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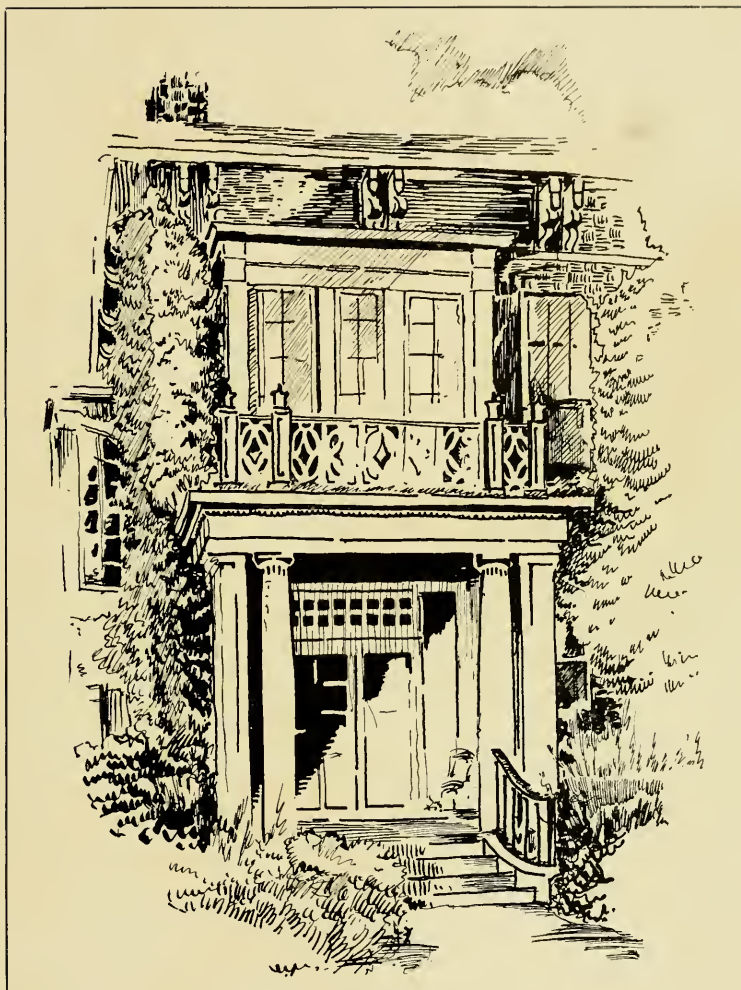






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ELMER BURRITT BRYAN, LL. D., L. H. D.



# Ohio University's Beloved President Succumbs To Heart Ailment in Ford Hospital, Detroit

News of Death of Dr. Elmer Burritt Bryan, Unexpected to Most, Came as Great Shock to Campus, City of Athens, and to Many Friends Throughout the Nation

DR. ELMER BURRITT BRYAN, in his fourteenth year as president of Ohio University, died at 5:30 o'clock Monday evening, October 15, in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Physicians attributed his death to cerebral hemorrhage.

News of the president's death came as a great shock to the campus, the City of Athens, and to a vast number of friends throughout the nation. The word spread quickly, and within twenty-four hours expressions of sorrow and condolence were pouring into Athens from all points in the country. Newspapers in such widely separated areas as Maine, California, Minnesota, and Texas carried press dispatches telling of the death of the educational leader, some of them within a few hours after his decease in Detroit.

The president had been in ill health for more than a year, although until recently he had been carrying the brunt of administrative duties. Late last spring he went to Ford Hospital for treatment of a heart ailment and complications which included an intestinal disease contracted years ago in the Philippine Islands. From the latter he was apparently making a satisfactory recovery, although the heart ailment was not yielding to medical treatment.

With great reluctance President Bryan left the campus for several weeks during the summer to spend the time at Chautauqua Lake, New York, where he suffered a relapse. He returned to his home in Athens and on October 11, accompanied by Mrs. Bryan and his nurse, he made the trip to Detroit in an ambulance. He had considered himself fit for the trip, and at Marion, Ohio, he walked into a hotel for lunch. On the following day, however, hospital physicians told Mrs. Bryan that there was little hope for the recovery of the president. Death, as indicated above, came to him three days later, with

Mrs. Bryan at his bedside. He was sixty-nine years of age.

Born at Van Wert, Ohio, April 23, 1865, Doctor Bryan was the son of Daniel and Mary (Beeler) Bryan. He graduated from the Indiana State Normal School in 1889 and from Indiana University four years later. He pursued graduate studies at Harvard and Clark Universities, and was the recipient of honorary degrees from Franklin College and the University of Maine.

Doctor Bryan rose in the field of education from a teacher in an ele-

Three years later he became associate professor at the University of Indiana.

By appointment of President William Howard Taft, Doctor Bryan became Commissioner of Education in the Philippine Islands after the Spanish-American War. He established and developed much of the educational program that is still being followed in the Islands. He proposed and set up the current system of normal schools and instituted the policy of using English as the language of the public schools from the first grade to the college.

In 1903 Doctor Bryan returned to the State of Indiana to become professor of psychology at Indiana University in a department which he later headed.

Doctor Bryan had presided over three institutions of higher learning. In 1905, he was elected president of Franklin College, Indiana, where he remained for three years, going from there to a department chairmanship at his alma mater, Indiana University. In 1909 he was called to the presidency of Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y. There he served as chief administrative officer for twelve years. In 1921, after searching the entire educational field, a committee of the Board of Trustees unanimously offered the Ohio University presidency to Doctor Bryan. The offer, upon acquiescence of the Board to certain stipulations made by the Colgate president, was accepted.

President Bryan was nationally known as an educator, an author, and a lecturer. It is said that there was only one other contemporary speaker in the United States who had delivered more lectures on educational subjects than the Ohio University president. Doctor Bryan had spoken in almost every state in the Union and in the State of Indiana, had lectured in every county. He was the author

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mentary school to president of a college in twenty-three years. He taught in the elementary and high schools of Indiana from 1882 to 1892, and held his first administrative position in 1893 when he became principal of Kokomo High School. He later resigned to become a teacher in the Manual Training High School of Indianapolis. One year later he was appointed professor of social and economic science in Butler College.

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## Editorial Comment . . .

LANGUAGE is inadequate and words fail in the attempt to convey one's deepest emotions. Heart-throbs felt by other hearts are understood. The intellect speaks a different language; translation is most difficult.

This truth is emphasized superlatively in trying to reconstruct for others one's own feelings kindled by the passing of our beloved President Bryan. For thirteen abundant years he stood at the helm and held the course toward the destiny he had provisioned for Ohio University. His high administrative, social, and personal qualities are known of all and appreciated beyond the need of description. As executive and adviser he was never too busy nor too tired to greet with a smile his comrades in the cause of education and, with open mind and genuine interest in their problems, sympathetically to assist in their solution. The extended hand and ready recognition by name were offered students (his "children"), friends, and alumni of the University on every occasion—he was consistently broad-minded, cordial, sincere.

Widely known personally, and loved by alumni and men of low and of high estate, a courted leader in the councils of education, his best encomium is the high respect and honor accorded him at home by citizens, by his colleagues, and by the student body. Long will he remain the exemplar of his associates in this life, the ideal of generations of students, the inspiration of Ohio's friends everywhere.

Indeed, we have lost a friend, a prince among men. He is gone, but not forgotten.—*Albert A. Atkinson, '91.*

PROFESSOR Atkinson, president of the Ohio University Alumni Association and oldest member of the University faculty in point of service, has beautifully and accurately, even if not "adequately," expressed the feelings that well up in all our hearts and the thoughts that fill our minds. For, though halting pens may fail to trace the words we grope for, we like to believe that "heart-throbs felt by other hearts are understood."

It was the privilege of the editor to peruse a large

number of the letters and telegrams which came to Mrs. Bryan and to the University following the president's death. If there could have been any disposition to doubt the true greatness of the man in our midst, heavy assault would have been laid to these doubts by the marvelously fine tributes that came from every hand—from priest and preacher, scholar, student, business man, neighbor, and alumnus; from friends of long standing, and acquaintances of but a few weeks. The universality of expression was striking. The words were different, yes, but in almost every tribute there was this theme, "He was my friend," "We would not attempt to write an epitaph, but if we should, what inscription could be truer than "Here lies a FRIEND."

"AND WHAT shall we rear as a memorial to the name of Elmer Burritt Bryan?" We reply, "What could be more fitting than to rename in his honor a structure already reared—a building in which he had many, many times expressed great joy and satisfaction." We refer to the Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

It was President Bryan whose coming to the campus first inspired the thought of an alumni gift, and who gave impetus to the movement to provide it. It was President Bryan who indicated to a committee of alumni leaders, who approached him, more than a decade ago, for an opinion on the matter, that an auditorium building would be the most useful and appropriate gift that the alumni could make to their alma mater. And it was, in large measure, President Bryan's resourcefulness that put the financial capstone on a lagging campaign for building funds. Finally, early in 1929, President Bryan offered the prayer of dedication when the building was officially opened and presented to the University.

It is not likely that there will ever be erected on the Ohio University campus a building the use and purpose of which will render it as fit to bear the name of President Bryan as the Auditorium, a building wherein the cultural life and highest interests of the campus are promoted. A dormitory does not measure up; neither does a science hall, nor does a stadium. There is but one building, it seems to us, that possesses the qualifications of fitness and appropriateness, and that is the Auditorium. And so, believing that the proposal will meet with the whole-hearted endorsement of a vast majority of the alumni, we shall, if agreeable to university authorities and officers of the Alumni Association, take an early occasion to poll the sentiment of the alumni upon the matter in some definite and official manner.

THE OPENING days of the new school year in September, and the homecoming period a few weeks later, were always seasons that afforded President Bryan a great deal of pleasure. It was a pleasure for him to greet the entering class, and it was a matter of equal satisfaction to receive alumni upon their return to the campus for the homecoming festivities.

Players on the gridiron and spectators in the stadium will miss the sight of the President in his accustomed front row box when the Ohio and Cincinnati teams meet, November 10, in the Homecoming Game, but who will say that he will not be there in spirit.

# Simple and Solemn Rites Held For President in Auditorium

## Thousands Gather To Pay Sincere Tribute to Memory Of Departed University Leader in Beautiful Service

WITH simplicity that accorded with the wish of the late president, and with hushed solemnity befitting the occasion, the life of Dr. Elmer Burritt Bryan was memorialized Thursday afternoon, October 18, in a service held in Alumni Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Ohio University where the memory of Doctor Bryan's life and service will ever remain the greatest monument to his name.

