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BRYAN BIRTHDAY BANQUET

As March 19 draws nearer and nearer, plans are being made once again for the Bryan Birthday banquet.

The program for the evening is being arranged by Mrs. J. W. Hartman, chairman of the social committee. The speaker for the occasion is to be Dr. Livingston T. Mays, of Nashville, Tennessee, who is widely known in educational and religious circles. Dr. Mays served as American Consul in Canada during the period in which William Jennings Bryan was Secretary of State. He has also been very prominent in the educational world, having been connected with the Cuban American College; Summer School of Theology, Ridgecrest; Furman University, and other colleges of the South. Dr. Mays celebrated his Jubilee Anniversary of the Ministry in 1943. He has served as pastor of various churches in Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, and in Havana, Cuba. The theme of Dr. Mays' address is "Bryan: Christian Patriot Ideal." Dr. Mays will deliver also his famous address, "Golden Bells and Pomegranates," in the University Chapel on Sunday afternoon, March 18.

The Birthday banquet is always a source of enjoyment and fellowship. All are looking forward to this opportunity of again honoring the birthday of the great Commander, William Jennings Bryan.—B. B.

DR. FISK, VISITING MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Bryan has been richly blessed by the lectures and pictures shown by Dr. Samuel Fisk, a missionary to the Philippines. Dr. Fisk came on February 25, and has been holding services at the University and also in the churches of Dayton and nearby communities.

The pictures shown by Dr. Fisk revealing the dire need of the natives who have not heard of the true God will leave a lasting impression upon

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What is the Verdict?

Today, as has been true through the ages, when the work of the Lord has lagged the world has held it in reproach and ridicule. We read, "One of my brethren came, he and men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, 'The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.' (Neh. 1:2, 3.)

At the time of this writing it had been more than a half century since the foundations of the temple had been laid. More than a decade had passed since Ezra had gone to Jerusalem to put things in order and get the people united in the effort to fulfill their obligation to God. Now one comes from Jerusalem saying, "The remnant in the province are in GREAT affliction and reproach."

Why were they in reproach? Was it not because they had failed? (as far as the world and all outside appearances would indicate). So the report now comes back to this man of God. "The remnant are in great reproach."

Perhaps he had thought things were well since Ezra had gone to the work. Perhaps he had contributed to

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THE REPORT DELAYED

In an all too prominent position of the front page of the February NEWSSETTE, we wrote "we hope to be able to present . . . in the March issue of NEWSSETTE a building fund report and further information as to plans."

Although NEWSSETTE does carry some general information in this issue, and although we do have the preliminary sketch from the architect, the necessity of getting NEWSSETTE to our friends in time for Mr. Bryan's birthday anniversary leads us to ask the indulgence of our friends that we may give the promised report in the April issue of NEWSSETTE.

DAY OF PRAYER

The Spirit of the Lord moved in an unusual way on the hearts of the staff and students of Bryan University recently. The occasion was a special day of prayer held on March 3rd.

Students and staff gathered at 8 o'clock in the University Chapel for the opening service, which was led by Dr. Rudd. The first hour was spent in singing hymns of adoration, praise and thanksgiving. This was followed by forty-five minutes of pertinent Scripture verses from quickened hearts of sincerity. Dr. Rudd then spoke to us concerning the need for confession of sin and prayer in Bryan University and the evangelical Christian world in general. He outlined the history of Bryan, citing incidents in which Satan had attempted to hinder the work of the Lord by creating friction and unrest.

Then, for two and a half hours, the members of Bryan University poured out their hearts to God in confession of sin. Humbly, with tears and broken petitions, we cried out to God for forgiveness, and our loving Saviour leaned down and drew us close to His heart. There was a spontaneity and a freedom in prayer which kindled the revival fires in our hearts.

The afternoon session began at 2:30, worshipping the Lord again in song and Scripture. Dr. Rudd spoke to us briefly of the nature of our Christian warfare, with special reference to the power of our enemy, Satan. He emphasized the absolute need of complete dependence upon God for continued victory. This brief message of admonition was followed by an hour of prayer, during which renewed fellowship with the Lord and with each other was recognized by all. We separated with hearts rejoicing and a new zeal to meet the challenge of the Christian life triumphantly.

