

# The BRYAN NEWSLETTER

*Echoes from*  
**THE BROW OF BRYAN HILL**

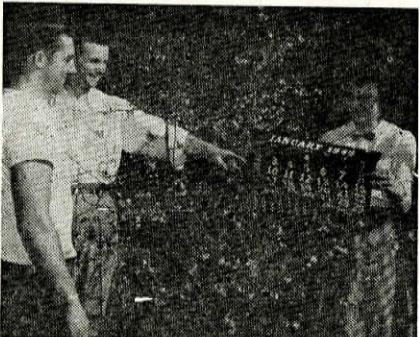


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WHEN IT'S WINTER TIME...



A japonica bush steps out of season to bloom in January.

When it's springtime in the Rockies, it might be, according to current weather on Bryan Hill, almost anything in the sunny South, for when it's winter time in the northland, Bryan Hill is being graced with a large japonica bush in full bloom, with forsythia blossoms blatantly poking their noses out to greet a not-yet-present spring, and tree buds opening their doors to adventurous leaves, entirely too young to be out.

What is going to happen when the seasons forsake their rebellious actions and conform to custom, we do not know. But we feel quite sure shirt sleeves will be much less prominent on the Hill than they are now.

P.S. (two days later)—Below freezing and snow—poor flowers.



## FRESHMEN ELECT COUNCIL MEMBERS

In keeping with the custom of the University, Freshman councilors are not elected until the conclusion of the first quarter. Recent elections resulted in placing Rebecca Craig, of Colfax, Indiana, and Ronald Meznar, of Cleveland, Ohio, onto the Council as representatives of the first-year students. Carl Wonderly, sophomore from Mt. Lake Park, Maryland, is the new representative of that class.

## THE LORD BLESSES STREET MEETINGS

Are you interested in winning souls for the Lord? Of course, you are. So are we here at Bryan.

Every Sunday after dinner about twenty fellows hasten away from the campus to hold a street meeting in one of nine towns within a radius of forty-five miles of Dayton. Upon arrival we set up our loud-speaker and start singing some rousing gospel songs. Between the songs one of the fellows is called on for a testimony. After a solo or quartet number one of the group gives a simple gospel message. An invitation is given at the conclusion of the message, and then the fellows fan out to do personal work.

The Lord has blessed us mightily in this work. He has given us one hundred and fifty-nine decisions in thirteen meetings. During this period of time we have made eight hundred and sixty-three contacts and passed out over 3,000 tracts and twenty-eight gospels of John.

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

## RECITAL IS GIVEN

Enjoyed by all who attended, including a number of friends from Dayton, the first recital of 1949 was held in the Memorial Chapel on the night of January twenty-eighth. The program included compositions by Bach, Chopin, Mozart, Tschaikowski, MacDowell, and other prominent composers. Students playing were Mrs. Don Oakley, the Misses Ruth Sutton, Jeannine Jones, Suzanne Miller, Margaret Haight, Ruth Ann Adams, and Della Huck. Ross King represented the men for the evening. All are students of Mrs. Margaret McGowan, who joined Miss Huck and Mrs. Oakley for two-piano numbers.

## ATTENTION, NORTHEAST CHAPTER

Alumni Meeting on March 19th

DON'T FORGET IT

## What the Presidents Said

In the time of presidential inaugurations, perhaps it is fitting to think a minute about what the country's leaders in the past have thought of the Book of the Present — God's holy Word.

George Washington—"Above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation has had ameliorating influence on mankind, and increased the blessings of society."

Thomas Jefferson—"I always have said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands."

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## DAY of PRAYER

March 15th

►P R A Y◀

# The Bible and Archaeology

Professor Earl Williamson

Within the past century, through the science of archaeology, some remarkable discoveries have been made which have served to corroborate the believer's faith in the inerrancy of the Bible as the Word of God.

