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## Eighth Commencement

With Dr. Harris H. Gregg as the speaker, baccalaureate services were held on Sunday evening, June 8. His message on "The Gospel of the Glory of Christ" served only to deepen students' appreciation of his rich ministry here as Bible teacher during the past two years.

Dr. Bob Jones, commencement speaker on the following Wednesday morning, gave a practical message on "How to Live," saying that if one knew how to live, he would know how to make a living.

Degrees conferred on the graduates were all Bachelor of Arts. The P. A. Boyd prize of \$10.00, given each year to the Senior man who has shown outstanding qualities in character and leadership, went to Daniel Hirschy, who also had the highest scholastic average for the four years, 90.4 per cent, graduating *cum laude*.

Mr. Hirschy also received a prize of \$5.00 given by Dr. William Seibert Houck, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to the Senior having the highest scholastic average for the four years. With the prize was included a gift of \$3.00 to each of the other graduates.

Dr. John J. VanGorder's gift of a set of his books to the one who kept the best notes on his messages on "The Tabernacle" was awarded to Robert Thompson.

### ALUMNI BANQUET

The annual Alumni Banquet, honoring the graduating class, was held on June 7 at the Aqua Hotel, in Dayton. Alumni were present from Chattanooga and Pikeville, Tennessee, and Elyria, Ohio, as well as from Dayton, making the fellowship an occasion of real enjoyment.

At the election of officers, Logan Rector, '35, of Pikeville, Tennessee, was elected president for the coming year. Lloyd Fish, '36, retiring president, was chosen to be vice-president, and Ruth Toliver, '40, was elected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Lloyd Fish, '36, was chosen by the group to be editor of a column of alumni news to appear in NEWSLETTE. This feature will begin in the next issue. Alumni are urged to write brief notes of their activities to Mrs. Fish before July 1.



At Home in the Octagon. (Left to Right) Ernestine Healan, Laura-Belle Eastep, Margaret Ann Mckinnon, Jean Neff, Eileen Hartschuh, Mrs. McMurry.

### 1940-41 FISCAL YEAR

Time and tide wait for no man, and "Statistical Sam" learned this to his sorrow. Working feverishly right up to bank closing time on Saturday, May 31st, Sam could pile up only an additional \$1,757.65 during May, the last month in the fiscal year. The total figure for the year, \$24,810.62, left our gift income just \$189.38 short of the \$25,000 gift budget goal.

No two years are just alike. There are so many composite factors which may vary. Apart from the \$10,000 received from an estate, our gift income was actually less than last year. This might be explained by the tendency of many people to give more liberally to other very worthy and less fortunate causes in which they are interested. We rejoice in the support given other worthy causes even if it seems to cut down what might be given here.

Also, we should mention a \$2,500 annuity gift received during May, but because interest is paid thereon, we did not count it as a part of regular gift income. This money was used to retire a \$1,500 mortgage and a \$1,000 note obligation incurred during the 1938 emergency building program. Total payments on outstand-

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### LADIES' QUARTET ON ROAD

Leaving Dayton on June 16th, President and Mrs. Rudd and the Ladies' Quartet, Laura-Belle Eastep, Lola Goehring, Eileen Hartschuh, and Leona Wilson, headed north into Ohio for the first of a series of services which will keep them traveling for slightly over eight weeks and several thousand miles.

Of especial interest, from the standpoint of travel and current events, will be the four services to be held in Canada, ally of the warring England.

Other stops will take the singers into New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and possibly one or two other states. Christians are urged to pray for this definitely Christian testimony and for those who will need both strength and patience throughout the many miles to be covered.

### FRESHIES ENTERTAIN

The Sophomore class was entertained by the Freshmen at a hike-picnic supper in the Gulch, May 31. Leaving the hill at 4:30 and hiking about four miles to the Gulch, the party found a supper of hot dogs, potato salad, potato chips, pickles, lemonade, and marshmallows awaiting them.

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—God Above All—

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### 110 Saved

A report of the Christian Service Association work indicates the blessings of the Lord and answers to prayer during this past school year.

The number saved at street meetings has been three, and at jail services twelve, with two restored to fellowship. Visitation work has resulted in the salvation of fourteen, with two restored to fellowship with God. Four children have been definitely saved through Child Evangelism classes, and at least seventy have been saved at the Colored Reform School.

Other figures which could be given are the 300 people contacted each Sunday through the twenty outposts, in which the gospel of Christ would otherwise not be heard; the approximate 250 miles traveled each week in reaching the places; 18,000 tracts distributed, 175 responses from these, with six souls saved.

