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ISSUED MONTHLY

We discussed the live issue of evolution in our February Bulletin. That it is a live issue is a fact widely illustrated, by agitations in church and state legislative circles, and in the ardent missionary work that is being done by exponents on both sides of the question. My editorial "Does It Matter How God Made Us?" has brought considerable response. Several dozen copies were ordered for distribution by ministers in the conference most concerned by the book we reviewed: "Evolution or Christianity?"

Two pastors in Ann Arbor busied themselves recently to give out the status of sentiment on the subject in Michigan University. Their information is, that when students come, their belief in evolution runs about as follows: Congregational 80 per cent, Jewish 71 per cent, Methodist 59 per cent, and Catholic 29 per cent. When students leave Ann Arbor, the result of the melting pot shows an average of 87 per cent evolutionists. Evidently, somebody besides Mr. Bryan is interested in the evolution sugar stick. Just what these pastors mean by belief in evolution we cannot say precisely. We believe in the gradual processes of nature, but they would not count us, because we believe there was a divine creative act (a) in the origin of life, (b) in the origin of the species, and (c) in the origin of man.

Generally speaking, an evolutionist today is one who believes that all forms of life unfolded by a natural process from one germ, that man is the result of gradual improvement in some species of lower animals akin to monkeys. The brethren of the cloth who wish to enjoy a rating among modern educators give God the credit for this work of creation, affirming that it was by divine "process" without the formerly supposed "acts" of creation. Under their scheme history holds a grotesque situation in that imaginary point of time where man passes from just below to just above the brute border line—the passage

Spiritual Toadstools

or

Evolution in Its Non-Digestible Form

An Editorial by John Paul,
President of Taylor University

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from anthropoid to anthropos. Our clerical evolutionists shun this because it furnishes a problem in metaphysics too heavy for them to swing.

When a preacher is particular about his logic, which many are not, he must pave his way to the view of man's naturalistic origin by discarding the Biblical presentations of sin and atonement which are contingent upon the truthfulness of the fall of man as recorded in Genesis.

This done, it is easy to take a new view of the authority of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ, and all related matters in the Bible and the Gospel. It is found that the new program is more easily operated by borrowing much of the old terminology and quietly appropriating the institutions of orthodoxy under the claim that the same Gospel is being restated in the "thought-forms" of a new age. In fact there is not as much change in the thought-forms as there is in the thought. The simple truth about the situation was well stated in an article by Dr. Harold Paul Sloan in The Christian Advocate (New York) of November 1, 1923:

"The question at issue between liberalists and fundamentalists is not one of definition, or of the time and exact circumstances of Jesus' return, or of the theory of the atonement, or of the inspiration of the Scriptures. No one could possibly think these to be the issue who had read at all widely and with understanding. The question at

issue between liberalists and fundamentalists is the Christian faith itself. Liberalism is not a new interpretation of Christianity—it is a different religion. It is built upon a different set of facts (in so far as it is built upon any facts at all); it has a different spirit and self-consciousness; its attendant emotions are different; its ultimate confidence is different."

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Blasphemers are coming from under cover as never before, swearing by the "scientific" view of the Scriptures. Starting at this point an able writer in the people's column of the Ohio State Journal recently said: "Supernaturalism and selfishness are its (the Bible's) sole principles; supernaturalism being its source and selfishness being the motive for its observance." Like many a writer in the growing atheism of today he credits the "liberal" Christians with having a little more sense than the orthodox, but treats their concession to infidelity as an obligation to come all the way. And they will come all the way. The current teachings represent a transition. They must go back to orthodoxy or go on to infidelity.

There is no new discovery of science that calls for a new view of the Bible. The free and common sense treatment of Biblical authority dates back to John Wesley and even to the apostle Paul. The superstitions of verbal inspiration which marked the Calvinism of the middle ages are not held by representative exponents of historic Christianity; and the effort to line us all in that camp because we refuse to attend this banquet of fresh "science" is plain dishonesty. The modern view of the Bible which appropriates the flattering adjectives of "critical" and "scientific", which disdainfully junks the view of the fathers as "traditional", is attained by subjective methods, by men who have not a single new fact from archaeology or scientific research in two generations bearing materially upon the issues.

