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Centennial 1946

Taylor's Board of Directors Makes Plans to Reach Several Goals for Taylor University Before 1946

It would be interesting to have something of a picture of the tremendous results that have been gotten during Taylor's long history. What a picture it would be to see the impress that the business men, the professional men, such as physicians, surgeons, teachers, ministers and missionaries have made through these years. There is no way of totaling this except in a great sweep of the imagination as one pictures these world-wide results that have been gotten through the years.

At the special meeting March 27th the Board of Directors appointed a committee to help perfect the plans for a greater Taylor University for the next one hundred years. These goals include new buildings and needed endowment for an increased educational program. The first unit in the Centennial program is a Library building to be constructed as soon as the first $100,000 is pledged and received. The plan is to obtain a sufficient number of pledges of $100 units to meet this program — $1.00 for each year of Taylor's one hundred years of history from every alumnus and friend of the institution. Already these pledges are coming in; others are pledging $100 a year for the five years, and it is hoped that there will be friends who will pledge $1,000 a year for the five years, so that Taylor's Centenary program may be an outstanding success.

The Board authorized the following committee to work out the plans for the Centenary program: Dr. Robert Lee Stuart, Dr. B. M. Bechdolt, Dr. Herbert Lyon and Rev. Jesse Fox, president of the Alumni Association.

They also voted to place in the field, just as soon as the proper person can be found, a representative to help to put this program across.

Dr. Lyon says that he will start the work off by being responsible for leading a campaign in Western New York that will bring in pledges and gifts of $15,000. Where is the next alumnus that will accept a responsibility equal to this?
Interest Prospective

Students in Taylor

Young people who are making plans to enter college next fall are now making decisions as to which college they will attend. Our alumni, former students and friends can do these prospective students and us a great favor by pointing them to Taylor. Write to the Taylor office and ask for the new catalog and other literature.

Send us the names of those whom you feel would be interested in securing their education in a Christian college such as Taylor University. We will contact these and send them literature. The world needs the type of young people being graduated from Taylor each year. Be a part of this great work by influencing your young friends in Taylor University.

Plan to Attend

94th Commencement

Plans are already under way for the Commencement season at Taylor which this year will be from Friday, May 31, to Tuesday, June 4. We want as many of the alumni and old students back for this commencement as can possibly come. Some great treats are in store.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the class of '35 and the tenth anniversary for the class of '30, so these classes should be planning their reunions, as well as the classes of 1925, 1920, 1915, etc. Come and renew the friendships and fellowships of your college years spent on Taylor's campus. Come and see the new improvements of which you have read and heard but not seen.

Former Student Is

Well Known Surgeon

A highly respected and widely known physician and surgeon in the city of Detroit is Dr. Fred W. Thomas. Dr. Thomas is a former Taylor student, having taken pre-medical work here in the years 1917 to 1919.

In 1918 Thomas was an instructor in the Taylor Student Army Training Corps. He was active in all athletics while a student here, being president of the athletic association. He also was president of the Philos and a member of the Echo staff and Eurekan Debating Society.

Thomas worked for his M. A. degree at the University of Michigan in 1921-22 and received his M. D. degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1928. In 1928-29 he went to St. George's Hospital, Hamburg, Germany, as an Exchange Surgeon and also traveled and studied in Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium and England. He returned to Detroit to start his practice in 1930 and is considered one of the leading surgeons in that city today.

Dr. Thomas is active in church work in Detroit. While in medical school he preached at Ann Arbor for two years and at Holt, Michigan, for one.

Among other medical writings he has published are "Pharmacology of Shock" and "The Action of Quinine and Ergot on Smooth Muscles."

A pastor from southern Indiana, father of one of our fine freshman students, writes:

"John is certainly sold on Taylor University. He thinks that there is no other school like it. I have known of Taylor for a number of years. I was personally acquainted with former Pres. Monroe Vayhinger, and I am sure that if there ever was a man of God, he was one. We appreciate so much the interest you take in our son, and pray God's richest blessings upon you and the work of the college."
Youth Conference
Is Glorious Success

Lives of scores of young people have been changed, young people's groups have been re-vitalized and a large number of churches have had new life as a result of the seventh annual interdenominational Youth Conference held at Taylor University, March 8-10. God again manifested His power to save and sanctify as nearly 1,500 young people gathered to seek "to know Him . . . and make Him known."

Three times on Saturday and twice on Sunday the altar of the Maytag Gymnasium, made Holy by the presence of God's Holy Spirit, was filled with young people, hungry for the blessing and power of God in their lives. A great host of young people found God precious to their hearts in the forgiveness of sins, others were mightily filled with the Holy Spirit, and still others found victory in the settling of their life's calling.

It was a precious sight at the close of the Sunday afternoon service to see the long altar fill, not once but twice, with young hearts sobbing their way through to victory and rising with a glow on their faces such as only the presence of God in one's heart can give.

Each year this great Youth Conference is held for but one purpose: to aid youth in finding God and to send them back to their various churches on fire, ready and willing to lead others into a knowledge of Christ.

Those young people need our prayers as they are back in their communities, that they might stand true to the Christ they found at the Taylor Youth Conference.

We give God the glory and praise, and thank Him for the wonderful seventh annual Youth Conference.

