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# INAUGURATION Bishop Ralph S. Cushman Main Speaker on Program

Inauguration exercises for the new president of Taylor University, Dr. Clyde W. Meredith, have been scheduled for Friday, November 8, and are being planned by a committee of the faculty composed of Dean Rediger, Mr. M. E. Witmer, Professors Olive Draper, Sander Kleis and Willis J. Dunn.

The main speaker for the occasion is Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of the Methodist Church. Bishop Cushman is well known to the readers of the Bulletin and to the friends of Taylor. He has established a reputation as a genuine friend of conservative Christian education and has been at Taylor on previous occasions. His annual appearance as a speaker in one of our greatest holiness camp meetings, Red Rock, in Minnesota, which is within his area, is a recommendation concerning his forthright pronouncements that are in harmony with Taylor's emphases.

This inaugural service marks the official opening of a second century for Taylor University. It is also a fitting mile-stone in the life of our president who assumes his position in an institution whose leadership places many demands upon him.

He must be an educational leader, a spiritual leader and occupy a unique and key position in the Taylor family. As an educational leader he must believe in education and no greater demonstration of this fact can be cited than his own life, for he completed high school after he was married and had a family. As a spiritual leader, both his previous experience and his conduct as Acting President testify to his ability. As head of the Taylor family he assumes a position for which he is prepared by his role in life as husband and father which gives to any man an insight into the essentials of practical, everyday life, and an appreciation of those elements which make living together a wholesome, constructive experience.



#### Dr. Clyde W. Meredith

PROGRAM FOR THE INAUGURATION November 8, 1946

2:00 P. M.

Processional

National Anthem

Invocation ...... Dr. V. Raymond Edman Pres. Wheaton College

A Cappella Choir

Greetings on behalf of other colleges ..... Dr. John R. Emens Pres., Ball State College

Greetings on behalf of the Alumni ...... Rev. Jesse W. Fox Pastor, Grace Methodist Church Kokomo, Indiana

Installation ceremony ...... Bishop Titus Lowe Presentation of instrument of inauguration.....Dr. Herbert M. Lyon Address of President

Singing of Alma Mater

Benediction ...... Dr. Elmer Becker Pres., Huntington College Recessional

## PEAK ENROLLMENT

Everyone whom we have met who has had no direct information as vet from Taylor has raised the question, "How many do you have this fall?" Enrollments everywhere are at a peak and it would have been strange indeed if Taylor would have fallen below any previous enrollment in the history of the institution. For the first time in our experience we have had to tell some students there was no more room. Had all who applied been able to come they would have filled another dormitory. Of course, many who applied were doing the same in several other institutions; and for that reason we were aware that Taylor was not a primary selection with some but a convenient selection. Even so, the emphasis upon fundamental Christianity which characterizes us here was the factor which commended us to many, and we have confidence therefore that those who came because they could "get in" are going to be among that group of appreciative folk who discover that to know Taylor is to love her and to cling to her.

It is apparent to us now that with additional planning and scheming we shall be able to pack about 25 more in for the second semester. Students who are finishing their high school in the mid year class will be wise to get into Taylor, if they can, during the second semester, for that will insure them of a place in the 1947 student body next fall. Counting special students who are taking part time only (there are about 25 in this group) 412 have registered this fall. The extra 25 we have indicated that we will have room for will be housed in residences which were not ready at the opening of school.

# STUDENTS RESPOND TO FALL REVIVAL

# Foundation and Board of Directors Meetings

According to the by-laws of the William Taylor Foundation the annual meeting of that body, which is the corporate body holding and directing the affairs of Taylor University, was held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 P.M. October 30th. In order that the Foundation meeting might be coordinated with the Board of Directors of the University the meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday morning October 30th at 10 A. M. The Foundation elected its member representative on the Board of directors and heard the report of the President of the University and conducted such other business as came before that body.

