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BULLETIN

Where the Ideals
of Our Homes
Are Preserved and
Strengthened

HARDING

VOLUME XIV

The Acid Test Is the Student's Record

Harding College is glad to base its claim to recognition on the success of its former students who have attended long enough to acquire a soundness of training and catch its spirit of achievement. Harding-trained students are making good in scores of different professions. Among them is the head chemist in one of the largest oil refineries in Texas, the chief X-ray technician for a large city in the South, an outstanding economist in a Northern university, a business manager in another university, heads of investment firms, insurance and business men, bankers, hospital technicians, physicians, teachers, ministers, missionaries, farmers, civil service men, secretaries, aeronauts, newspaper men, homemakers. They are making good in their work.

But even more important, they have a faith in God and man that fills life with purpose and gives them broader sympathies and understanding and a spirit to serve. If he who serves best is greatest, then that institution which teaches best how to serve, and inspires youth with faith and purpose, is making great men and women.

Would you not like your son and daughter to have their training for life in such an institution? Fill out the form on page 3 and let us make reservations for them.



PERCY C. MAGNUS
President, New York Board of Trade,
Incorporated

"Your communication of January 27th comes like a breath of fresh air through thick smoke. I congratulate you on your determination to give your students the opportunity of learning something about business from the men who are actually engaged in it."



Where the Bible Is Taught as the Inspired Word of God

THE ATMOSPHERE OF ATHEISM AND BIBLE DESTRUCTION

Reprint from the Gospel Advocats of July 7, 1933

This article is the sequel to the article in the July bulletin, and is addressed exclusively to parents whose children may consider going to college.

The writer has had an opportunity to meet and discuss problems with hundreds of young college graduates during the past ten years. When the subject of religion was brought up, he found that more than ninety per cent were, to say the least, agnostic. They nearly all said: "We do not know that there is a God, and we could not say that there is not one." Many of them stated that, in their opinion, religion was a crutch for old people to lean upon—some kind of an anæsthetic to drive away worry—but that they could see no reason why young people needed it or should pay any attention to it.

May I tell you some of the experiences had by other members of the church of Christ?

A Southern preacher of the church of Christ has kept a record of the students who entered his State University who were members of the church of Christ and who began attending church services upon first entering the university. Out of sixty who thus began attending church services, only six could be considered as faithful Christians at the end of two years in the university.

A year ago a former graduate of Harding College, who was then completing his work on the Ph.D. degree in the University of California in the Department of English, made this statement:

I believe that I am the only student in my English classes who believes the Bible. I have opportunity to talk with the students before and after classes, and I believe that I am correct in considering myself the only one in these classes that believes the Bible.

Another Harding College graduate, while doing graduate work in the University of Chicago in 1930-31, took special occasion to observe the effect of the religious environment upon young people. He says:

College freshmen and college sophomores repeatedly said this to me: "I came here believing the Bible, believing in God, and believing in the divinity of Christ. I did not want to lose that faith, and I did not expect to lose it; but finding that most of my professors took occasion now and then to make slighting remarks about the Bible, and observing that they did not believe in the miracles of Christ, and did not believe in the inspiration of the Bible; and finding that many of my fellow students were adopting the views of the teachers, I soon discovered that my own faith was gone. I no longer believed in the inspiration of the Bible, in the divinity of Christ, nor the existence of a personal God. I am sorry to have lost that faith, and I

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Where Character
Is Built and
the Power to Achieve
Is Developed

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Business Men Prefer Employees With Religious Background

Through contact with a large number of influential business men, Harding College has become convinced that these men recognize the definite value of religious training in selecting employees.

Labor unions have become so powerful that it is extremely difficult to discharge a man who may prove inefficient or who may prove to be a troublemaker. Consequently, employers are much more careful about whom they employ. They are anxious to employ men who will really work and who will serve faithfully for the welfare of the industry in which they are engaged. A Chicago executive who is the employment manager of a large national organization, in expressing the sentiment shared by a multitude of similar employers, said to the president of Harding College: "This company has nine thousand employees, all engaged in skilled labor. We prefer to hire only college graduates, but we have found that a college diploma is no guarantee that a man is honest and no guarantee that he will work. Although I myself am not a member of any religious organization and although I do not go to church on Sunday, yet I have become thoroughly convinced that a religious background is the most important factor in securing good employees. When I now interview a prospec-

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A. E. BARIT
President, Hudson Motor Car Company,
of Detroit

"Your policy of emphasizing to the student body that a successful career is dependent upon hard work cannot fail to be helpful in developing the right attitude on the part of your graduates. With best wishes for your success."

The Atmosphere of Atheism

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HARVEY C. COUCH
President, Arkansas Power and Light
Company
Nationally Known Financier

"I think you are doing a marvelous work."



Student Holds Successful Meeting

Harding has opposed most strenuously the training of "professional preachers" and has always placed emphasis on building sound Christian character in boys and girls of every field of work. This policy means that the young men who do dedicate themselves to preaching enter it, not as a monetary profession, but as a life of unselfish service, and they usually carry an integrity of character that makes that service effective.

