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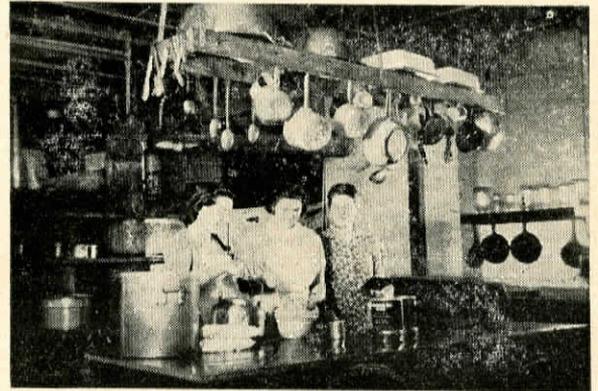
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Academic Achievement and Christian Character developed through Practical Service

Education: With a Plus

It's "Major" Now!

By MAJOR D. W. RYTHER
(formerly Dean of Bryan University)

During some twenty-nine years as student and teacher it has been my privilege to have close contact with educated men, men whose aim in life has been to get and to give understanding. These were learned men, or, to express it as one of my Tennessee mountain friends might aptly put it, they had "got their larnin'" and got it well.

But among those educators there were those who had "got their larnin'," but little else—there was no *plus* to be found in either their character or their teaching. One such educator of whom I am thinking had won graduate scholarships to two of the country's leading universities, had earned his Ph.D. with an enviable record, and was one of the most brilliant scholars I have ever met. But he had no *plus*. Take him from between the covers of his books, and he became a bookmark with no place to mark. Put him into the office for an odd job, and he did not know where to begin and was more problem than help.

Why this contrast of capabilities: a genius in the classroom, a nonentity outside? Something must have been missing, which would have made this *useful* individual *usable*.

That something, I believe, is the

"larnin', plus" education such as the William Jennings Bryan University, of Dayton, Tennessee, is providing for its select group of young people, and a study of its graduates will prove the untold value of the *plusses*. Let us look at a few of these.

Spiritual Understanding for These Students

First, completely ignored by the so-called leading educational institutions of the day, and as completely adulterated by many of the "religious" institutions, is the *plus* of *spiritual understanding*. "... with all thy getting," writes Solomon, "get understanding." Understanding of what? Why, of God, for without understanding of God, which can come only through a definite born-again relationship to God, there can be no true understanding of the world created by Him, nor any heart understanding of man himself. To understand man as a physical and mental being only, is to understand him but partially, for the spiritual third of man is the controlling third, and it might safely be argued that as the spirit is controlled, so is the man.

In such trying days as we face, our young people, especially, need to *understand*. There is no room for a basic deformity in their three-fold nature. Give them education

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Arriving together with incoming students, the former Dean of the University, now Major D. W. Ryther of the Chemical Warfare Service, paid the Bryan



Family a brief visit. Leaving last September immediately after registration, Dean Ryther, after a brief period in a Chemical Warfare Service training school, entered active service on the Headquarters Staff of his Corps Area. In recognition of faithful and efficient service, and in keeping with additional responsibilities which he assumed, the "Captain" was made a Major just prior to receiving leave for the visit to the University and to members of his family in Georgia and Alabama. His promotion is naturally a source of genuine satisfaction to all of his Bryan University friends, both here and throughout the country.

The Bryan University "Family" has a slogan, "Once a member, always a member," and that slogan was more than realized during Major

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GREAT IS HIS
FAITHFULNESS

As we begin this fourteenth school year, the writer looks back over the years, definitely conscious of the fact that God has been with us all the way. It has not been easy. Not all has been of our choosing. God has ruled and over-ruled to bring order out of chaos, and to make up for our mistakes and shortcomings.

Well do we remember the time that we believe was the turning point, ten years ago. Some predicted that we would not open for school in 1933, but this report, unlike some others, did not reach our ears until a later date. The fact of the matter is, that we weighed everything very carefully to be sure of God's will. It seemed that most everything was against us, but there was one thing that offset all those discouraging factors. God had given us a clear-cut Bible-teaching testimony that was distinctive. We deliberately chose to maintain that unique testimony, which had been such a blessing to us, no matter what it cost, so long as we were conscious of God's approval.

