"Chickens Come Home To Roost"

An Editorial by John Paul, President of Taylor University

Many a minister who has listened to the Siren voice of modern doubt would like to forget it, and quietly drop out of the arena of theological debate into the conquests of a ministry that is anointed with the Holy Ghost.

To discerning eyes, we have already reached the stage of demonstrated proof that the church is doomed to failure if it tries to put over a social and religious program based upon non-evangelical views of Jesus and the Bible. A few college professors have not yet caught the hint, and possibly a few church leaders are riding on for their final jolt; but churchmen who mean business and who deal scientifically with the challenge of a lost world are beginning to use the touchstone on policies and institutions and men, and to temper their mortar with more of the old and less of the new.

It looks as if modernized theology had finally subdued the conservative forces in the test votes of the higher governing bodies of several evangelical churches, lately. It only looks that way. True, there have been compromise measures, and compromise officials elected; but we believe that the necessary prerequisite of success in church work is weakening the gravity of non-evangelical centers, and giving a new pull to the simple gospel.

The theology of the New Testament will be the gainer by the post war sifting it has received. A fire has been built in our doctrinal shop that was hot enough to burn up everything that was combustible. If any threads of superstition or bigotry or unsupported literalism have been tied into the skein of our doctrinal system they will have to go. We cannot hope to keep anything that will not stand the fire of a criticism that is truly scientific, reinforced, as it has been, with the fuel of an intellectual inquisition. But we shall keep the pure gold, and we have great quantities of it. In fact we shall prove to have riches of truth embarrassingly great to those who have declared revivals out of date and substituted education for regeneration. They will have to come back to the simple gospel to get current for their motors and fuel for their tanks, and they will be surprised at the amount of indispensable truth they will find in the system that they tried to cart away to gehenna.

History proves that periods of controversy must come, but they are never periods of spiritual and evangelistic progress. They may precede a great forward movement of salvation, providing the necessary excavation and sifting. They may find the weak couplings and do away with the hot boxes, for a great advance. Let us pray that these results may follow in our day, that the wrath of man may praise the Lord, and that the most mistaken of our brethren may prove to be doing a service to God.

TAYLOR ALWAYS IMPROVING

The students returning this fall will find their College Library about two-thirds larger than it was; they will find a new dean’s office, a new registrar’s office and a new executive secretary’s office. These things are accomplished by alterations in the Administration Building, without much extra expense. The campus is growing more beautiful every day. Improvements are being made on the interior of the older dormitories, and the South Unit of the new building will look quite different. We added nearly two hundred to the seating capacity of the chapel for commencement.

Another splendid unit comes to our teaching staff in the person of Rev. J. Arthur Howard (M. A. University of Wisconsin). Professor Howard has been president of two Free Methodist junior colleges and has had valuable experience in the educational field. His specialty is in the Social Sciences, though he is good in History, and is reputed to be an unusual expositor of the Scriptures.
TAYLOR OPENS AGAIN SEPTEMBER 22

September 22 will witness the echo of hundreds of happy voices on the broad campus of Taylor; old students, glad to get back “home”, and new ones to receive the welcome of king’s children.

It is always best for the student and helpful for us that the $5.00 room deposit be sent in with a statement of the student’s classification, and any preferences he or she may have, but we get many surprises from young people who did not know they were coming till the last minute, and we always take care of them.

If you are interested and have not a catalogue or an admission blank, write, today, to Dr. John Paul, President of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.

SHOULD TAYLOR ANSWER HER GAINSAVERS?

This is an unusual editorial for our Bulletin. At Taylor, we teach our young preachers never to assume the presence of fictitious opposition in their audiences; so far as practicable, not even to compliment a real opposer by letting him know that they are conscious that he is present or even that he exists. Taylor usually treats its opposition this way, and we gain by doing it. Sometimes, however, we owe it to the school’s friends, and even to a misguided offender, to make a statement. This seems to be one of the times. Our defense will be made by constructive statements.

Someone has said that sound travels at nearly four hundred yards a second, flattery five hundred yards a second, slander one thousand yards a second, and truth about two and a half feet a second. We are submitting here a few items of truth, to travel as far as they will.

