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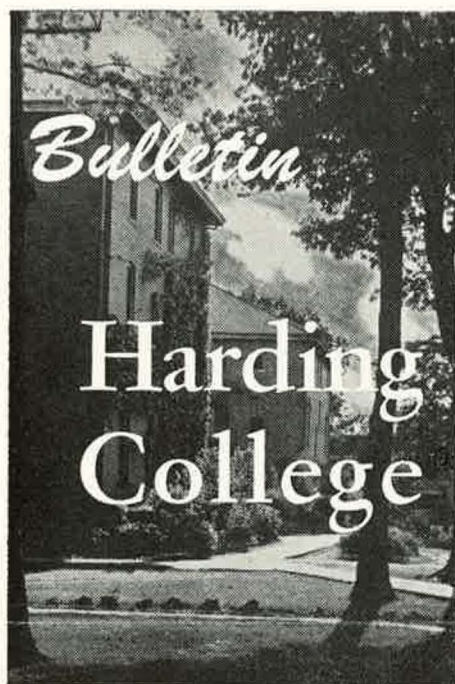
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G. C. Brewer to Teach Full Time Bible Courses

G. C. Brewer will teach full time in the Bible department of Harding College during the Winter Quarter of 1947-48, Dr. George S. Benson, president, has announced.

Last year Brother Brewer taught two days a week during the Winter Quarter and presented a series of lectures in the chapel services. This year he will teach full time.

Those who would like to take only his courses could enroll as special students in that quarter, beginning in mid-December and extending to early March, Dr. Benson said.

There are enrolled at Harding more than 100 young men who now preach or plan to preach. These and any others will be free to enroll in Brother Brewer's classes or any other courses. Other Bible courses will be taught by Dr. James D. Bales, recently appointed head of the Bible department, Dr. F. W. Mattox, Prof. S. A. Bell, and several other teachers who give part time to Bible teaching.

"Brother Brewer has a rich life of experience, has been studious throughout his career, and has something of unusual value to give to young men preparing for the ministry," Dr. Benson said.

As a young man, he studied under Ashley S. Johnson and attended Mars Hill Academy which was directed by T. B. Larimore. Later he studied in Nashville Bible School under David Lipscomb, E. A. Elam, James A. Harding, and M. C. Kurfees. Although never a candidate for higher degrees, Brother Brewer has completed special work in several universities and colleges.

At present Brother Brewer is minister of the Jackson Avenue Church in Memphis.

Enrollment Reaches Maximum Again

College enrollment at the beginning of the Fall quarter has reached its maximum of 700 college students, according to Dean L. C. Sears.

Approximately 100 more students have registered this year in the fall than last year. In both years the maximum number of students that facilities would permit have enrolled.

In May of 1947, the Board of Trustees set at 700 the maximum enrollment for the college, and provided for a building program that would provide adequate facilities for that number.

Including special students, the total for the college proper has reached 714. Adding the 70 high school students and the 97 grade school students, the fall total for all divisions has reached 890.

Thirty states, plus the District of Columbia, are represented in the student body. Arkansas is foremost, with 316. Texas is second, with 59.

If you are interested in the cosmopolitan character of the students, you will find that Oklahoma comes next with 47, then Tennessee with 41 and Missouri with 40. Louisiana has 19, Mississippi 18, Kansas 16, Kentucky 14, Illinois and Ohio 13 each, Alabama and Florida 12 each, Michigan, California and Indiana nine each, Pennsylvania seven, Colorado, Georgia and New York six each, West Virginia five, Massachusetts and Iowa three each, Wisconsin, Oregon, North Carolina, and New Jersey two each, and Nebraska, Montana, New Mexico, and Washington, D. C., one each.

There are also 15 Canadians, and three call Southern Rhodesia, N. Africa, their home. There is one student from Australia, one from Honk Keng, China, and one from Punjab, India.



Senior Jack Pruitt, Cabot, Ark., and Sophomore Tom Lavender, Memphis, Tenn., prepare a lesson in their well-appointed quarters in "West Hall."

Men Enjoy Campus Dormitory Life Again In Their New East Hall and West Hall

Harding College men are now safely ensconced in their two on-campus dormitories for the first time in several years. When war started and the girls came, greatly outnumbering male students, the boys gave up their portion of Godden Hall in favor of women students.

However, the two new dormitories known as "East Hall" and "West Hall" have returned 150 men to the campus proper. The boys rather like the idea of getting back to the campus—nearer to meals, library, gymnasium, social life.. Not that when living off-campus they failed to eat, read, play, or date—it's just that all these things are much more convenient now.

Eventually, even with the expanded enrollment of the present session, it is expected that the building program will provide living quarters for all boys right on the campus.

Motives and Purposes Are Shown In Words

By Carl Kitzmiller

It is a startling statement that Jesus makes in Matthew 12:37: "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Many have wondered concerning it and not a few ignore it.