Truly, we can praise the Lord for the salvation of these 110 souls, for His provision for all transportation and other expenses involved, and, in addition, for construction of the chapel at Hairpin Curve. How great is His goodness!

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### THE COMMONER

The Annuals have arrived! General opinion? Well worth waiting for. The padded white covers, bearing an impress of an open casement window and "The Commoner" and the name of the owner in maroon lettering, combine to make a very attractive volume. As indicated by the cover picture, the theme is "Magic Casements" affording glimpses into school life, portrayed almost entirely pictorially, with only short, snappy written comments here and there. Individual photos, organization pictures, snapshots, a diary, quotations at the bottom of each page, ads—these are all found in the 1941 COMMONER.

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## FROM A UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY COMES A STARTLING CRY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Des Moines Register* of January 15, 1941, printed an editorial from the *Daily Iowan*, the University of Iowa newspaper, which was directed to the faculty and administration of the university under the caption, "TAKE US BACK TO SOLID GROUND—That Is the Hope, and the Plea, of American Students Everywhere." We herewith reprint the article as reprinted in the *John Brown University Bulletin*.)

We are about to speak for the students of the University of Iowa, and we believe for young people all over America, who are facing a world of discomfiting reality. You of the older generation fought an earlier war that we might never have to face it.

We're jumping the gun, wholly and completely, forgetting about the wars now enveloping the world—wars which conceivably could involve the United States within a matter of months.

Taking nothing for granted, but recognizing every possibility a pregnant future offers, we're looking forward to the America we'll have when this war is over—Reconstruction America.

*Inevitable Facts to Face—*

What facts will we have to recognize then that you and we—of both generations—may just as well be facing now?

What should we be doing now about solving the problems you've put off for generations?

You know, as well as we, that those problems are the result of a wholesale unwillingness to face facts.

We all know that Americans—the rank and file of us—have never been trained in how to live.

You'll have to accept the blame.

You haven't taught us to be able to take it.

We aren't living within our means, and we followed your example.

We're afraid of hard work; you never taught us to love it.

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### ALUMNI MARRIAGES

Of interest to the Alumni will be the announcement of the marriage of Miss Marjorie Yancey, '34, to Mr. Wendell Lee Weaver on June seventh, and that of Miss Sophia Hege to Mr. Edgerton Reid, '37, on June fifteenth. Miss Hege is the sister of Miss Peggy Hege, a freshman in the University during the past year. NEWSETTE joins with alumni and other friends to extend good wishes to both couples.

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### GOLDS EKE OUT VICTORY

With a lead of only thirteen points the Gold intra-mural side won over the Scarlet. The Golds were victorious in the following athletic contests: basketball, shooting, high jump, and archery. In the forensic division they ruled over the Scarlets in posters, spelling, poetic readings, and impromptus. The Scarlet side won in touch football, softball, horseshoes, tennis, broad jump, and dramatic readings. The final score was 137½ to 124½.

The cup the Scarlets carried off so victoriously last year now lies in the hands of the Golds. The side winning it three successive years will be awarded the cup permanently.

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### SEEK YE FIRST

Queen Elizabeth asked a rich English merchant to go on a mission for the Crown. The merchant remonstrated saying that such a long absence would be fatal to his business. "You take care of my business," replied the queen, "and I will take care of yours." When he returned he found that through the patronage and the care of the queen his business had increased in volume and he was richer than when he left.

So every business man can afford to place the interests of Christ's kingdom first, for the promise is clear and unmistakable. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). . . . Do Christ's will, and He will look after your welfare. . . . Prize the spiritual above the material.

—A. C. Dixon.