A brief time of fellowship was enjoyed in the evening. Songs of praise were sung, and prayers were offered for friends and loved ones. Truly it was a day of blessing and refreshing to all of us.

God Above All

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WISDOM FROM A WATERMELON

"I was passing through Columbus, Ohio, some years ago," said William J. Bryan, "and stopped to eat in the restaurant in the depot. My attention was called to a slice of watermelon, and I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waitress to dry some of the seeds that I might take them home and plant them in my garden. That night a thought came into my mind—I would use that watermelon as an illustration. So, the next morning when I reached Chicago, I had enough seeds weighed to find out that it would take about five thousand watermelon seeds to weigh a pound, and I estimate that the watermelon weighed about forty pounds. Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon. A few weeks before, someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of sunshine and shower that little watermelon seed had taken off its coat and gone to work.

"It had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forced that enormous weight through a tiny stem and built a watermelon.

"On the outside it had put a covering of green, within that rind of white and within that a core of red, and then it had scattered through the red, little seeds, each one capable of doing the same work over again. What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavoring extract and its coloring matter? How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty,

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ASSOCIATION

Some of the students and faculty members of Bryan University have the privilege of taking the Good News to the people in the hills and valleys around Dayton. This is a part of our C.S.A. work, and we have been greatly blessed in it.

We come up against many problems as we go out, but always we find our Saviour able to help us over any difficulties that may arise.

We would like to share with you some of the progress we have made this year.

Here are the figures:

Mileage: 1,027 miles.

Attendance: 1,449.

Decisions for Christ: 22.

Tracts: 2,566.

We will appreciate your prayers.

—L. H.

or tell just what He would do, or how He would do it. The most learned man in the world cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant man can eat a watermelon and enjoy it.

"God has given us the things that we need, and He has given us the knowledge necessary to use these things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from us.

"So with Christianity; if you ask me whether I can understand everything in the Bible, I answer, 'No, I understand some things that I did not understand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that are now obscure.' But there is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible—it is this: If we will only try to live up to the things that we DO understand we will not have time to worry about the things that we DO NOT understand."

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NOTE: One thing IS perfectly clear and may be tested by anyone: "To as many as received him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe in his name." (John 1:12).

DEBATE

We students of Bryan University have realized the necessity of learning to think on our feet—to be able to face an opponent with clear-cut, positive answers. As many know, William Jennings Bryan, for whom the University is named, was noted for his ability to defend intelligently his beliefs.

The methods of accomplishing this purpose at Bryan University are varied. On Tuesday night, March 6, representatives from the intra-mural Scarlets and Golds participated in a debate on the subject: "Resolved, that the United States should have complete control of the Arabian oil fields after the war." The Golds debated the affirmative, with Elaine Kennard and Cleo Graham as representatives, while the Scarlets defiantly held the negative side, with Gloria Hartman and Paul Smith defending their position.

We appreciate such opportunities to increase our alertness to respond to accusation against our beliefs, and to state without fear just what we do believe.—H. G.