George DeHoff, above right, a young Harding graduate, in a single meeting in a small town last summer, baptized 72 people. Other students have baptized 40, 50 and 60 in a meeting.

Woodrow Whitten, left, is preaching for a Memphis church this summer. Mr. Whitten was state champion debater two years, winning first and second honors. Mr. DeHoff won state extemporaneous speaking.

did not intend to lose it. And I hardly know when it happened."

Last spring a young man from a nationally-known university came particularly to see a brother who is interested in one of the Bible colleges, trying to convince him that he had not lost his own faith in the Bible and that Christian schools were not necessary. However, in the course of the conversation he finally admitted that he believed the Bible was only inspired in the sense that Shakespeare is inspired. He accepted the Bible as no authority upon anything. He would accept it only as he would accept a newspaper article or a page of modern history. He would believe it if he could demonstrate in his own experience that it was true. Nothing was to be accepted as true just because it was affirmed by the Bible. The miracles of Christ accordingly he could not and would not accept as being genuine. He affirmed that the Catholic Church had just as much evidence of being right as had any Protestant church, and that Catholic people had just as much assurance of eternal life as anybody else. Yet he was there to affirm that he had not lost his faith. Formerly he had been an active member of this brother's congregation. Of course this brother recognized the loss of the young man's faith, and his interest in Bible colleges was increased instead of being diminished.

Three outstanding graduates of one of our Bible colleges have been taking special courses this year in a nationally-known Nashville school, having no religious connections. These young men stated a few weeks ago that some of their teachers and nearly all of their classmates disbelieved in the inspiration of the Bible and refused to accept it as authority on anything. These young men have been keeping a list of quotations from lectures made by professors in their classrooms—quotations showing that these men purposely intend to destroy faith in the Bible as the word of God.

Another Arkansas preacher stated publicly not long ago that he entered a class in a certain college, and that the professor in the beginning of the course asked this question: "I would like to see how many in this class believe there is a personal God. Please hold up your hands." A few hands went up. The professor then further remarked: "Well, I see there are a few of the God-people in this class, but it is my expectation that by the time this class is finished there will not be a single one who will believe in the existence of a personal God."

Another preacher states that one of his instructors in the University of Chicago affirmed in the class that Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, etc., were on exactly the same basis as Christianity, and had the same authority

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Harding Student Makes "Believe It or Not"

Young Gus Gary, six foot six in socks, freshman, unintentionally made Ripley's famous "Believe It or Not" and was published in hundreds of newspapers, when he walked a round trip of 24 miles a day to attend classes at Harding last year. Gus's legs, built for distance, carried him over the 12 miles to school between 5:00 and 8:00 A. M., and back again in the evenings. A number of other students have walked from eight to ten miles a day. They have seen the need of an education and have been willing to put energy into getting it. Some of these young people are now teaching and are making their own way with that independence of spirit which they displayed in securing their training. An education is the right of every boy and girl, and to those with the necessary determination the way is always open.

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tive employee, my first concern is to investigate his religious training. I am glad that you teach the Bible to all of your students at Harding College, and I would prefer employees from such an institution rather than from the large colleges of our country where the Bible is not taught and where character building is not featured." He also inquired if Harding College could recommend fifty graduates to his company this year.

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The Harding A Cappella Chorus Wins First in Southern Musical Festival

In the great Southern Musical Festival held at Memphis last year, Harding College entered four numbers, and won first place in all four events. The A Cappella Chorus below was one of the numbers entered. The others were bass solo, baritone solo, and violin solo. The contests included five Southern states and over 1,200 contestants. After the contests the Harding winners, with some others, were broadcast over the national circuit of the N. B. C.

The Harding bass soloist later entered the national contest at Chicago with over 4,000 other contestants, and won first place in the nation.

The Harding music departments offer complete training leading to the Bachelor of Music degree with majors in piano, voice, violin, public school music. Other organizations include band, orchestra, quartettes, and other musical ensembles.





Harding Senior Given Graduate Scholarship

Elsie Mae Hopper, B.S., in Home Economics 1938, has been awarded a graduate scholarship in home economics at the Texas State College for Women, where she will pursue work for her M.S. degree next winter. Miss Hopper's record continues the fine quality of work for which the department at Harding has been known for many years.

Miss Thelma Lee Dumas, head of the department, has recently been offered a position as head of Home Economics education in a prominent state university at a greatly increased salary, but has declined. She is doing further work this summer toward her Ph.D. in Chicago University in order to give even more valuable service to her students here.

Harding graduates of outstanding quality have been fortunate in securing scholarships and fellowships in various universities, including such institutions as Peabody, Vanderbilt, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Chicago.

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Representatives from Harding College have talked to at least two hundred large employers and the college has on file letters from at least a hundred additional companies expressing a desire to give consideration to Harding College graduates.

This convinces us that there is a definite trend on the part of employers to give preference to young men who have had a type of character training which is not found in the large universities of the land. Consequently, we are convinced that a student from Harding College has a better opportunity to secure a job than has a student from the large universities throughout the country. This gives us confidence in assuring our graduates of employment and leads us to desire to increase the size of our various departments as rapidly as possible. It is very remarkable that Harding College now has no unemployed graduates.