For three hours prior to the funeral service the body of the president lay in state in the lobby of the Auditorium surrounded by the floral tributes of many friends and organizations and attended by an "honor guard" composed of several of the outstanding men students of the campus.

Before the bier passed hundreds of persons in a continuous and often

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*Rev. Charles Melvin Coulter is superintendent of the Dayton District of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was until recently pastor of the First Methodist Church in Athens and was for several years the minister and close personal friend of President Bryan.*

*Rev. Dr. Pleasant Lee Powell is dean of Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana. He served as a professor under Dr. Bryan during the latter's presidency of Colgate University. He was a long-time and intimate friend of Ohio University's president. From the midst of activities in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Franklin College Dean Powell hastened to Athens to "lay my own tribute of love, and of esteem, and of deep respect on his casket."*

*Dr. Edwin Watts Chubb is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio University. He has been associated with the University for 34 years, during 27 of which he has held the Arts College deanship. He served as acting president of the University for one year following the death of President Ellis in 1920. He has again been named acting president by the Board of Trustees to serve until a successor to President Bryan has been chosen.*

tearful procession. Students, workmen with gnarled hands, noted educators, townspeople, and little children filed quietly and reverently past the casket holding the mortal remains of the man they had known as a friend.

At twelve-forty-five o'clock the Auditorium was closed to the public, and the casket was moved to the alcove in the southeast corner of the immense assembly room where amidst scores and scores of beautiful floral pieces it remained during the memorial service which began at two o'clock.

Among the more than 2,000 persons who gathered to indicate their love and respect for the president in these last rites were people of the community, faculty members, students, trustees of the university, alumni, and representatives of other educational institutions.

Present also were three intimate friends of Doctor Bryan who were chosen to conduct the services of the afternoon. These friends were Dr. P. L. Powell, dean of Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana; Dr. Edwin Watts Chubb, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Ohio University; and the Rev. Charles M. Coulter, former pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Athens. Briefly and simply they offered prayers and eulogized the life of the deceased president.

The opening prayer was the order of service: Prayer, Reverend Coulter; Scripture and eulogy, Dean Powell; eulogy, Dean Chubb; and the concluding prayer, Dean Powell. The opening prayer and the remarks of Dean Powell are reproduced in this article; the tribute of Dean Chubb and the closing prayer are to be found under another heading.

### PRAYER BY REVEREND COULTER

O Lord, our God, how excellent is Thy name throughout all the land. How great is the consolation that comes to us because we can come



DEAN PLEASANT LEE POWELL

calling Thee our Father. We have learned to trust in Thee. We have come to Thee in the midst of all circumstances of life; in the midst of our joys, our joys have been deepened; in the midst of our sorrows the burden has been lifted.

We come this afternoon, our Father, with hearts that are sorrowful because of the passing of a great and noble man; and yet we come to rejoice in the triumphant faith that belonged to him. Help us, our Heavenly Father, that in the midst of our sorrow we may be conscious of the presence of Thy love and concern for our welfare. Help us, our Father, that the healing shadow of our beloved friend who has passed to another world may fall upon us that we may be healed of our sorrows and rejoice with him in his triumphant faith.

We have the feeling, our Father, that an holy man of God has passed by. We are grateful to Thee for the poise of this Thy son, that was born of faith in Thee; in the great realities of the universe; and in the spiritual forces of life. We thank Thee for one who lived with an attitude of confidence because he knew Him whom he believed and was convinced that he was able to keep that which he had entrusted to Him. We are grateful, our Father, for his strength and keenness of mind, with its splendid grasp of human problems; for the sympathetic heart of our friend, and the understanding way in which he approached us as friends;

and for his loyal devotion to Christian ideals.

We pray, our Father, that the inspiration of this noble life may have its influence upon us at this very moment, in the midst of our sorrow. May this be for us a day of new resolve, a day of rededication to the ideals which motivated the life of the one who has lived so nobly, and who exerted such a tremendous influence upon the multitudes of young men and women who have come into his presence, and upon all who have had contact with him. Lead us into Thy presence, as he was in Thy presence, that we may know some measure of the greatness of his soul. Guide us, our Heavenly Father, in this service, that our hearts may be warmed in Thy presence, and that they may be comforted by the sense of the presence of the God whom he loved, and whom he trusted.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.  
AMEN

#### SCRIPTURE BY DEAN POWELL

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

Psalms 46: 1-3

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, will I sing praises unto the Lord.

Psalms 27:5,6

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Psalms 23:4

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be destroyed, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

II Cor. 5:1

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Who shall separate us from the

love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Romans 8:18, 35, 38, 39

And lo, a great multitude which no man could number of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before



REV. CHARLES MELVIN COULTER

the Lamb with white robes, and palms in their hands; And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, Who are these that are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? and he said unto them, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: And he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Rev. 7:9, 13-15

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matt. 25:34

#### EULOGY BY DEAN POWELL

It is the expressed wish of Mrs. Bryan and her children that this ser-

vice this afternoon should be simple, and that there should be no attempt on the part of anyone to make an elaborate eulogy of our friend in whose honor we are met. And I think, perhaps, the purpose of this service has already been realized as we have assembled here, have sat quietly in this building, have meditated together and have silently paid our personal tributes of esteem and of respect. It perhaps would be out of place, however, if someone did not attempt in a few simple words to voice the sense of sorrow and of loss and of sympathy which we all feel. I could wish for many reasons that someone else had been chosen to occupy this place. I do not feel equal to stand before you and say even the few words which I have in mind to say. I have enjoyed an intimacy with Dr. Bryan for thirty years, an intimacy which I am sure others have enjoyed, one of those close and almost too sacred intimacies to undertake to voice in a presence like this. I am conveying to Mrs. Bryan and her family, this faculty, this Board of Trustees, and this student body the sympathy of my own college and of my own state. At a meeting last night in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of our college, five hundred people who gathered together empowered me to convey to you their deep sympathy in your loss. There has been one verse of Scripture—although I am not using it as a text—one verse of Scripture which has been running through my mind since the morning I picked up the paper and got the news of the passing of Dr. Bryan. It was spoken by a man who was capable of estimating a man and of building around him those personalities, those friendships such as our friend was able to do. "A prince and a great man has fallen today in Israel."

I believe that, and you believe it. I have believed it from the time I met him on the campus of my college thirty years ago. I realize that there are various standards by which we estimate men, and yet I cannot think of many standards of greatness that we can set up to which our friend did not conform. Certainly if ability to form strong and lasting friendships and to show oneself a friend is a standard of greatness then he was great. I do not know of many people—I think I know of no one who had that ability as Dr. Bryan

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# Eulogy by Dean Chubb Deeply Moves Memorial Audience

## Ohio's Senior Dean Aptly Expresses the Sentiments Of All in Characterizing Administrative Colleague



DEAN EDWIN WATTS CHUBB

WITH a tribute touchingly beautiful—one so appropriate that both the faculty and the Board of Trustees of Ohio University adopted it and spread it upon the minutes as the best possible expression of their own sentiments—Dean Edwin Watts Chubb delivered the second eulogy on the brief program designed to honor the memory of Doctor Bryan.

So truly did the University's senior dean delineate the traits and characteristics that have endeared the late president to men and women throughout the length and breadth of the land, that unashamed tears crept into the eyes of large numbers of persons in the audience. The address in its entirety follows.

### EULOGY BY DEAN CHUBB

A few weeks ago President Bryan said to me as he lay in bed and thrust out his arm in a vigorous gesture—"I'll conquer this thing yet."

"Fear death?—To feel the fog in my throat,

The mist in my face . . .  
I was ever a fighter, so — one fight more,  
The best and the last!"

He was so interested in life; so alive; so forward-looking; and there was so much in the world to do. Then sometime later he said to a very humble friend, "I have lived an abundant life; I have lived! Now I must show my students how to die." This is characteristic of the man. He had a deep sense of responsibility. Even in dying he dare not fail to meet the expectations of his friends and students!

When in the Philippines thirty-one years ago, as General Superintendent of Education, he was stricken with tropical enteric fever. A few months ago I remarked that that disease was probably the cause of his present condition. "That's true," said he, "but I'd do it again, because that Philippine life was a rich experience." That, too, is characteristic of the man.

When the late A. E. Winship, editor of the *New England Journal of Education*, heard of Dr. Bryan's election to the presidency of Ohio University, he wrote in his editorial column, "He will give Ohio University a great administration." How this prediction has been fulfilled would be superfluous for me to describe. "If you would seek his monument, look about you." You will not find it in the stone marker of a cemetery, not even in the many commodious and useful buildings erected during his administration. Spiritual values cannot be measured by the yardstick nor weighed on the scales. The gift that President Bryan gave Ohio University is above the price of rubies. It is the gift of a vigorous, rare, lovable personality. I shall not call it a memory, for it is more than a memory; it is a vital, beautiful force that moves and lives and has its immortal being here and now.

No president of any college or university from the days of Mark Hopkins of Williams to the present has been more respected and beloved by students and faculty than has President Bryan. I make that unequivocal statement without fear of contradiction.

But his influence extended far beyond the confines of our local campus, far beyond the State; he was known and admired from Maine to California. In a letter to Dr. T. R. Biddle, Frank P. Graves, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, writes of Dr. Bryan,— "He will be remembered in American educational history not only as the greatest President Ohio University has ever had, but as one of the outstanding figures in university administration throughout the country. Even more than his remarkable intellectual and executive power, I admired Doctor Bryan's character and personality." And President Rightmire of Ohio State University said in his telegram to Mrs. Bryan, —

"His educational attainment and services were conspicuous, and he did much to build among the state-supported colleges and universities of Ohio a friendly feeling and proper vision of their place and function in the social order of the State."

Where can we find the secret of this great power? In the first place, he had an alert, comprehensive mind. He was quick to grasp the essentials of the problem presented. He understood human nature. Quicker than any one I know, he could detect the weaknesses and foibles of a man, as well as appraise his power and strength.

Then, too, he had a genius for friendship; a genuine sincerity that expressed itself in a love of mankind. He impressed a stranger with his friendliness. No one left his presence as a stranger. Little children believed he was their especial friend for he knew each one by name. He had the greatest ability to remember people and their names. At a convention at which people would be gathered from all parts of the country, he was always the center of a group, and as additions were made to the group he could call each newcomer by name. He had one unusual but lovely fault: he exaggerated the virtues and accomplishments of his friends. But we loved him for it, for we felt his sincerity. When he appeared before the finance committee of the legislature he was successful because the members had great faith in his sincerity.

