Graham Speaks at Anniversary Service

To celebrate the anniversary of William Jennings Bryan's birthday, the afternoon of March 14 was devoted to a special service at which Rev. James Graham, Missionary from China, was the speaker. Rev. Graham paid tribute to the Great Commoner as being the greatest God-loving statesman this country has ever known.

Using the passage from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 as a foundation for his message, Rev. Graham stated that no matter how much a man knows or how well educated he is, in God's sight he is foolish if he has failed to give Him first place in his life. "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to naught the understanding of the prudent." 1 Cor. 1:19. He used striking examples from his experiences in China to show how God has used the testimony of the weak to confound those

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Rev. Harold Johnson Visits Bryan

In his message on the "Value of Souls," Rev. Harold Johnson illustrated the value placed upon a human soul by God, the Father, by Jesus Christ, and by a man himself. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son." Jesus came to the earth to "seek and to save that which was lost;" but man in his sin only says, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Yet in God's great love, He has provided salvation through Christ.

Rev. Johnson, a former student of Bob Jones College, spoke also at the local Methodist Episcopal Church on several occasions, and was accompanied to the University by Rev. G. T. Byrd, the pastor. —R. M. P.

THE MALE QUARTET

Dates are being arranged for a summer tour of the Bryan University Male Quartet. The route, which will include several northeastern states and Canada, will cover part of the territory visited last summer by the Ladies Quartette. Anyone interested in having these young Christians bring a message to his church should write for particulars to the Office of the Dean, Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee.

C. S. A.

To meet the need for direction of the increasing opportunities for Christian testimony in and near Dayton, the Christian Service Association was instituted this year with a governing council of five members. Officers of the C. S. A., and council members, are Mr. A. J. Levengood, president; Wayne Smith, vice-president; Harriet White, secretary; Mildred Kuntz, assistant secretary; Miss Julia Anna Yancey, treasurer.

For more definite study for future service, the C. S. A. has two branches: namely, the George E. Guille Ministerial Association for students called into full-time Christian service and the Lay Ambassadors for the remainder of the students interested in Christian work. As divisions of the Ministerial Association the Foreign Missions Fellowship and the Student Pastors' Fellowship are making a specialized study of their branch of service.

Ping-Pong Players Ply Their Paddles

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to . . . ping pong. And so it is that at Bryan the recreation room has once again become the center of attraction as some twenty or more young men vie for the title of Chief Ping-Ponger of Bryan Hill. Among the contestants are to be found numerous home-town champions, several of whom, no doubt, learned the noble art of ping amid the crumbs of the evening meal atop the festive board. The names of Kerr, Doud, Estep, Perkins, and White are fast becoming public property as their bearers slice, cut, and drive their way to victory or defeat. Among the dark horses may be found such potential luminaries as Smith, Bruce, Lynip, and others who would be king and wear a crown.
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—God Above All—

CHRISTIAN AMERICA

Kata-Rogoso, a Chiefтain in the Solomon Islands, son of a cannibal,
converted twenty-two years ago, after a visit to the United States recently
had this to say:

"I have been observing, however, that even the great men of this coun-
try did not talk about God. They were eager to show me the wonders
of man's making and devisings; but I didn't hear one of them say that
God had given him the thoughts, through inventive genius, to unravel
things that have come into existence. When the missionaries came to the
Solomon Islands, they kept teaching us that God is Ruler over all, that He
has made all things, that He guides the destinies of all mankind, and I
have been disappointed at not hearing the great men of America give God
credit for anything."

—Christianity Today.

J. J. VANGORDER SPEAKS

In keeping with the University's plan to have some special services at
the beginning of each quarter, a "Bible Conference" was held from
March 22, through 24, with Dr. J. J. VanGorder, of Butler, Pennsylvania,
as the guest speaker.

The first message Rev. VanGorder delivered was from Romans 8:29, 30,
concerning the foreknowledge of God in the predestination of the saints to
be conformed to the image of his Son, and in calling them to Him, then justi-
ifying them and also glorifying them.

Dr. VanGorder, an outstanding chart teacher, is not new to the stu-
dents and faculty of the school, and the series of meetings was of spiritual
benefit to each one.

NEWSETTE readers may look forward to a message from th's man
of God in the May issue.

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FRUITS

As an evidence of the value of Scripture memorization and Bible study, as directed by the Rural Bible
Crusade, a group of children from the Kelly's Grove District school near Dayton, gave a program in one of
the chapel periods. This program was sponsored by the recently organized
Lay Ambassadors.

By way of introduction to their program, the children sang several Gospel choruses and repeated, in uni-
son, John 10:1-11. Two recitations, "How I Love the Bible," and "The
Precious Book," helped to emphasize the theme, "God's Word." The mes-
gage of Eph. 6:10-18 was illustrated by the "Christian Soldier Drill" with
appropriate songs. Although the children ranged in ages from three years
to twelve years, even the youngest had an active part, reciting John 3:16
and naming part of the books of the Bible as well as lustily joining in the
chorus singing.

