A Wise Investment

"For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

It seems to me that there is a lesson for us as Christians to learn from the good business men of the world. When an individual or several individuals cannot finance a worthwhile enterprise in which they are interested, they distribute the cost by means of a corporation or an underwriting syndicate. Without hesitation they let the public know of their interest in a venture and the extent of the obligations assumed, so that others will follow their example. All sacrifice present advantages in favor of the prospect for future benefits.

Hundreds of thousands of Christians sense the need for definitely Christian education. They feel a responsibility for providing a Godly education for their own children and for the children of others, if this nation is to be saved from moral decay and destruction. They are convinced that we have responsibilities beyond those to the local church and missionary enterprises, responsibilities, the meeting of which will strengthen the church and provide the missionaries.

For us to meet this responsibility it is possible that, like the editor and his wife, have lost a loved one in the service. Every possible honorable effort for world peace should be made. Yet, that which is basic to world peace is a bigger issue than world peace. And attention to this bigger thing does not mean inattention to the other, for the reverse effect follows.

No doubt, human wisdom will laugh at the proposition we are now going to submit, but the truth thereof will remain after God has "made foolish the wisdom of this world." That proposition which is a bigger issue than world peace is the faithful, positive, compassionate preaching of the atoning cross because it is basic to the other in the present age. The sovereign King, in the exercise of His royal power, shall perfectly look after the peace in the coming age!

New Year's Eve

PROF. DELBERT K. WENKES

This night is much like any night; yet, no man has quite the same thoughts this evening as come with the fall of darkness on other nights. There is no pause in the spin of the universe, no intermission in the chorus of life, no breathless silence among created things to note the passage of another year. The shadowy, resistless stream of time sweeps on without a break, but the pilgrim who has been traveling with it cannot be entirely unmindful that he is perceptibly nearer the end of his wanderings tonight.

How glorious, then, is the lot of a Christian this night, as compared with the unbeliever. The unbeliever's thoughts are stirred by all about him to things disturbing. Irresistible memory of the year just past brings visions of human endeavor, fruitless in a world of pain, horror, scorn, hate, fear, indignation. As these bear down on him, the tempest outside the door of life seems to hurl away into emptiness his hopeful plans for the new year. The dying fire before him brings, without his bidding, thoughts of the coming end which he never mentions. When he can no longer continue in his thoughts, he rises to join the party. With others he takes refuge in revelry, quoting with a laugh the poet's advice:

"Ale, man, ale's the stuff to drink For fellows whom it hurts to think."

COMING TO BRYAN NEXT YEAR?

Young people who look forward to the possibility of entering Bryan University next September had better get their applications in early, as many are already doing so, indicating that the demand for admission will once again far exceed the available dormitory space. A catalog and other interesting literature can be secured by addressing the Office of the Dean.
CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Alma Rader, Director of the Christian Service Association

Someone has said that opportunity is a "pictorial word," that it suggests "a ship before the port, just sailing into harbor after the fight with wind and wave." Whatever the word may picture, whatever it may be, it is truly God given, for we read in Revelation 3:8: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." But doors unentered do not remain open, and if God once shuts a door, we may knock in vain. It is a startling fact that unused opportunity never returns.

Those who, under God, laid the foundation of Bryan University were persuaded that higher Christian education and a vital Christian service are inseparable, and during the seventeen years of the University's existence every possible door open for Christian service has been entered by faculty and students alike.

Practical training in Christian service is afforded students under able and experienced leadership, so that they may be equipped to enter these wide open doors. Week after week students, under the leadership of a member of the staff, go into the schools of the community, where they have the entire student-body for a thirty-minute Gospel service.

Homes are opened for child evangelism classes; a Miracle Book Club with an average attendance of seventy-five meets in the county high school; open air meetings are held in Dayton each Saturday afternoon; two weekly jail services are conducted; at Pikeville, Tennessee, services are held each week-end at the Boys Reform School.

In addition to these varied and far-reaching services, regular preaching stations are in operation in the mountain and valley communities around Dayton. Sunday School work, Bible classes, Gospel sings, and personal evangelism are all a part of the regular door-entering of the University personnel.

OAKLEY AND ZOPF MAKE DEAN'S LIST

Highest academic honors each quarter—if the grades are sufficiently high, a grade of 2.45 being required—are symbolized by a place on the Dean's List, an honor won thus far this session by but two students, one of whom, Kermit Zopf, has won it during each of the two half quarters completed. But first honors for the quarter go to Donald Oakley, freshman from Winona Lake, Indiana, with an average of 2.5. Second place went to Kermit Zopf, freshman from Marshfield, Wisconsin, with a slightly lower average of 2.47. Both grades indicate a very high degree of academic efficiency under the new grading system.

Other students on the Honor Roll for the quarter are those individuals whose quarterly average rank them in the upper ten percent of the entire student body. Names and averages are given below:

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THAT GRADING SYSTEM!