A third fine quality was his generosity, his sympathetic attitude. I never knew a man who seemed to take responsibility more easily. But during the past five years, beneath this apparent ease was a weight of feeling that must have become a heavy burden. He had a genuine love for his associates. Because he loved he suffered. Their losses were his losses, their griefs his griefs, their burdens his burdens.

"That country is fairest which is inhabited by the noblest minds." Ohio University and the State of Ohio are fairer because after years of absence this radiant personality returned to his native State to live the last fourteen years with us. Our world is sweeter and fairer because this liberal mind and generous heart dwelt with us. Did I say "dwelt"? I mean because this liberal mind and generous heart still dwells with us, and shall continue to dwell with us for years to come.

"Friendship, like the immortality of the soul, is too good to be believed," says our American sage. We know this man had a genius for friendship. To him friendship was a reality. Of him may it not then be said, he has an equal genius for immortality? That eminent scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, declared, "I want to make the distinct assertion that no really existing thing perishes, but only changes its form."

The real Elmer Burritt Bryan is not the form resting in the distant casket. He is here with me, with his wife, his son and daughters, with this vast audience of admirers, with the thousands and tens of thousands who have come under the spell of his personality. That vital radiant effluence can not be quenched. We are here not to mourn, but to rejoice in the triumphant and glorious career of an abundant life. "Blessed are the dead," cries John as his beatitude. And tho' we must mourn in our human frailty, and long for the touch of a vanished hand, for the sound of a voice that is still, yet in exultation we glory that our paths have crossed, that we have known and loved this rare and virile spirit. Blessed art thou, O son of man, for thou canst never die.

Just a week ago today, when he met me at his door and took my arm as he walked to the ambulance, there to take him to Detroit, he hailed me

characteristically with "Hello, Comrade!" So I return the greeting today.

"Over the treetops I float thee a song,  
Over the rising and sinking waves,  
Over the myriad fields, and prairies wide,  
Over the dense-packed cities all, . . .  
I float this carol with joy to thee,  
O Comrade!"

The closing prayer at the memorial service was offered by Doctor Powell and is here reproduced. The prayer offered by the Indiana dean at the grave in the West Union Street Cemetery was the regular committal service of his church, the Baptist. A brief prayer and benediction by Reverend Coulter concluded the rites



DR. BRYAN LEADS 1934 COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

at the cemetery which were attended by hosts of mourning friends.

#### CLOSING PRAYER AT AUDITORIUM BY DEAN POWELL

Almighty God, our Father, in the closing moments of this service which has been sacred and sweet to us, we pause again to acknowledge thy goodness in the giving to us of these friendships, these intimacies of life, these waves of influence which must come from the throne of God itself and sweep into our lives. We thank Thee for the way that our friend has touched our lives and the lives of hundreds, yea thousands, of others whose thoughts are turning to this place at this time. We acknowledge Thy goodness, our Father. We thank Thee for what he has meant to us, to this state, to other states, to the universities which he has served, to that vast horde of teachers who have gone out to perpetuate his influence as they have touched the lives of

others. We pause for a moment, our Father, not only to thank Thee for what has happened, but what is yet to happen, as his influence shall go on until it shall touch the uttermost parts of the earth.

In this moment before we go out again to lay his remains in the earth, we want to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished task. If he were standing in our midst now and giving us his last words, it would be to us one and all, these children, the one with whom he journeyed through life, this faculty, these students, that last word would be to carry on. So help us, we pray, as we offer ourselves to Thee, our Lord and Master, and to his Lord and Master, into whose presence he has now gone.

In Jesus' name we ask it.—  
Amen.

#### PRAYER AT GRAVE BY REVEREND COULTER

Our Father, we thank Thee for the worthy example of Thy sons who have gone before. We are grateful for having known the friendship of this noble man who, having finished this earthly course in faith, now comes to claim the crown of righteousness at Thy hand in a new and better world.

Enable us to put our trust in Thee, and find comfort in the richness of the bond that makes us brothers to those who are here and those who have gone before. We rededicate ourselves to the Christian ideal of brotherhood and love which were so prominent in the life of our departed friend.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

AMEN

The wives of nine members of the faculty assisted Mrs. Ferguson, wife of Funeral Director Carl M. Ferguson, in arranging and caring for the many floral pieces both at the Auditorium and at the Cemetery.

The assistants were: Mrs. Allen R. Kresge, Mrs. H. E. Benz, Mrs. Neil D. Thomas, Mrs. Donald R. Clippinger, Mrs. Rush Elliott, Mrs. Ralph F. Beckert, Mrs. B. A. Renkenberger, Mrs. Carl A. Frey, and Mrs. Joseph B. Heidler.

Athens business houses closed during the hour of the funeral.

**President Bryan Was Leader  
In Fact as Well as in Name**

"I shall never be satisfied in the years that stretch out before me unless Ohio University is a place where young people may be developed physically, mentally and morally—unless when they leave after spending four years here, they take with them the more valuable qualities of life. In order to live, Ohio University must measure up to such a standard. It is an institution with a soul, and like a man, if it loses its soul, it loses all."

With these words, President Elmer Burritt Bryan pledged himself to the interests of Ohio University on November 4, 1921, in his inaugural address. How well he fulfilled this pledge is history—the history of the development of Ohio University from a none-too-well-known school, with a comparatively small faculty, to a university known throughout the country, with recognitions from all of the worth while accrediting agencies, and possessing a faculty and physical plant equal to that of any other school of its size in the land.

A high rating by the Association of American Universities, a charter from Phi Beta Kappa, and acceptance of Ohio University's women graduates for full membership in the American Association of University Women were three of the recognitions that came to the University early in Doctor Bryan's administration and directly as the result of his efforts.

Perhaps most important in President Bryan's phenomenal success was his influence with the State Legislature. In 1921 and 1922 he was able to secure appropriations totaling \$1,650,000 for material improvements at the University. This sum exceeded the total of the appropriations for the twenty previous years. In speaking of the appropriations, Doctor Bryan said, "This generosity would amount to prodigality, were it for any purpose other than for education. It is not prodigality, but generosity for self-preservation and for the rendering of justice to the students and citizens of Ohio."

Although essentially an educator, Doctor Bryan was vitally interested in extra-curricular activities. Dramatics, debate, athletics, music, fraternal groups, campus honoraries—all felt the impetus of the president's enthusiastic support. The number of social and honorary fraternities was expanded with his hearty approval.

Leading scientific fraternities established chapters on the campus, while the interest in scholastic attainment on the part of the students was heightened by the coming of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa, and other organizations in which scholarship is a prime requisite for membership.

**Edwin Watts Chubb Named  
Acting President by the Board**

Dr. Edwin Watts Chubb, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was named acting president of Ohio University at a meeting of the Board of Trustees late Thursday afternoon,



DR. T. R. BIDDLE

October 18. He will hold that position, also continuing his duties as dean, until a successor to the late President Elmer Burritt Bryan is selected.

A committee of board members was chosen to canvass the field of available men for a successor to Dr. Bryan and to make its recommendation to the board. This committee is comprised of Dr. T. R. Biddle, Athens, chairman; E. J. Jones, Athens, and Arthur C. Johnson and Dr. Jacob G. Collicott of Columbus. Mr. Johnson is managing editor of the Columbus Dispatch while Dr. Collicott is superintendent of the Columbus public schools.

In memory of Dr. Bryan it was voted that the eulogy delivered by Dean Chubb at the funeral service be made a part of the minutes of the board's meeting, and that a copy of

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**University Bodies Provide  
Groups for Funeral Service**

Members of the University's administrative staff and of the Board of Trustees served as honorary pallbearers at the funeral of President Bryan. Active pallbearers were chosen from the upperclassmen of the varsity football squad, a group close to the heart of the president. The thirty ushers for the Auditorium service were all members of the faculty. The committee on arrangements for the funeral was composed of administrative officers with the addition of a representative of the board.

Honorary pallbearers: Dean Thomas C. McCracken, Registrar Frank B. Dilley, Treasurer George C. Parks, and Dean of Men John R. Johnston, all of the administrative staff. Dr. T. R. Biddle, Mr. E. J. Jones, Dr. J. G. Collicott, Mr. J. P. Wood, Mr. A. C. Johnson, Judge D. H. Thomas, Mr. C. D. Hopkins, Mr. G. K. Bush, Mr. F. G. Leete, Mr. J. H. Preston, and Mr. F. H. Beckler, trustees.

Active pallbearers: Paul C. Hallock, Williamsfield; Robert A. Snyder, Toledo; Anton J. Sintic, Euclid; Sylvester L. Stephan, Sidney; Walter E. Priode, Middleport; William H. Schmidt, Lancaster; Woodrow E. Wills, Columbus; and George A. DeStefano, Canton.

Ushers: Prof. George Starr Lasher, Prof. Frank B. Gullum, Prof. Thomas N. Hoover, Prof. Albert C. Gubitz, Dr. Gaige B. Paulsen, Prof. Emmett Rowles, Dr. J. Homer Caskey, Dr. Harry E. Benz, Dr. Carl A. Frey, Prof. Donald R. Clippinger, Prof. Raymer McQuiston, Dr. James R. Patrick, Coach William H. Herbert, Prof. Carl O. Hanson, Mr. Royal H. Ray, Dr. Edward C. Class, Dr. Einar A. Hansen, Coach Don C. Peden, Dr. Amos C. Anderson, Dr. Rush Elliott, Prof. Ralph F. Beckert, Prof. Neil D. Thomas, Dr. George W. Starcher, Prof. Edward H. Gaylord, Prof. George W. Clark, Dr. E. A. Taylor, Dr. Louis M. Heil, Prof. Raymond M. Slutz, Athletic Director O. C. Bird and Mr. Arthur H. Rhodes.

Committee on arrangements: Dr. Biddle, chairman, Dean Chubb, Dean McCracken, Dean of Women Irma E. Voigt, Dean Johnston, Mr. Dilley, and Mr. Parks.

