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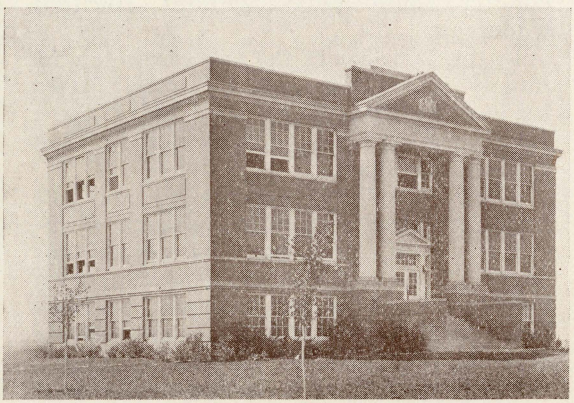

The Ministerial Department of

Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, Texas

MISSION.

In '65 a weary Confederate soldier tramped back to his broken Texas home, dreaming of the part he should play in rebuilding a wrecked Southland. Others dreamed of farms, factories, fortunes. Addison Clark saw the need of leaders. So he, with his brother, Randolph, founded Add-Ran Christian University, later Texas Christian University, to make men of character, faith and training.

Out of the early days and later have come prominent teachers, jurists, business men, and character training mothers; but from the first one prominent aim was to develop preachers;—for no country could build without spiritual leadership.

In the early years the Bible was taught mostly by Addison Clark himself, later by J. B. Sweeney, and then E. V. Zollars, F. H. Marshall, G. A. Llewellyn, then Clinton Lockhart.

The institution grew; the churches grew, and the demand for preachers increased until one Bible Chair could not cover the needs. A special faculty, with definite provision for teaching, overseeing, developing the ministerial students was required.

The outcome of these beginnings and demands, is the Brite College of the Bible, organized in 1914 with its distinct Charter, Board of Trustees, buildings and Faculty, yet a constituent college of Texas Christian University, and an intimate portion of its life.

EQUIPMENT.

The Brite College of the Bible possesses two three-story fire-proof buildings on the campus of Texas Christian University, well equipped for its work, and ample for the growth of several years ahead.

The Brite Building contains six class rooms, Library, Museum, Chapel, offices, and other rooms; attractive and pleasing in appearance, a most excellent working place for the school. This building cost-

ing $40,000 was donated by L. C. Brite and his good wife, of Marfa, who also endowed a Chair with $25,000, thus making possible the establishment of the College and deserving to have his name in the title thereof.

The Goode Hall is a $40,000 Dormitory named after Mrs. M. A. Goode, who started the gifts with $5,000. Fireproof and with modern conveniences it makes a home for ministerial students at cost, providing also a Boarding Club to reduce board to cost as well. The fellowship in this Home is one of the delightful features of the College life.

The **Library** is stocked with much of the literature of the 19th Century Restoration Movement; most of the standard Biblical Reference works; and is constantly adding the new books needed in the class work.

All the equipment of the Million Dollar plant of Texas Christian University is at the disposal of the student of the Brite College.

SCOPE.

The College aims to train men and women for every line of work required for the leadership of the church, and to meet the needs of every student desiring such training.

The emphasis naturally is on training the preacher; that is, the pastor, or evangelist. None less is emphasized the missionary.

Constantly growing is the demand for both men and women in special lines of full time employment in the local churches. This includes the Religious Education Director, the Assistant Pastor, the Church Visitor, the Church Secretary, the Boys Worker, and others. This work heretofore has been done by the untrained, because no one was prepared; or left undone.

Courses of training for all these are offered in Brite College. Already a number of students prepared here, are serving the churches with grateful success.

Courses Offered.

For the Preacher:

1. **The A. B. Course.** Every preacher is urged first to secure this standard Bachelor of Arts degree in T. C. U., four years beyond High School graduation. It may include one-fifth of the time in Bible classes.
2. **The B. D. Course.** This is the fullest course for the well trained preacher. It requires the A. B. for a basis; includes three years of Bible study. The A. B. and B. D. may be taken in six years.
3. **The M. A. in Religious Education** is one year of graduate study beyond the A. B. for those who will not stay on for the B. D.
4. **The English Bible Diploma** for adults who did not finish High School; a three years course, mostly Bible, but including some English and History.

For Missionaries:

The Missionary Diploma is a five years' course after High School; includes the A. B. and two years of Bible work leaving one year to be taken at the College of Missions.

For Special Workers:

Religious Education Director's Course includes a major portion of work in the Department of Religious Education, with full courses in Bible and in the B. A. degree.

Courses for Church Secretary, Church Visitor, Boys' and Girls' Worker, are arranged, for longer or shorter periods, as the student may aspire.

There is a growing demand for workers in these special lines. They afford an excellent field of consecrated service for young men whose gifts are for organization and teaching rather than pulpit speaking; and for young women who wish to serve the Kingdom of God as well as make a living.

