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The June Climax

We think no college has ever had a more significant commencement than Taylor's last. The school, pretty well united spiritually after nine months in the "smelting pot", invested some effort to help and bless the local people and visitors from other States. A revival tide came in the week before baccalaureate with salvation and blessing to many souls. For that period the ministry was shared by Rev. T. C. Henderson, Rev. T. M. Anderson, Rev. and Mrs. John Thomas, and Rev. William H. Huff. Dr. Melvin J. Hill aided in the ministry of song. On Sunday, Dr. W. G. Nixon, President of the Legal Hundred, joined our forces, preaching the baccalaureate sermon in the place of Bishop Berry who had been called but had to disappoint us at the last moment because of sickness.

The afternoons of that revival week were used to intersperse the various student contests, but commencement in full force came in the three days following. Taylor was never more successful in carrying the spirit of the revival into the festivities of commencement, without any detraction from its social diversions and literary flavor. The readings by Professor Pogue and his students, the prize orations on the life of Bishop Taylor, the oratorio, concerts and specials made an impact which will count for the cause and not soon be forgotten. Dr. Clarence True Wilson's commencement address was a masterpiece in keeping with the entire series. His verdict on Taylor was: "It would be hard for me to think of any place more charming. The combination of such a student body and faculty gives a spiritual atmosphere to the whole institution the like of which I do not know anywhere."

Twenty-nine of the pick of the land took the bachelor's degree, two took the master's, and some others took diplomas. The doctor's degree, well earned and well merited, was conferred upon W. G. Nixon of Detroit, E. Ellsworth Reynolds of St. Petersburg, Florida, Thompson W. McKinney of Philadelphia, and Joseph Owen of John Fletcher College, University Park, Iowa. There were no large cash offerings, but subscriptions were made on installment, amounting to near fifty thousand dollars, by the local and visiting friends. Our door opens upon days of greater usefulness for Taylor in the service of the King.

THINGS FOR FUNDAMENTALISTS TO THINK UPON

Some of our liberalism began in a revolt against a substitution view of the atonement which makes necessary the salvation of a favored few. The true view makes no one's salvation necessary but every one's possible. Hence it is not literal substitution.

Many fundamentalists are so literal in their teachings as to make sin a part of the flesh and deny Scriptural holiness.

The inerrancy of God's word does not necessitate a superstitious theory of inspiration.

There may be as much arctic ice in a conference of fundamentalists as there can be fox fire in a parliament of liberals.

Some liberals are entitled to charity in the fact that they are fed up on an iron clad orthodoxy so medieval and grotesque that we never would have accepted it; and these same persons are innocent of the fact that there has been a Scriptural, John Wesleyan liberalism at work in the world for nearly two centuries. They have swung to an opposite extreme. Let us neither join them nor bemean them; but bring them back to the whosoever will gospel that wins in every age and every land.

THINGS FOR LIBERALISTS TO THINK UPON

The modern brand of liberalism is iconoclasm. A revolution in foundation tenets cannot be mature and reliable and come as sudden as this.

Modern or current philosophy enters into the warp of liberal theology; the latter will fail if the former is junked, and history proves the ever-changing character of philosophy.

The new view point called liberal, annuls the historic type of Christianity to which the present-day Church owes its existence, and invites us to risk our success with an untried system.

Liberalism rejects revivals, rejects the atonement, rejects the deity of Jesus, rejects the authority of the Bible. These are four cardinals of the compass to which its needle never directs us; four sources of power that it steadfastly neglects to invoke.

The product of our twentieth century liberalism compares unfavorably with the better grade of old time religion in the lives it reforms or fails to reform, in the converts it brings to Christianity and the crop of ethics that follows its wake.

AN INDEX OF NEWS

Dr. W. G. Nixon, President of the Legal Hundred, was pressed by his friends to give up work and rest a few days with Mrs. Nixon, on the Atlantic coast. We all want him to keep new.

Mr. H. C. Miller our contractor recently spent a few days on the campus. He keeps returning, with a watchful eye on the new building. Blessed are the faithful. In his case we may say also, Blessed are the unselfish.

We are fortunate in our assistant teacher for Spanish for next year. Mrs. Egbert has served a term in the Spanish-speaking mission field. She is a graduate of Earlham and will be taking her M. A. in theology at Taylor.

Taylor will probably proceed to renew its department in Home Economics not later than January 1st, for the benefit of teacher training and missionary training. The work will be of collegiate rank, presupposing the high school work, but will have an introductory or getting-in place for new beginners. We have a laboratory for this, with electrical equipment.

Taylor is quietly setting about the task of growing one of the best libraries in the country. Efficiency in content and convenience in arrangement will govern the plan. The Dewey Decimal system of reference is being perfected.

September 23rd is school opening. It will soon be here. If you consider coming, send for blank and forward your room deposit of five dollars. Taylor divides its school year on the quarter system, there being three quarters in the regular school year. The cost for board and literary tuition, with room, light and heat, is about \$114 per quarter, payable at the beginning of quarter. A little less if you succeed in getting a cheaper room.