CHILD EVANGELISM

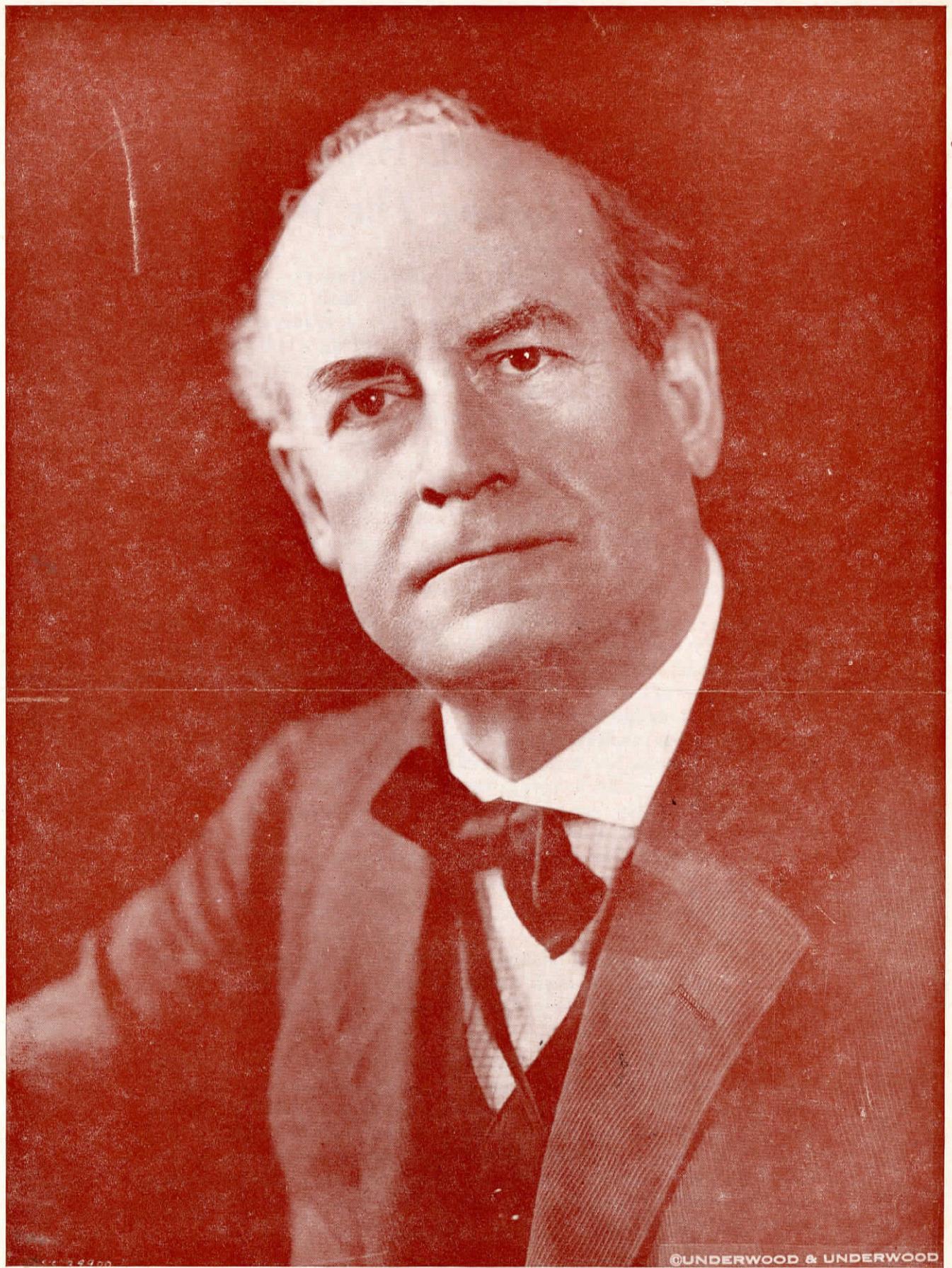
A representation of the Child Evangelism Fellowship of the University, composed of some eighteen students, gave concrete evidence recently of sincerity of purpose and fruitfulness in results, as they told us of their work in homes and schools in Dayton and nearby communities.

Who can forget little "Toby," presented by Ella Lee Hall, who has a class of Negro children in the home of Mrs. Bettis; or the sextette from the colored school (where four classes are held each Monday) who sang so acceptably.

There was positive evidence to those who listened that this work is indeed worth while. The spiritual level was high, and real joy came to our hearts as we heard of souls being saved among the children.

Certainly we could not but feel that such work as that carried on by the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Bryan University should have a larger place in the lives of Bryan students. Though we may not know it, yet we little realize that "a child saved is a life saved." Could the vision of all of us be enlarged to see the value of a "little" soul, our big problems would fade into insignificance.

Bryan University.



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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, 1860 - 1925
The Great Commoner, and Defender of the Faith

HE WON THE BATTLE! *Are We Losing The War?*

Twenty years ago William Jennings Bryan was in the arena, fighting the battle of his day for the Christian faith. That battle was one of the most important in an age-long struggle, appropriately called "The Conflict of the Ages." All battles and all wars are but the outward manifestations of this continuing warfare. Mr. Bryan was the champion of the Faith in his day. He won the battle, even though the scars of battle brought him to an untimely end. He fought a good fight, he finished his course, HE KEPT THE FAITH!

