Taylor University Through the Eyes of an Educator

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To determine the influence of college days upon the individual life is impossible. It is beyond human reach. But how much more so it is to make an exact evaluation of the contribution to the students by a college of the character of Taylor, where there are constantly infinite influences molding the life of the students. God alone can have the true retrospect or insight into the material and spiritual benefits of Taylor's influence upon the life of her students and, in turn, their influence upon others.

Every institution of learning has moralizing and spiritual concerns, owing to the nature and purpose of learning itself; but few are the institutions that like Taylor embrace the whole scope of spirituality.

Taylor challenges her students to right living, right thinking and right purposing. The spiritual impact is met in her laboratories, in her recreation halls, in her chapel. Her influence radiates from her faculty, her student-body, her alumni and her traditions. It is the most wholesome atmosphere for a young mind to grow in and to be quickened by God's spirit.

In Taylor every student finds himself in a very friendly and homely atmosphere. It matters not how humble or how refined the home surroundings might have been, the students mingle in a democratic, spiritually-minded social life that has much to contribute to every one that comes within its reach. Nevertheless, refinement, without snobbery, is inculcated in the minds of the students under the urge and constant example given by the faculty, which looks after the development of the students with almost benevolent and paternal interest. Such supervision develops the finest group of young minds that I have ever seen in any of the institutions of this country.

The intellectual attainment at Taylor is kept always in the foreground, having a very well prepared and capable faculty and comparatively good equipment. If the student should ever lack, due to curtailment of facilities because of the small number of students or because of the encroachment of finances, these deficiencies are overbalanced by the personal interest of the faculty on the pupils and the earnestness that is instilled in the student body in general. In it thousands of young people have seen the veil of indifference rent and new horizons rise before them. Social confusion and prejudices are eliminated and the love of the Son of Man kindles new concepts in their place. Taylor's love for missions bespeaks her cosmopolitanism. The wide representation of foreign states among her students and the extinction of denominational differences is evidence of her broadmindedness. Yet Taylor is uncompromising in great essentials. This is her salvation and therein lies her strength, whence comes her particular contribution to those who matriculate in any of her schools.

Taylor was founded by a very devout man of God, when there was a keen need for its existence. That need is ever present. Today when science, economic conditions and the advancement of learning makes most of us rather inquisitive and critical; when civilization seems to be tipping its prow toward a low ebb; when even the most stable institutions, like the church, the home and the school are being shaken to their very foundations, a center of learning that will radiate a very wholesome spiritual and social influence in the life of her students and alumni becomes a necessity to any community, state or nation, rather than a burden. All citizens interested in solidifying the foundation of our new social structure, regardless of religious or denominational affiliations, or lack of these, should look sympathetically upon the work and contribution that Taylor University is rendering. Her future is assured because of her ideals and spirituality, which are consonant to society's needs and also because of the consecration and loyalty of those who direct her destiny. But she can render much more good to society if financial assistance is given her ungrudgingly. This she has a right to expect from right thinking citizens. She should expect it much more from her own alumni and from those who believe in the propagation of Christ's kingdom and his sublime teachings. No where else, that I know of, can money be spent to greater advantage.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY ON THE AIR MAY 13, 2:30-3:15, CST.

From WOWO — 1160 Kilocycles, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Let every alumnus, parent, friend and prospective student be listening in at that hour.

COMMENCEMENT JUNE 1-5. Bishop Brown gives the baccalaureate address Sunday morning, and Bishop Leonard gives the commencement address Tuesday morning, June 5th, at 9:30.

SEND YOUR LOVE GIFT TO TAYLOR AND SEND IT AT ONCE. THANK YOU!
TAYLOR UNIVERSITY BONDHOLDERS

"Both of your letters received. Your attitude toward, and concern for the friends of yesterday touched me deeply, and I do appreciate your prayers and thought of us. You are having to face the mistakes of the past and they are always humiliating, especially financial ones.

"I have always believed God called you to save Taylor, and I am sure He will see you through.

"When I heard of your deep trouble last summer my only thoughts, hopes, and prayers have been that Taylor may be saved to carry on the work she has been doing so many years. I have no thought of myself, nor had any thought of investigating anything for I trusted you and felt sure you were doing everything possible that could be done for the best interest of all concerned. I have given Taylor almost $15,000.00. The future holds only one regret for me if we should fail to fight to the death to save Taylor University.

