Taylor’s Growth Delights Bishop

Bishop Raymond J. Wade writes:

The visit to Upland the fifth of November brought one of the real thrills of the year. It was a marvelous autumn day. Taylor University campus loomed up entrancingly. My heart was immediately cheered upon receiving the good news from President Stuart of 25 per cent increase in attendance in the College of Liberal Arts for this year, of a balanced budget for the most recent period, of generous and sacrificial gifts received through prayer and faith in hours of striking need, of the loyal and enthusiastic alumni as well as the friends in the William Taylor Foundation.

Outward signs of encouragement did not exceed those of an inward character. The happy, contented, yet eager faces, of the student body I have not found excelled anywhere. To this no doubt the recent glorious revival had contributed very much. There were no complaints. On the other hand, there was enthusiasm and cooperation. I mingled with the student group freely. There are many needs. Perhaps the most immediate and outstanding need is that of a new library building to relieve the present congestion. What a wonderful opportunity for consecrated wealth!

Taylor University is definitely and beautifully Christian. Nothing pleased me more than the quiet, but unabashed, piety of the students, the love and consecration of the faculty, and the esteem in which all are held. I came away feeling more than ever that Taylor University deserves the prayers, the support, the gifts of friends everywhere.

Yours most cordially,
Raymond J. Wade

LET US BE THANKFUL
Taylor University--Staff, Students, Alumni, Parents, and Friends Are Thanking God

For His Glorious Presence
First, we thank God for His glorious presence upon our campus and for the tokens of His approval of the work of the school. Already over a hundred young people have bowed at our altars and have either been gloriously converted, or sanctified by a mighty baptism of Christ’s holy spirit. Already in our Monday morning clinic chapel our students have reported at times more than thirty people that they have seen led to Christ in their gospel team work. We also thank Him for the open doors that are coming to us for Youth Conferences. Many effective calls are coming.

Second, we want to thank God for such a splendid increased student body who are so happy and blessedly Christian. We want to thank him for the large number of friends, both old and new, that he has given Taylor University. He is raising up a group of faithful laymen across the continent and around the world to not only pray but to give of their tithe for the carrying on of Taylor’s work. We thank Him for such a wonderful world-wide group of alumni. Their love and appreciation and cooperation in William Taylor Foundation memberships and in getting new students encourages our hearts.

Third, we want to thank God that He has given us the Taylor University School of Religion under the able leadership of Dean J. A. Huffman. Never has there been a greater need for thorough, consecrated, Christian training in this field for our youth. Taylor University is constructive in her teachings and feels that Christ must stand at the center of it all. We are determined to walk humbly with God and do His will regardless of the cost. Let every friend of Taylor thank God for His marvelous blessings, and pledge Him that he is going to stand by the school both with his gifts and his prayers.
Thanksgiving Day! May it be for our great nation more than just a holiday, just a day of gladness and expression of the joy of living. May praise, worshipful praise, ascend from glad and grateful hearts to the good God, who has given us his providential care, expressed in the blessing of peace in our nation, and of fruitage and harvest and of increase in flock and herd in our fields.

Along with these fundamental blessings upon us all, so many of us have our special blessings for which we should give thanks. Here at Taylor it seems every day is a thanksgiving day; and especially so since the opening of school in September. The drought of the parching summer days put a sombre brown garment over the beauty of our campus, but before the return of the old students to the place they love so much — to scenes that see so much of love and romance bud and bloom — and before the coming of the wonderful group of new students to begin the give-and-take of the active, interesting, and enriching experiences at Taylor, the opening windows of heaven had poured out the copious showers upon the thirsty ground, touching into new life the all-but-famished vegetation, and displacing the sombre brown with verdant green. And now the blush and glory of Autumn is on our shrubs and trees above the soft green of the turf in the open spaces of our beautiful campus. Now, with the exuberant, beautiful, aspiring young life, bright-faced, vigorous, laughing, playful, but deep-flowing in moral purpose and in the unspeakable love of the Great Redeemer, moving along our winding walks, in the midst of this beauty of color, it seems a picture fit to bring to birth whatever of the poet lies within us waiting for the touch of Beauty.