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### BRASS ENSEMBLE CONCERT

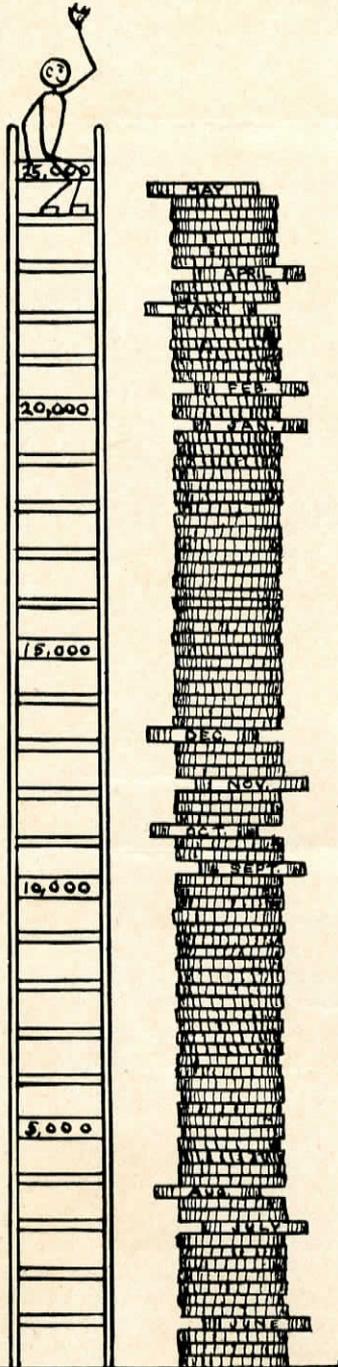
The Music Department of Bryan University presented the Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Miss Yancey, in concert on the evening of May 30. Selections by the group included a number of marches by Sousa and Fulton, and the "Soldier's Chorus" from *Faust*. Making up the personnel of the Ensemble are cornetists Lowell Hoyt, Mark Levensgood, Lola Goehring, Grace Levensgood; clarinetist, Milton Murphey; trombonists, Homer Wright, Paul Levensgood, J. D. Norcross; baritone, Solon Hoyt; bass, Joseph Sullivan.

Intermission soloists were Kathryn Hirschy and Carl Zytowski, a special feature being a piano solo by Howard Kee, Bryan graduate of 1940.

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### CHOIR PICNIC

Singing "Rain, rain, go away," choir members started out one Monday afternoon for the Cumberland State Park, near Crossville, Tenn.; and, as though in response to their song, the rain did go away shortly after their arrival at the park. The next several hours were passed enjoyably and somewhat hilariously in playing ping-pong, deck tennis, volley ball, bathing, and boating. The picnic lunch in the outdoor pavilion was especially tasty after this, but the climax to the outing came in singing out over the lake.



### May Gift Receipts

1850	.....	\$10.00	1936	.....	100.00
1851	.....	12.00	1937	.....	10.00
1852	.....	5.05	1938	.....	5.00
1853	.....	2.50	1939	.....	3.00
1854	.....	5.00	1940	.....	5.00
1855	.....	1.00	1941	.....	3.00
1856	.....	1.00	1942	.....	8.00
1857	.....	10.00	1943	.....	1.00
1858	.....	1.00	1944	.....	10.00
1859	.....	2.00	1945	.....	1.00
1860	.....	15.00	1946	.....	1.00
1861	.....	1.00	1947	.....	10.00
1862	.....	1.00	1948	.....	1.00
1863	.....	3.00	1949	.....	1.00
1864	.....	12.00	1950	.....	1.00
1865	.....	2.00	1951	.....	12.00
1866	.....	3.00	1952	.....	4.50
1867	.....	3.00	1953	.....	3.00
1868	.....	20.00	1954	.....	5.00
1869	.....	2.00	1955	.....	3.00
1870	.....	5.00	1956	.....	3.00
1871	.....	5.00	1957	.....	5.00
1872	.....	10.00	1958	.....	4.00
1873	.....	1.00	1959	.....	5.00
1874	.....	1.00	1960	.....	100.00
1875	.....	2.00	1961	.....	50.00
1876	.....	1.00	1962	.....	5.00
1877	.....	2.00	1963	.....	5.00
1878	.....	2.00	1964	.....	10.00
1879	.....	2.00	1965	.....	13.60
1880	.....	50.00	1966	.....	27.00
1881	.....	50.00	1967	.....	10.00
1882	.....	5.00	1968	.....	3.00
1883	.....	5.00	1969	.....	5.00
1884	.....	2.50	1970	.....	1.00
1885	.....	1.00	1971	.....	2.00
1886	.....	1.00	1972	.....	5.00
1887	.....	25.00	1973	.....	25.00
1888	.....	1.00	1974	.....	1.00
1889	.....	15.00	1975	.....	1.00
1890	.....	1.00	1976	.....	1.00
1891	.....	10.00	1977	.....	10.00
1892	.....	1.00	1978	.....	78.00
1893	.....	5.00	1979	.....	1.00
1894	.....	1.00	1980	.....	2.00
1895	.....	10.00	1981	.....	10.00
1896	.....	2.00	1982	.....	1.00
1897	.....	1.00	1983	.....	5.00
1898	.....	1.30	1984	.....	5.00
1899	.....	1.00	1985	.....	500.00
1900	.....	3.00	1986	.....	1.00
1901	.....	5.00	1987	.....	2.00
1902	.....	3.50	1988	.....	10.00
1903	.....	2.00	1989	.....	10.00
1904	.....	1.00	1990	.....	10.00
1905	.....	10.00	1991	.....	15.00
1906	.....	5.00	1992	.....	2.00
1907	.....	1.00	1993	.....	1.00
1908	.....	5.00	1994	.....	5.00
1909	.....	1.00	1995	.....	5.00
1910	.....	4.00	1996	.....	2.00
1911	.....	12.00	1997	.....	25.00
1912	.....	1.00	1998	.....	5.00
1913	.....	3.00	1999	.....	5.00
1914	.....	5.00	2000	.....	10.00
1915	.....	1.00	2001	.....	5.00
1916	.....	5.00	2002	.....	1.00
1917	.....	5.00	2003	.....	1.00
1918	.....	2.00	2004	.....	5.50
1919	.....	10.00	2005	.....	5.00
1920	.....	12.00	2006	.....	10.00
1921	.....	12.00	2007	.....	1.00
1922	.....	5.00	2008	.....	2.20
1923	.....	1.00	2009	.....	5.00
1924	.....	1.00	2010	.....	1.00
1925	.....	1.00	2011	.....	1.00
1926	.....	1.00	2012	.....	2.00
1927	.....	1.00	2013	.....	5.00
1928	.....	1.00	2014	.....	5.00
1929	.....	1.00	2015	.....	10.00
1930	.....	1.00	2016	.....	5.00
1931	.....	12.00	2017	.....	1.00
1932	.....	5.00	2018	.....	2.00
1933	.....	1.00	2019	.....	15.00
1934	.....	3.00			
1935	.....	12.00			
Total.....\$1757.65					

