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Life once lived can only be relived through memories. To keep vividly alive the memories of these happy days of blessing, to strengthen in the days to come the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, to imbue others with the desire for the abundant life we enjoy, and to create a longing for Christian education in the hearts of prospective students, we, the staff, and the senior class as sponsors, present this edition of the LIGHT TOWER.

"Holding forth the Word", the senior class motto, has been incorporated into the theme of the book. The life portrayed on these pages is that which we have as a result of the ministry of His Word in our hearts.
DEDICATION

To one of the founders and early instructors whose devoted and sacrificial efforts helped to make this school possible * * * To one who is highly esteemed for his staunchness and unity of purpose to execute the will of God in all things * * * To one who is sedulous and faithful in the fulfillment of duty * * * To one whose godly life and ministry as founder, instructor, pastor, pioneer, and counselor fling down to us a challenge * * * To the Rev. William Egle, we, the 1938 Light Tower Staff, and the Senior Class, respectfully dedicate this book.
FIRST DAYS OF SPRING
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You would love Pop Gerber, I know. He is love and patience personified. In fact, all of the faculty and the workers too are virtuous kings and queens.
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Our adorable Lord Jesus Christ said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you . . . I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." In Amos 3:7 we are told: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets."

Again, in Psalm twenty-five, we read: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant."

When God wants to do something out of the ordinary, He makes known His will to those who live in close fellowship with Him, and shows them what place in His program He wants them to fill. This fact has been exemplified over and over again in the history of His people—Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, Daniel; Simeon and Anna. The great reformers and missionary leaders are also outstanding samples of this. Then, there were always many godly men and women whose names do not appear in the pages of history, to whom the Lord revealed what He was going to do, and showed them what part they were to have in His plan.

In other words, every movement, great and small, that has become an eternal blessing to humanity was born of spiritual vision that some man, or group of men, has received from God.

This is true also of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. God gave to some of us a vision of His plan for this work before it was born. With the vision, came the pattern and the purpose and the divine object. To the founders this was a sacred trust—some of whom have already gone to be with the Lord.

This ministry called for much earnest prayer, implicit faith, and real sacrifice—especially in the early years of our history—and these three characteristics are outstanding today in this work.

God has set His seal of approval on this ministry. More than one hundred trained missionaries have already gone to the many lands where heathen darkness still reigns; and many more faithful workers, who received their preparation here, are scattered all over this country.

JOSEPH E. RAMSEYER
President
Lectures on
Deeper Christian
Life
THE FOUNTAIN OF ETERNAL YOUTH

(To the graduates, the sponsors of this book)

It has been a delight to work with you during your school days. Your bubbling
Christian enthusiasm has been an inspiration to us. It may be that all the world loves
a lover, but we are certain that we admire your lofty purposes and your forward-looking
vision.

As you are facing the burden-bearing years of adulthood, we don't want you to
grow old. We want you to keep young. We don't want your fine spirits to become
corroded with biting sorrow and disappointment. We hope that you will never know
the humiliation of bruising defeat. We want you to keep your heads up, your shoulders
squared, and your step buoyant with victory. May you realize God's fullest measure of
glorious achievement.

We want you to keep young in your idealism and vision. In a sordidly selfish
world, there is the constant peril of becoming practical realists, looking at situations
and making decisions on the basis of expediency and immediate gain. May God keep
your hearts pure and untainted from base greed. Keep your eyes fixed on the eternal
goal and let your steps follow the foot-prints of the Master.

And keep looking forward! For the Christian, the best is always ahead. With
the great Apostle you may sing through all of the tomorrows, "This one thing I do,
forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which
are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ
Jesus."

And in spirit you need never grow old, for you have discovered the Fountain of
Eternal Youth. That is Christ's gift of salvation to you. Ponce de Leon tried to find
it in the romantic unknown of the Western Hemisphere. You are no longer engaged
in a quest, for you have found Him, whom to know is life eternal. Life now is given
to fuller and fuller realization. In the figure of an ancient wise man, "The path of the
just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

This life is not subject to senility. "For though the outward man perish, yet the
inward man is renewed day by day." Life need not become drab and gray as you live
in the presence of Him who is Light, and Truth, and Love. Continuous disclosures
of His grace with ever new adventures in the life of faith are yours—in the Fountain of
Eternal Youth.

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The eternal purpose of God is that His children shall be "conformed to the image of His Son." He has forordained that the image and likeness which was lost in the Garden of Eden shall be restored in the kingdom of God. "As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." I Cor. 15:49.

God sets a mark upon His own, intangible, nevertheless real. A kingly bearing, a regnant spirit, a shining face—these characterize those who are born from above. When Gideon inquired of the two heathen kings whom he had conquered what manner of men they had slain, he was able to identify them by this illuminating reply, "Each one resembled the children of a king."

Although we are made partakers of His holiness at the moment of the Holy Spirit's incoming, yet He waits upon our hearty cooperation, our joyous response day by day, to complete the transformation into His own glorious image. With the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ as the One altogether lovely, there comes a vision of self in startling contrast. It is then, as we turn our eyes steadfastly upon our adorable Lord, that we "are being transformed into the same likeness, from one degree of radiant holiness to another." Godlikeness cannot be hidden; it will give to "every step the elasticity of triumph and to every look the brightness of victory."

The consummation of God's perfect plan for His people will transpire at the appearing of our Saviour and King. When the veil, through which we now see darkly, is lifted and we see Him as He is, then we shall know the glory of full redemption and be satisfied as we appear in His likeness.
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Elkhart is his destination—
He'll get there without procrastination.

We like to take Mr. Updike's class,
For he lets all his students pass.

Here we see poor Uncle Pete
Trying hard to make ends meet.

You students try my patience sorely
When you get your English VI so poorly.

Why must students in Bible schools
Continually break the social rules?

I am the boss when I go to school,
But when I'm home, my wife holds the rule.

They're not as young as they used to be,
But they're still in love as you can see.

My daddy's mighty proud of me,
As after all—why shouldn't he be?

When I grow up to be a man,
I'll be as near like my dad as I can.

Now be as careful as you can,
And don't you drive too fast, young man!

Every morning at eight o'clock
You'll see him hurry up the walk.
BE TRUE

We are going forth from the school of Jesus,
We have sat at His blessed feet,
We have drunk from truth's celestial fountain,
We have tasted its honey sweet.
We are witnesses for our blessed Master
In a world where friends are few,
And He sends us forth with the watchword holy,
Whatsoever it costs, Be true.

We are going forth with a trust so sacred,
And a truth so divine and deep,
With a message clear and a work so glorious,
And a charge, such a charge to keep.
Let it be our greatest joy, my brother,
That the Lord can depend on you,
And if all besides should fail and falter,
To your trust be always true.

We are going forth with a glorious mission,
As ambassadors for God,
We are sent with heaven's last word of mercy
Over all the world abroad.
We are sent to save from the blight of sorrow,
And the curse of sin undo,
With a work so grand and a trust so holy,
Oh, what heart would not be true!

We are going forth with the blessed Spirit,
And the Master always near:
He has told us, "Lo, I am with you always,"
And we need not faint or fear.
With the Master's presence always near us,
Shall we not both dare and do?
With the mighty Holy Ghost within us,
Shall we not be always true?

