LOOKING BACKWARD TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

"IS THE BIBLE TRUE?"—a lecture delivered by William Jennings Bryan at the state capitol in Nashville on January 29, 1925, prompted the passing of the famous "Anti-Evolution Bill" which became a state law on March 21, 1925. This law stated that "it shall be unlawful for any theory that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals."

Early in May, twenty-five years ago, two young lawyers sat in a drugstore in Dayton. With them, enjoying a soft drink, was the local high school science teacher, John T. Scopes. The new state law was the topic under discussion, and it soon developed that Scopes was using in his classes a textbook which supported the theory of evolution. Facetiously at first, he was accused of violating the law. Then more seriously, the decision was reached that Dayton should be the place to try the test case, since the American Civil Liberties Union had offered to finance such a case under the new Tennessee law. A telephone call gave a Nashville paper the "scoop" and the next day Dayton was headline news the country over!

A preliminary hearing bound the case over to the Circuit Court convening the following July. The Chicago press arranged for Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer and agnostic, to support the defense, and a group of earnest Christians in Memphis enlisted the services of William Jennings Bryan for the passes of the famous "Anti-Evolution Bill" which became a state law on March 21, 1925. This law stated that "it shall be unlawful for any theory that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals."

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To our ever increasing list of students and graduates on the mission field, we have added recently the names of George ('48) and Alice Northrup ('45; Birch, John ('45) and Wilda Chapman (ex '48) Quimby, and Cleo Graham C.45J.
The Birchs are serving in Nigeria under Sudan Interior Mission, having arrived on the field in April.
The Quimbys sailed in March for Japan, under Mid-Missions.
Cleo plans to leave shortly for Africa to join other missionaries under Sudan Interior Mission.
May the Lord bless these fine young people as they leave all to follow Him.
"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

SINGING FOR CHRIST

Reports concerning the Bryan University Gospel Singers from those who have heard them this summer, as well as from the Singers themselves, indicate that the Lord is blessing their ministry as they sing and testify for Him. So far they have had meetings in two churches where the pastors are alumni of Bryan University and have been in the home churches of several of our present students. As they enjoy fellowship with friends of the University, they make new friends also, and are at the present time holding services in churches in Colorado where the Gospel Singers have never been until this summer, going as far west as Grand Junction. From Colorado their itinerary will take them through Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and to Minnesota where they have one service. Following almost a week in Wisconsin, they will enter Indiana and Michigan for several services and have one stop each in Ohio and Kentucky before returning. Pray for them as they go "Singing for Christ" winning the lost and challenging the saved.

MENTION OF CLASS PROJECTS

Seniors—Electric water cooler
Juniors—The Bryan Commoner (annual)
Sophomores—Conclusion of library book project
Freshmen—Drapes for Memorial Chapel windows
Alumni—Shrubbery around the Memorial Chapel

J. C. Penney, of the Penney Chain Stores said, "If a man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and on Wednesday night, he has more business than God intended he should have."—Copied.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunder-storm.—Robert Louis Stevenson.
WHEN YE PRAY...

Praise the Lord for a most stimulating and encouraging meeting of the Board of Trustees recently.

Praise the Lord for the continued progress on the construction of the memorial building, and for the larger gifts received that have made this possible.

Pray for the three groups who are representing Bryan in various parts of the country this summer.

Pray that the Lord will raise up new friends for the University and that they, along with the old friends, may catch the vision of Bryan's needs and the bright future that lies ahead.

PRAY FOR A WORLDWIDE REVIVAL.

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It was fifteen years ago that Dan Gilbert wrote his famous book, CRUCIFYING CHRIST IN OUR COLLEGES, calling attention to the root trouble in our educational system. In presenting me with a copy of this book he wrote, "Millions for education, but not one cent for anti-religious, communistic miseducation."

In recent years we have had many additional warnings in both the religious and secular press. Russell Hitt, news editor of CHRISTIAN LIFE, now charges that there is a deliberate attempt on the part of high-ranking textbook educators to discredit Christianity and democracy. Be sure to read his documented article, "Treason in Our Textbooks," in the April issue of CHRISTIAN LIFE.

These things, the numerous congressional investigations, and now this action by the University of California should make each one of us realize the importance of more adequate support for definitely Christian colleges such as Bryan University. Drastic operations have their place in the field of education, but something positive needs to be done in the way of adequate support for the right kind of character education.

Earnestly yours,

Judson Ruddle

FACULTY NEWS

At the University of Chicago we find DR. HOWARD F. VOS delving deeper into archaeological studies, while MRS. VOS is completing her Master's degree in public school music at Northwestern University.

MISS BEATRICE BATSON and MISS LOIS WEYHE are at Peabody College in Nashville. Both are studying English; and Miss Weyhe also plans to take some registrarial work before the summer's end. Miss Batson is looking toward a Master's in English in addition to her M.A. in Christian education received from Wheaton College two years ago.

