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# TAYLOR UNIVERSITY BULLETIN

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## HOLD THE FORT

B. W. AYRES, Ph.D., Vice-President

"Hold the fort for I am coming." How we used to sing that chorus in my boyhood days! I, as a child, scarcely stopped to realize its metaphorical application; but we sang it with zest and felt it in our very bones.

I am a strong advocate of peace, but I am not quite ready to delete from our moral and religious vocabulary some of the military metaphors and analogies which we need these days in our work for the Kingdom of God. We sometimes need these metaphors to symbolize a degree of sacrifice and courage required for the spiritual tasks of today. In this day of economic maladjustment and spiritual unrest, many brave men on the frontiers of the world's spiritual advance, with material resources all but exhausted, and the sources of supplies practically shut off, are "holding the fort" with a courage that reminds one of Leonidas and his handful of Greeks at the pass of Thermopylae.

April 7 marked the close of the first year of President Robert Lee Stuart's administration. With the conviction that the call of God was upon him to attempt to "hold the fort" at old Taylor till reinforcements could be brought up, he has watched night and day, and, with the fine strategy of a frank, straight-forward facing of issues, has been able to secure a truce, or make peace with threatening forces, and in some cases turn foes into friends.

He has shown a rare skill in handling the school's relation to its different classes of creditors. Many dangers have been averted. He has successfully held the fort for a year, and it has taken practically all his time, thought, and energy to hold it. The friends of Taylor must now

bring reinforcements and supplies so a constructive work can be done.

The song ran:

"Hold the fort for I am coming,"  
Jesus signals still.  
Wave the answer back to heaven,  
"By Thy grace we will."

This, as all know, represents Jesus as watching and signalling the command "Hold the Fort," with the heartening announcement and promise "I am coming." I believe Dr. Stuart has seen the signal, and has answered back to heaven, "By Thy grace we will."

But, alumni and friends of Taylor, the "*I am coming*" promise can be realized only through us. The military figure needs to be maintained; and the remainder of the old hymn pictures Jesus as a Great Captain of a mighty host—

"Reinforcements now appearing  
Jesus leading on."

The next two months are the hardest part of the year to pull through on our finances. The staff are nobly bearing the brunt in the shrinkage of income. But they have reached a point beyond which they can not go—they can not add income to the treasury to carry other necessary items of expense. Some alumni and former students have old school bills still unpaid; some have student loan notes due; some have pledges. As an alumnus and a member of the staff on my thirty-first year of service, I plead with the alumni and friends to rally, to the last man and woman, and to the last dollar of their ability, to help pull through the balance of the year in the glorious achievement of what seemed impossible a year ago. The achievements of the last twelve months must hearten us to carry on together.

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### Thank You for Your Sacrificial Love Gift to Taylor University

*Many friends have responded and are still responding to the appeal. Whether your gift is large or small send it to Taylor backed by your prayers.*

THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE CASH TO MEET PRESSING OBLIGATIONS MUST COME FROM FRIENDS WHO BELIEVE IN THE WORK BEING DONE BY TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

*Can the university depend upon every friend and alumnus to send a special gift between now and commencement?*

DO IT NOW!

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### TAYLOR'S FIRST MORTGAGE AND ANNUITY BONDS

Although the first mortgage bonds cover all the administrative plant and Taylor's beautiful campus, the friends are coming more and more to feel that the big investment is in the splendid consecrated student life who come to Taylor for their education.

While the outside property interests have been put back of the ANNUITANTS, it is fine to get the feeling that their money has been placed here because they wanted it to bear eternal dividends for the Kingdom of God.

These kind friends are helping tremendously in making secure the future of Taylor.

A friend from New York returns both annuity bond and interest as a gift to the institution.

Another friend, as his love gift for Taylor, sent his first mortgage bond with interest.

Two friends from Massachusetts returned their coupons and a splendid cash gift besides. From all over the country these devoted friends are showing their love for the cause of Christian education.

Let our gifts continue to come to Taylor so that the institution may have the funds with which to meet the interest due these splendid friends.

## Annuity Bonds

Every gift received will be backed at all times by an ample amount in trust to secure the faithful performance and the payment of all sums as they become due on the annuity bond.

Dr. Robert Lee Stuart, Pres., Dr. B. W. Ayres and The Citizen's Trust Company of Fort Wayne, Ind., constitute the TRUST COMMITTEE for the Legal Hundred of Taylor University for the handling of ANNUITY FUNDS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY has directed this MANAGING COMMITTEE: That not only shall the actual value of the property so held as security be at all times equal to or in excess of the reserves required by law for similar contracts, but that all the resources of the University and The Legal Hundred shall also form a general security for all of the annuities received by Taylor University.

