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Our churches today need more preachers—well prepared preachers of faith.

There are many members in our churches who are keenly alive to this fact, and who are heartily ready to assist in the task or training the boys for the great work.

To all such, this Bulletin is addressed.

The Brite College of the Bible earnestly invites you to become a PARTNER in the great work of training the boys for the ministry. We are servants of the churches, and cannot do the task without the partnership of many.

We invite the most familiar inspection of our plans, our teachings, our finances, and most important of all, the material we turn out—always remembering that we are human and you are partners.

This Bulletin will tell you how you can be an active partner.

A WORD TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

If you really want to preach, the way is open for your education. We are promising that "any boy who wants to preach and is willing to work can make his way through Brite College of the Bible."

The July Bulletin is addressed directly to you. If you have not seen it, send for one. You can make your way, but be sure to read the "Wise Hint" below.

A WISE HINT

A boy who plans to come to college should begin to save up some money at once. One who cannot handle some good job in his home town is not apt to make a good preacher. And one who cannot save money under the pressure of ambition to go to college lacks in managing ability. If one cannot save money before coming to college, with his whole time to work, he can hardly hope to earn a living after school hours. So, any good student ought to be able to save up some money to start on.

Of course, these remarks would not apply to a boy who has to support others than himself.

It is better to have some money to start with. For then you will not have to take so much time from study for work. It is best to save up \$50.00 or \$100.00, more if you can. But don't spend several years saving a larger sum. Write us for advice in your case.

THE STUDENT HELP FUND

A Word to the Supporters of Ministerial Education

In order to carry out the promises to the students in the above paragraphs, it is necessary to have a Fund to enable us to give employment to the boys. We have a plan that is working with eminent success.

This plan does five different things with the same money: (1) It makes it possible for a worthy young person to prepare for the Christian ministry; (2) it enables him to do this without compromising his independence, since he earns the money for his expenses and leaves school without debt; (3)

helps the College of the Bible constantly to improve its facilities; (4) makes necessary improvements about the college buildings which otherwise would not be possible; (5) makes the donor a partner in this great task of furnishing the Kingdom with its leaders. You are asking "how?"

It has been proven that with a hundred dollars all this can be done while putting two young men through college. A case in point: We said to Brother A. D. Milroy of Brenham, "If you will invest one hundred dollars, we will undertake to see that two worthy young men get through one year's schooling, while they earn every dollar they use, by their own work done in jobs about the college." In substance, he replied, "Make it two hundred dollars and four young men." And this was the result:

Seven young men instead of two were aided. These students had come to their row's ends, because they had no money and could not get work to make expenses. This fund saved the situation for all seven. Each was encouraged to push on, knowing that he would be able to work it out; work came from unexpected sources. No one used all his allotment. Number One used \$32.35; Number Two, \$31.35; Number Three, \$31.25; Number Four, \$17.25; Number Five, \$12.00; Number Six, \$10.35; Number Seven, \$7.71. This used \$142.26, up to June 1st. The remaining \$57.74 has been used during commencement week and in the summer by some of the boys who had gotten behind.

This is the report of one of the Funds made to the donor June 1st. How do you like the plan? Is it practical? Does the investor get his money's worth?

How would you like to have a similar investment?

OUR POLICY OF SELF HELP

It takes money to educate a boy and most preachers' boys are moneyless. Hence the problem of ministerial education is one of providing money to cover the cost.

But the problem is not simple. It is not a mere matter of raising money. Money given to a boy is just as liable to ruin him as it is to raise him.

The problem is to enable the boy to get through without a heavy debt, but with his self-respect maintained and to leave with an ability to meet and master hard situations.

OUR POLICY, in a nutshell, is this:

First, to reduce the necessary expenses so low, if possible that a student can earn the amount out of school hours; then require him to pay, and pay as he goes.

Second, to provide the student with some employment so he can earn the necessary amount while going to school, and in summer vacation.

Third, to have a Loan Fund from which the student may borrow at low interest, in case of emergency.

THE BENEFITS OF THIS POLICY are readily seen.

(1) No boy is shut out of a chance for preparation for the ministry. It depends only on his willingness to work.