William Jennings Bryan saw the Christian faith as the foundation for our country and for all truly democratic ideals, principles, and practises. He saw that the attack on the Bible as the very Word of God and on the Lord Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son, was an attack on the very foundations of our society and civilization. To take away the heart of our life is to destroy life itself.

After the death of William Jennings Bryan there was a most opportune time for the born-again Christians of the United States to unite forces in propagating a strong faith in our democratic ideals, principles and practises, and more particularly in the Christian faith which is the foundation of our society. True Christians have been in agreement on the inspiration of the Scriptures and the redeeming work of Christ, but Satan has kept us from presenting a united front. As a generation of Christian believers we have had faith but we have not been zealous, nor have we been enthusiastic in propagating the Christian faith. We have been so listless in our efforts to sell the truths of the Christian faith, that our faith has appeared as a dead faith.

This generation of Christians has been so busy fighting, quarreling, and sulking within the ranks that we have been losing the battles against the common enemy. **We are** losing the War. A prominent modernist has been honest enough to admit that **modernism has failed**. Shall we not be honest enough to admit that we as orthodox or fundamental Christians have failed in promoting the essential truths of the Christian faith?

We, **The Bryan University Family**, including staff members, students, financial supporters, and praying friends are also guilty of these charges. We have not been winning our battle. Shall we not, by the help of **God Almighty**, win a great victory and demonstrate to a Christian World that **victory is possible and worthwhile?** We know of no victory in the Christian World that would stimulate and encourage more Christians to fight the good fight of faith, than for us to win this great victory at Bryan.

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this progress by an extra-generous "gift" or "donation." No doubt he had prayed for its blessing, even hoping to visit the country, and especially Jerusalem, sometime. True he hadn't prayed too much, but he had prayed.

Now his brother returns. Anxiously he inquired about Jerusalem. He can scarcely believe his ears as the "affliction and reproach" is described to him. "The wall also is broken down, and the gates thereof burned with fire." What a blow it must have been to this "friend of Jerusalem." He was crushed in his spirit. He sat down. He wept. He fasted. He prayed. He mourned. He pleaded the premises of God's Word. He confessed the sins of the Jewish nation and placed himself and "his father's house" at the forefront of the blame. Wasn't this a poor thing to do—waste time when such a condition demanded action. But he just sat still and fasted and prayed! And it reached God!! The King's heart was moved. Soldiers, money, men, time, letters, all because he was quiet and met God in God's way.

It was just twenty years ago that here in Dayton, Tennessee, a great battle was fought. Greater issues, by far, were at stake than the conviction of a science teacher of the local high school for violating the "Anti-evolution Bill." Through deft use of the opportunity at hand, a great victory was won by Mr. Bryan and his counsel for the Cause of Christ. Mr. Bryan paid with his life for the "privilege," as he put it, "of proving that a Christian could rest his faith on God's Word."

A movement was begun, a work started soon after that which was to be a memorial to this great "defender of the faith." A foundation was laid for a great building. Twenty years are now past, years filled with a struggle. Twenty years of almost constant strife with the forces of Satan as he has sought to defeat by discouragement and false statements the faithful efforts of the Lord's people here.

Some have sent gifts—a few large, many small—and have prayed, too. Some have forgotten why the foundation was laid, many never knew or cared to know about it. But the foundation is here. Yes, it is here, and more, too; but not as much as is hoped for nor expected. We explain it by saying it was the depression—lean years.

But now on the authority of one of those active largely in the trial against the Word of God comes the word that this year much celebration can be expected over the fact that Bryan University is little more than a name. "It isn't," say they, "a memorial, it is only a big joke." They are hoping to bring us into "reproach and great affliction" before the Christian world even as we are before them.

What is your verdict? You are the judge. Will you let it be the reproach to you—a child of God—that it is to the enemies of our Lord and His gospel?

Nehemiah was crushed by the blow, because it brought reproach on the name of his God. He sat down, he wept, he mourned, he fasted, and he pleaded the promise of God, confessing sin and waited for God to direct him. God did direct him. God provided him with money, protection and time to remove the reproach.

