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William Taylor's Hundred and Fifth Anniversary

We approach the celebration of the hundred and fifth anniversary of Bishop William Taylor, the beloved patron of Taylor University. We write these lines in the building whose cornerstone was laid by him. In its department of relics is the simple cradle in which our great missionary was rocked, in his old Virginia home. Above our chapel platform hangs the patriarchal countenance, represented in a splendid painting which was the gift of the late lamented Dr. Charles Edgar Welch.

Perhaps no community on earth, outside the home of his only living son, Honorable Edward K. Taylor, keeps green the memory of Bishop Taylor as does Taylor University. The institution abides in perennial agreement with what he conceived to be the essentials of the Gospel. It has added no new or strained construction of the fundamentals; it has not lent its ears to the siren voice of modern infidelity; it has inculcated that spiritual buoyancy so well illustrated in William Taylor, to the exclusion of cold ritualism and hard fundamentalism.

Annually, on William Taylor's birthday, May 2, a select group of student orators present the stimulating message of his life in a prize contest fostered by benefactors of the school. Two are repeated at commencement.

THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING

This year we call for a Bishop Taylor Memorial Thank-Offering. A bold effort is being made to double the shelter for the "Taylor Tribe." We are succeeding. But as we succeed we are staggering under the strain. This is the epochal year; the year of all years in which we would ask the good bishop, if he were living, to put one steady ing hand upon the school and lift the other in prayer that God might make it strong and sure in its going.

If every one who gets this Anniversary Bulletin would put one dollar in the Bishop Taylor Memorial Thank-Offering, if a few, more favored with this world's goods, would add five or ten or twenty-five or fifty or a hundred, Taylor University would pull up to commencement ready to do the greatest year's work in its history. The investments would bring large returns, in values more precious than gold.

The word of cheer will equal the cash in its value. A letter-shower in Taylor University on this anniversary would mean a new uplift in our work. Checks may be made payable to the Treasurer, E. O. Rice, Upland, Indiana, and your good word of cheer may be addressed to us all.
THE LIGHTNING BUG CONVENTION
An Editorial By
John Paul, President of Taylor University

God has not changed. Human nature has not changed. The law of sin has not changed. The plan of salvation has not been modified.

Blessed is the teacher, and blessed is the institution, knowing how to advance without moving away from these four immutables, for they are as sure as gravity, as accurate to guide all human affairs as the stars are accurate to guide the ships of the sea.

The most significant thing to be said about the preaching and the programs which ignore the four primary rules above stated is that they will not work. They show up at a fatal disadvantage when placed alongside the evangelical Gospel, excepting where that Gospel is hindered by an unfair presentation. The message of an otherwise sound preacher may be hindered by his lack of a full spiritual vision, by ill conceived methods, or by crusty mediaeval theology. It takes a lot of apologetics to offset this. Many of our defensive programs are made necessary by the inefficiency of our constructive preaching and promotion. We need defenders of the faith, who meet the invaders upon their own ground; but, more than this, the defeat of unbelief hangs upon a wider prevalence of the true message and testimony of the Gospel.

The Gospel of Christ, preached, witnessed and applied, has made the church what it is. Give it a fair chance, and no substitute can abide in its presence. It is true to facts, true to reason and true to life. The yet undefined emotions of universal man are gathered up under the influence of the Gospel of the New Testament as the tides of the sea are drawn by the gravity of the moon and the sun.

Have you heard of the lightning bug convention? Once upon a time these proud citizens of the evening air with their unfervent lights radiating from tails as cold as the gill of a snake, called a convention to protest against the intrusions of the sun. One whiskered bug read a paper deploring the fanatical interest that the flowers and vegetables were taking in the beams of the morning. Another winged optimist believed that by enlarging their tribe and combining their tails they could supply the world with all the light it needed, and end the domination of their ancient rival. One brave orator proposed even to destroy the sun. The eager delegates forgot the passing of the hours and overstayed their time, till a purple streak announced the break of day. Over the hills came the golden light, answering all the arguments that had menaced the zephyrs of the forest. Speechless, and with confusion, the exalted delegates hurried to their hiding places, vanquished without a single syllogism. So shall be the passing of our modern new theology and its soft-voiced ministrations, if the watchmen of Zion stand up and preach God's word, and those who know Him wax strong by the might of the Spirit and do valiantly as it is given them to do.

