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# Taylor University BULLETIN

UPLAND, INDIANA, APRIL 1945

## New President Chosen for Taylor

Dr. Herbert M. Lyon, President of Taylor's Board of Directors, Makes  
Important Announcement

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Taylor University held on March 21st, 1945, Rev. Clyde W. Meredith, pastor of the Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Indiana, was elected Acting President of Taylor University, beginning June 1st, 1945, at which time the term of service of Dr. Robert Lee Stuart as President will be concluded.

In choosing new leadership, the Board has considered it a sacred obligation to insist that the distinctive traditions and ideals of Taylor University be maintained and strengthened. These are embodied in the stated aim of the institution which is to provide youth with opportunities for thorough training in a genuinely Christian environment. The Board believes that for the immediate future, Rev. Meredith will provide the type of leadership needed.

This belief is based, among other things, on the evidence of his educational preparation, his teaching and ministerial experience, his unqualified belief in and sympathy with the traditions, ideals and aims of Taylor, and his expressed conception of the task of administration necessary to achieve these aims and maintain these ideals and traditions. Rev. Meredith received his A.B. degree at Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., and completed the requirements for the B.D. degree at Winona Lake School of Theology, Winona Lake, Ind., and at Western Theological Seminary, Holland,

Mich. He also holds a Th.M. degree from Butler University College of Religion, Indianapolis, Ind., and has definitely planned to complete the work on his Th.D. degree at Illiff School of Theology, Denver University, Denver, Col. during the coming summer. Only eight

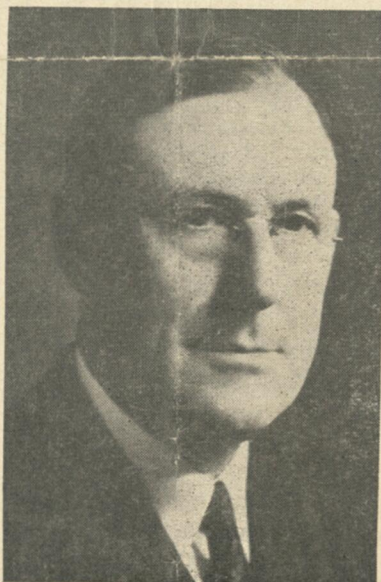
serving during three of these years as Dean of the Divinity School. He has also been a member of the Board of Managers of Houghton College. During the present school year he has been a part-time teacher in Taylor University, in the department of Bible, Religion and Philosophy.

Rev. Meredith is definitely and fully committed to the Arminian, Wesleyan interpretation of experience and life and testifies to and preaches the new birth and holiness as a second definite work of grace. He has wide interdenominational experience and believes that Taylor's future usefulness lies in ministering without partiality to a constituency from all groups. On the basis of these and other facts, the Board feels that Rev. Meredith possesses in a high degree the qualifications necessary for this position, and commends him to the Taylor constituency as being worthy of

their support as he assumes this place of leadership.

The Board gratefully recognizes the splendid, sacrificial service which President Stuart has rendered to Taylor University during the fourteen years of his administration, and desires to acknowledge the great debt which the institution owes him for these years of devotion to a difficult task. When Dr. Stuart came to Taylor during the early days of the depression in 1931, the

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Dr. Robert Lee Stuart



Rev. Clyde W. Meredith

weeks of residence study and the completion of his thesis are necessary in order to meet the requirements for this earned doctorate.

Rev. Meredith has served pastorates of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Pittsford, Mich.; Jersey City, N. J.; and Holland, Mich.; the latter for a period of ten years. During the past two years he has been pastor of the Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Ind. He has also had four years of teaching experience in Marion College, Marion, Ind.,



## NEW STUDENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

The many alumni and friends of Taylor can be of real service to the school by providing us with the names and addresses of young people who are planning to attend college next fall. These friends and acquaintances should be guided toward a school that gives youth opportunities for thorough training in a spiritual atmosphere.

Statistics show that the majority of students come to Taylor upon the recommendation of alumni, former students and friends of the school. It will be greatly appreciated if you will send us any such names, using the blanks below for this purpose. We will see that catalogs, folders and other necessary information are promptly sent them.

Name .....

Street or R. R. ....

City and State .....

Name .....

Street or R. R. ....

City and State .....

Name .....

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City and State .....

Names Furnished By .....