At times it has seemed that we were standing alone with God. We have been "all things to all men" and for all men, from President to janitor and mechanic. In 1933 we rarely went through a class without a telephone call, a telegram, or a personal visit from a creditor or his representative. Now in 1943, when most of the remaining creditors would never say a word if they never got another dime, we see the time ahead when we believe we will be entirely out of debt. Best of all we have blessed the lives of many young people and it appears that many more will be blessed and be a blessing, should the Lord tarry. "Bless the Lord O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

THE ARMY WAY

A soldier at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, writes: "We are told in camp that there are three ways of doing a thing—the *Right Way*, the *Wrong Way* and the *Army Way*—and we must do everything the *Army Way* or else.

That is good army training; for if soldiers did things the wrong way, the loss of time, money and material would be staggering—where millions of men are concerned.

If soldiers did things according to the way which seemed right to them, the confusion would be appalling.

The army must exert its authority and insist on things being done the "Army Way" for efficiency and victory.

The Army is aware of the tasks confronting it in the realization of its objectives, and experience dictates the best way to accomplish those tasks.

Obey, Don't Argue

Obedience, not argument, becomes the man filling the role of soldier when he is commanded to do things the "Army Way."

There is the *wrong way* or Satan's way. It is a God-less, Christ-less, Spirit-less, Word-less, and Blood-less way (John 8:44).

There is the "way that seemeth right unto a man" (Proverbs 14:12). That is the way of self-righteousness, self-help, self-reliance, and self-satisfaction.

Then there is God's Way, which is "The Way."

It will come as a surprise to many to learn that "The Way" is a Scriptural expression which was in common use in Bible times to describe the Christian faith.

The expression is not always as apparent as it should be in the Authorized Version, but if the Revised Version is consulted, it will be seen how consistently the true Faith is designated "the Way."

The High Priest's commission given to Saul of Tarsus was that "if he found any of the Way, whether man or woman, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem" (Acts 9:2).

And that which led the Apostle Paul to "separate the disciples" was the fact that after his three months' ministry in the synagogue at Ephesus, certain of the Jews "spake evil of the Way" (Acts 19:9).

Later on at Ephesus, the pagan idolaters made "no small stir concerning the Way" (Acts 19:23).

"I Am the Way"

Making his defense in Jerusalem, Paul admitted that in his unconverted days he "persecuted *this Way* unto the death, binding and delivering into prison both men and women" (Acts 22:4).

And to Felix, the Roman governor, Paul confessed that: "after *the Way* which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers" (Acts 24:15).

And Felix himself "having more exact knowledge concerning *the Way*," than Paul's accusers, refused to condemn the apostle on the charges so cunningly devised against him (Acts 24:22).

Dean Alford renders Acts 18:26 as follows: "They took him (Apollon) and expounded unto him the *Way* more perfectly."

Lest there should be any difficulty regarding "*The Way*," the Lord Jesus Christ said: "I am *The Way* . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

One has not found "*The Way*" if the Lord Jesus Christ is not the beginning, the course and the terminus of it.

What the Scriptures say of His deity, His humanity, His words, His miracles, His death for our sins, His resurrection for our justification, His exaltation, His intercession, His return and His reign is the true Faith and the *Way*.

His authority is supreme. He has a perfect right to press His claim and to insist that one abandon everything and everybody else—including self—for "*The Way*."

Obedience, not argument, becomes every creature in the presence of the Lord when He says: "Come unto Me."

A sight of the pierced hands and lacerated side of the risen Christ, caused Thomas of old to exclaim: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

You may have the same sight by faith and make the same exclamation. Will you do it?—*Now*.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

The value of—

A clock is in its reputation for accuracy.

A wrench is in its ability to adjust a problem.

A car is in its ability to perform well on the upgrade.

A stamp is in its ability to stick to the end of the journey.

A tack is in its head that will not let it go too far.

A man is in his ability to combine all these virtues.—Selected.

EDUCATION: WITH A PLUS!

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without this *plus*, and you build superstructures without foundation, tossed about by every whimsical breeze, buffeted and bruised until finally destroyed by the winds and storms of life. This is the essential *plus* on which first and final emphasis is placed at Bryan University.

