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## THE EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

In his inaugural address President Stuart sounded the keynote of his administration. He is ready to look the educational world in the face and to recognize with gratitude the great strides which the men of science and letters are making in their fields. The highest scholastic standards are in Taylor's program. Yet who will lead us from the world of sight into the world of the soul? Olivet's Teacher is our Master. He has revealed to the world how one can live in the realm of sense and at the same time maintain his spiritual bearings. It is Taylor's unique mission to take Jesus seriously and to demonstrate by the laboratory method the power of the Gospel to salvage the mind and to redeem the soul. From this atmosphere and training students will go into life and know how to live happily together, thereby making concrete the kingdom of God in their several communities.

"I am thinking with you of Taylor's historical heritage of eighty-five years of sacred history. What a stream of consecrated life during these years has gone out to the ends of the earth. "Holiness unto the Lord" has been Taylor's motto. The great reproducible experiences of Christianity have always had first place at Taylor. Hundreds of students have been gloriously converted to God and mightily baptised with His Holy Spirit. This kind of work is going on here and now on the campus. May God grant that it shall never cease."

"I hesitate when I come to accept a task like this. I do not presume that I am sufficient myself in any sense of the word, but with the conscious call of the Master Teacher and His assurance that He will go with me all the way, I am humbly accepting this high and holy task."

With these concluding words President Stuart formally assumed his office on the afternoon of October 29th. The whole message was shot through with the vision and passion of the man. He has drunk deeply from Calvary's stream and will now lead out in the glorious task of building young men and women into the Kingdom of God. Here is one who has come from the ranks of Tay-

lor's alumni; one who is thoroughly familiar with the glowing traditions and emphases of the school; one who has practiced them in his life. He now intends with the help of God to keep Taylor true to those basic experiences of the Christian life which have made Methodism great.

At the conclusion of the address a dramatic scene ensued. The speaker called for the representatives of the various groups of Taylor's life to come to the platform and stand with him for a prayer of dedication. The first person to be called to his side was his father, Mr. C. W. Stuart of Rising Sun, Maryland. Then came the Rev. J. A. Ruley, who had led to Christ the elder Stuart fifty-one years ago. With these stood Dr. Stuart's wife and oldest son, Marvin, who has just entered the ministry. Dr. Burt W. Ayres, Vice-President, represented the faculty; Dr. Glen L. Jacobs stood for the alumni and former students, and the president of the student body with the class presidents represented the students. Finally, Dr. Stuart requested the audience to stand and bow in a moment of deep consecration to the future of Taylor University, while

Bishop Blake led in prayer.

### WANTED! INTERCESSORS

"Prayer Changes Things" is the motto of the student Prayer Band at Taylor. It is more than a motto; it works. It not only works here on the campus, but the power of prayer is being more and more appreciated by alumni and friends. Nearly every day we receive letters from folk who are praising God for answers to prayer. They also tell us how the Lord has laid Taylor upon their hearts, and how they believe that our needs will be met.

Speaking of Taylor a friend in Iowa writes, "Its very foundations are precious to my heart, and as a layman I am very jealous for its best interest. . . . I cannot explain why you, whom I have not seen, have such a place in my heart life. . . . Brother Stuart goes upon our world prayer books for life, today."

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### Presidential Oath

*"Dr. Robert Lee Stuart, do you solemnly promise in the presence of Almighty God and the assembled witnesses to discharge with fidelity and to the best of your ability the duties of President of Taylor University as set forth in the Constitution of Taylor University and the Articles of Association of the Legal Hundred, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Lordship of Christ?"*

*The above question was asked by Mr. Linton A. Wood, President of the Legal Hundred, whereupon President Stuart delivered his inaugural address.*

**WANTED: A FOURTH "R" IN EDUCATION**  
By LEWIS ROBESON AKERS, LL.D., Litt.D., L.H.D.  
President of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky

The inauguration of a new president at any institution of learning is a memorable day in the life of that institution and marks a milestone in its march of progress. As we assemble on such an auspicious occasion, we bring to Taylor University the hearty congratulations and sincerest good wishes of her sister college, Asbury, amid the blue grass fields of old Kentucky.