### Next W.T.F. Meeting

The next annual meeting of the members of The William Taylor Foundation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 1945, at 2:00 P.M. At this meeting, one member of the Board of Directors will be elected and other important business will be transacted. Any person having paid the membership fee of \$10.00 or more between July 1st, 1944, and the date of the meeting is entitled to attend this meeting with voting privileges.

To maintain membership for the current fiscal year, your gift of \$10.00 or more should be sent in before June 30, 1945. If you haven't already done so, send your membership as soon as possible. These memberships are an important part of the financial program of the school. Don't wait until the last week in June, but send it now.

If you are not certain of the status of your membership, write us at once and we will send you the information immediately.

## TAYLOR'S NEW DEAN



Milo A. Rediger, Class of '39

Friends of Taylor University, far and near, will be pleased to know of the recent action of the Board of Directors in the choice of the Institution's new Dean, who will begin his duties with the close of the present college year.

Prof. Milo A. Rediger, a graduate of Taylor University of the Class of 1939, and a member of the faculty since 1943, was the unanimous choice of the Directors. In addition to the Deanship, Prof. Rediger was named Registrar. For the past two years Prof. Rediger, in addition to his work of teaching, has served as Personnel Director.

After his graduation in Taylor, the new Dean pursued graduate work in New York University, receiving the degree of A.M. He has also completed his residence work in the same institution for the Ph.D. degree, and will receive the Doctor's degree as soon as his dissertation is completed.

As an alumnus of Taylor, the President of the Alumni Association, enjoying the respect and confidence of faculty and students, and a growing host of friends, and one who knows Taylor and thoroughly believes in her traditions, doctrines and emphases, the Board of Directors are to be congratulated upon their choice.

The Bulletin is mailed regularly to more than 25,000 names. We are anxious, however, to increase this list, and will appreciate it if our readers will send us the names and addresses of friends who would be interested in knowing of the work of an effective Christian College.

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## Taylor's 12th Annual Youth Conference Best of All

The twelfth annual interdenominational youth conference was held Friday through Sunday, March 9-11. Some few persons on Taylor's campus have been privileged to attend all of the twelve conferences, and they have said without hesitation that this year's conference was second to none.

It was necessary, because of recent war-time restrictions, to discourage the coming of those who would have to travel long distances, but in spite of this, the actual attendance equalled that of the previous year. It is evident that a great many young people are accepting the challenge of the gospel to post-war spiritual reconstruction, and that they see the necessity for maintaining this emphasis during the war period.

Rev. Hazen Sparks of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Dr. Harold B. Kuhn of Asbury Theological Seminary presented the gospel message in a clear and sane manner. Their appeals were such that those who made decisions had ample opportunity to think clearly and carefully, and to make choices that will be permanent. Dr. Willis Hotchkiss of Kenya Colony, Africa, pictured vividly the task of evangelizing the heathen, and presented the need for God-called and determined missionaries to serve in areas yet untouched. In the early morning services, Rev. Paul Clasper and Rev. James Bertsche, both of the class of 1944, gave messages which set a fine pace for the day.

The conference was conducted this year under the handicaps of war-time restrictions, and yet it seemed that God gave us evidence of His special approval in very definite ways. An unusually large number of letters have been coming back to the campus from those who received spiritual help, and these indicate that the work which was done bears the stamp of reality. We are humbly praising God for this mountain-top of spiritual blessing.

### SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC

3 March 1945

"Dear Sirs:

"Enclosed is a Money Order for ten dollars to pay on our William Taylor Foundation membership.