We are going forth with a hope supernatural,
'Tis the hope of the "Home, Sweet Home;"
We shall not have gone over all the cities
Till the Son of Man be come.
We are calling out the guests to the marriage,
We are hasting to meet Him too.
May He find us watching and robed and ready;
May He say "Thou hast been true."

Rev. A. B. SIMPSON
The bell has just rung and I hear the cheerful jabber of the students as they pass from classes. That reminds me, I must hurry off to doctrine class. I wish you were here to seewise...
THE SENIORS' DEBUT

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CLASS POEM

HOLDING FORTH THE WORD

From midnight blackness comes the cry,
    Come and help us ere we die;
Too long from us has been denied,
    The bread of life that Christ supplied.

And out of the blackness of sinful night,
    To us they reach their hands for light.
From reeking slums and dens of shame
    They cry and plead—all in vain?

From shores beyond the restless sea,
    The cry is lifted pleadingly;
Bring to us the Word of Hope,
    For yet in blackness here we grope!

Longing, pleading; hoping still
    Someone, God's command will fill.
Are there still so few who dare
    Face the night our plight to share?

Are Christians too busy their wants supplying
    To hear the murmur of the dying?
Or are their hands too filled with toys
    To help the lost gain lasting joys?

Nay, Savior, Here are we!
    Send us as answers to their plea.
We'll go to lift with tireless hands
    The fallen in those darkened lands.

Savior, make us staunch and true;
    Always yearning Thy will to do;
That we may hold in reach of all,
    The Word that saves from Satan's thrall.

—David C. Rupp,
Our motto, "Holding Forth the Word", taken from the second chapter of Philippians and the sixteenth verse, was chosen by the Class as a guide for life. "Holding Forth the Word" will demand every ounce of energy we possess, but His Word hid in our hearts will strengthen us for the task. Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world will hear the Word because we have been true to our standard. The call to go, to stay, to give, to pray and to live will be met. The theme itself suggests an active process of work giving to others the everlasting Word of God. In this age of change we can hold forth one thing that will never change or fail. The Word of God is dependable, upon which we can build our faith. Because His Word is pure we, His servants, live it and delight to hold it forth to others. It meets every need: to the one dead in trespasses and sins, it gives life; to the new-born babe, it gives nourishment; to the spiritually hungry, food; to the ignorant, enlightenment; to weary souls, a compass to guide them homeward. Men need more than mere bread to live; they need every word that proceeth out of the mouth of the Lord. Our hope is that the years will find each of us faithful to the task of "Holding Forth the Word" to others.

H. A.
HAROLD ARMAN
Toledo, Ohio
Academic-Bible Course
President Senior Class
Pastor

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

EDNA PAPE
Archbold, Ohio
Missionary Course.
Vice-president Senior Class,
Vice-president Mission Band,
President Mission's Club.
Sunday School Teaching

"For the Lord God will help me: therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." Isaiah 50:7.

RAMONA FELTS
Fort Wayne, Indiana
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"Fear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10.

HARLAN F. EICHER
Inkster, Michigan
Bible-Music Course
Choir
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Chorister Mission Band

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.
KENNETH E. GEIGER
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Men's Chorus
Special Chorus
Gospel Team

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.

SARAH McDOWELL
Muncie, Indiana
Theological Course
Vice-president Mission Band
Editor Light Tower

"Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." Psalm 25:4-5.

MRS. JULIA LIKINS AGIN
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Bible-Music Course
Gospel Team

"Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens: and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds." Psalm 36:5.

GEORGE C. AGIN
Bluffton, Ohio
Theological Course
President of Young Men's Inspirational Club
Gospel Team

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12.
DOROTHY BALL
Oakville, Indiana
Bible-Music Course
Women's Chorus
Special Chorus
Visitation Work

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5.

TILLMAN F. AMSTUTZ
Royal Oak, Michigan
Theological Course
B. I. news editor on Bible Vision staff
Men's Chorus
Special Chorus

"That be counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." I Tim. 1:12b.

CARRIE CARPENTER
Perrysburg, Ohio
Bible-Music Course
Women's Chorus
Special Chorus

"Whom having not seen, I love: whom, though now I see him not, yet believing, I rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." I Peter 1:8.

THEODORE HELZERMAN
Willis, Michigan
Theological Course

"And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs I will carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you." Isaiah 46:4.
DAVID C. RUPP

French West Africa
Missionary Course
Men's Chorus
Mission Band President

"For to me to live is Christ." Phil. 1:21.

JOSEPHINE DANFORTH

Buffalo, New York
Missionary Course
Secretary Mission Band
Sunday School Teaching

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee: He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6.

CLARA EICHER

Swanton, Ohio
Missionary Course

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

RUTH ELLEN GRANT

Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bible-Music Course
Women's Chorus
Special Chorus
Pianist Mission Band
Circulation Manager Light Tower
Gospel Team

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24.
MRS. KATHRYN ROGERS HYMAN
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Bible-Music Course
Gospel Team
Special Chorus
"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3.

HELEN MARJORY LUCKS
Detroit, Michigan
Missionary Course
Secretary Mission Band
Secretary Mission Club
Associate Editor Light Tower
"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20.

RUTH EMILY LUCKS
Detroit, Michigan
Christian Education Course
Associate Editor Light Tower
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6.

HERMAN WAGNER
Peoria, Illinois
Academic-Bible Course
Gospel Team
"When thou goest, thy way shall be opened up before thee step by step." Prov. 4:12. (Free translation).
ELOISE ROGERS
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Bible-Music Course
Gospel Team
Women’s Chorus
Special Chorus

"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

MABEL E. SCHINDLER
Jackson, Michigan
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Women’s Chorus
Special Chorus

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16.

CLARA SMITH
South Bend, Indiana
Bible-Music Course
Pianist Mission Band

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Col. 3:23.

S. N. WALLACE
Rollin, Michigan
Theological Course
Student Pastor
Gospel Team

"ARMAN"

An affable, reliable, and co-operative preacher whom we all love and one who firmly retains his convictions in the face of the most persuasive argument; his is a character that will stand in the time of testing.

"DOT"

A friendly, conversational, diminutive young lady who is twice born and soon to be twice graduated from B. I.

"KENNY"

Excelling in stature — a youth with a "big" soul. We can visualize in Kenny a growing capacity for greater things with God as he steps out into the future in His service.

"EDNA"

"Therefore endure hardness as a good soldier" — of course we think of Edna, so conscientious, industrious, and firm in her purpose. If her convictions are slowly formed, they are certainly unwaveringly kept.

"HARLAN"

A likeable, refined gentleman with an unusually cultivated sense of humor; a Baptist of the "first water," and incidentally, he adroitly handles the baton.

"RAMONA"

"Training for service and service in training." Who could more aptly fulfill our school motto? A child of God who renders utmost devotion to her Lord and self-sacrificing service to others.

"TRAINING FOR SERVICE AND SERVICE IN TRAINING."
JULIA
Sweet, affable, with a friendly smile for everyone. We really admire George's choice. How did he ever do it?

GEORGE
He wastes no words in attempting to trim the corners of blunt truth. His unaffected, inherent humor, however, makes his frank, open-hearted remarks acceptable. We always expect plain facts from George.

"JO"
She is unassuming in her manner, patient in trial, never allowing afflictions to deprive her of her cheerful disposition.

CLARA
An assiduous girl who has wasted few words on the unimportant but has rather saved her words for her blue books.