Since shortly after the turn of the 19th Century, archaeologists have been busily engaged in unearthing thousands of objects of antiquity. Hundreds of thousands of clay tablets, some ante-dating the flood of Noah's time, have been uncovered, and since 1935 many hundreds of these inscriptions have been translated into modern languages. From these tablets we have learned that not only was writing in vogue in Moses' day, but it was already in a state of deterioration. In 1887 about three hundred cuneiform (wedge-shape) inscribed tablets were discovered at Tell el Amarna, in Egypt, letters written in the Babylonian language by governors, officers, and others from many cities in Western Asia, and addressed to the Theban kings, Amenhotep III and IV (1411-1358 B. C.). The fact that these tablets, for the most part, were written by those who were neither professional nor non-professional scribes indicates clearly that writing was in common practice among all the people of civilized nations of that period of time. The Theban Dynasty preceded the Ramases of the Hebrew persecution and exodus.

Further excavations have revealed that there were many cities which were noted for their huge libraries and for being centers of education. From these cities thousands of inscribed clay tablets have been taken. The names of kings and events, not found in any other source than the Bible, have been discovered in ancient inscriptions which have come to light only in comparatively recent years.

Is the Bible, as we have it today, of the same text as it was originally? Textual critics have access to over four thousand ancient Bible manuscripts. They are able to arrive at definite proofs of the fact that the text of the Bible, as we have it today, is exactly the same as it was when first written. These manuscripts prove that all the books and epistles of our Bible were in existence prior to the close of the First Century A. D. The prophecies, the historical statements, and all scientific inferences have suffered no embarrassment by the most modern discoveries, although, they

have remained absolutely unchanged since the original text was written. Some of the extant manuscripts date back to the Second Century B. C. The Chester Beatty Papyrus (discovered in 1931) dates back to about 150 A. D. This fragmentary book—with leaves made of papyrus—contains most of Paul's letters to the churches. It bears testimony to the fact that Scripture was already in book form by the Second Century, A. D. The text of Paul's letters, found in this codex, according to Dr. Finegan, "emphatically confirms the accuracy and soundness of the general textual tradition." (LIGHT FROM THE ANCIENT PAST.)

What Dr. W. F. Albright acclaims "the greatest manuscript discovery of modern times" is the Jerusalem Isaiah Scroll (discovered in 1947 by some wandering Bedouins). Reproductions of this scroll, and Dr. John C. Trevor's accompanying descriptions, may be found in THE BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGIST (Vol. XI, 1948, 3), published by the American Schools of Oriental Research, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Conn. This scroll has been reasonably identified as contemporary with—or possibly older than—the famous Nash Papyrus (c. 150 B. C.), hitherto the oldest extant Hebrew manuscript. Dr. Albright exuberantly expressed his opinion by stating that "There is no doubt in my mind that the script is more archaic than that of the Nash Papyrus . . . ."

The significance of the Jerusalem Isaiah Scroll is this: it definitely refutes the theory, held by some in our day, that Isaiah is a conglomeration of oracles and fragmentary writings of many writers. Dr. Millar Burrows has this comment to make: "For students of the Bible the manuscript of Isaiah is the most interesting and important of all. It is the only complete manuscript of any book of the Bible from such an early time. At the latest date which can possibly be assigned to it, it is older by several centuries than any other extant manuscript of a whole Old Testament book in Hebrew. For this reason it is an extremely important witness to the text of Isaiah, taking us back much nearer to the time of the original composition of the book than our other manuscripts do. Together with the Septuagint, which in Greek translation reproduces a still earlier form

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## F. M. F. CONFERENCE PROVES BLESSING

It was just another Missionary Conference in a school where Bible Conferences were common things. The Word of God was taught and the student body was considered a spiritual group. But there were a few who had a vision of the lost, who had heard the Macedonian call and who prayed. The result—God blessed abundantly above all that we could ever ask or think. Missions had believed, prayer was emphasized and came a common word to us. Now we thought no longer of the lost people but rather of souls—men and women dying and going to hell at the very moment when we were again drinking at the Water of Life which flows so freely. Facing the facts was not a very pleasant thing. The fact that Jesus demanded and expected the Gospel to be preached to the human race, and that even now, nineteen hundred years after His command, the greater part of the world still lies in sin and appalling unbelief. Who will proclaim the good news, if America doesn't?