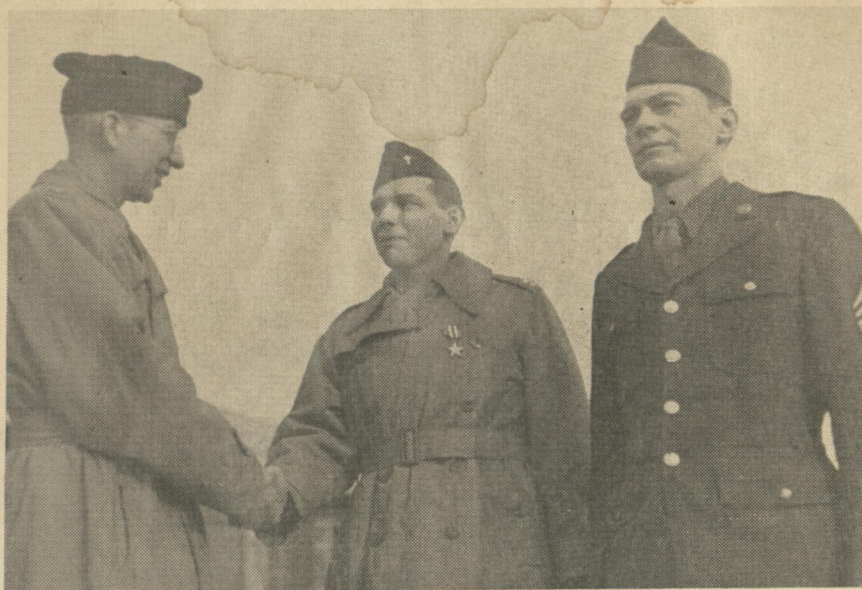
"Our work as chaplain is progressing nicely, but our stay here is getting much too long. Already we have twenty-six months overseas. My latest treat was to meet John Vayhinger, and to assist him in replenishing his materials. We both agreed that we would like to attend the Youth Conference this year, but since 7,000 miles or so separate us, we will just send our best wishes for a successful occasion.

Herbert E. Boyd  
Chaplain (Capt.) U.S.A.



# ★ NEWS OF TAYLOR MEN IN SERVICE ★

## Taylor Graduate Receives Coveted Decoration for Gallantry in Action



Chaplain James DeWeerd (Center), Class of '37, Receives Silver Star

We have recently learned that Chaplain James A. DeWeerd, who was seriously wounded while rescuing fellow officers during a bombing raid in France, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action. The award was made by Col. Morris C. Thomas of Indianapolis, Commanding Officer of the United States Army General Hospital in England, where Chaplain DeWeerd is recovering from chest wounds.

The citation by the Commanding General of the Infantry Division to which he was attached, explained that Chaplain DeWeerd ran to the rescue of two officers buried by the bombing. "Despite the bombs still falling in the area, he worked frantically until he himself became a casualty," the citation stated. "Although he was seriously wounded in this action, Capt. DeWeerd undoubtedly saved the life of one of his comrades by his quick thinking and initiative, for the work he began was completed by others who had been inspired to gallantry as a result of his daring action."

Earlier the same day he received minor shrapnel wounds in the leg. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster in addition to the Silver Star.

Chaplain DeWeerd has spent several months in Army hospitals, convalescing from his wounds, and according to word recently received, he is making very satisfactory progress and should be able to leave the hospital soon.

## A Correction We Are Happy to Make

In the February issue of the "Bulletin", it was reported that Arthur Eason had been killed in action in the European theater of war. We have since learned that he was reported missing in action in December, and that recently word was received directly from him, stating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany.

We are glad to make this correction, and rejoice with Mrs. Eason, the former Betty Jane Deloe, Class of 1942, and with his father, Rev. J. E. Eason, Class of 1914, in the good news received.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eason will also be glad to learn that they are the parents of a son, David Arthur, born December 1st, 1944.

## Another Graduate in the Chaplaincy

Friends of Omar R. Buchwalter, Class of 1940, will be interested to learn that he is now serving as an Army Chaplain. He began his training at Fort Devens, Mass., in November, 1944, and upon the completion of his training was assigned to a post at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he is now stationed. His address is:

Ch. (1st Lt.) Omar R. Buchwalter  
Ch. Sec. 1326, SU  
Camp Lee, Va.

Splendid reports continue to come in of the fine work which the Taylor graduates, serving in the Chaplaincy, are carrying on as they minister to the armed forces all around the world. Let's remember them in our prayers, as they seek to lead men to Christ, Whom to know aright is Life Eternal.

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Commencement Week at Taylor will be filled with interesting things as usual. Besides the opportunity to meet many old and new friends, the program offerings are expected to be rich and full, affording much information and help. Here are the items as scheduled:

Saturday, May 19th, 8:00 P.M.—Artists Recital

Sunday, May 20th, 10:00 A.M.—Baccalaureate Service  
7:30 P.M.—Worship Service

Monday, May 21st, 10:00 A.M.—Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
10:00 A.M.—Inter-Society Contests (Literary and Musical)

Monday, May 21st, 2:00 P.M.—Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni Association

6:00 P.M.—Alumni Banquet

8:00 P.M.—Alumni Talent Program

Tuesday, May 22nd, 9:30 A.M.—Annual Commencement.  
Speaker, President Henry Schultze, A.M., B.D., Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Friends who are planning to be present for all, or a part, of the Commencement season are requested to notify the Business Office of the University in good time, so that reservations may be duly made.



