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Commencement Exercises Well Attended

Pres. H. M. Gage Delivers Baccalaureate Message

Dr. H. M. Gage, President of Coe College, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the speaker for the Baccalaureate services on Sunday morning, June 2. The theme which Dr. Gage chose for his very striking address was "What hast thou in the house?" The phrase is taken from the fourth chapter of II Kings, verse two, being Elisha's question to the widow whose oil was increased miraculously to pay her debt. Dr. Gage emphasized the statement that the end product of the miracle is always the increase of that which was had at the beginning. The talents which each one has, whether they be one or several, can be taken and increased by the Lord, as was the woman's oil. God takes what we have in order to perform the miracle. "If you expect God to work a miracle of Grace in your life you had better begin sweeping the house, finding your talent and offer it to God that He may increase it through your faith in Him."

We all consider "goodness" as a virtue. "I love to think of the goodness of Jesus Christ, not the greatness, but the goodness. Jesus Christ made no money, marshalled no army, never added a square inch of land to the great national domain, engineered no great enterprises, but He stands as the one man who retired from the scenes of this earth unstained by one single failure. There can be no revival of business in this country until there be a revival of the old-fashioned business of being good."

That which is on hand in the house now, will be the nature of what there will be in the future. From the oil came more oil.

There must be original character, prepared by training for the great miracle of accomplishment for Christ and service for the world.

Bishop Cushman Delivers Commencement Address

Doctor Ralph S. Cushman, Bishop of the Denver Area of the Methodist Episcopal Church, presented the Commencement address to a splendid group of Taylor University graduates on Tuesday, June 4.

Bishop Cushman related the longings of man to the present day challenge of the Almighty: "Come on and help me make a new world."

"I might talk of the discontent prevalent today," he began, "the national discontent, or the economic and social discontent, and the discontent attendant upon unemployment and militarism. But I am going to speak about the divine discontent that is in the heart of men everywhere."

The Biblical record of David and Saul was related, with especial emphasis on the words from II Samuel, "And David longed."

"God when he made us placed in our hearts this divine discontent, and we are longing because of that. We are not and can not be satisfied with things."

This longing which is within us is not a call backward to previous days of childhood and youth. "We simply can not go back," challenged Bishop Cushman, "God is calling us out there! For each there is a goal. The Dawn is upon us. Humanity calls."

In conclusion the Bishop presented the following significant statement, "You will never satisfy that longing save as God is your companion and guide in the very center of your life. May we long and fill our hearts with Him."

Thirty-three Graduates

Taylor University graduated thirty-three students this year; twenty-seven receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts; three receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science; two receiving Bachelor of Science in Education, and one the degree of Bachelor of Music.

One degree was conferred for the successful completion of the work leading to a Master of Arts in Theology.

Dr. Ayres Honored

Dr. Burt Wilmot Ayres, who has given thirty-four years of service to Taylor University was honored by the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws. Dr. Ayres, as it was expressed so many times during the Commencement activities by graduates, former students, friends, and fellow-workers, is one whom we all delight to honor.

Honorary Degrees

Two honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity were conferred upon outstanding and successful ministers. Rev. Thomas Hopkins Morris of Buffalo, New York, and Rev. Burl M. Bechdolt of Warsaw, Indiana, were elected by the faculty of Taylor University and Board of Directors of The William Taylor Foundation as worthy for this honor.

William Taylor Foundation

The membership year of The William Taylor Foundation will close on June 30. If you have not sent your membership fee, which is only \$10.00, and you wish to be a member of the Foundation for the year ending June 30, 1935, send your dues at once.

At the annual meeting of The William Taylor Foundation held on May 31 an increase in membership of approximately thirty-three per cent was reported. This affords encouragement.

Next School Year Opens

September 11

FT. WAYNE GROUP HONORED AS GUESTS

Reunion of Old Fort Wayne M. E. College and Taylor Alumni.

For many months the President of the Old Methodist Episcopal Alumni Association has been active in creating an interest and in cooperating with the President of the Taylor University Alumni Association to bring the two groups together at the time of Taylor Commencement.

