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BIG OPENING AT HARDING

Harding College has never had a bigger opening. Students from nineteen states have already arrived. Buildings are filling up and the best patronage from Morrilton we have ever had. In every way Harding is stronger. A big year is ahead of us.

With your loyal support this year we expect to do the best work and create about us and around us the strongest and most telling influence for good we have ever had.

At the end of the year we hope for every student and teacher of Harding College to be living a better life and maintaining a closer walk with God than now. This is the highest goal we have put for ourselves.

Cleaner hearts, better consciences, higher ideals, and a deeper reverence for God, his Book, and his Church than when he enrolled in Harding College is our longing for every student. We believe that the late Colonel Roosevelt was eminently correct when he said: "To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a **menace to society.**"

The finest qualities of human life take root in the religious nature of man. The school that neglects in its plan the development of the religious in its students is poor indeed.

Harding College fills a real need in the world's service and is worthy of every sacrifice needed to make the school what it should be.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Too much stress cannot be placed on the importance of Christian Education. The last quarter of a century has seen a marked change in the attitude of many people toward education. Practically every boy and girl in the land is today, seeking a better education than the boys and girls of a generation ago. Parents and children alike recognize the present day necessity of an education. Children of Christian parents have been going to schools and colleges where the Bible is not only ignored, but taught against. This has caused many, very many, of the brightest and most ambitious boys and girls, who were members of the Church of the Lord, or whose parents were, to be educated away from the church, away from God and the hope of heaven.

At the beginning of the Restoration movement, to be able to read and write and do some figuring was considered a fair education. Then our leading men boldly preached the gospel and challenged, and met successfully in public discussion or debate, the champions of infidelity and error. The advocates of error soon learned that they could not hope to succeed by this method. They recognized the demand for better education and built schools and colleges in which the rising generation could be taught, and the growing demand for an education be met.

At the same time the peculiar doctrines in which they were interested, were taught. This included false religious teaching as well as atheism.

Thus, while our able men were proclaiming against error from pulpit and through the press, others were busy with our young people, as well as others, teaching them error, or atheism, in the schools.

They had the advantage. The young were with them five days in the week for four weeks every month from September to June. During school days the children were taught much that was good and needful for them to know. This opened their hearts to the teaching of other things, and they have been gradually educated away from the church; away from God and a trust in his Holy Word.

Among us were men of vision and discernment who saw how things were going, and the imperative need of schools and colleges in which the Bible could be faithfully taught. A few schools have been established and maintained by hard work and at great sacrifice by those who have contributed to them, as well as those who have devoted their lives to teaching in them.

Harding College is one of these schools. It grew out of the consolidation of Harper College and the Arkansas Christian College. Thus merging two struggling Junior Colleges into one strong Senior College, which is now fully accredited. The work has been maintained and made a blessing to hundreds of boys and girls, a comfort and consolation to many parents, and is the cause of rejoicing by all who love the Church of the Lord Jesus and are interested in saving the young people for future usefulness in the church.

As one who has pledged, and given support to this work, you are really a partner with us in this great undertaking. Mere words can never express our appreciation to those who have thus labored with us in the Lord's work. We have made a good start and are doing well, considering circumstances. So well, in fact, that we as the people of God, cannot afford to let the work that is accomplishing so much good, be further hindered by lack of co-operation on the part of those interested in Christian Education.

WHAT YOUR DONATION DOES

The Bible teaching at Harding College has always been made free. Those who take Bible instruction only from the teachers of Harding College pay no tuition. This Bible teaching is done as a free-will offering, without money and without price just as one might teach all day and preach at night, or sit up with the sick.

Only yesterday a mother and her fine boy came from far away Detroit that the boy might enter Harding College. The mother asked if she might attend a Bible class, and how much it would cost her to do so. Our answer to her was: "All the Bible teaching in Harding College is free. We shall be glad to have you attend any of our Bible Classes."

Are you not glad to have a part in supporting a school, maintaining a work, that makes daily Bible teaching free to any who will receive the instruction? Think of the Detroit boy. Suppose he remained in Harding College four years and returned to Michigan a powerful preacher of the simple gospel; or if not a preacher, a good business man, a leader in his community for God and his church, a money maker, who

will call into that state faithful teachers of the gospel. Do you like the investment? Is it worthy of your pledge and prompt payment of it? We could not live and prosper at Harding College without your pledge. These faithful preachers who teach the word of God without money and without price would have to give up this work were it not for your gift and a thousand more like it. So we want you to rejoice over your partnership in this work.