### PROBLEMS FACING THE BOARD

The readers of the Bulletin will be interested in some of the problems which will confront the Board in the fall meeting. The library building drive must be grappled with in a manner which will insure us of a sufficient amount of funds to build when the time again becomes favorable. This is, when materials are again released, and when prices are more in harmony with a normal pattern of markets we must proceed. We must be ready to build therefore, by the early spring of 1947. The Alumni must be impressed with the fact that some other institutions with no more potential strength in their Alumni Association than we have at Taylor have already gone over the top in their drives for funds. Some of these have been for as much as one million dollars, while others have been for amounts as low as one half million. Remember. that achievement has been among schools with no more Alumni potentiality than Taylor's. It is within the range of Taylor Alumni achievement to get behind this last intensive drive until we shall go far beyond the amount necessarv for this first unit of the Centennial objective.

It will not be our problem to find students; it will be our problem to keep them unless we can provide adequate facilities for them. Class room space is now at a premium. With several courses demanding extra sections—and one course is running as many as four extra large ones—there is a mandate upon us to provide extra class room and library space. The New Library will do both, and the 1947 opening of school should see this done.



Dr. E. W. Petticord

The matter of recognition is of course a vital concern to all of us. I mention it because there are altogether too many who view recognition by the Regional Accrediting Association as in some sense a guarantee of success for Taylor ever afterwards. This in the very nature of the case cannot be true. Recognition is first a resultant with our having prepared for it with outlays of money and equipment along with many other considerations of an academic character. No sooner, however, will one achievement be realized than others will become a "must" with us. This is according to every law of growth. This past summer is a good example in point. No sooner did an increasing student body present itself than the problem and expense of providing for them presented themselves also. Extra chairs, extra beds, etc. (see Mr. Witmer's report, elsewhere in this issue) had to be found and paid for. A new library involves equipment both in the building where it is to be housed and in the quarters where it was. Students who have been subjected to temporary quarters and makeshift arrangements in facilities must be given reasonable assurance of something permanent and satisfactory. There is no stopping point in a growing college-even when we have reached a student peak where the Board may decide that for the sake of maintaining our traditional emphases and provide for each student, the enrollment will have to be limited. Our vision must be far reaching, our loyalties must be constant. Likewise our sacrifices will be given sufficient channels for positive expression

As these lines are being written there is much encouragement about the revival which is in progress. Under the ministry of Dr. E. W. Petticord, the Lord has been pleased to honor His Word and literally scores have knelt at the altar thus far. Night after night Dr. Petticord has faithfully presented the gospel message as Taylor has stood for it across the years, and a spirit of vieldedness has been evident in a refreshing manner. Dr. and Mrs. Petticord have found themselves busy in counselling throughout the days. With hundreds of students accepting the invitation to seek him for help in their personal problems the work of an evangelist on our campus is a strenuous one. The challenge to guide the potential leaders of tomorrow is one of the most intriguing ones that can come to any one; and Dr. and Mrs. Petticord have shown themselves adept in their ability along this line. For many, many years Dr. Petticord has travelled over our nation as an evangelist, and his experiences have broadened his understanding of human needs and have mellowed his spirit of appreciation for men.

We are aware that anxious parents and friends have been remembering us in prayer during these days. There is never a day but that God is beseeched in our interests by the members of the great Taylor family. We have no other way of going forward but by the aid of prayer which moves God in our behalf. We are glad to acknowledge, therefore, that the revival we are now experiencing is due to prayers which He is honoring both on our campus and from the firesides many miles away.

### Taylor on the Air

Starting Saturday, November 2, over WHBU of Anderson a radio broadcast originating on the campus of Taylor University, goes on the air. This project has been anticipated and hoped for ever since the summer of 1945 but the way did not seem to be open.

This fall it was possible to secure the necessary equipment so that recordings are made in one chapel service a week and are played back for broadcasting at the Saturday hour.

