The Central Idea

Holiness, doctrinally stated, experimentally realized, practically applied. This is the “central idea of Christianity.” So Bishop Peck expressed it in his classical book under that title which has gone through three editions—the first from the Methodist Book Concern, the second from the Free Methodist Publishing House and the third from the Pentecostal Publishing Company.

Our Lord gave as his reason for praying for the sanctification of his disciples, “that the world may believe.” Included among those for whom he prayed were all New Testament believers (John 17:20). We learn from him in this passage that it was through disciples that disciples were to be made. The children of the Lord are the seed of the kingdom (Matt. 13:38). The spread of the gospel is up to the rank and file of Christ’s followers, and not just the ordained ministry and a few class leaders and church officials. The Spirit’s baptism (Acts 1:8) was promised not to make wonder workers out of us, not that we might speak in unknown tongues or perform bewildering miracles; but that we might be witnesses unto him, unto the uttermost part of the earth. If the success or failure of world evangelism hangs upon the church in its rank and file, any movement that puts the church on top spiritually hastens the coming of the kingdom. Moreover, those who would go after missionary achievement and neglect to emphasize the pentecostal fulness in themselves and the candidates they employ are expecting the end without the means. Their failure can be written down before they start. Holiness and missions are as essentially related as sunlight and noon. Nor do substitutes suffice; nor does it argue anything but childishness to seek for other terminology and evade the Scriptural utterances and the language of the fathers. After the Holy Spirit is poured out, our young men shall get the vision, our sons and daughters will have the enthusiasm, and the necessary forces will be available to put over a program for the King.

Thousands of young men are tarrying at Jericho for their beards to grow, and Taylor University is one of the Jerichos; but we try to make it a Jerusalem also, where they shall tarry to be endued with power from on high. The soundness of our position on this central idea has been confirmed by the test of results in the lives and ministries of those sons and daughters of the institution whose talent has been normal, who have been true to the vision shown them in the mount.

*Bishop W. F. Oldham, spiritual son of Bishop William Taylor for whom this institution is named. Bishop Oldham is a missionary to the world. His present area is South America. He is to be in the Upland Convention and the Taylor University Commencement. He is seen standing by Bishop Taylor’s grave.
Come to the Feast

The June Convention at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.
June 6 to 15, the spiritual high-tide:
A Holiness Convention,
A Hoosier Camp Meeting,
A Missionary Conference,
A School of Evangelism.
June 15 to 18, the educational high-tide, the red letter days of old Taylor. It all winds up at noon on the eighteenth with Harold Paul Sloan's big address on the inspiration of the hour, the conferring of degrees and diplomas, followed by an afternoon of informal fellowship, pleasantries and goodbyes.

The Talent

It is too early to name all of the talent, but we are assured of the following for various parts of the program.
William H. Huff
Bishop W. F. Oldham.
Thomas Clark Henderson.
W. G. Nixon.
Joseph Owen.
G. G. Vallentyne.
Ruth Harris.
Harold Paul Sloan.
The President and Faculty of Taylor University.
Most of the Members of the Legal Hundred.
Not the least, The Students, freed from examination worries and trained for service and song.

Upland and Neighboring Communities.

The first five days of the convention will be particularly set for the local people and those of the neighboring towns. A campaign of publicity and attractive invitations will be conducted and we shall try to revive a local pleasure in this institution which ought to be regarded a queen of the hoosier commonwealth. But we expect the whole nation represented. Out-of-Indiana guests may come any time, but all will be especially set for "the whole world" Thursday June 12 and through the 18th. The Indiana Holiness Association is invited as a whole, and all who ought to belong to it. It will have a business meeting just after noon Saturday, June 14, followed by a big afternoon rally in the interest of the camp meeting work of the State.

All who are interested in a complete program or in questions of entertainment, should address E. O. Rice, Business Manager of Taylor University.

The Cost

The Legal Hundred and the regular ministry will be provided for by special appropriation.
Fifty cents a day for bed in a congenial club room, and breakfast, to every one who registers.
A dollar for room and breakfast if he wants the room to himself.
A cafeteria will be on the campus, to provide food as desired. Camping space, water and lavatories free to all who bring tents.