Personal Counsel

But there are other *plusses*. There is that of personal direction, possible only in the smaller schools. Basically correct, there is danger in the doctrine that a young man or woman must learn to shift for himself or herself. Personal counsel by more experienced heads and older lives is the white line of traffic restriction which guides, rather than controls the driver, and grants security without curtailing progress.

It is this *plus*, grounded on a sincere faith in God and a desire to have HIS WILL exercised in the lives of the students, that has meant so much to the students of Bryan University. CHRIST is the one to guide the student into useful channels and to enable him or her to make the most of natural talents.

The Girl Who Couldn't Choose a Dress

A third *plus*? Yes, but what shall we call it? The *plus* of usability? That hardly fits the thought, but, for lack of a better, suppose we use it. By *usability* I mean the equipping of the student to the extent that his learning will be of actual, practical value and will make him useful beyond his learning.

As I write, I am reminded of a young girl who asked, the first morning after entering Bryan, what dress she should wear, naively informing her roommates, to their surprise and amusement, "Mother always tells me what to wear." Today the young lady who then could not choose a dress for the day, is with her husband in mountain mission work in Tennessee, having learned before graduating not only to dress herself, but to serve in the dining hall, work in the kitchen, manage a library of 30,000 volumes, lead child evangelism classes, and live a healthy, normal, well-directed home life. Though the pathway was rough and discouraging at times, the *plus* of a stronger faith in God, the *plus* of personal counsel, the *plus* of learning to use her hands and to make up her own mind (not to mention learning to make her own bed)—these *plusses*

that go beyond a thorough four-year college course have built her into a useful, usable Christian woman.

In terms of material return, not many *plusses* are more valuable than the opportunity of self-help work. During their four years at Bryan University, students may become proficient in a number of tasks, ranging from housecleaning to the more professional, but no more important, work of being secretary to one of the administrators. There are cows to keep, clothes to wash and iron, floors to sweep or mop, books to bind, catalogues to print, envelopes to seal, meals to plan and prepare, walls to erect, roads to build, and a hundred and one other jobs to perform at a young and growing institution—all done by student labor. Young hands become usable hands, and hands that formerly may have been *receiving* hands only, soon become *giving* hands as well.

And I could go on, adding *plus* to *plus* and showing how each is to be had at Bryan University, and pointing out examples of young people who have received those *plusses*. The couple, both graduates, serving in China with the China Inland Mission, found their main *plus*, aside from a belief in God, in the opportunities of personal work at the doors and in street meetings, or in the little mountain churches near Dayton. The young man who rode part way to school on a mule and graduated with first honors, despite night work at a local hotel, is now considered one of the best men in the district by his employers—the Standard Oil Company. The secretaries in important Washington offices and others—these found their *plusses* on Bryan Hill, too, and because they obtained the *plusses*, they are forging ahead, earning increased salaries, being more useful than just "larnin'" might have made them.

But more than proficiency, more than salary, more than responsibility, they have that foundational *plus*—a saving belief in Christ. And young men who now serve Old Glory both in this and foreign countries are making enviable records of advancement and good service, as they live a testimony for Him.

They have "got their larnin'", yes. But when they write back, it's usually the *plusses* that they mention. With their education, they acquired understanding. That is "Larnin'", *plus*!

—Child Evangelism, June, 1943.

HEBRON

"Hebron" Means "Fellowship"

Abraham dwelt in Hebron, the place of "fellowship." Gen. 13:18. He built his altar there, pointing to Calvary, and the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. This testified that his fellowship was with the Lord who had called him there, Gen. 12:1-8, and the ground of it. He pitched his tent there, indicating that his life of faith was that of a stranger and pilgrim here. Heb. 11:9-16. Christ, not circumstance, was everything to him.

The Lord, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as "three men," visited him in Hebron, the place of fellowship. Gen. 18:1-15. And Sarah died, and was buried in the place of fellowship, in Hebron. Gen. 23:1-20. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all lived in Hebron, the place of fellowship. Gen. 35:27.

The twelve spies brought "the grapes of Eshcol" from Hebron. Numbers 13:22-24. Fellowship with the Lord made the life and the land of Israel fruitful. "The fellowship of the Holy Spirit" brings forth "the fruit of the spirit" in God's children, in the home, the church, and before the world.

