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WHAT OF THE OTHER FOURTEEN?

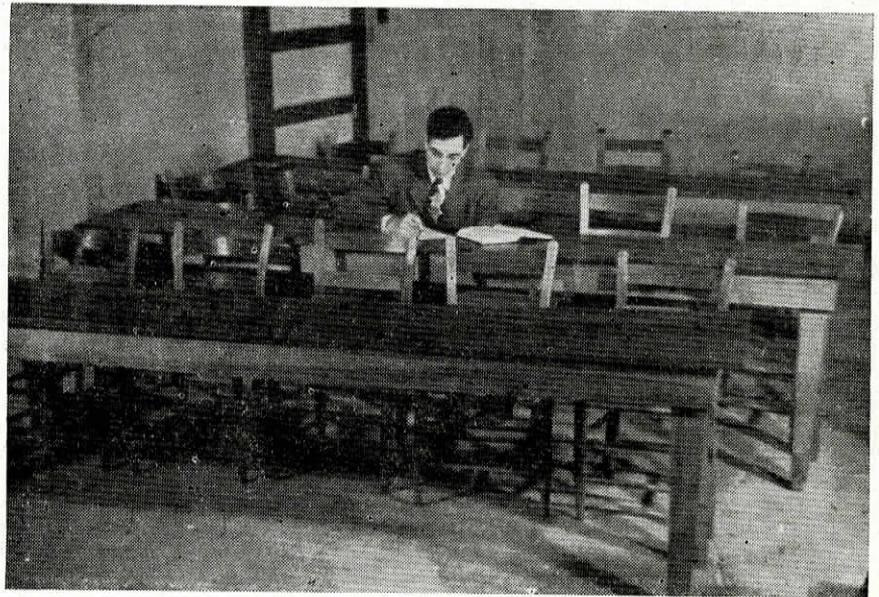
By WALLACE L. EMERSON

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A well informed editor has estimated that evangelical Christians of the United States number approximately fifteen million. There is no way to know the exact figure, but this estimate is probably conservative. Taking it as our basis, and estimating that one per cent of this fifteen million would be young people attending college somewhere, we arrive at the conclusion that there are 150,000 college students belonging to the evangelical group.

One would expect that Christian parents would be anxious to patronize Christian colleges; but strange to say, less than 10,000 students actually attend colleges that are evangelical in spirit and in doctrine. This means that fourteen out of fifteen young men and women from evangelical homes are educated either in state institutions or in modernistic or non-evangelical colleges.

Someone says this is unfortunate; is it not rather a tragedy? What will be the mental condition of a student who goes to a state school (I am thinking of a very particular state school) where the Bible is ridiculed, its standards flouted, its purposes belittled? The professors who do this are quite unacquainted with either its moral, literary, or spiritual content. The student is exposed to their teaching without knowing the answer to the anti-Christian doctrines promulgated as a part of his courses in biology, philosophy, or psychology. The professors emphasize all of the problems and give none of the answers. They emphasize those portions of the student's courses which seem difficult to integrate with the Scriptures, and leave him utterly unaware that there are far larger areas that are much more favorable to the Christian viewpoint.



While this may not result in a total loss of the student's faith, it does make him feel that true Bible Christianity is intellectually indefensible. He learns the other viewpoint, while acquiring no knowledge with which to defend his own. The result is that he is silenced in the presence of intellectual opposition.

Sound Christian colleges do not encourage young men and women to be contentious; they do expect them to know the strength of their own positions, to know that it is intellectually defensible, to know that neither science, nor philosophy has reached any finality. Revelation from an infinite God cannot be expected to correspond in every detail to human knowledge that is in process of change. Paul has the true scientific attitude when he says that "we see now through a glass darkly," and again "we see in part," for these words describe exactly man's present knowledge of science, philosophy and psychology.

Parents frequently are heard to say "I would like to have my son or daughter attend a Christian college, but inasmuch as they have to be trained for the world as it is, I want

them to have the best."

