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The multifarious vision and influence of Dr. Bixler are as difficult to pin down as the brilliant bits in a kaleidoscope. One tries vainly to create and control a pattern that will remain stable—and true of the man. Whatever one decides to say of him in one sentence is immediately transmuted by the next. His capacity for ideas and action is irrepressibly diverse. In the preceding pages we have captured only the merest segment of his accomplishment. This checklist of his published writings reveals him in the protean roles of teacher, theologian, musician, counsellor, educational theorist, lecturer, administrator, scholar, traveller, philosopher, father, and humanitarian. But it too fails of completion, for it says nothing of him as good friend and sympathetic listener, thespian (Hamlet’s father’s ghost), after-dinner droll (unregenerate punster), car washer (for Campus Chest), or softball pitcher ne plus ultra.

Dr. Bixler’s academic degrees of A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. were earned at Amherst, Harvard and Yale. Over the past two decades he has garnered a resplendent bouquet of honoraries: D.D. from Amherst; L.H.D. from Union, Wesleyan, Bates and Harvard; LL.D. from Maine, Brown, Bowdoin and Colby; D.C.L. from Acadia (Nova Scotia), LITT.D., American International College.

During his first year of retirement, Dr. Bixler held the positions of Visiting Professor in the Department of Religion at the University of Hawaii, and as Fellow-In-Residence at the Center for Advanced Studies in Wesleyan University, each for a semester. He has enjoyed the distinction of four invitations to lecture at the Salzburg (Austria) Seminar in American Studies, the latest occasion being this past summer. In the year to come he will retain his residence at the Wesleyan Center, and will also appear as Phi Beta Kappa visiting lecturer at several colleges and universities across the country.
I. SEPARATE WORKS

A. Books


B. Pamphlets and Brochures


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VI. BOOK REVIEWS

Dr. Bixler recalls with a sentimental smile that his first published book review (Douglas Clyde Macintosh's Theology as an Empirical Science) appeared in the Journal of Philosophy for March 25, 1920, while he was still a graduate student. In the next four decades he reviewed over three hundred other volumes. At his own suggestion they are simply summarized here, in round numbers and approximate dates.

100 reviews in the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, daily and Sunday editions: 1924-1933.

100 reviews in Harvard Divinity School Bulletin: 1933-1942.


Dr. Bixler’s accomplishment at Colby College will of course be enshrined in the hearts of its constituency and in its recorded annals. Three other palpable factors will continue to keep his regime green in the memory of generations to come. Typical of his versatile interests, one is a brick building, one an academic honor, one an active competition.

Bixler Art and Music Center. On the facing page is displayed a transcription of the dedicatory plaque which adorns the front wall of this beautiful building, made possible through Dr. Bixler’s prodigious zeal for the fine arts. One of the entrances is depicted below: the Montague Outdoor Sculpture Court, with “Mother and Child” centerpiece by William Zorach.

Julius Seelye Bixler Scholarship Fund. The Parents Association, founded during Dr. Bixler’s tenure, presented him at his final Colby Commencement a sum of money sufficient to establish a number of annual student scholarships. Admission to this group of Bixler Scholars is determined strictly by academic criteria, and the amount of aid based upon the degree of need.

Bixler Bowl. Set up to stimulate fraternities to “continuously justify themselves through contributing to the overall work of the college program,” this replica in silver of the Paul Revere Bowl will be awarded to the fraternity which wins the annual competition for three consecutive years. The competition includes five main areas of campus activity: Administration, Scholarship, Special Events, Athletic Contests, and Leadership.
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JULIUS SEELYE BIXLER

TEACHER    PHILOSOPHER    HUMANITARIAN
PRESIDENT OF COLBY COLLEGE 1942-1960

"May we who are here and those who follow us be mindful of the task the past imposes and the lure the future holds."

J. S. BIXLER