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Who Will Lift the Standard?

An Editorial, by John Paul, President of Taylor University.

England is doing only one-third of its best, the enemy is gaining, and the chance is strong for the defeat of the allies and our dismal ruin. This, given from memory, is the substance of a long editorial by the editor of the British Weekly during the world war. We have seen no document to match it till we read the recent New Year's editorial by the editor of the Christian Advocate, New York.

Referring to the minutes of "any" Annual Conference for the last two years, this editor says: "You will find charge after charge—as many as 75 churches in a single historic Conference in the Mid-West, 300 in another area—which not only registered no net membership gain, they did not even register the addition of a single member! They had come to a standstill. Salaries were still paid, services held, Sunday Schools operated, collections taken, but not a soul was brought into the communion of the Church of God!"

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Then with dramatic pathos he drives home his exhortation in question form: “What will we Methodists do? Have we pastors who do not feel their responsibility for the cure of the souls, or who lack the message or the spiritual persuasion to lift up Christ in a compelling manner before their people? Have we complacent district superintendents who think their six-year duty done if their pulpits are all supplied and the disciplinary collections taken? Have we bishops upon whom their great commission rests so lightly that they can be at ease when the spiritual tides are ebbing in their areas? Is the great body of our lay membership so immersed in the affairs of business and pleasure, the mere material pursuits, that it has lost that vision of the highest things that once ennobled the whole of life, and made the possessor eager to tell to others the good news that had meant so much to him?”

But this is more than a Methodist problem. A vigorous, reckless world is shaking loose from the influences of the church and the gospel message. Sensing this fact a certain group of optimists have tried to meet the slump by rewriting the gospel. A fundamentalist-modernist controversy resulted which injured the evangelistic spirit. The new program did not work. The old one was not working very well when the modernists put on the new one; but it was able to sing, “Hold the fort for I am coming;” and that is more than we are doing under the new schedule.

Take our suggestion for what it is worth, it is Taylor University’s line: we must come back to first principles and restore all that was vital in the methods of the fathers. We need not copy their literalism, their sectarianism or any of their reactionary notes; but as they tarried so we must tarry for a new heart, for the baptism with the Holy Spirit, for a saving revival tide. This emphasis must be given the spotlight. The providential leaders of the church, whom the people will follow, must lead in that direction. The leaders who are not inclined or not capable of such leading must get out of the way as did the titled ministry of England during the world war, when Lloyd George took the reins. It is war and God’s church must have leadership that will lead to victory. Dress parades are all right till the enemy advances; then we must have fixed bayonets and shock troops, and generalship to match.

A Serious Man Studies Taylor

(In the questions and answers S. M. stands for the Serious Man and T. S. for the Taylor Spirit.)

S. M.—Can you give me a good reason to expect permanency at Taylor University?

T. S.—Eighty-three years of service, amidst struggles which would have destroyed an opportunist school.

S. M.—Why has Taylor’s constituency carried on through adversity while scores of other colleges with no more handicap have had their birth and passed away?

T. S.—Taylor had children and principles to live for. She could not die, she cannot quit.

S. M.—What is there in Taylor University that gives it a field when church and state are well supplied with colleges? Looking at the map of the college world it seems that Taylor could be spared.

T. S.—There will never be many more colleges born, and no good college can be spared; but this does not answer your question. The Taylor Spirit is different. For its own exponent to attempt to define and exploit it would be to impair its beauty and power. We can only dare say, “Come and see.”

S. M.—Does Taylor influence other colleges?

T. S.—It has been said that she does. Her constant, unchanging spiritual glow, her promotion of gospel truth without strife, has certainly caused other colleges to restrain their skeptics and give a place to spiritual emphasis which might not have been without Taylor as a reminder.

S. M.—Is Taylor not severe and Pharisaical, expelling young people for the use of tobacco, and sending them home disgraced for no worse thing than dancing?

T. S.—The class of young people who come to Taylor know her ideals beforehand. Their application for admission specifies these common indulgences and every student signs a pledge to cooperate. They are told that if they want such things as tobacco and the dance other colleges will gladly oblige them. We do not expel a student for something that is approved in another college. We give him his grade and let him go to
the college that suits him better. Hence tobacco and dancing are not problems at all in Taylor. We do not denounce people who prefer such things. We claim the right to run a college without them.

S. M.—Are not your conditions for admission too sectarian; would not a Jew, for instance, meet an implicit资格 of persecution if you admitted him at all?

T. S.—Decency of conduct and respect for the spiritual activities of the school comprise the only conditions required. A man may be admitted to Taylor believing that the moon is cheese, and his fellow students will be taught to treat him with kindness and tolerance. But let us confide to you, the Taylor Spirit is rather contagious and unless the fellow who comes has something that satisfies him quite well he stands the chance of catching a new vision and learning to sing the new song.

S. M.—What is generally the result, morally and religiously, when one has been a student at Taylor University?

T. S.—We do not know a single Taylor student who went through without sound morals and a sound faith. Most of them give evidence of the enjoyment of a full salvation. Some who failed to go through have made unhappy records, but this was in spite of Taylor's influence and not because of it.

S. M.—Into what lines of human activity do your graduates usually go?

T. S.—I will mention in their order, the largest first, as we seem to have observed: the ministry and mission field; teaching; farming; business; skilled industries; medicine; law. Home making has a large place with girls who graduate at Taylor, and they should be queens in that sphere.

S. M.—What returns could I expect from an investment at Taylor University?

T. S.—Society would be paid in the gold of Christian character. The church would be enriched by both ministers and laymen and women who would carry on in the spirit of Biblical Christians. As for you, I think you would lay up treasures that would forever make you glad in the life to come.

S. M.—You say that to endow a chair or department at Taylor University would be to build a monument more durable than marble. State your reasons.

T. S.—You will multiply your best ideals in others, for generation after generation. The Legal Hundred, composed of men and women of character who have made a success of their own affairs, will see that the principal of your investment is preserved imperishable and that what it produces shall be invested to accomplish your noblest desires.

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The Story of Fort Wayne

The thriving industrial city of Fort Wayne, the pride of Northern Indiana, is the mother of Taylor University. More than half of our eighty-three years of history were spent there. Perhaps it should never have moved.

But scores of loyal Fort Wayne people, not unmindful of old friendships, have visited Taylor's broad Upland campus and given the college their blessing. Ten thousand dollars have been subscribed from that city in recent times to Taylor's building program, and a further asking of $35,000 is being sought with the indorsement of a number of Fort Wayne's citizens.

In one of our inspirational meetings some time ago, several score of Fort Wayne citizens came down to Taylor in busses and automobiles. Among the number were: Judge Owen N. Heat- on, Mr. E. F. Yarnell, Dr. J. W. Bowers, Dr. M. F. Steele, Former Mayor W. Sherman Cutshall, Dr. Harriett S. Macbeth, and Mr. Arthur K. Remmel of the News-Sentinel.

Reporting this visit the News-Sentinel said: "Mother fondled child when more than fifty alumni of the old Fort Wayne Methodist Episcopal college and their friends visited Taylor University at Upland, Sunday. There they found a great institution, imposing in its buildings and facilities but more imposing in its ideals.

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