"TIM"
Youthful and impulsive with all his ambition, zeal, and salesmanship given to the work of Christ.

CARRIE
Sympathetic, sincere, and persevering in spite of life's tossing billows; her anchorage is in Jesus.
A student of the highest rank who well deserves her diploma, a happy Christian, and the possessor of a most winsome, playful smile.

"TED"
A frank, philosophizing fellow, seemingly without a care or worry; he must have learned the secret of living one day at a time and letting the future take care of itself.

MRS. HYMAN
The poise and charm of her outward walk reveal an inward calmness and an implicit dependence upon the God who never fails.

HELEN
She is modest, pleasing, and studious, possessing a coveted cheerful spirit.

"DAVE"
With all his motives and ambitions centered in Christ, this mechanically minded missionary with characteristics all his own has given his life to the foreign field.

SARAH
Her charming manner is natural and entirely free from affectation. A Christlike spirit and always a willingness to serve have become marks of her character.
CLARA
This reserved, modest girl is the owner of a concealed sense of humor which is apt to suddenly make its appearance at a most unexpected time.

MABEL
With a constant smile beaming from her face in a most original manner, this brisk and steady girl is an inspiration to all of us.

RUTH
Vivacious, alert, zealous for her Lord. If you want something done which will require speed and efficiency—ask Ruth. Incidentally, it will be done cheerfully, too.

ELOISE
She has modesty and mannerisms which are exclusively her own, expressed by humility and a pleasing dignity.

HERMAN
"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame" — and thus we estimate Herman.

"PETE"
This jocose Baptist preacher has back of his mirth a firm character with a determination to be at his best for God.
First Row: Vera Rohrs, Raymond Jewel, Ruth Moser, Eva Hilborn, Roscoe Burk, Robert Baltzell, Maxine Roth.


Third Row: Mable Woods, Myrtle Yoder, Helen Wagner, Robert Treat, Harriet Piper, Adah Baumgartner, Gaylord Lehman, Mrs. Roy Ramseyer.


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Third Row: Ruth Grosh, Allan Neuenschwander, Billie Turner, Agnes Amstutz, Althe Harrold.
Fourth Row: Celeste Gerber, Luella Landrey, Reginald Gerig, Norrine Grummons, Elizabeth Wilson, Margaret Crowell.
Without Pictures: Thelma Baxley, Effie Bremer, Mrs. Oscar Eicher, Margaret Feaster, Catherine Gratz, Mrs. Martha Miller, Marjorie Rynecarson, Oliver Surbrook, Ruth Welty, Dorothy Welty, Mrs. Sophia Deister, Earl DeMille, Kenneth Hyman, Mrs. Kenneth Sheets, Jefferson Webb.
We certainly do have good times at B.S. Life here is full of interest. And delightful activity. You should have been here, campus day and seen
Standing: Helen Lucks, Mr. S. A. Witmer, David Rupp, Harold Arman, Kenneth Geiger.


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The Women’s Chorus, one of the musical organizations of the school, is composed of twenty-seven selected women’s voices from the student body under the direction of Prof. C. A. Gerber. They spend one and one-half hours weekly in rehearsals. Most of the time has been spent in preparation for the Annual Concert and the Spring extended chorus trip.

The concert is one of the special events of commencement week which takes place in the First Missionary Church. Here the Women’s Chorus, arrayed in white, sings its numbers to inspire its listeners to new faith and courage in the Savior who is so dear to each girl’s heart.

It has recently become a custom to take an extended trip into adjoining states to sing the gospel. These trips are taken for the sole purpose of spreading the blessed gospel message to needy souls, especially among the young people, and encouraging God’s believing ones at every step.

May this organization ever remain a shining light spreading the glories of Jesus Christ to hearts darkened by sin.

R. G.

Top Row: Maxine Roth, Myrtle Yoder, Juanita McAuley, Lois Hirschy, Dorothy Wiederkehr, Dorothy Ball, Frieda Lugibill.

Second Row: Prof. C. A. Gerber (Director), Helen Schumacher, Mabel Woods, Rena DeMitchell, Mabel Steiner, Erniene Osborne, Bernina Rupp, Mabel Schindler, Viola Krockenberger, Elizabeth Wilson, Charlotte Hock, Ruth Grant, Ruth McClure.

First Row: Velma Vernier, Margaret Crowell, Barbara Crozier, Eloise Rogers, Genevieve Dilgart, Mrs. Roy Ramseyer, Prudence Gerber.
MEN'S CHORUS

Top Row: Prof. C. A. Gerber (Director), Prof. Raymond Weaver (Accompanist), Alfred Zahlout, Roscoe Burk, David Rupp, Tillman Amstutz.
First Row: Wayne Steiner, Roy Ramseyer, Gaylord Lehman, Brown Hudson, Mark Dickerson, Robert Treat, Kenneth Geiger, Harlan Eicher, Joseph Simonson, Robert Baltzell, Alfred Clough.

The Men's Chorus of the Bible Institute is composed of selected voices from the student body. During the school year, the chorus conducts services throughout the country. Each spring a regular trip is taken into the various states bordering Indiana. On this tour, churches of different denominations are visited.

The chorus is under the direction of Professor C. A. Gerber, whose love and patience has won the admiration and confidence of all the students. Professor Gerber's life has proven a great blessing to all who come in contact with him, and he has been instrumental in leading many souls to Christ.

The chorus has a three-fold purpose. First, a desire to see sinners brought into a saving knowledge of sins forgiven. Second, to give to its listeners a spiritual uplift and blessing in song. Third, to encourage young men and women in the faith, and to get them interested in a Bible School education.

During the year, many souls are led to the Lord through the testimonies and songs of the young men. The aim of the chorus is to lift high the Cross of Christ, and to continue spreading the Gospel to those who have not accepted Christ as their Savior.

A. C.
SPECIAL CHORUS

Top Row: Roy Ramseyer, Harlan Eicher, Robert Treat, Wayne Steiner, Mark Dickerson, Kenneth Geiger, Joe Simonson, Alfred Clough, Robert Baltzell, Tillman Amstutz.

Third Row: Maxine Roth, Myrtle Yoder, Juanita McAuley, Mabel Steiner, Lois Hirschy, Adell Isaac, Flora Lee Tinsley, Carrie Carpenter, Dorothy Ball, Mabel Woods.


Seated: Velma Vernier, Margaret Crowell, Mereda Amstutz, Prof. Raymond Weaver (Accompanist), Prof. C. A. Gerber (Director), Alfred Zalhout (Violinist), Barbara Crozier, Ruth McClure, Anna Adams.

The Special Chorus, under the direction of Professor Gerber and accompanied by Professor Weaver, is composed of forty-two students who have an interest in and a love for music. Before each rehearsal, prayer is offered to God that we might sing to His glory and that the songs might be made a blessing to us. The chorus sings hymns that have been written by those who were inspired by the love of God and by His saving power. The chorus sings not only hymns but also anthems such as Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling" and Mendelssohn's "Be not Afraid". These anthems are uplifting and inspiring to us.

The chorus has sung at Mission Band services and at special meetings. Much time is spent preparing for the annual concert which is given in the last week of school. There is a great ministry in song when the voice which God has given is used to win souls to Him.