I was 72 years old yesterday. Only as I know my age do I feel I am getting old. I am young in spirit—thanks to my Heavenly Father. God has been good to me in supplying my needs and I have learned many lessons during this depression. When we are crucified with Christ and crucified to self we are at the place where God can use us to His glory."

—Illinois

Excerpts from a letter of a Michigan friend who is a Bondholder

"Had we invested this money in any other place probably we would have been no better off, and if it has helped some students to go out and live for Christ we are glad we invested in Taylor for we have not suffered thus far. When we invested in these bonds I did it with the full intention of using them toward scholarships. I prayed over the investment and felt led to do this. I have felt that there should be a way found to issue scholarships that could be used to send friends and relatives to attend Taylor. I would earnestly ask that in our case we would be allowed to use these Good Will Scholarships for four years in succession. If we could be the means of sending others from our locality I would feel wonderfully blessed. A $100.00 scholarship this fall might be a means of getting some student to go." (The request of this consecrated friend who has a large block of the first mortgage bonds will be gladly granted.) Further she says, "We have one Taylor graduate of two years ago who is in our midst and is a fine specimen of what Taylor does for young people. I have secretly been hoping and praying that we could have a Gospel team come to our church early in June."

FROM A FRIEND

"Every time a copy of your Bulletin arrives my heart bleeds. I can hardly endure the deprivation that I can not send you any money. The 'President's Testimony' stirs my soul. I will send you names from time to time that you might influence to contribute real money."—Maryland

Ockenga Pleases Students

Faculty and students were delighted with the series of lectures given by Rev. Ockenga. He gave a vivid description of the problems of Europe and the near East.

He was unanimously invited to return next year for a similar series.

T. U. On the Air

May 13, 2:30 to 3:15 CST from station WOWO at Fort Wayne, Indiana. WOWO is operated on 1160 Kilocycles.

President Stuart, Vice-President Ayres, Professor Fenstermacher, the male quartet, and others will be on the air. It will be a real Taylor program. Every alumnus, parent, friend, and prospective student should be listening in for the announcements which will be made at this time. Let us have Taylor parties from coast to coast.

Remember Sunday afternoon, May 13, 2:30 to 3:15 CST.

Taylor offers each year service scholarships. Write for information.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS

Send names and address of friends that you think would be interested in having The Bulletin and other literature.

Send names and addresses of prospective students

If you send us twenty-five names and addresses we will send you The Life of Bishop William Taylor, a book of 318 pages—an ideal gift.

For ten names and addresses we will send you The Angel in Ebony, the enlarged story of "Sammy" Morris.
May Day Festival

Taylor University is again this year featuring a May Day, which will be held on Friday, May 18. This is a time for the gathering of the alumni, friends, and prospective students, together with the present student group and the faculty for a day of recreation. This affords the opportunity for the interested friends of the neighboring communities to visit the school. Many friends have asked when would be a good time to bring in prospective students. We are inviting you to make this the day to which you will bring all prospective students and friends who are interested in Taylor University.

Some of the special events of the day will be: Chapel service at 9:30, a track meet and other field events for the boys, and soft ball for the girls at 11:00 o'clock. At 12:30 the basket dinner will be served with all spreading their baskets together.

The main feature of the afternoon will be a baseball game at 2:00 o'clock between Huntington College and Taylor University.

You will not need to notify us ahead of time, just bring a well filled basket of good things to eat. Taylor University will furnish the tables and coffee and the entertainment for a good time.

An Alumnus Writes

A letter from

OWEN B. YOUNG
of the Class of 1907

"I have just attended the annual conference at First Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Rev. Andrew Russell is pastor. Russell graduated from Taylor in 1905 and I in 1907. Russell has a fine church and splendid people. He has been there for eight years and is invited back for the ninth. Brother Russell is the same whole-souled, consecrated Christian now as he was when at Taylor. The change of environment does not change the ardor of his enthusiasm for Christ.

"While with him he gave me the last Taylor University Bulletin. Dr. Stuart, you and your helpers are to be commended for the way Taylor has come out of the depression. We need such schools as Taylor evidenced by the fine caliber of men and women who hold positions and pulpits over our fair land, many of them in the East.

"As an alumnus of Taylor I want to do more in a financial way for her than in the past. Financial burdens are heavy, but my heart ever has been and still is with the school."

