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No Room For Christ!

"And ye shall find the child wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger."

THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN! The Lord Jesus laid aside the glory that was His from before the foundation of the world and was born a babe in Bethlehem's manger. The world then, as now, was busy with war, business, and taxes, so there was no room for even the Son of God in the inn. Little did it mean to the world for the angel of the Lord to say,

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"

nor for the multitude of the heavenly host to praise God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Those of us who have been begotten "again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" find many inconsistencies in this unfriendly world; but throughout the year, as well as at Thanksgiving and at Christmas, we can rejoice in the Lord even while surrounded with adverse circumstances. With Mary we can ponder these things in our hearts, and with her we can say:

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour . . . For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is His name, and his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation."

We deserve no credit for being saved. The Lord Jesus died for our sins; someone told us the story of Jesus and His love; and God gave us hearts to believe what God said. Then He called us into service.

The angel of the Lord brought tidings of great joy, but the Lord Jesus came to go to the cross to be God's Christ.

"Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

Can we not rejoice in giving our all, our time, our talents, and our substance to know the fellowship of His sufferings—to make Him known?



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PRAY FOR BRYAN UNIVERSITY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

We have often wished that there might be an annual Day of Prayer for the William Jennings Bryan University, when all of our many friends might unite their petitions to God in behalf of His work here. Dr. Ernest M. Wadsworth, of the Great Commission Prayer League of Chicago, has suggested that New Year's Day would be the best day in the entire year for this purpose. After considering the matter we agree with him.

Certainly there is no better way for the University to begin the year than with a sense of dependence on God and a consciousness of His mighty power being exerted in our behalf. The friends praying will be blessed as they see the working of God in response to their prayers. Students who are home for the Christmas holidays will find New Year's Day an opportune time to arrange for public prayer meetings in behalf of the University. Many prayer meetings are already held on New Year's Day and at these meetings Bryan University can be included as an object for prayer.

On New Year's Day, 1943, you are asked to pray especially for the problems already facing us, and those yet to face us, occasioned by the war. Pray particularly for the finances of the University and the retirement of the rest of the old creditor obligations. We must be ready to go ahead when the war is over. We must not fail our God-given opportunities during the war.

Perhaps the simple suggestions of two students who expect to ask their friends and neighbors to pray for Bryan in New Year's Day services will encourage our many friends to sponsor New Year's Day Prayer Meetings in behalf of the University.

Macon, Georgia.

In our community, weekly prayer meetings are held in homes each Wednesday night with volunteers

FRESHMAN BREAKFAST

What is the matter? Where are the Freshmen? Surprised questions were flung back and forth as bewildered upperclassmen hurried to breakfast.

Meanwhile, the Freshmen were briskly swinging along in the bracing cool air. Around the Double-S Curve, over an overgrown road, and through briars and bushes, to an inviting fire came the hungry nomads. The odors of scrambled eggs and cocoa blended together to tease eager appetites.

The sky was painted a pink over a changing background of gray. A brief service of prayer and thanksgiving was held by the group, as they saw the sky burst forth in a God-given glory. Just a brief pause, then they continued eating their breakfast.

After a happy time of fellowship the wanderers returned to school, glad of the opportunity to gather for a good time in Him.

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Bryan students were recently pleased with their first recorded classical and semi-classical concert of this year. The concert was a delightful arrangement of favorite pieces, carefully selected by Mrs. J. W. Hartman. Among the favorites were "A Wandering Minstrel," "Toreador Song," and "Traviata," from the field of Opera, and some of Tschaiowsky's and Schubert's symphonies.

leading. It has been my privilege to lead several and they really have been a blessing to me.

This Christmas vacation I plan to see to it that the spiritual, financial, and academic needs of our school are remembered in special prayer at the entrance of the New Year. Our commission is to "pray without ceasing" and surely with the birth of the year our hearts and minds should be centered on Him who hears and answers prayer.—George Birch.

Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Each year as most people "Ring out the Old and Ring in the New," the congregation of which I am a member "Prays out the Old and Prays in the New." This season of prayer is to thank the Lord for the blessings of the Old Year and to ask blessings for the New Year. This year there will be one more request for which we will pray. We will not be alone in this as I know you will also be praying for Bryan University.—John Humberd.

President's Proclamation for Prayer

On November the twelfth, President Roosevelt proclaimed Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day as days of prayer—to be observed in prayer publicly and privately. Many newspapers carried photographic copies of the proclamation.

Many individual Christians, as well as Christian organizations, had petitioned President Roosevelt for such a proclamation. At the National Convention of Business Men's Evangelistic Clubs, President Rudd served as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. In the resolutions, as passed by the Convention, President Roosevelt was petitioned to call our nation to humility and repentance and united daily prayer. The following gracious reply was received from President Roosevelt:

October 16, 1942.

The White House,
Washington.

Dear Dr. Rudd:

Your letter of October the eighth was received and I have read it and the resolutions with much interest and deep appreciation.

Both the letter and the resolutions strike a very responsive chord in my heart. We have been giving much consideration to things spiritual in this world of war madness. It is truly a war for survival and our faith and prayers are a fundamental and essential part of this great conflict.