H. S.
Seated: Clara Smith, Helen Lucks, Kenneth Geiger, David Rupp, Josephine Danforth, Ruth Grant.

MISSION BAND OFFICERS

First Semester
Kenneth Geiger    President
Edna Pape         Vice President
Helen Lucks       Secretary
John Knopp        Treasurer
Harlan Eicher     Chorister
Clara Smith       Pianist

Second Semester
David Rupp
Sarah McDowell
Josephine Danforth
Paul Rupp
Roy Ramseyer
Ruth Grant

Our Mission Band, an organization including all students, is organized for the purpose of promoting missionary interest. Every Friday evening is set aside for a service sponsored by this group. Officers are elected from the student body to supervise the services. They engage speakers who have served the Lord in foreign fields, in home missions, or in some other outstanding Christian work. This year we have had speakers from the countries of China, India, Siam, Africa, South America, Russia, French-Indo China, and from the Missionary Workers of Detroit, Michigan. Other speakers have been noted evangelists and Christian workers.

The offerings taken in every Friday evening service go to support Mr. and Mrs. Clayton D. Steiner, missionaries to Peru, South America. This year we have been privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Steiner as speakers in our Mission Band services as they are home on furlough.

The Students’ Mission Band has been a blessing to many of our friends as well as to the students and workers of the Institute. Each service has been well attended, and God has met with us. We cannot know how many have gone to labor in foreign fields because of the ministry of this organization.

M. W.

A MISSIONARY MESSAGE

That strange little tropical island of Jamaica, located only eighteen degrees north of the equator, is the location of a most interesting missionary work. It is rightly called an African island because of its people. Of its one million, seventy-thousand inhabitants, the record shows that more than ninety-nine per cent are descendants of the Africans. The major portion of them are very, very poor, living in rude huts, made of mud and bamboo, and thatched with grass. Many with no floors except the bare earth.
Their chief industry is the cultivating and exporting of bananas, coconuts, ginger, and coffee.

It was to this needy Mission field, that the Lord called us nearly fourteen years ago to labor for Him. It is very interesting to study how God calls definite individuals for definite mission fields, and how faithful one should be to obey those definite calls when they come. The obedient consecrated child of God can always know when those calls are from Him.

In our particular case, we obeyed the call, even though no Missionary Board was willing to place themselves financially responsible for us, because of the size of our family. We had five little children. Therefore we called in an auctioneer, who sold our earthly possessions at public auction. With the proceeds of this sale and a few farewell missionary meetings, we went to New York, took passage on a freight vessel, without any salary or definite support behind us. Our faith was alone in God to supply every need.

As soon as we landed and had the family comfortably located, we began our missionary work. The natives gave us a hearty welcome, and were so glad that we had come to their island.

Their hearts were open to the Gospel truth, and, in a short time, we had a splendid following of truly regenerated men and women, who had repented of their sins and had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. My heart was overwhelmed by the marvelous grace of God, and His wonderful saving power to these of the black race.

It was not long until natives of other distant villages heard of the news, and then came the call to their districts. So, from village to village, the blessed work spread. In different instances, the men themselves would build a mission out of native material, and then come for miles to the mission home and insist on the missionaries coming to their village.

After their salvation, the first thing they requested was for the missionary to unite them in legal marriage, that they might live as Christians should, not continuing longer in their sins.

We would baptize them in the sea or in the small rivers. Several Missions were organized, and a Bible Course was started in the mission home to train the called ones for the ministry. God gave us some splendid Christian workers, both men and women. Some of them are now in charge of the Missions.

It has been our aim from the beginning to make the work self-supporting, that is, to teach each local congregation to care for their own native pastor. In that way, the occasional offerings from our friends in the homeland could be used in extending the work to other islands. The work has already reached to several other islands, and all of this because we were willing to obey the call and go forth, by faith, in Jesus’ Name. To Him be all the glory and praise.

Rev. Paul D. Ford.
CHANNELS OF BLESSING

Girls' Trio: Velma Vernier, Harriet Piper, and Vera Rohrs.

Quartet of Messrs. Hudson, Clough, Geiger, and Steiner.

Men's Quartet: Roy Ramseyer, Gaylord Lehman, Joseph Simonson, Robert Baltzell.

Misses Barbara Crozier, Ruth McClure, and Mabel Woods—Girls' Trio.

The Gospel Four—Helen Schumacher, Lois Hirschy, Mabel Steiner, and Maxine Roth.

Trio: Miss Gabriele Martig, Mrs. George Agin, Miss Frieda Lugibihl.


M. B. C. Trio: Ruth Grant, Ernie Osborn, and Myrtle Yoder.

Jail Team: Clarence Rutschman, Raymond Hein, and Clarence Whaley.

"Christians need not look like a frontispiece for the book of Lamentations."—Paul Rees.

"The acid test of your repentance is how much your will is involved and not just your emotion."

"Heathen religions have no hymns of praise, because they offer no forgiveness of sins."

"Loveless power is a dangerous thing, and is never Christian."

"The Spirit-filled life is not an infallible life, but a blameless one."

"God wants to balance us and make our lives strong, poised, and winsome."

"Fallen man is a cathedral in ruins."

"God is not responsible for the plight that fallen man is in, but He is concerned."

"You can have a sensational claptrap and call it a revival, but unless the Word has the prominence, your work will be short-lived."

"Fully dedicated lives bear fruit for a great harvest."

"We need to expose our hearts to the bleeding heart of God."

"We must have born-again men or we will have refined wicked wickedness."

"People lose the Spirit of Christ out of their lives because they go contrary to God."—Gibson.

"People go rushing on as if there was no God to face in judgment, no hell to shun, no heaven to gain, and no life to invest."

"The Spirit-filled life is not abnormal, or subnormal, but normal."

"You can't have more of the Lord, because He doesn't have more of you."

"Leakage of the heart is synonymous with running off at the mouth."

"Santification will puncture your ego."

"The night of eternity will be full of despair if you have failed to take advantage of the day."

"Love is that sympathy and insight that craves to bless and delights to commune."

"It is not enough to say that I have Him, but that He has me."

"People do not want to come to church, because Christ is a disturber of their false peace."

"Pride is a disease that makes everyone sick except the person that has it."

"We have the ministry of every-day helpfulness, bringing the best out of people."
CHAPEL SERVICES

This year has been one of many blessings for us, not the least of which having been the speakers whom we have been privileged to listen to in our daily chapel periods. It has been the writer's thought many times throughout the year that without the inspiration of these splendid services it would be much more difficult to live a truly Christlike life, even in the richly spiritual atmosphere of the Bible Institute.

Our speakers this year have been men and women from many walks of life—teachers, ministers, evangelists, missionaries, both from home and foreign fields, as well as students of the school itself. I shall only try to enumerate a few of them here, as I recall them. The year was begun with a series of soul-inspiring messages by Dr. John Greenfield. From his vast store of knowledge and experience he brought to us words sparkling with wit and a great deal of wisdom. A short time later, we had with us Dr. John Brasher, who conducted revival services in the Missionary Church. His messages were especially helpful to those who will leave the school this year for churches of their own.

The Rev. Walter Oldfield, a veteran missionary from South China, told us a little of his many exciting adventures with bandits encountered in the course of his work, and also something of the nature of his task and the methods he uses. We also heard Mrs. R. O. Stull, a returned missionary from South America, who had the power to hold us spell-bound with her wonderful testimony of God's way in her life in the jungle and mountain regions of the land to which He had led her.

