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Architect's Drawing of Proposed Ayres-Alumni Library

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Upland, Indiana

"An Effective Christian College"

Centennial Program
1946
The First Unit and Most Urgent Material Need is A LIBRARY

First Goal to Be Reached

The first goal of the administration for the Centennial Program is the raising of a fund of a half-million dollars to be used for the following: $100,000 for a library building; $1,000,000 for a science hall; $50,000 for necessary replacements, repairs, laboratories and the beautifying of the campus; $250,000 for additional endowment. This goal must be reached as soon as possible because of the urgent need for each one of these items. Your suggestions for the reaching of this goal will be welcomed.

AYRES-ALUMNI LIBRARY CAPTURING IMA

The Board of Directors' action in voting that the
used for the building of this Library is be

Dr. Burt Wilmot Ayres, the Vice President and former Dean of the University, has for more than forty years been connected with the history of Taylor University. He is the connecting link in the school's history between the present and the past and has a host of former students and friends who are proud to call him their friend. We can think of no one for whom this new building could be more fittingly named. He is a scholar, a Christian philosopher, a man of God, a gentleman loved and respected by all.

Burt Wilmot Ayres

1846 -- One Hundred
BUILDING

First $100,000 to Be Used for Library

A new library building is without question the major and crucial need which must be met at the earliest possible moment. This must be a modern, fire-proof building equipped to adequately care for five hundred students. The present library space is entirely inadequate to meet the needs of the present student body. Unless this emergency can be met the efficiency of the college will be throttled at a major point just when the institution seems to be on the threshold of its greatest usefulness.

AGINATION OF TAYLOR'S CONSTITUENCY

The first $100,000 of the Centennial goal should be received with approbation everywhere.

No other name catches fire with the Alumni like the name of Dr. B. W. Ayres. No other single personality connected with Taylor University is loved and honored around the world more than he.

Alumni and friends want this first unit pushed to completion as quickly as possible so that this great Christian scholar who has invested his life in Taylor University may see and enjoy the Library. However, no work will be started on this building until the money for its erection has been received.
As Taylor University approaches its one hundredth birthday we feel that it would be well to state just a few facts concerning its growth during these years and its large place in our world.

Taylor University was first known as the Fort Wayne Female College, which was organized in 1846 by the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1852 it was united with the Collegiate Institute of the same place and became the Fort Wayne College, a co-educational school. In 1890 it passed under the control of the National Association of Local Preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and its name was changed to Taylor University. It was named for the missionary bishop, William Taylor, called in Hurst’s History, the modern St. Paul.

On July 31, 1893, Taylor University was rechartered and moved to its present location. Rev. T. C. Reade, LL.D., was president at the time the location was changed from Fort Wayne to Upland. In its new location it began with a campus of ten acres of land and $10,000 donated by the citizens of Upland.

After personal visitation and examination into the character of the college, Bishop Taylor gave it his hearty endorsement, prayed for it three times every day and assisted it by his influence and with his means. It found a place in his great heart because of its spirituality, its missionary enthusiasm and its interest in students needing financial assistance. All who have become familiar with its output of Christian manhood and womanhood heartily endorse his statement that “this work is of God.”
Taylor University is now controlled and operated by the William Taylor Foundation. It is felt that this Foundation is very fittingly named, since Taylor University still holds to the same traditional policies of world evangelism, and the spreading of Scriptural Holiness, which were dear to the heart of Bishop William Taylor.

Our Librarian Says:

A library building for Taylor is imperative!

We are crowded now for seating capacity for students and space for new books. This is perhaps the most acute need and most difficult problem that faces the school right now. Four years ago the library space was increased both in seating capacity and in shelving space. The library has outgrown these provisions and there is no room for expansion.

It is an unsolved problem as to what can be done to provide sufficient shelving for the coming year.

The best modern library practice calls for seating space for one-fourth to one-third of the maximum student body, adequate stack rooms, shelving space, work-rooms, and seminar rooms.

The only adequate and satisfactory solution is the erection of a suitable building which will provide for the needs of the years to come, and make it possible for the library to render the required adequate service to the present student body. Will you help to meet this imperative need? — Ivel Guiler, Librarian
A second important goal in our Centennial Program is the increasing of our present endowment. No college or university fixes its tuition fees at a figure sufficiently large so that the income from this source makes the institution self-supporting. If it were to do this, the large majority of present-day college students would be deprived of the privilege of furthering their education.

