TRUSTEES HAVE

IMPORTANT MEETING

The University Trustees attending the Regular Annual Meeting of the Board on June 7th heard President Rudd read a most encouraging report of the year's accomplishments. In spite of a "business recession" of serious proportions, the cash income of the University continued to increase, being more than $7,000 greater than for the previous fiscal year. This larger cash income, with a reduction in expenditures for building and equipment purposes, made possible a considerable increase in the cash allowances paid to University staff members and a large reduction in debts owed by the University. Although reduced, still more than $1,800 was invested in building and equipment during the year and allowances to staff members, that had fallen in arrears since 1933 under the pro rata agreement, were brought practically up to date, according to President Rudd.

Material blessings seemed to be but a reflection and a natural consequence of spiritual blessings. Undoubtedly the students and staff members have shown greater interest and activity in getting out the Gospel Message than in any previous year.

Adjoined Meetings

Adjoined meetings of the Trustees are being held during the summer to help formulate plans for the building program that is in progress to provide quarters on the Campus to take the place of the Cedar Hill Dormitory, recently vacated. In the Trustees' meeting held June 14th, Mr. Lewis Llewellyn, one of this year's graduates, was elected a staff member with responsibilities in printing and other promotional work. In the June 23rd meeting it was voted to organize a "Thousand Dollar Club" to consist of those residents of Rhea County contributing to a Building Fund of $1,000 per month, it being thought that, on the average, one thousand people would give $1.00 each, per month, for building purposes. Mr. William Daugberty, another 1938 graduate, is working on the organization of this club. A "Nation-wide Thousand Dollar Club" is also planned. Further information about this will be found in the pictorial supplement accompanying this issue of NEWSETTE.

BUILDING IS UNDER WAY

(In the nearly four weeks which have passed since the close of school, intense activity has marked the preparations for and the beginning of actual construction of dormitory, dining-room, and kitchen space on Bryan Hill.) Over a week was required to complete the moving from Cedar Hill; many of our friends who have moved the contents of a five-room house will be able to appreciate the problem of moving the contents of our thirty-room home. The job done, however, and the furniture stored in classrooms, work began in earnest on plans for building. After drawing up tentative plans, it was decided by the trustees to set as a goal the enclosing on the ground floor of a room 75 x 22 feet as a dining hall, a room 45 x 22 feet as a kitchen, and on the main floor erecting columns, walls and roof for about half of the length, a space 200 x 60. This will allow completion of twenty rooms, each 15 x 20, which will provide dormitory space for forty to fifty young women and some faculty members.

Blueprints for the building, detailing its complete construction, are in the University's possession. Many hours of work have gone into a careful study of them, and the laying out of plans for the present construction with a view to the future has been completed. Only those of our friends who have had experience with construction will be able to appreciate fully the multiplicity of detail involved in the coordinating of work— with the reinforced concrete, tile, plumbing, heating, electrical work, carpentry, tile laying, etc., required. The University has on its staff members who are prepared by reason of previous experience to do this planning. We are really finding the meaning of some of God's "gifts" to us. Just as truly as you would, we would be happy and relieved greatly to turn the whole responsibility over to a contractor; but we are compelled to make dollars count, and so we are glad that the Lord has provided among us those who are qualified to shoulder this burden; your prayers are earnestly needed to sustain in this heavy task.

The list of material and labor which has been prepared has enabled us to estimate with considerable definiteness the cost as approximately $8,500,00. One thousand dollars was on hand to begin; with this, purchases have been made and construction begun. A carload of cement is stacked by the office door, sand and gravel stand in large heaps nearby, and reinforcing steel is ready to be placed. Pick and shovel are being busily piled as grading progresses, a cement-mixer is rumbling, concrete pouring.

We are saying with the hymn-writer "one step enough for me," and, using what the Lord has given us, we are trusting His promise to supply the "barrel run not out." When this $1,000.00 is used, will a second thousand be there for the next step? Perhaps the Lord would use you to this end—will you answer him?

"We need to spend less time in studying the ages of the rocks and more time in studying the Rock of Ages"—Bryan
WHAT BRYAN IS TO ME
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When, in 1932, the Lord led me from Kane, Pennsylvania, to Dayton, Tennessee, as a student to William Jennings Bryan University, it was the beginning of a succession of events of which I could never have dreamed. I had been here a week when in answer to a scolding remark I said to a fellow-student, "I had rather have my degree from Bryan, with all that it means in the way of a God-honoring background, than from the largest university in the land when it forgets and denies Him." My statement was deliberately made; I have never had cause to regret or change it.

