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Had you spent the week of January 17 to 21 in Chicago at the Stevens Hotel sitting in on the conferences of the church boards, the inter-church boards, and the National Association of Colleges and Universities of America you would have felt that these administrators had discovered that the nexus between religion and education had been cut, and that a time had come when religion as a staying force is tremendously needed. Whether denominational or State and whether it was an outstanding Protestant or Catholic educator speaking, the content was that modern education must again make this connection, and have religion as the controlling and directing force. The distinguished scientist, Dr. Compton, declared that scientists must have religion to control and direct the results they have gotten and to help them to continue effective work in their field. Many of our educators and parents are discovering with George Washington that refined education which is not definitely connected with religion will not suffice.

Taylor is not afraid of the finest that modern education and science have to offer, but feels these must be controlled and directed by the Spirit of Christ. Taylor University is Christian, constructive, cooperative with all forces that have to do with effective Christian leadership, and, as Mr. Bryan puts it, the time has come for us to stop apologizing for the Bible and Christ and to make our influence for an effective Christian College felt.

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Many parents who write us or meet us in our conferences and speaking engagements tell us how their son or daughter has been robbed of his or her faith. They tell us how they wish they had known about Taylor University, they would have put their children where it was proper to be Christian. It is the thought of the staff and student body on Taylor's campus to help each other not only to get the finest educational training possible, but to discover the reality of Christ's glorious redemption. I leave it to you whether there is a need for an institution like this.

I get letter after letter from outstanding laymen across the continent who are members of the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and other evangelical groups in the churches telling us how thrilled they are to hear what Taylor is doing. I am sure, if you could see the picture as some of us see it here on our campus, you would feel God has placed Taylor here to be constructive and Christian in her approach to the problems of life.

I doubt if any man in America knows the business and religious situation any better than Mr. Babson, and he exhorts parents to find a small college that has not thrown religion "out the window." We feel that Taylor is such a college, and that it answers not only the thought he has in mind as Moderator of the Congregational Church but of many choice men and women across the continent. What a need there is for Christian laymen in Law, Medicine, Business and other walks of life. Taylor, in her College of Liberal Arts, gives the pre-professional work for these great fields and is training youth to make their influence felt in whatever walk of life they may be.

It is time for the Alumni, former students, parents, and friends of an effective Christian college to do what William Jennings Bryan said, "Get up and, if need be fight for it." There are forces at work right now that would defeat this kind of a task, but some of us feel, by the way God is putting his seal on the work; with the growth of the college; with the friends who are responding, that Taylor is just beginning to come into her own. Again I say, I leave it to you as to whether or not we need such a college at a time like this.

Others may criticize because we do not have cigarettes, liquor, drinking, dancing, cards, Sororities, and Fraternities; but we have the type of young people which caused one of the prominent bankers of the State, when he looked in on them not long before the inter-church boards, the inter-church boards, and the National Association of Colleges and Universities of America you would have felt that these administrators had discovered that the nexus between religion and education had been cut, and that a time had come when religion as a staying force is tremendously needed. Whether denominational or State and whether it was an outstanding Protestant or Catholic educator speaking, the content was that modern education must again make this connection, and have religion as the controlling and directing force. The distinguished scientist, Dr. Compton, declared that scientists must have religion to control and direct the results they have gotten and to help them to continue effective work in their field. Many of our educators and parents are discovering with George Washington that refined education which is not definitely connected with religion will not suffice.

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Taylor University Happily Fills a Definite Need

William Jennings Bryan, perhaps the most outstanding Christian layman of his time, Secretary of State under Mr. Wilson, wrote these significant words: "Parents all over this nation are asking where they can send their sons and daughters to school knowing that their faith in God and immortality will not be destroyed. I find that this is a college where they teach the Bible instead of apologizing for it, and I shall for this reason recommend Taylor University to inquiring Christian parents. I feel that it is time for the Christian church to quit apologizing and begin fighting."