Many duties have delayed the President of Taylor University in completing his life of Bishop Taylor, but the work is going forward.

The Legal Hundred has voted to have a fall meeting—the last Wednesday in October. The T. U. fathers will then have a chance to see their school in action.

Vice President Ayres and Dean Glasier are in the field and in the office turn about this summer. They are well able to answer questions about Taylor. Miss Stephens shares their official responsibilities the entire season, except during her two weeks vacation.

Mr. E. O. Rice, our business manager and treasurer, will give some time out of the office, making visits in the interest of Taylor. He was recently in the Red Rock Camp meeting, where he is Vice President. As chairman of the building committee he is giving a good account of himself.

Dr. John Paul, President of Taylor University, is in the office some, at intervals, keeping up his correspondence and cheering the campus forces. His service has been reserved this season for Mountain Lake Park, Eaton Rapids, Alexandria, and other annuals.

Taylor is old Fort Wayne Methodist College. It became Taylor University before it changed its location. It changed its location without ever changing president or faculty. Some notable men of the old school allow their educational pedigree published without claiming kin with the Taylor Alumni Association. We consent for them to do this and to pass us up so long as we can be of no help to them; but if the band wagon arrives—in other words, if the little mother in sunbonnet should get a promotion to where her name might help her noble sons, she hopes they will drop around and make up. An orthodox plum pudding awaits them. We say the same to other members of the dispersion, who one time checked their baggage to Upland.

MEASURING TAYLOR STUDENTS

Miss Dare, represented in the accompanying picture, graduated in June, without having missed a single class recitation in grade school, high school, or college. Her sister who is to graduate next year has carried off the honors of the highest average grades for three successive years, which has given her the prize of a free tuition worth ninety dollars.



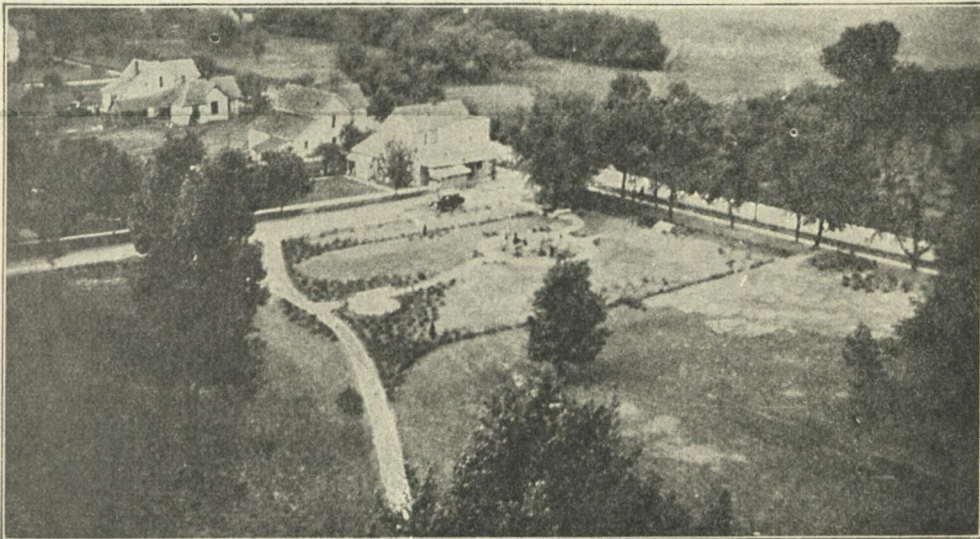
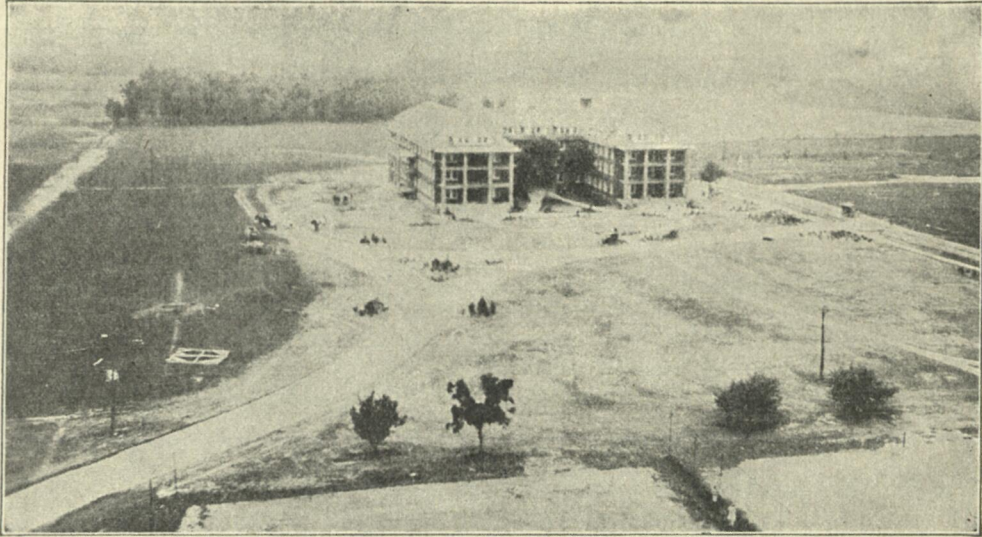
Mr. Gilbert Ayres, whose picture appears above, entered the thousand dollar prize contest for the best paper that could be written on Chemistry by a college student. This contest is maintained by the American Chemical Society of New York. At this writing our Taylor boy has outstripped the contestants representing the science departments of all colleges and universities of America that entered the race, save two other students, with whom he is tied. A final contest is now on to break the tie.