Hence the Necessity of Endowment

This difference between the actual cost of college education and its cost to the student must be made up in the form of income from other sources. Taylor University, on the basis of its present enrollment, must have a minimum annual stable income of $40,000 from sources other than student fees in order to maintain its accreditation. For each increase of fifty in its present enrollment, this amount increases by $5,000.

"Other Income"

The item of "other income" now comes from gifts, income from securities and real estate, income from auxilliary business activities, etc., but should come, for the most part, from a permanent Endowment Fund, consisting of Government Bonds, real estate, endowment pledges, and other income-producing securities.

The fixed income from a permanent Endowment Fund, the investments of which are satisfactorily diversified, is the very heart-beat of the financial program of Taylor University. While the other plans for the Centennial Celebration, including the new building program and a steady increase in student enrollment, are highly desirable and necessary, the increasing of the Endowment Fund is of paramount importance.
A third goal in our Centennial Program is a definite, continued increase in our student enrollment. We have facilities for 500 students. The average enrollment for the past two years has been 339.

Taylor's Standards

Taylor University stands very definitely for the finest and best of academic standards, and with this teaches a blessed, personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the hearts of her young people. The administration and the faculty of the University feel that there is no conflict between science and religion; science bears out the truth of the Word of God.

Taylor University Needed

Never has the world needed Taylor University as it does today. Each year consecrated young people, deeply conscious of their responsibility as trained Christians, leave Taylor's halls to go to the four corners of the globe in service for Christ. We need colleges and universities where young people receive the best scholastic training possible to fit them for the tasks of life, and yet are taught the Way of Life.

Influence Prospective Students

Contact your young friends who are interested in attending college. Tell them of Taylor University and the work offered here. We want our halls completely filled with choice, selected young people who are eager to fit themselves for service in all walks of life.

Glorious Years -- 1946
HAPPY COMMENCEMENT SEASON

Wonderful Commencement — The ninety-fourth annual commencement season at Taylor University was said by many to be one of the finest in many years. A great crowd of alumni and friends came back to enjoy the festivities of the season. The annual artists' program, chorus and glee club concert, literary society contests, alumni banquet and program, were highlights of the season and were unusually fine and entertaining. The Baccalaureate sermon, "Grasshoppers or Men," delivered by Pres. Stuart, was a genuine inspiration to the crowd gathered in the Maytag Gymnasium on Sunday morning. The season was brought to a glorious close by the challenging commencement oration delivered by the Hon. Ralph W. Gwinn, prominent attorney of New York City, on Tuesday morning, June 4th. Pres. Stuart granted bachelor's degrees to forty-four members of the senior class and master's degrees to three graduate students.

Fiscal Year Ends June 30th — June 30th marks the end of our fiscal year at Taylor University. For the past six years our budget has been balanced with all accounts met and salaries paid in full. This has only been done through the most careful management and by the prayers and gifts of our constituency. This year we are anxious to balance our budget for the seventh consecutive year. We can only do this as our friends send in gifts and their William Taylor Foundation memberships to help us meet our obligations. We need every dollar we can get. Every dollar paid on pledges and notes will help much. If you have been planning to send a gift or membership to Taylor, do so this month so that it may be included in the meeting of the budget for the year ending June 30. God will bless you in your giving and bless your gift to this work owned of Him.

Prayer — Nearly ten years ago Taylor's Twenty-Four Hour Prayer League was organized. Let every member please pray as never before not only for Taylor University but for our war-torn world. If you have not joined this League please do it now and tell us the hour that you will be praying for Taylor. The outstanding accomplishments and success of the institution for the past seven years have been because of the united prayers of God's people who believe in an effective Christian college. Again we say — PRAY.

New Students — Tell them about Taylor now. Send in names to the President's office.

President's Report — President Jacobs of the Board of Directors of Taylor University in presenting Dr. Stuart before the Alumni for his annual report, said it was the greatest report that he had heard given at Taylor. It showed real progress and advancement all along the line and set out a constructive program for the years ahead. Rev. Jesse Fox, president of the Alumni Association, in commenting on the Commencement season, said he felt it was the best that he had seen on Taylor's campus.

Write — Let every alumnus, former student, and friend sit down now and write some personal word to the folks who carry on here at the home base. It seems to many of the friends close to it, that the school we love is standing on the threshold of the greatest possibilities in its history. Please do not fail Taylor University in this time of need and greatest opportunity.

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Robert Lee Stuart, Pres.