1. Taylor University’s business is in good shape and has bright prospects. The best in many years. Its bona fide subscription far exceeds its debts, and it keeps its obligations reasonably well settled up. The school is in strong hands, and borrows all the brains it can get, to solve its various problems.

2. It has the best endowment and the best prospect for increasing its endowment it has ever had. Of course it has emergency needs, to increase its capacity for a growing student body.

3. In the year just closed Taylor enrolled the largest number of full college students in the school’s history and turned out the largest class of college graduates; but demand for space next year has increased.

4. Taylor’s administration is normally and properly centralized, but it is not a “one man” affair. The Board of Directors are united and harmonious. All have made a success of their own affairs, and all feel that they are given full opportunity to exercise their talent at Taylor.

5. No one questions the splendid condition of Taylor’s books in the hands of its present accountant and office manager, who has had charge of the books two years. It is fair to the school, however, to say that the bookkeeping prior to this, and prior to the beginning of the present administration, was clean and honest, and up to a high standard of efficiency. Whatever may have been the school’s misfortunes, men of honor, with noble intentions, have always been at the helm. The self sacrifice and diligence of the men and women of Taylor’s yesterdays explain the existence of Taylor today as one of the most promising schools in the nation.

6. No school identified with the promotion of Scriptural holiness maintains a clearer, steadier and more consistent emphasis upon this “grand depositum”, and we doubt if any leads more individuals into the deeper experiences of grace and establishes and conserves them, in proportion to the number to whom it ministers.

7. Taylor has not a single professor, and would not employ one, but who stands for the Bible as the word of God and believes in the creation of man in God’s image by a specific act of divine power, in the fall of man, and in his full redemption responsive to repentance and faith in an eternal divine Christ, who was “born of the virgin Mary”. Any one who cares at all to be fair in making a report of the views of the President of Taylor University on the Miracles, on Biblical Criticism or on problems revolving around Evolution, will find the views unmistakably clear in his book, “What is New Theology”, which was published in 1922 and which may be had at the cost of one dollar, from Taylor University. Taylor is not fussy about its orthodoxy, but error dreads our method. The apostles of error know we are gaining and winning.

HAVE YOU A RADIO?

If you have a radio, listen in on W S A I, Cincinnati, wave length 326, on Wednesday evening, August 4, between 6 and 7 o’clock. One of Taylor’s best quartettes, enroute to help in the Indian Springs camp meeting, will give a program; The Atkinson and Rupp Quartette.
Taylor University gives an atmosphere of simple gospel faith which serves to keep all religious colleges reminded of what can be done.

Taylor gives a fortifying standard of morals and good habits to a stream of young people who constantly relay the contribution to society at large.

Taylor gives a pattern of thrift and economy which its sons and daughters learn in turn to follow and give again in other fields.

Taylor gives a new meaning to common work, and a dignity to toil and labor which dissolves social caste and saves the world from decay.

Taylor gives high quality college education to talented boys and girls of succeeding generations on such terms of economy as make it possible for the poorest to find his place in the sun.

Taylor gives sun crowned men and women to the world, one of whom, in many instances, is worth more to the nation or the race than all it would take to endow the school.

Taylor gives in an age of shortage of ministers, more preachers to the church in proportion to its size, than any college in the world, and they are good ones!

Taylor gives more missionaries to the foreign field than the average college, and they carry with them their distinguishing mark of industry, efficiency and sacrifice.

Taylor gives to the political world men and women who make for a better state; whose ideals of fair play are learned on its broad playgrounds and in its democratic class rooms.

Taylor gives to the work of mercy and charity and the fields of medicine, nursing, and human relief, trained workers who carry salvation with their professions,

Taylor gives to the unending tasks of prohibition, temperance, prison relief and community reform, strong-armed men and women whose hearts and brains and hands work together to a purpose.

Taylor gives to the homes of our country, women who are not trained away from domestic life, but whose education glorifies the home as an institution of society.

Taylor gives men whose education fits them to persevere as every day citizens without having brain storms and contriving wildcat schemes to impose on society.

Taylor gives to many states, public and high school teachers whose coming enriches the church and impoverishes the ball rooms and theatres.