It is indeed inspiring to see the inter-

est displayed by these children as

they hide God's Word away in their

hearts. These children are among

the first in the state of Tennessee to bene-

fit from the work of the Rural Bible

Crusade.

DR. HUGHES COMES FROM TORONTO

Dr. Albert Hughes, from Toronto,
Canada, was a welcomed guest at the
University on March 22 at a special
chapel service.

In his message to the students, Dr.
Hughes used the seven miracles per-
formed by Jesus as recorded in the
Gospel of John. Each one of them
shows Christ in a different aspect of
His Deity. Christ is the Giver of
life, the Sustainer of the life which
He has given, and also the Empowerer
of that life. God does not just stop
with giving power to the life, but He
provides food for it, protects it, and
illuminates it. Finally, He is the Great
Recreator of the life on the resurrec-
tion day.

Co-pastor with his brother at the
Church of the Crusaders in Toronto,
Dr. Hughes has been at the University
several times, and each visit is
greatly appreciated by every one.—
D. W. G.

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"

and

A Way to Multiply the Loaves
and Fishes

Mr. J. E. McKee, author of
"Searching the Scriptures," a new book that has been quite favorably
commented on by many outstanding Bible scholars and teachers and in the
book reviews of several outstanding sound religious periodicals, has be-
come more definitely interested in the
William Jennings Bryan University
since his son, Robert, has enrolled as
a student in the class of 1942.

He has offered to furnish the Uni-
versity with 1,000 copies of his $2.50
book for a net sum of $800.00 cash,
really less than cost. Sale of the
books through students would enable
the students to earn school expenses
during the summer, and at the same
time return a nice profit to the Uni-
versity.

The spiritual returns to the sale of
the book offer an even more worth-
while investment. As evidence of
the possibility of multiplying the
loaves and fishes in a spiritual sense
through the sale of the book, we of-
fer a few testimonials:

"This book comes from the pen of
a militant soldier of the cross. Its
statements are clear and telling. It
contains abundant material for the
busy pastor and the Bible student
generally. This book should have a
wide circulation and a careful read-
ing."—Rev. W. S. Hottel.

"I read your manuscript with great
interest, and was impressed, not only
with your deep earnestness, but also
with your loyalty to the Word of
God, and your insight in spiritual
matters."—Dr. J. D. Eggleston.

"You have done fine work. It has
been a real joy to peruse this vol-
ume."—Dr. Dan Gilbert.

The book speaks for itself in an
especially forceful way in referring to
Isaiah 58:1: "We believe modernism,
which is spiritual communism, to be
a revolt against Biblical Christianity,
and we will neither tremble at its
threats, bow to its demands, support
its programs, nor remain silent con-
cerning its sins."

Any friend wishing to help the
University in this very worthwhile
undertaking by furnishing the neces-
sary funds as an outright gift or to
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1,000 copies of the book can secure
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University, addressing the communi-
cation to President Judson A. Rudd.

Bryan University
CHAPEL PROGRAMS
ENTERTAIN

Pyramus and Thisbe will evermore be vivid characters in our minds, since the realistic presentation the Sophomores gave of Shakespeare's play within a play in "Midsummer Night's Dream." Wall was active; Lion roared ferociously; Pyramus and Thisbe mourned for each other tearfully. Even the actors enjoyed the half hour!

The Freshmen brought our attention forcefully to the story of Elijah's altar, using the theme, "Elijah's God Still Lives Today." The two altars were built on the pulpit stand, and at the correct instant actual fire fell from somewhere to Elijah's altar. This mechanical wonder is the carefully guarded secret of the Freshman Class. The story was related to our lives in a practical way as Warren Oliff spoke on the miniature scene.

Of a serious and helpful nature was the program of the Pastors' Fellowship, calling to our minds the power of God. The University Male Trio, composed of Edward Paul, Ty Pray, and Rhody Ford, sang by request "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power." The Scripture reading, Eph. 4:1-6, was by Robert Thompson; Wayne Smith brought the message on "Power," stating that we are saved, kept, and raised by the power of God and not by our own power.

MISSIONARY TO LEPERS ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Representing the Sudan Interior Mission, with which she has been associated for ten years in missionary work among the lepers, Miss Elsie Firth brought an illustrated lecture about her work in Africa. The lantern slides very vividly described the deplorable condition of the lepers who have no hope aside from Christ.

In the province where she has been working, Miss Firth stated, there were 300,000 lepers, of which only 5,000 receive care in dispensaries, which leaves 295,000 still wandering about, homeless beggars.

As a suggestion to those who desire to be used in the Lord's service, she said, "Be sure you're in the Lord's will, stand in His will, and be absolutely obedient to Him."

Hails from Riverside, N. J.,...youngest and tallest member of class of '39 of which he has been president for the past two years...business manager for this year's Commoner...for three years Dr. Mac's student chemistry assistant...is majoring in chemistry...plans to continue his education elsewhere next fall for Christian service.