Roger W. Babson, perhaps the most outstanding statistician of the United States, also a Moderator of the Congregational Church, says: "No amount of time and money is too great to spend upon properly educating and training children. Hence we should immediately begin to invest in them — to store up money in children instead of safe deposit vaults. Use your influence to have your children and grandchildren attend a small college of high standing... Avoid big colleges, which have thrown Religion out the window."

"I Leave It to You" (Continued from page 1) ago, to say, "You do not have young women of the flapper type; these are beautiful, sweet, pure young women." We think that as you face our student body, which come to Taylor from Canada to Florida and New York to California, and see their earnestness as they face their studies and hear their testimonies of a personal Christ, you would feel that right here on Taylor's campus this nexus of religion and education has not been cut. Taylor has no thought of divorcing religion and education. Again I leave it to you whether Taylor University is needed for a time like this!

George Washington, the Father of his country, said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, which should labour to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. Let it simply be asked where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation deserts the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure — reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Has Dr. Ayres Helped You?

Dr. Burt Wilmont Ayres, class of 1898, is Vice President and teacher of Philosophy, Logic and Psychology. What an investment Dr. Ayres is making in the students on Taylor's campus today. How greatly he has helped hundreds of students through these years. The Judgement Day alone will reveal the actual investment this Christian Philosopher has made in the lives of youth through these nearly forty years he has been connected with Taylor University. Please send to the President's office outstanding personal experiences you have had in conference with this splendid teacher as he has helped you to build a philosophy of life that has sustained you through the years. Try to make it as personal as possible, quoting your questions and his answers and solutions as he gave them to you. Give this some real thought.

A Pre-Easter Love Gift?

Begin to plan now for a Pre-Easter sacrificial love gift to Taylor University. The beautiful letters coming both from our friends in America and those on mission fields including love gifts, stir our hearts here at the home base to carry on. Taylor University alumni and friends have it within their power to do tremendous things for the school. As a Pre-Easter love gift get your Foundation membership ready and send it in so the school may have the funds to meet every obligation and be able to carry on the work in a way that God can smile upon it, for I am sure he wants every obligation met and that he is not pleased with debt. Taylor University, through the consecrated gifts of alumni and friends, has been able to balance the budget for the last four years.
WHERE YOUR DAUGHTER WILL LIVE

Miss Ethel Foust, M.A.
Dean of Women

Miss Ethel Foust is a friend and counsellor to all of the young women. She is also very efficient in the teaching field, having had vast experience in the art of teaching both in China and in the United States. Your daughter will be safe in her hands.

Taylor also offers rooms with hot and cold water and other comforts so necessary to the happiness of a college girl away from home; our commodious dining hall is on the first floor of the girls dormitory. At Taylor everything is done that would be conducive to the health and happiness of your daughter.

Taylor University is an accredited Standard College of Liberal Arts by the State Board of Education of Indiana. Taylor's work and credits are recognized by the great Universities of America. It offers work in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Music, and the School of Religion. Pre-professional courses in Liberal Arts College, courses leading to state certification in high school and elementary teaching; combined course of the college and nursing leading to Baccalaureate degree (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

HOW "THEY" FEEL ABOUT TAYLOR

Taylor has offered me the best of cultural training, academic standards and social contacts all focused on a Christ-centered program. Four years at Taylor has brought home to me the completeness of Christ in all of life's activities.

Dorothy Weaver

Miss Weaver

Taylor, the school we love, has something for each one of us. In my being here upon this beautiful campus in this Christian Environment, I have found that I have been more "deeply rooted in the Master." I've enjoyed first of all the Christian Fellowship of the Taylor students, the friendships I've made, the activities and school functions I've participated in, and feel that my days are not slipping by without gaining much profit from them.

Gwendolyn Niebel

Miss Niebel

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth Conference, March 11 to 13. The time is almost here. If you are coming be sure to send in your registration blank properly filled out, to Robert Haines.

Mrs. Robert Lee Stuart

Mrs. Robert Lee Stuart, wife of the President, for twenty-five years a pastor's wife, is very successful in her work with young people. She has five children of her own and is a delightful Christian woman with a heart in her big enough to mother the entire student body. She takes a personal interest in the students and corresponds personally with mothers relative to their sons and daughters.