CONVENTION AND COMMENCEMENT

The convention and missionary conference at Taylor embraces June 5-14. The 14th closes a convention and opens the commencement which concludes at noon on the 17th. Many visitors are expected and as we hope to have our new kitchen and dining room ready with guests rooms in the new building, we shall be better prepared than ever to make it pleasant for the friends of Taylor coming from abroad. Developments have occasioned a slight change in the personnel of our speakers.

Rev. Thomas Clark Henderson, Rev. William H. Huff, Rev. T. M. Anderson, and Rev. and Mrs. John Thomas will be among the convention leaders. Dr. W. G. Nixon, President of the Legal Hundred, Bishop Joseph F. Berry, and Dr. Clarence True Wilson will be among the leaders in the commencement season. Many other notable men and women will share in this important period and we expect visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada and even from the missionary field.

There will be a mighty deepening of the spiritual wells and we hope that the convention will have a camp meeting feature which will bring many of the near neighbors of Taylor University into salvation and the fullness of the blessing. Persons planning to come should notify our business manager, Mr. E. O. Rice, Upland, Indiana, stating the part of the season that they will spend with us.

DR. FOSDICK GETS A GOOD AD.

The psychology of society is a caution. A genial gentleman with average platform ability and average mentality and training or, granted perhaps somewhat above the average, jars the regular order of things by sweetly rejecting what some of us believe to be the essentials of Christianity. The Presbyterian Church, with no essential animus, proposes to preserve its identity as one of the evangelizing forces of the world and, exercising the same right that would be exercised by the Farmers' Alliance, the Woodmen of the World, or even the Republican party, declines further to employ or approve Mr. Fosdick. The newspaper world with its ear for news with a kick gives him a million dollars worth of publicity. The Literary Digest, whose first page is shock absorber for high pressure stuff, echoes in its March 21st issue: "He cannot in these days be a martyr; no prison yawns for him; no stake awaits his body". We say, how sublime! Everybody knows how anxious the Presbyterian church is to hang Dr. Fosdick, and how the fundamentalists and old time Methodists would love to light fagots around the stake and sing, "Salvation's rolling on"! But a good government exercises a police power that protects him; and, indeed, we live in an age when great volumes of sentiment save us from the fierceness of those bigots who wish to inflict corporal punishment on men like Dr. Fosdick.

Anyhow, this is getting Dr. Fosdick lots of appointments in Methodist colleges and the rest, and why not. The average leader wants the well advertised person, if the flavor of his publicity is at all endurable. This is the idea with most of us for putting over our program. In seriousness it ought to be understood that to drop a man out of an organization whose principles he rejects is not persecution. If a man is a Unitarian, why does he not voluntarily join the Unitarians?

NOTES

Taylor omits its summer school in the coming season on account of the building and improvement program.

The intercollegiate debating teams of Taylor have won in every contest except two this season. They were successful in a double-header debate with two splendid teams from Earlham College which is one of Indiana's most famous institutions.

The athletic life of Taylor is very interesting and everybody gets exercise. The school athletics are not overshadowed by intercollegiate athletics. We attribute our good showing in intellectual

contests to the fact that our students are not distracted by athletic mania.

In the few months of this school year under the leadership of a student, Mr. Roy McMurray, musical talent has been discovered and organized in Taylor for one of the best bands in the State. They are getting calls in many communities with expenses paid and some remuneration. Recently our Business Manager and the business people of the town have enabled the band to secure an elegant set of uniforms in the college colors, purple and gold.

Building upon Professor Fenstermacher's good foundation, Professor Nunvar has developed an orchestra this year which is quite superior for its technique. Professor Nunvar's work will stand the test of the strictest technical criticism. They expect to give us a recital for the benefit of Bishop Oldham's work in South America.