## Simple and Solemn Rites Held

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had it. I have had occasion in my movements over the country, east and west, and north and south, to meet up with many people in all walks of life. How many hundreds of them have said, "Yes, I know him, and he is my friend." Yesterday morning in our convocation exercises, the Governor of our State, who knows men, who is able to estimate men, paid this tribute to Dr. Bryan. "He was one of the great souls of the earth, a very personable man, a man universally loved because of the warmth of his friendships, the strength of his character, and his fine human qualities." And then the Governor closed this little speech by the statement which I have just quoted, "He was my friend." I say that if that is a stamp of greatness, and I think it is, then he had it as few men have it. How he did it, I do not know. What the secret was, I do not know. But somehow he drew people to him, and somehow he made them feel, that he was their friend.

If ability to espouse a lofty ideal and to hold to that ideal throughout one's life is a sign of greatness, then he was great. I know of few people who were more interested in the education of boys and girls, young men and young women, than Dr. Bryan. I am not talking about education in a formal sense, although he knew it from that side. But I am talking about the building-up of human life. I have walked with him by the hour, ridden with him; he has sat in my home and I have sat in his. There was one thought, one ideal, that absorbed him, and that was the education of boys and girls. I sat last night at the banquet with a woman who is giving her life over in Japan. I did not know when I sat by her for half an hour that she had even known Dr. Bryan, and then she talked to me about him. Said she, "I got my inspiration for life, and the sort of life that I am living, in the classroom of Dr. Bryan when he was a teacher in the high school." I say that a person who can espouse an ideal such as this and never swerve from it throughout all his life has won the title of greatness. The longings and the hopes which he had for his own children in this respect are too intimate and sacred for me to even mention here this afternoon. And what he longed for and hoped

for and prayed for and worked for for his own children, he longed for, hoped for, and prayed for for the thousands and thousands of others.

If the ability to lay hold of the eternal and to live as if in the presence of the Infinite is a sign of greatness, then he was great. I think I know as a minister and as a teacher when I come across a person who really depends upon and abides in the Infinite. He was not a man who displayed religion as some of us display it, but how deep and abiding it was. I shall never forget as a young minister, somewhat younger than he was, although not much, that when he had occasion to leave the community on Saturday or on Friday he would say to me just as he took the car or the train to go away, "I shall be in Detroit, or Milwaukee, or New York, or Chicago on Sunday morning when you rise to speak. Let me assure you that I shall be interceding for you at the throne." Well, no one can say that unless he really lived in the presence of the Infinite.

I have come here this afternoon to lay my own tribute of love, and of esteem, and of deep respect on his casket. I am sure that as I say that I am simply voicing the sentiments of thousands upon thousands of people.

## University Ship Not Without Helmsmen Following Death

In the interim between the death of President Bryan and the action of the Board of Trustees naming Dean



MISS IRENE DEVLIN

Chubb to the post of acting-president, the affairs of the University were administered by the executive committee, composed of Deans Chubb and McCracken, and Registrar Dillely; the Executive Secretary, Miss Irene L. Devlin; and Dr. T. R. Biddle, acting as a representative of the Board.

The management of the executive office was, as usual, in the capable hands of Miss Devlin, who, it is safe to say, is one of the persons feeling most keenly the loss of the president. Miss Devlin has been the trusted per-

## Ohio University's President

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of "The Basis of Practical Teaching" and "Fundamental Facts for Teachers." At the time of his death he was looking forward to retirement, within a comparatively short time, from active administrative duties and to an opportunity for extensive writing. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Kappa Delta Pi.

Early in 1934 he was elected to the office of president of the National Association of State Universities, an organization composed of the heads of tax-supported educational institutions.

Under President Bryan the enrollment of Ohio University mounted from 1,219 in 1921 to a peak of 2,773 in 1930-31. The faculty was increased from eighty members to a group of more than two hundred members. Under his administration the Men's Gymnasium, the Edwin Watts Chubb Library, the Alumni Memorial Auditorium, Super Hall, Rufus Putnam Training School, and the Stadium were erected. In the same time the Men's Union, both the Men's and Women's Faculty Club buildings, and the president's residence were acquired. Many other improvements and additions to the physical plant of the University were also made during the Bryan administration.

Doctor Bryan married Miss Margaret L. Scott of Kokomo, Ind., June 28, 1889. Mrs. Bryan, an inspiring and helpful mate through the years of the president's ascendancy to fame in the educational world and in the later years when highest recognitions were his, survives the deceased, as do their three children, Julian Bryan, Pelham Manor, N. Y.; Mrs. J. G. Belcher, Houston, Texas; and Mrs. Chester Sater, Summit, N. J. There are several grandchildren.

Following the impressive funeral service in Alumni Memorial Auditorium, attended by more than two thousand persons, the body of the president was laid to rest, on October 18, in the West Union Street Cemetery in Athens.

sonal secretary of Doctor Bryan since his coming to the campus in 1921. She was made executive secretary of the University in 1925.



# Editor of "The Green and White," Campus Newspaper, Gives Reaction to Sad Tidings

Words With Which To Express Inner Feelings Come Tardily to Student Who Had Enjoyed Many Confidences and Friendly Visits With President in His Office

By JOHN T. McLEAN, '36

**P**RESIDENT Bryan died here tonight—a few words to be put on a piece of paper which would be transformed a moment later into type announcing the death of a great man.

But those few words would not come out of the typewriter easily. In back of the words was the vision of a large, gray-haired man, genial and likeable, who had been an almost intimate friend for more than two years.

It was hard to state in a matter-of-fact way that Dr. Bryan had been born here, had later moved there, had held this office or that, and during his life had accomplished certain things.

The man was more alive than cold type, and words would not do justice to him.

One wanted to tell about the hours he had spent talking with him, watching his face wrinkle into a broad smile as he told one of his choice anecdotes, and listening to his deep, infectious laugh which swept one along to a greater enjoyment and appreciation of what he was saying.

He always relaxed when reporters were in the office. He would quite often go to the window of his office and look out at the campus, stretching his leg which had been permanently injured in a boyhood accident on his father's farm, and tell of his dream of a greater school for the students who would come to Ohio University.

Reporters were told administrative policies in confidence that they might better understand and interpret actions of the administrative heads. Editorials or stories in *The Green and White* were never criticized, and no editor was ever forced to print an expression of opinion from the president. He regarded the paper as a

student enterprise and not as a voice of the administration.

Those were the things one wanted to get into the story. And for a long time there had been a desire to print a story on the way in which he refused to be bossed by politicians. When Dr. Bryan first came here he was approached by two prominent



PRESIDENT BRYAN AT HIS DESK

men who suggested that he give the printing of university bulletins and catalogs to a certain politician. They suggested that if he did not do that he would not remain long as president of Ohio University. He looked over the bids of the printing firms, turned to the men visiting him, and said, "I am sorry, gentlemen, but this bid is much higher than the others. I promised to run this university as efficiently and economically as possible. To accept the contract as you want me to would be a violation of that trust." He outlasted both of his visitors and the politician who so much desired the printing contract.

Students, faculty members, and trustees learned that what the president said he meant. They found that

he could say, "No", even though a select group favored a certain proposal. Always Dr. Bryan's thoughts were concerned with the future of the university and not with the future of Elmer Burritt Bryan.

On the floor of the state legislature, Dr. Bryan's petitions for appropriations of certain amounts were held with respect and were seldom cut. The president showed expenses for the previous two-year period, announced planned expansion, said it would cost so much, and it did. Recently one of the members of the Finance Committee in the House said, "If Bryan says he needs that much, that is what is needed to maintain the university."

To Dr. Bryan, college was not a place where the student learned how to make a living, but rather where he was to learn how to live. Keeping that idea foremost, the president expanded the scope of the university's offerings and encouraged students to get a broad, cultural background.

And in addition to all these things one wanted to tell how he carried on under the full burden of administrative duties in spite of a recurrence of an ailment contracted during his service in the Philippines.

In back of all this he was human. Unfinished manuscripts of educational articles and books still lie in his desk . . . he was ever ready to exchange anecdotes with students and would laugh heartily at the stories recounted to him . . . he liked football . . . he liked to eat . . . he liked to work.

The familiar figure of Dr. Bryan crossing the campus, nodding to students, faculty members, and townspeople, calling them by name, talking to them personally, will remain vivid for many years.

### Prayer of Dedication

Offered by Dr. Elmer Burritt Bryan at the Dedication of the Alumni Memorial Auditorium on January 20, 1929

Lord, Thou has been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth.

We recognize Thee, O God, as the source, the inspiration, the counselor, and the good and gracious guide in all of the great and worthy enterprises of our lives. We believe that this happy occasion is the consummation of the unselfish and loving labor and devotion of men and women who have an abiding faith in Thee, and who have an unwavering confidence in the essential goodness and greatness of Thy sons and Thy daughters. To Thee we give honor and tribute and praise.

For Thy children everywhere we pray for a continued and constant manifestation of Thy loving kindness and Thy tender mercy. Bless Thou, O Lord all those who at any time, in any place—in the strenuous and perilous times of war or in the happy days of peace—have jeopardized their lives or in any way employed their lives that the kingdom of God might come, that the nations of the earth might be advanced and that the people of the whole world might be privileged to live their lives in greater security, in greater beauty, and in greater happiness. To those who have served in any way, in places that are high and in places that are low, when the day was dark or when the day was bright; to all those who have invested their time and their thought; to all those who have given freely of their labors and of their possessions may this building stand as a loving memorial, and as a constant reminder and permanent testimonial of the beauty and the benign benefits of unselfish service.

May those who are the recipients of these benefits and these privileges have a profound feeling of appreciation and gratitude and obligation—an obligation that is to be met only in terms of appreciation and gratitude and faithful service. May no word ever be spoken here, and may

no note ever be sounded here, which will lower the dignity or mar the harmony or in any way vitiate the fine spirit of this place which today we dedicate in Thy name to the service of the generations that now live and to the service of unborn generations.

Give us, O God, a lively appreciation of our high privilege and a keen sense of our personal and social responsibilities and obligations. And let the beauty of the Lord, our God, be



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upon us. And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us. Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

#### To Have Spoken at Marietta

Among the speakers scheduled to appear on the program of the Eastern Ohio Teachers' Association held at Marietta, Oct. 26 and 27, were President E. B. Bryan of Ohio University; Dr. Allen A. Stockdale, Washington, D. C.; and Dr. James E. Richmond, superintendent of public instruction of Kentucky.

#### Escort President's Widow

Mrs. Thomas Rollen Biddle, Mrs. Edwin Watts Chubb, and Dean of Men John R. Johnston, all close friends of President and Mrs. Bryan, left Athens for Ford Hospital, Detroit, shortly after the arrival of news of the president's death, to escort Mrs. Bryan back to Athens.