Our answer is this: If evangelical Christians will patronize evangelical colleges they will be able to give the very best in education, and will in addition have all the prestige these parents so ardently desire. If pastors will advise their young people to go to Christian colleges, they will not be left with no leaders for the youth of their communities. Out of the Christian college there will come back to them a type of worker, dynamic and alive to the service of Christ, who will make that church a much more vital influence in its community.

The present truth is that the average pastor has no young people who are prepared to serve the cause of Christ, and who can hold up the pastor's hands in his battle with the dark powers of sin and unbelief. The reason for this lack is simply that fourteen out of fifteen of the young people from such churches are educated in schools where no dynamic faith is developed.

In all this land there are between twenty and thirty colleges known to be evangelical in atmosphere, in doctrine and in purpose. Any one of the

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God Above All

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RESOLUTIONS

Prof. Paul D. Stock

Long before the Universe was inhabited by man, resolutions were made. Lucifer, an angel in heaven, resolved that he should be worshipped even above God. This resolution could not be kept: there is but one God—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Lucifer was cast out of Heaven (Isa. 14:12-15) and is now awaiting the Great Judgment which will seal his destiny for this resolution.

The earth was dark—without form, and void. God resolved to create, and did create the earth in six days. On the sixth He said, "Let us make man in our own image." In the first chapter of Genesis we have the complete record and the keynote of God's satisfaction, "And God saw that it was good." Note the difference between these two resolutions: Satan resolved to do evil for his own gain; hence, a curse resulted. God did do good and for nearly six thousand years has been worshipped and adored by many saints, even unto martyrdom.

Joseph, a type of Christ, was loved by his father above all his brethren. Jealousy prevailed in the family so they resolved to get rid of Joseph and sold him as a slave to the Egyptians. For this wickedness they were forced to pay a great price—they had resolved to do evil rather than good.

Daniel resolved that he would be true to his God, regardless of the decree of the King. Though he was cast into a den of lions, yet, for his resolution to do good and obey God he was rewarded.

Ruth, the Moabitess, resolved that she would be true to her mother-in-law: said she, "Whither thou goest, I will go: and where thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God." Because she kept this resolution to do good came the unbroken lineage, even down to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. After the birth of Jesus, King Herod resolved to do evil and to slay all male children under two years of age. God's plan of redemption could

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great universities has a larger enrollment, a larger faculty, a larger endowment, a larger income than all of these evangelical colleges put together. The only reason that can be given for the situation is that Christians have not supported Christian education by their prayers, by their interest, by their giving, and by the attendance of their young people.

Personally, I believe any young person who chooses to go to a Christian institution will be greatly blessed of the Lord. As President Buswell of the National Bible Institute of New York used to say, "We do not take the walk of faith because it pays, but it does pay."

MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH BULLETINS

We appreciate the response received from the announcement made in the December *Newsette* about the new church bulletins. We will gladly furnish, free of cost, to any pastor that will use them in the regular Lord's Day services in his church as many bulletins as he needs.

not be thwarted, so the one destined to be the Saviour of all mankind was spared until the appointed time.

The resolution made first by the great missionary apostle as he said, "I am persuaded that neither life nor death . . . nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39), has helped countless thousands to turn from darkness to light, from death unto life.

In looking back over the past year, no doubt, there have been many wrong resolutions made which we bitterly regret, many harsh words spoken, which, if we could but recall, we would gladly make any sacrifice to have unsaid. We cannot undo our past mistakes, so let us, like the great Apostle Paul, forget "those things which are behind and reach forth unto the things which are before" (Phil. 3:13), making our blunders stepping stones towards greater accomplishments.

Let us, at the beginning of this New Year, present our bodies, living sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto God—our reasonable service. (Rom. 12:1). Let us resolve to live holy lives, to love the unlovely, speak words of cheer to those less fortunate than we, remembering the words of our Lord, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AT BRYAN

Christian Education and Christian Service are inseparably linked, and from the first they have been the outstanding obligations imposed upon the Christian Church by the Lord Himself, for when He commissioned His disciples, He said, "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations."

Bryan University was raised up of God to provide young people with a safe and sound Christian education that will equip them for Christian living and Christian service, and a clarion call comes to us with new insistence and appeal from many parts of the world to carry out this obligation.