We might reflect just here that Mr. Ayres got his training in a school that does not build its scientific instructions on the Darwinian theory of Origins. If some of our snobbish friends wish to tell you that Darwinian philosophy is essential to high standards in science, please quote this to him reminding him that facts are very stubborn.

We know that small caliber colleges even of

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A Campus that Inspires



The accompanying pictures represent birds-eye views of two corners of the college campus photographed last commencement. In the upper the new building appears in the distance and the skill of one of Indiana's best landscape artists, Mr. M. H. Gaar, appears in the artistic design of white gravel drives and concrete walks. His new shrubbery schemes are not fully developed but may be anticipated in the present outline. In the back of the picture appears part of a large and interesting grove of primitive trees belonging to the institution. The edge of the tennis courts appears in the bottom of this upper picture.

The lower picture gives a view of the extreme northeast corner of the main quarter section on which Taylor University stands. In this corner will be seen the sunken garden with its circular fountain in the center. This is a gift of the 1925 senior class, taking the place of the part of the campus which was most neglected and unattractive. At the right is Main Street running directly to the Upland station. The building appearing on the corner is the grocery and bookstore conducted by Taylor University.

What Are the Present Needs?

This will be read only by those who are interested. A college is a builder of society. In fact it is the biggest thing that any man can do with his worldly goods when he is through with them. He is contributing to his favorite cause and to all other important interests of humanity and the kingdom of God, provided he is establishing a college that stands for those things.

Doing Several Things At Once

For instance, Taylor stands for missions at home and abroad. A contribution to Taylor is a far reaching contribution to the cause of missions. Taylor stands for New Testament evangelism. To support Taylor is to turn out pastors and evangelists of the Scriptural type and thus keep alive this work in the earth, giving leverage and power to the old fashioned gospel by giving it voice and vote in the world of higher education. The same illustration will apply in every movement of social uplift, human relief, hospital work, or popular education. If I invest my possessions to make Taylor University strong for future generations, I have achieved several things at one simple stroke. It is destined to be a distributing station for consecrated resources, translating much of these resources into brain and brawn and character and even spiritual power, under the blessing of God.

Safe And Sound

But this all resolves itself to sentiment unless Taylor is a going concern. Before a wise person will invest consecrated means with a view to the above reasons, he must be assured that there is something back of the enterprise besides religious emotion and boasting. Here are the facts: When the new building is completed, which it will be by the grace of God and your help, this fall, the assets of Taylor University, not counting subscription, will be between six and seven hundred thousand dollars. On the other hand its indebtedness mostly bonded, will be offset with about two dollars to one in good subscription. Add to this the fact that its governing board, the Legal Hundred, is made up of clear headed, successful men and women who will see that its business is conducted right, and one may feel perfectly secure that he is not pouring his gifts into a sink hole.

CENTERING OUR EFFORTS

Now to the point. What are the present needs? At this moment we need to translate a few thousand of our subscriptions and bonds into cash to complete the interior of the new building and furnish it. Probably we should concentrate on that and ask those who are led to make new gifts to make them in that direction. If they wish the gift to be a memorial, a thousand dollars will endow a room, and five hundred dollars a single room, in memory of some honored friend. If they wish their money to go for endowment, there is no better investment of it now, as this building, furnishing shelter for our students, will bring better returns to Taylor than anything else. A dormitory is an endowment, despite the technical objections.

One friend has made a subscription for a new gymnasium, but at present he is allowing his payments to go into the new dormitory with the understanding that we will replace them with another fund later and invest his gift in the other building. By this manner we can designate our funds in our choice of many possible investments in a great plant like Taylor and at the same time put the new building through on schedule for what we expect to be the greatest school year in Taylor's history.

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the holiness type may try to promote themselves by crowing and blowing. It is Taylor's policy to be modest; yet sometimes when certain persons browbeat our prospective students and try to turn them away from us by telling them that the curriculum and standard of Taylor fail to rank, it becomes convenient for us to remind them of such facts as the above and the fact that in the field of intercollegiate debating, Taylor this year cleaned up the Butler University team and beat the grand old college of Earlham in a double header. It will be remembered that even St. Paul sometimes boasted when people tried to hinder his ministry by disputing the authenticity of his apostleship.

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 \$_____ To finish the new Building \$_____

Amount enclosed \$_____ Date of later payment_____

Address_____ Name_____