The Meetings

A big tent will be erected on the campus to supplement the chapel; the opening event will be a sermon by Thomas Clark Henderson, editor of the Christian Witness, Friday evening, June 6; and thence forward, parallel with the daily program of the University will be a series of meetings far reaching in interest and blessing. The professors' lectures will be shaped so as to embrace their most interesting topics as a climax to their courses, and visits to the class rooms will be a profitable feature.

Taylor University has some splendid gospel teams. They work in Indiana during the school session, bringing blessing to many churches that invite them. Last year they held extended revival campaigns in churches of other states and were instrumental in the salvation of numbers of souls. Pastors needing such help should look ahead and send in their invitations. Our quartets may also plan a day or two's visit in each of several camp meetings, at no cost but entertainment, if representatives of the camps will write us in time.

Are you interested in one of the most engaging programs since the days of early Christianity? Do you wish to be a part of this movement with your influence, talent or resources? Do you care to give it a bit of encouragement? Then, when you have partaken of the good things on pages 1, 2 and 3, stay for the aftermeeting and offer a prayer over the contents of page 4.
We Must Say It to the Point

No one working in the field for Taylor University gets a rake-off or commission on what is solicited for the school.

It is possible that this issue of the Bulletin came to you by special request of the President or some other friend. It will cost you nothing but a postal card to get on the regular mailing list if you desire to receive the messages we publish and keep in touch with this work.

Alexandria, Indiana, camp meeting this year will be August 8-17. The election of Dr. John Paul as President of the camp brings the camp and Taylor University into closer co-operation. The workers will be Rev. Wm. H. Huff, Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Rev. A. P. Gouthey, Rev. C. C. Rinebarger and others. This old camp, in one of America's most beautiful parks, and with a lovely class of people, is expected this year to score one of its best records for the Kingdom.

Dr. Myron E. Taylor and our Wisconsin friends are just now giving special attention to raising a fund for erecting the Wisconsin Building on our campus. Several thousand dollars of the fifty thousand needed have been subscribed, and we should be glad to hear from any native sons or citizens of Wisconsin who would care to have a part in this enterprise that will be such an honor to Wisconsin and such a help to Taylor University.

Ways to help Taylor University: (1) Cash or subscription to use "where most needed." (2) Contributions designed for building, indebtedness, chairs of instruction, etc. (3) Buy annuity bonds, drawing reasonable interest till death. Non taxable. (4) After death bonds or estate notes. (5) Add a codicil to your will, providing for the future of Taylor University. (6) Loans, effected by subscribing for regular 6 per cent bonds. These are taxable.

From fifteen to twenty new students, the pick of the land, added to our fall family of "old ones." This was the big event of Taylor's opening, January 2nd, for the new calendar year. The month was marked by a splendid revival under Dr. A. L. Whitcomb in the Methodist Church of Upland, Rev. H. R. Carson, pastor. Our students gave and received their share of blessing. We run on the quarter system, and the winter term is a very gracious success. The spring quarter will open March 26, at which time Mrs. W. L. Murphy, an elect lady of Sebring, Ohio, will begin a week of special services to bring spiritual help to the students. It will be remembered that last year our women's department was honored with the presence of Dr. Iva Durham Vennard. Taylor gives full and equal rank to its womanhood.

A UNIVERSITY NOT YET.

A university is a school of higher learning usually including a college of liberal arts and sciences, but required to include at least four organized graduate schools which are outstanding, with certain stipulated buildings, library, equipment and endowment. There are only a few in the nation. It is estimated that a majority of them that are called universities are not such in the proper meaning of the term. In the older days college and university were often treated as synonyms, or the terms were used by well meaning promoters who had not mastered all the meanings. A motion was considered to use the word college instead of university when our Legal Hundred was organized; but it was decided that the world understood the words Taylor University, that they were written in the diplomas of our graduates and associated in the minds of our friends the world over so that the sacrifice of this historic symbol would mar the meaning of our publicity for years to come. It will therefore continue to be Taylor University, which some are pleased also to call "the life service college."