This work is under the direction of Professor Willis J. Dunn and is known as, Your Fellowship Hour, Inc., whose board of directors includes representatives from the Alumni and Administration of Taylor University. Contributions to this work must be made to Your Fellowship Hour, Inc., and it is in no way financed by Taylor University. All those who participate including the

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# Annual Missionary Rally

On November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, the annual Missionary Rally under the auspices of the Oriental Missionary Society will be held on the campus of Taylor University. Rev. Charles P. Culver, who is an alumus of Taylor and who for many years was abroad working in various capacities with the Oriental Missionary Society in China, will be present and speak at the convention. Mrs. Charles Cowman, author of "Streams in the Desert," planned to be



Miss Ruth Bergert

present, but her place will be filled by Rev. and Mrs. Rolland Rice, Missionaries to China, who will speak to some of the groups. Miss Ruth Bergert, a graduate in the class of '46 and who is a candidate for the South American field under the O. M. S., will also be present for the convention. Any of our readers who attended the Youth Conference last spring will remember Miss Bergert for her part in the music of the conference for which she had charge. The services will begin on Friday morning, November 1st, at chapel and Rev. Rice will speak to the students. Miss Bergert will have charge of the Holiness League service at 6:40 P. M. with Rev. Culver speaking at the service at 8:00 o'clock. Informal conferences are planned for Saturday afternoon, and a night service again on Saturday evening. Three services will be held in the chapel on Sunday, and a great community-wide missionary rally on Sunday afternoon with Dr. Culver as the speaker will highlight the convention.

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Rev. Charles P. Culver



Mrs. Rolland R. Rice

### AN INTELLIGENT FAITH

There is a current expression employed by many who by their own profession desire that they be considered liberal in their theology. That expression generally includes the following observation, "I have left off believing in that particular point in traditional theology because I must have 'an intelligent faith'." In short, they maintain that with the enlightenment which has come to them through science and matured reflection they can no longer follow certain tenets which are associated with what might be called conservative Christianity. They have graduated from any necessity to believe what some unbelieving scientist maintains is unscientific!

We must insist that the Christian faith carries a mystical element which bears explanation. This is true in human experience as we relate ourselves to God by means of faith; and it is true likewise as we accept the statements of scripture with reference to God's identity with a fallen race in the incarnation experience of Christ. No attempt to explain the "peace of God that passeth understanding" has met with satisfactory results. The classroom technique breaks down. The frank admissions of a psychiatrist is that patients who are in spiritual dilemmas can be helped with lasting satisfaction when directed to accept the simple message of salvation thru faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. A Christian physician recently described the evident peace of God which pervaded the mind of a dying patient when pointed to the Lamb of God. When the physician knew that medical science was helpless before a deadly malady he resorted to the healing of the soul that was vile with sin. Neither the psychiatrist nor the physician was able to explain the mysteries involved in the incarnate Diety who bridged the chasm between a holy God and a sinful race by the death of Himself upon a cruel cross. Is an explanation to be sought which will satisfy the natural mind? No, not entirely; for the Christian religion is never to be separated from that element of faith which is absolutely necessary in bringing a finite creature into a relationship with an infinite God. God, who is Spirit, is reconciled to us and we to Him by two acts. One was an act with all the mystery of the universe packed into it. He who always was, and thus could say, "Before Abraham was, I am"-became flesh and dwelt among us. That man has heaped upon Him the iniquity of us all; and unto Himself. The other act is ours; calvary saw God reconciling the world and "by grace are ye saved thru faith". Explain it! No, experience it. The one act of God is never quite understood even when the full benefits of its impact upon these sinful lives has transformed them. The other act is quite simple, but if we attempt to break it down very much, we discover that it is like a clock in the hands of an inexperienced technician-it runs better when left alone and yet is allowed to run on. The analogy breaks down, you observe, for someone is prone to say immediately-"Yes, but someone has to be a watch tinkerer, and thus must know what makes the wheels go round." That is all true; but He who made us made it possible too that so (Continued on page 4)

## Report of the Business Manager

As Taylor University enters the first year of its second century, there is one thing that seems to be predominant, namely the outlook for the future expansion of the school. This year, as you have already read in this issue of the bulletin, we have an all-time record enrollment of approximately 400 students. This, of course, is in sharp contrast with the war years when the draft made serious inroads with the result that, along with many other schools, Taylor had a very considerable shrinkage in enrollment as compared to prewar years. With the close of the war, however, enrollment has not only returned to pre-war figures but has even exceeded them.