The Citizen's Trust Company of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, will be the depository for these annuity funds.

The above arrangements make your new annuity gifts to Taylor University secure. You will have the income sure and know that your money will go on doing good through the years to come.

Write the President's office for annuity application blanks.

INVEST IN TAYLOR UNIVERSITY  
ANNUITY BONDS

*The College that Cares for the Soul*

### THANK YOU DR. MORRISON

"My dear Brother Stuart:

I am now engaged in revival meetings in Riverside Methodist Church, Miami, Florida.

Tonight after preaching someone handed me a copy of Taylor University Bulletin. The March number. I have read it with great interest. I am more than pleased with your spirit of sacrifice, and earnestness of purpose. I can not go to bed until I write you this line to say I join you in faith for victory for Taylor. May God bless you, and raise up a host of friends to help you.

Your brother,

H. C. Morrison."

NOTE: Dr. Morrison has been the hero and ideal of President Stuart from his boyhood days. The above letter written in longhand by Dr. Morrison is prized highly and will be kept through the years to come. Will the friends of genuine holiness pray that Taylor University may continue to send out young people who will go to the ends of the earth with a full gospel?

### NATIONAL HOLINESS ASSOCIATION MEETS AT MARION

During the week of April 24 to May 1st while these leaders are in session at Marion each day, some one of the National leaders who are in attendance will be speaking at Taylor University.

Rev. Paul Rees of Detroit will give a number of messages during that week.

### DO YOU KNOW THIS?

If every student paid cash in full, there would not be sufficient funds to meet the budget? If a college attempted to make a charge sufficient to cover all the cost of each student, the price would be prohibitive. So that the margin between what the student pays and the cost to the institution must be met by the friends who wish this kind of work to continue.

Our teachers must be paid and the local expense must be met. This can be done only by the consecrated gifts of the friends of Taylor.

It is the determination of the present administration to cut the overhead every where possible and at the same time maintain the high educational standard of the institution.

### RECOGNITION FOR DR. AYRES

At the 89th session of the North Indiana Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. B. W. Ayres, Vice-President of Taylor University, was elected lay-delegate to the General Conference. This conference will convene in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the month of May. Dr. Ayres received this honor once before when he was delegate to the Saratoga Springs Conference in 1916.

## THIS IS WHY TAYLOR CONTINUES TO BLESS THE WORLD

(Some excerpts from letters to the President)

### *From Ohio*

"I want to send you a real sacrificial love offering with a volley of prayers. I love Taylor. My boy was called to preach while he was working in the shop here getting ten dollars per day but he left it all and went to Taylor and is now out preaching the old time gospel and leading souls to Christ." (The sacrifice back of this gift would stir our hearts.)

### *From Michigan*

"My heart aches because I have not a larger love gift to send to Taylor University, but I enclose \$——. I believe Taylor is doing a good work and in the TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER LEAGUE I will pray each morning at 7. 'Ask and ye shall receive for the the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.' These are trying times but God's promises are sure to those who put their trust in Him." (This woman is 81 years of age and along with her love gift she sends the names of four young people that she wants in Taylor next year. God bless you MOTHER. If all the friends of Taylor would do what you have done, our financial needs would be met and our halls filled with students for next year.)

### *From Indiana*

"After reading the last bulletin I decided to make a sacrificial gift to Taylor University. Enclosed find my check for \$——. You can count on my prayers for continued years of usefulness and success in the work of T. U."

### *From Florida*

With her love gift after an explanation of why she could not make it larger a friend said: "I can and will pray that the Lord will send you the aid you need to carry on your work."

### *From California*

"I am enclosing \$—— which I feel is the very best I can possibly do aside from diligence in prayer which is a daily service gladly given. Never was a school like Taylor more needed than right now."

### *From Washington, D. C.*

With the love gift was this word: "I have been giving one-half my income to MISSIONS and the other to CHRISTIAN PURPOSES. I am glad there are colleges like Asbury and Taylor and wish them success."

### *From Illinois*

"It is worth the sacrifice to know that you have a part if it is only a small part in helping those fine young people to go out and spread the gospel. May God's choicest blessings rest upon Taylor and all connected with the school."

"We are praying each day that our GREAT GOD will send help to Taylor. We feel sure that the day is not far away when some of this financial burden will be lifted from you and that Taylor will be on her feet once more clear of debt and stronger spiritually and financially than ever."

## IS THE QUESTION STILL UNANSWERED?

We wish to be a help to you, if you have not fully decided what shall be the answer to that most important question, "Where shall I go to college?" Permit us to suggest to you a few important matters that should be considered in choosing a college.

