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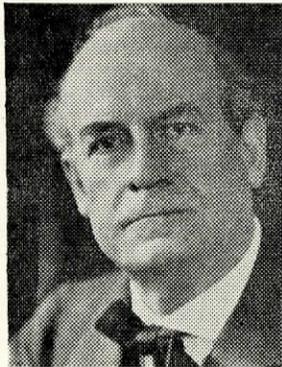
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LOOKING BACKWARD TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

"IS THE BIBLE TRUE?"—a lecture delivered by William Jennings Bryan at the state capitol in Nashville on January 29, 1925, prompted the passing of the famous "Anti-Evolution Bill" which became a state law on March 21, 1925. This law stated that "it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the . . . schools of the state which are supported . . . by the public school funds . . . to teach any theory that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals."

Early in May, twenty-five years ago, two young lawyers sat in a drug-store in Dayton. With them, en-



joying a soft drink, was the local high school science teacher, John T. Scopes. The new state law was the topic under discussion, and it soon developed that Scopes was using in his classes a textbook which supported the theory of evolution. Facetiously at first, he was accused of violating the law. Then more seriously, the decision was reached that Dayton should be the place to try the test case, since the American Civil Liberties Union had offered to finance such a case under the new Tennessee law. A telephone call gave a Nashville paper the "scoop" and the next day Dayton was headline news the country over!

A preliminary hearing bound the case over to the Circuit Court convening the following July. The Chicago press arranged for Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer and agnostic, to support the defense, and a group of earnest Christians in Memphis enlisted the services of William Jennings Bryan for the

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THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Senior Vespers, a traditional and inspirational incident of every Bryan commencement, should have been witnessed by every young person in our land. Written and produced by the Senior Class, its challenge was far-reaching. Illustrated talks were given pointing out the truth that there is one field of service: the World; and that preparation for secular and Christian leadership should come through the channel of Christian colleges. And why Christian colleges? Here are some of the reasons:

1. The opportunity of sitting under the teaching of well-trained Christian men and women who can give young people the most comprehensive view of life.
2. Offers four years of vital and compact experience with a minimum of wasted time.
3. Ample opportunity to exercise leadership faculties.
4. Close living with others offers time and environment to learn how to live with others as Christ would have them.
5. Opportunity for practice and development of public appearance and performance, a skill that is a great advantage to the Christian leader.
6. Development of skill in proper thinking and proper studying.
7. Gives a vantage point for looking into life, and broadens the horizon.
8. Offers the stimulation of keen minds.
9. The opportunity of hearing and counselling with Christian leaders from around the world.
10. The sharing of common problems with other Christian young people.
11. A safety measure in the choice of a mate.
12. The constant realization that college is not the complete answer; that it would mean next to nothing

HONORS AND AWARDS

Seventeenth Annual Commencement

CLASS HONORS

Freshmen:

1. Howard Addleman.....2.478
2. Janice Brown.....2.468

Sophomores:

1. Paul Wyland.....2.482
2. Ernest Lee.....2.437

Juniors:

1. Charles Taber.....2.360
2. Leonard Meznar2.249

Seniors:

1. Ian Hay *cum laude*.....2.592
2. Donald Oakley *cum laude*
.....2.544
3. Janet Norczyk *cum laude*
.....2.233

SENIOR PRIZES (\$10.00 each)

- P. A. Boyd Prize for
MenGlen Schwenk
P. A. Boyd Prize for
WomenFae Hawthorne
Scholarship PrizeDonald Oakley
Faithfulness and Loyalty
PrizeDonald Oakley
Achievement
PrizeSuzanne Miller

AWARDS

- Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers
Award (in Bible) Glen Schwenk
Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers
Award (in Music)

.....Jacquelyn Oakley
WHO's WHO in American Universities and Colleges—Ian Hay, Lamar Modert, Jacquelyn Oakley, Donald Oakley.

without a living walk with Christ. "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. . . ."

The spiritual and material support that we give the Christian college today largely determines what will happen to the Lord's work tomorrow; and with this thought in mind, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oakley, Assistants in Promotion at Bryan University, are carrying this same illustrated message to churches, young people's groups and other organizations in East Tennessee this summer.