The Christian Witness has become an organ of Taylor University. On our page every other week the President of Taylor is running an illustrated series of short articles entitled Who's Who in Taylor University. This splendid holiness weekly is \$1.50 a year. We hope the friends of Taylor will subscribe.

Our three field secretaries, R. B. Cramer, John A. Duryea, and Arnold C. Thompson have been experiencing some good encouragement representing Taylor in Ohio. They seem to have an anointing for their work. We may say the same of Mr. E. R. Ely who represents the school in Wisconsin.

Mr. E. O. Rice who carries the heavy end of our business affairs has recently made some visits to friends in other States with encouraging results. Brother Rice is a man of simple faith and when he puts forth his efforts for the school he always seeks to be backed by much prayer.

Dr. John Paul, President of Taylor, has been directing conventions at several centers on account of the death of Rev. George J. Kunz, President of the National Association for the Promotion of Holiness. Dr. Paul was First Vice President and will preside over the National till a new President is elected in the annual business meeting to be held at the convention in Trinity M. E. Church, Cincinnati, May 14th. A party of able ministers and musicians have shared this work and there have been gracious conventions which brought blessing to many churches. Two of the greatest were in Detroit and Cleveland.

COSTS AT TAYLOR

Rooms, furnished with light and heat, \$18.00 to \$24.00 per term of twelve weeks. You furnish your linen but we launder it.

Table board, per week taken a full term, \$4.50.

Regular tuition—College, Theology, Institute, per term of twelve weeks, \$36.00. This includes necessary fees.

Music, instrumental or vocal, under private instructor, \$24.00 to \$48.00 per term, according to professor chosen. One period a week at half rate.

Pipe Organ, per term, \$36.00.

Class Courses in Harmony, Counterpoint, Normal Training, etc., per twelve week term, \$12.00.

Expression, private instruction, per term, \$24.00.

Expression in class, per term, \$15.00.

THE HOLY GHOST AND FAITH

Nothing less than the Spirit-filled life gives ultimate satisfaction. Christianity is a life; not a philosophy, not an ethical league, not a reform movement. When we try to make it one of these its essential doctrines begin to be useless, to overtax our credulity, and we begin implicitly or explicitly to go back to them. Philosophy can not analyze the fact of the Trinity, the miraculous conception and deity of Jesus, the new birth, the witness of the Spirit, the experience of sanctification, or the miracles of our Lord. It can not, therefore, be expected to believe in Christianity when presented as a mere philosophy. As an ethical system or a reform movement it does not need these doctrines, nor can they live long, where the church is no more than a philanthropic or philosophical club. Useless things perish of themselves, even when they are not pruned away. It takes a Spirit-filled people to contend with unqualified sincerity for the faith once delivered to the Saints. A man may say that Jesus is the Christ, without the Holy Ghost, but what does it amount to? The posit does not grip his heart with conviction; his doubts are hushed, but they are not gone, and there is no living germ in his faith; nobody feels it, nobody catches it. Let the price of consecration be paid, and let a man be filled with the Spirit of God, and all the great supernatural doctrines will burst upon him as intuitive truths; they will be indispensable in his program; and no doubt will lurk in his spirit to denature the sound of his trumpet.

ENROLL FOR NEXT FALL

School opens September 23, 1925.

Books are now open for room reservations.

Taylor's rooming facilities are doubled, but orders are coming fast.

Room deposit is \$5.00 and will be credited on the term's expenses.

Opportunity is provided to make up deficient entrance credits.

Standard majors are offered in science, arts, education, philosophy, language, literature.

The best in music, expression, and decorative art. Taylor specializes in training high school teachers, the Upland High School furnishing supervised instruction.

Taylor's complete college course is accredited in the State of Indiana.

People are in training at Taylor for many vocations and pursuits.

Taylor is THE place to major in Missions or Bible and Theology.

Master's course is offered in theological major, with subject groups for teachers, preachers and missionaries.

Taylor University Bonds

Taylor University is owned by people who love God and believe the Bible. This class of people are best able to see in Taylor a real investment, and they are seeing it.

