Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it:—Rev. 3:8.

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"Taylor is Doing More Business on Less Capital Than Any Other School in the Country"—Rev. M. C. Foltz

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Taylor Greets You

Who has seen that stately tower
And known within her halls the quickening power
Of God's "Good News," yet stifles now within his breast.
The clamoring call to serve her in the test?
A traitor he who for a place and fame
Would laugh to scorn his mother's face and name!
Rise, Spirit of Alumni, rise, oh rise!
Let heaven with her blue and vaulted skies,
Send back a flood of praise to overthrow
And set at naught devices of our foe!

A Memorial to God's Faithfulness

In an age of unbelief and a period of financial depression we are asking for that which men call impossible—the raising of an immediate fund to pay our honest obligations.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars By June 14th, 1922
Taylor University is in debt. The institution that has seldom turned a poor boy or girl from its doors of opportunity labors under a heavy load of obligation. One hundred thousand dollars is the amount of her burden.

Such a sum seems staggering, but in the face of the school’s need it is small. One item—our new heating plant, which was an absolute necessity—accounts for forty thousand of the present indebtedness. Extravagance therefore has not led us to our present situation for we take pride in our careful, prayerful administration of funds. Anyone who has ever known our Acting President, Dean B. W. Ayres, knows beyond a doubt that he values the gifts of saving, praying people too highly to ever be loose in expenditures for the school.

Feeling therefore that our position and our cause are just and worthy we have determined that more than ever before we will throw our burden on Him who “holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands.” We are learning the lesson of greater trust in God, and learning that lesson has led us to observe a set time for prayer touching on school needs, spiritual as well as material, for we know we must keep our altar fires aglow.

Sunday afternoon, March 10th, saw the first of these special prayer meetings. The business manager of the University reported that freight, light and telephone bills amounting to a thousand dollars must be paid the following week. The telephone company had even threatened to cut off our service if its bill was not settled. These matters were then presented in fervent prayer to God. With what result? At our meeting of March 17th the business manager reported all three items cared for and a fifty percent increase in deposits over any average week of the year. Thank God for victory!

We must tell you the story of one contribution. A student of this institution had a money order for five dollars which had been sent to her as a gift. With this amount the young lady, who is working her way through school, had planned to purchase a new gingham dress. But she signed that money order in favor of Taylor University and presented it at the office as a gift toward the lifting of our one hundred thousand dollar debt. Someone should buy back that gingham dress a thousand times.

Our plan now is to meet each Sunday afternoon at four o’clock, praying for the immediate needs of the week before us and for the final lifting of the hundred thousand dollar debt by commencement day of this year. George Muller operated his English orphanages by prayer and faith, and may it not be that from this little hilltop Taylor University shall hurl a challenge at doubt and skepticism through her victory of prayer and faith? Pray with us at the appointed hour and God will have honor to His name.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS
FROM ALUMNI IN THE FIELD

"I have been in Taylor myself and know it is a safe place to send our Chinese girls."—A missionary to China.

"Nothing would suit me better than to lift a large part of Taylor's debt."

"I have not forgotten how I came to Taylor with but $10 in my pocket, and how you people gave me the chance to obtain a college education. But best of all my ideals were molded in that dear school."—A boy from Porto Rico.

"I am enclosing a check for $50. I had been intending to send a check for $25 later, but by doing without some things just now and changing some plans I have been able to double the amount."—This graduate teaches school and supports an invalid brother.

"I am especially grateful to the Lord for permitting me to spend three years at Taylor. Since coming to University I am made to appreciate even more the spirit and also the safety of T. U."'"I rejoice to know that the spiritual life is keeping pace with the intellectual. The one year spent at Taylor has somehow so woven my affections to her that I shall always have an abiding interest in her."

"I always remember Taylor University with the kindest and warmest feelings. The religious teachings and principles learned there shall forever remain with me."

"God bless the dear old school! I want you to know that I believe in Taylor University and the things she stands for just as truly as I ever did. I am standing almost alone in this hot-bed of destructive criticism, and I am certainly "catching it" on every hand, but by the grace of God I am going to stand true. Our church is thriving on the preaching of full salvation."

"I rejoice with you in knowing that faith and prayer are bringing victory and that the tradition and spirit of Taylor University still live. The sacrificing spirit and the devotion to ideals, shown by both students and faculty, will always be an inspiration to this pastor for holy living and loving service for our Master. May Taylor never lose her strong emphasis upon the highest spiritual life, but rather may devotion to her vision of Christian life and service remain constant in the face of all discouragement and opposition, is my prayer."

"I should like to express my conviction that Taylor is America's best training school not only for the missionaries but also for those who would get for themselves the highest values out of life, and render their fellowmen the largest and loftiest service. I have been deeply impressed by the fact that, academically strong, she has kept and increased her spiritual power."—From a Filipino who last year ranked sixth in Boston University graduate school.