Students and faculty, alike, are finding that the new grading system presents its own peculiar problems. Students who, last year, were averaging well up in the grade 90's now find themselves forced to submit to rather humble 2's and 1.5's. And teachers who were inclined to give those same 90's find that under the grade definitions now in use, the equivalent grade under the new system seems "a bit high." And so it goes, with two definite conclusions: 1, the academic standard of the University is considerably higher than it has been in several years, and 2, the academic committee is in for a long and arduous study of grades and systems in preparation for the publication of a new catalog in the spring. It is not at all likely that further change will be made in the system, but minor adjustments will probably be in order.

"I do not believe any man ever yet genuinely, humbly, thoroughly, gave himself to Christ without some other finding Christ through him."—P. Brooks.

BRYANITES TO HOLD MEETING IN EAST

On Saturday, January 18, Bryanites of Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York City will have a good, old-fashioned get-together at Cranford, N. J. Bryan graduates and former students and staff members will descend on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Morgan, Sr., 24 Doering Way, at twelve noon for a half-day of fun and fellowship.

Those near at hand will be asked for a bit of something for the dinner. If you can come, write Beatrice Morgan at the above address for your assignment.

You can reach Cranford in your car or by B. & O., Reading, or Central of N. J. Railroads. If you come by Pennsylvania Railway, change at Newark or Elizabeth—or from Elizabeth call Cranford 6-0265 and someone will meet you.

If you can come, sit down right now and drop a line to Beatrice. Let us make this a grand get-together of Bryan Hill folks! Coming?

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STAY-AT-HOMERS HAVE TRIP

Through the kindness of a friend of the University, who sent a check to be used to give those unable to go home a little nicer Christmas, sixteen of the group recently visited Chickamauga Dam for an afternoon, then drove on down to Chattanooga to see the Christmas decorations and visit Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, topping the trip off with a delicious supper before starting back for Dayton. By unanimous vote, that portion of the gift not so used was deposited to the building fund.

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RUDDS IN KANSAS FOR CHRISTMAS

President and Mrs. Rudd and Mary Frances spent Christmas day with Mrs. Rudd's family, the Searcys, in Olathe, Kansas, where both Mr. and Mrs. Searcy are recovering from a recent automobile accident. President Rudd later journeyed on to Alamosa, Colorada, to spend a few days with his own folks and to visit friends of the University in Denver.

FORMER TEACHER PUBLISHES BOOK

Miss Babette Kaltenbach, a former teacher on the University faculty, has recently published OTHER SHEEP, a new flannelgraph missionary series of true stories taken from various mission fields. Six stories and figures in color on blotograph, ready to cut out and use, make up the book.

VETSVILLE WELCOMES NANCY ANN

Vetsville, trailer village for Bryan's married veterans, hung out the welcome sign on December twenty-eighth for baby Nancy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Birch. Newslette offers hearty congratulations to parents and an equally hearty welcome to Nancy Ann.

BRYANITES GATHER IN ELYRIA

During the Christmas holidays it was the pleasure of quite a large number of present and former students and staff members to gather at the Y. W. C. A. in Elyria, Ohio, for a reunion. From all reports thus far received, the fellowship and good time were typical of the "old days" on Bryan Hill.

WILLIAMSONS HOLD MEETINGS IN IOWA

During the Christmas vacation Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, members of the University staff, and their daughter Carol, a student, held services in the Baptist Church of Russell, Iowa. They report a gracious time of blessing and a spiritual depth to the response which manifested His presence in the services.

ATTENTION FORMER STUDENTS

Do you have a copy of Bullfinch's MYTHOLOGY—the text used in Sophomore English? We urgently need twenty-five copies and will be glad to have yours—at a fair price. Mail it today.

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The one becomes known as the life of the party who by most extreme frivolity can most nearly make the rest forget the actual death of the parties. During all of the gaiety, none must finish the poet's verse:

And faith, 'tis pleasant 'till 'tis past.

The mischief is that 'twill not last.

And so he is whirled giddily through the eddies of life and on into another year.

Not so the Christian. As the bells bring him the thought of the distance time has borne him during the months, he feels with a blessed joy that they must soon become the bells of heaven, welcoming him to his long-awaited home. He rejoices in the peal of the wild chimes, for he can say with the ancient Divine:

The year is gone; the millennial year rushes on to our view—and eternity's end.

The result of these happy thoughts within the Christian is an even smile in peaceful reverie, contemplation, and prayer. There is remembrance of God's blessings throughout the past year, anticipation of a joyful year of walking with God, and earnest prayer that, by the grace of God, "His adorable will we may gladly fulfil and never stand still till the Master appear." The tempest is raging, too, outside the door of his life, but it is raging on God's deep, not on the Christian's. He faces a new year, hand in hand with his Lord, and he steps forward, not into darkness, but into light.

Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

Boy, just look where I am this time with that building fund column! Guess I don't need to tell you I've had a merry Christmas, do I? Course, the general fund fell a little short, but we'll make that up next month, if you folks will just get under me and keep pushing me up.

As for 1947, well, here's wishing you the best ever—filled with happiness and blessing.

Sam

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