### Edwin Watts Chubb Named Acting President by the Board

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The eulogy be prepared for Mrs. Bryan.

Judge David H. Thomas, Marietta, was elected president of the board.

Trustees present were Evan J. Jones, James P. Wood, Dr. T. R. Biddle, Charles D. Hopkins, Gordon K. Bush, John H. Preston, and Fred H. Beckler, all of Athens; Mr. Johnson and Mr. Collicott, Columbus; Judge Thomas, Marietta, and F. G. Lee, Ironton.

Dr. Biddle and Mr. Johnson are serving a second time on a committee of the board to recommend the appointment of a new president. They were members of the committee which made Dr. Bryan their first choice following the death of President Alston Ellis in 1920.

Dr. Chubb also, is serving as acting president for the second time, having been named to that position for the interim between President Ellis' and President Bryan's administrations.

Dr. Chubb has been a member of the faculty since 1900, coming to Ohio University as a professor of English. He was appointed dean in 1907. A graduate of Lafayette College, he also studied at the University of Berlin, and before coming to Athens had taught at the California, (Pa.) State Normal School and the Plattsville (Wis.) State Normal School, and was president of Schuylkill Seminary, which later became Albright College.

The new acting-president is a well-known lecturer on educational and literary subjects, and is considered an authority on Shakespeare. Dean Chubb's books include "English Words," "Stories of Authors," "Masters of English Literature," and "Sketches of Great Painters."

#### The 1935 Athena, University Yearbook, To Honor President

The 1935 Athena, university yearbook, will be dedicated to Dr. Elmer Burritt Bryan, late president of Ohio University, according to Marcella Lawrence, Akron, editor-in-chief of the publication.

Although plans are not definite, Miss Lawrence reports that she expects to include three tributes to the president's memory.

# Alumni Chapters Telegraph Condolences

The following telegrams, all addressed to Mrs. Elmer Burritt Bryan, widow of the president, were received in Athens within forty-eight hours after the sad news was disseminated by the nation's press.

The Ohio University Franklin County Alumni Association sends its heartfelt sympathy to you in this hour of great bereavement. Doctor Bryan's greatness was due to the fact that he was a personal friend of all his students. For this reason his memory will continue in the hearts of all who have known him. His death comes to us as a great shock and his loss to the educational world will be irreparable.

ROBERT E. RUCKER, President  
Franklin County Chapter.

Members of the Youngstown, Ohio University Women's Club are shocked and deeply grieved at the sudden death of President Bryan. We wish to express to you our sincere sympathy in this hour of grief.

Mrs. C. E. ROUBEUSH, Pres.  
Youngstown, Ohio

Gallipolis Alumni extend sympathy to you in your sad bereavement.

GALLIPLIS ALUMNI  
Gallipolis Chapter

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you at this time. Your loss is shared by every member of the alumni chapter.

A. E. MILLER, President  
Pittsburgh (Pa.) Chapter

Sincerest sympathy from Newark Alumni Chapter of Ohio University.

THORA MACDONAGH  
Moundbuilders Chapter  
(Newark)

Washington alumni and I send sincere sympathy for the incalculable loss to yourself and the university. However, still more incalculable than the loss is the gain of his having lived and served. From now on Ohio University administrations will be various individuals' interpretations of President Bryan for when he assumed the presidency he became, for always, the living, human embodiment of the ideal Ohio University.

STRICKLAND GILLILAN, President  
Washington (D. C.) Chapter.

In the passing of Doctor Bryan Ohio University loses its greatest friend and most ardent supporter and the State and Nation loses a useful citizen. The members of the Western Reserve Alumni Chapter join with me in expressing our

deepest sympathy to you and members of the family.

L. G. WORSTELL, JR., President  
Western Reserve Chapter  
(Cleveland)

We are all terribly shocked at Doctor Bryan's sudden death. We extend to you our most profound sympathy in your loss. We as alumni and students of Ohio University are losing our best friend and

Ohio University Alumni Association  
Athens, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Bryan:

As Executive Secretary of the Ohio University Alumni Association I am writing to express, as best I can, the sincere sympathy which the graduates and former students of the University have for you and the members of your family in this hour of bereavement.

To many of us the passing of President Bryan is even more than the loss of the great head of a great institution, it is the going of a very dear and personal friend.

At the moment, it seems difficult to conceive that any successor to the administrative post at Ohio University can ever create for himself such a place in the hearts and minds of our alumni as has President Bryan, although it will of course be proper for us to pledge our loyalty to those who follow.

In the midst of your grief I hope you will find comfort in the knowledge that Doctor Bryan commanded the highest respect and regard—a regard that in many cases amounted to love and affection—of thousands of Ohio University men and women throughout the entire country.

In the name of these thousands of Ohioans, whose heads are at this moment bowed in your honor and in memory of their president, I write these words.

Very sincerely yours,  
CLARK E. WILLIAMS

October 17, 1934.

counsellor. His loss will be felt for many years. May his excellent record of accomplishment help you to carry on.

GROSVENOR S. MCKEE, President.  
Philadelphia (Pa.) Chapter

When in Athens in September I learned of the illness of Doctor Bryan. Nevertheless, it was a shock this morning to learn of his death. He was a capable and sympathetic president. The Erie Alumni Association tender you our sympathy in our mutual bereavement.

JOHN W. RAY, President  
Erie (Pa.) Chapter

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you at this time. Your loss is shared by every member of the Alumni Chapter.

A. E. MILLER, President  
Pittsburgh (Pa.) Chapter

We know that the sudden passing of a life so productive, so unselfish, so powerful, and so beautifully human must give you an extreme feeling of aloneness upon first realization of its departure. We too know the richness of the associated thoughts that are yours at a time such as this and we hope that our prayers and thoughts for you might help replace the sorrows with full realization of the magnitude and beauty of the life that has passed.

DR. LEROY SKIDMORE, President  
Detroit (Mich.) Chapter

We today learn with the deepest regret of the passing of our good friend, President E. B. Bryan. At this time the Rufus Putnam Alumni Chapter of Ohio University wish to extend to you and the family our deepest sympathy in this untimely loss. The wide circle with whom he has consulted and advised and Ohio University in particular can ill afford to lose at this time a man with such executive ability, such unerring vision, and such a human philosophy of life.

FRED B. GODDARD, President  
Rufus Putnam Chapter  
(Marietta)

The Parkersburg Alumni Association offers its deepest sympathy to you in the loss of one who was admired and revered by all of us who knew him during our undergraduate days.

DWIGHT CONNER, Secretary  
Parkersburg Chapter  
(W. Va.)

We, a small portion of the many thousands of students who have known and loved Doctor Bryan offer you our deepest sympathy. We join you in mourning the passing of the man who was more father to us than instructor. His place will never be filled in the hearts of the alumni and students of Ohio University.

FREDERICK L. BUXTON, President  
Charleston (W. Va.) Chapter

The Meigs County Alumni Chapter of Ohio University send their deepest sympathy in your bereavement and the departure of our best friend and benefactor.

WILLIAM E. MELVIN, President  
Meigs County Chapter  
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# The Campus Expresses Its Feeling of Loss

**THOMAS COOKE McCracken, Dean, College of Education**—In the passing of President Bryan a great leader has gone from Ohio University. Perhaps never in its long history has the University suffered the loss of so efficient an administrator and so staunch a friend of college youth. He was always cordial, thoroughly sincere, ever thoughtful of the welfare of his co-workers, whether students or faculty. All found in him a sympathetic and understanding friend. Today we mourn because his inspiring presence can no longer bring its buoyancy. One whom we all loved has gone to Him who loved him even more.

**IRMA E. VOIGT, Dean of Women**—Three generations of students on the Ohio University campus sought and found an inspiring leader, a generous friend, and a noble gentleman in their president. Each one of us has suffered a great personal loss, but even in the moment of keenest grief we can see his marvelous philosophy of life rising on our horizon like the great goal of achievement in our own personal lives.

**JOHN R. JOHNSTON, Dean of Men**—Doctor Bryan's death is an unfortunate occurrence for Ohio University. His commanding personality, his friendliness, attracted prominent men to his faculty and kept them there. Under his guidance, the University made rapid forward steps. His personality left students and administrative officers inspired and glad to have known the man.

**T. R. BIDDLE, Trustee**—The death of Dr. E. B. Bryan is a great loss to Ohio University and to higher education in America. During the years of his presidency, the standing of Ohio University was advanced in an unusual degree. Its physical equipment was increased but the greater and more important improvement was in the ability and effectiveness of the faculty which he selected so carefully. During his incumbency, he conferred a greater number of degrees than all his predecessors combined.

The unusual qualities of Doctor Bryan as an administrator were fully displayed during the difficult years of the depression. In spite of declining revenue, he maintained the high standards of the University which he cherished. The warmth and sympathy of his great personality endeared him to thousands of students, alumni and friends of Ohio University. His contributions to the University and to the cause of education in general are permanent and will not be forgotten.

**GORDON K. BUSH, Editor, "The Athens Messenger," and Trustee**—The loss of Doctor Bryan assumes tremendous proportions as the many angles of his influence parade before our memories. It cannot be expected that a substitute be found to administer Ohio University, for in true sense no duplicating personality exists. We must be thankful that much of the contribution he made to our institution, our community and district is of lasting nature.

**EUGENE BATTEN, President, Men's Union**—As a leader, we respected him, as a man, we admired him, as a friend, we loved him. Can we say more?

**RALPH W. ARNOLD, President, Senior Class**—I have been privileged to know Dr. Bryan during the last four years, and I feel that the

greatest tribute words can pay him is far inadequate, since to see him was to enjoy him, and to know him was to be inspired by his undying energy and wholesome philosophy of life.

**CHARLOTTE DEMOLET, Grade VI, From "The Rufus Putnam Messenger"**—The children of Rufus Putnam will miss him a lot. He lived near our school and he spoke to us when he saw us. He was too busy to come and see us often. We remember when he visited our room in the lower grades. Last year he was here when we dedicated the flag pole. We are sorry for his family.

**DOROTHY V. ROBBIN, President, Women's League**—Although all of us feel the loss of our dearest friend, his thoughts shall guide us always.

**MARTHA WHITE, President, YWCA**—The death of Dr. Bryan has removed from us all, a friend that I feel can never be replaced. I loved him as I know all the students of Ohio University loved him.

**ROBERT H. FREEMAN, President, Torch**—Students of Ohio University have lost a great benefactor and true friend. His commanding personality drew and held the admiration of the entire student body.