### CHATTANOOGA CONVENTION

Bryan University had its measure of blessing from the twenty-second annual convention of the World's Christian Fundamentals Association held recently in Chattanooga. We were privileged to have in our chapel services several of the convention speakers, including Claude A. Watson, attorney, and Rev. Carl C. Harwood, both of Los Angeles, California; Rev. D. B. Davidson of the India General Mission; and Dr. Ralph T. Davis, General Secretary of the Africa Inland Mission. Our own Dr. Gregg was also a convention speaker.

The closing Sunday afternoon mass meeting was held as a memorial service for William Jennings Bryan. The University Choir sang three numbers, and Dr. Paul W. Rood, president of the organization, spoke on "Bryan, the Modern Elijah." Bryan students and faculty attended the service en masse.

### 1940-41 FISCAL YEAR

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ing obligations amounted to nearly \$6,000, practically all obligations incurred since 1933 having been paid, as well as some on earlier obligations. Also, nearly \$5,000 was expended for equipment and capital improvements. In addition, many improvements were made of a more or less temporary nature. Staff members still received much less than their stated salaries, but far more than they have been receiving.

After considering the size and sources of the income, we still say that the Lord gave the increase and after considering what has been accomplished with the income we know that the Lord doeth all things well. As we look expectantly and confidently for an even better year in 1941-42, our hearts go out in gratitude to God as we say to each one who had a part in giving and in praying, "Thank you and God bless you."



Gift Receipts, June 1, 1940, April 30, 1941.....\$23,052.97

Gift Receipts, May 1 to May 31, 1941..... 1,757.65

Total Gift Receipts to May 31, 1941.....\$24,810.62

Well, folks, I got there—only \$190 from the \$25,000 goal. That makes us about 99 44/100 per cent successful, doesn't it? A fine close for a grand year.

Next year we want to do as well as this year, and since one man's estate gave us \$10,000 this year, that will mean a little extra effort on the part of all my friends during the coming year. Let's pull together!

*Sam*

## FROM A UNIVERSITY

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We can't accept responsibility; you couldn't before us.

We don't know the meaning of discipline; you didn't discipline us.

We have nothing to which we can cling as the understood, almost tangible jewel of our American heritage. It is there, but you understand it even less than we.

*We Must Be Tough as Nails—*

To face what we ultimately will have to face—indeed, what we are facing now—our generation has to be tough as nails, not just physically, but intellectually and spiritually, too. We've GOT to be.

What are you doing about it, and what are you going to do about it? You can't just let it go, and leave our generation ignorant of the means of living, to make your mistakes all over again, to muddle through other crises, to prolong the softness of the American race.