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PRESIDENT RUDD IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Returning from a two weeks' speaking tour in Brethren churches of central and western Pennsylvania, President Rudd stopped in Columbus, Ohio, for three services at the large Soul's Harbor Tabernacle, located opposite the State Capitol. Dr. Rudd was the special speaker for the Youth For Christ Meeting held on Saturday night, February 24th. On the following day he was the speaker for the regular Sunday services in Soul's Harbor. The Rev. Max Good is the Director of Soul's Harbor, and the Rev. Lee Baum is the Minister of Music. President Rudd also spoke briefly in a Sunday morning service at the Bible Presbyterian Church of Columbus. He reports appreciative audiences and cordial hospitality wherever he went on the trip.

"... The Solitary Place Shall Be Glad for Them"

These few words quoted from Isaiah 35:1 seem to express fully our feeling here at Bryan. There has been a very solitary place on the campus. It has languished in briars, vines, and brush—a "solitary place." Today there is gladness and rejoicing. The first house of "Faculty Village" has been started. It is a modest, five-room bungalow; nevertheless, it is a token to us that our God lives. WPB

ALUMNI NEWS

Lowell Hoyt, '42, has received high honors in the class with which he graduates on March 22 from Grace Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind. He is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, summa cum laude. His wife, Lola Goehring Hoyt, ex-'43, is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Christian Education.

Solon Hoyt, ex-'43, ranks close to his brother as a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, magna cum laude, while his wife, Kathryn Hirschy Hoyt, ex-'43, will receive the Christian Education diploma. Mr. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt have been accepted as missionary candidates for South America by the Brethren Church and are making plans for departure during the summer.

Joyce Hirschy, '39, and Edward, '40, de Rosset, with their two children, arrived in Peru, S. A., in December and are now becoming adjusted to the climate and altitude in preparation to relieve missionaries already on the field.

Dan Hirschy, '41, with his wife and baby, have been accepted by the Mid-Missions board as candidates for missionary work in Africa.

Ben White, '40, graduated in February from Dallas Seminary with plans for missionary work in Central America.

Grace Levengood, '41, entered Moody Bible Institute in January for further study and Christian training.

Mabel Arnold Walker, '40, announced the arrival of David Arthur in January. Her husband, who recently completed work at Carson-Newman College, is now pastor of the Baptist Church of Pruden, Tennessee.

Recent visitors on the campus were Jesse Lasley, '38, who has received a medical discharge from military service and is now teaching in Soddy Grammar School, and Pege Hege, '44, who is engaged in stenographic work in Akron, Ohio, as well as assisting in the work of the Jewish mission of which Rev. Edgerton Reid, '37, is director.

permit was received promptly. Construction has begun, and weather permitting, a few weeks will find the first house of "Faculty Village" taking shape.

There is a definite need for several such houses. Unite in prayer with us for means, material, and men to erect them to the glory of God.

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No doubt unless the Christians of America arise to the task unitedly, this great foundation on Bryan Hill will become a reproach to us all, and much more, to the Cause of Christ.

This is the twentieth anniversary of the "Scopes Trial." March 19 is Bryan's 85th Birthday Anniversary. This is the time of reproach. Are we to be so listless as to let it continue so? You are the judge. What is your verdict? Twenty persons—one for each year—to give \$1,000 each. Each recipient of the NEWSLETTER to send only \$10.00. Perhaps some of you can give more than \$10 to make

up for others who may be aged, shut-in or otherwise unable to give. We can—and will—enlarge our faculty. We can—and will—offer an enlarged curriculum to present and prospective students. We can—and will—do this, and more, if you are grieved by the reproach and will unite with us as one to weep, repent, and claim the promises of God for us. What is your verdict? You are the judge!