Miss McCallian

At Taylor I have found a deep appreciation of the Christian life, a cultured and understanding faculty, wholesome and interesting companions, along with healthful living conditions. For what more could one seek toward "well-rounded" development and complete happiness?

Wilma McCallian

Miss McCallian
WHAT "THEY" ARE DOING

Mable Frey, class of 1935, sends the following letter:

"Dear Dr. Stuart:

"Your letter and the Taylor news with it brought back pleasant memories of my Alma Mater. The Bulletin also is a source of inspiration from time to time. I rejoice with those whose privilege it is to be a part of Taylor's student body this year. My prayer is that they may make use of the wonderful opportunities which are theirs for walking with Christ.

"We have a boarding school of over one hundred and fifty girls and indeed it is a heart-touching scene to see the large, the small, the old, the young, the Christians and those who know not Christ, walking along with their bundles or suitcases on their heads, reaching the mission before sunset. Some come from great distances (for walking), seventy-five miles away or more. Others are our neighbors. What possibilities are ahead! Oh, that these girls may truly learn to know Him whom to know is joy, peace, and utmost satisfaction.

"Kindly give my regards to Mrs. Stuart, and may Taylor ever continue to fill her mission.

"I had a money order sent. It is for a subscription to the Wm. Taylor Foundation."

What a tremendous piece of work Miss Frey, along with other Taylor graduates, is doing. Elwood Hershey, Mary Brenneman and Lois Frey are also working on this same field.

These dear missionaries, on their meager salaries, can pray for Taylor and send their gifts. What ought we do here at home?

United Methodist Council

Many Taylor University alumni gathered at the United Methodist Council in Chicago — February 3 to 5. Former students and graduates came from across the continent to this gathering, many of them from outstanding places of leadership. A group had lunch together one noon.

Miss Helen Walhof of Iowa, a former student, writes a letter that makes all of us at the home base feel like carrying on.

"Dear Dr. Stuart:

"The most recent Taylor Bulletin with its outline of plans being made for the great Youth Conference to be held next month has stirred within me a deep desire to return to the campus and to share some of the rich spiritual blessings.

Though I'm not able to attend, I shall be praying each day of the Conference that God's Spirit may be poured out in a very special way and that all those in attendance may experience great victory in their souls.

"It has been a joy to learn from students of the way in which God's presence is being manifest in every phase of school and campus life. May Taylor University continue to grow as it brings into the lives of other young people the joy of salvation and a power that shall equip them to go out as soul winners. There is absolutely nothing which I would ever give in exchange for the happy Christian experience into which I entered while attending Taylor.

"Enclosed in this letter is my William Taylor Foundation membership and a gift from my parents. May God continue to bless and use you mightily is our prayer."

The Way to Pentecost

"The Way to Pentecost" is having a great sale and proving a real blessing to many folks. In reordering a book the other day a lady said that her brother, who was the best man in the church, read the book and was not half way through until he fell on his knees and consecrated his redeemed powers to God and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Single copies, 75c; in quantities of five, 50c. Order your copy now from Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.

A TRUE FRIEND

Bishop Raymond J. Wade

Bishop Raymond J. Wade, LL.D., D.D., '32, writes the following letter: "The time has rolled around to renew my Foundation membership. Gladly do I send the enclosed ten dollars. May 1938 mean glorious things for Taylor U. We need a true Aldersgate Year everywhere. With Pleasant memories of Taylor visits, I am, Yours most cordially." Taylor is happy to say to Bishop Wade that during these last two weeks young people have come into this blessed Aldersgate experiences and have testified to it with shining faces.

In a letter not long ago which President Stuart received from Bishop Wade, he closed with this paragraph, "Taylor University is definitely and beautifully Christian. Nothing pleased me more than the quiet, but unabashed piety of the students, the love and consecration of the faculty, and the esteem in which all are held. I came away feeling more than ever that Taylor University deserves the prayers, the support, and the gifts of friends everywhere."

(Continued from page 3, col. 1) and certificate in nursing in five years. Taylor is trying to give practical effective training to young women to fit them for effective living.