There, I must stop this reverie, or I'll forget myself into rhythm, and be lured to linger as if on a Mount of Vision! But truly these things are realities, and those lesser values and realities such as money and worldly goods are only instrumental to what I have described and to much more that lies latent, potential, and implicate in the picture.

Doesn't it give you a thrill — all you who have put prayer, or service, or concrete hard cash, into a picture like this — to see these transmuted into fine, trained, beautiful, strong, consecrated Christian personalities throbbing with eagerness to do something to rescue the perishing, and to build the Kingdom of God among men? Doesn't it make you want to see the good work go on, and not only go on, on the same level, but increase and bring under its influence more of our young people who otherwise will miss God's best for them, and perhaps, miss the way of eternal life entirely?

At the Thanksgiving time most people seek to make practical and objective their spirit of thanksgiving. Prayerfully consider Taylor in this relation.

I hardly need reiterate what has already gone out from other pencils in statements of our encouraging increase in enrollment, our deep and wide revival, and what seems to me a wonderful unity and harmony of high purpose in the campus life. These things, with the growing in favor with many of the best people of the world, are constant reason for thanksgiving. We do thank God each day, and take courage; and now we join the National Chorus of Thanksgiving.

A few years ago when my Muse was inspiring on the eve of our national Thanksgiving Day I wrote the following poem through which again I express my thought and feeling:

**THANKSGIVING**

Shall I be thankful just today
When custom calls for me to say
"I thank Thee Lord"? Or shall I pay
My debt of thanks upon the way
As blessings come each day and hour,
And I am given grace and power
To see that from the clouds which lower
My life may be refreshed with shower?
The rain that makes the mud, makes grow
The happy, sweet-faced flowers that blow;
And tears shot through with faith may glow
As light-touched rain-drops make the bow
Whose glorious arch above the path
Of raging storm's reeding wrath
Turns fear to hope. The faith that hath
The power to cleanse is like the bath
That clears and soothes the dust-filled eye;
The soul that trusts can see the sky
When clouds hang low, or nightbirds fly,
When wealth takes wings, and honors die
Then let each day Thanksgiving bring
An offering to our Lord and King;
Let life and voice together sing
As upward borne on Hope's strong wing.
But now the multitude, the throng,
In unison take up the song;
I'll join this chorus loud and strong
"All thanks and praise to Him belong."

To my students of the many years I send greetings and invite you to write me more frequently. I notice a great falling off in my old student correspondence. I do not wish to have it so. I like to hear from you. Write and put us in touch with potential new friends.
Taylor's Financial Support

By Field Secretary, Roy W. Knight

No college is ever supported entirely by its students' fees. These are a material help but in themselves would not make possible any institution of higher learning. Because of this every college must have some plan for financial support. Some have large endowments the income from which is sufficient to furnish an operating fund. Some receive considerable support from a church conference or other denominational group. Some receive direct appropriations from the state.

None of these are true of Taylor University. We do have some endowment but not nearly enough to provide an operating income. Taylor receives no direct help from any church group. Of course Taylor gets no appropriation from the state. Through a will or an estate note or otherwise Taylor occasionally receives a larger gift. These are a great help and are very much appreciated. They bring cheer and encouragement to all connected with the school. What a joy it must be to those who are able to thus do an outstanding deed for Christ and for worthy youth. This alone would make life worth while. But we do not receive many of these. Taylor must look for a considerable part of its support to a large number of comparatively small gifts. For this purpose Taylor issues a William Taylor Foundation membership to all who give at least ten dollars. This membership gives to the donor a voting privilege in the annual meeting of the Foundation. Every alumnus and friend of Taylor University ought to be able to give or solicit a minimum of ten dollars a year, not just for one year but for a continuing membership for life.