Though I did not foresee it at the time, for a number of years the Lord had been preparing me, through opportunities to serve in church, Sunday School, young people's society, and choir, for usefulness in this very place. I must pass hastily over the very important happenings of undergraduate years, Commencement, and on Commencement day, marriage to my classmate, Mary Lois Hodges, who has been a God-given helpmeet; though I could wish that I might tell you how amazingly God has opened for us a door of opportunity in His work here. Because it has been used of Him to give me college education, to point me to unlooked-for depths of spiritual truth, to bring together two who might join hands and hearts in the Lord's work, and now to be the God-directed field for our service, I love Bryan: do you wonder why?

For my fellows of the faculty and staff, for President Rudd, for all who labor here, I know that I speak when I say that we are gladly sinking personal benefit for His glory. The work of the school—classes, printing, study hall, office, library—all, for the past three years, has been carried on in the ground floor, less than half of which is enclosed. We are asking the Lord to give us, in the nine weeks which remain before school opens, a dining hall, a kitchen, twenty dormitory rooms. This will mean the enclosing of a fourth more of the ground floor, and the raising of walls and a roof on approximately half of the main floor. I wish you could enjoy with me the glorious thrill of planning—foolishly, the world might say, for our needs far exceed our means, yet in full confidence that He who hath begun this work will perform it. Today, as I stood above, on the concrete floor of the main floor, and looked four hundred and forty feet to the far end of the building, and across its sixty foot width, in mind's eye I could see the walls rising before me, the building completed, a memorial to one who was not afraid to "contend earnestly for the faith," a testimony to the faithfulness of God to honor where He is honored. Surely "our vision must exceed our grasp."

I believe, with all the earnestness of my heart, that God will raise up in the hearts of His people a will to build this school as a testimony that they desire this to be in a special way a place where their sons and daughters may have opportunity for an education that is thorough, but most of all, that recognizes the One "in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

May I personally appeal to you that as the Lord lays it on your heart, you will multiply the effectiveness of our lives here, by having a part in providing more rooms, for more usefulness to more young people?

TENNESSEE LICENSES EXTENDED

Students and faculty members who plan to drive their automobiles during the next school year will be interested to know that the state of Tennessee has extended the expiration date of the 1938 driver's licenses to July 1, 1939.

Bryan University
BIRTHDAY PARTY REPORT

Friends of the University, and particularly those that responded to the appeal, will be glad to know the results of the 1938 Birthday Party which was repeated this year on the occasion of Mr. Bryan's Birthday Anniversary on March 19th. In March, April, and May a total of $1,066.00 was received in cash besides gifts of accounts, this total exceeding the total of last year, with gifts continuing to come in. One large unsolicited gift, not included above but received on March 21st, was reckoned an answer to prayer so that our goal was more than reached. The result is that staff allowances, from the beginning of the pro rata agreement in 1933 to the present, are practically paid up to date. Also the deficits in our Debt Reduction and Building Funds are wiped out and the new fiscal year, beginning June 1, was started with a $1,000.00 balance in the Building Fund available for the building construction now under way. With the back salary allowance reduction, there was an additional reduction in outstanding University debts by cash payments and gifts of creditors, so that our total indebtedness decreased around $4,000.00 during the fiscal year. Surely God has blessed the University richly in a material way during 1937-38.

NEW EDITION OF CATALOG-BULLETIN SOON TO BE READY

Outside the office and the printing room, the scraping of shovels is heard as ground is prepared for concreting. The rattle and pang of the cement-mixer adds to the confusion of noises incident to the construction of dining-room and dormitory facilities. Inside, the scraping is made by pencils and pens and the rattle and thump is supplied by the printing press as the catalog-bulletin for the next school year is prepared. It is expected to be ready to mail within the next few days. Future students and others who wish to receive copies of this publication should write the office soon.

Dressed in an attractive blue cover, this year's bulletin will contain a number of new pictures as well as some that appeared in last year's edition. Full information will be given as to courses offered, expenses, and other matters of interest.

The Newslette

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

To strengthen the faculty this year it is planned to add three new members. While not much information can be given at this time, NEWSETTE is glad to inform her readers that one of the new faculty members will teach French and Spanish, another will offer training in instrumental music, also serving as director of any groups of instrumentalists that may be formed, while the third will have the responsibility of assisting Dean Ryther in the English department.