I want you and all the membership of the National Association of Business Men's Evangelistic Clubs to know how heartening your loyalty and your prayers for me and for our Nation are in this time of stress.

Cordially yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dr. Judson A. Rudd, President,
William Jennings Bryan University,
Bryan Hill,
Dayton,
Tennessee.

BRYAN SAID

"If it is a question between science in the schools and Jesus Christ in the heart, I stand for Jesus Christ."

Rom. 3:26. "To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

Bryan University

EVOLUTION AND THIS WAR

Europe's conflagration has been traced to its source in a recent book. Dr. Jacques Martin Barzun, Assistant Professor of History at Columbia University, in his "Darwin, Marx, Wagner," points out that "the Nazis have simply carried to its logical limit an idea that is shared in some degree throughout Western civilization: the fatalistic idea that evolution and progress are the result of the survival of the fittest in a struggle to the death for life."

Dr. Barzun dates our present troubles to the time when Charles Darwin published his "Origin of Species," Karl Marx published his "Critique of Political Economy," Richard Wagner (German composer and poet) finished "Tristan and Isolde." "These three were the intellectual forebears of Lenin, Hitler, Mussolini." "Paganism, steamlined and arrogant, has reconquered more of Europe than it has held for a thousand years," says TIME. "Yet even among Christians, few people think of World War II as a religious war—Europe's greatest since the Franks beat back the Saracens at Tours. This oversight and the pagan success have a common cause. The ordinary educated man of today sees no third choice between the 'scientific ideas' of the late Nineteenth century and the obscurantism and superstition of the Middle Ages."

Fundamentalists have known all along that almost the whole world has been set on fire by the train of inflammable material laid by those enemies of God, Darwin and Marx, not only in our political institutions, but in our schools, colleges and churches. It is too late to lay the charge of arson at their door, probably too late for men to put out the fire. But the Bright and Morning Star shines through the gloom, and many signs seem to show that it may not be long before the Lord returns for His Church.

—Sunday School Times.

BIBLE AT BRYAN

At the beginning of the year a Bible Reading Course, covering the Bible in one year, was introduced to Bryan students by President Rudd for use in private devotions. A mimeographed sheet has been prepared on which is listed the date and chapters to be read for that day. Four chapters in the Old Testament are to be

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read on Sundays and Mondays, and two in the Old and one in the New Testament for the other days of the week. Anyone desiring a copy of this Bible Reading Course may have it for the asking.

The Bible courses are being enjoyed by everyone with Rev. Levengood, Dr. Gregg, and Miss Rader as teachers. The Freshmen are studying "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" now, but will soon be taking the Old Testament Prophetical Books. Sophomores are studying the Pentateuch and Epistles. Juniors and Seniors are taking Lectures on the general theme of Prophecy, and the Seniors will be studying Biblical Theology a little later on.

THIS MODERN EDUCATION

For quite some years we have wondered whether or not this modern education, specialized and scientific as it may be, does not turn out a bunch of "softies" who, unable to "take it," face a life of hard knocks and rigorous demands. Since reading of the number turned down by both the Army and Navy in the present war emergency, we no longer wonder.

Dr. Herman Harrell Horne, of New York University, has much to provoke the thought of intelligent people in what he thinks might have been the plight of Lincoln in the hands of the modern educational system. We quote from Dr. Horne's *This New Education*:

What would modern educational experts have made of Lincoln, if, as a baby, he had been put in their care? They would probably have started him on sterilized milk, clothed him in disinfected garments, sent him to kindergarten, where he would have learned to weave straw mats and sing about the "Blue Bird on the Branch." Then the dentist would have straightened his teeth, the oculist would have fitted him with glasses, and in the primary grade he would have been taught by pictures and diagrams the difference between a cow and a pig, and, through nature study, he would have learned that the catbird did not lay kittens. By the time he was eight he would have become a "young gentleman"; at ten he would know more than the old folks at home; at twelve or fourteen he would take up manual training and, within two years, make a rolling pin and tie it with a blue ribbon. In the high school, at sixteen, where in four years he would learn that Mars was the reputed son of Juno and to recite a stanza from "The Lady of the Lake." Then to college, where he would have joined the glee club and a Greek-letter fraternity, smoked cigarettes and graduated, and then become a clerk in a banker's office; and never, never do any one any harm! Well, perhaps, we don't know and can't tell what might have been, but we can't help feeling thankful that Lincoln's training and education were left to Nancy Hanks—and God.

Represents Commoner at Convention

Virgil Sorge, a Junior and Assistant Editor of THE COMMONER, the University Year Book, attended the national convention of the Associated College Press in Chicago, November 5th, 6th, and 7th. Editors of newspapers and yearbooks from 107 colleges and universities were present. Bryan University was the youngest and smallest school represented, while New York University, with an enrollment of 40,000, was the largest.