Taylor gives the basic college work for medicine, law, farming, engineering and other pursuits, and provides there with a granite foundation that makes the life of the individual more substantial, for all time.

Taylor gives through a quarter of a hundred noble instructors, a sacrificial service to our sons and daughters which cannot be measured in money values. Most of them could earn more in other fields without bending their backs under such heavy loads; but they willingly and gladly serve.

PARDON A FEW QUESTIONS

Can we, whom God has entrusted with some
of this world's goods, afford to let Taylor's rooms go unfinished, its buildings remain inadequate, its industrial equipment be hampered, and its chairs of sound instruction be unendowed?

Can we afford to pay our taxes to enrich state institutions, important as they are, and not provide for the institution that furnishes the state schools—and even some church schools—their salt to keep them from spoiling?

Can we afford to let life slip away and make no will, or else make our will to missions and schools and charity institutions and kinfolks and leave Taylor University out?

Has it ever occurred to us that in making a bequest to Taylor we, at one stroke, are helping Education, Charity, Temperance, Missions, World Peace, Health Agencies and the rest?

Has it ever occurred to us that Taylor, so far from being an object of charity, is a great channel of investment, where dividends are large, and quick, and sure, and perpetual—that Taylor herself is one of the largest contributors, one of the largest philanthropists, in the country?

If you are interested in making a gift or bequest to Taylor, it would be the pleasure of its Board to have you correspond with the President of the institution,

John Paul,
Upland, Indiana.

WE MENTION A FEW THINGS

We mention a few things that might now be done through Taylor University.

Fifty thousand dollars would endow a Chair; a hundred thousand would endow a Department.

Ten thousand dollars above present resources would finish and furnish the south unit of our new building on which we are going ahead, by faith, since it must be ready this fall.

A hundred thousand dollars would erect an efficient dormitory for men, though two hundred thousand would be a fitting investment in this needed house.

A hundred thousand dollars would put up a great science building where people who believe the Bible would preside over the classes.

Ten thousand dollars would endow a scholarship and take care of that scholarship's share of the school's overhead and equipment for all time.

One hundred dollars, from each of the readers of this Bulletin, even a less amount from some, would be a superb encouragement in rushing our preparation of the new building and our necessary improvements in our offices and library for the approaching school opening.

Copy of Letter That Brought Taylor $2,000

Dear Friend:

We are pleased indeed to have your letter inquiring about the annuity bonds of Taylor University. We infer from this inquiry that Taylor is doing the kind of work that you would like to encourage and have represent you when you have finished your work in the world.

Our annuity bond is a favorite means by which a number of our friends are helping the institution and at the same time protecting themselves. The interest ranges from six to eight per cent according to the age and according to the needs of those who take the bonds. So far as possible we leave it with their judgment, as the class of people who take our bonds are usually unselfish.

The bonds are strictly non-taxable in all States. The interest is payable every six months.

If this information is sufficient for you and you care to forward your check for the size bond desired, instructing us as to interest, we shall be pleased to make out the bond and forward to you. If it is your preference to state the amount and the interest and have us forward you the bond before you send the check, we shall be glad to do it.

I might explain that a special protection in good collateral has been voted by our Legal Hundred to secure all those who hold annuity bonds in case the institution should ever have financial trouble.

John Paul

To Whom It May Concern:

We shall be pleased to have you imagine the above letter addressed to you, and to have you send your check for an annuity bond of any size, stating the interest you feel you will need.

J. P.

NEWS ITEMS AND PERSONALS

Professor H. T. Biogdett, M. S., of Taylor's faculty, was honored this spring with a Doctor of Science degree from Ohio Northern University.

Taylor's professors are always growing. They usually spend their spare time studying in the great universities instead of going on picnics. Miss Bothwell, Mrs. Egbert, Mr. Ayres, Mr. Fenstermacher, and Miss Dare are in Chicago, Miss Guiler is in Ann Arbor, Mrs. Jones is in Massachusetts, and Mr. Saucier is in the University of Kentucky.

In recent weeks, Taylor has received two estate notes totalling $25,000 with gilt edge security. Taylor's endowment, not counting dormitories, totals $225,539 in the recent biennial report to the Bureau at Washington. It should total three times that much two years hence, when the next report is made.