Naturally, the enrollment of such a large number of students creates some changes in the financial planning of the institution as compared to recent years when the enrollment was about one-half what it is this year. While our income from student fees is larger than it has ever been, this will be due largely to the increase in student enrollment inasmuch as tuition and fees have not been changed in recent years despite many greatly increased operating costs. With the necessity of expansion in many departments, it has been necessary, however, to plan on an enlarged financial program not only to meet increasing demands by our students but also to meet the requirements and standards of the various accrediting agencies. Salaries of our staff have had to be increased not only to meet these standards but to try to keep pace, at least in part, with increased living costs.

A very important phase of this expansion to which we call your special attention at this time is the matter of the very necessary purchase of additional permanent equipment to take care of a larger student body. During the war years when it was not possible to purchase many of these items of new equipment, such purchases were held to a minimum; but in the reconversion period it is necessary that we purchase many of these that could not be obtained during the war and which are now badly needed, not only because certain present equipment is obsolete and worn out but because of the higher standards towards which we are constantly striving.

During the summer and fall months we have purchased various items of new equipment, all of which are needed to increase the efficiency of the operation of the school and to contribute to the well being of our students. The total of these various items is well over \$11,000.00 and while many of these may be considered as capital expendi-



Mr. Marion Witmer Business Manager

tures, made for the purpose of purchasing permanent equipment, yet they must be paid for out of current income and therefore, have a direct relation to the budget setup for the current year. Some of these items which are necessary because of an enlarged student body and to replace obsolete and worn out equipment are furniture (the cost of this alone exceeds \$5,000.00), carpets for Campbell parlors, classroom chairs and various other items of equipment needed to bring the operation of the school to a higher standard.

At various times we have placed needs of this kind before our readers asking that they share with us this burden by making special gifts or increasing their regular gifts substantially so as to take care of this added expenditure without affecting the budget in any way. In previous issues it has been suggested that those who take out William Taylor Foundation memberships ought to increase the size of such memberships substantially because of the decreased purchasing value of the dollar. If members of the Foundation will follow out this suggestion and those who have not been in the habit of making regular gifts will respond to this need, every dollar of this extra expenditure can be met.

We trust that our readers will help us, as they have always done in the past when special appeals of this kind were made, to take care of this expenditure so that our regular operating budget will not be affected in any way and we shall be able, despite much higher operating costs, to balance our budget for the fourteenth consecutive year.

#### An Intelligent Faith (Continued from page 3)

long as a day of grace should last these hearts of ours might believe—*if we will*. Let us settle on this truism in Christian thinking. There are some things in the Christian faith which transcend reason; there are none which contradict reason.

The secret of an intelligent faith is not discovered by discarding everything of the Christian tradition which one cannot understand or explain. We are to the place in the cleavage between liberals and conservatives where the question of a pragmatic test might be amiss. What is left when the Christian faith is robbed of the supernatural element? The answer is that there is nothing left which permits the Christian faith to be regarded as distinct and separate from the ethnic religions of the world. What has the missionary to carry to the sinsick and troubled religionist of dark Africa, if the miraculous transforming power of the gospel is neutralized to the point where there is no resurrection power in it? If man cannot save himself, then Jesus, if he was but a mere man, as blameless as he was while on earth, could not save us as a martyr. No, a thousand times no! It was the sinless One who became man and who also retained His Deity who took away our sins by the sacrifice of Himself. Then transformed lives that have believed on Him attest the worth of this message. The powerless ministry of those who question this truth should make any man a bit wary of sacrificing the miraculous for the sake of satisfying the human "intelligence." It is our contention that a miraculous gospel is necessary for an intelligent faith.

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speaker, Professor Dunn, do so on a voluntary basis.

The directors of Your Fellowship Hour Inc., are as follows:

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To this, the Alumni Directors are being asked to add an advisory committee to which notarized, itemized, financial statements will be sent.