Notable are the traditions which cluster around this institution of learning as it commemorates the eighty-fifth year of its life. Illustrious are the names of those who once gathered in its halls and who are now upon the far-flung battle lines of Christian endeavor. Incalculable is the value of the consecrated manpower which this school has given to the intellectual and moral enrichment of our country. In fact, I am emboldened to say that the founders of both Taylor University and Asbury College builded more wisely than they knew; and their wisdom is justified in a stream of golden personalities which have gone out from these schools to bless humanity with devoted and sacrificial service.

"Properly to plant and nourish a Christian college is one of the highest privileges of Christian men and women. There is no soil so productive as mind, and he who wishes to do the greatest possible good, and for the longest possible time, should nourish the fountains of learning and help thirsting youth to the water. Beating hearts are better than granite monuments." Thus spoke the late President King of Cornell College (Iowa).

Without apology or compromise the Christian college must be committed to a Christian philosophy of life as a guiding principle in all of this instruction. The supreme test of an educational institution is not the knowledge that it imparts, but the views of life that it inspires. True education, if it means anything, means daily schooling in the art of right living, and right living means living as nearly as possible the life of Jesus Christ in harmony with, and in service for, our fellowmen. Service above self; Christ over all; and His kingdom triumphant in the hearts and lives of men: these should become the dominant forces in thought and life.

There is no virtue in ignorance as there is no excuse for it. Yet to be ignorant of educational standards is not nearly so dangerous nor so inexcusable as to be ignorant of, and indifferent to, the moral values of life which make up the very bulwarks of our civilization. The "low brow" at the edge of the jungle is far less to be feared than the "high brow" among his test tubes, with a masterful knowledge of chemistry in his brain, but with a void in the heart where only love should be enthroned. There may be a menace in the yellow peril, but the greatest danger is in the white peril—the peril of white men whose

ideals are yellow. The supreme peril is the man with the 10x12 mind and the 2x4 soul, the man with the keen mind and dull heart.

This death stupor toward the finer things of life should be broken, and only the challenging appeal of a dynamic personality leading a new crusade for the moral emancipation of sin-en-slaved humanity can arouse the drugged minds of twentieth century lotus eaters. Is not the promise of the Galilean, "And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me," sufficient stimulus to send forth Greathearts to salvage society? Bring this contagion of the personality of Christ into the classroom and such inane topics as Babe Ruth will give place to serious conversation; world redemption and international brotherhood will occupy the thought of America of tomorrow and a fresh lease on individual and national life will be insured.

The tragedy of the college of today is the army of graduates who leave its halls of learning with a man's idea of the universe and a child's idea of the God who created the universe. The creator is ever greater than the thing created. It is quite important that a man should know what he believes, but it is even more important that he knows whom he believes. For the "being who faces the sky," whose feet tread the terrestrial while his soul grasps the celestial, for this bi-world creature to be enswathed by the Lilliputian bindings of a material world which makes secondary things primary and the things eternal secondary, this is a disaster unspeakably sad.

The Christian college has an alluring future. The goal of history is the mastery of the world by Jesus Christ. The leaders in this mastery must come out of the Christian college. They must be men and women who have learned to bear the cross of Christ in business, in politics, and in all the social order. These are the prophets and pioneers of a new heaven and a new earth.

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#### DO YOU WISH TO DO SOMETHING TANGIBLE FOR TAYLOR NOW?

Are you interested in books and magazines which are needed in modern school work? Send us your gift and we shall invest it in our library.

Do you desire a memorial for some loved one? You can find a place here at Taylor where it will go on doing good after you have gone to Heaven.

Write us what you have in mind along this line.

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**YOUR HEART WOULD BE THRILLED IF  
YOU WERE ON TAYLOR'S CAMPUS NOW.  
GOD IS GIVING ONE OF THE GREATEST RE-  
VIVALS IN THE HISTORY OF THE INSTI-  
TUTION.**

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**DECEMBER NINTH IS REGISTRATION  
DAY FOR THE WINTER TERM. WHY NOT  
ENROLL?**

## TAYLOR UNIVERSITY IS DETERMINED TO DO IT

Others are talking about taking Jesus seriously and are urging folk to get back to the Bible and to believe and study and love and practice the teaching of the BOOK OF GOD. This note is sounded in every religious group these days. Taylor University is determined by God's help, not only to talk about doing this, but to actually do it.