Why should words be so important? Just leave it to our unbelief to ask why, rather than take God at His word. But this time He has given the answer and it is found in a few verses preceding this one: "... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." My words, then, reveal what is in abundance in my heart—that which is uppermost in my life.

But someone points out that James proclaims the tongue as an unruly member, one which no man can tame fully, pouring forth blessing and cursing. That is true enough, of course. But we have failed to differentiate between an occasional misuse of words and that which comes forth showing the abundance of the heart. God would say that he who continually brings forth evil words has an evil heart and he who, time and again, brings forth unloving words does not have the proper love in his heart.

Men have marvelled over the power of the little two-letter word, if, in our lives; but there is a word of even greater importance in the vocabulary of the Christian. It is the word love. Expressing our whole duty both to man and to God, it ought to reign supreme in our lives. If any one thing needs to be in abundance, it is love.

Paul declares if one have all faith, one of the best things possible, yet lacks in love, he is nothing. Be a man ever so doctrinally correct, as regards salvation, worship, and the outward aspects of Christianity, yet if he lack in love, Paul would compare him to a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. The effect on others of a love-less Christianity is harsh and repelling, rather than magnetic and impelling. And how our words betray us when we are love-less! Don't forget it.

But just as the clanging cymbal becomes music when there is a consideration of others in the musical group, our lack of love becomes love when we forget our own conceits and self-righteousness and attune our hearts to others and to Him. Not all walking after the flesh is in rioting and uncleanness; we may walk after the flesh in being unloving.

One of the nine fruits of the Spirit, and the first mentioned, is none other than the little word with big possibilities—love.

Only two things are possible if our speech is continually unloving. Either we have not the Spirit of God, and consequently are none of his, our lives being merely a sham; or else we are not letting the Spirit bear fruit in our lives.



Dr. Mattox here discusses a problem with Prem Das Dharni, student from East Punjab, India. The secretary is Anne Carter, sophomore from Harrison, Ark.

Harding's Expanded Counseling Program Helps College Keep Tradition of Service

An enlarged student counseling and personnel service is now in operation at Harding, directed by Dr. F. W. Mattox, dean of men.

This many-sided counseling program is aimed directly at increasing the effectiveness with which the general objectives of the college program are realized.

Although the program is under the supervision of the faculty committee on Student Personnel (Miss Zelma Bell, Prof. Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., and Dr. Mattox), the entire faculty is studying the ways and means of helping students solve the many problems which face them.

Meet Kitzmiller:

Carl Kitzmiller, senior from Jonesboro, Tenn., writes the accompanying article.

Just six feet, six and one-half inches tall, Carl describes himself as a mountaineer from Tennessee who feels quite at home in the foothills of the Ozarks.

Married to a girl from "back home" this past summer, Carl has now joined the ranks of Harding's young married students. President of the junior class of last year, Carl says that as a senior he spends less time in extracurricular activities and more time studying.

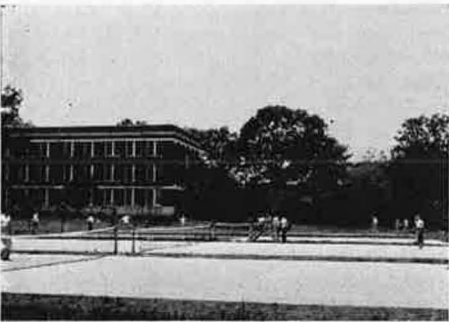
Carl especially studies the Bible, for he plans to preach full time when he finishes school. He majors in English and Bible. Says Carl: "The college has been a great blessing to me."



Facilities Are Improved About College Campus

Several noteworthy improvements in college facilities have been made about the campus in recent months. Alumni and ex-students will be quick to observe some of these when they approach the campus on their next visit.

Sidewalks have been laid along the north side of Center Street, around the block of veterans apartments, and across Benson Field toward the rock cottages and the hutments.



New tennis courts bring out students these mild fall days.

Two new concrete tennis courts were completed before school opened. This makes a total of five concrete courts for college use.

Of interest to all, and particularly the trip-making Harding choristers, is the purchase of a new blue and white bus. The new bus will seat 40 people comfortably. It will be used for trips to Little Rock for concerts and other programs, to meet Kensett trains for incoming students, and to carry special groups on trips and outings.



E. Turman, engineer, is busy installing new boilers.

A new Baldwin concert grand piano was delivered to the music department this summer. At present in Prof. Clarence Haflinger's studio, the new piano will eventually be placed on the stage for use in public concerts and programs.

The building program continues. Most active project at present is the new heating plant, which is going up just east of the swimming pool, along the Kensett road.



These young people got together for a group picture in Canada this summer. Bro. Ritchie is at left, front, with Mrs. Ritchie and two of their children.