WILLIAM TAYLOR'S PRAYERS FOR HIS SCHOOL

(From the Life of Bishop Taylor, being written by John Paul.)

His interest in higher education, to his dying day, was very definite, and the colleges and universities loved to receive the benefit of his apostolic wisdom. His interest at this point was especially focused at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, a school previously known as Fort Wayne Methodist Episcopal College, but which, under the presidency of Dr. Thaddeus C. Reade and with William Taylor's personal cooperation, was moved to Upland, Indiana, in 1890 and called Taylor University. The cornerstone of the Administration Building still in use was laid by William Taylor. The institution lay close to his heart, and was in his prayers three times a day. We are told that a little while before his death he was heard to say that he wished then to be left in quietness to offer a special prayer for Taylor University, having resolved that his last hour on earth should be marked by an intercession for the school. The institution caught his spirit of world evangelism and his peculiar emphasis upon personal religious experience, which, combined with the latest in collegiate training, serve to produce an atmosphere which is rather unusual for our time. By the notable providences thus surrounding it, ascribed by many to the prayers of William Taylor and his kind, the school maintains its distinctiveness; though like its namesake it is free from intolerance and Phariseeism. It is probable that the Baptist Church will give up immersion and the Roman Catholics will displace the crucifix and the Masons will give up secrecy and the American government will put an end to trial by jury before Taylor University yields its emphasis on "holiness" and "missions".

FROM THE HISTORIAN RIDPATH

The following summary from Ridpath, speaking of William Taylor, is worth preserving. "The history of his life and work in that period does not now concern me, but only my impressions of his visit, his personality, and his sermons before the students and the Church. His apparition left me with a very distinct memory. I see him today, after the lapse of nearly thirty-four years, sharply outlined against that far horizon of my boyish recollection. I perceive in the backward look several things about the man and the preacher as he then was. The first of these is the fact that he had already developed that wonderful directness of speech which is, perhaps, the secret of his influence in the religious society of our time. At that date he spoke directly out, just as he did after the discipline of another quarter of a century. I suppose that this method of immediate speech, passing without any intermediate formula from the speaker to the spoken-to, was with him a natural gift."
Taylor Invites You

Convocation and Commencement Will Soon Be Here

The high days of Taylor's Commencement season will be Sunday until Wednesday noon, June 13, 14, 15, 16. Bishop Oldham is engaged for the baccalaureate sermon on the morning of the 13th. The other hours of that day will be occupied by Dr. W. G. Nixon and the leaders of the convention. The day of days, when the whole countryside comes, and degrees are conferred, is Wednesday 16th, at 9:30 A. M. We have tentative promise from a leader of men whose presence among us as commencement speaker Wednesday 16th will be a splendid surprise, which we are not free to announce until he sees the way clear for his date. Monday and Tuesday of that main season will be crowded full of events by the spiritual artists, music units and orators of Taylor which it will be worth crossing the continent to enjoy. Many are coming from distant states for this occasion. Many notable leaders will be present in those days because of the meeting of the Legal Hundred, which takes place on Tuesday 15th.

Days of Salvation

Leading up to the commencement as part of the season's feast will be the usual series, sometimes like a camp meeting, sometimes like a holiness convention or a school of prayer or a missionary conference. William H. Huff, Charles M. Dunaway, Rev. and Mrs. John Thomas, and Melvin J. Hill will be leaders. Several returned missionaries will be among the features. The President and faculty of Taylor University, including W. G. Nixon, John F. Owen, Myron E. Taylor, and Newton Wray, will be in the meetings. A large Taylor University choir will add to the inspiration of the days.

Hero of The World War

We have the promise of a visit from Alvin York, the hero of the World War, probably on Monday, June 7th. This man, a sanctified mountaineer of Tennessee, kept his blessing through the war and is credited with the largest achievements of any single patriot. It has not turned his head. He has refused thousands from the movies, has rejected worldly honors, and given his time to the Lord.

The Service Hours

The Convocation speakers will occupy the 10:30 A. M. and 7:00 P. M. hours, beginning Saturday night, June 5th. The Taylor University professors will give summary lectures on certain of the school subjects at hours which they will announce, and visitors will be invited to these class room events through the day. Certain student recitals and contests will take place in the afternoons.

Entertainment

Rooms will be provided for all who will write Mr. John A. Duryea as head of the entertainment committee. Besides the college dining room, we now have an efficient short order restaurant on the campus. Costs will be nominal. No one need be out more than a dollar a day.

