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Inauguration of Robert Lee Stuart as PRESIDENT OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY October 28-29

The last week in October will witness two great days at Taylor University, when on Wednesday and Thursday, the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth, Robert Lee Stuart is installed as president. Distinguished officials of the church will be present with college presidents and Taylor alumni. Members of the faculty will have a prominent place on the two-day program and members of the Legal Hundred, in the regular fall meeting, coincident with the inauguration, will be present from near and far.

Bishop Edgar Blake, of the Indianapolis area, will address the assemblage on Thursday morning, and Dr. Ernest C. Wareing, editor of the Christian Advocate will appear on Wednesday's program. The venerable and eminent president of Indiana University, Dr. William Lowe Bryan, will be heard; besides President Lemuel A. Pittenger, of Ball State Teachers College, Dr. Earl E. Harper, president of Evansville College and Dr. Lewis R. Akers, president of Asbury College. Dr. Akers has announced as his subject, Wanted: A Fourth "R" in Education. He will be heard Wednesday evening. Dr. W. T. Arnold, pastor of the Frist Methodist church in Marion, will have a part on the evening program.

Taylor alumni who are scheduled in the succession of events include Rev. Phillips Brooks Smith, pastor of Noble Street Methodist church, Anderson; Dr. Melvin J. Hill, pastor of University Methodist church, Buffalo, New York; Dr. Glen L. Jacobs, pastor of Broadway Methodist church, Logansport; Dr. S. H. Turbeville, pastor of Grace Methodist church, Kokomo; and Dr. L. W. Kemper, Superintendent of the Kokomo district.

The inaugural address by Robert Lee Stuart will occur Thursday afternoon preceded by the

conferring of authority as president at the hand of Linton A. Wood, president of the Legal Hundred, Taylor's board of control.

Bishops, trustees and alumni of Taylor University will meet at Upland, Indiana, the seat of the university, on the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth of October to assist in the inauguration of Robert Lee Stuart as president. Since this old school has been located at Upland, it has had only three presidents who have actually functioned to any extent. Two others have been elected but both served such short terms that their administration can hardly be counted with the work of the three who have lived and suffered and sacrificed at Taylor through years of meager finances and meager appreciation, save by a small group.

Thaddeus C. Reade was president when Taylor University was moved to Upland in 1893, and from then until his death in 1902 this godly man, interested only in the education and preparation of young men and women for a life of service, bore the entire burden of financing and promoting the interests

of the school. He put into the school all his savings from earlier activities, chiefly into the building of cottages for the housing of students. He made all contracts and assumed the payment of his teachers and other help as a personal obligation. Doctor Reade had known and loved Sammy Morris, the Kru boy, whose history is so vitally related to Taylor University, and he wrote the story of the black boy's life which was read by millions and which has long been accepted as a religious classic. This story was published in many foreign languages and went through many editions,

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Dr. Robert Lee Stuart

and became a significant factor in building up the school. Monies from the sale of the book were devoted to the education of poor students, and the building of the frame structure still known as Sammy Morris Hall. Under Doctor Reade's administration the building known as Maria Wright Hall, now the administration building, was erected, largely by the students. The bricks were made on the campus.

Desiring no monument but Taylor University, as he often told his friends, it seemed fitting that his body should be laid to rest within the campus borders, where it is marked today by a granite shaft. This briefly is the story of the first of our group of three presidents.

Care must be exercised in speaking of the next two, who still live and still love Taylor. Monroe Vayhinger was president from 1908 until 1921. His predominating characteristic has been prayer. By prayer he undertook the guidance of Taylor through many tribulations. By prayer he found strength for his task, comfort for his sorrows and inspiration for the obligations which bore down upon him. During his administration Helena Gehman Music Hall and Shreiner Auditorium were built and Swallow-Robin dormitory, while many improvements were made in homes, streets and general conditions. He is an evangelist of unusual power, known from coast to coast for his godly life and example.