One who doubts the stability of the old Gospel and fears that the hammers of criticism will wear out the anvil of God's word cannot have faith for the future of colleges like Taylor University. He ought to invest his money in other directions.

Never before have the friends of Taylor had better ground for their faith in the school's future, under God. Never, indeed, have they shown more faith. The buildings whose new walls and roofs are pictured on this page attest the faith of God's people. This has gone up like magic, since school opened last fall. Fifty-three reservations were made in the new building before the close of the winter term. The demand for this increase of shelter is very urgent at Taylor.

The Time To Invest.

Taylor yet has some bonds that ought to be placed quickly, for two reasons. The money invested will complete the interior of the new building, and bring deep satisfaction to the investor. He will have the assurance that his dollars are at work for him and for the Kingdom of Christ, and, at the same time, that they are handled on a sound business basis, with six dollars protection in property values for each dollar in bonds.

The Bonds Described.

The regular bonds are of definite duration, redeemable at par when they mature. They have coupons, to be clipped every six months, providing six per cent interest, collectible through the bank. One of Indiana's good banks is trustee of the bond issue. They may be purchased in amounts of fifty dollars up to a thousand or more.

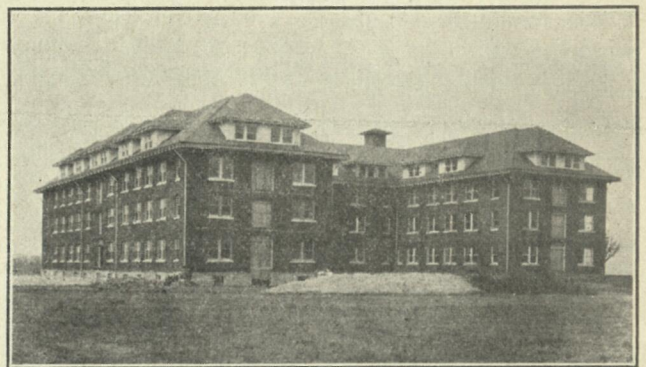
Another Bond —The Annuity.

If you want to will something to Taylor when you are through with it, place it now. By turning money, bonds or mortgage papers over to Taylor and taking annuity bonds in exchange, your taxes

cease, your cares and worries are less, and if you are advanced in years you get a better interest than is paid on the regular bonds. Husband and wife can receive a bond so written that it will bear interest as long as either of them lives.

Better Still

The waters are troubled. Our friends have spoken, with gifts and investments from many states. A wonderful building is erected, with no borrowed money (save as represented in bonds). All workmen are paid up, and there are no serious debts on material. Some of God's stewards have their tithe to invest. We are hoping that they will feel led to make some straight gifts to the building at Taylor, or to make pledges on the blank at the bottom of this page. That will be an investment, though they take no bond and expect no interest. Returns will be experienced here and hereafter in values more precious than gold.



This is a recent photograph of Taylor's new building under construction. The north unit at the right, is Stanley Magee Memorial. The middle unit is the John D. Campbell building. The south unit is the Wisconsin Building. There will be a hundred seventy-eight bed rooms, with running water in each; three parlors; several lobbies and halls; four sets of stairs and an elevator; a great general dining room, with section for luncheons; kitchen and service room; a basement for laundering and another for recreation and social events. Twelve splendid porches will appear on the finished building, with stately pillars of oval concrete—three on the north, three on the south and six on the east, accommodating the first three ascensions. Counting the ground floor, the building is five stories high. It would easily cost \$200,000 or much more under some business managements. The splendid economy of E. O. Rice and his valued associate and adviser H. C. Miller, will enable us to complete the building probably for less than \$150,000. Would you like a memorial room in honor of some loved one?

A SUGGESTION

(If so moved, clip and send to Mr. E. O. Rice, Treasurer, Upland, Indiana.)

In consideration of the work that is being done in and through Taylor University for a better world, I hereby consent to invest: In a gift \$-----

In annuity bonds \$-----

In regular bonds \$-----

Amount enclosed \$-----

Date of later payment-----

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