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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ENJOY INSPIRATION OF TAYLOR'S COMMENCEMENT

DR. L. A. PITTENGER AND DR. A. WESLEY
PUGH DELIVER MAIN ADDRESSES

The Baccalaureate Service held in the Maytag Gymnasium June 5 was an hour of inspiration for the large crowd present. Dr. A. Wesley Pugh, pastor of High Street Church, Muncie, Indiana, spoke on the "Dangers of a World Religion." He spoke with commendation and enthusiasm regarding the wide universal aspects of the Christian religion but pointed out the fact that this view, though necessary, has the dangers of depersonalizing sin and referring to others the personal responsibility which is our own.

At the Commencement on June 7 forty-four bachelor degrees, one Master of Arts in Theology, and three honorary doctorates were conferred by President Stuart.

The Commencement address was delivered by L. A. Pittenger, President of Ball State Teachers College. Dr. Pittenger spoke on the theme, "We Seek One Who Knows":

It appears instinctive for persons and nations, when in trouble, to seek a definite authority. Italy, Russia, Germany and United States planners are illustrations. Baseball organizations and the movies have followed a like method.

Individuals seek out soothsayers and fortune tellers and all of us at times long for the Biblical places of refuge. We seek something positive although it may be born of ignorance and it may be wrong, but it does give a sense of security.

During the middle ages the church sat in the seat of authority. The home generally has been a place of refuge for those of us who have strayed



from the accepted path, but the home in modern life has been reduced in its influence. The school, once the very symbol of authority, has cast aside much of this authority and has dedicated itself to the development of the natural abilities of the children. Government has had its problems with crime and is proving itself, but it finds the loss of home, school and church influence a severe blow.

Fifty years ago we had a positive moral code emphasized in Sunday Schools, the McGuffey Readers and copy-book maxims. Individuals were under self-control and there was less need for government control than now.

During these last fifty years we have explored the most remote places of the earth. We have studied our own psychology and that of society in all its phases. As a result, or at least a sequence, we have a relative and impersonal knowledge.

We stand confused. Who knows whether to spend or save, and produce or restrict. Who knows the place of the school and the church, and who knows how to appraise the flood of propaganda that deluges us or the fantastic Utopian dreams that come to us.

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BALANCED BUDGET? YES!

Taylor University has balanced her budget for four consecutive years. The President reported to the Board of Directors of the William Taylor Foundation that all salaries were paid in full. He said if accounts, pledges, and William Taylor Foundation Memberships were paid before June 30 that we had a right to expect to balance the budget this year. This will make it five consecutive years that the budget has been balanced. I am sure every alumnus, parent and friend of the institution is proud of this kind of a record and wants it to continue. So, I would immediately send every dollar it is possible to send between now and June 30. This record of a balanced budget could not have been made had it not been for the prayers and gifts of a consecrated constituency.

Your ten dollar membership in the Foundation makes you a partner in this great task and gives you a vote in the annual meeting of the Foundation. Send your gift immediately. Get out your check book before you lay this paper down and make out the check and send it to Taylor University. Where could you make a better investment?

There were over one hundred young people at Taylor this year who were getting ready for full time Christian service either as ministers or missionaries. So, when you help Taylor University your investments are world-wide and will bear eternal dividends in Kingdom building.

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Records show prospect for increased enrollment for next year. At the present time advanced registrations show an increase of 19.4% over the same date last year.

An Effective Christian College

In the busy activities of Commencement week the parents of one of the boys in the graduating class asked for a few minutes with President Stuart. They got into the college Ford and drove for a few minutes, and as they drove the father said: "You have no idea what Taylor means to me. Our boy had almost broken our hearts and it was a difficult problem to handle him." He said that the boy came to Taylor and was here not many weeks until he thrilled his parents by writing that he had found a marvelous experience in Christ. The father said the boy's life is completely transformed. Now the boy has finished his work at Taylor and has a pastorate.

There are not many schools in our country today where a parent can send his son or daughter and get the very finest which modern education has to offer and along with it find a staff and student body who are definitely and enthusiastically Christian. Taylor boasts of her splendidly trained staff but along with it she is determined that the students must learn to know Christ personally during their stay on the campus. Parents and friends of young people who need an education and are going somewhere to college this Fall can't do a more effective piece of work than to interest these splendid youth in Taylor. Parents will not be disappointed if they want their young people to be kept clean and wholesome in their lives.