Excerpts from letters to Mrs. Bryan:

**A. A. ATKINSON, Professor, Electrical Engineering and Physics**—I must express to you how deep a personal loss I feel in the passing of our beloved president and sincere friend, Doctor Bryan. He was a man, the friend of men—self-effacing, kindly; never too busy nor too ill to greet one with a welcome smile and a sincere handshake.

Doctor Bryan possessed to a very high degree each of the many personal, social and official qualities which make a good college president. Under his leadership we have become "a happy and contented faculty", an attitude conducive to the highest effort in the performance of the "miracle of education".

Individualally, we each have lost a sincere friend; officially, a sympathetic adviser. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

**HIRAM R. WILSON, Professor, English**—It has been a rare privilege to me to have been associated with such a man and to have been honored by serving on his faculty. I had the fullest trust and confidence in all that he planned, said, and did. His was a nature to inspire such confidence.

His keen and lofty intellect, his beautiful manners, his native kindness and goodness of heart, his warm sense of the meaning of friendship,—all made him a man among men. His soul was made of the highest companionship. To me he embodied everything that a college president and a gentleman could be.

**ERIC MCINNES, Headmaster, Alpha Omicron of Delta Sigma Pi**—It is interesting that Dr. Bryan, upon his many visits to our house, expressed a major interest in the individual in preference to the inanimate organization with which he was affiliated.

Mrs. Bryan, in keeping with our late president's personal interest in each of us, this sincere message comes not—(Continued on Page 19)



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THE MOVIE CAMERA

# By Mail and Wire the Tributes Came

Unless otherwise indicated the letters, of which the following excerpts are a part, were addressed to Mrs. Bryan and were received by her shortly after the death of her distinguished husband.

Space permits of the reproduction of extracts from but only a very small number of the communications received. Scores of beautiful tributes, worthy in every way to appear with these that are published, cannot be included because of space limitations.

The name of the writer, and his identification, precede each letter.

EDWARD HOWARD GRIGGS, *Author and Lecturer*—I cannot realize that Doctor Bryan is gone from us. He had such great vitality, and was serving so splendidly the University and the cause of education. I counted on his having a long chapter of fine service and happy life ahead of him.

My own grief is profound. I treasure his friendship and our meetings were always a delight. You are the one to whom these days bring the greatest sorrow. I know so well what they mean. One can pull oneself together and meet a sudden crisis. Then the blank days follow, and sorrow is overwhelming. You must summon all your faith and courage, take up your broken life and go forward: it is the only way!

MARY LORD HARRISON, (*Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, widow of the former President of the United States*)—I am grieved that your splendid husband has passed on. We need such clever minds as was his, and I know well what a great loss this is to you. It was such a pleasure to know you both, and please accept my very deepest sympathy.

L. D. COFFMAN, *President, University of Minnesota*—In the death of President Bryan I have lost one of my dearest and best friends. About thirty-five years ago he came to Salem at my request to speak to the teachers. I was a young superintendent. He spent the evening in our home. He charmed both Mrs. Coffman and myself. That visit of his served to spur me on. His interest in me never waned and my admiration for him never dimmed.

He served American education as few men have—intelligently, faithfully, sincerely,—and he won the affection of everybody in doing it.

I share with you the sense of loss you now experience.

FLORA SAGE WILBUR (*Mrs. F. A.*), *Mt. Vernon, Ohio*—With a very deep sense of personal loss, we read the story of Dr. Bryan's passing. We have followed you in thought, through all the subsequent

days, understanding, in large measure, what his going means to his family, his friends, and his work. I can see his face and hear his voice as he, with you, has surprised us at our door. The regret at not seeing you, when you last stopped, in passing through Mt. Vernon, is now intensified by the realization that he will not come our way again.

## ELMER BURRITT BRYAN

(A Tribute from a Long-Time Friend)

What can give a greater estimate of the value of a man than to say that he was your best friend! The relations between Dr. Bryan and me since the year 1889 have been those of an ever expanding mutual friendship.

A friendship which is developed into an abiding respect and confidence is capable of great expansion to include a world of others. Dr. Bryan's capacity for friendship was natural, but he put it into action by extending his confidence and helpfulness into the arenas where all people live. He recognized virtue, and the capacity for virtue, as inherent in all human beings, from those of small opportunity on up to those of large responsibility. Probably, he recognized the range of abilities in human beings, but he likewise recognized a common denominator in the souls of people.

He came from the soil where nature teaches the only lessons that are worth while—the laws of birth and of growth and of harvest were implanted in him by his very associations in youth with natural forces. His parents were sturdy pioneers with great strength and an enormous fund of nature's ways. He then came under the tuition of men like David Starr Jordan, William Lowe Bryan, William W. Parsons and Howard Sandison. Those men were great teachers, and all of them were philosophers. He added their spirit to his own, and thus he achieved an individuality which placed his chair among the great.

A man who loved people as he did was sure to have a natural sense of humor. The queer quirks of the human mind were amusing to him. They resulted in an attitude of helpfulness and not in one of adverse criticism.

The one outstanding trait of his character was shown in his willingness to point out to youth the particular abilities which each had and on which that youth could build. That faculty was more developed in him than in any other person of my acquaintance. In his different college associations, and in his nationwide travels as a lecturer, he met literally thousands of young men and women whom he inspired by the simple and yet difficult process of evaluating in each an individual trait or ability which, built upon, has made professional and business successes of them.

We have happiness in the memory of such a life. It lives on throughout eternity. Its spiritual highways are paved with Apollonian Ways over which we shall all travel with his companionship.

FRANK L. JONES, *First Vice-President Equitable Life Assurance Society New York City.*

FRANCIS A. WILBUR, *Mt. Vernon, Ohio (Friend of the family)*—It was a loss in which a large circle of friends share, and the general cause of Education, in which he was a bright and shining light, will mourn the loss of an eloquent advocate of its highest standards.

You have the satisfaction, however, that he has not lived in vain, but has left his imprint on a generation of young minds, who will enrich the cultural life of the future, and this will be a comfort to you, to offset your great loss.

TED PRESTON, *Class of 1934, Ohio University, Graduate Student, Harvard University*—I have just now learned of the death of your husband. I was deeply crushed as I had understood that he was growing stronger. Words are useless to express to you the heartfelt sympathy I have for you.

I shall always feel the loss of my dear friend and advisor. I only hope that I may fulfill a few of the dreams he had for me.

You have all my sympathy, Mrs. Bryan, in your great sorrow, which is many times greater than mine.

FRANK PIERREPONT GRAVES, *President, University of the State of New York and State Commissioner of Education*—(To Dr. T. R. Bidle)—I have just learned the sad news and am writing at once to you as the best friend Doctor Bryan had outside his own family. In many ways it is a most happy ending, shocking as it was. He went at the height of his power and will be mourned by everyone. I have known a great many successful college presidents but never anyone who seemed to fit so completely into his particular field as President Bryan has during these past thirteen years. I wish that he might have been spared to continue his work for at least a decade to come, but if he had to go it seems to me a wonderful thing to have closed his career without any diminution of either physical or mental powers. He will be remembered in American educational history not only as the greatest president the Ohio University has ever had, but as one of the outstanding figures of university administration throughout the country.

Even more than his remarkable intellectual and executive power I admire Doctor Bryan's character and personality. He was a sincere and active Christian, and all who knew him felt the man's positive spiritual influence. He was kindly and helpful in all the relations of daily life and his friendly smile seemed a benediction whenever one met him. He has left a place that can never be filled . . .

VIC DONAHEY, *Former Governor of Ohio*—I was very sorry to learn of the death of Doctor Bryan and I want to convey to you the sympathy of Mrs. Donahay and myself in your bereavement. Youth and education have lost a very dear friend.

HOWARD L. BEVIS, *Judge, Supreme Court of Ohio*—My business relations with Dr. Bryan while I was director of finance for the State of Ohio were of the most cordial kind. We were both occasionally required to speak our minds directly, but it was always in the best of spirit. The university which he served and the State of Ohio have sustained a severe loss.

W. G. CLIPPINGER, *President, Otterbein College*—We had a fond appreciation of Dr. Bryan and never more so than during last commencement . . . this hour will stand out long in the memory of all of us.

This is an occasion of great grief to you but you have much to be glad for. Dr. Bryan's service in the educational world was conspicuous. His loss will be mourned by many, but his life will be a suggestion and inspiration for many more. The Lord bless you and keep you in these hours of trial.

E. O. HOLLAND, *President, State College of Washington*—Elmer B. Bryan knew many thousands of people in various parts of the United States; and with few exceptions they all admired and loved him. Last spring, Maurice Hindus, Russian immigrant, who has written so many interesting books on Russia told me of the personal interest Doctor Bryan took in him when the latter was a poor, unknown student at Colgate University.

The world is better because of what Elmer B. Bryan said and lived during his long, active, and useful life.

FRED YOUNG, *Minister, Baptist Church Centralia, Ill.*—His teachings stuck, somehow, and have become axioms through the years. Our children think he is some sort of household idol. As I write, his picture hangs before me on the study wall, as it has hung on every wall for twenty-five years. As youth passes we outgrow most of our early heroes but not so with Doctor Bryan. He held his pedestal with hundreds and thousands of boys and girls over the whole country . . .

And so, Mrs. Bryan, don't be sad. Your husband is immortal in the lives of thousands today. And think what a time he is having with Hatcher, Woelfkin, Fred Taylor and the rest. He can call most of the folks in heaven by their first names. He had such a genius for friendship . . .

Doctor Bryan wrote us about five years ago. He said, "I have just signed up for another five years with the University. At the expiration of that time I will be seventy and will be free to begin my life's work." Well, he has . . .

While he was at Franklin, he was *Franklin College*. Like the old saying about 'Mark Hopkins on the end of the log and a student on the other.' When he was President of Colgate, he was *Colgate*. I don't know about his recent work but no doubt the same is true.

REV. FATHER P. H. GRIFFIN, *Chicago (Managing Director, Catholic Extension Magazine, of which His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein is also a director)*—In my lifetime I have come in contact with many men in various educational institutions. I have met many noble priests and am compelled to say that Elmer B. Bryan was the high priest amongst them. Even when I write this letter tears come to my eyes when I think about him.

Forty years ago I met Mr. Bryan and even to this day he is to me a living reality. He has not passed out of my life at all and the years have increased the preciousness of his memory.