To our ever increasing list of students and graduates on the mission field, we have added recently the names of George ('48) and Alice Northrup ('45) Birch, John ('45) and Wilda Chapman (ex '48) Quimby, and Cleo Graham ('45).

The Birchs are serving in Nigeria under Sudan Interior Mission, having arrived on the field in April.

The Quimbys sailed in March for Japan, under Mid-Missions.

Cleo plans to leave shortly for Africa to join other missionaries under Sudan Interior Mission.

May the Lord bless these fine young people as they leave all to follow Him. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

SINGING FOR CHRIST

Reports concerning the Bryan University Gospel Singers from those who have heard them this summer, as well as from the Singers themselves, indicate that the Lord is blessing their ministry as they sing and testify for Him. So far they have had meetings in two churches where the pastors are alumni of Bryan University and have been in the home churches of several of our present students. As they enjoy fellowship with friends of the University, they make new friends also, and are at the present time holding services in churches in Colorado where the Gospel Singers have never been until this summer, going as far west as Grand Junction. From Colorado their itinerary will take them through Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and to Minnesota where they have one service. Following almost a week in Wisconsin, they will enter Indiana and Michigan for several services and have one stop each in Ohio and Kentucky before returning. Pray for them as they go "Singing for Christ" winning the lost and challenging the saved.

MENTION OF CLASS

PROJECTS

- Seniors—Electric water cooler
- Juniors—The Bryan Commoner (annual)
- Sophomores—Conclusion of library book project
- Freshmen—Drapes for Memorial Chapel windows
- Alumni—Shrubbery around the Memorial Chapel

J. C. Penney, of the Penney Chain Stores said, "If a man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and on Wednesday night, he has more business than God intended he should have."—Copied.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

prosecution.

On July 10, 1925 court convened, and thus began what was to be perhaps the most famous trial in the history of the American Bar. People came from all over the nation. The courtroom was crowded beyond capacity; and fearing for the safety of the overtaxed building, the proceedings were adjourned to the courthouse lawn. For eight days the battle raged. In the course of events, Bryan gave a masterly address defending the right of the people through their Legislature to protect their children in the public schools against destruction of their faith. Subsequently, Darrow was sarcastic to the Judge and was cited for contempt of Court. His bond was fixed at \$5,000 and arrangement made for bail. He then made a moving apology, and the Court, using Christian principles, forgave him. On the closing day, July 21, a verdict of guilty was rendered by the Jury, and Scopes was fined \$100. Bryan made a short closing speech, and Darrow characterized the trial as comparable to the Puritan witchcraft cases.

Two days later while resting at the home where he had been entertained in Dayton, Bryan ". . . was not, for God took him." How fitting that, without sickness or pain, quietly in sleep, in the midst of admiring friends, he laid his burden calmly at the feet of his Saviour and went home to be "forever with the Lord!"

Shortly before Mr. Bryan's home-going, he voiced the wish that a school might be established upon a suburban hill. After his untimely death, a newspaper reporter of the trial suggested that a university be built as his enduring memorial. The proposal at once caught the popular fancy, and the plans were soon under way. And today, on Bryan Hill, stands a memorial to the great Commoner who fought to the death for "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." William Jennings Bryan University takes a positive stand upon the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, as the final and supreme authority in faith and life, "inspired of God, and inerrant in the original writings." Its truths are emphasized without apology in the class rooms, and are made the center of instruction throughout the entire four-year liberal arts course of study.



From my heart to you

As these words are written our little girl is recovering from the surgeon's knife, used for the removal of diseased tonsils and adenoids. Students, staff members, and many other friends joined us in thanksgiving and rejoicing when God gave Mary Frances to us six years ago. She has been a very happy, healthy little girl, but chronic colds and ear aches made the operation advisable. To some extent we have been able to get Mary Frances to understand that she will profit from this painful operation, but an operation is not enough. We are following up with food and everything else that love can give.

