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Is Christian experience a lost secret? Have "regeneration," "sanctification," and the "witness of the Spirit" become modernized terms with no subjective meaning? In many centers, even cultured and devout centers, the answer would be "Yes."

The experience of God in the soul is too lightly passed over today. Human philosophy cheats some out of this, and material substitutes cheat others. It is easy to fancy oneself wise and educated and to change or denature the meaning of regeneration, sanctification, and the witness of the Spirit without rejecting them, and thus to feed the soul on sweet nothings. On the spiritual side some have already anticipated the day foretold by material faddists, when there shall be no more brown roasts and succulent rolls, but when science will synthesize our bread and meat and give us our nourishment in capsules.

This is a pretty good world to live in; and among the more fortunate half of mankind, who do not know how the other half are living, comforts are increasing. Better automobiles, better home conveniences, better working conditions, even better jails. It is only the one that needs a comforter, who will groan at the mercy seat. There are those who cannot be satisfied with temporal things; for whom beautiful rituals and ethical standards are not enough. This hungry-hearted multitude is ready for a new message on Christian experience; and there is a message due to be delivered, a dispensational message, that fits the age in which we live.

Following should be its specifications:
1. It must be experimental more than doctrinal, with a minimum of doctrinal essentials.
2. It must be presented with simplicity, without claiming to know too much about the inner philosophy of the life.
3. It will lead to practical brotherhood, valuing people more than things.
4. It will exalt Christ as the manifestation of God in the flesh; and the Holy Spirit, as the manifestation of God in the church.

The School With A Sky Line

With its graduation exercises of June 12, Taylor University ends the eighty-third year of its history, the thirty-seventh year on its Upland campus, the seventh year of John Paul's presidency.

As the alma mater of "struggling youth" she has had to struggle. With plodding feet, but sure-footed, "the college that cares for the soul" has trudged up hill facing the challenge of growing educational law; and, for some reason, brooking a quizzical prejudice against its right to breathe free American college air and live. This attitude is not encountered everywhere. The opposite extreme is met in some quarters. A few good puritans and pilgrims and fundamentalists think it is the only one in a certain area that ought to survive at all.

The truth is in the middle ground. There are thousands of high class youth that Taylor would not suit, hence every college has its field, from the State University down to the straight jacket sacerdotal college of the classes. There are students who want more finery than we have here at Taylor. There are those who feel perfectly justified in desiring their tobacco, cigarettes and social dances. It is no sin to have fraternities and football and intercollegiate athletics. But people should be broad enough to concede that patrons who do not want these also have a right to a college that suits them. They have that college at
Taylor University, which is big in its vision and rich in its live-and-let-live spirit.

With some people of means it seems imperative to equip and endow the colleges that foster the ideals they want to see perpetuated in the world. In death, and even in life, they provide to share their earthly possessions with a chosen college. They are right in believing that the college of liberal arts and sciences is destined to be the fountain head of ideals, high or low, for coming generations. The colleges will mould laws, and make, or break, states and nations in the future. If the college backs missions, an investment in that college is an investment in missions. If it stands for temperance and moral reform, our investment in these is according. If it stands for sound patriotism and educates for peace, against red radicalism and fanatical pacifism and internationalism, we stand accordingly when we support the college. If it stands for the new birth, the altar of prayer, the efficacy of Christ's redeeming blood, and his coming kingdom, we are investing in the promotion of all that when we invest in the college; or, if we do not like such things we are shaping our money to work against them when we invest in a college that is against them.

There is a fear that the more intensely spiritual people do not appreciate these facts as do some who are less friendly to true religion. “The children of this world are wiser in their generations than the children of light.” There are scores of rich men who believe that the way to rid the world of “the old time religion” is to equip and endow colleges that educate the youth away from it. Where are those who believe that the way to stabilize and promote “the old time religion” is to equip and endow colleges that educate in favor of it? There are some, there should be more.

AT THIS DATE, TAYLOR has its face against the bars. By this we mean that some good custodians of educational standards, unable to visualize a Taylor University with the highest rating, are now faithfully seeing to it that we dot the last i and cross the last t. Taylor has been meeting North Central standards substantially for several years. We now propose with the aid of our friends and the blessing of God, to sweep away every technicality by the coming fall.

YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW, if your heart is in the right place, just what we deem necessary to remove the last barrier. Here it is in brief: $25,000 to complete the gymnasium and auditorium so that we measure up to requirements in physical training; $100,000 in productive values of some kind to add to the William Taylor service endowment to offset any question as to the eligibility of some of our present values. Small or large gifts in any form will be greatly appreciated in the direction of meeting these needs.

THE ENROLLMENT at Taylor this year was 375. There is no summer school or academy included in this. With its purpose to enter the North Central Association next school year, with its added offerings in Art, Music, Speech, Education, Science, and Religion, Taylor is getting more than the usual calls for catalogue. Forty-seven will receive bachelor of arts degrees on June 12, with some specials and masters in theology. This represent twelve states and several denominations. So far as we know, they are all sincere Christians. Many are outstanding leaders, filled with the Holy Spirit. It is exceptional, if ever, that a young person goes through to his bachelor’s degree at Taylor without yielding his life to Christ.