Says Jimmy: "I was saved after coming to Bryan. I want to thank and praise Him for this."

Very quiet and reserved...lives in Oliverena, N. Y., in the summer, in Dayton with parents during school months...secretary-treasurer of class for past two years...art editor for annual...active in local Baptist Church...majoring in English and Bible...no definite plans of her own for the future...is leaving that to her Lord.

Janet's word: "I am happy to say my Lord has increased my faith since He led me to Bryan, and I can now say that these years have not been in vain: He has taught me His strength and my dependence upon Him."

Harold came to us in the fall of '35 from Beverly, N. J., having worked for two years after high school...was interested in business...became vitally interested in spiritual things...realized assurance of eternal salvation...dedicated his life for full-time service...began preaching four years ago at Garrison, Tenn....sang freshman year with quartet on Wonderful Word radio program...has paid part of expenses by library work...now president of men's student council and Forensic Union...advertising manager for Commoner...member of Student Pastors' Fellowship...majoring in English and Bible...seminary next.
STUDENTS LEARN HANDBALL

When it was planned that students and teachers should become embroiled in a “bitter fight to the death” on the handball court, few, indeed, were the younger generation who felt any fear of the opposition to be offered by said teachers. Forgetting, for the moment, that after all the duty of a teacher is to teach, they joyfully saw themselves paired in the tournament with the decrepit old fogies, smiled knowingly, and murmured — “Well, well. Guess I'll let him win a few points so he won't feel too bad about it.” But dimples of smile soon turned to wrinkles of wonder as two of the teachers won not one game, but several, and students began to drop by the wayside to rest and ponder.

The quarter-finals . . . the semi-finals—the FINALS. And the poor pedagogues, their “lessons” taught, relaxed and pranced lightly through another game. Who won? A teacher.

JUNIORS WIN TROPHY

Original and novel was the program given in chapel last month by the members of the junior class, so novel, in fact, that the faculty judges considered it the best of the month and accordingly awarded to the class the chapel trophy. A more or less imaginary life of Stephen Foster, as narrated by the friendly old darkey, Uncle Ned, was interspersed by appropriate songs from the composer’s pen, rendered effectively by class members.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MISSIONARY SPEAKS

By special invitation, a former student, Mr. Charles Burdette, spoke in the chapel service on March 10. On Signal Mountain near Chattanooga, Mr. Burdette has charge of a mission work with a ministry which includes about ninety or a hundred people each week.

With Rom. 13:14, “Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,” as text, the message was delivered on the subject, “The Appropriation of Christ.” Thus to the Christian Christ is wisdom, righteousness, and complete redemption. In closing he presented the challenge: “Appropriate Jesus Christ, and there is always a way of escape from temptation.”

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What Do You Think?

“Do you have 1,000 friends willing to give $1.00 a month, until the amount needed is received? I would be glad to be one of them.”

Thus wrote a Philadelphia friend of the University, one of the first givers to this year’s Bryan Birthday Fund. Incidentally, his birthday gift included the seventy-one cents of the $3,507.71 needed to care for current accounts and staff obligations.

NEWSETTE goes to approximately 3,800 University friends each month. Figure it out for yourself: 3,800 times $1.00 equals $3,800, enough to pay off the obligation and leave in addition the price of another wall, rations for the “family,” or whatever the Lord desires that we shall have for His work. And that at little cost to the individuals contributing.

“What do you think?”

LEAVE IT WITH HIM

Yes, leave it with Him; the lilies all do,
And they grow;
They grow in the rain, and they grow
in the dew—
Yes, they grow;
They grow in the darkness, all hid in
the night,
They grow in the sunshine, revealed
by the light—
Still they grow.

They ask not your planting; they
need not your care
As they grow.
Dropped down in the valley, the field
—anywhere—
Yet they grow,
They grow in their beauty, arrayed
in pure white;
They grow, clothed in glory, by
Heaven’s own light—
Sweetly they grow.

The grasses are clothed, and the
ravens are fed,
From His store;
But you who are guarded and loved
and led—
How much more
Will He clothe you, feed you, and
give you His care
Then leave it with Him; He has,
everywhere,
Ample store.

Yes, leave it with Him; ‘tis more dear
to His heart,
You will know,
Than the lilies that bloom or the
flowers that start
’Neath the snow.
Whatever you need, if you ask it in
prayer,
You can leave it with Him, for you
are His care.

GRAHAM AT ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

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of wisdom so that they might be led
to a knowledge of God.
He exhorted each one to give educa-
tion its proper place but to allow
God to use that wisdom for His glory
and honor. It is better to be fools
in man’s sight than in His eyes “be-
cause the foolishness of God is wiser
than men; and the weakness of God
is stronger than men.” 1 Cor. 1:25.
At the close of the meeting a prayer service was held to ask God's continued blessing upon the University and its testimony for Him.

—Selected.

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