Through the Christian Service Association of the University, the students are given a practical training in Christian service under able and trained leadership. This training includes Bible and Sunday School teaching, preaching and singing the Gospel in the Mountain and Valley Communities around Dayton. There are fifteen preaching stations. The Child Evangelism classes meet in homes, churches, and schools of Dayton, and in these groups, approximately one thousand children are reached each week with the Gospel. A Miracle Book Club Chapter, organized in the local High School by our students, is a thriving organization where the high school youth are confronted with the "Christ of Calvary."

Each Saturday afternoon, when the streets of Dayton are crowded with folk from the surrounding towns and mountain areas, an open air meeting is held on Dayton's main street. Hundreds have heard the Gospel here. Two weekly jail services and hospital visitation are carried on. Also, students go to the Boys Reform School, a distance of forty-five miles, for the week-end, where the opportunity to conduct a Sunday School and do personal work with the boys is open to them.

The total record for all scheduled meetings for November indicates 3,765 persons were reached with the Gospel. What a thrill it is to have students return from their assignments filled with overflowing joy and praise to God as they report—"A young woman was saved this afternoon in the hospital"—"A prisoner was led to Christ at the Jail"—"Five boys confessed Christ at the Reform School"—"A girl of six accepted Christ as her Saviour in a Child

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Bryan University

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

WITH THE FACULTY

Professor Robert Shirley

"For by Him were all things created. . . . He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."



Contrary to the popular idea that the Bible must be defended against the attacks of skeptic scientists, students of the Word of God who have also been active in the field of science recognize the harmony with which true science supports the Bible. By placing proper emphasis on the creative power and sustaining authority of Almighty God, college students find real pleasure in studying the laws of science and mathematics which govern the movements of the universe and its bodies.

Following the much-loved and honored Dr. Glenn G. Cole, who went to be with the Lord during the past summer, Prof. Robert Shirley, a former Bryan student, joined the faculty this year as instructor in physics, chemistry, and mathematics.

In preparation for his work in these fields, Prof. Shirley graduated with honors from a two-year course in the Engineering School of Beckley College in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Grove City College with a major in physics and minors in mathematics and chemistry. Additional courses in education were taken from the Pennsylvania State College by correspondence and at Slippery Rock State Teachers' College.

After teaching for five years in the Indiana County schools in Pennsylvania, Prof. Shirley held a responsible position in the Westinghouse Company at Pittsburgh as insulation engineer in the transportation engineering department, working on designs for magnet coils and transformers and on the insulation of transportation motors.

Prof. Shirley found expression for his interest in Christian work when he served as president of the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Baptist Young Peoples Fellowship in Pennsylvania, taught the men's class, and served on the advisory board of his home church in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania.

With their two sons Prof. and Mrs.

The Newsette

THE TRUMPET CALL

Progress To Date



I. GIDEON'S BAND—\$10.00 or More Each Month

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. A Friend of Bryan | 8. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish |
| 2. F. E. Robinson | 9. Roy D. Hazlett |
| 3. Calvary Baptist Church | 10. C. E. Hartschuh |
| 4. H. H. Rhule | 11. A Friend |
| 5. Judson A. Rudd | 12. A Friend |
| 6. D. W. Ryther | 13. Helen Walcott |
| 7. Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Shirley | 14. Chas. M. Stevens |

II. HOME-FRONT ARMY—\$1.00 or More Each Month

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| 21. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stevens | 33. Wm. and Clara Reynolds |
| 22. Jean Gulley | 34. W. R. Holden |
| 23. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Miller | 35. A Friend |
| 24. Ila Ruth Mahr | 36. Frank J. Mitman |
| 25. Nellie T. Hann | 37. Julia A. Yancey |
| 26. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Platt | 38. Friends of Bryan |
| 27. Mrs. J. Goodrich | 39. Friends of Bryan |
| 28. Mrs. E. B. Arnold | 40. Mr. & Mrs. Alva M. Sutton |
| 29. A Friend | 41. Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Brogan |
| 30. Helen Gow | 42. A Friend |
| 31. Lillian Boyer | 43. Berean Fundamental Church |
| 32. A Friend | (Ivan E. Olsen, Pastor) |

TOTAL to date of Regular Gifts each month.....\$333.00

THIS IS OUR NEED!!!