Every time you pay on your pledge, you are investing, increasing your stock, in a great business. You are putting your money, not into hogs and cattle but into boys and girls who will be preaching the gospel when you are dead. You are perpetuating the church of our Lord and continuing on the earth the gospel of Jesus Christ. Harding College is the greatest institution in the state of Arkansas, save the Church of our Lord. Then be loyal to her and rally to her every need.

STUDENTS NEEDED AND STUDENTS NEEDED

While Harding College has a splendid student-body, without increasing the cost of running we could take care of five hundred students daily. Every Christian in our territory ought to be active in working to increase the attendance at Harding College. The incentive above all incentives to get young people to become students of Harding College is that they themselves need Harding College. No one could, we think, bless a young man or woman more than to influence them to enter Harding College. What have you done to get young people under the safe and sound influence found at Harding College?

Is there not some boy or girl in your community that intends yet to enter College this fall that you could influence to come to Harding College? Do it now for his sake.

Any faithful student that enters our school by the middle of October, can, if he will follow our advice, make his credit, a full year's credit. The earliest possible day that one can enter is the best time to come. A good student can make his full year's work even after November 1, if he will work over time, at our direction.

HELP US SAVE EXPENSE IN COLLECTING YOUR PLEDGE

Had you not been interested in Harding College and its great work you would have made no pledge to it. Since you made the pledge, we know well that you want every dime of it to go into the service of the school. You could not want to put an extra expense on the school to collect your pledge. So we are asking that you promptly send us the payment or payments due on your obligation to the school. The school needs every cent due it in order to keep up the efficient work it is doing.

Last year we had to keep sending statements repeatedly in order to make collections on our pledges. When we mail a statement to you and to nine hundred and ninety-nine others it costs the school twenty dollars (\$20.00) every time we do it. We know well that you are not supposed to keep up with the date when your annual payment is due. This makes one statement, a reminder, necessary. But we ought not to have to repeat it. With better cotton prices we are hoping that one reminder this year will be enough. In fact we are expecting one state-

ment to be enough. Hence, we are asking every supporter of Harding College to help us stop this leak.

Remember that when you make prompt payment on your pledge and the nine hundred and ninety-nine other do the same thing it saves the school \$20.00. Remember too that when we send a statement to every one who owes the school we do not send to a thousand but to thousands. So prompt paying saves a number of \$20.00. Help us to prevent any waste in making these collections.

THANKSGIVING MEETING

A great meeting is being planned at Harding College for Thanksgiving.

The following speakers are expected: T. B. Lairmore, G. H. P. Showalter, H. L. Calhoun, F. L. Rowe, and Homer E. Moore, with others. Plan from today to attend this meeting. Such a meeting has never been held at Harding. You can ill afford to miss it.

ONE ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS

If every one who has made a pledge could visit Harding College when school is in session and become personally acquainted with the work being done, there would be so much interest and enthusiasm that an effort to pay every pledge would be made. The result would be amazing! It would be gratifying to every friend of Christian Education. As many of you cannot come for a visit, we take this means of telling you a little of the many things we could tell you, and show you if you were here. If you could visit the school you would realize how important and necessary it is that all pledges made, be met if it is at all possible.

The amount due annually on each pledge is not much, but the total amount of all is just about what is needed to enable us to do the work we have to do. That is why the payment of your pledge is essential.

This Bulletin contains matter of special interest to those who have signed pledges, but should be of general interest to all others into whose hands it may come.

The large number of letters and receipts sent out by the Business Office of the College, that are returned marked, "unclaimed," or "removed, left no address," explains why some have not received an answer to their communications. Be sure your name and address is plainly written on every communication you send us. If you have recently changed your postoffice address, give both the old address and your new address.

We have learned from experience that special attention, of a personal nature, should be given communications received relative to some pledges. We have never before had anyone in charge of this work who could render this service. This year we have Brother B. Frank Lowery with us, giving his time to the school finances. Statements will be sent out by the office help, but any special communication relative to pledges, addressed to Brother Lowery, in care of the College, will receive his personal attention.