John Paul, the immediate predecessor of Dr. Stuart, is also doing the work of an evangelist, besides editing a monthly review which is attracting favorable attention. For over eight years he devoted his vast energies to building up Taylor's educational standards. The chief characteristic of his administration may be called progress, to which end he labored. Recognition in the state, and in educational circles, rewarded his efforts. His administration witnessed the erection of the splendid series of dormitories known as Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin, the foundation of which was laid by President Taylor. The Maytag gymnasium and the landscaping of the campus were brought to their present state in Dr. Paul's presidency.

And so we come to name of Robert Lee Stuart, our new president. A Virginian by birth, a Methodist by choice and tradition, and a Christian minister by the grace of God, this young man was carefully and frugally trained in an atmosphere of piety. His devoted parents still live, people of prayer and faith. He chose to pursue his collegiate studies at Taylor where he was graduated in 1906. After twenty-five years in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, where he won honors and recognition, his loyalty to the ideals of Taylor caused him to accept the call to be her president. He has served the university a number of years as a member of the governing board, and conducted special revival services among the students. His own children have been students here. It is not as a stranger that he comes to us, nor as one who has been discontented in his pre-

vious realm. He resigned a successful pastorate in a thriving city to undertake the difficult task of carrying on at Taylor. His people and his officials protested, but his keenly developed spirit of sacrifice and the tremendous opportunity for molding Christian character in this peculiar atmosphere, influenced his decision.

His pastoral leadership has been uniformly evangelistic and there is every reason to believe that the spiritual accent which has characterized Taylor University will be maintained and intensified under his regime.

The president's inauguration will provide for Taylor's far-flung constituency an excellent opportunity to rally around the new president, thereby manifesting their fidelity to him and to the work of the college. At this time the Alumni Association will meet.

The sincere prayer of all concerned is that this occasion will mean not only the formal induction of the president into his office, but also with the gathering of folk from far and near, the marshaling of spiritual forces. What a token of divine favor it would be, if God should make his presence so manifest that from this epochal occasion should go forth to the ends of the world pulsations of spiritual life and faith. Taylor has no weapons, or instruments, or achievements apart from God. May God grant that this shall be the beginning of the Fall revival, which in turn will start a worldwide movement toward the cross of Christ. Suffering, dedication, faith in God, always lead to the Easter morning of light and hope. This is Taylor's contribution. At the cross she succeeds or fails. The administration covets your prayers to God that Taylor may stand true and influential in the spreading of scriptural holiness throughout the land.

Correspondence Cheer

Two ladies return four bond coupons as a gift to Taylor, together with checks for \$50.00. Such a magnanimous spirit and gifts make Taylor a going institution.

A gentleman writes two Psalter passages and incloses a fine check.

Will you not do something similar without solicitation in order that Taylor's ministry may continue?

The week of October 4 finds Dr. Robert Lee Stuart in El Dorado, Kansas, where he is pastor-host to the Southwest Kansas Conference.

A fine group of Taylor alumni gave a royal reception to President Stuart on the evening of September 23rd at the session of the Genesee Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal, in Bradford, Pennsylvania.

THE PASSING OF THEODORE H. MAYTAG

"And when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies,
Along the paths of men."

The passing on the sixth of October of Theodore H. Maytag, friend and patron of Taylor University, has cast a shadow over a wide circle of friends, but along the pathway of many lives will still shine the light of his influence and generosity.