A standard college has come to mean a school that requires fifteen quarter-sessions of high school work for admission, and sixty session hours of sixty minutes, limited to about fifteen a week to graduate. A school with a well appointed library of not less than eight thousand volumes, with adequate equipment in its laboratories, physics, chemistry and biology especially, with State-approved teachers enough to keep all classes down to about thirty in size, with not less than eight or nine collegiate departments with heads, none of whose training is less than the master's degree and the majority having such graduate training as is presupposed for the doctor of philosophy degree—three full years of graduate training. The school must also have $500,000 in productive endowment aside from the valuation of its plant.

Taylor University fairly approximates every one of these requirements excepting the last, where it has only $137,000 in productive endowment; some of this at present not being in due technical form. The friends of the school, however, make up for this financial deficiency by their annual sustentation gifts, and the law is so nearly in equivalents that our graduates seldom meet any embarrassment in getting their credentials or grades recognized. Our friends and our Legal Hundred are earnestly pressing toward the day when there will not be another thing left to apologize for in the criteria of this school that now stands with the first colleges of the nation in its contribution of graduates to the ministry and mission field and even to the teaching profession and the ranks of the active Christian laity.
We Have Good News for You

Item Number One
Since our last Bulletin was printed one elect friend in an eastern state who never saw our campus, but who loves the Bible, has given us fifty thousand dollars through the Legal Hundred, to use "where most needed." This is in bankable notes payable $5,000 every six months; but sixteen thousand of it has been paid down ahead of time. A few thousand in other gifts and pledges and some in annuity bonds has been given since last you heard from us. Certain friends have subscribed for thirteen thousand dollars of our regular 6 per cent bonds to be delivered in June; and some have intimated that when they see us make good these will be turned back as gifts to the school. Not the least among the beautiful things, a number of those who were creditors under the old regime have said to the Legal Hundred officials, "We will give the school one third of what the old administration owes us and will take another third in 6 per cent bonds when full settlement is made." Mark this, those who are jealous for the reputation of a college on full Bible lines: Every bill this school year has been met on the dot in cash, usually claiming discounts where offered, and the teachers have received their salary every two weeks—and none of the Legal Hundred's money has been used for this. Just student fees and small sustentation gifts.

Item Number Two
Taylor University has an endowment of faith and character, a heritage of men and women, a quota of unshakable integrity in the Christianity of the New Testament, wherein it is anchored for all time by its charter and its character. This has enabled it thus far to do more business for God and humanity in proportion to its material capital perhaps than any college on earth. A thousand dollars plus this consideration is three times as big as a thousand dollars minus it. What is our conclusion? That the field of education scarcely holds so inviting an investment as is found at Taylor University. Will there be enough of "children of light" in charge of consecrated money who will see this in time to put the two dormitories that are needed on this campus by next September? Will there be enough of enlightened souls to see that the institution must obey the law requiring a minimum endowment of five hundred thousand dollars? We haven't the wish to ask anything of you but prayer. Perhaps you have money, small or large, to put into such a movement, but you want to be sure of your leading. We can give you our conviction, we who are devoting our lives in sacrifice to this work, but we reason that you are as close to the Lord as we are and He can lead you. "What He says unto you, do it." The hour of opportunity has struck.

A TAYLOR HYMN

Four square to ev'ry wind that blows,
My alma mater stands;
Her line with peace and blessing goes
To men in distant lands.
And out to earth's remotest bound
Her children make her name renowned.
The rainbow clothes her maple bowers
When autumn classes meet;
Her campus drinks the summer showers
And wears the winter sleet.
In spring when friendships fonder grow
Her orchard trees are white as snow.

A beacon light among her peers,
In modesty serene,
Old Taylor speaks through changing years
For standards high and clean;
And holding not the truth in strife
Exalts the Spirit and the life.
Though I be borne from golden scenes
Of childhood's early hours,
Let not life's swiftly flowing streams
Bear me from Taylor's towers,
Her happy fields, her friendly halls,
And standards taught within her walls.