Commencement

Friday, June 1, at 10:00 o'clock will be the annual meeting of The William Taylor Foundation.

Baccalaureate exercises Sunday morning, June 3, 10:30. Sermon by Bishop Wallace E. Brown, D.D., L.H.D., of the Chattanooga Area. 3:00 o'clock, sacred cantata. 7:30 o'clock, annual vesper hour. The Rev. Vere Abbey of India, of the class of 1916, will give the annual Sunday evening message.

On Monday, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of The William Taylor Foundation will be held at 10:00 o'clock A. M. The meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at 2:00 o'clock. The annual Alumni banquet, Monday evening 6:45.

Graduation exercises, Tuesday, June 5, 9:30 A. M. Commencement address by Bishop A. W. Leonard, D.D., LL.D., of the Pittsburgh Area.

It is expected that the Dr. Robert E. Brown will be here and will appear on the Commencement program. Prospects are bright for a splendid attendance of alumni and friends during Commencement week. Make your plans now to be present.

The class of 1909 are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary and are anxious to have every member of the class present.
Taylor University's Youth Conference was voted by the young people to become an annual affair. The Conference this year from April 13 to 15 was a success beyond the dreams of those who planned it.

It was estimated that there were six hundred young people present, from forty-nine different cities and communities. To see that many young people from seven o'clock Friday night to five o'clock Sunday afternoon actually giving all of their strength to the spiritual things of God would have inspired you.

The tide seemed to rise higher at every service. There was victory from the very first. The young people as they carried on their group conferences and talked and prayed together were constantly leading other young people to Christ. It is estimated there were at least two hundred young people who were either converted, reclaimed or baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Some way you felt as you looked in on a scene such as this that an institution which could be the scene of such work as that could not be defeated by all the devils of hell. One also felt that the young people of today had been more sinned against than sinning themselves. There seems to be a response coming from the youth of today as they try to find their way to God.

Young people as they left the Conference went to their churches and gave their own experience and reported what they had seen and heard, and some services continued until 10:30 that night as other young people were definitely led to Christ. It was the plan of the Conference to reach as many souls for Christ as possible.

There was absolutely no thought of forming any other organization, but to get the young people fully saved and on fire for God so they could go back to their local churches and young people’s groups and become real leaders for Christ.

It is planned that during these summer months a number of these Youth Conferences will be held in different parts of the country. If you are interested in a time of real salvation work in your community, write to Taylor University immediately for one of these groups to come

to you. The definite dates are now being lined up for the summer. Please make your requests immediately so the best itinerary possible may be mapped out.

FROM SOUTHERN INDIANA

“I am enjoying and appreciating the bulletins as they come to me from time to time. They have been a real inspiration to me, and I am trying to share that and them by passing them around. I am glad to give you some names of friends to whom your work will be of much interest and I am hoping ever more than that.

“Our particular interest has come through Alfred Hunter, to whom Taylor is meaning so much this year.” (Alfred Hunter is a young man who has been marvelously blessed on our campus this year and God is using him in a great way.)

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Cleo Skelton, class of ’32, sent us four students this last year. Do you realize what a tremendous impetus it would be to have all these buildings filled with students? Sit down and figure what it would mean to Taylor to have 100 more students next year and you can see how it would help to solve financial problems for it would add to the income in a fine way and there would be very little extra overhead.

Let every alumnus get busy to get new students for next year. Write for the new catalogue.

How About Your City?

President Stuart, Dr. J. Frank Cottingham and the male quartet will have the camp meeting at New Freedom, Pennsylvania, from August 5 to 12. This camp is located about forty miles north of Baltimore, and about thirty-five miles south of Harrisburg. Why not plan to bring in a group of young people the last few days of the camp and let Taylor University’s Youth Conference be repeated. Let Christian workers, alumni and friends in that territory begin now to plan to be present.

Dr. Stuart with this same group will lead a spiritual life conference in Buffalo, New York; Columbus, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan, and other cities during the summer vacation. It is planned to make these seasons of great spiritual victory. If you are interested in one of these meetings being held in your community please write immediately.

WILLIAM TAYLOR FOUNDATION

Have you sent in your membership? Do it at once so that you can have a vote in the annual meeting June 1st.

NEW CATALOGUE READY

The new catalogue is ready for distribution. A request will bring you a copy. Prospects look bright for an increased student attendance when school opens Sept. 12, 1934.