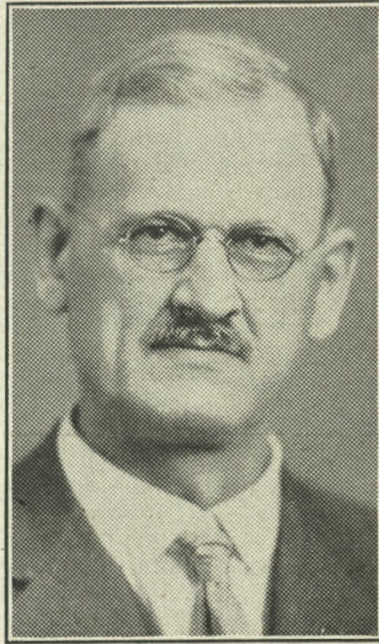
Mr. Maytag was in line of duty at the time of the accident which resulted in his death. An eminent layman of the Methodist Episcopal church, he was elected lay delegate to the Iowa conference and was on his way to attend its session at Muscatine when the heavy Cadillac car which he was driving overturned. Internal injuries and several broken vertebrae resulted and he lived only four weeks.

He was a busy man and lived strenuously, as his slim, muscular frame testified. He was active in many church and civic organizations, a trustee of his church, superintendent of his Sunday school, and vice president of the Salvation Army board. His relations to Taylor University began with the friendship between him and Robert Lee Stuart, who was for six years pastor of the Newton Methodist church of which Mr. Maytag was a member. Nobody at that time supposed that Dr.

Stuart would one day be president of Taylor, but he was ever a loyal friend of the institution, turning students and financial aid in her direction as he found opportunity. He persuaded Mr. Maytag to consider a substantial gift to the school, and upon investigation it was found to meet his ideals for a Christian college, and the gift was made which resulted in the erection of the building known as the Maytag Gymnasium. As a member of the Legal Hundred Mr. Maytag was present at several of its meetings and at commencement festivities, and all such contacts were the direct result of the deep affection between him and Dr. Stuart, who was at his bedside a few hours before his death.

Simple and unaffected in speech and appearance, Mr. Maytag quickly won the hearts of the students. He consented promptly to make a speech, or pose for his picture, or lend his car whenever requested, accomodating himself to the time and the place with unvarying friendliness. He brought his wife and family to visit the Uni-

versity and gave counsel and help as he sensed the need. A good man, a generous friend, a Christian gentleman has passed this way. He will be missed in gatherings that crowd the Maytag building, and his graciousness and kindness will long be held in loving remembrance. A delegation from Taylor joined Dr. and Mrs. Stuart at the funeral service carrying to the bereaved family assurances of Christian fellowship in their sorrow.



Theodore H. Maytag

LARGE INCREASE IN FRESHMAN CLASS

In the September issue of the Bulletin, the secretary of the Student Promotion Committee prophesied that the incoming Freshman class would be the largest in the history of the school. Although the Freshman registration has not definitely been completed because of some delays, we can say that this is the case.

At the present time the Freshman enrollment is 15% greater than the enrollment of the Freshman class for all of last year. This is indeed a gratifying result and we are glad to be able to make this statement.

The Student Promotion Committee is in the midst of reorganizing its files for the coming year and we feel sure that the constant efforts of this committee will bring forth larger results in the future. It is gratifying to receive constantly, names of new prospects from our many friends and we have a firm belief that the interest and best wishes of these people which are scattered all over our country, will continue to be ours throughout the coming year. There is no particular value in the great number of prospects which we have, but there is great value in the care with which they have been chosen and the cultivation which our alumni and friends give in aiding us to increase our student enrollment.

Already having turned the interest back into Taylor, an Indiana lady now returns two Annuity Bonds with the prayer that God's richest blessings will be upon us. We are humbled and made more grateful when we learn how so many people are truly sacrificing for the sake of Taylor.

AFRICA COMES TO TAYLOR.

The Reverend John Wengatz, Taylor's missionary hero, visited the campus on September 28th and 29th. Never will those present forget the touching sincerity of President Stuart's introduction of Mr. Wengatz to the student body. We can still hear Dr. Stuart say as he pointed to Bishop Taylor's portrait, "Folk, here is the man that represents Bishop Taylor in Africa. John, you can do anything or say anything you wish while you are with us."