First of all, you ought to recognize the fact that man is a triune being—he has a body, a mind, and a soul. All three of these must have a place in his thinking as he tries to determine where his college training shall be secured; all three of these must have the best possible opportunity for development and for expression, if at the close of his college training he is to be a symmetrically developed man, fully equipped for life and for its responsibilities. Any institution that neglects any one of these three in its program of education of our youth to that extent fails to meet the needs of those who come under its instruction.

Physical culture alone may leave a man but a little better than a beast; physical and mental culture unassisted by spiritual training will make him an agnostic, an infidel or an atheist. But physical, mental, and spiritual culture combined will make him a strong man physically, a keen man intellectually, and a clean man morally and spiritually, fit to live in the presence of God.

The slogan of Taylor University is "The College that cares for the soul." This slogan would have no especial significance were it not for the fact that there are many institutions of learning in this country that are neglecting the moral and spiritual welfare of their students, and not a few that actually undermine the faith, and consequently the spiritual life of those who come under their instruction.

The founders of Taylor University, and the controlling element through the years, have been fully awake to this great, unwholesome tendency, and have set themselves to the task of building an institution where the highest standards of physical and intellectual training shall be maintained but with the moral and spiritual standards likewise high. That they have been successful, and are successful in developing and maintaining such an institution is witnessed by the fact that it seldom, if ever, happens that a young person reaches the hour of graduation without the spiritual culture that comes from knowing Christ as a personal Savior, and a very large percentage of them have felt the cleansing power of His atoning blood—have been baptized with His Holy Spirit.

From all over the country come letters like the above. Thank God for these friends who are listening to God's voice and helping Taylor to carry on. The need for immediate cash between now and commencement is great. Please continue to send your love gifts.

# "The College that Cares for the Soul"

## FACILITIES FOR 500 STUDENTS

Send for Catalogue and Compare Rates  
 REGISTRATION, SEPTEMBER 14  
 RESERVE ROOM NOW

### Commencement

When the college year crowds to its close, the keyword becomes "Commencement." Into this season cluster the achievements of the year together with all the contributions of former years. All who are connected with the college are determined that the 85th Commencement week shall be the finest ever. To make this possible the senior class, the faculty, and the Alumni Association are planning a cultural and spiritual feast for all.

Among the high-lights of the program is the commencement address by the Rev. Merton S. Rice, D.D., pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit. Other features are the Musical Festival on Saturday evening, the baccalaureate sermon by the President, and various programs by student talent.

For the alumni and former students Alumni Day will be the bright spot of the year. The Alumni Association, under the able leadership of Dr. L. L. Jacobs, is planning for a whole day to be devoted to alumni activities. To this red-letter occasion all graduates and former students are invited. The various classes are urged to hold a grand reunion. The campus accommodations should be packed to capacity.

In addition to the above groups scores of friends and patrons are expected to attend this fellowship. Such a gathering from many states will make for the quickening of faith, the clarifying of vision, the renewing of purpose, and altogether will spell a new and greater day for Taylor University.

We urge you to indicate your desire for lodging and meals to the Business Office. Early reservations will be to your advantage. Charges will be reasonable. The whole program will be in keeping with the Taylor spirit of modesty and propriety.

Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5.

Alumni Day, June 7.

Commencement Day, June 8.

Come!

### TAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER LEAGUE

From all over the world letters are coming into the office telling of the time definitely set to pray for Taylor University. Let these letters continue to come. We believe in prayer and are determined to honor God. He knows how great the financial need is, and we feel in answer to prevailing prayer that this need will be met.

We want Taylor's campus to be a place where God is honored. Why can't we have a place where Jesus is taken seriously and where the world can see that He still hears and answers prayer. These great reproducible experiences, that have made our churches to win in the past, must again be had in the hearts of our leaders. Here at Taylor YOUNG PEOPLE are getting through to God in the old-time way.

Let this TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER LEAGUE plead the promises of God that His Spirit and power may be mightily manifested between now and commencement and that we may have one of the greatest commencements in the history of the institution.

Here is a letter from a business man of New York who writes relative to the PRAYER LEAGUE:

"I am praying for Taylor. I am not pleading the merits of Taylor, but the merits of Jesus Christ and His promise. Oh, how wonderful to cut off all circumstances and environment and plead the promise and rest on the promise, just sweetly as though we had all that we asked for.

I am praying for you that the GOD of all glory will lead you through divided waters. Job learned greater lessons, and received better instructions through the things the he suffered than through the great blessings that God bestowed on him.

I wish that you might know some of the tight corners through which God has led me in more than 40 years experience; only this past winter, when I laid my last dollar on the church plate; I did not know how I was to get the next one, but I felt as free from all anxiety and concern as though I had a thousand on my checking account. In a very few hours money came in great abundance. Bless God for evermore. I am praying for you. *Just plead the promise.* He will supply all our needs. Amen."