IN THE ALUMNI of Taylor we can make favorable comparison with other colleges. Our young people catch a vision of service that takes a large proportion of them into the mission field, scores in Christian pulpits, a good quota into the teaching field, and hundreds to let their lights shine in the various useful callings of life. None of them demand the right to belong to the white collar crowd; all of them love work, and believe in the words of the Master when he says, “He that will be great among you let him be your servant.”

DOES IT MATTER WHERE WE STUDY?

“Nobody can graduate from Tangore’s School an atheist.” So spoke Mr. C. F. Andrews, personal friend of Ghandi and Tangore. He was addressing a group of Methodists in America.

On this remark is based a rather serious editorial in the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, which says:

“It is with a sense of wonder and pain that we Christians realize that can not be said of our own schools, at home or abroad. We are not makers of atheists, but the fact remains that from our schools there graduate young people who are so indifferent to spiritual reality, so wrapped up in ideas of material success, so untouched by a sense of the dignity of the soul and its relation to the divine, as to be practical atheists.”

We do not think the editor of the Advocate goes all the way in furnishing us an analysis of the cause of failure, but he puts the facts and the field of thought before us, forcing the conclusion with some matter-of-fact people that care should be used in choosing one’s school for higher education during the formative period of his thought life.

AS TRUE AS GRAVITY

“I believe in religious education after you’ve got some religion to educate.” This remark was made on the Taylor chapel platform by Bishop Joseph F. Berry.

And now the variously famous Dean Inge
of England has spoken. "Religion is caught rather than taught," says he. "I do not think that the 'religious lesson' does much good. But most assuredly the schools ought to aim at making their pupils good Christians." Of course Taylor has a Department of Religious Education, but we try to take account of this law of contagion.

AN INTERESTING TEXAS STORY

If this Bulletin comes to you it is with our compliments. Read it and pray for us. This is the only obligation we lay upon you. The other day, a lady in Texas wrote us as follows, speaking of the Bulletin:

"As it kept coming I began to take a little more interest, and as it just kept coming, I began to read each article with intense interest. Finally I said, 'Well, this little paper gets on my nerves,' but I realize now it was my conscience. I knew I wanted to come to some decision about that persistent little paper, but did not know how; so to get it off of my mind and heart I am returning the enclosed card. Wish I could double it. (An order for Taylor University Gold Bonds). May the Lord continue to bless you and your wonderful school."

People At Taylor

Rev. A. Lincoln Shute, A.M., Th. D., Bible scholar, archaeologist, and master teacher, joins the teaching staff of Taylor University as a full time man, beginning September, 1929. He is a former president of the Methodist Theological College in India; a true exponent of the standards of Taylor, in experience and doctrine. He is an author of extensive reputation, a scholar of the first rank. Details of information about him may be found in Who's Who In America.

In the person of Professor John T. Chappell, Ph. D., of Baltimore, Taylor adds another cultured Christian gentleman to its teaching staff. He comes as a science man, heading the department of Physics. Professor Chappell comes from seven years of teaching in Baltimore City College. His doctor's degree is from Johns Hopkins University. He is a spiritual leader in the Friends Church and an active Christian worker.

Another addition to Taylor's teaching staff for next year is Professor A. L. Bramlett, Ph. D., a Southern scholar. Professor Bramlett has his A. M. from the University of Chicago, and Ph. D., from the University of North Carolina, with History as his specialty. A man of lofty Christian principles and fine teaching ability.

No one will be more enthusiastically received than Professor C. O. Bush, A. M., from Amherst. He is a Chemistry specialist and the students on the Taylor campus know already of his attractive teaching talent. Professor Bush has served in our sister college at Marion, and prior to that has had twelve years experience in high school teaching.

Professor A. W. Crossman will come to Taylor this fall, bringing his master's degree, newly earned, from Ohio State University. He will not get here till the close of the fall term, but Mrs. Shilling and Mr. Vennard will start the ball rolling for him in the Art Department, where he is a professor of high rank. He has served at Marion College and as an extension professor for one of Indiana's greatest normal schools. He will also assist Dean Howard in teaching Economics, which is one of his majors. He was once a student of Taylor's president, in Asbury College.

And this is not all of the new teaching talent the North Central Inspection Committee will find when they come to Taylor this fall. We shall expect to introduce Miss Elizabeth Esther Meloy, B. S. B. Mus., Pianist, Vocalist, and teacher of Methods. She got her degrees at Northwestern University. A Presbyterian lady, daughter of a minister. She has been "active in church work."

"Modest, unassuming, but with considerable force." She has had three years experience in the N. U. Glee Club, besides her work in choirs and other musical organizations and her private teaching. She also has ability as an organism.

Professor George Dixon Greer of our department of Education and Psychology will be the summer pastor at the Detroit Tabernacle. He will make his home at Taylor, and will be on duty here again this fall.

Professor John H. Furbay of the department of Biology has a year's leave of absence to complete his doctoral course at the University of New York. His work will be cared for by Dr. Chappell, assisted by Mr. Cecil Taylor. He will do some historic excavating in Kentucky this summer.