1. A GIDEON'S BAND—Three Hundred Brave Leaders of Faith

Goal	Goal	Progress
June 1, 1948	June 1, 1946	to Date
20 who will give \$25.00 per month, or MORE	10	3
40 who will give \$20.00 per month	20	0
80 who will give \$15.00 per month	40	0
160 who will give \$10.00 per month	80	11

2. A HOME FRONT ARMY—Thirty-three Hundred Strong

300 who will give \$5.00 per month	150	11
1,000 who will give \$2.00 per month	500	14
2,000 who will give \$1.00 per month	1,000	18

Did you ever ride on an ox-cart when you needed to be doing "50"? The "cart" seems not to be moving at all.

Christian Stewards, ox-cart speed will not meet Bryan's needs! Who will trust God for \$1 a month for the University? Before June 1, 1946, we need more than 980 persons, that is 196 new persons each month until then, to reach our goal. Will you be one of them?

Shirley have shared the faculty apartments and contributed much to the spiritual and scholastic welfare of the school. Mrs. Shirley has assumed responsibility as assistant to the dietitian.

NEW STUDENTS

The "Bryan Family" welcomes into its fellowship the following new students: Wanda Lautzenheiser, Berne, Indiana; Irene Correll, Des Moines, Iowa, graduate of Moody Bible Institute; Melba Mullan, Alto, Texas, who formerly attended Sam Houston State Teacher's College; Juanita Mullan, Melba's sister, who formerly attended Sam Houston State Teacher's College and Texas Christian University; Clair

Brickel, Ritman, Ohio, who after one quarter at Bryan in 1942 donned the uniform of the United States Army, served three years, most of it overseas, and has now returned to Bryan University to complete his education; Vernon Koester, Sheffield, Iowa; and David Clark, Soddy, Tenn.

We are happy to have these young people with us and trust their coming may be a source of real mutual blessing.

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

—James 3:17.

ALUMNI NEWS

S. D. Hodges, '36, who is now on terminal leave prior to his release from the Army, was recently promoted to the rank of Major. He is now residing in Chattanooga with his wife and two-year old daughter, Carolyn.

Christian sympathy is extended to Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd Fish, '35, in the loss of Prof. Fish's father, who died at Philadelphia on Dec. 27.

Rev. J. Holmes Smith, '40, sailed with his wife for the Belgian Congo, Africa, late in November. He is working under the auspices of the Presbyterian (U. S.) Missionary Board.

After a vacation prolonged by illness, Louise Post, '41, has returned to Kentucky to resume her missionary work among the school children. She will be in the same section of the state in which she worked before, but in a new location.

Albert Wyllie, '44, and Gwen Hay, '45, sailed for Africa aboard the S. S. Marine Panther on Dec. 31, expecting to arrive in Port Said, Egypt, and travel thence to Nigeria.

The marriage of John Quimby, '45, to Wilda Chapman, ex '48, was solemnized in Elyria, Ohio, on Dec. 23. Mr. and Mrs. Quimby plan to reside in Elyria while John continues his high school teaching at a county school nearby.

Several months of patient waiting found their reward for Solon and Kathryn Hoyt, ex '43, in departure from New York City for Argentina, S. A., on December 26 to serve under the Brethren Missionary Society.

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Evangelism class!" Who can measure the value of an effort like this in the name of Christ? The wise and careful distribution of tracts and Gospel portions is emphasized as a vital ministry, and in November 500 tracts were distributed by the students.