"The burden of my heart is that Taylor may continue to be the training station of God-sent ministers and missionaries. Please put me down for one hundred dollars for next year's running expenses. Although I am working my way through the Seminary I do not make this pledge in haste. I am determined that Taylor shall have more than prayers and words of praise."—This alumnus paid his pledge and renewed for another year.

TO THE ALUMNI

Read and act at once.

1. Send us names and "up-to-the-minute" addresses of Alumni and former students. If you have one of those self-addressed post cards on your desk fill it out and get in the mails.

2. Send us your dues! We have some worthy plans formulated, but cannot carry them on without funds. The Alumni Association is now an incorporated body. You want to be a member, and help in shaping the policies of your Alma Mater.

3. Send us some news of yourself, and others of our Taylor family. We need it for our Alumni issue of the Echo in May.

DO IT TODAY

If YOU are in sympathy with Taylor University in its great task of Christian education, fill out this blank and return promptly:

I promise to pay to TAYLOR UNIVERSITY, UPLAND, INDIANA, $.......

Annually for five years, beginning (Month)... (Day)... (Year) 192...

Signed...

Street Address...
P. O. and State...

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KEITSU S. HIRAIDE
An Oriental Alumnus who is now a flaming evangel in the “Sunrise Kingdom”

He who in the land of the rising sun struggled so long for the light of life now goes about in the midst of his benighted countrymen emitting the effulgence of the Sun of righteousness. His devoutly religious parents, though Buddhists, imparted to him strong religious longings which neither the home of his nativity nor the experiences of financial disaster nor the homing with his wealthy kindred could satisfy. He could only reflect, "What is the secret of happiness? What am I living for? What is life?" These meditations begot a might struggle in his heart. He yearned for the land where "there is an eternal Kingdom, a Kingdom of righteousness, joy, peace and rest." For this he searched on many and sometimes distant pilgrimages to noted shrines but all to no avail. "I cannot tell you how much I struggled," he says, "how miserable I felt."

One day he observed a man poring very intently over a book. He inquired into the matter only to be made acquainted with the Bible, its gracious contents, and the soul satisfying experience of its owner, "He made me hungry to know his God," says Mr. Hiraide. He wanted the Bible for himself but was sorrowfully refused. All he could get was a book containing a harmony of the gospels, their exposition and some of the evidences of Christianity. He took that book, and ran back five miles to his home. He read and read. Two days and he had completed it. "The heavenly sunshine came into my heart," he says, "and all darkness, doubt, fear and misery vanished. Heaven, earth and everything became new; my soul had been born into the Kingdom."

"Being still hungry for a whole Bible" he set out in quest of one. He walked twenty miles for one, but in vain. He went to Tokyo, walking one hundred miles of the way, but in vain. Three months later he found a New Testament. "Oh what a happy boy was I!" he exclaimed. Finally after two more trips to Tokyo, he found a large family Bible. He paid the price, and grabbed the Bible as quick as possible.

The first eighteen months of his new life were spent in a searching of the Bible and in a humble but fruitful ministry to his countrymen. After having graduated from the Tokyo Bible Institute he engaged in home missionary work until he was finally led to come to the United States to continue his education. After a series of remarkable answers to prayer he arrived in Taylor University where through years of diligent application to his books, to the ministry, to missionary endeavors, and to evangelism he proved himself many times over. He become known in some quarters as the "Billy Sunday of the East."

Keitsu Hiraide is one of Taylor’s B. D.’s; and he is not ashamed of his Alma Mater. He proudly announces: "I finished my college and theological work at Taylor University."

He sailed for his homeland with a burning missionary zeal and an ambition to start a theological seminary and a Bible training school to train hundreds of the native preachers in the doctrine of full salvation, and to help evangelize Japan. His ambitions have in a measure been already realized, for he has a Bible school in Tokyo. He also publishes a Bible Expository Monthly, and in addition to this he is laboring untiringly among his people.

He has not lost his "first love" for his Alma Mater, for he keeps sending some of his people here for their educational training. He has just written that he expects to send us a new student next fall. Neither has he lost his Godly terror, as the name of his little son, Nobumichi, indicates. It means, "Preach-the-Word." His evangelistic zeal is unabated. At the recent world convention in Japan he was the very efficient interpreter of the editor of the Sunday School Times and was also instrumental in securing the editor’s evangelistic services for his Japanese people.

In closing this sketch we present his own testimony: "'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.' Praise the Lord, for he has saved my utterly despairing, sin-stained, wretched soul, and annointed me to preach the everlasting Gospel. Let all the glory be to his holy name! Amen."

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
Taylor University is happy to announce Dr. George Shaw, of Pittsburgh, for the commencement day address. Dr. Shaw was for several years our professor of Biblical Literature and with Dean Wray introduced the full seminary course which is now offered in the Taylor University School of Theology. These two devout men studied, prayed and sacrificed together and their sympathetic relations were consummated when side by side they traveled and studied in Europe several years ago.

Dr. Shaw is a man of brilliant mentality and deep piety, a close student of the Scriptures and a magnetic speaker. Our commencement visitors may be assured of hearing an address inspiring and prophetic.

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