Also as these words are written, one of our great educational institutions, the University of California, is recovering from the painful operation of severing relations with 157 teachers who refused to sign the non-Communist oath. All of us have taken pride in our American system of public education, but more and more we have been made aware that it is not altogether in a sound, healthy condition. We wonder why such action was not taken sooner by this and other institutions. Rather than question the advisability of such action, we wonder why the operation was not more drastic and why it is not followed up with positive treatment.

It is now twenty-five years since William Jennings Bryan used the famous court trial here in Dayton as a sounding board to warn the American public against subversive teaching in our schools. It is sixteen years since the Los Angeles Times quoted Dr. Frederick P. Woellner, Associate Professor of Education of the University of California, as follows:

"One reason why Americans suffer from so many fads and isms that are not in harmony with the Constitution is that we let college professors teach Communist doctrine.

"We have far too many Commu-

WHEN YE PRAY . . .

Praise the Lord for a most stimulating and encouraging meeting of the Board of Trustees recently.

Praise the Lord for the continued progress on the construction of the memorial building, and for the larger gifts received that have made this possible.

Pray for the three groups who are representing Bryan in various parts of the country this summer.

Pray that the Lord will raise up new friends for the University and that they, along with the old friends, may catch the vision of Bryan's needs and the bright future that lies ahead.

PRAY FOR A WORLDWIDE REVIVAL.

If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.—Robert Murray McCheyne.

nist teachers on our college faculties and in our public schools. We should kick them out without argument or delay."

It was fifteen years ago that Dan Gilbert wrote his famous book, CRUCIFYING CHRIST IN OUR COLLEGES, calling attention to the root trouble in our educational system. In presenting me with a copy of this book he wrote, "Millions for education, but not one cent for anti-religious, communistic miseducation."

In recent years we have had many additional warnings in both the religious and secular press. Russell Hitt, news editor of CHRISTIAN LIFE, now charges that there is a deliberate attempt on the part of high-ranking textbook educators to discredit Christianity and democracy. Be sure to read his documented article, "Treason in Our Textbooks," in the April issue of CHRISTIAN LIFE.

These things, the numerous congressional investigations, and now this action by the University of California should make each one of us realize the importance of more adequate support for definitely Christian colleges such as Bryan University. Drastic operations have their place in the field of education, but something positive needs to be done in the way of adequate support for the right kind of character education.

Earnestly yours,

Judson Rudd

FACULTY NEWS

At the University of Chicago we find DR. HOWARD F. VOS delving deeper into archaeological studies, while MRS. VOS is completing her Master's degree in public school music at Northwestern University.

MISS BEATRICE BATSON and MISS LOIS WEYHE are at Peabody College in Nashville. Both are studying English; and Miss Weyhe also plans to take some registrational work before the summer's end. Miss Batson is looking toward a Master's in English in addition to her M.A. in Christian education received from Wheaton College two years ago.

A leave of absence has been granted to MISS CAROL HALLOIN who will enter the University of Illinois in the fall to study for a Master's in parasitology. During vacation she is evangelizing children in Bible schools and camps at her home in Wisconsin.

MR. LESLIE J. DIXON has also been given a leave of absence to complete his doctorate in chemistry at Emory University in Atlanta. This summer he and his family are on the staff of Joy Bible Camp located on Lake Chickamauga.

Those faculty members who have chosen to remain on the campus to help with the construction work are MR. GLEN ATKINS; MR. PETER SKANSE, and MR. WILLIAM GREEN.

MRS. GREEN is occupied with housekeeping while preparing to move into the new trailer which they recently purchased on a trip to Ohio.

Bryan's able linguist, MR. GARNER E. HOYT, is teaching linguistics at Wycliffe School of Translators at Norman, Oklahoma.

MR. PAUL D. STOCK is in Ohio serving as song leader in evangelistic meetings.

VICE-PRESIDENT LLOYD E. FISH and DEAN NORMAN H. UPHOUSE have started work toward their doctorates at the University of Tennessee. They are doing their own housekeeping in Knoxville, and spending the weekends at home.