It is a dogma of the Church that the

prayers of the living transcending to the Eternal Throne availeth mightily in behalf of loved ones departed. It is a dogma of the Catholic Church that the Sacrifice of Holy Mass is powerful with God in interceding for them. Since I read in the Chicago paper of Mr. Bryan's death I have not ceased to remember him in my daily mass, and I shall not.

JAMES R. WOODBURN, *Emeritus Professor of History, Indiana University*—Dr. Bryan will be greatly missed in the field of American education. He gave a long and faithful life to his high calling and his colleagues and co-workers in the field of education throughout America will miss him greatly. I have known him for more than forty years, as a student and as a colleague and co-worker and I wish to express the high honor and deep



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regard in which I held him as a man, a friend, and an educational leader . . .

You have reason for gratification that you have been a vital part of such a life as his and that you have contributed so much to his eminent success.

L. A. PECHSTEIN, *Dean, University of Cincinnati, (To Dean Chubb)*—I learned this morning of the passing of your President. He was known to us as a great administrator, a fearless leader, and a gentleman. Permit me to offer my condolence at this loss which your institution has sustained.

DAVID H. THOMAS, *Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Marietta*—I have learned of the death of Dr. Bryan. Nothing that I can recall outside of immediate family connections has caused me greater sorrow and regret. I admired and respected him much more than I can tell you. Please accept my deepest sympathy at this trying time.

OSCAR H. WILLIAMS, *Dean, Kent State College*—It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to you in this hour of sadness

and bereavement of your family. The news of the death of Dr. Bryan took me back to those early years when his counsel led me, as so many thousands of other young men, into the paths of learning and of righteous living. I can never forget the influence which his splendid character cast over me in my early young manhood.

ZANESVILLE ALUMNI CHAPTER, RACHAEL HIGGINS, *Secretary*—The members of the Zanesville Alumni Association of Ohio University extend their sympathy to you in your bereavement.

President Bryan was always a welcome guest at our meetings because he brought us his interesting and stimulating personality and we were sure to hear satisfactory accounts of our Alma Mater. One of his most thoughtful speeches, I thought, was the one he made last fall when he spoke informally upon the attitude of the alumni group to the athletic situation. It will be difficult to find another man so scholarly, so friendly, and so efficient.

I am closing with two lines from the Webster who used to write plays long ago. They have always comforted me with their unspoken promise of eternity—perhaps they will bring you a bit of the same comfort.

"We cease to grieve, cease to be fortune's slaves,  
Nay, cease to die, by dying."

LIMA ALUMNI CHAPTER, INEZ ACERTER, *President*—

Only a word of sympathy  
But deep, sincere, and true,  
Straight from the hearts of those who care  
And think today of you.

FACULTY OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY—The older members of the faculty of Indiana University who knew President E. B. Bryan as student and later as a colleague in the faculty learned with deep regret of his death.

He was a man that possessed those rare qualities of character that will cause him to live long in the minds of the thousands that knew him.

He always found time to get interested in the things that interested his students or friends. When once he had become acquainted with a student or other person it was rare that he could not call him by name ever after.

We note with pride his success as teacher, superintendent of education in the Philippines and college president and wish to express our sincerest sympathy to you and family.

Committee for the Faculty:  
S. C. DAVISSON  
R. E. LYONS  
G. D. MORRIS.

EDWARD S. PARSONS, *President, Marietta College*—He was a remarkable man with great powers and with great kindness and interest in the lives and welfare of others. He was wonderfully well adapted to his work and it will be well-nigh impossible to find any one to take his place at the head of Ohio University.

LOUISE STAHL, *Former Member Ohio University Faculty*—In the great crises of



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life words seem inadequate to express one's thoughts and feelings, but as one who was connected with Ohio University for years I cannot leave unwritten an expression of my great regret over the passing of Dr. Bryan and my deepest sympathy for you.

He was the last person I would ever connect with death—his vitality and power seemed so great—it all seems so unreal.

LEONARD BLISS JOB, *President, Ithaca College*—Since coming to know Doctor Bryan, we (Doctor and Mrs. Job) have felt an affection and esteem which no other man of our acquaintance equals. In the loss of this fine character the country at large has suffered a loss which can not be estimated. I think there is no educator or gentleman in the United States so widely known, so deeply loved by so many people. There is no one who has made such a fine and lasting impression upon the profession which he so nobly graced. While the loss to the profession is great it is not commensurate with the deep personal loss which all of us who knew him feel. The loss to his thousands of friends is irreparable.

W. P. ROUDEBUSH, *Secretary, Board of Trustees, Miami University*—(To Clark E. Williams)—To many of us on the campus here Doctor Bryan's death means real personal loss. I have known Doctor Bryan personally for a good many years and have nothing but memories of the most pleasant associations with him. He was always very kind and generous and it was a pleasure and inspiration to meet him and to be associated with him. One or two statements which President Upham has made, and which I noticed have been quoted in the papers, reflect the feeling of our faculty.

O. R. LATHAM, *President, Iowa State Teachers College*—I do not know that I have ever taken occasion to tell you how great an inspiration President Bryan has

been to me. He was always kind, understanding, and considerate. The many conferences which I had with him while at Ohio University and his visit to this campus in the spring of 1929 for my first Commencement will always be cherished memories.

*Telegraphic communications from friends and former associates of President Bryan also bore messages of sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Bryan. Many of them are here reproduced.*

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President, Ohio State University*—On behalf of the university and for myself personally I express the deepest sorrow for the death of President Bryan. His educational attainment and services were conspicuous and he did much to build among the state-supported colleges and universities of Ohio a friendly feeling and a proper vision of their place and function in the social order of the state. Our flag will be at half mast tomorrow.

WILLIAM LOWE BRYAN, *President, Indiana University*—(To Miss Delvin)—I knew Elmer Bryan first when he and Ernest Lindley were seniors at Indiana University. Both were afterwards members of our faculty. Both came to be university presidents. Both achieved national recognition. Such men make the glory of Indiana and of Indiana University. The death of President Bryan grieves me deeply. I do not find consolation in the fact that other good men are coming up to take such places of honor as he held. There is no substitute for a good man. No one can be and do just what he was and did. It is a consolation that he lives in thousands to whom he was inspiring teacher and friend.

WILLIAM L. BRYAN, *President, Indiana University*—We are filled with sorrow at the death of our beloved friend. His loss will be felt by thousands and most of all by those who knew him best. I regret that on account of my wife's illness I cannot come to Athens now. I shall write.

E. H. LINDLEY, *Chancellor, University of Kansas*—Elizabeth and I send love and sympathy to you and family in your bereavement. We have lost a cherished classmate and friend and the country an inspiring educational leader.

A. H. UPHAM, *President, Miami University*—(To Registrar Dilley)—The faculty and trustees of Miami University seek to express to Ohio University the profound sympathy of neighbors and close friends in your great sorrow. President Bryan was an able and understanding leader in the cause of public education. His inspiring influence has touched many lives. You are fortunate indeed that for so many years he made his impress upon the entire life of the university. Please convey our condolence to Mrs. Bryan and family.

GEORGE B. CUTTEN, *President, Colgate University*—Regret exceedingly to hear of Dr. Bryan's death and wish you would accept our sympathy. Colgate can never

forget the splendid service which Dr. Bryan rendered here.

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, *Minister Riverside Church, New York City*—In common with Doctor Bryan's many friends everywhere I am full of sorrow at the loss of so strong a leader and so lovable a character. My sympathy goes out with sincere warmth to you and your bereaved family.

JOHN B. FULLEN, *Alumni Secretary, Ohio State University*—(To Clark E. Williams)—Alumni family of Ohio State University extend to the alumni and friends of Ohio University an expression of our understanding of what you lose in the death of Dr. Bryan. Graduate interest finds itself most effectively through keen and alert personalities and your great president was certainly one such.

ARTHUR C. JOHNSON, SR., *Managing Editor, Columbus Dispatch*—Mrs. Johnson and the young folks in our family join in heartfelt condolences to you and yours. We sympathize with you in the loss of a devoted life mate and appreciate what the distinguished Dr. Bryan's going will mean to the university, to the state, and to the worldwide cause of education and culture.

H. L. DONOVAN, *President, Eastern State Teachers College, Richmond, Ky.*—(To Dr. R. A. Foster)—Deeply grieved to learn of the death of President Bryan. Please convey our sympathy to the family.

HAROLD J. SHERIDAN, *Dean, Ohio Wesleyan University*—(To Dean Chubb)—We at Ohio Wesleyan are deeply grieved by the passing of your distinguished president. We extend to Mrs. Bryan and to Ohio University our sincere sympathy.

T. J. PARSONS, *Executive Secretary, Indiana Baptist Convention*—Indiana Baptists send expressions of sympathy and condolence in your sad bereavement in the death of President Bryan.



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE

PAUL MENDENHALL, 29, Former student chauffeur for Dr. Bryan—I express my humble sympathy at the death of your husband, Dr. E. B. Bryan, who was my best friend and counselor and the greatest teacher I have been privileged to have.

RALPH N. TIREY, President, Indiana Teachers College—I am shocked beyond measure to learn of Doctor Bryan's passing. May I extend deepest sympathy of Indiana State Teachers College.

I. M. FOSTER, Commissioner, United Court of Claims—Mrs. Foster joins me in extending sincere sympathy on the passing of Dr. Bryan. We are assured that his fine administration at Ohio University will stand as a priceless heritage for succeeding generations.

CLINTON P. BIDDLE, Associate Dean, Harvard School of Business Administration—Mrs. Biddle and I were greatly shocked to learn of the death of President Bryan. We extend to you and your family our deepest sympathy. Ohio University has lost an able executive, a brilliant scholar, a sincere and kind friend.

LIONEL D. EDIE, Former student of Dr. Bryan and former member of faculties of Colgate and Indiana Universities.—Mrs. Edie and I wish to assure you of our deepest sympathy at this time. I have always had real affection as well as admiration for Dr. Bryan.

THOMAS J. MURPHY, Editor, The Miami Student—(To Editor The Green & White)—The student body of Miami University through the "Miami Student" grieves with Ohio in its loss of a great man, an academic gentleman with very human traits.

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Gleaned from the public press were statements from many an eminent educator and friend:

GOVERNOR GEORGE WHITE, Governor of the State of Ohio—His death is a great loss, to education. He was an outstanding president of one of our state-supported institutions. Living so near him I got better acquainted with him than with most of the other presidents of our state institutions. He was greatly loved by the undergraduates and the graduates of the university, and by the people who live in Southeastern Ohio.