Mrs. E. E. Shelhammer spoke to us one morning, followed shortly by the Rev. Mr. Shelhammer, and soon after that their son spoke to us. Rev. E. J. Bulgin spoke to us on several days and stirred our hearts as few before him had done, and we thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful messages in song by Mrs. Bulgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ramseyer and family were with us one morning, and moved a great many of us to tears with their testimonies in word and song. The power of a song of praise well sung is often beyond measure, as has so well been demonstrated by song evangelists such as these. In order to better appreciate the valuable assistance rendered by such work, one need only try to picture Moody without Sankey, or Billy Sunday without Rodeheaver.

Each one of our faculty has conducted a chapel service during the year, and each of the graduating seniors has been privileged to climax his or her years of work in the Institute with a chapel service. These services, in the hands of the seniors, elicited a great deal of sympathy from the fellow students—much more than would be accorded any stranger who might be speaking. Each one is prepared after much thought, prayer, and suffering on the part of the speaker, and the suspense of waiting one's turn is not the least of the burden. All of the seniors, however, have acquitted themselves more than creditably, we are sure.

The peak of our chapel services was mounted under the ministry of the Rev. Paul Rees. Days of spiritual feasting, heart-searching, and victorious surrendering to God's will was experienced by those hearing his Spirit-directed messages from God's Word.

The music for the services is also placed in the hands of the students, each piano pupil receiving his or her "slip" indicating responsibility for a week of chapel services. Likewise each student of conducting is called to lead the singing.

The blessings we, as a student body, have received are beyond measure, and make us hunger and thirst for more of the same, not only for ourselves, but for our friends and acquaintances and families at home, who we know would be able to lead more victorious Christian lives in the sunlight of such blessings.    R. B.
Dr. V. C. Kelford.

Mrs. G. J. Stoddard of French West Africa.

Bon Voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ford, Missionaries to Jamaica.

Mrs. R. O. Stull, missionary to Peru, South America.

Mrs. Tamar Wright Sterling.

Colonel Walter Jenkins of the Salvation Army.

Rev. H. E. Nelson.

No, it is not a statue, it is Dr. John Greenfield.

The Hilty Sisters, missionaries to China.

Rev. Clayton Steiner, our missionary to Peru, South America.

Dr. Paul S. Rees, the "Prince of Preachers".

Rev. Peter Deyneca, a Russian missionary.
DORMITORY LIFE

The penetrating, startling alarm of a bell (or is it a buzzer?) brings to the drowsy student the rather unwelcome message that it is time to begin a new day—a day of system, of regularity, of routine, but yet not a day of drab repetition; for always in B. I., we may expect the unusual to happen. Why, we may have the opportunity of hearing an outstanding doctor of divinity in chapel today, or Mr. Witmer may announce an excursion to Foster Park with a picnic and all that goes with it.

Because we feel the importance of beginning the day with God, we have a little period of quiet devotions, and a time of refreshing which gives us new strength and encouragement for all that is before us.

The bell which rings at six forty-five is far more acceptable to the students than is the rising bell, for it calls us to the dining room. This morning, Mr. Eicher tells us that we must hurry (he has the interest of the dishwashers at heart); we know that he means "talk less"; so we busy ourselves pouring coffee and dodging the unexpected jets of grapefruit juice. If we have reserved some of our conversation, we will be ready when we hear the tap of a bell and the query, "Will someone lead us in a chorus?"

Students wield the dust mops and brooms, make their beds, and quickly set things in order during the interval between breakfast and the first class. Some are also busy now doing their appointed hour's work, for the cleaning is all done by the students; and class rooms, offices, reception rooms, and halls must be dusted every day.

The classes, most of which convene during the morning hours from eight o'clock until twelve-fifteen, are not the source of painful, laborious cramming (unless we have neglected our work until the day of reckoning); but they are an incentive to diligent, devoted studying with the end, not merely intellectual attainment, but spiritual enlightenment as well. Mingled with our Bible classes are courses in English, notation, history, psychology, and other secular subjects which we "wade through" cheerfully, believing that in the dim, distant future we will discover that the writing of our weekly themes is helping us in our preparation of the Sunday morning message or that the translation of a Spanish verb is making it a bit easier to grasp the Basuto language.

Dinner at twelve-fifteen for a group of happy students with keen appetites, and a period of recreation follows. The activities of the afternoon hours vary with every student; for while some are industriously washing windows and others are poring over their church history books, some promising young musician may be wrestling with an arpeggio or a hymn variation, and "two" others may be taking a pleasant afternoon stroll.

We have the privilege of interceding for missions in our daily five o'clock prayer meetings and immediately following that we once more gather in the dining room for our evening meal and devotions. We believe that no other part of school life is made more of a blessing and an inducement to spiritual growth than is this period of testimony and prayer.

Excessively energetic students (reference particularly to the boys, of course) now attempt to settle down with all solemnity as they delve into the day's assignments. If it happens to be Tuesday or Thursday evening, some will be attending night class; or if instead it is Friday, we will meet in the chapel for our regular Mission Band service, where many times the Lord has blessed us with inspiring missionary and evangelistic messages.

And now, this day of mental exertion coupled with the skillful manipulation of a scrub brush; of shouts of merry laughter mingled perhaps with occasional tears of sorrow; this day of hurried activity and of quiet devotion ends as it began—with a bell.

D. H.
Here we are with our mops and brooms, Ready to scrub our dirty rooms.

These are the ones on the kitchen crew— They dirt the dishes and clean them too.

When there is mimeographing to be done, Adell will do it on the run.

In setting the tables they are quite deft— They clear them off and eat what’s left.

He may look like a burglar mean, But he’s merely getting the windows clean.

The bell hops are prompt to be Of cheerful service to you and me.

Studious librarians, these— Keep you from doing as you please.

We’re the ones who do the dishes, Don’t you think we look ambitious?

Her cheery voice and sunny smile Makes you get well in a little while.

They guarantee to remove all dirt, And half the buttons off your shirt.

When you hear the sound of the librarian’s gavel, It’s time to be quiet or else to travel.

This efficient fireman team Gives plenty of hot water and steam.
A PROBLEM

I had had a desire to attend a Bible school for three years before I enrolled at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. I had been happily employed by a life insurance company for a period of one year at the time this urge came upon me. Since the depression was mercilessly eating folk out of house and home, and since I was the only one employed in our family, I suppressed the idea of Bible school. My parents not being Christians, I concealed my desire from them, also. After two years, during which time I had systematically saved a portion of my bi-weekly pay check, I uncovered my cherished longing to my parents, but so great was their opposition that I never mentioned Bible school to them until the week before I registered.

The ensuing year offered me nothing except dissatisfaction and discontentment. I did not enjoy my work at the office any more; and my employer, having observed my condition, arranged an increase in salary. The stimulant, however, wore off all too soon, leaving me depressed in spirit more than ever. My kind employer again administered relief, whereby I was transferred to a better position with another raise in pay. I felt much better, as I had to conjure up all my mental faculties in learning my new work, and thus my mind was too occupied to sink into melancholy.