Students "Learn by Doing" In Campaigns That Are Well Planned and Well Executed

Evangelistic campaigns carried on by groups of Harding students through the summer months have proved that concerted effort means success in spreading the Gospel.

Their experience in doing actual personal work, aside from what was accomplished, will mean better trained Christians and more effective church work in the future.

This past summer Prof. Andy T. Ritchie organized and supervised groups of volunteer workers in three separate campaigns: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Erie, Pennsylvania; and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The first of these was held in Hamilton, Ontario. A group of 21 Harding students assisted Bro. Ritchie and his family in the work there.

In Canada the group worked with a new congregation in a new section on the east side of the city.

The young people stayed in the homes of members of the three congregations in Hamilton. They had breakfast at various homes, then met for a morning devotional followed by organization of the day's work. During the day they went in pairs, from door to door, visiting with people, inviting them to services and getting acquainted in the vicinity.

After dinner together, they conducted classes for children. The evening meetings were well-attended by visitors and by members of congregations from nearby cities and towns.

Nine were baptized during the meeting and one later. Christians in the area report that these young people, with their firm convictions, sincere hearts and fervent zeal, have done much to encourage both old and new members in the work of the Lord.

Now for the story in Erie, Pa. As soon as the school year was over, several Harding students went up to Erie, to get jobs for the summer.

Several of the workers and Bro. Ritchie stayed at the home of Doyle Chapin, the minister of the congregation there, and almost all of the group ate there. A large tent was borrowed from the 14th Street Congregation in Washington, D. C., and was pitched on a vacant lot. Work was carried on in much the same way as at Hamilton. In Erie, however, a daily radio program was used to advantage. Several records made by the Harding chorus were used on this program, and a group of the students sang.

Erie was ready for the meeting. Early in the summer there were not more than 12 members. But during the meeting there were 22 responses. The gospel was spread, the city awakened to the need for Christ, and the workers encouraged in their effort to show others the way of Truth.

To Fort Wayne, Indiana, went several of the group that had been in Erie. They were joined there by several more Harding students.

Through this kind of effort both the congregation and the workers came to realize the great joy and deep satisfaction found in doing the work of the Lord.

HITCH your wagon to a star," is an old familiar saying, and all thoughtful men have acknowledged the necessity of having a high aim. But if a lofty goal be needed in the "practical" affairs of life, how much more is it needed in the spiritual affairs of man—the realm of religion—since the very essence of religion is the seeking of the soul after a Higher Being.

Christianity, as the revealed religion of God for man, provides man with the loftiest ideal ever held before him. Jesus said: "Ye therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Paul also spoke of this high aim when he wrote of attaining "unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." What a dignity and depth of meaning this goal puts into life! The perfect calls us!

Your next thought may be that this ideal is so far above the possibility of attainment that no man will be moved to try to reach it. The answer to this is that Christianity not only provides us with the highest ideal, but it is the only religion that furnishes us with the motive power for beginning and continuing the struggle toward that goal. Christianity bases its morals on the very nature and being of God. The great love of God manifested in the incarnation of His Son is the only power capable of lifting man upward and ever upward toward the ultimate aim of perfection.

Christianity is a religion of optimism. It offers man a "new start" in life through the new birth that Christ said was necessary. The seventh chapter of Revelation tells us that the saints "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." When a person is buried with his Lord in baptism he has the promise that he actually stands in the perfect state which is his goal. This immersion in water, taken by itself, might seem to be a small thing and insufficient to remove the guilt of our sins; but when viewed in the light of what it is—a fitting picture of Christ's own death, burial, and resurrection, and a sign of our belief in Him and our submission to Him, and the God-provided means of our union with Christ—it is seen to be a great and necessary act.

It might be objected by some that if we have been completely purified at this point, technically, we have reached the ideal of perfection, and have no further goal toward which to strive. But, we may explain, the perfection that we have reached *symbolically* at the moment of the crucifixion and burial of our "old man of sin" in the waters of baptism, we are to try to attain *actually* in our lives after our resurrection from the water. Do not misunderstand me—I do not wish to leave the impression that our purification in baptism is not a reality; but as Hebrews 6:1 expresses it: "Wherefore, leaving



"Ye . . . Shall Be Perfect"

By Dr. B. Frank Rhodes
Professor of History

the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us *press on unto perfection.*"

Paul expressed the continual aspiration of the Christian in that wonderful passage (Phil. 3:7-14) which says: "What things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith, that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, becoming conformed unto His death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold; but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal, unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

May we never lose sight of that purpose leading us on and up to God. Heb. 6:11-12 says: "We desire that each one of you may show the same diligence unto the fullness of hope even to the end—that ye be not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." When the end of life comes, may we "be found in Him," having a righteousness "which is through faith in Christ." And then we can say, in the words of the song, "I shall behold Him, O wonderful story! I shall be like Him at last!"

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