a reality, and has begun doing things worth while.

The students, members of the faculty and friends of Milligan College are deeply grieved because of the accident which James Harris suffered during a football game between Milligan and Maryville colleges on the 15th of October.

Harris suffered a commuted fracture of the leg and was taken to the Knoxville General Hospital for treatment. The leg is broken just below the knee. This accident happened during the first five minutes of the game and caused much grief for the Milligan boys.

Milligan College is doing everything in its power to make his stay at the hospital a comfortable one. One member of the Board of Trustees, Bro. Ritchie Ware, visits the hospital regularly, fills his room with flowers and sees to it that every comfort is given to him.