Think about this! "For the heathen in Africa who never heard of Christ, for that man it will be just as if Christ had never died."

Rev. G. Christian Weiss spoke to us about his work as a missionary in Morocco and showed some very vivid motion pictures of the work there. To the question which every young person asks, he gave us a very definite answer from God's Word. How may I know God's will for my life? The answer is found in Romans 12:1, 2.

Mrs. James Stewart shocked us by telling us of the number in Europe who know not the Lord. She told of the work of the European Evangelistic Crusade among the people who are without homes, and, worst of all, without the Lord Jesus Christ. The night of communism is settling quickly over Europe. The countries which were open to evangelism before the war are now closed. The people are hungry for peace and confidence and are groping for satisfaction. We alone have the answer to their problem, in Christ. What are we doing about it?

The fields are white unto harvest; the laborers are few. Two hundred million unreached souls in India cried out to us through the words of Rev. Irvine Robertson of the Ceylon and Indian General Mission. Hungry, sick, discouraged people in a land of life that is also a land of death waiting for the Gospel to reach India.

BRYAN UNIVERSITY

## DON'T FORGET

If you are an alumnus of the University, and in a full-time Christian work, you should have received a letter requesting a small snapshot of you in action. It is hoped that we can within the near future print a small folder showing how and where our graduates have answered the call of the Lord and are busy for Him, at home or abroad. The sooner the pictures are in, the sooner we can start our work here, and the more valuable the literature will be to the University. It should make an interesting story—don't let your part be missing. Just a snapshot and a few words of testimony and a few about your work.

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Abraham Lincoln—"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man."

Ulysses S. Grant—"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for the progress made, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."

Theodore Roosevelt—"Almost every man who has by his life-work added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud, of which our people are proud, almost every such man has based his life-work largely upon the teachings of the Bible."

Calvin Coolidge—"The foundations of our society and of our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them, if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country."

### FROM A POOR RICH SAINT

This is from "a poor rich saint"—am rich in Him—running over—financially. I stay home with an aged mother, therefore earn very little, a day here, and a day there, but it grieves my heart that there are such urgent needs among the "worthwhile" gospel channelers—and so much spent elsewhere—and it also grieves me that I have so little to give.

It is a comfort to me that I can talk to Him about it all.

I visited Bryan, that is a little stop-off, while passing through. It was vacation season. Even then I could feel the "thrill" of the place.

A verse that meant much to me . . . three words in John 11:11—after a long illness when too weak to read but a portion of a verse, the little words "But I go" stood out in letters of fire. Diety Himself in a time of need. What more do we need?

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I believe the promises of God enough to venture an eternity on them.

WATTS....

## Echoes from the Gifts for the King Service

(Continued from previous issue)

### Michigan

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I Jno. 2:15. I praise God for a Christian University like Bryan, their stand for a life of separation unto God. I have had the joy of meeting and working with some of your students at Gull Lake two summers. They can't be beat.

### Nebraska

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1. "What is a peanut, God?" asked George Washington Carver. The answer—the peanut is the substance of many things hoped for—these things are evidence of the things unseen. What is your desire or needs? It can be made from your faith the material (or substance) from which so much was made; faith for Abraham was counted as righteousness—for the blind, faith became sight, (thy faith hath made thee whole!) Many, many others received hope for things through their faith! May God grant your faith be ample for your needs! May the Holy Spirit reveal to you all the power in the truth of these few words. A friend of Bryan.

### New Jersey

Our church, The Christian Missionary Alliance, of Cranford, N. J., are constantly praying for the success of Bryan Hill.

### New York

May God in His great goodness so enrich you and bless you that Bryan Hill will always be a beacon light to tell the world that Jesus died for their sins.

We praise the Lord for the fine work that is being done at Bryan. May God's richest blessings be with each of you as you strive to serve Him.