Look for more detailed information in the August NEWSETTE.

Page Three
WHAT WE BELIEVE
Third Article of a Series
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In Article Three of our Statement of Belief the following affirmation appears: “We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ; that He was born of the Virgin Mary and begotten of the Holy Spirit.”

The first promise of deliverance made to our fallen race is recorded in Gen. 3:15. It declares that “The Seed of the woman” shall bruise the serpent’s head. Our Lord’s genealogical line is traced through Shem, Gen. 9:26, and Abraham, Gen. 12:3; and Judah, Gen. 49:10, and David, 2 Sam. 7:16, and a virgin, as yet not named, Isa. 7:14. The place of His birth is also foretold, Mic. 5:2. His family tree appears in Matt. 1:1-17, where, as Son of Abraham, He is shown to be the One through Whom all the families of the earth are to be blessed, Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 26:4; Ps. 72:17; Ac. 3:25; Gal. 3:8, 9-16. As “Son of David,” Mt. 1:1, His royalty is fully authorized.

1. This announcement was made to Mary, who was truly a virgin, Lu. 2:27, 34.
2. Gabriel plainly stated that Mary’s Son would be “The Son of God,” Lu. 2:35, and surprisingly announced, “For with God nothing shall be impossible.” Lu. 2:37.
3. In the case of John Baptist’s miraculous birth Gabriel made the announcement to the father of the unborn child, Lu. 1:5-25.
4. Had Jesus been the son of a human father, announcement of His birth would have been made to him. The announcement was made to Mary, Lu. 2:26, 27.

II. JOSEPH BELIEVED MARY’S SON WAS BEGOTTEN OF THE HOLY GHOST.
1. He was so informed by an angel of God, Mt. 1:18-20.
2. Joseph was instructed to call the child “Jesus,” Saviour, Mt. 1:21.
3. He also would be known as “Emmanuel,” which means, “God with us,” Mt. 1:23.

III. MENTION IS MADE IN PSALMS 69: 7, 8, OF “HIS MOTHER’S CHILDREN.”
1. If he had been begotten by a human father, the natural reference would be to His father’s children.

IV. GOD EXALTS JESUS CHRIST AS ONE TO BE WORSHIPPED
1. He commanded “All the angels of God” to worship the babe in the manger at Bethlehem, Heb. 1:6. God would never call upon angels to worship any man, and certainly not one who was regarded by His enemies as an illegitimate, Jn. 8:41.
2. God would never call upon anyone to worship any but Deity, for it was written by God’s own Divine hand, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me,” Ex. 20:3. Jesus was God’s own and only begotten Son, Jn. 3:16. He was “made of a woman,” Gal. 4:4, but very God, Jn. 1:1-3.

V. JESUS BEARS WITNESS OF HIMSELF.
1. As sharing the Father’s glory, Jn. 17:5.
2. He declared He came “from above,” Jn. 8:23.
3. That He “came down from heaven,” Jn. 6:38, proceeding from the Father, Jn. 8:32.
4. He declared, “I and My Father are one,” Jn. 10:30.

VI. GOD’S WITNESS TO THE FATHERHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.
1. “This is My beloved Son,” Mt. 3:16, 17; 17:1-5; Mk. 1:10, 11; 9:1-8; Ps. 2:7.

VII. JESUS WAS GOD MANIFEST IN FLESH, 1 Tim. 1:16.
1. He was in the “likeness of sinful flesh,” Rom. 8:3, but He was also “Holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners,” Heb. 7:26.

For these and other reasons we believe and teach that Our Lord Jesus Christ was the “Virgin-born Son of God.”

Dr. Currens—I am desperately interested to know what has happened since June 8th . . . Do we have any light from on high as to our future? . . . (In a more recent letter) I am rejoicing that we expect to pour concrete at once . . . Keep looking up! . . . Love to all.

Mrs. Coutis—Mrs. Blackburn gave us fried turtle! Aren’t they dear!

Miss Yancey—Staying in a tourist camp tonight . . . At Columbus one boy was saved at the meeting . . . I talked to a man and his wife until 2 o’clock in the morning. He accepted the Lord. Last night at Lockland one young man accepted Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Eastep were there last night, also the Reids . . . Don’t forget to water flowers.

Mrs. G. V. Rudd—Blessings on all at Bryan.

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