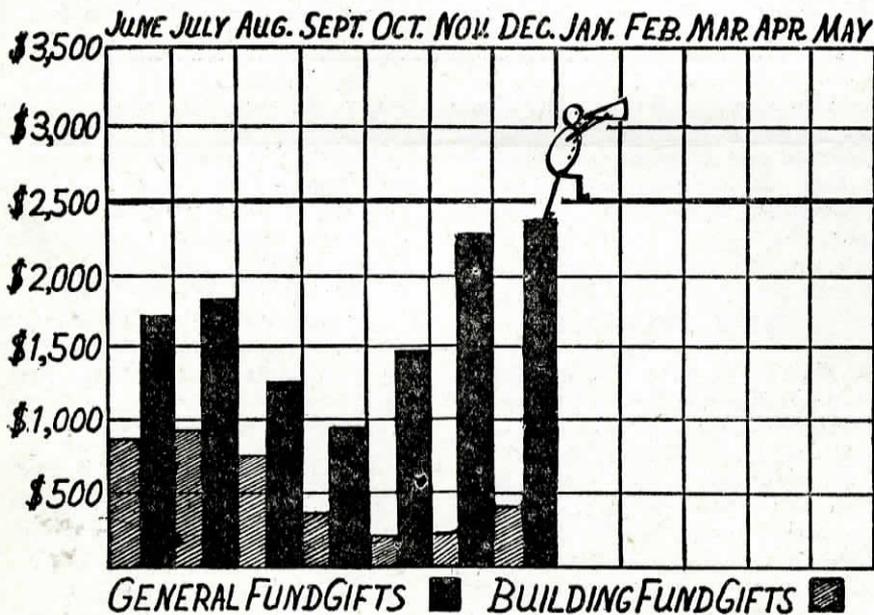
The lack of Christian Education as a part of our public school curricula is in a large measure responsible for the present crime wave among the youth of our land. In light of this, we are grateful for the opportunity of holding weekly Gospel services in six schools; and other doors have opened for similar services as soon as suitable student groups can be arranged.

Will you not join with us in prayer that the means for carrying on this very important work may be forthcoming? Our tract supply is low, and the upkeep of automobiles to go to these assignments is no small problem, but "God is faithful," and He is able to supply our need.

The answer for all that has been accomplished in His Name can be stated in this manner: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

PLANT AND PROPERTY FUND REPORT

Balance (December 1st)	\$11,637.13
Building Fund Receipts:	
Nos. 68-77	431.00
5% of Gift Income	119.06
Total	\$12,187.19
Less expenditures	298.91
Balance on hand	\$11,888.28



December\$2,381.29 December\$431.00

AUDIT REVEALS PROGRESS

Copies of a consolidated balance sheet for all funds of the William Jennings Bryan University, prepared by the Chattanooga firm of Certified Public Accountants, Roy D. Hazlett and Associates, have just been mailed out to Dayton and Chattanooga friends of the memorial institution founded in Dayton after the famous Scopes Evolution Trial. The audit, as of May 31, 1945, approximately twenty years after the organization of the Bryan Memorial University Association, reveals that total real assets of about \$200,000.00 have been accumulated. This figure does not include Subscriptions Receivable, several hundred thousand dollars in uncollectible subscriptions not having been carried on the books for several years. Liabilities, which amounted to more than thirty thousand dollars in 1933, have been mostly retired.

The audit reveals that the operating deficit, which accumulated during the depression, reduced by \$4,864.61 during the last two fiscal years, now stands at less than one thousand dollars. During the same period the Plant Fund balance increased by \$9,826.71 to a total of \$166,226.72 at the beginning of this present fiscal year. A substantial amount is also invested in a faculty housing project being financed largely from annuity funds.

The University has grown large enough for the auditors to believe it wise to recommend separate bank accounts for the various funds. Of greatest interest to the general public is the nearly nine thousand dollars in cash being held for improvements in buildings and equipment. The administration at present is planning a building program to take care of students desiring to enroll in September of 1946.

Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

How good it feels to stay on top, for do you see that I'm still climbing higher! One more step will take me to the first goal, and then I surely want to stay above it.

What's this I hear about the Trumpet Call? It sounds like good news to me, so I'm going to blow my horn too and tell folks that we still need some more help in our Army.

Here's to wish you the Lord's best for 1946.

Sincerely,

Sam

Bryan University