The alumni of Taylor invited the other group to be their guests at the banquet at noon on June third. It was a distinguished gathering. Educators, doctors, judges, ministers, teachers, and business men and women were among those who came. The oldest one present was Dr. Allen, for whom the P. A. Allen High School in Bluffton is named. He has given forty-two years of service in Wells County. There was Dr. Carver of Albion, a physician for forty-seven years, who still sings as wonderfully as in college days. Judge Aiken, of Fort Wayne, distinguished in his profession, and a lecturer on righteousness, was present. Dr. Harriett Macbeth was there to sing and to speak for the old school. The reading by Miss Anna Phillia demonstrated the art and beauty of old time education.

One outstanding feature of the luncheon program was the address by Dr. Somerville Light, preacher and church leader for fifty-two years, and District Superintendent for sixteen years. Dr. Light, no longer strong physically, is mentally alert and as fervent in spirit as in days of yore.

The one who came the greatest distance was J. D. Merriman from Texas. He said, "Like John Quincy Adams at eighty-five said, 'I am all right but the house in which I live is old, I shall soon move out.'"

Another guest we were very happy to welcome to our midst was one, not an alumnae of the old college, but one whose mother attended the old school, enrolling in 1858. Mrs.

Lucy Hole of Danville, Illinois, was one of our special guests.

Such a spirit of Christian fellowship is rarely seen as that which ruled the three-hour session. The

Alumni Association and Rev. Phillips Brooks Smith, the President of the Taylor University Alumni Association to stand, then he announced that as the "Missing Link" he was now the "Living Link" with authority to join the hands of the old and the new.

After Professor Smith had performed the ceremony he made a happy speech covering much of the history of the old school up to the present time, referring to outstanding incidents in the history of Taylor University, and closed his message with this word, "We hope this will be an annual event, until the old branch of this twin tree has entirely died away." He then read a resolution which he had prepared:

"That even then the memory of the old stock may be preserved, I would like, if my own poverty and insignificance does not make it appear unseemly, to propose that by 1940, the ninety-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Old College at Fort Wayne, we raise the funds, \$100,000 I set tentatively, and erect a permanent Memorial to the graduates of that Old College, the precursor of Taylor, a library, to be placed, with proper corner stone containing fullest records, on the North East part of the main campus. This can be done, if two can be found who will give one-fourth each, two others who will give one-tenth each, four others who will give one-twentieth each, and one hundred others who will give a thousandth part, that is \$100.00 each, I will be glad to be one of this hundred donors." This Memorial Hall would be erected as a gift of the grandparents to the grandchildren and the great-great-grandchildren afar off.

Notice is hereby served that the Taylor Alumni Association will be present at the Methodist Episcopal College Alumni meeting in Fort Wayne, August 30, 1935.

J. F. Cottingham.



TAYLOR UNIVERSITY QUARTET

Claire Myers, Second Tenor. Lauren York, Bass. Perry Haines, Baritone. Raymond Kreiner, First Tenor.

The schedule of this quartet will include the following places:

Neal Avenue Methodist Church, Newark, Ohio
Camp Meeting and Epworth League Institute, Lena, Illinois

Mooers Camp Meeting, Mooers, New York.

Wesley Church, Detroit, Michigan

In the closing engagement of the quartet and Dr. Stuart at Wesley Church, Detroit, the Christian Crusaders will join in making this a great meeting. The Crusaders include ten or more of the Presbyterian churches, more Baptist, and several Methodist, and others of the down town district.

What an opportunity is offered for real soul-winning this vacation period!

high hour came when Professor Clarence E. Smith of Detroit arose to make the closing address. He graduated from the old Fort Wayne Methodist College, and then it became Taylor University and he was invited to join the staff and was a professor for several years. Professor Smith asked Dr. U. S. A. Bridge the president of the Fort Wayne Methodist Episcopal College

MANY ALUMNI SEND GREETINGS

An Appreciation From Prof. Allen

"I felt I must write you a few words of appreciation of your kindness in inviting us to be present at the Alumni luncheon on Monday of this week. It was surely a great day for all who were so happy as to be there. We enjoyed every moment of the occasion. My connection with the Fort Wayne College dated from April 1875, a little more than sixty years ago. I was the only one present from that institution while it was under the presidency of Dr. R. D. Robinson.