A few years ago several missionary societies concluded that the Bangala tribe was too low and hopeless to respond to evangelistic efforts. Nevertheless, Mr. Wengatz prayed constantly for an opening among these people, but no opportunity came. One day, however, Kazamba, a broken wretch, volunteered to undertake the task. What? An untutored man presuming a feat which the organizations had declared hopeless? Yes, the Holy Spirit had come upon him and was leading him into this field. He started out alone and was lost to those who knew him.

Camp meeting time came. There were no welcoming dormitories and no spacious auditorium. Just a tent. Grass huts were erected by the people as they came in from all directions. One day the attention of the campers was called to a group which was making its way toward the meeting place. Most of them were carrying great burdens. Some were leaning heavily upon a stick or staff. Many trudged along with great pain. Who might they be? The tribal mark was not familiar. At the head of that determined procession came Kazamba, tottering and broken, bringing to campmeeting a group of Bangalas. They were coming up to the feast. A few had already accepted Jesus and others were inquiring.

Amid the shouts of joy the wayfarers fell on the ground nearly exhausted; one hundred forty-three treacherous miles they had trudged in order to attend the meeting. Backs were bent. The burning sand had cooked their feet which now had burst. Pain was intense. Nevertheless, the joy of arrival far surpassed any personal inconvenience.

Brother Wengatz says the work in his territory has not progressed beyond the old-fashioned camp meeting. Nor have they evolved to the point of shaking hands or card signing. On this occasion as on others the gospel message was presented straight and strong. The preacher did not wait to give preliminary instructions, but immediately declared forgiveness of sins and the cure for sin through the Divine Saviour. Conviction was tremendous. When the invitation to Christ was made, scores came, not down the aisles, but right over one another in order to get to the place of repentance. One long line of penitents at the altar and still another until five rows of black folk were using the other man's back for an altar. Great black bodies writhed, perspired, or fell prostrate until forgiveness came.

The work of this modern apostle lies along the trails which that great pioneer, David Livingstone, traveled. At a certain crossing of the ways there stands a great rock which overlooks the far-reaching jungles. This rock has witnessed the slave caravans, bound and heavy-laden, pass to and from the coast. Here Livingstone prayed for the healing of Africa's open sore. When Mr. Wengatz mounts this rock he can look out on the same jungle land where there are living several thousand born-again Christians. "The desert shall blossom as the rose." The jungle shall bring forth her fruit unto righteousness. Let God be praised!

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

Dr. Stuart has announced that November first will be the opening day of Taylor's Fall revival. Brother John Wengatz will be present to assist in message and prayer. Such a spirit-filled leader, who has been through such manifestations of God's grace and power, will be of great value in leading faculty and student body right into "the secret place of the Most High." We believe that God answers prayer; that He is ready to bless any person who is ready to walk in His ways. That Taylor may be the recipient of a great revival of apostolic religion, we solicit your prayers. Remember the date, November 1st.

PRAYER CIRCLE GROWS.

Last month there was the suggestion of a continuous volume of prayer for Taylor. It is our hope to interest praying people all over the world and to keep a record of the hours at which they plan to make definite prayer. To this suggestion there have been several responses. A lady in Pennsylvania writes, "I can not tell how many years it has been on my prayer list. . . . Intercession is my vocation and the Lord put Taylor on the list of special objects. I pray for it at 6 A.M." An alumna in Texas writes, "I am glad to hear that one of Taylor's sons, in whom we all have confidence, is now at the helm. I somehow feel that he is God's own choice and that great riches of blessings shall come to the school as a result. Friday mornings is my hour of intercession for Taylor." May many more be called to the ministry of intercession.

When nations are crumbling, when banks are closing, when business institutions are tottering, when the Church seems to have lost its forward drive, when doubt crowds in to bedim the reality of God, Taylor University stands foursquare for the gospel narratives of the Lord Jesus Christ and redemption through His cross. At Taylor there is no hesitation or apology for God's Word.

Will you not join this great circle of intercession? Will you not pray that this college which today is wagering everything on God will be made to withstand every financial and spiritual assault? By a letter please assure us of your intention.