My last vacation was scheduled for the same week in September, 1937, that the Fort Wayne Bible Institute was to open. I went out of the city for my vacation, but the fact that school was beginning and I wanted to go got packed in my suitcase somehow or other; and when I got to my destination and unpacked, it fell out with my Bible. Having dismissed the thought from my mind during the week, it suddenly appeared at the close of the week when some of my friends from home, who were interested in my going to school, came to pray with me about the matter and to take me home. After praying for some time, I was assured that God would give me the necessary strength and courage which I needed in order to break the news to my parents and in order for me to become adjusted to school life.

To tell my parents and my employers my plans was the most difficult problem I have ever coped with. I had no conception of how the news would affect my parents. I thought that if they were still as opposed as they had been the preceding year, I might be out a happy home. It also hurt me to think that I would have to cross my parents’ will and to go against their wishes. Then, too, inasmuch as I had always given my parents considerable money for board, I wondered to what extent they might miss my income. All of these items, with a few more in addition, whirled madly round and round in my mind, and they kept perfect time with the wheels of the car as we journeyed home.

I arrived home from my vacation at eleven-thirty p.m. After arguing with myself, I finally decided I would make myself waken early in the morning and go through the ordeal with my parents before my father went to work, rather than awaken the family in the middle of the night. There was no danger of my sleeping late, for I was awake long before the birds. The time was passing swiftly, and soon my father would be off for work; but try as hard as I would, I could not muster up strength to get out of bed. It seemed as though I was clamped tightly down to the mattress. Breathing a prayer, I hopped out of bed and surprised the household with the news. I was surprised that they received the idea as calmly as they did. They thought I was touched in the head for giving up my good job during this recession. They simply could not understand why I should want to go to school again. They took it for
granted that I had it in my head to become a missionary to China, since they were under the impression that everyone who goes to a Bible school either turns out to be a preacher or a missionary.

Although the worst was over, I still had to go to work and face my employers. My section head, who was just recovering from the shock of losing one of his girls the week before, almost had a relapse when I told him that I would be with him for only one more week. I remember he said, "This is a fine howdy-you-do for Monday morning!" He was glad for me, though, that I had the opportunity of furthering my education; but when I told him I was going to Bible school, an expression of sympathy or pity came over him, just as if he felt sorry for me, as though I had gone too far. From there, I went to the department head. It was more difficult for me to go into his office, his glass cage, than to the first man. There he sat, making blue rings of smoke with his twenty-cent cigar. I managed to get out what I had to say, and as I left, he said, "Come back and see us, and maybe you can convert us all." My last interview was with the personnel director, a woman to whom I did not take a fancy and who seemed, to me, unreachable with a ten-foot pole. To my surprise, she put off her hard, business-like airs and talked confidentially with me, giving me words of encouragement, for which I was indeed grateful.

I could never have gone through that Monday as sweetly in disposition as I did if it had not been for the assurance I had had from God that He would see me through. His grace was plenteous and He was my strength. If I had known, then, how glorious it is to be in school, I believe I could have gone through circumstances twice as hard without flinching because of doubt or fear. V. C.

REFLECTIONS ON CLEANING HOUSE

Men are constantly faced by problems, huge problems. Efforts to solve some of these have proved futile time after time. When we speak in terms of mathematics, a problem once solved is always solved. This is not true with regard to house-cleaning.

During the past year at the Bible Institute, house-cleaning has become an ever increasing burden to me. Little did I realize that so much dust could occupy so small a room. Mr. Dust is a stubborn old fellow, and his foe, Mr. Dust Chaser, has to take the small end of things in nearly every battle.

If you are superstitious, you will no doubt believe that a cat has nine lives. The same thing holds true in the case of the many "pussies" that collect under one's bed. However, the lives of these bold kittens are not nine but nine times nine. They are playful little fellows, in fact, too playful. They seem to defy the dust mop and the broom by disappearing into space as the weapons open fire. Shortly after the battle, for cleaning is in reality just that, you can peek under your bed and find the same little "pussies" enjoying their snug and peaceful surroundings.

This is only a small phase of what I call house-cleaning. There is scrubbing and a host of other minor details to be taken care of. Yes, house-cleaning is a twenty-four hour job, or at least it should be.

This spring I gave my room a genuine cleaning. I learned that soap and water combined with human energy can transform a room entirely. You can well imagine that I enjoyed a good night's rest alone. There were no guests underneath the bed to disturb me. K. G.
COUPLETS — AND MORE COUPLETS

One and two and three and four—
Now do that measure ten times more.

Many a romance got its start
On Campus Day in this grocery cart.

After all these years, they have a home
That they can really call their own.

When do two peaches make a pear?
When it's 3:45 and the day is fair.

From the look on their faces they appear
quite studious,
But knowing the boys, you know that is
dubious.

Po tu la be da me ni po
Is one thing all his pupils know.

After dinner every day
All the kiddies go out to play.

The editor chief, petite and sweet
She is one that's hard to beat.

Always a welcome waits to greet
Those who attend across the street.

These girls with their joyous looks
Have learned some things not found in
books.

The School Board our rules provide,
But never leaves a gap too wide.

Who's that walking down the street?
Clarence Rutschman and his sweet.

Just a couple of buddies
Who have more in common than studies.

In the evening when our work is done,
We don our housecoats and have some fun.
FELLOWSHIP AT B. I.

The atmosphere around B. I. is so friendly and "homey", that the name "Bible Institute Family" is many times used in reference to the combined groups of students and faculty members. And, indeed that does express in part, at least, the wonderful Christian fellowship that prevails here at Bible School.

Just as we are all one in Christ, brothers and sisters with Him, so are we all pleasantly attached one to another. It is not the attachment of a lover for his spouse—and yet it may be in some cases—but it is that loving of one’s brother as one’s self, a genuine deep-rooted consideration of the other fellow. The secret of this blessed fellowship is prayer. There are several small groups of students who gather nightly for prayer. It is these prayer groups, I believe, that promote the wonderful fellowship here at B. I.

In order to impress further what has been said, follow me as we relive some of the experiences of the past school year. One of the things that impressed me most, as a new student, was the testimony meetings held in the dining room. Oh, some of the testimonies that have been given in that dining room! Answers to prayer, the joy and deep settled peace of the students! I must say that the students here at B. I. are a happy lot. As one speaker expressed it, "Absurdly happy!" Truly it would be wonderful to have a record of all the praise that has been offered to "Him Who alone is worthy". However, there are some testimonies that I shall never forget. I remember the time Bob Treat told of God’s faithfulness in sending in a new suit a few days before the seat dropped out of his old one. Then, I might tell you of the time that Miss Zeller was so moved through the many answers to prayer she was receiving that she shed a few tears and didn’t know why.

This isn’t all the fellowship we have here at B. I., for I haven’t even mentioned the adventures of "Three-forty-five". Many a page could be written on this alone. Ah, me!

And then I could go on and tell of the wonderful singing and piano playing that is going on constantly here at B. I., with emphasis on the constantly. By the way, we need a music hall. But, oh, this singing is inspiring at times, especially in the quiet of the evening while one is meditating over the Word, and while he hears come floating in the window from some other part of the building, the words of the song, "How Could I Help But Love Him, When He Loved Me So."