DR. STUART'S ITINERARY FOR THE SUMMER

Hoople Methodist Camp Meeting, Hoople, North Dakota — June 12-26.

Ridgview Park Camp Meeting, Ridgview, Pa. (near Pittsburgh) — July 1-10.

Camp Meeting, Lena, Illinois — July 24-30.

Cherry Run Camp Meeting, Rimersburg, Pa. — August 6-21.

The Taylor friends will please pray for these meetings and where possible will plan to attend them.



Dr. Burt Wilmot Ayres, through many years of not only efficient but sacrificial service, has built himself into the lives of thousands of young men and women. The intellectual and character development which he has been able to project into life mounts it seems in quantity and quality with each succeeding year.

BALANCED BUDGET

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President Stuart reported to the Board that during January a will was probated in which Taylor University is to receive \$2,000. The property has been sold and this distribution will be made. He also reported another will which the court had confirmed and ordered the distribution and from which Taylor is to receive one-third of the estate. The estimated value of Taylor's portion is from three to five thousand dollars. He also reported the gift of a splendid farm nine miles northwest of Crawfordsville. The owner said he had

\$10,000 in this farm; at a conservative estimate it is worth considerably more than half of that. This farm came into the possession of Taylor without a dollar of any kind against it.

There is no investment that catches the imagination quite so much as an investment made in an effective Christian college where youth are being educated to take this great gospel out to the ends of the earth. In Taylor's student body of between three and four hundred while over one-third are getting ready for full time Christian service others are preparing for medicine, law, teaching and other occupations.

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS SEPT. 14

Dr. Earland E. Ritchie Comes to Taylor University

Dr. Ritchie received his Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State Teachers College in 1925; received his Master of Arts degree at Columbia University in 1926; his Doctor of Philosophy from Indiana University in 1931. He has been an outstanding Christian worker and teacher in his field. He taught for nine years in the Public Schools of Delaware County and one year in the Muncie High School. He has had ten years of public school experience, three years in the State colleges and two years in church colleges before coming to Taylor.

One of Dr. Ritchie's major fields of activities will be personnel work and the coordination of the personnel work throughout the school.

Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie are coming to Taylor because they believe profoundly in the type of work Taylor is doing. They were both born and raised in Delaware County and have been in close contact with the activities of Taylor University for many years. When President Stuart asked Dr. Ritchie how much he thought of the teaching profession he said he thought enough of it that he would give his life to teaching the youth of today



Dr. Earland E. Ritchie

whether or not he got a dollar for it.

Mrs. Ritchie is a graduate of DePauw University and as a young woman was active in the Epworth League of the Muncie District and was the District President for some time. These two splendid young people come to Taylor's campus thoroughly equipped in every way for the task they are undertaking. Dr. Ritchie has two splendid children; a son and a daughter.

Three Receive Honorary Degrees

Three honorary degrees were bestowed by Taylor at the Commencement exercises June 7. The degree Doctor of Literature was given Floyd I. McMurray, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Indiana, traveler, lecturer, author.

Reginald Heber Stone of the Lincoln Road Methodist Church of Washington, D. C., received the degree Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Stone has made an outstanding record in number of accessions to church membership in the historic Baltimore Conference. His ministry has been characterized by great success in evangelism.

Mabel McQueen Weir, head of the Bible Department of Texas State Teachers College for

Women, received the degree Doctor of Humane Letters. Miss Weir's popularity as a teacher of the Bible is shown by the enrollment of from three to five hundred in her courses, which are elective only.

The following word has been received from Miss Weir since the Commencement:

After a week of almost continuous traveling through Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, interspersed with short stops only, I have reached home. Reviewing my experiences I wish to thank you and your colleagues for your kindnesses. I was much impressed with the mature scholarship, the cordiality and charm of your faculty; with the sincerity and earnest seriousness of your students. I feel certain you are doing a great work in your University and I am glad that I am having a part in it.

Student Enrollment Growing

Correspondence with prospective students is perhaps the heaviest it has been for a number of years. Every year more parents are becoming interested in Taylor University. If the present increase is sustained it will mean our buildings will be practically filled this fall. Taylor has had a steady growth the two preceeding years, with an average increase in student attendance of 25% both years. It was necessary to open Sammy Morris Dormitory and the fourth floor of the Magee-Wisconsin Dormitory this year.