"Our very best wishes shall always be for the young and vigorous Taylor University. I trust that the coming year will be the very best in the history of the institution."

Although many who would like to have been here could not, some sent messages for the group. One such message came from John L. Shearer, a former professor of Fort Wayne College, now of St. Petersburg, Florida, "It would be a great happiness to meet my old Fort Wayne friends again and find them so happily united with the new and vigorous contingent of Taylor University, under your devoted and efficient leadership.

"I cannot refrain from mentioning the last days I spent with dear Dr. Yocum when he was almost blind. The same happy spirit that characterized him in the prime of life remained with him to the end. Fifty-six years have passed since I became identified with Fort Wayne College and my intimate association with Dr. Yocum has been one of the good fortunes of my life.

"It would rejoice my heart to review at the reunion, the memories of the past half century and to learn from my old associates what they have contributed to the upbuilding of our glorious country."

Many happy memories were recalled of the great, devoted, and effi-

cient leadership of Dr. Yocum, by the members of the Fort Wayne College group. His memory is cherished by Taylor University today.

Another interesting communica-



THE SOPHOMORE QUARTET

Norman Jerome, Second Tenor. Robert Yunker, Baritone. Frank Brown, Bass. Clayton Steele, First Tenor.

This quartet is taking many of the important dates for the college this summer. They are doing some splendid work. This summer they will appear at the following places:

First Methodist Church, Dixon, Illinois
Red Rock Camp Meeting, Red Rock, Minnesota
Central New York Bible Conference, Homer, New York

The remainder of the dates for the summer have been arranged by the father of one of the boys, Rev. C. G. Brown, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The boys will be working in Northern Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

tion came from O. S. Ihrig of Pasadena, California. The distance prevented him from being present. He says, "I came to California in the spring of 1886 and have been taking in washing for a living, and trying to make the best of life." Across the top of his letterhead is pictured a beautiful, large laundry establishment.

The poem which he enclosed speaks of his appreciation for his training in the old college.

The Memorial Service

Saturday morning, June first, the friends of the departed members of Taylor met in the Chapel. It was a blessed service. Those remembered were:

Mrs. Newton Wray who gave many years to Taylor, and many more years to the service of humanity and to her God.

Dr. R. A. Archibald, who served as professor and was once acting president. Dr. Archibald went to his reward from his old home in Massachusetts.

David Clench, young, earnest, lover of Christ and the world. David served in Borneo and went from China to meet the Lord for love of whose command he gave his life. Taylor puts David on the list with Oliver Moody, John Ovenshire, Susan Wengatz, and others who died on the field of battle.

Professor Peavey, how precious the savor of that life to those who were fortunate to know him! He was like the Arabian story of the Martyr Policarp. "The perfume of that beautiful life of Policarp has never been withdrawn from Asia Minor, it has lasted nearly two thousand years." Of Professor Peavey it was said, "He gave himself for others."

There were likely many others who have gone to their reward during the year, but they have not been reported to us so we could honor them. During the coming year we hope you will tell us when these Taylor friends go

to heaven, so we may honor them in the memorial service next year.

Youth Conference Report Ready

The report of the sessions of the Youth Conference is now ready for distribution. The book is a forty-seven page report of the complete messages delivered by the speakers, and a summary of the Discussion Groups. If you wish to have a copy, send your twenty-five cents to cover cost of publishing and mailing.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY BANQUET

The double - reunion - banquet had been such a happy affair that some doubted that another Alumni banquet could be held the same day. The attendance was the largest in many years.

A three course dinner was served; most of the student body attended and remained for the program.

The program gave room for any and all to have a part. Rev. A. W. Pugh was asked to preside. East met west when Atlee Lane Percy of Boston University, class of 1903 spoke, and Dr. Jesse Lackland of Washington addressed the group.

