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## CAN THE NON-TAX-SUPPORTED COLLEGE JUSTIFY ITS EXISTENCE?

BURT W. AYRES, *Vice President*

Can the non-tax-supported college justify its existence? In view of the hard pressure brought upon the smaller colleges in these days of large concerns, considerable attention has been given to this question. With many the justification reduces practically to two grounds: first that with the rapidly increasing number of young people enrolled in college, these institutions are needed to take care of the overflow of the state-supported colleges; secondly, that the smaller institutions secure a closer and more sympathetic relation between teacher and student, hence a better condition for proper guidance.

Are these real and sufficient grounds for the justification of these institutions? Referring to the first named ground, can special groups of citizens, here and there, justify the sacrifice required, simply to relieve the state of a heavier tax-burden which is supposed to be placed on all members of society according to their ability to pay? Surely such a position could be defended only in the very early stages of the social and political development of the states.

The justification on the second basis, namely, the smallness as compared to most state institutions, is a weak defense; for, significant as the argument really is, especially as applied to undergraduate work, for the educational efficiency of the small college, smallness is the easiest thing in the world to attain, and the state could distribute its colleges all over the territory, making provision for all students, and, if necessary, limiting the number for each institution.

Some other justification must be found. If the non-tax-supported school is to find rational justification, it must be found in the performance of a function which the state school in the very nature of the case, can not perform, or persistently fails to perform.

In America, with our doctrine of the separation of church and state, and our guaranties of religious freedom, the state college, even in this day of religious toleration, can not undertake any definite and positive instruction in religion; and, under such conditions, could hardly be expected to secure an atmosphere stimulating to religious experience and life.

As standardizing agencies are largely dominated by educators from the state institutions, the drift toward the content of the educational process found in the state schools, as a norm, is a constant tendency—a tendency which few non-

tax-supported schools have been able sufficiently to resist to maintain their distinctive character. A degree of conformity is forced upon this type of school as the only way to recognition of its work.

While this is true it is still possible to recognize and provide for a place for religion in personal experience and in the group life. But this can be maintained only by a leadership and instructional staff actively interested in the promotion of religious experience and life. There must be the strong conviction that life is incomplete without the knowledge of God and a surrender to His will. An atmosphere of spiritual aspiration must be maintained in which faith and worship are stimulated.

It is not enough for the leader of a Christian college to have personal Piety; he must know how to stimulate spiritual aspiration and achievement in the students. In our new President, Dr. Robert Lee Stuart is found the quality of leadership which assures the type of college training the earnest hearts of the church have visualized in the founding of colleges to do a work which the state school can not do.

Taylor finds the justification of her existence, through the decades of her history, in holding to the concept of education which contains the spiritual—and this in the sense that men have spiritual needs that can be fully met only in salvation through Jesus Christ.

Those who have endured hardness and struggle, ridicule and reproach, sometimes, have kept before them this purpose: that Taylor must be a place where heaven and earth meet in the revelation of Christ as Savior to the human heart—a place where there is kept alive the consciousness of God in the earth. This high purpose must not be relinquished.

Why do Christian believers continue to pour their millions into institutions which function educationally practically as the tax-supported schools, while they permit the colleges which seek to conserve and create the spiritual factors of life to struggle, to become cramped for resources, and embarrassed by debt, and sometimes to fail?

When the poor, ambitious student is found who must have low cost and also work, if he is to get an education, he is directed to Taylor and similar colleges. When leaders for the spiritual work of the church are to be trained, especially if financially poor, these schools do more than

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their proportional share. These do the work which the church college was expected to do. But when large gifts are made, when wills are written, the little struggling college that is really building the Kingdom of God in the lives of its students is too often overlooked in favor of the institution that functions no differently from the tax-supported school.

When will the Children of the Kingdom become as wise as the Children of the World?

### RECENT LETTER FROM ONE OF TAYLOR'S GRADUATES THAT TELLS YOU WHY TAYLOR SUCCEEDS

Dear Dr. Stuart:

At a little distance I am coming to a true appraisal of my recent visit to the Taylor Commencement.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of getting back, and for the splendid hospitality shown, and for the privilege of sitting in on the Legal Hundred meeting.

There are many things I would like to say but time will not permit. The buildings and campus are surely in a much improved state from what they were when I left in '24. Where is there a more beautiful campus or a more modern dormitory?

The most beautiful thing, though, was the spirit shown in that memorable meeting of the Legal Hundred, both by yourself and by the members present. No one but an apostolic man would take upon his shoulders what you have assumed and start off in naked faith. But God is looking for men of such faith and daring and will prove Himself mighty in their behalf. Therefore I am confident that under your leadership the school will make her God appointed port! What a destiny is Taylor's! With a few others she is committed to the highest ideals, namely those Wesleyan Biblical conceptions of a mighty Christ whose salvation provides and demands a holy heart and life. In this day of materialism and atheism there will probably be many Christians who will appreciate deeply and support a college that stands for mere theism and a wholesome code of ethics. This surely is to be preferred to the current skepticism and morals, but if Taylor rests at their elevation she has backsliden from her original placement and the shekinah will depart.