Dean Howard will work on his doctor's course this summer in Iowa University.

Dean Saucier will continue his advanced work at the University of Ohio.

Professors Draper, Bothwell, Fenstermacher, and Dare, will be doing advanced work in the large universities this summer.

Professor Lula F. Cline of the Department of English is expected back in her chair after two years of absence for study and work. She will bring a master's from George Washington University. She has considerable work toward a doctor's degree. Miss Cline is very talented in the class room and is a spiritual leader.

Dr. Newton Wray, who will remain an emeritus professor in Biblical Literature, is bringing out a new book which is due to come from the press this month. Its title is, "The Book of Job a Biblical Masterpiece."

It can be had by addressing him at Upland, Indiana.

Miss Grace Richards, of our School of Music, has decided to spend next year taking a Biblical course at Chicago Evangelistic Institute.

Dr. John F. Owen has been gradually weaning himself away from the class room, responsive to the pull of the evangelistic pulpit. He is missed when not on the campus.
Opportunities For Investment

FIRST MORTGAGE GOLD BONDS of Taylor University. Bearing 6% annually, payable semi-annually. Maturing January 1, 1940. Denominations $1,000, $500, $100, $50. The issue of $500,000 has been popular, but we have some left which we are anxious to place in the interest of Taylor's progress.

LIFE ANNUITY BONDS, real bonds, well secured, paying interest 6% to 9%, the principal going to the school after the investor's death. A beautiful way to be free from taxes and business worries, also from fire, burglary, and misdirection of our funds after death.

CONSECRATED YOUNG PEOPLE. Investment in them yields returns other than money. Some of the greatest talent, the diamond in the rough, comes from the home of limited means. They must have help to receive full equipment for life service. Our Scholarship Endowment provides for this. Any amount, small or great, may be put into this. One thousand dollars will effect a memorial gift. Six thousand provides an endowed scholarship. The benefactor has a right to select the student as long as he chooses. The scholarship will live till the kingdom comes.

ENDOWING A CHAIR OR DEPARTMENT. There are openings for lasting memorials under this head. One thousand dollars to this constitutes a memorial gift. Any amount, however small, may be put into this. Fifty thousand dollars will endow a chair, one hundred thousand will endow a department. It may be the department of some favorite professor, it may be the president's office. It may be some important subject in the sciences or history or Bible or religious education or missions which you wish to see perpetuated after the standards of Taylor University.

On any of these subjects we shall be pleased to correspond or talk with you. You may address the president or any of Taylor's Legal Hundred.

THE SOUL DIGGER, by John Paul, is the life of William Taylor, the world evangelist of the nineteenth century. But, like Macaulay's History of England, it is more than a history. It is a luminous piece of spiritual literature, inspiring in its diction, and with hundreds of quotable gems of thought. The lost facts that it recovers are worth more than the price of the book. Price $2.00. Taylor University Press, Upland, Indiana.

SOME ONE'S WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

There is room at Taylor University for some consecrated man or woman of means, a tolerant, middle of the road person, who does not feel that the heavens will fall if there is some minor departure from his preference. Such a person, ready perhaps to retire from personal business activities, could put a half million or a million into Taylor's endowment and equipment and take an active part along with the president in directing the business and promotional work of the institution. If you know of one who should consider the call, mark this and send it to that person. It will be an invitation.

To Students Considering Taylor

A new advance over our fine previous record is in the fact that we are adding to our teaching staff for next year, three professors of doctor's rank, in Physics, History and Bible, and two professors of somewhat famous teaching ability in Chemistry and Art. All of them sound, high class Christians. In inviting you here for your college work, special mention should be made of our Schools of Music and Speech, ranking among the best.

Taylor Has This in Its Favor

A superb social life.
An open, healthy location.
One of America's most beautiful campuses.
A broad athletic field where all may play.
A curriculum measured by the best standards.
A trained faculty in close touch with the students.
Eighty years of growth and well improved experience.
A student body of high average, representing all sections.
An interesting variety of student organizations—literary, polemic, academic, scientific, musical, spiritual.

The School year begins September 18. A full year, covering literary tuition, with board and room, costs only $378, payable one-third at the opening of each term. For Catalogue and particulars address the President, John Paul, Upland, Indiana.

TEACHERS OPEN FOR CALLS

Does your high school need a Taylor made teacher? Our Department of Education, in cooperation with the Indiana State Department, is giving them the latest approved training. Just now we have available one or more for each of the following groups:

Latin and History
English, Education, History
English and History
Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Physiography
English and Speech

SUMMER EVANGELISTIC HELPERS

Two young couples attending Taylor are available to assist pastors or mission superintendents in their soul winning efforts. They can sing, conduct young people's meetings or do personal work.

Taylor's camp meeting quartets have their time planned, but we have a prize quartet of young men who are making a second summer's tour of churches and young people's gatherings in the middle west, giving an evening of entertainment for a free will offering. They may come your way if you state your wishes to the Business Secretary of Taylor University.