## TAYLOR'S NEW LIBRARY, AN URGENT NEED, CAN BE BUILT—

Taylor University must continue to move forward in the task of preparing young people for leadership in the building of the Kingdom of God. Strong bodies, well-trained intellectuals and cultivated spirits are the essential elements of such leadership. In the equipment of an educational environment which makes possible the realization of these aims, the library plays a major role and must, from any point of view, receive serious consideration in the advancement of any college program.

Here at Taylor we have been looking and working toward the construction of the new Ayres-Alumni Memorial Library, a project which would realize the highest hopes of those who are interested in this phase of the school's progress. Our present library is not deficient in number of volumes, but our facilities for putting the books to their most effective use are inadequate.

Almost half of the amount of money needed to complete this project has already been given or pledged, but now is the time to mobilize our efforts and make this library possible within the next year. We are anticipating an increased enrollment and our need for additional classroom space is acute. This could be provided by moving the library from the administration building into its new home.

We are convinced that Taylor University is on the threshold of her greatest era in the field of Christian higher education, but the library project is an essential part of that ministry. Let's try to have another fifty thousand dollars by next October 31st, which is the date of the annual meeting of the William Taylor Foundation. Let us prayerfully and generously support this program; it is extremely vital to the future of Taylor.

## New President Chosen

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school was badly in need of economic rehabilitation. These conditions required a strong man who was especially fitted to meet the peculiar and urgent demands of this situation. Taylor was fortunate to find such leadership in Dr. Stuart. Along with the record of a balanced budget for eleven consecutive years, there has been great improvement in the educational plant and equipment, together with marked progress toward higher academic standards. These and other accomplishments represent a permanent contribution to the history of the institution.

In making decisions vitally affecting the operation of the school, especially the administrative organization, the Board of Directors, which has final authority and responsibility, is determined that its every action shall contribute to the present and future welfare of the institution and all who have any relation to it. We sincerely believe that Taylor has a great future, but we cannot emphasize too strongly the oft-reiterated assertion that if the school is to grow and prosper, all interested groups, whether alumni, former students, or other friends and active supporters, will have to unite wholeheartedly and unselfishly to attain the goals which are so vital to Taylor's future success. We sincerely solicit your prayerful interest and active cooperation to this end. May we count on your assistance as we strive to do our part in the days and months ahead to achieve the highest and best for the school we all love?

—HERBERT M. LYON, M.D.

President of the Board of Directors

## —IF MORE GIFTS LIKE THESE CONTINUE TO COME IN

"Dear Friends:

"Enclosed find a check for twenty dollars to be used as the second installment on our pledge for the \$100.00 toward the Library Fund.

"We shall try to complete the pledge as soon as possible.

"Although Eddie is in the Philippines, he believes with me that we are putting our tithe to a worthwhile cause.

Mrs. Edward Armstrong  
Milton, Indiana, Class of '40"

The following is an excerpt from a letter addressed to Dr. Ayres, from Mrs. Stanley Salter, a former student now living at Columbus Grove, Ohio:

"One of the reasons we wanted to see you personally was to give Taylor a gift for the Library Fund. However, we are sending a small amount by check, and we are hoping we will be able to send enough later to make the \$100.00 unit."

## DO YOUR PART BY FILLING OUT AND SENDING THE BLANK BELOW



DR. B. W. AYRES

1846 - CENTENNIAL FUND - 1946 \$100 UNIT

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

CENTENNIAL GOAL - \$500,000

\$1.00 for each  
year of Taylor's  
history

Because of my vital interest in the continued growth and future usefulness of Taylor University as an effective Christian College, and in consideration of others subscribing to the Centennial Fund of said school (first unit to be the Ayres-Alumni Memorial Library Building), and for value received, I subscribe and promise to pay to The William Taylor Foundation, Upland, Indiana:

The sum of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** on the following terms:

\$..... cash; the remainder to be paid as follows: ( ) \$..... monthly;

( ) \$..... quarterly; ( ) \$..... semi-annually; ( ) \$..... annually;

or as follows: .....

Date ..... 194..

Name .....

Street .....

Witness .....

City .....

**PERMANENT MEMORIAL RECORD IN NEW LIBRARY BUILDING FOR EACH DONOR OF \$100**  
(Every dollar received for Library or Centennial Fund is invested in Government Bonds)