Yes, the fellowship is sweet here at B. I. This is a place in which it is impossible to be blue or lonesome long—there are too many individuals living for Him. Too many lives full of glory and joy unspeakable! There is only one way to appreciate this and that is to become one of us. M. D.
AN HISTORICAL RESUME

Bethany Bible Institute, the forerunner of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, was born in Bluffton, Ohio, on November 21, 1895. Led by Rev. B. P. Lugibihl, who became superintendent of the Institute, a small group of godly people saw the great need of more and better equipped laborers in the service of Christ; and unitedly, this group presented the need to God. As a result, Bethany Bible Institute was opened in a private dwelling house, the property of Rev. Lugibihl which was remodeled for use as a school. Spiritual character building, more so than fine scholarship, was insisted upon as the basis of the spiritual and Scriptural training of the young men and women students. Within a few years, the non-sectarian school received more applications than could be accepted. Urgent demands were made for a Bible School; the requests were given prayerful consideration; but for various reasons, no steps were taken toward the establishment of a larger school. The movement, however, originated in the heart of God and could not rest.

The founders of Bethany Bible Institute sought divine guidance for the steps which had to be taken to provide adequate quarters. Interest in a larger school continued to grow; and when the urgent need was prayerfully presented to God, He gave guidance step by step. Action was taken. The Missionary Church Association at this time gave its support to the new project. A site in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was purchased with the proceeds from the sale of the Bluffton property, and with subscriptions from patrons of the cause. God graciously showed His approval by removing all hindrances to a speedy erection of the new school.

The tract of land was secured at a much lower price than the price asked for the surrounding tracts. A portion of the site was subdivided into lots and sold for enough to pay the cost of the entire site, with a surplus of three thousand dollars. Other evidences of divine leadership became apparent. A godly contractor for the building was sought and found. He led to the construction of the building in the short period of four months, and at the low price of twenty-five dollars. Materials were supplied without delay. The weather was all that could be desired for the uninterrupted hastening of the erection of the building. Excavation was begun in September, 1904, and the building completed in January, 1905. The building, a two-story brick structure, was 145 feet long, 37 feet wide, with a rear wing of 45 feet by 35 feet, and a basement 145 feet long and 85 feet deep at the center. Truly, God recognized the pressing need for a larger school.

The location proved to be admirable for the purpose, "Situated on an elevation in the southwest part of Fort Wayne, having the flourishing city on the one side and a beautiful landscape on the other," the school was in ideal surroundings conducive to study, communion with God, and outdoor exercise. Nor have the years altered this fact. The street car tracks, at first coming within two squares of the school, are now extended several squares beyond; but the cars give no distraction to the school which lies back from the street. A clean, wholesome atmosphere, free from the smoke of locomotives and factories, prevails at all times. Now a beautiful residential section has been built around the school. The steady growth of membership led, in 1929, to the construction of Bethany Hall, a separate dormitory for the women. Recently, a private residence was secured for the married couples now in the school. This arrangement leaves the men in sole possession of the original building. Since the first term began in the new school in January, 1905, with eighty students, God has led more and more young people to its halls. This fact is again set forth in the Lord's provisions for a separate music building, which will be erected on the campus grounds in the near future.

Rev. D. Y. Schultz became the first superintendent of the Bible Training School in Fort Wayne. He continued his successful direction for seven years, after which he resigned in order that he might accept the professorship in a Bible School at Toccoa, Georgia, to which he felt led by the Lord. He was succeeded by Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, who continues to be president to this day. The first staff of regular teachers included Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Ramseyer, Rev. D. W. Kerr, Rev. William Egle, Rev. C. W. Oyer, Rev. S. A. Witmer, Mrs. P. L. Eicher, and Rev. D. Y. Schultz.

C. M.
PROPOSED MUSIC HALL

The Institute is laying plans for the construction of a new building for the School of Music in order to meet the growing demands of this department. A few courses in music to supplement Bible study have steadily expanded to a major department. The School of Music continues to integrate its work with the School of Bible and to specialize in sacred music but the new building will enhance the efficiency of this department and give it the distinctiveness that it deserves.

At present, eighty-five private lessons are given each week, with daily practice periods ranging from a half-hour to an hour for each lesson. Six to eight Gospel teams have stated hours for practice. There are also the demands of choral groups and music classes. It is quite evident, therefore, that a pressing need exists for added facilities.

The Music Hall will enable the School of Music to conduct its own work entirely separate from the living quarters and the main buildings. This will not only give relief from disturbance, but will release rooms for other useful purposes. More effective work can also be done in the School of Music. A separate building will give the department the distinctiveness that it deserves.

The entire building will be constructed of fire-safe materials. Interior partitions and doors will be of special sound-retarding construction, and ceilings and floors will be furnished with sound-absorbent materials.

The question on the lips of everyone is, “When will building begin?” The Administration regretfully answers that it is impossible to give a definite date. Building will not begin until the money is available. Gifts are now being received from patrons and friends.

The sponsors of this year-book, the Seniors, unfortunately will not have the privilege of using this splendid building, but they unitedly wish the project success and anticipate for their successors in years to come a bigger and better school.
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Sept. 8—The beginning of another year. Registration day for all new students.
Sept. 9—Registration day for the Middlers and Seniors. Glad to see everyone back, but we miss those who are not here. Opening service in the Chapel, at 7:30 p. m., with Rev. Ditmer speaker.
Sept. 10—First day of school. Rev. Ditmer speaker. Elton Roth, former student and song-writer, favored us with some music. First Mission Band service of the year was held at First Missionary Church with Kenneth Geiger, president, presiding. Rev. Ditmer was the speaker.
Sept. 13—Dr. John Greenfield, Moravian Evangelist, gave a chapel message on Isaiah 6.
Sept. 17—Mission Band in Chapel. Student’s night. Speakers were Dorothy Ball, David Rupp, Robert Treat, and Kenneth Geiger.
Sept. 22—“Prudy” Gerber and a committee of three mapped out routes for the Girls’ Hiking Club. “We don’t want any lighthouse plants around here!”
Sept. 24—First outing at Foster Park. Many played tennis, others horseshoe, and some tried crossing the river on the rocks. Elsie Rupp, missionary to South America, was Mission Band speaker.
Sept. 25—Wayne Steiner was rushed to the hospital for an appendectomy.
Sept. 26—Street meeting in connection with Salvation Army.
Oct. 1—Prof. C. A. Gerber gave a wonderful chapel message on John 15:1-17. Miss Erma Schneek, Missionary to Ethiopia, presented the need of that country to the students.
Oct. 4—Daddy Ramseyer and Miss Elizabeth Hilty led us in our half-day of prayer.
Oct. 6—Miss Zeller gave a comparison of the heavenly thief and the earthy thief in her chapel message. A group of girls went on a five-mile hike.
Oct. 8—Mrs. Smith spoke in Chapel. Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Steiner, the missionaries whom the students support, were here for the Mission Band service. A banquet was held in their honor. We are proud of the pretty gift they presented to us.
Oct. 12—Dr. J. L. Brasher gave a practical talk in Chapel.
Oct. 15—Mission Band merged with revival services at First Missionary Church. Mixed ensemble sang.
Oct. 16—Girls went on a five-mile hike and ended with a hamburger fry at Foster Park. Not all went but many more wished they had.
Oct. 18—Mrs. J. E. Ramseyer gave us a lesson in Chapel with a felt-o-graph.
Oct. 20—Rev. Paul Updike brought the Knipper’s trio over for a chapel service.
Oct. 22—Mission Band service across the street. Rev. Brasher spoke. Victories were won.
Oct. 29—Rev. and Mrs. John Olsen, enroute to French Indo-China, gave an interesting message about the work in Indo-China and they showed slides of the work.
Oct. 30—Mrs. Olsen, dressed in native Annamese costume, spoke to the girls at the Fireside Meeting.
Nov. 1—Miss Gaskill took as her theme for a chapel message, Moses and the Burning Bush.
Nov. 2—God met us during our half-day of prayer led by Daddy Ramseyer.
Nov. 5—The Rev. Henderson of the First Nazarene Church gave a message in chapel on “Going Well”. Shall we ever forget the hold rooster and the brave preacher?
Nov. 5—The Rev. Tozer of Chicago was the guest speaker for the Mission Band service. The first chapter of Ezekiel was the basis for the message.
Nov. 6—Buffet supper for the dormitory students.
Nov. 8—First senior chapel message given by George Agin. His theme was “Advice to Sluggards.”
Nov. 9—The first Doctrine exam of the year. The Melody Three trio of Nyack had charge of the chapel service.
Nov. 10—Campus Day—Did we ever see so many leaves or work so hard? Some of us shall never forget rules in the wheelbarrow, “Uncle Pete’s” cart, and bushel baskets. We enjoyed devotions around the bonfire.
Nov. 12—Miss Spellman and her party from the Missionary Workers in Detroit were here for a Mission Band service.
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Nov. 18—First snow of the season. Get your mittens and let’s have a fight!