A leave of absence has been granted to MISS CAROL HALLOIN who will enter the University of Illinois in the fall to study for a Master's in parasitology. During vacation she is evangelizing children in Bible schools and camps at her home in Wisconsin.

MR. LESLIE J. DIXON has also been given a leave of absence to complete his doctorate in chemistry at Emory University in Atlanta. This summer he and his family are on the staff of Joy Bible Camp located on Lake Chickamauga.

Those faculty members who have chosen to remain on the campus to help with the construction work are MR. CLLEN ATKINS, MR. PETER SKANSE, and MR. WILLIAM GREEN.

MRS. GREEN is occupied with housekeeping while preparing to move into the new trailer which they recently purchased on a trip to Ohio.

Bryan's able linguist, MR. GARNER E. HOYT, is teaching linguistics at Wycliffe School of Translators at Norman, Oklahoma.

MR. PAUL D. STOCK is in Ohio serving as song leader in evangelistic meetings.

VICE-PRESIDENT LLOYD E. FISH and DEAN NORMAN H. UPHOUSE have started work toward their doctorates at the University of Tennessee. They are doing their own housekeeping in Knoxville, and spending the weekends at home.

After a short vacation in the Smokies with his wife, MR. EARL WILLIAMSON has settled down to his regular duties as comptroller of the University.

MRS. MARGARET McGOWAN and MISS ALMA RADER are relaxing at their respective homes in Portsmouth and Columbus, Ohio.

DEAN D. W. RYTHER, Executive Vice-President, is touring the midwest and north central states with the Gospel Singers.
IS THERE A LACK OF FAITH?

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, without . . . doubting." 1 Timothy 2:8

"So Daniel was taken up out of the den . . . because he believed in his God." Daniel 6:23

If a man prays without faith, James tells us in Chapter 1, verse 7, "Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

The Divine order is to pray, believe, receive, simultaneously. This is not only the scriptural order, but the logical order. It is the only order that will work. Any deviation from this arrangement means no answer at all, regardless of how long one prays or how desperate the need may be.

Andrew Murray said, "Faith is setting our wills to have what God has willed for us."

Dr. S. D. Gordon said it in another way, "Prayer is faith looking up. Expectancy is faith looking down. Earnest prayer energizes faith, strong faith makes prayer powerful. Such faith brings answer to prayer."

"Oh for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe;
That will not tremble at the brink
Of any earthly woe."

"Faith mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, 'It shall be done!'"

THAT kind of faith gives an inner assurance that the Father hears and answers prayer.

RECEIVE ADVANCED DEGREES

Howard F. Vos, assistant professor of archaeology and history at Bryan University, received his Doctor of Theology degree with high honors from the graduate school of the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, at their 28th annual commencement on May ninth.

Dr. Vos holds the Master of Theology degree from the same institution and the Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College, Illinois.

Along with his regular duties as a member of the faculty at Bryan, Dr. Vos has found time to begin and to coach the University's first intercollegiate track team.

Peter I. R. Skanse, assistant professor of Spanish and missions, received his Master of Arts degree in Biblical education with a major in missions, from the Graduate School of Missions of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., on May 29, 1950.

Mr. Skanse received his Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

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FACULTY CHANGES ANNOUNCED

In the final chapel service of the year Dean D. W. Ryther announced changes in the faculty for the coming year.

Miss Kathleen Cowan, formerly Assistant Dean of Women at Wheaton College, will assume the responsibilities of Dean of Women at Bryan in September. Miss Cowan received her B. S. degree from the University of Minnesota and her M.A. from Wheaton College. She has had wide experience in the fields of social service and Christian education.

Miss Alma Rader, who has been doubling as instructor in Bible and Dean of Women, will give her full time to the Bible Department, where her unusual knowledge of God's Word and her teaching ability will prove most valuable to students and University alike.

Filling the position as librarian will be Mr. Robert D. Marston, former librarian at Sterling College, Kansas. In addition to the B.A. earned at Greenville College, Mr. Marston has his B.S. in Library Science from George Peabody College, where he is continuing his studies towards the Master's degree.

With Miss Carol Halloin, of the Biology Department, entering the University of Illinois for graduate work in that field, her position will be filled by Miss Lou Rouch, whose B.A., with a biology major, from Wheaton College, and M.S. in Biology from Purdue University should equip her well to continue the growth recently made in that department.

Another Bryan professor who leaves the Hill to pursue graduate work is Prof. Leslie Dixon of the Chemistry Department. Prof. Dixon will continue his work toward the doctorate and is, along with Miss Halloin, being granted a leave of absence for that purpose. To assist in the department during his absence, Mr. Lamar Modert, a graduate of Bryan University, with a B.S. degree, will assume the position of instructor in Chemistry.

We welcome these associates to the Lord's work on Bryan Hill.

NEWLY ELECTED ALUMNI OFFICERS

John Harper, '43, President
Jesse Lasley, '39, Vice-President
Marjorie Miller, '49, Secretary
Ila Ruth Mahr, '48, Treasurer