Taylor University campus is a great place to take a vacation. Its students and faculty are capable hosts, and the spiritual tides and intellectual breezes are good for the soul.

Taylor's President in Chicago

The President of Taylor University recently gave a five days series of sermons and lectures in Chicago Evangelistic Institute, Dr. Iva Durham Vennard, President. This institute is an important national center, where the clean cut Gospel in its fulness is preached, and where a great city serves as a laboratory to train Spirit filled men and women for ministerial and missionary work. C. E. I. has sound standards of scholarship; and under the leadership of Mrs. Vennard it is thorough, uncompromising, safe and sane. Those interested may address the President at 1754 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Spiritual Tides

Some one recently remarked that the spiritual average among the students of Taylor today is unusually good. We are entering the spring term with some new students of a splendid type, including one from Florida and two from China. A six days series under Evangelist C. W. Ruth and a "School of the Prophets" under Rev. Joseph H. Smith are among our April treats, the latter coming April 13 to 18.

The advantage of contact with great spiritual personalities is a part of our religious education at Taylor. The poet was right in saying, I am a part of every one I meet. All of us can say that much of our enlargement came direct through association with people rather than books. In the faculty and in the student body there are many whose lives and testimony are equal in value to the studies we are taking.

Students of Taylor University have four outstanding spiritual organizations today. The Ministerial Association, the Student Volunteers, the Prayer Band, and the Holiness League. The latter two are general. All who have time support both, all support one or the other. The two first mentioned are for the special groups mentioned and are splendid factors in the school. The Prayer Band is a kind of power house. The Holiness League, which meets after supper each Friday, is one of the richest and best attended of all our meetings.

Taylor will have a Gospel Trio and other talented students in the field this summer. Some have been called as far as Indian Spring camp in Georgia.
A Good Way To Be Partners

It is fine that there are people who can invest goodly sums in an institution like Taylor University and ask nothing in return. Some such friends are necessary to the school's success. But the school has friends who love it just as much who are unable to turn loose their funds without a measure of protection for themselves. We have several of this class on our books today and we honor them. They are called annuitants. Every six months they draw some interest on their gift to the institution and will continue to do so till their death—unless providence favors them with temporal success great enough to make their annuity bonds a present to the school, which has happened in some instances.

Purchasing an annuity bond of Taylor University is a fine way to go into partnership with William Taylor and Thaddeus C. Reade and Monroe Vayhinger and B. W. Ayres and John Paul and all others who have lived and labored through Taylor to establish the breastworks of Zion and send out agents of blessing through the home land and to the regions beyond. A poor man who has a hundred dollars or a thousand dollars can do this and his investment will be free from taxation and will help him to live.

The investments are safe. The present administration has not been content to put the school's annuitants on a level with ordinary creditors, secured only by the school's honor. This is pretty good security, but we are making preferred creditors of our annuitants, our directors having voted to give valuable lien protections to cover all annuity bonds that the school has issued and all that it shall issue.

TAYLOR'S REGULAR BONDS

It is known that Taylor has a regular issue of 6% first mortgage bonds, the protection in values being about six dollars for one. The bonds bear interest coupons, detachable every six months, which automatically pay the interest. While this is pure investment, it would accommodate us now to have the balance of these taken. All that remain unsold are described as follows:

102 Bonds, denominations $50
100 Bonds, denominations $100
3 Bonds, denominations $500
1 Bond, denomination $1,000

Write to our Treasurer, E. O. Rice, Upland, Indiana, stating how many and which.

Please notice on another page our Bishop Taylor Birthday Thank-Offering. We do not wish to confuse this with bond sales, as we are hoping our Bulletin readers will make the birthday offering unanimous.

COMING TO SCHOOL AT TAYLOR

Next session opens September 22. Numbers of students are now making their $5.00 room deposits. Taylor succeeds in assembling young people of clean life and definite purpose (it wants no other kind) from many states and a few foreign countries. The number increases as rapidly as we can provide for them. We are concerned more for quality and good standards than for large numbers.

The school year at Taylor is divided into three terms, of three months each. The cost per term, payable on entering, is about $118, for literary tuition, with board, room, light and heat. The cost to the school is more than this amount, but the liberal friends of Taylor University have made it possible for us to keep the school open to plain and worthy young people without much increase of charges, and to give a standard of service and instruction that compares favorably with the best colleges of the country.