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Definite Internal Advancement
Reported by Dr. W. H. Barnard

The alumni and friends of Taylor who live within a short distance of the institution usually keep in pretty close touch with her through direct contacts, but for that much larger group who live some distance, their chief means of securing information as to changes and progress must be other sources — the Taylor University Bulletin being a very important one.

As General Chairman of Committees Studying Institutional Problems, it is my purpose to briefly state some of the progress that has been made at Taylor for the past five years.

The first important thing to consider in checking on an institution's progress is its faculty. Therefore, we shall compare the faculty of 1934 with that of 1939 on two counts, namely numbers and training. In 1934 there were a total of nineteen faculty members, three of whom held the earned Doctorate, whereas, in 1939 we find a total of twenty-four, with twelve holding the Doctorate.

A second important item to consider in studying an institution's progress is that of enrollment. In 1934 there were 276 students registered representing seventeen states and one foreign country, whereas in 1939 there were 353 students, with twenty-eight states and three foreign countries represented.

A third item of importance to check in noting progress in an institution is its library — the school's educational laboratory. In June 1934 the library holdings of Taylor were 12,788 volumes, whereas, in June 1939 they were 15,552. This represents a gain of twenty-one per cent. This gain is all the more significant when it is noted that the additions are recent publications and especially chosen to fit into our present needs and demands.

I can not go on ad infinitum as I have begun, and I believe a truer and more complete picture may be given by quoting a part of my report to the president as of July 14, 1939. It is as follows:

As I observe the progress we have made for the past four years, I am, indeed, encouraged. There is just cause to be thus when we recall that the following have been done:
1. A study and re-statement of institutional aims.
2. A complete formulation of divisional and departmental aims.
3. The organization of our curricula into divisions so that we may effect a more complete integration of our college offerings.
4. The centralization and integration of our whole student counseling program.
5. The extension of our recording of information regarding students to the extent as to make it feasible to use the Cumulative Record Folder of the American Council on Education.
6. More complete and adequate record of each faculty member.
7. The improvement of our library:
   a. Increased library space.
   b. Increased appropriations.
   c. Provision for faculty reading room.
   d. A tremendously enlarged professional library for the faculty.
8. Improvement in faculty meetings which includes more time being given over to committee reports, etc., regarding educational policies and problems of the institution.
9. The extension of comprehensive examinations.
10. The institution of policies relative to tenure, leave of absence, insurance, and retirement.
11. The elimination of some of the degrees previously given.

With these significant achievements made and in the background, the future is indeed encouraging.
We Want More Alumni Like This

“For many days I have been wanting to write to you and thank you for the book, ‘The Way to Pentecost’ which you sent me. It came at just the right time and I am sure it served to lead me to a deeper experience. It made the doctrine of the Holy Spirit so practical and clear. As a result I was able to tell others so they could understand. This Lenten season was by far the most fruitful of any in my ministry. Many came seeking help at the close of the services and there were a number of definite decisions.

“As I have said before, Mrs. —— and I have constantly talked Taylor in the hope that something would come of it. I don't have anything to give myself so if I can persuade someone else to do it I will feel that I am doing something for the school to which I owe so much.”

This fine alumnus has given us the name of a financial prospect and is helping us to make personal contacts. What a splendid attitude this is. Taylor must have students and financial friends. The time is here when, if the alumni will rally and make their influence felt, Taylor will come into her own.

The Heart-Beat of Our Institution

Little has been said in recent issues of the Bulletin regarding William Taylor Foundation Memberships. These memberships form the very heart-beat of our institution. Student fees fall far short of caring for the expense in operating a college. There must be other sources of income. State schools are supported by State taxes; schools such as Taylor must be supported by their own constituencies. The ten dollar memberships in the W. T. F. are used in operating Taylor University, a work we feel to be owned and blessed of God. If you have not paid your membership for 1940, do so today.

Then too we do not want our friends to forget their special gifts to Taylor University. Work is going forward in the redecoration of rooms in the dormitories. No doubt some friends will want to care for the expense in the redecorating of some dormitory room. Write today of your plan to aid in this work.

Notes of Interest

Taylor University boasts of a strong faculty which is ranked as one of the best trained among the small colleges of the country. Members of Taylor's faculty have degrees from many of the largest and finest graduate schools of the country. Following is a list of degrees of Taylor University's faculty of twenty-four members.

12 Doctor's degrees
1 Doctorate in Belles Lettres, in pectore
1 B. D. degree
9 M. A. degrees
1 B. Mus. degree, approaching M. Mus. degree

Dr. J. A. Huffman, Dean of the School of Religion at Taylor University, was notified recently that he has been appointed by the International Council of Religious Education to the Advisory Board to determine the policy for the committee at work on the revision of the American Standard Bible. This singular honor reflects credit both to the work and recognition of Dr. Huffman and to the institution which he represents.

We have a new supply of “The Way to Pentecost,” that book on the deeper life which has blessed the hearts of so many readers. This marvelous book sells for only 50¢, is worth many times this amount. Write for your copy today.

Eighteen members of our senior class are seeking to teach in high schools next year. All of these are well equipped and capable to teach their chosen subjects. Have your school principals and township trustees write for particulars. We will be glad to nominate teachers with the desired license combinations for any openings.

Have you sent your gift to Taylor University's improvement program? If not, do so immediately. Taylor University must balance her budget for the seventh consecutive year. We need your help!