We are speaking to the faculty and the administration of the University of Iowa, and to the faculties and administrations of universities and colleges across the land—because the American people have the right to look to you for leadership.

If we are to have forthcoming generations in America which are able to take it, you've got to show us the way.

We have always had the right to expect that you would. The time has come for us to demand that you must.

*The Current Crisis—*

It should be clear that there is nothing derogatory in our attitude toward America's current crisis. The issues are clear. We are dedicated to the preservation of the American way of life as we know it, and as we have known it all our lives.

No sacrifice is too great for that.

But we are profoundly interested in the days beyond this crisis. It is not right that we should be, at any future time or under any future circumstances, lacking in spiritual, intellectual and physical fibre.

We are lacking today—sadly lacking in those qualities which make it possible for us to cope intelligently with emergency. They are the fruits of training, and America's universities have missed the boat.

*Misdirected Emphasis—*

They have lost sight of the fact somewhere along the way of educational progress—Iowa along with the rest—that there are certain basic, unchanging concepts in human existence.

The emphasis in our universities—as in our individual and collective lives—has been upon change in a rapidly-changing world. But there has been no change in concepts of common decency, physical fitness, plain ordinary happiness, mental alertness.

But in our educational rush to keep up with the Joneses those concepts of living have suffered, and we have suffered with them.

Iowa along with her educational counterparts across the nation is turning out degree-holders with a smattering of knowledge about numbers of subjects. But she isn't turning out men and women who are tough as nails, physically and mentally alert, equipped for living.

*Training Fighting Minds—*

Iowa, with her counterparts, has forgotten that she has a tremendous responsibility in the training of "fighting minds"—minds trained to welcome the toughest assignments without flinching, minds trained to fight the problems of complex life, minds which find joy in accomplishment.

And Iowa has de-emphasized KNOWLEDGE—the kind in which a completed study of a phase of physics carries with it a knowledge and appreciation of Beethoven, or Moliere, or Rembrandt.

Iowa has de-emphasized the all-powerful knowledge which comes from the cultivation of an inquiring mind. She, with her counterparts, is lost in fogs she helped create.

American civilization has suffered for that. It takes a crisis like today's to make that painfully plain.

*Back to Solid Ground—*

You've got to get back to solid ground again. You've got to start thinking again in terms of men and women, not in terms of degrees; in terms of knowledge, complete and directed, and not in terms of the number of courses on the curriculum.

The amazing thing about it is that this return to solid ground doesn't cost a cent. The finest things never do. The plant and all the facilities are here.

It is up to you—you members of the administration and faculty, you deans of engineering and medicine and liberal arts and law, you heads of departments, and directors of divisions and schools—to start thinking in terms of the men and women in your areas of control as individuals to be trained for the toughest assignments life can throw their way.

Forget that training in the spiritual elements of life is to be found, tech-

nically, in the academic course numbers of the school of religion, or in the profound teachings of philosophy, or in the church. It's in medicine and commerce and physics, too, and those of you who teach medicine and commerce and physics must teach religion as well.

It isn't outside your field. That willingness to believe that it is has cost us untold unhappiness and misery.

Forget that a student who would seek a knowledge of art can enroll in the school of arts. There is art in every phase to be found in your own department—in botany, in astronomy, in engineering.

You are dealing with knowledge, not just an isolated bit of it, but ALL of it, whatever your field.

You are training men and women—not machines—beings who think and move and react to stimuli and upon whom you have tremendous influence because of that.

And you are charged with the responsibility of discipline, with training in accomplishment, with the training of "fighting minds."

*Give Us Something Real—*

Students at the University of Iowa, students in colleges and universities all over the nation, are asking for that kind of training.

We have grown tired to death of smatterings of knowledge, dispensed by professors and instructors hired to teach that smattering and nothing more.

We want to get our teeth into something vibrant and alive, something permanent, something which ties the present to the TRUTHS of a glorious past. We want discipline in the job of living.

*The Constant Things—*

We want constant training in the constant things of life, the physical, mental and spiritual things which have been the foundations of humanity since the civilizations of ancient China.

And we want it in every course in every department in every college. We want it every day.

We want it as the backbone of higher education, the thing to which all else is tied and of which all else is a part.

We want it as the one thing upon which can be based our appreciation of American existence—that jewel of our American heritage which is to be always nurtured and protected.

We need it—and we want it—now, and from now on.