### North Carolina

Hope some day to pay the great school a visit, and meet the big family at Bryan.

### North Dakota

My friendship has been via mail only, but it has been a vital witness that your school has presented over these ten years. May your work continue to grow, as it has been, and I know it will, for . . Ps. 125:1, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mt. Zion, cannot be removed, but abideth forever." Bryan has given me this impression always.

### Ohio

There are so few places today where our young people can be safely educated that we do praise God for such a place. Praise God for His wonderful gift—His own dear Son. He makes my life happy and I want to give Him a gift through Bryan. Rom. 1:16.

J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, once said, "God's work, done in God's way and in God's time, will never lack for God's blessing." "We never test the resources of God until we attempt the impossible." Dr. F. B. Meyer.

The students who have visited the New London Church have been such a spiritual uplift to me.

I thank God for people like you.

### Pennsylvania

I am a millionaire without a penny and now in my 84th year. But the Lord is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Praise His holy name.

Three of your girls were in the "feed" department of our Camp Caledon this summer. We want the men of your school, who are looking for wives who can cook, to look them up—they are 100 percent, boys.

I thank God for the blessings which have been mine through reading the Bryan NEWSSETTE and other of your literature. I am also very thankful for how I have been personally helped and strengthened in the Lord through one of your students.

Although I'm one of those "narrow peculiar" people (Plymouth Brethren), I have a large heart for all of the Lord's children and often pray for you and thank God for the good work you are doing for Him and the young people. Psa. 31:19.

### South Carolina

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 2:5. To carry the good news of His Gospel to the uttermost ends of the world.

### South Dakota

Mr. Bryan was one of the greatest Americans who ever lived and gave his life in defending the Gospel. If we are prepared to meet our Lord, whether laying down this body in death or the Rapture, what a "blessed hope!"

### Tennessee

May the Lord continue to bless your fine school and supply all your need. We are praying very definitely for your splendid Christian college. II Cor. 9:15.

Praise God for the blessing I received on my recent visit to Bryan Hill, and for the "unfeigned faith" and true consecration of both faculty and students. Mal. 3:16.

### Texas

We praise God for your continued stand in God's grace, Victory, Faith, and Love. May the oil and meal fail not! Outlook is dark, though the up-look is bright.

### Vermont

Congratulations for organ and all answered prayer. May God supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

### Virginia

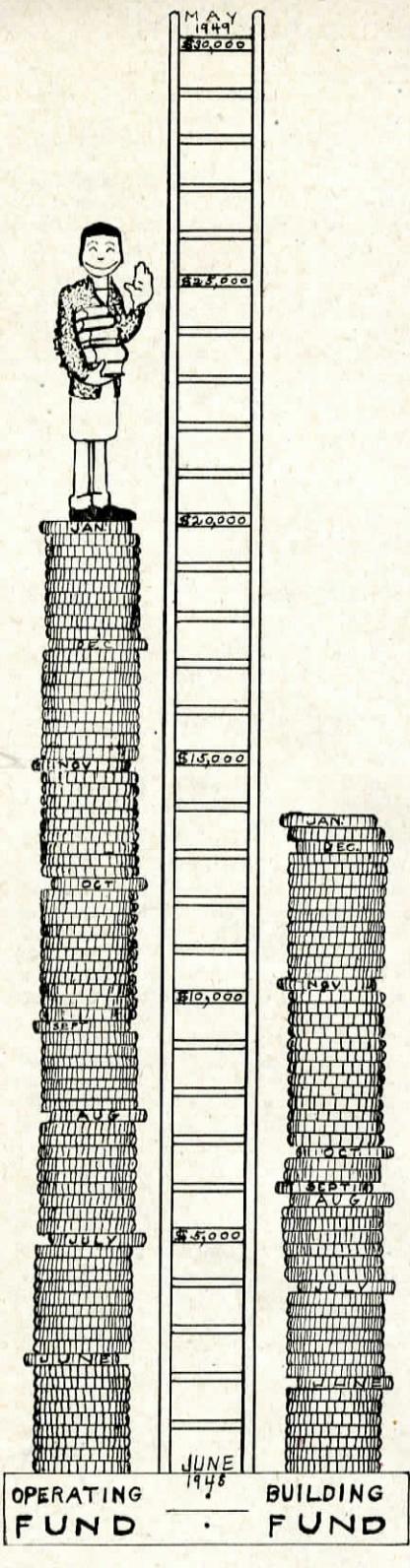
I praise the Lord that such a school as Bryan University exists and hope that I may have the privilege of attending beginning next year. A verse which means much to me is I Cor. 10:13.