(2) The sincerity and stickability of every boy is tested out by giving him a chance to work. If he will not work, he should not try to preach.

(3) The boy works for what he gets and thereby retains his spirit of independent manhood, and is not developed into a dependent.

(4) The amount of credit he gets depends on the amount of work he does. He has to meet his own bills by his own labor, hence learns that invaluable art of "making ends meet."

(5) He does not leave school heavily in debt. A debt discourages, tempts a preacher to seek a larger place than he is ready for, or even persuades him to look lightly on debts because he knows he cannot pay.

(6) The Loan Fund is a comforting assurance that in case of illness or misfortune he will not be cast helpless on the care of others.

HOW MUCH IS ACCOMPLISHED?

The first point—low expenses—has been in a good measure attained. Goode Hall was built as a preacher home. It furnishes rooms at cost of operation, the lowest rate being \$3.50 per month for room and light and heat, etc. The Boarding Club has been working successfully for several years, affording table board at cost.

As for tuition, it is being given free—under proper restrictions—but the College is not able to do this without more endowment. The annual deficit now is about \$1,500.

The third point—the LOAN FUND—has been fully secured. Through the efforts of Bro. D. G. McFadin of Austin and a number of friends whom he solicited, we have an ample amount of money for loaning to students, though as explained above we do not encourage depending on a loan except in a case of real necessity.

It is the second point—the EMPLOYMENT FUND—that is the most active and vital need right now. While we are anxious to find some friends who will endow a chair at \$25,000 or a part of one even, at the same time the opportunity is open for many to assist in smaller terms through this fund to give employment to the boys. It is through this that we are able to say any boy who is willing to work can get a job to earn expenses.

HOW THE EMPLOYMENT FUND WORKS

The plan of this fund has been wrought out through years of experience and study of this problem of helping boys get an education. All of the plans used by the various schools have been closely observed, and those with promise have been tested out in our own experience. We know from first hand test that some schemes that look pretty on paper work poorly in fact. We know, too, that any hard and fast scheme fails to fit the need of every boy. It is only by close personal and brotherly touch with each individual student and sympathetic interest in his character and needs that will bring the best results to the boy and the cause.

There are many jobs that boys can get into in a city like Fort Worth, in addition to the jobs about the school itself. These pay much better per hour than such work as farming which might be tried, but pays poorly for students. We get many of the boys into these self-supporting jobs as we can.

But when a boy has no job, or while he waits to get one we turn to him tasks about the school that would not get done except through some special fund like this one. There is a vast amount of work that needs to be done in the way of developing the campus with trees, grass, flowers, grading, etc. This work is kept waiting for the emergency occasion when a boy has not something else. Often to use a boy here a week will mean to keep him from dropping out of school.

Of course, the boy gets paid for his work by the hour. He is paid out of the Employment Fund. Sometimes this work is something for which pay comes in and then the Employment Fund only serves as a kind of an insurance to keep the boy staying on, though none of the money is actually used up.

Last year \$200 given to help four boys actually kept seven boys going on, and then was not all used up at the end of the term.

POINTS ABOUT THE EMPLOYMENT FUND

We do not give the boys money, they earn it. The only exception is when a donor specifically instructs to give it.

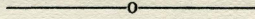
Work tests the mettle of a boy. If he will not work he has no business trying to preach.

Have you examined the Brite College plan of giving free tuition? Each student must apply each term, and have his school and church record during the previous term checked up. He must keep on making good, or be turned down.

The fund is used not nearly so much for paying for some jobs, as it is for aiding in getting jobs that pay themselves, and in insuring a boy that he can count on a job when he needs it.

Last year on the strength of having the fund to back us up we took a sub-contract for digging a ditch. Results: five boys had jobs for three weeks or more, and we quit with about twenty dollars more in the fund than when we started.

We hope to build the fund enough to establish such things as a print shop, truck gardening, and other such industrial features.



A FINAL WORD

We have our promise out to the boys, "any boy who wants to preach and is willing to work can get a job to pay expenses."

We promise that on faith in YOU.

Donations may be sent directly to the Dean, Colby D. Hall, Fort Worth, Texas, or to any of the Faculty of the College.

Right now is a fine time to write.