A roll call of the classes showed that over a period of thirty-seven years only three classes were not represented. The absent ones were not the oldest of the classes.

The closing feature of the program was the unveiling of the life-size portrait of Rev. Monroe Vayhinger, D. D., president of Taylor University for thirteen and a third years. Dr. Vayhinger was president when the cement walks were laid, when the Music Hall and Swallow-Robin Dormitory were erected, when the first heating plant was put in; but he is proudest of the fact that during his administration eighty missionaries went to the foreign field. The writer of this article who has known Dr. Vayhinger longer than any other person connected with Taylor, said:

"Dr. Monroe Vayhinger came out of the hills of Delaware Township, Ripley County, Indiana. He was the son of a good German farmer. His educational advantages were poor, but Monroe Vayhinger was soon known as a scholar. While yet young he became associated with Moores Hill College. It was a great day in the old church at Milan when Doctor Vayhinger came to preach. He was a pioneer in the Holiness movement in Southern Indiana. The call to evangelism was so great he left the college and went into the pastorate, from whence he was called to the presidency of Taylor. Dr. Vayhinger is a modern Barnabas, a preacher and missionary. Like Barnabas he is a man of honest report, full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

"Dr. Monroe Vayhinger, a scholar, at eighty years an earnest student, a lover of youth, patriot and reformer, preacher of righteousness and teacher of Bible holiness."

The Alumni Association commissioned Dr. and Mrs. Cottingham to present the picture to Dr. Stuart for the Hall of Fame of Taylor University. This was done in the last part of the Commencement program. Dr. Stuart very graciously received the picture and charged that it be placed in the halls of the University.

J. Frank Cottingham

GOALS

Goals for the year for the Taylor University Alumni Association

Taylor University Alumni Association has set some very important goals for their work for the ensuing year. One of these goals is the strengthening of the friendship between the old Fort Wayne Alumni and the Taylor University alumni. In connection with this work the Board of Directors is planning an old Fort Wayne M. E. College gallery of portraits; these pictures to be placed on the walls at Taylor University. We earnestly solicit the cooperation of everyone in this project. Will you, old Fort Wayne M. E. College students, please send us your picture and also send us the picture of all of the old Fort Wayne students which you may have in your possession. We are anxious to get the photographs of as many classes, reunions, and alumni gatherings of old Fort Wayne College as we possibly can. These will be suitably framed and hung in this gallery.

We are also planning an honor gallery in which will be hung the pictures of those men and women who have attained national and world distinction. Any suggestion or nomination will receive careful attention.

Word from President of Alumni Association

The Taylor University Alumni Association feels since the joint banquet held at Taylor at Commencement time more than it ever has before the holy privilege of conserving and carrying on the heritage handed down to it by the alumni of the old Fort Wayne Methodist College. We, the members of the Taylor University Alumni Association feel that a standard has been set for us by the members of the old Fort Wayne College Alumni to which we must measure. We want to assure every former student of old Fort Wayne College that as long as the Taylor Alumni Association exists the memory of you and your deeds shall not perish.

P. B. Smith

Student and Faculty Unity

The spirit which characterized the past school year was one of happiness and cooperation. The fellowship between teachers and students was most pleasant and inspiring. The "family" spirit for which Taylor has long been noted seemed to deepen and become more sweet. At Taylor there are no cliques and groups, but all find a true friend in everyone else. Undoubtedly this spirit of Christian fellowship is brought about and sustained by the emphasis which Taylor places upon vital Christian experience. The fall revival has untold value in bringing about a feeling of unity and friendship. Later in the year the Youth Conference served to strengthen this spirit when all as a group undertook the task of realizing the purpose of the conference.

Expenses for one year, including board, room and tuition, approximately \$390.

Attractive Honor Scholarships are offered, \$100 a year for four years, making a total of \$400.

A limited number of Service Scholarships available.

Good Will Scholarships are offered which are of interest to bondholders.

Registration Day, September 11, 1935.

Write at once for further information to

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