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for existing, and that a person was well off to follow one as he would be to follow the other.

One young man who came from a very devout family and went to a state institution said:

When I went to college, I was totally unprepared to defend myself against the atheistic teaching and atmosphere. I was almost in the position of an Ethiopian nomad who had been trained to protect himself against arrows, spears, and slings, but had been told nothing about machine guns and airplanes. My parents and our minister had given me excellent equipment to down those who use sectarian names, practice sprinkling for baptism, or use instrumental music; but I was totally unprepared to answer the arguments against the inspiration of the Bible and the existence of a personal God, having a real son (Jesus Christ), which are used so effectively by the teachers of science.

The trustees of the Bible colleges previously referred to, all being members of the church of Christ, have been making great efforts to maintain scholarship standards among their faculties equal to, or superior to, those of other colleges and universities. They realize, of course, that the most important thing of all is to teach the Bible, to provide Christian instruction and influence. In addition to this, however, it has been pleasant to notice the high standard of scholarship that has been maintained among their faculties and the remarkable records made by the students among intercollegiate contests. In one college the debating team won the state championship seven times out of ten; in dramatics they took three out of four possible firsts; and in an all-south contest, with twelve hundred contestants, they entered four events and took four firsts. No parent can say: "I would like to have my children go to a Bible college, but the standard of faculty scholarship is not sufficiently high. I expect to provide the moral and religious teaching myself, and I want them to get their scholastic training from the other type of college, because the graduates of such colleges are better equipped for business."

Instead it is comforting to know that graduates of the colleges controlled by our brethren have been received by the leading universities for postgraduate work on the highest basis, and some of these colleges have received the strongest possible letters of commendation from many of the recognized leaders in business, finance, and education in this country. The personnel manager of a national business organization (the man who hires and fires ten thousand employees) requested an interview with the president of one of these religious schools. He said:

Some time ago we decided to employ college graduates only. In doing so we learned that most young men just

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F. W. LOVEJOY
President of the Eastman Kodak Company

"I think your plan to have a series of meetings to be addressed by industrialists and others is a mighty good scheme, and I am glad to make the suggestions which you have asked for."



Harding Couple Leaves for Africa

Christian idealism and consecration find many avenues of expression. One of the rarest and most unselfish has been chosen by Alvin Hobby and Georgia Pruitt, graduates of Harding, who were recently married and sailed on July 20 for Africa to become missionaries and teachers in the mission schools there. Mrs. Myrtle Rowe, another graduate, is accompanying them. Harding is proud to number among her former students many of the missionaries that have gone to Japan, China, the Philippines, and Africa. In this age of skepticism we can be grateful that there are yet environments where a living faith still glows with spiritual fire.



GEN. J. G. HARBORD
Chairman of the Board, Radio Corporation of America

"I congratulate you on the showing which Harding College makes as described in your letter. It must be that you have an exceptional student body or are handling it exceptionally well. Perhaps the one is the result of the other."

For Prospective Students and Friends

If you are interested in attending Harding College, now or at a later time, cut out this form and return it to us. You will receive the later bulletins as they appear.

Name _____
Address _____
When do you wish to enter? _____
Age now? _____ Sex _____ Grade _____
In what work or profession are you interested? _____

Please list any others who might be interested in attending.

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ROBERT R. McCORMICK
Publisher of The Chicago Tribune

"Your splendid example of instilling in your students allegiance to those principles which have guided us, heretofore, in political and economic development could well be imitated by the heads of other educational institutions. I am sure that under your guidance, your college will develop good American citizens."

out of college have not learned to work. We are interested in your college because we understand that nearly all of your students have to work—many pay for their education through work—and that you believe in the joy of constructive work. Your students, we are told, are not brought up to depend upon government relief, mother relief, or father relief, but instead look forward to earning their own living through hard work.

Also we believe that strength of character is one of the greatest essentials in business. Now, although I am not a member of any church and attend none, I know that the study of the Bible will do more to build strong, reliable character than anything else. I read it every morning before coming to work.

We like your college because of these two things—that is, you emphasize Bible teaching, and your students are taught to work. We believe that we can use in our organization all of the graduates you may wish to refer to us, and I can assure you that we will watch them, teach them, and give them every opportunity for advancement.

If your children do not go to one of the Bible colleges, but instead go to secular institutions where their very souls are in constant danger, it will not be because the standard of learning is higher or the business opportunities after graduation will be better.



HARRY A. BULLIS
Vice-President of General Mills,
Incorporated
Largest Flour Milling Company in the
World

"It is interesting to note the unique and distinctive method you are using to demonstrate that successful careers in America are still being built upon the old fundamentals — self-reliance, courage, vision, and the desire to pay the price in intelligent hard work. Congratulations for the pioneering work you are doing."



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The problem of atheism and skeptical thought in nonreligious educational institutions, and its influence on morals, is discussed in this Bulletin, which includes the reprint of a second article from the Gospel Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee. The former article on Atheism and Immorality may be found in the July Bulletin.

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