Principal speakers were Dean Kenneth Olson of Northwestern University, the Editor of THE CHICAGO SUN, and Bob Bellaire, United Press Correspondent, recently returned from seven months in a Japanese prison camp. The suggestions received at this conference are greatly aiding in planning THE COMMONER for 1943.

HELPED BY GOD

William Moddie tells a story to show that even when men try to oppose God's will they are thwarted and the blessing goes to the one who honors Him.

He says there were in Rome two BLIND men, one of whom cried in the streets of the city: "He is helped whom God helps," but the other, with more DIPLOMACY, cried as he went: "He is HELPED whom the king helps," and this they did day after day until the emperor heard it so often that he caused a loaf of bread to be filled with pieces of gold, and sent it to the man who had HONORED him.

The beggar felt the bread—noticed how heavy it was, and thought it was indigestible—so he offered it to the other BLIND BEGGAR for a few pennies. The latter bought it, took it home, found the TREASURE, and from that day ceased to beg.

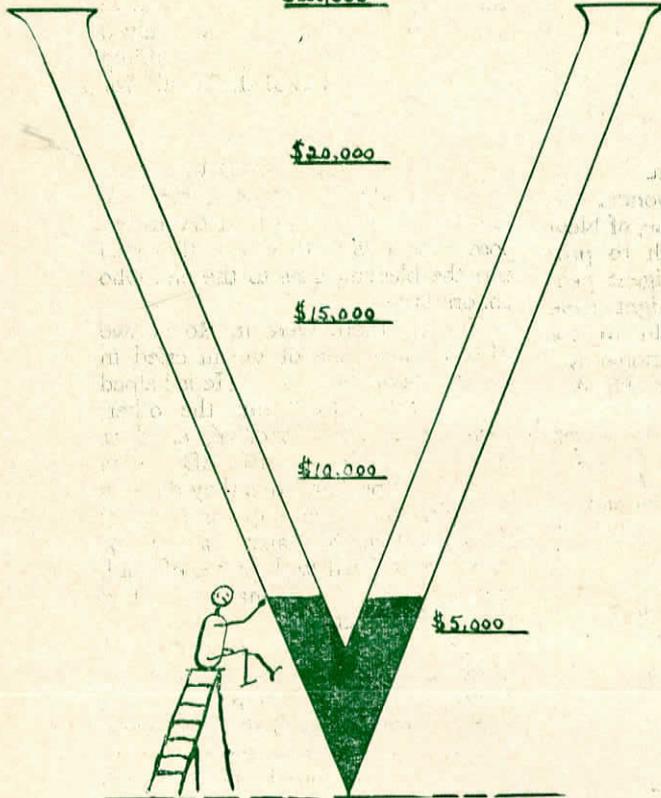
But the other continued to beg and still cried through the city: "He is helped whom the king helps."

The EMPEROR summoned him to his presence, and asked: "What hast thou done with the loaf that I lately sent thee?"

The beggar replied: "I sold it to my friend, because it was heavy and did not seem well risen." Then the emperor said: "Truly he is helped whom God helps," and he turned the blind man from him.

November Gift Receipts

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Sam's Greetings



Dear Folks:

I need your help in filling the big Victory "V" (stocking) down at

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Bryan University. Please send all you can to help fill it. I'll be waiting for you on the step-ladder right beside the biggest "stocking" you ever saw. Please don't fail me.

Yours, for a Victorious Christmas,

Sam

"Sadie Hawkins Day" Celebrated

Surely such chatter and excited laughter was never heard before. One by one, L'il Abners appeared from the door of the boys' dormitory, to be greeted by exclamations of "I've got 'im!"

Soon a motley assortment of unusual figures were gathered together in the dining-hall at Bryan. An Indian maiden, armed with her hatchet, soon had her L'il Abner covering before her. Cries of terror filled the air as the men of "Bryan-patch" sought to escape.

As the evening progressed, cries of delight mingled with groans of despair as mental alertness was matched with physical strength. There was an old-fashioned suit-case race, and many unusual parlor games were played to amuse and help everyone to have a good time. At just the right time, tempting goodies were brought out to be eagerly devoured.

After the party L'il Abners and Daisy Maes walked slowly to the Octagon, sighing contentedly, the girls thinking of their one opportunity to take the initiative in courting and the boys thinking of the strange feeling caused by being pursued instead of doing the pursuing.

SPLATTERS FROM SERVICE MEN

Dick Mowrey F 2/c (Philadelphia)

"It is a strange thing . . . when you are in the service you fear no longer the smoke of battle."

Private Jimmie Doud (Ft. McClellan, Ala.)

"Your prayers have kept me out of many a trap . . . but now I've returned to feed young men with thirsty souls . . . God has blessed and answered your prayers."

Private Carl Zytowski (Macon, Ga.)

"The other day just for fun or fatigue, we went over one of those obstacle courses . . . What a trip!"

Yeoman Ty Pray (Tongue Point, Oregon)

"There isn't any doubt but what it will be sea duty for all of us in the Navy just as soon as they have the ships to place us on."

Captain Ryther (Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland)

"I'm rather proud that I can share with others the privilege of representing Bryan and you folks in a double service to Lord and country."

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