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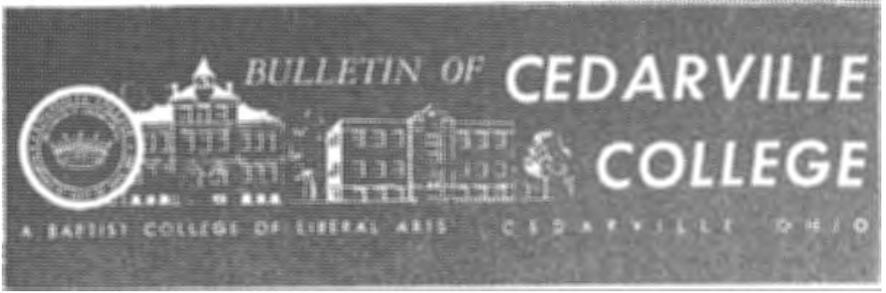
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"FOR THE WORD OF GOD AND THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST"



MEET OUR FACULTY

(Editors note: This month we are happy to introduce our dean, Dr. C. R. Maddox. We believe you will be profited by his message which follows. Dean Maddox received the B. S. degree from Georgetown College and the M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Chicago University. For 30 years he served as school psychologist and supervisor of instruction of the Thornton Township High School and Junior College of Harvey, Illinois. His service at Cedarville is greatly appreciated).



Can we as Christian men and women put 100 percent confidence in the command to "trust in the Lord with all our hearts, to lean not unto our own understanding," but "in all our ways acknowledge Him" with calm assurance that "He will direct our paths"?

Can a godly administrator or board of trustees apply these staggering promises to the management and financing of a college? Do these promises apply to board members, presidents, and deans in the procurement of teachers? Can college teachers be sure of the will of God in their placement in fields of labor? Finally, can parents and students be sure that God has a definite and ascertainable plan for the education of His children?

More than forty-six years ago the writer came to the conclusion that God's leadership in major matters was not only reasonable, but practical. Since 1913, he has never held any regular employment which was the result of his own immediate foresight or planning. This statement is made in spite of the fact

that he has been persistent in planning and diligent preparing for specific goals to be achieved in definite ways. Without exception, these goals have been providentially modified and the places of employment set aside for something more practical and satisfactory. Since 1916 the five positions which he has held have come to him without his own seeking, and in directions little expected and always to places practically hitherto unknown to him. Furthermore, he has never been unemployed and has never failed to receive his full salary. He is convinced that God has planned and directed his life.

Since others will write of God's leadership in administration, in finances and business management, and in public relations, I will discuss God's guidance in counseling young men and women. All the statements to follow deal with present practices rather than merely with plausible aspiration.

To counsel Christian young people in specific situations the following suggestions have been useful: First, practice seeking and heeding God's guidance in all personal affairs that any counsel may be both sincere and vital. Second, lead the student to see that he, too, has access to the same promises and must learn to avail himself of his own privilege of access to the throne of grace. Third, learn to pray with a student with the confidence that the answer will come. Fourth, abandon the idea that it is necessary for one to know and approve of God's method of leading in decisions and of answering prayer. Fifth, use all modern counseling devices and techniques with a thorough knowledge of their limitations and deficiencies. Used without asking the counsel of God, they can become deadly weapons rather than useful tools. Sixth, renounce the conclusion that a temporary failure or set back is evidence that a person is out of God's will. It may be God's way of showing the fact of human impotence and make him conscious that divine guidance can give the only sufficient answer. Paul was forbidden to preach the Word in Asia and was hindered when he assayed to go into Bithynia in order that he might have absolutely no doubt about God's call to Philippi. It has been the writer's sincere effort to apply the formula of asking the counsel of God in all situations and of letting Him be the interpreter of all

facts relevant to any course of action. Then can one safely "be careful (anxious) for nothing but by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING make his requests known unto God with THANKSGIVING with the absolute assurance that the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep his heart and mind through Christ Jesus."

OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED

It is impossible to measure the life-time potential of a dedicated Christian college student. Right now, he is being prepared to serve God, help his fellow man, and provide a living for himself. Whatever we give to Cedarville College, whether it be prayer, time, or money, we invest in the unlimited possibilities of present and future students.

In order to provide better facilities for our students, we urge all our friends to participate in "OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED." For the next five months, at least, our bulletin readers will be hearing about this program which we trust will result in the erection of our new multi-purpose student center building.

The interest of Cedarville College students in this new building is seen by the voluntary self assessment of a once a semester \$10 Student Union fee. The student council suggested this action and each of the four classes voted to accept the recommendation. The college will now be able to use up to \$50,000 in Series "B" bond money toward the erection of this new structure since there will be an income to retire the bonds.

This decision by our students means a personal sacrifice to most of them. It should be an encouragement to all of us to sacrifice in order that this student center may become a reality.

In addition to the gifts which are on hand at the present time, and the bond money, it will be necessary for the college to raise a minimum of \$100,000 before this building can be completed. In order to acquaint our friends with the

present need for this building, we are arranging a series of banquets for men in various parts of the country. At the present time, plans have been completed for banquets in Fort Wayne, Indiana on January 19; Davenport, Iowa on January 20; and Mishawaka, Indiana on March 9. Plans are being made for banquets in other areas, but the definite dates have not yet been set.

It is our hope that when a banquet is held in your area that the men of our churches will enjoy a time of Christian fellowship as they hear the story of Cedarville College.

FROM FAR AND NEAR

One of the reasons why Cedarville College is experiencing unprecedented growth is the interest shown in the college by our friends from many parts of the nation. Churches are placing the college on their budgets; students are presently enrolled from 34 states; individuals are contributing to its support.

We are also encouraged by the attitude of our own local citizens. A recent letter from one of our local businessmen, Mr. Fred Luttenberger, owner of the Cedarville Hardware, is an illustration of the way many feel about their college.

"It was particularly nice to hear that work on the new student center-gymnasium will begin in early spring. Perhaps someday, by the grace of God, I may be privileged to be among the 100 whose stewardship may provide a \$1000 each, but for now I consider it a blessing to be among the 1000 who provide \$100.

"Your work here has already had tremendous impact, and as I see new buildings rising and faculty and student body growing, I cannot help but feel that this is only the beginning. I will always feel it a privilege to have a small part in the great work you are doing."

We thank Mr. Luttenberger for his gift and expression of confidence.

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