I do not write this to inform you, but to bring into relief my specific appreciation of and confidence in you. I love my Alma Mater, spent seven years there, send my young people there, have put cash there, and will put my only real estate there. Taylor must be true, she shall be true! Depend upon me, as God gives me strength!

Most sincerely,

Harold E. Kenrick

Note from the President:

I do not feel worthy of such commendation but by the Grace of God I will be true. I am coming into this task under the call of God.

Jesus shall be magnified in my life whether it is by life or death. "I am among you as he that serveth." All there is of me belongs to God and this high and holy task to which you have called me. I do feel that I have a father's and a shepherd's heart and will undertake to be both to every student who comes to Taylor.

Friends of Taylor pray for me every day won't you?

### DO YOU WANT TO INVEST IN SOME YOUNG MAN OR YOUNG WOMAN?

If you could read the mail that comes into the president's office these days and you had the money you would help him to cheer the heart of many a devoted Christian student who is hungry for Christian education.

You are made to feel as you listen to their plea that they are in earnest and fully saved and want to make their lives count for God. One says: "I have it all but \$100 can you give me work to earn this? I will do any kind of work." A young lady says: "Can you tell where I can get \$200 so that I can pay my way in school this year?"

I wish that some friend would give me \$50,000 right away to create a loan fund for such students.

You may not be able to give the above amount but you may be able to give \$50 or a \$100 or \$500 for such work. We will do our best to invest it wisely in Christian youth if you will send it to us.

ONE GOOD TAYLOR FRIEND SENDS BACK HIS \$1,000 BOND AND INTEREST AS A GIFT TO THE SCHOOL. SUCH LOYALTY HELPS.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY HAS ROOM FOR 500 SELECT STUDENTS

### THE COST AT TAYLOR

Have you compared the cost of a year's college expense at Taylor with other colleges? Have you noticed the large number of Taylor's faculty who have their doctor's degrees and how many who have their master's degrees? Three of the faculty are receiving their master's this Summer from our great Universities.

BOARD, ROOM AND TUITION FOR ONE YEAR AT TAYLOR FOR LESS THAN \$400.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are very anxious to get our mailing list revised and yet not lose anyone who is interested in the work of Taylor University. Any correction in address will be a great help.

### PUT TAYLOR ON YOUR GIFT LIST

EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT TAYLOR WILL BEAR ETERNAL DIVIDENDS.

## FROM A NEW YORK STUDENT'S LETTER TO DR. AYRES

"I am looking forward to the most wonderful year of my life—next year at Taylor."

I am talking T. U. to three different young people here, I want to bring back my share. I am praying that we shall reach the 500 mark when we all meet in September."

"I am having one of the best Summers of my life. Trusting Him has brought some wonderful blessings just since I came home for the Summer. Work is scarce, but after idleness the first week I was home, I have missed only three days without work. I have stepped right from one little job to the next without the loss of a day, three different times this Summer. I know that these things are not just luck. I have more joy than ever before because my prayers are being answered so clearly." (We are homesick here on the campus to have these splendid young people back with us.)

WHEN YOU PUT FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS IN TAYLOR UNIVERSITY YOU HAVE NOT ONLY ADDED TO THE FINANCIAL INCOME OF TAYLOR FOR TAYLOR HAS THE BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT TO CARE FOR THAT MANY STUDENTS BUT YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT PIECE OF WORK IN GETTING A STUDENT INTO AN INSTITUTION WHERE THEY WILL COME OUT STRONGER CHRISTIANS. THE TAYLOR ATMOSPHERE STRENGTHENS AND BUILDS A WHOLESOME CHRISTIAN LIFE.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP TAYLOR?

I can pray for Taylor every day  
I can interest students in Taylor  
I can find friends who believe in Taylor to help financially.  
I can send the names and facts to the office at Taylor.

## WHAT A STUDENT BODY TAYLOR UNIVERSITY HAS!

No finer group of consecrated young people can be found anywhere than right here on the Taylor campus. Taylor students are here with a purpose. How it would stir your heart to look in on a group like this! What possibilities in consecrated Christian youth!

If you saw them here and then followed them out into life and see the results they are getting for Christ's Kingdom you would feel that every dollar you had put into Taylor was the greatest investment that you had made.

You could never have gotten me away from the pastorate had it not been for the investment of our life in a group of world visioned young people. Taylor graduates are bringing things to pass for God.

Dr. Frank Cottingham who was here in college at the same time as the President has in his missionary work won over twenty thousand souls to Christ.

MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD put your dollars into Taylor University where they will bring you eternal dividends.

## COMMITTEE ON STUDENT PROMOTION GETTING RESULTS

(Written by Secretary of Committee)

We feel that our friends will be interested to know something of the work of our Student Promotion Committee. The general plan of their activity was stated in the May Bulletin and it is indeed a pleasure to know that this plan is being carried out in even a better way than could have been hoped for.