Students at Taylor are taught to love the Word of God. They are made to feel that Jesus can and will save to the uttermost. It would do your heart good to see them getting their spiritual problems settled by the help and counsel of Godly, sympathetic teachers. How blessed it is to hear some student definitely seeking for a personal experience of God in his own life. It is safe to say that already large numbers this year have definitely found Christ as their personal Savior. Others have been mightily baptized with His Spirit. Others are answering God's call to go into some definite Christian work.

You will not find a place where your dollars will do more for the KINGDOM OF GOD than right here at Taylor. The buildings and equipment are here for five hundred selected students. You could not do a better piece of work to interest and help some students through Taylor. Taylor needs a fund to help worthy students. This is a difficult problem. It is highly probable that fifty new students could be added to our rolls, if we had one hundred dollars to help each one.

Taylor has a beautiful campus, splendid buildings, enthusiastic student body, and consecrated faculty, but a large debt hangs over the institution that needs to be paid. Friends are needed who will help to take this millstone from around Taylor's neck.

Taylor University needs ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS immediately. If God's stewards will listen, this amount will come. Please pray definitely about it and then give and start at once by sending something to Taylor that will help in a tangible way.

You certainly feel that there has never been a time in the history of our world when the work being done at Taylor is more needed than now. Taylor's only income is from her consecrated friends. *Right now do something definite for Taylor.* Send all you can and write us what you will do in the future. Put Taylor University in your will. Find friends who can give large amounts and let us know about them. The time has come for every friend of Taylor to prove his loyalty.

\$3,183.81 will pay 191 open accounts. Why not write for one of these accounts and take care of it for Taylor University? You can see how much help this would be to have that many accounts taken off the books. These obligations run from \$10 to \$50. Will you take one?

## WHO WILL TAKE T. H. MAYTAG'S PLACE?

Mr. Maytag was a loyal friend of Taylor University. He loved the things for which Taylor stands. He wanted to continue its work. He expected to work with Taylor for many years in carrying on this blessed type of kingdom building. He was called away to Heaven, but the work must continue at Taylor University.

Dr. Stuart was with him during the last hours while Mr. Maytag had one of the most triumphant deaths that he has seen during his twenty-five years of ministry. Since he has gone, others must take his place.

Taylor University needs a thousand friends right now who will take Mr. Maytag's place. He not only loved and prayed definitely for Taylor but he gave liberally. May God lay it upon your heart, as you read this article, to be one of a thousand who will pray and give sacrificially for the work at Taylor. Her needs were never greater than right now. You have no idea what it would mean, if Taylor could have immediately a thousand friends who would give from one to five thousand dollars a year to help carry on.

God is blessing Taylor and while T. H. Maytag is rejoicing and discovering all the wonders of God's redemptive love, souls here at Taylor's altars are being blessedly converted and mightily baptized with the Holy Spirit. Do you want this work to continue? If so let us hear from you that you will be one of a thousand to help Taylor University meet her budget so that she can carry on.

LEMUEL A. PITTENGER, M.A., PRESIDENT  
OF BALL STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE,  
MUNCIE, INDIANA

Five mighty social movements command the attention of the thinking world. One, the effort to solve financial problems. Two, the assault on the church, either physically, as in Spain and Italy, or by neglect and reproach, as in our own country. Three, the effort, notably in Russia, to provide for all a reasonable income, an education, and a part in the government. Four, the effort to do all work by machinery, which instead of providing the desired leisure for creative thinking leaves millions stranded without work, and dependent upon the dole. Five, the cry for a philosophy of life to explain and correct our consuming materialism.

Labor, the foreign element, intemperance, unemployment, the physically unfit, all demand attention, and civic righteousness is one of the greatest needs of the day. These problems must be met by the education of the mass mind. Here lies Taylor's opportunity, and the opportunity of her new president. The campus has always been dedicated to the high principles of the lowly Nazarene. It must continue to serve and educate youth along these same principles.

## THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN THE SERVICE OF YOUTH

By EARL ENYEART HARPER, D.D.,  
President of Evansville College

Dr. Harper said, in part, that for the understanding of youth's peculiar environment, his aims and ideals, we must find him in the high school. By dealing with the mind and ideals of the high school today we know that type which tomorrow will be asking for admission to the college. Providentially the Christian college is uniquely equipped to render to the boy and girl from the high school exactly the service they not only need but desire. The Christian college is: first, established by the church; second, it has a faculty of Christian men and women who interpret the curricular subjects in the light of Christian faith; third, specific attention is given to subjects dealing with the religious life of the student; fourth, above all a Christian environment is sought by all. Our church is rather uniquely in the college business. The college of higher learning of the church in America today is the college of liberal arts. We have developed universities, as at Boston and Los Angeles, but the core of our church education program is the college of liberal arts. We are in the college business to serve youth; to discover what God put into the heart of youth, and to draw it out; to bring to the fullest fruition what God has put in the youth.

Mrs. Harper and I organized what we call the "Talkies" in our home. We invite fifteen, twenty or thirty students in for a social hour, a chat, refreshments, then with the light out and all sitting on the floor before a glowing grate we talk what is in our hearts. I find that the chief interest of today's high school student is "What is to be my life work?" No other question is comparable to this, and I have interviewed tens of thousands of students. The next question is "How can I get the training and equipment for my work?" Time was when the eighth grade terminated the normal education period in America. Then this period moved up to the completion of a high school course, and now it the junior college, or the first two years of a liberal arts course. Heads of great professional schools now realize that the fundamental preparation is not completed in high school. Harvard and John Hopkins and various theological schools demand a college degree for entrance. So the college of liberal arts becomes the logical answer to the secondary question of youth.

The professions preferred by high school youth are engineering, aviation, and education, in this order. Art and music have their place. But there is no interest in agriculture nor religion today in the high school. Seldom is youth interested in either the ministry or missionary work as a profession. But youth have an interest in the social-moral problems. (Here Dr. Harper read dozens of questions asked him repeatedly by high school students and elaborated this thought.) These

young people are living under great pressure. Temptations are more numerous than they were in our day. The result will be probably many tragedies and human shipwrecks. But these boys and girls are not to blame for this moral laxity, nor the tremendous temptations of the age. They do not write our novels nor make the scenarios for our pictures, and they are susceptible. The youth of today have come out of a situation and environment which have put them under a moral test such as no generation has ever met, and I believe deep down in their hearts they are anxious about how they may preserve their self respect and in the great social-moral problems. Their religious idealism is superficial and we have reason to ask ourselves what is wrong with our religious education in the communities, which does not attract, challenge nor win the youth. The Christian college itself is rendering a magnificent service along this line, and sending thousands of trained teachers and lay men back to their communities. God bless its high endeavor and look with favor upon Taylor University in its great program as it goes forward under its new general!

### IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS THIS YEAR SEND TAYLOR UNIVERSITY A THANKSGIVING GIFT.

It costs much more than Taylor receives from each student in fees and tuitions. Taylor is doing her best to balance her budget. You can help by telling us that you will put \$100 in this for this year and, if you can not send it all now, make as large a first payment as possible and tell us when we may expect the balance.

### TAYLOR UNIVERSITY IS SUPPORTED SOLELY BY THE GIFTS OF HER CONSE- CRATED INTERESTED FRIENDS.

#### WANTED! INTERCESSORS

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"This afternoon at 4:30 while praying for the dear school and its work, the Lord laid conviction on my heart." This alumna continues, "I believe it is of the Lord that I may share the blessing of a small gift with you. I am inclosing a draft for \$500 for the school that made it possible for me to spend myself in the Lord's work in (one of the mission fields). I feel that I can pray better for the school and its coming revival with this draft away from before my eyes, and with my pockets a bit lighter."

While Taylor continues to hold up "the highest New Testament standard of experience and life," we are soliciting you to engage in definite intercession for her spiritual and material needs. Please advise us of the hour of the day which you plan to spend in prayer. Dr. Stuart hopes to belt the globe with the Taylor Prayer Circle, into which we are now inviting you.