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"The things we ought to do, we can do;

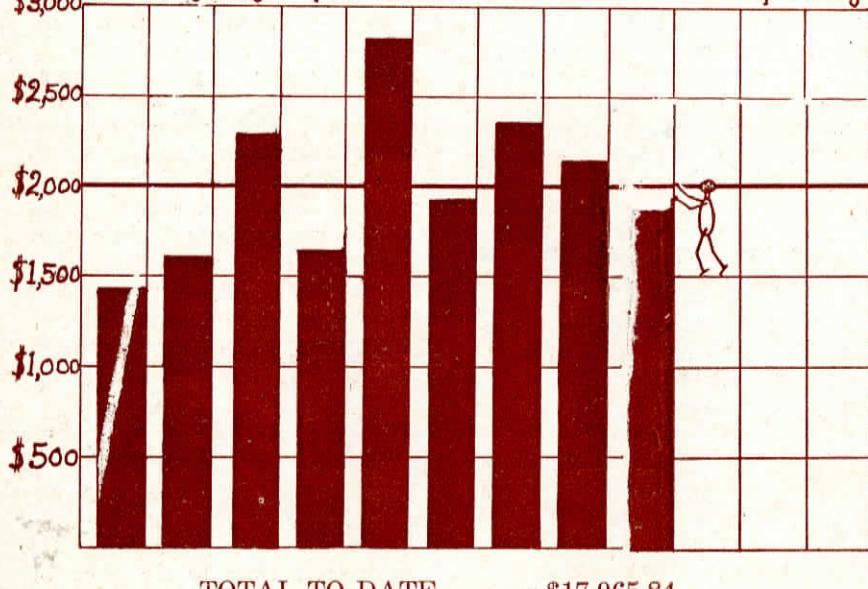
The things we can do, we must do."

—Unknown.

February Gift Receipts

1473	\$ 25.00	1509	1.00	1545	5.00	1581	50.00
1474	5.00	1510	5.00	1546	5.00	1582	12.91
1475	10.00	1511	5.00	1547	2.00	1583	1.00
1476	.10	1512	10.00	1548	5.00	1584	5.00
1477	5.00	1513	7.50	1549	5.00	1585	5.00
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1497	5.00	1533	5.00	1569	10.00	1605	50.00
1498	25.00	1534	1.00	1570	50.00	1606	5.00
1499	5.00	1535	2.00	1571	10.00	1607	5.00
1500	1.00	136	5.00	1572	1.00	1608	5.00
1501	12.00	137	1.00	1573	61.13	1609	10.00
1502	3.00	138	5.00	1574	1.00	1610	2.00
1503	10.00	1539	5.00	1575	25.00	1611	2.00
1504	28.00	1540	1.00	1576	3.00			
1505	15.00	1541	1.00	1577	5.00			
1506	10.00	1542	25.00	1578	5.00			
1507	5.00	1543	2.00	1579	5.00			
1508	10.00	1544	2.00	1580	25.00	Total	\$1,784.14

June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May



PASTORS AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS

ATTENTION!

Would you be interested in a gospel team from Bryan University visiting your church, mission, or Sunday School this Spring and Summer? Tentative plans are being made to carry forth the gospel as doors open.

Write us at once for complete details. Don't delay. DO IT NOW.

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us. It was of great interest to us to note the facial expressions of the heathen, as contrasted to the natives in whose smiles God had placed His joy and love. Different organizations of the country have tried to abolish head-hunting among the natives by introducing sports such as races and ball games, but they have failed. The government punishes these committing the crime, but it, too, has failed. The only successful solution found is the Gospel. The head-hunter who finds Jesus loses his desire for such gruesome practices.

Dr. Fisk was one of the last missionaries to leave the Philippine Islands before the war with Japan. Many of those who remained have been placed in concentration camps, and are suffering untold hardships for the name of Jesus. We note with thanksgiving that our American forces have recently raided several of these concentration camps, so that many of those missionaries who have survived the rigors of the camps have been released. Our prayers will go with Dr. Fisk as he leaves, also that the Lord will raise up new workers to carry on the work in this needy field.

H. B.

Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

Well! I took a slide this month, didn't I?

To be sure, February had only 28 days. Perhaps that is it; or perhaps I just didn't work hard enough. But now we are in the month of March, with its 31 days, and, even more significant, it is the eighty-fifth anniversary of the man for whom this school is named. My faith stretches sky-high this month. Lend me a hand, won't you?

Gratefully yours,

Sam