There is a distinct advantage in these smaller gifts. If enough of them can be secured it will insure not only financial support but the interest of a large number of donors. We want and must have the money but we also need the good will and the prayers of God's people. This school was founded and through all these years has been maintained by prayer and faith in God. Many a time during my student days in some desperate crisis have I seen the President call a day of prayer and students and faculty alike would give themselves to intercession for the school. Somehow we always came through. And thus it has been for many years. We still need your prayer as well as your money.

Taylor University is a college for the common people. To be sure students who are financially able to go to more expensive schools do come to Taylor, but because there are no expensive social organizations young people of limited financial resources can come and receive the very best in educational preparation for life. During Jesus' life the common people heard him gladly. They still do and to them is committed much of the work of the kingdom of God.

Primarily there is only one reason for the existence of a school like Taylor University. Probably the larger universities could absorb the student body of Taylor without overcrowding. Other schools have just as high a standard of scholarship (no higher). But Taylor has not lost her way spiritually as so many other schools seem to have done. Here young people may receive a college education in an atmosphere that insures rather than discourages a vital faith in Christ. For that influence I have thanked God many times during the twenty-one years since my graduation from Taylor.

Because of these things God has a place for Taylor in His scheme of things, and His people who love the cause of Christ and believe in the standards which Taylor holds high should make a place for Taylor in their affections and prayers and gifts.

Everywhere we are finding young people eager to go to college and wistfully looking toward such a school as Taylor. To many it may be their best chance to find God in Christ as a personal experience. The transformed lives of youth are Taylor's best credentials.

To support Taylor University is to do the work of Christ. This cause is worthy of a portion of your tithe. By all means care for the local interests of the Kingdom in your community, but do not forget such a strategic center of influence as Taylor where young people are receiving such a training in body, soul and mind as shall really fit them for this life and the life that is to come.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT your $10 membership, or statement that you will do so, to Taylor University, do it at this blessed Thanksgiving season.
Christianity Is a Religion for Living

By Coach Art W. Howard

We as Christians are not to live apart from the world but rather in its midst. Christ prayed "not that we be taken out of the world but that we be kept unspotted from the world." The test of our experiences is what it can stand while under fire. While we are more or less sheltered in our College life Athletics provide a controlled clinic in which to test, and thus strengthen, our Christian experience.

Self-control is a virtue practiced and tested in Athletics. There is always the need for control of anger and the more violent emotions, but as important is the need for mental control over eagerness and kindred feelings. The athlete must strictly control his feelings, think calmly, bide his time, and then do the right thing at the right time. (The "kill" in tennis, the break in basketball, the pickup and throw in baseball, the sprint in track, must be made according to a correct time for each.)

Athletics promote honesty. A cheater in athletics is never "smart" but soon finds himself discredited and an outcast among his fellows.

One of the greatest lessons to be learned in athletics is patience. Success is not gained over-night on the playing field. Success comes only after long, hard, and perhaps tedious work. Surely in athletics each individual clearly discovers that "goals" are achieved as a direct result of individual effort, that perseverance is rewarded and shiftlessness penalized.

To win in Athletics demands Temperance. The Apostle Paul said, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." There is no concealing of intemperance in athletics. It is there for all who understands its symptoms to see. The intemperate may be good but never great. They always fall short of their best.

Perhaps the greatest virtue that Christ desired each of us, his followers, to have was a self-sacrificing spirit. The willingness to forget self in the interest of others or a cause. This willingness must be demonstrated in all team games. In "teamwork" each must find his place and the good of the team must come first. Individual recognition and fame must be submerged in working with others. Each must glory in the success of the cause though his efforts seem to go unnoticed.

These things are the result of well-planned and conducted athletics. There is no laborious acquiring of virtues but they can become a part and parcel of our lives while we are indulging our love for competition.

Christianity must stand the test of the world. Why not test it carefully and cautiously on the Athletic field? If it passes the test there, it is far better fitted to pass unscathed through a critical world.

Taylor's Basketball Squad for 1936-37

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