Hebron was given to Caleb for an inheritance, Josh. 14:13, for "he wholly followed the Lord." Fellowship produces Calebs and Enochs. The Lord also called David to live in Hebron, II Sam. 2:1-3, and there they crowned David king over all Israel. II Sam. 5:1-5. Christ is seen, crowned with glory and honor," among those dwelling in fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I John 1:3, Phil. 2:1.

The Lord gave Hebron, Jos. 21:13, to be a city of priests of Aaron, and a city of refuge for the slayer. Psa. 46:1. Fellowship is the home of prayer, and our hiding place. Matt. 11:28, Psa. 91:1-2.—Dr. Harris H. Gregg.

SAFE ON HIS SHOULDER

Safe, safe on His mighty shoulder

I can rest secure.

He holds to my hand;

His grip is always sure.

Safe, safe on His mighty shoulder,

Earthly things grow dim.

This wonderful Savior, Creator of all,

I'm resting safely on Him.

Chorus by Don Hamilton

Dedicated to Dr. Harris Gregg in appreciation of his services at the Highland Park Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan.

September Gift Receipts

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673	1.00	738	20.00	803	1.00	868	10.00
674	1.00	739	5.00	804	5.00	869	5.00
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679	1.00	744	2.00	809	2.00		

Total.....\$2,878.56

FORMER DEAN VISITS

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Ryther's visit. From his arrival on Monday to his departure the following Saturday, the "Major" was not merely entertained, but pressed into service during registration as in days gone by. Major Ryther welcomed new students, took part in the freshman orientation program, gave the message for the first chapel program, gave his well-known running commentary in connection with the showing of motion pictures of students and events of past years, presented a program of kodachrome slides of places and scenes he had visited during the past year. He led the annual "all-school hike" to Laurel Falls on the Friday before he left, initiating the freshmen to the mysteries and to the aches and bruises of a brisk hike, as only he could do. All in all, Major Ryther had a full week.

Thankful to God for even the brief visit and fellowship, Major Ryther's many friends bade him a reluctant good-bye, asking God's continued blessings upon him while he served his country and witnessed a good testimony for his Lord, and praying for his safe return to the work here at the University at the conclusion of the war emergency and the coming of peace.

Sam Rejoices

Dear Folks:

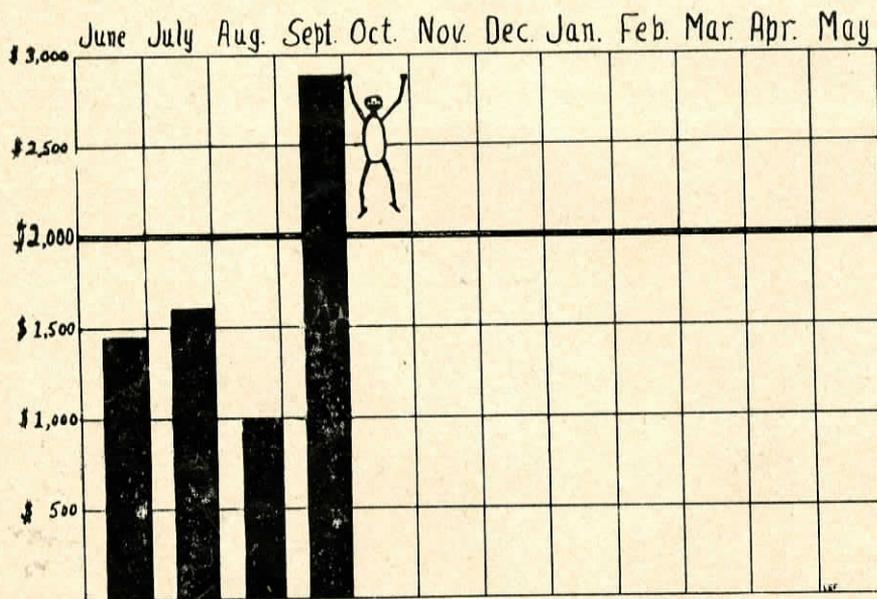
I say "Hallelujah!" . . .

It's great to be on top, and my heartfelt thanks go to the good and faithful friends who have done it. And, a special "Thank you" to one friend in particular whose most generous gift lifted me 'way above the bar. May God bless you all.

Jubilantly,

Sam

WHERE IS HAPPINESS? Not in Unbelief—Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born." Not in Pleasure—Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure, if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."



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