The friends of Taylor will find that students who might ordinarily go to more expensive schools will be turning to Taylor this year, and you can do a distinctive service both to Taylor and prospective students by putting them in touch with Taylor University.

Taylor opened last fall with one of the finest and most thoroughly trained groups of teachers that the school has ever had. When school opens this September the old and new students will find two new Ph.D. men added to the staff. While it is the constant aim of the Board of Directors of the school to push up the scholastic standard of the school, the Board is just as determined that the school shall be definitely and distinctively Christian in its work.

Parents and prospective students will do well to get in touch with Taylor University immediately for detailed information such as the catalog and other literature, that will tell the story of an effective Christian college. There are still a limited number of Selective Honor, Good Will and Service Scholarships for worthy Christian students.

Ralph and Eunice Dodge, missionaries to Africa, recently sent to Taylor University a check for thirty-five dollars. These young people followed Dr. Withey, the last of the group of missionaries who went out to Africa with Bishop William Taylor. Dr. Withey's daughter, Winifred, is now a student at Taylor.

BISHOP TAYLOR'S GRAVE DECORATED BY ALUMNUS

Bishop William Taylor is buried in the beautiful Oakland Cemetery, Oakland, California, in a grave shaded by eucalyptus trees which he himself brought from Australia. On the 30th of May this year the ministers of the California Conference decorated the graves of deceased ministers. Rev. Robert Marvin Stuart, pastor of First Methodist Church of El Cerrito, California, placed a beautiful wreath on the grave of Bishop Taylor with a card inscribed "Robert Marvin Stuart, son of the President of Taylor University."

Rev. E. Verner Brown, Home Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, recently expressed his belief in and appreciation of the work being carried on at Taylor University. One sentence of the letter reads, "Praise God for the splendid year just closed that Taylor has had and for the encouraging prospects for the opening next fall."

COMMENCEMENT

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Do we face an awakening? If so, some individual will be responsible. Will he be a politician or a preacher; an intellectual or a pedant; a prophet or a provincial; a despot or a benefactor?

We need to be saved from ourselves, and so far as I can see there is no philosophy able to save us quite so definitely and effectively as the teachings of the lowly Nazarene.

He preaches social justice, distribution of wealth, making every man a king in his own right, and purging ourselves of our sins.

Let us again take refuge in the Brotherhood of Man, the Golden Rule, and Loving our Neighbors as Ourselves and much of our troubles will vanish.

In a letter received by President Stuart following Commencement, Dr. Pittenger says:

When your senior class came to the platform to speak to me about my address I felt that I had never had a more sincere and direct compliment on a speech. When young people respond to my effort I am always moved by a profound gratification. I was impressed with the progress made at Taylor, and I am hoping that next year will be better still.

ALUMNI WELCOME CLASS OF '38

The class of '38 has now become a part of Taylor's large, far-flung alumni group. A good percentage of this group have prepared themselves to teach, a number are entering the Christian ministry, while medicine, social service work, and business are the professions chosen by others. A number of this class are planning on graduate work in the various big universities of the country.

The class of '38 is unique among Taylor classes, having as members four full-blood American Indians. Eight denominations are represented in the class, and geographically it covers nine states ranging from North Dakota to New York and Florida.

Class Gift Presented

The seniors of '38 presented to Taylor University as a class gift the landscaping of several lots at the northeast corner of the campus. Hundreds of shrubs and

trees, green grass and striking lettering in bed of raised earth make what was at one time merely a bare corner into a garden of delight and beauty.

In addition to this evidence of love for their alma mater practically a hundred percent of the class have joined the William Taylor Foundation.

LINDBLOM IN SCANDINAVIA

Dr. Harry Lindblom, a member of the Board of Directors of Taylor University, through the urgent calls of religious and educational groups, is staying in the Scandinavian countries through the summer months and will not be back until just in time for his daughter to enter Taylor University as a student. Dr. Lindblom's headquarters are in Stockholm, Sweden. God is using this messenger of His to lead literally thousands of souls to Christ. The crowds are still thronging the largest buildings in the cities in which he speaks.

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UPLAND, INDIANA



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School of Music and School of Religion.
Taylor's credits are accepted at full value in leading Universities of the United States.
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WRITE FOR CATALOG

Fall Semester opens September 14, 1938