### Wisconsin

May God abundantly reward you in your work at Bryan while studying and teaching in riches whereof the world is ignorant.

### Manitoba

God bless you all. Jn. 3:16.



M. S. M. .... \$ 657.97  
Other ..... 2,390.09

Total Gifts for January....\$ 3,048.06  
Surplus for Building Fund 548.06  
Gifts to Date.....\$33,774.39

## THE PRAYER CLOSET

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

### PRAISE:

1. The Student (F. M. F.) Missionary Conference, January 21-23, was a blessing to students, staff members, and the co-operating churches in Graysville and Grandview. The total offering received for the expenses and honorarium of three visiting missionaries amounted to \$431.82 of which \$341.82 was contributed by students and staff members.

2. Ten years ago Ralph Toliver, a Bryan graduate and our first missionary recruit, set foot on Chinese soil. Now fifteen graduates and five former students are on the foreign field. A graduate is on the way and another graduate is waiting passage. An additional three graduates and one former student have been accepted and are scheduled to sail during 1949.

3. A total January gift income of \$3,048.06, while much less than in November and December, still leaves an excess of more than \$500.00 for the Plant Fund above the \$2,500.00 budget figure needed for operation.

4. The University is to receive bequests from two estates left by friends of the University. One lived in New York and the other in Florida.

5. Improvements in the Library and the Biology Laboratory add greatly to appearances. Work is nearing completion on the cottage home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Hill, Boarding Department supervisors.

6. Favorable weather and good winter pasture have meant much to the University dairy herd. Fuel costs have been less than usual.

### PRAYER:

1. MSM has divided the day into five-minute intervals for prayer warfare. We are on Central Standard Time. Students and staff members have assumed prayer responsibility

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## GOSPEL SINGERS

Plans continue under way toward working out the itineraries for the two groups of singers for the coming summer, the men in the West, the ladies in the East. Requests are coming in for their services. Get yours in now and present Christ to your people in a new way.

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of the Hebrew text, our manuscript, is an important tool for establishing the original wording of the book."

At a time when skepticism has been riding high in the professorial seats of many of the schools of higher learning, God has raised up men who, with shovel in hand, have been—and are—digging up proofs of the accuracy of the Scriptures. These discovered objects of history, produced by the archaeologists, do not enhance the value of the spiritual help that one receives from the Bible, but they do supply an abundance of material with which to counteract the false teachings of the liberalists and modernists of our day.

for most of the five-minute periods. Perhaps some of our friends can assume prayer responsibility during the daily chapel exercises, 9:45-10:55 each morning. Neither are the periods during 8:40-9:05, and 12:05-12:20 p.m., taken as yet. Some of our friends have definite times when they pray for the Lord's work at Bryan University. MSM will be glad to list the name of any friend who will pray for Bryan at a definite time each day. Pray for the completion of the main memorial building.

2. Only 276 individual gifts were received during January as against 640 in December. More individual gifts as well as larger gifts will result in a larger surplus for the Plant Fund over and above the \$2,500.00 minimum needed for operation.

3. The LETTERGRAM, sent out the last of October and early in November, stated the need for annuity gifts to be used in the construction of homes for staff members. (Houses No. 4 and No. 5 are practically completed.) Since then only a little over \$2,000.00 has been received for this Fund. We need to resume work on House No. 3. Nearly \$2,500.00 was invested in this property before construction was interrupted by wartime regulations. We need more annuity gifts.