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The BULLETIN makes its bow to its friends. It will make its appearance every two months, to bring interesting notes about the ministerial training department of Texas Christian University.

### PROGRESS

Many of the friends of Texas Christian University do not realize what strides have been made in the equipment for ministerial training. Some of the items for which we longed and prayed years ago are today realized and in active service. Let us view some of them: We, as all schools, have needs to tell you of. But we have much equipment already for which all are grateful.

**Goode Hall**—A home for the preacher-students, and a good, comfortable, modern home it is, affording house rent at cost of up-keep.

**A Boarding Club**—Organized and fostered by the College, but managed by the students. It brings the cost of living to the lowest point possible, a vital factor in our problem. The rate has been \$2.75 per week most of the time.

**The McFadin Loan Fund**—Which makes it possible for the student to borrow money when necessary to keep him in school. There is enough in the fund to supply all the demand at present. There has been loaned out of it: In 1915-16, \$420.00; in 1916-17, \$255.00. Students are encouraged to earn the expenses if possible, and borrow only as a last resort, hence borrowing has not been heavy.

**The Employment Fund**—Amounts donated by friends to give employment to the boys, so they can earn their expenses working out of school hours. This is used for such tasks as working on the campus, repairing, etc.—tasks that the school could not afford to do without such a fund. At the same time the boys are paid the money for the work per hour. The money does double service—improves the school property and furnishes the boy employment. Indeed it serves a third purpose—it enables the boy to maintain his independence and finish school out of debt. We have had about \$300.00 this year; thanks to Bro. A. D. Milroy, Major K. M. Van Zandt and others. It is one of the most practical and efficient means of assistance.

**The Brite Building**—Must be mentioned as one of our new assets; thanks to Bro. L. C. Brite. It not only affords a commodious home for the classes, library and chapel of the College; it also gives a distinction and coherence and spirit to the ministerial work that it has always needed in the life of the University—and incidentally makes the work more delightful because of working in such a beautiful home.

These are some of the features that have been put on solid footing in the last few years. Of course, other facts—as the Faculty, the whole college work of T. C. U., the splendid student-body, etc., are assets of necessity.

## ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT

It has been the earnest desire of the Faculty of the Bible College to be able to announce that any boy who wants to make a preacher, and is not afraid to work, may come to T. C. U. and make his way through. It is easy to announce this. It is not easy to furnish work so the boy may not be under undue strain of anxiety after he arrives. We want to play fair with the boys and promise only what can reasonably be fulfilled. Hence we have never made this announcement, unconditioned.

But we have been able to maintain this standard during the past year. Trusting in the faithful help of friends of the work we hope to be able to have such backing in the Employment Fund that we can boldly announce for the next session: "Any boy who wants to train for preaching, and is not afraid to work may come along, and we will see that he has a way to make his expenses."

## OUR PART IN THE PREACHER SUPPLY PROBLEM

During much of its history T. C. U. has been hampered in this task of preparing preachers, by the lack of equipment and financial support. Many Texas boys went to other States for Bible College courses. Twenty years ago a third of the Texas population was born in other States, now a fourth is so born. We would naturally expect therefore that a large portion of the preachers of Texas are from other schools.

Many, therefore, will be surprised to learn that T. C. U. has educated thirty per cent of the preachers now in active service among the Disciples in Texas.

The whole number of preachers T. C. U. has sent out—working now in all countries—is half the number now active in Texas. That is, if all the T. C. U. students had stayed in Texas, we would have furnished half the present supply.

The total number is 103, distributed as follows:

Preaching full time in Texas.....	43
Preaching constantly, with other work in addition, as student, professor, editor, etc.....	17
Preaching in other States, etc.....	33
Preaching occasionally but not regularly.....	6
Deceased .....	4
Total .....	103
Graduates .....	56
Ex-students graduating elsewhere or not at all.....	37
Present students, who have preached regularly for some time....	10
	103

Look for the display of T. C. U. at the Austin Convention, for a fuller report on these figures.

## AIMS FOR THE FUTURE

While T. C. U. is grateful for the part she has been able to do in this task in the past, she feels that this is but a beginning; and that her real days for doing big things along this line are just coming in.

We want to have enrolled every year, soon A HUNDRED ministerial students instead of thirty-five, as now.

We want to give to the church in the next TEN years as many preachers as in the last FORTY.

Only the co-operation and support of the churches and the brethren will make this possible.

