Bishop William Taylor (inset) was present during the cornerstone-laying ceremonies. Taylor University continues as a monument to his missionary vision.

CORNERSTONE OF THE ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

AMERICAN people have had occasion recently to observe the deliberate attempt to bar religious instruction from tax supported institutions. The Supreme Court has
upheld the contention of an Illinois parent that her child be spared any subjection to such instruction. According to the decision handed down by that body we have recourse only to the home and church, or to the privately supported school for the dissemination of Christian instruction. The Court has yet to rule on the dissemination of atheistic doctrine and anti-Christian instruction. In the light of our American traditions, with our Supreme Court justices taking their oaths of office before an open Bible, it will be interesting, to say the least, to follow their line of reasoning if and when they shall be called upon to render an opinion precipitated by the exponents of a moral society that has its rootage in the Christian tradition. To many of us the same arguments which would rule out Christian instruction would likewise rule out anti-Christian instruction.

But the Christians cannot hope to propagate the Christian tradition by merely stopping the proponents of atheistic teaching with a court order. Christianity is aggressive and in its crusading techniques the positive claims of the Christian message must be heralded. We could never be content if silenced and would find no solace in saying, “Well, the other side is silenced also!” The true follower of the lowly Nazarene replies rather, “We cannot but speak the things which we have both seen and heard.” The command to keep silent suggests a source of authority to which the Christian gives no heed.
Shall we have Christ in our Education? If we do not we shall have pagan education. Can anyone hope to eliminate Him from the classroom and the curricula? Without a Master teacher who speaks both with authority and finality the world would revert to superstition and abject ignorance. Rule Him out? How can we when our civilization is tied in inseparably with Him?

The taxpayers must continue to support the schools; but we have had a recurrence of a line of action which should bring sober thinkers to a halt and call them to a serious consideration of a proper course of action. What has happened?

(1) Americans embraced an ideal. (2) We established institutions to perpetuate the ideal. (3) We then allowed those same institutions to vitiate the ideal. (4) We now are asked to continue to support the institutions. This time the tax-payer is caught in a vise and temporarily he seems helpless. With those institutions where Christ was once exalted and His teachings believed a society of God-fearing people was molded. Those same institutions now deny the Christ His rightful place in the instruction and molding of human lives. Like Communist tactics of infiltration into the borders and life of the nation to be overthrown the schools have been overrun by those who would now overthrow the principles which in the beginning gave rise to our schools.
The recourse many will follow will be to get behind the small Christian college in her attempts to prepare young people for citizenship with a firm allegiance to the Christ whose resurrection we celebrate. The Christian centers of learning are likewise doing an heroic service in preparing teachers who are determined to contribute to the child's moral culture and nourish his faith rather than destroy it. In our observation a persistent denial of the faith does not leave anyone with a happy outlook on life. People want to believe something. The Christian college nourishes faith. Christian instruction is the only basis upon which a permanent society dare be attempted.

Friends of this point of view, we solicit your prayers and your financial aid as we seek to stem the tide and swell the numbers of well trained Christian men and women. Taylor University needs your help. Become a prayer partner with us. Determine to support this Christian college where His word is believed and taught without apologies.

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