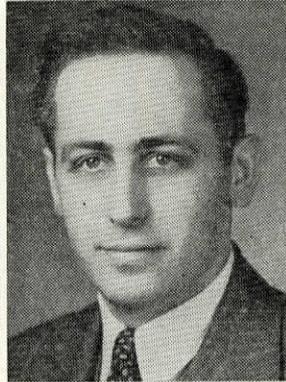
After a short vacation in the Smokies with his wife, MR. EARL WILLIAMSON has settled down to his regular duties as comptroller of the University.

MRS. MARGARET MCGOWAN and MISS ALMA RADER are relaxing at their respective homes in Portsmouth and Columbus, Ohio.

DEAN D. W. RYTHUR, Executive Vice-President, is touring the midwest and north central states with the Gospel Singers.



Miss Cowan



Mr. Marston



Mr. Modert

FACULTY CHANGES

ANNOUNCED

In the final chapel service of the year Dean D. W. Ryther announced changes in the faculty for the coming year.

Miss Kathleen Cowan, formerly Assistant Dean of Women at Wheaton College, will assume the responsibilities of Dean of Women at Bryan in September. Miss Cowan received her B. S. degree from the University of Minnesota and her M.A. from Wheaton College. She has had wide experience in the fields of social service and Christian education.

Miss Alma Rader, who has been doubling as instructor in Bible and Dean of Women, will give her full time to the Bible Department, where her unusual knowledge of God's Word and her teaching ability will prove most valuable to students and University alike.

Filling the position as librarian will be Mr. Robert D. Marston, former librarian at Sterling College, Kansas. In addition to the B.A. earned at Greenville College, Mr. Marston has his B.S. in Library Science from George Peabody College, where he is continuing his studies towards the Master's degree.

With Miss Carol Halloin, of the Biology Department, entering the University of Illinois for graduate work in that field, her position will be filled by Miss Lou Rouch, whose B.A., with a biology major, from Wheaton College, and M.S. in Biology from Purdue University should equip her well to continue the growth recently made in that department.

Another Bryan professor who leaves the Hill to pursue graduate work is Prof. Leslie Dixon of the Chemistry Department. Prof. Dixon will continue his work toward the doctorate and is, along with Miss Halloin, being granted a leave of absence for that purpose. To assist in the department during his absence, Mr. Lamar Modert, a graduate of Bryan University, with a B.S. degree, will assume the position of instructor in Chemistry.

We welcome these associates to the Lord's work on Bryan Hill.

IS THERE A LACK OF FAITH?

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere . . . without . . . doubting." I Timothy 2:8

"So Daniel was taken up out of the den . . . because he believed in his God." Daniel 6:23

If a man prays without faith, James tells us in Chapter 1, verse 7, "Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

The Divine order is to pray, believe, receive, *simultaneously*. This is not only the scriptural order, but the logical order. It is the only order that will work. Any deviation from this arrangement means no answer at all, regardless of how long one prays or how desperate the need may be.

Andrew Murray said, "Faith is setting our wills to have what God has willed for us."

Dr. S. D. Gordon said it in another way, "Prayer is faith looking up. Expectancy is faith looking down. Earnest prayer energizes faith, strong faith makes prayer powerful. Such faith brings answer to prayer."

*"Oh for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe;
That will not tremble at the brink
Of any earthly woe."*

*"Faith mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
and cries, 'It shall be done!'"*

THAT kind of faith gives an inner assurance that the Father hears and answers prayer.

RECEIVE ADVANCED DEGREES

Howard F. Vos, assistant professor of archaeology and history at Bryan University, received his Doctor of Theology degree with high honors from the graduate school of the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, at their 28th annual commencement on May ninth.

Dr. Vos holds the Master of Theology degree from the same institution and the Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College, Illinois.

Along with his regular duties as a member of the faculty at Bryan, Dr. Vos has found time to begin and to coach the University's first intercollegiate track team.

Peter I. R. Skanse, assistant professor of Spanish and missions, received his Master of Arts degree in Biblical education with a major in missions, from the Graduate School of Missions of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., on May 29, 1950.

Mr. Skanse received his Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

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