## SOME OF THE NEEDS OF BRITE COLLEGE

The biggest, most urgent need is **Endowment**. \$25,000.00 will endow a Chair. Another \$25,000.00 should be given by some one to endow the general administration of the College.

**Enlistment of Volunteers** is next.

There is urgent need of funds to carry on among the churches a campaign for volunteers for the ministry. There are doubtless many boys who would volunteer if the call could be fully put before them. The pastors and churches are anxious to have their own boys enlist. The College realizes that it should take the leadership in this thought, and bring forth a greater enlistment of preachers among our boys. But the College is seriously handicapped in that it has no funds to draw on for the expense of this work. \$1,000.00 a year could be well invested; \$500.00 is urgently needed for it.

The **Employment Fund** needs to be kept going. There is no money that will reach the real crux of the problem better than this, in smaller amounts than endowment. We have been blessed in this the past year. No boy has seriously lacked for work. We must have friends rally to this fund each year. The details of the operation of this plan will be explained to any one who will inquire. It will appeal to good business judgment.

## A COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

The Faculty is taking the name of the College seriously. It is a school for teaching the Bible. An examination of the courses in the Catalogue will reveal how completely this thought is observed in shaping the courses required of the ministerial students. Everyone is invited to inspect the catalogue with this point in view.

At the same time we do not forget that the minister must know the history of the development of the Church. The Reformation of the Campbells and the plea of the Disciples cannot be appreciated without an acquaintance with the background. Moreover a student must know the problems of the society to which he is to apply the Bible. Hence courses in practical application of Christianity to the needs of the day are given. These, too, are begun by a study of the Bible, and carried on with the Teachings of Jesus as the guiding principles.

## THE MISSIONARY ROOM

The world-wide mission spirit is alive in Brite College. The volunteer band keeps it ever before us.

The latest move for impressing the Missionary interest on the students is the opening of a Missionary Room. This name has been given to one of the large rooms on the third floor opposite the chapel.

In this will be kept all the missionary souvenirs, maps, charts, etc., on display for teaching, as well as inspiring. The class in History of Missions is just now arranging the maps, showing all the mission stations of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, placing the names of the workers at each station. The pictures of many of these have been secured and will be framed as the expense can be met.

The aim is to make this a room sacred with memories and associations not only of the missionaries now on the field, but of many of the present and future students of the College who shall labor in the far-away lands. It will also become a center of interest to the brethren over the State as they visit it, contribute to it, both in materials and money, making it a depository of missionary information of much value.

One of the first items to go into the Missionary Room is a large map of the world, showing the location of every ex-student who is now or has been on the Foreign Missionary Field. The number is not large, but it

is enough to make us feel that we are a part of this world-wide task. This map will be on exhibition at the Austin Convention.

One of the first pictures of missionaries to go up in the Room is that of S. G. Inman, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America. Brother Inman began his College work in T. C. U. at Waco. He made a short visit to the school on his way to Mexico and South America in March. His itinerary is posted at the College, and many of the students, because of their interest in him, and through their interest in Latin American problems as well, are keeping up with him in his present tour.

### FIND ONE OF THE HUNDRED

The aim of Brite College is to have studying in T. C. U. each year ONE HUNDRED YOUNG MEN PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY.

These must come from our Texas churches largely. YOUR church must be depended upon—not the other fellow's church. Pastors and parents, Sunday school superintendents and teachers are the explorers in the lives of the young, to discover the right material, and direct the ambitions toward the Kingdom work.

Sit down right now and write to the College telling the name of some prospective preacher boy to whom we may write.

Address all matters to any of the Faculty or to Dean Colby D. Hall, care T. C. U., Fort Worth, Texas.

### WHO IS FURNISHING OUR TEXAS PREACHERS?

In 1910 25 per cent of Texas' population were those who had moved in from other States. In 1900 it was 29 per cent; in 1890 it was 33 per cent. From this we may judge that about 30 per cent of the present adult population has moved in from other States.

We should expect, therefore, that 30 per cent of our Texas preachers would be from other States. It would be so, if Texas churches were furnishing their share of preachers.

As a matter of fact, however, investigation shows that 55 per cent of our present active preachers are from other States.

Whether these figures are exactly accurate or not, the conclusion is very clear. That is, that our Texas churches are relying more than they should on other States to furnish preachers, and are not furnishing enough themselves.

Let us have an awakening on this line.

Let us hear from the churches with volunteers for the ministry.