Between the close of our Commencement season, which according to many, was the finest in the history of Taylor University, and the last week in June, Dr. Stuart, together with the boys quartet, visited a number of the Epyorth League District Conventions. Programs were given also in many of the large churches of the state. Every where this group went they were given an extremely enthusiastic reception.

This quartet made up of Messrs. McKenzie, Dennis, Titus and Buckner, has now joined Professor Greer and are concerting and advertising our school in the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana.

A quartet of girls under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Furbay are at this time touring the eastern part of the country in the interest of building up our student body. This quartet composed of Misses Olson, Atkinson, Birdsall and King, is visiting a number of camp meetings and state Christian Endeavor Conventions.

Professor Bush is doing valient work by calling on student prospects in the state of Indiana, answering their questions and creating a much larger interest in our own local community.

We earnestly ask for the help of all of our friends in this student solicitation. We are realizing as never before the real value of the kind words and interest of our friends scattered all over this country. Send us names of student prospects and then back up this interest by speaking a personal word to them on our behalf.

## THE ALUMNI ARE WORKING

The president of one of the classes said: "I am going to get in touch with every member of my class and get pledges and a hundred dollars cash from each one this year." This kind of work will put Taylor over the hill.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY VOTE TO HAVE THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT STUART AT THE TIME OF THE OCTOBER LEGAL HUNDRED MEETING.

**HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR APPLICATION AND  
ROOM RESERVATION?  
BETTER SEND THIS AT ONCE TO DR. B. W. AYRES  
ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO  
500 SELECTED STUDENTS  
SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 16**

**A TEN YEAR PROGRAM FOR TAYLOR**

The President along with the cooperation of the Faculty, Alumni, Legal Hundred and friends are working out a ten year program for Taylor University. Write him what you would like to see accomplished at Taylor during the next ten years. This program must be constructively Christian in every sense of the word.

Christ must be at the center of it all and every genuine Christian of whatever name must be welcomed here. The Word of God must be taught in such a way that it will become the only Book of Life for every one and each student will go away with a genuine love for the Bible. Christ must be taught as an uttermost Saviour from all sin and each one must know that it is his privilege to have the Holy Spirit abide in his heart.

On Taylor's beautiful campus we want the finest trained faculty that can be gotten together and the best there is in modern educational equipment.

Friends who are looking for memorial investments can find such in Taylor's ten year program.

What better piece of work could you do than to put men and women of wealth in touch with the possibilities of investments at Taylor University?

**ONE FRIEND DID THIS—**

Sent in cancelled interest coupons on \$10,000 bonds.

ANOTHER SAID USE interest on ANNUITY BOND to help carry on Taylor's great educational program.

**GIFTS OF LOVE**

THE PRESIDENT'S HEART has been stirred as he has read the letters that have come in with the gifts. You can see a picture of sacrifice that makes you feel how sacred the trust that is being put in us. By God's Grace this trust shall not be betrayed. You can follow your dollars with your prayers at Taylor and feel that they are counting in a wonderful way in KINGDOM BUILDING.

I do not know where a dollar can be invested that will bring greater results than right here at Taylor. The world needs young people who are fully saved to go out into life with a definite purpose. Taylor University is doing this kind of work.

**STUDENT TESTIMONY TO INFLUENCE  
OF INSTRUCTION RECEIVED  
A TAYLOR UNIVERSITY**

*Three Freshmen testify first:* "I had not found personal acquaintance with my Savior until after I had begun the course, and it has given me a wonderful foundation on which to build a Christian life."

"The Professor showed what a joy there was in serving Christ, and I have given my entire body, soul, heart, and all into His hands since I entered Taylor."

"Of one thing I am sure, after having this explained so thoroughly and emphatically, . . . the views of the Modernists, which I had found do sound very reasonable when presented to an uninformed mind, now seem utterly without foundation."

*Next a Sophomore speaks:* "Having met many more arguments on the side of the critic that appealed to the reason and not seeing the argument for the opposing view, I refused to take a definite stand on either side. Believing that there must be some arguments for the non-critical view, I chose this School to give that side a fair chance, half expecting to be at least semi-modernistic when I began really to think things out for myself . . . . These courses have set my course, from which there shall be no turning aside. I shall praise God that my work is under such a Professor."

*And now a Junior:* "I never had questioned the Bible till I had a Professor in the University at home. . . . who asked: 'How do you know it is the inspired word of God? How do you know the Bible is infallible? You have no way of knowing that it is'. Now I can answer those questions, and I never shall cease to thank my Lord and Savior for bringing me to Taylor."

*A Senior of this year speaking of a course last year:* "It has been worth my whole expense at College to have had this course. It has brought me into closer contact with God and His ways; and it has given me a clearer vision of Jesus and the Holy Spirit."

*A Graduate student of this year closes this series of testimonies to the influence of Taylor's teaching on his life:* "The course has been a great tonic to my faith, has made my life richer, given me a greater determination to follow the precepts of the Bible and to live a life for Jesus. It alone has been worth coming to Taylor University."