DR. GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, President, Ohio State University—I am shocked and distressed. I had no idea his illness was so serious. We at Ohio State sorrow to see Doctor Bryan go. He was the dean of college presidents in Ohio and very highly respected by all of us. He was not only a friend of higher learning in universities but was especially a real friend to all of us in the field of state-supported higher education.

DR. E. A. SOPER, President, Ohio Wesleyan University—The death of Doctor Bryan was a blow to state education. I can only say the best things about him. In his administration he not only built up the physical plant of his school but also he secured for it a large enrollment. He was known as one of the leading educators in Ohio and he ranked very high in state education there.

DR. JOHN G. BOWMAN, Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh—He was a very outstanding educator. I knew him for 30 years. He was a man of great energy and had power to inspire college students. Doctor Bryan looked on the optimistic side of life—always constructive, never whining. He could set a group of students on fire with enthusiasm.

DR. HARRY WOODBURN CHASE, Chancellor, New York University—Dr. Bryan was a very able man and his loss will be felt. I did not know him intimately although I had met him.



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DR. WILLIAM HENRY SCOTT, Former President, Ohio University—President Bryan was a man of sound practical judgment and an efficient executive. Under his administration, Ohio University maintained a vigorous growth and rendered an important service to society and the state.

DR. FREDERICK B. ROBINSON, President, College of the City of New York—Dr. Bryan was a very devoted educator, one who had given his life to his work and won the respect and affection of all with whom he came in contact. His loss will be a real one to the educational world.

DR. RAYMOND WALTERS, President, University of Cincinnati—Dr. Bryan can be credited with a real work in American education. He was the older type of American scholar, who took an intensely human and personal interest in the students under him. He literally moulded thousands of young people who came to him for learning. I had the very highest regard for him.

DR. WALTER DILL SCOTT, President, Northwestern University—Dr. Bryan had long been recognized as one of the good substantial men in education. My associates and I had always found him a con-

genial and scholarly gentleman. His passing is a distinct loss to American education.

GEORGE A. WORKS, Dean of Students, University of Chicago and Secretary, North Central Association—In my estimation Doctor Bryan was an outstanding college president. In the 25 years I have known him I have always held in high regard his excellent work in education.

## Telegraph Condolences

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Deepest sympathy to you from the Alumni Chapter of Ohio University, Canton, Ohio.

M. A. CONKLE, President  
Canton Chapter.

In the death of President Bryan, the New York Alumni recognize the loss of one of Ohio's greatest presidents. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you in your great sorrow.

H. W. MAYES, President  
New York (N. Y.) Chapter

The Cincinnati Alumni Chapter express deep sympathy in your bereavement.

ORRIS E. HAMILTON, President  
Cincinnati Chapter.

The Huntington Chapter of Ohio University Alumni Association extends to you its sincere sympathy.

RUTH FARRAR, President  
Huntington (W. Va.) Chapter

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we receive the message of the passing of our beloved president and close friend, Dr. E. B. Bryan. The Eastern Ohio Alumni Association wishes to extend to you our deepest sympathy.

H. H. BACH, President  
Eastern Ohio Chapter

Coshocton Alumni wish to express their sympathy. We are saddened by the news for we all loved President Bryan.

WAIVE RIPPLE, President  
Coshocton Chapter

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

ROBERT S. SOULE, President  
Clarksburg (W. Va.) Chapter

Our deepest sympathy goes out to you in your affliction. May the memory of the honorable life just ended sustain and comfort you.

MRS. K. O. ENGLISH, President  
(Marzuela Richards)  
Chicago (Ill.) Chapter

Sympathy greeting from Richland County Alumni Association.

H. D. BISHOP, President  
Richland County Alumni Association

Our dear Mrs. Bryan: Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you. May



the memory of the life of service just ended sustain and comfort you.

DAVID A. SKIDMORE, *President*  
Akron Chapter

In this hour of bereavement we extend to you heartfelt sympathy.

FRED S. PICKERING, *President*  
Southern California Chapter  
(Los Angeles)

We are greatly shocked at the sad news. You have our deepest sympathy.

C. V. THOMPSON, *President*  
Mahoning Valley Chapter  
(Youngstown)

"A prince and a great man has fallen . . . a man with a genius for friendship . . . a man with a great vital personality."

Among the more than 2,000 persons who heard these words spoken of President Bryan by his long-time friend and former colleague, Dean Powell, were the following from out of town:

President George W. Wrightmire, Ohio State University; President A. H. Upham, Miami University; President and Mrs. Willfred O. Mauck, Hillsdale College; President H. B. Williams, Bowling Green College; President and Mrs. W. G. Clippinger, Otterbein College; President Edward S. Parsons, Marietta College.

Mr. Frank L. Jones, First Vice President, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York; State Auditor Joseph T. Tracey, Columbus; Mr. U. H. Smith, Treasurer, Indiana University; Mr. W. P. Roudebush, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Miami University; Mr. Lyle E. Evans, Chillicothe, Trustee, Miami University; State Director of Education B. O. Skinner, Columbus.

Dean Ayres and Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Good, Ohio State University; Mr. J. W. Jones, Supt. of Schools, Upper Arlington, Columbus; Mr. W. S. Coy, Business Manager, Ohio Teachers and Pupils Reading Circle; Mr. W. E. Kershner, and Mr. J. A. Williams, State Teachers Retirement System; Congressman Thomas A. Jenkins, Ironton; Mr. L. S. Blazier, Librarian, Marietta College.

Mr. Lawrence L. Jarvie, '28, and Mrs. Jarvie; Mr. Robert E. Rucker, '14, and Mrs. Rucker (Grace Bateman), '15; Dr. J. L. Hupp, '16; Miss Esther Helen Burns, '96, all of Columbus.

There were hundreds of other Ohio University alumni and friends of President Bryan present whose names it was impossible to secure.

### Campus Expresses Feelings

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from us as an organization, but rather it comes as the individual sympathetic appreciation of each member of Delta Sigma Pi.

MEN'S FACULTY CLUB, Victor D. Hill, *President*; Hale Pickett, *Secretary*—The outstanding qualities of President Elmer Burritt Bryan as a man and the extraordinary accomplishments of his well-rounded administration at Ohio University are matters of common knowledge and wide-spread recognition. But it is in the more intimate phases of his associations that the members of the Faculty came to

regard him with even higher appreciation and esteem.

As we turn our thoughts to those intimate associations and to his relations with the Men's Faculty Club, what he meant to the organization and to the men, it is the human element which seems to stand out. In the words of his own ideal, often expressed, he wanted a "happy and contented faculty." And this was more than a wise policy of a great administrator often exemplified in practice; it was a part of his philosophy of human relations, born of sympathy and understanding.

Out of the depths of his human feeling he understood his Faculty as human beings. He saw their needs and was interested in them as individuals. He recognized the importance of human contacts. He saw that men must have a place to develop their social natures as well as their intellectual powers. Therefore from the time the Men's Faculty Club was suggested to him he was its sponsor. It was his support and encouragement

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### IN MEMORIAM

*Strong Son of God, immortal Love,  
Whom we, that have not seen thy face,  
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,  
Believing where we cannot prove;*

*Thine are these orbs of light and shade;  
Thou madest Life in man and brute;  
Thou madest Death; and lo, thy foot  
Is on the skull which thou hast made.*

*Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;  
Thou madest man, he knows not why,  
He thinks he was made to die;  
And thou hast made him: thou art just.*

*Forgive my grief for one removed  
Thy creature, whom I found so fair.  
I trust he lives in thee, and there  
I find him worthier to be loved.*  
*From Tennyson's "In Memoriam."*

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which not only made the club possible but was largely responsible for the success the Club has attained. With characteristic understanding, he made himself one of us; and always, after the Club was organized, he manifested a keen interest in its activities.

This Club, created to promote happiness through recreation and social and intellectual intercourse, is just one more tangible expression of President Bryan's human understanding,—of his love and consideration for those who were fortunate enough to work under his leadership.

W. S. GAMERTSELDER, *Professor, Philosophy and Ethics*—Words seem so empty and helpless in the presence of so great a loss. Your loss is the greatest. But to us on the campus of Ohio University, faculty and students, President Bryan was like a father—so sympathetic, so understanding, so friendly. It will be hard for us to go without his leadership. Now that he is gone, his high ideals for cultivated manhood and womanhood, and his fine conception of the purposes of educa-

tion shall ever remain to us an inspiration and an encouragement. We are happy to have had the privilege of knowing him and loving him.

E. B. SMITH, *Professor, History and Political Science*—In California last summer when I saw the Berkeley hills and canyons, I recalled the beginnings of very happy associations with you and President Bryan. It was the recollection of that association and the desire to work under President Bryan's direction, when he gave me the opportunity, that induced Mrs. Smith and me to give up our home and position in Greeley to come to Ohio University. The eleven years have been happy in delightful friendship and profitable and professional association. I shall prize always the memory of cordial and friendly relations and the direction and leadership of an admirable administration.

HORACE T. HOUF, *Associate Professor, Philosophy*—Along with many others we rejoice in the fine abilities and successful work done by Doctor Bryan. And along with many others we have remembered the very real and unobtrusive support you have given him.

We earnestly hope you may have the comfort and guidance that only divine help can wholly give.

W. B. BENTLEY, *Professor, Chemistry*—I have from time to time known a number of men in public positions, but I have never known one who commanded universal esteem and affection as did Dr. Bryan.

In his going, everybody realizes that Ohio University has suffered an irreparable loss, each member of the faculty feels that he has lost a friend who can never be replaced, and the community has lost a citizen such as no community can afford to lose.

While we mourn his loss we shall all feel that it has been a blessing to have known him and to have been associated with him.

RAYMER MCQUISTON, *Associate Professor, English*—The death of Dr. Bryan has brought a deep sorrow into our home. His passing has not merely emphasized the value of his fine, constructive leadership in the affairs of the University; it has increased the realization of how intimate and beneficent a part he has played in the rest of our lives. Personally, I shall always count myself fortunate to have begun my professional work under his guidance, to have enjoyed his influence during formative years, and to have been associated with him so long in the chief enterprise of his great career.

J. RUSSELL MARPLE, *Former Editor, "The Green and White"*—Deepest sympathy at the loss of a true friend, a fine gentleman, and a great educator.

The picture appearing on the cover page of the magazine is a pen sketch of the entrance to the President's home on East Union Street, opposite the Alumni Memorial Auditorium.







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