For Those Who Have Not Completed High School:

No preparatory Department is conducted by Texas Christian University. All students are expected to have completed a High School Course before coming. However, men and women too mature to go to High School will be cared for, in Brite College, by means of Tutors. A system of Tutors is arranged to teach the English and History required in the English Bible Course.

The aim is to provide whatever is necessary to train a consecrated youth for the ministry. No one with good parts, willing energy, and true consecration will be turned away from opportunity.

THE SPIRIT.

Much of the quality, as well as the enjoyment of an education lies in the general atmosphere of a school. And every school has its spirit, as an individual has a personality.

This spirit cannot be described in words, it can only be appreciated by association. But to the prospective student this much may be said, that every boy or girl who comes into the life of Brite College and T. C. U. becomes a lover of the institution, and a life long booster.

A few items may be scantily sketched as the chief characteristics of the school life.

It is democratic. Every student is valued at his worth, regardless of his clothes, his job or finances. The preacher boy plays his part in the University as a man among men.

It is spiritual. The Brite College students have their Ministerial Association, their weekly chapel, Volunteer Band, Thursday night at the Union Gospel Mis-

sion, and other activities. The unity of spiritual purpose thus developed has a good influence on the entire school.

It is loyal to the fundamentals of Christianity, the divinity of our Lord, the authority of the Word of God. The name College of the "Bible" is carried out in the plan of the courses. The foundation of the courses is the teaching of the Bible itself. The aim of the Faculty is to send out laborers with strong faith, first of all in the Gospel of Christ as God's power unto Salvation for the whole human race. Theories, speculations, criticisms are made secondary to the study of the Word itself.

It is Scholarly. The educational methods and requirements in the Brite College are aimed to maintain the standard of thoroughness and scholarship as in the University, throughout. Thoroughness of scholarship need not result in dryness and impracticability, nor in antagonizing true faith.

It is Practical. The aim is to train the young men to do the things they will have to do in their ministry. They are encouraged to preach for churches while students; to aid in missionary efforts of various kinds; to learn thru the regular courses how to conduct all services, organize all departments of the church; and adapt the Gospel to the needs of communities. Some are encouraged to go on for advanced technical scholarship. Students are trained not so much to define and dissect and discuss religion as to live it, preach it, and develop it in the lives of people and communities.

EARNING EXPENSES.

The policy and the possibility of earning expenses thru college is expressed in our motto:

"Any boy, or girl, who is anxious to preach, and willing to work, can earn expenses thru Brite College of the Bible."

No boy or girl has ever been turned away for lack of opportunity.

How this is done is explained fully in a special Bulletin on "Self-Help" which will be sent on application.

THE FACULTY.

Teachers have been selected with thoughtful care, mindful of the extensive influence they will exert in training the leaders of the churches. Every one is an experienced preacher, with a record of successful achievement in pastoral and other work.

To praise them would be distasteful; but so important is personality in education that a brief word concerning each is in order.

Dr. Clinton Lockhart, Ph. D., is a ripe, rare scholar. No man among us has had better training in the Greek and Hebrew, and no better authority in this field would be needed. Here is special opportunity for those students who would go far into the field of technical scholarship, as well as thorough training for all in the Old Testament.

Chalmers McPherson, long known as one of the strongest of pastors, is giving his ripened years to the loving work of inculcating in the young preachers those fundamentals of Christian doctrine which have made the preaching of the Restoration Movement distinctive and effective. Those who go thru "Bro. Mc's" classes will not be lacking in either a knowledge or appreciation of "First Principles."

Colby D. Hall, A. M., serves as Dean of the College and of the University, but has time to teach several Bible classes. His courses cover the Social applications of the Gospel, counteracting the tendency to substitute social organization for the church or the Gospel, yet putting the student in touch with all the organized forces in missions, social service, charity, unity and so on; that he may be founded on the Bible and be in touch with the movements of the day.

F. E. Billington, A. M., has been selected as one of the best prepared men

in the new field of Religious Education. After two years of teaching this Department he spent a year and a half in graduate study and returns with the best training of the day.

In addition to these, provision is made thru other Departments of the University for teachers of Music, Public Speaking, also secretary courses in Shorthand and Typewriting, etc.

THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Never did the world need the Gospel more than it needs it now. Never were the doors open in so many parts of the world. Never were so many varied lines of talents usable in the church work.

In a special way the troubled world is turning to the Christian message for the answer to its deepening needs.

All this requires more leaders, preachers, missionaries; and offers the most attractive life of service for the youth who seeks to make his life serve mankind, rather than feed his own selfish ambition.

Thus the church calls for more and more volunteers for the ministry.

The ministry can use the brightest and best; it can use also the plain everyday abilities. God's work is mostly done by average people. But these all must be trained.

Brite College of the Bible has no other purpose or ambition than to enlist hundreds of youths in this service and train them for the Master's use today.

Young man, young woman, will you answer the call: "Here I am; send me."

Write fully your purpose and problems to Dean Colby D. Hall, care of T. C. U., Fort Worth, Texas, or to any of the Faculty, same address.