Nov. 19—The Rev. Norman Hirschy of Evans City, Pennsylvania, gave a chapel message. The Rev. C. L. Fischer showed to the students slides of missionary work in Borneo.

Nov. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ramseyer gave a very inspiring chapel service. The beautiful harp music and the message in song and word made us homesick for heaven.

Nov. 23—Mrs. R. O. Stull of South America gave a chapel message on “Triumph.”

Nov. 24—The Rev. W. H. Oldfield of the Alliance South China field was the speaker in chapel. The rest of the morning was spent in prayer, better fitting us for the first vacation of the year.

Nov. 25—Thanksgiving day and the family is scattered. The students remaining at school had turkey and all the trimmings. Um! Um!

Nov. 29—Studies have called us all back from a good vacation. The Rev. Oldfield gave us his story about being kidnapped by Chinese bandits.

Dec. 1—Miss Nellie Thum, a graduate of the Institute, now enroute to China, spoke in Chapel.

Dec. 2—the Giddas-Moser Evangelistic party were with us for the Chapel service. We enjoyed the message from Isaiah 12.

Dec. 3—The Rev. Peter Deyneka, native Russian and now a missionary to that land, spoke in Mission Band service. He tried to teach us a Russian chorus—remember it?

Dec. 10—Miss Minnie Hilferty was the Mission Band speaker. Kenneth Gieger gave his chapel message today. Pandora seems to be a place where good speakers come from.

Dec. 15—Mrs. E. E. Shellhammer addressed us in chapel this morning.

Dec. 17—Dr. E. E. Shellhammer speaker in Chapel. Why is it so few people who are converted are a success in the Christian life? Belgan Congo was the field represented tonight by the Rev. H. H. Moser.

Dec. 20—Mrs. E. E. Shellhammer spoke to the girls in class room No. 1 and Rev. Shellhammer to the boys in the Chapel. Only two days until vacation. The spirit of anticipation is high.

Dec. 21—Dr. E. E. Shellhammer led our half day of prayer.

Dec. 22—Will noon ever come? At last! Good-bye—see you next year, and so we are off on our way.

Jan. 3—1938. Most of the students back on the job again. God gave us a good vacation and souls were saved during the time we were gone.

Jan. 6—Miss Zeller called a meeting for the dormitory girls. Senior Class met for organization and election of officers.

Jan. 7—Mrs. Tamar Wright Sterling of India gave us a resume of the fruitful life of Miss Carrie Peter, a diligent worker for the Lord who is now in Glory.

Jan. 12—Senior class elected Light Tower staff. Sarah McDowell is editor.

Jan. 14—Cram! Cram some more, for the semester exams are upon us. Mrs. G. J. Stoddard of French West Africa was the Mission Band speaker.

Jan. 20—Exams are all over now and we can all breathe easier. It is now time to clean house. God graciously met us during our day of prayer.

Jan. 21—Registration day for second semester. Some have left our halls and others have come to us. Welcome here! Mrs. R. O. Stull inspired all of us to be our best for the Master. She very strikingly set forth the need of Peru, South America, in the Mission Band service.

Jan. 24—First day of new semester. Many students vowed to study harder.

Jan. 26—The Rev. C. B. Cox, evangelist at East Side Nazarene Church, spoke in chapel.

Jan. 28—The Rev. E. F. Clauer was our speaker this morning.

Jan. 31—we were set back to our childhood days, when Helen Lucks gave her very interesting chapel message.

Feb. 1—Henry Ramseyer, of the Northern Bible Society, spoke to us of the need in the distant places of our own country.

Feb. 2—The Rev. James Gibson of Wilmore, Kentucky, chapel speaker.

Feb. 8—Dr. E. J. Bulgin of Long Beach, California, was in charge of the chapel period this morning. He looks like Abe Lincoln, don't you think?

Feb. 9—The Rev. Jared Gerig of Cleveland gave an exhortation on, “Keep Thy Heart.”

Feb. 11—Mr. Fiddler of India showed some slides depicting the life of Missionaries working in the Lepersitories. His plea is for Christian doctors and nurses.

Feb. 12—A group of students went to Bluffton Missionary Church at Bluffton, Ohio, for several services.

Feb. 16—Students on a hike to the Swinney Historical Museum.

Feb. 18—Dr. E. Ralph Hooper, of the Soudan Interior Mission, laboring in Ethiopia, gave an interesting account of his experiences during the Italian Invasion.
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Feb. 20—Fort Wayne and surrounding territory covered with a sheet of ice and then snow. The teams who went out doubled if they would get home in one piece, but the Lord protected them as we knew He would.

Feb. 21—The Senior Class presented the Light Tower staff. We will be proud of our "colossal publication" in years to come.

Feb. 23—Our day of prayer was led by Col. Jenkins. God gave us a breaking-up time. We are expecting God to do great things for us in the next few days. Dr. Paul S. Rees opened meetings at the First Missionary Church.

Feb. 24—Dr. Paul Rees, rightly called the 'Prince of Preachers', gave us a message about the Good Samaritan during our extended Chapel period.

Feb. 25—Shall we ever forget the message on "Salt" given in Chapel? Mission Band merged with revival meeting.

Mar. 1—The month came in like a lamb. Had a gracious time in chapel this morning. Dr. Rees is winning our hearts more every day.

Mar. 4—Mission Band again at Missionary Church. The Special Chorus sang and Dr. Rees was the speaker.

Mar. 8—The Rev. V. C. Kelford of Boone, Iowa, spoke in Chapel.

Mar. 9—The Rev. J. A. Ringenberg gave us an exhortation in chapel this morning.

Mar. 15—We are glad to welcome the Ramsayers again. Daddy Ramseyer gave his first chapel message since their return from the southland.

Mar. 18—Miss Dorothy Bolt, of the Missionary Workers Junior Bible School of Detroit, told of the work and the need among the children of Detroit. The Rev. H. E. Nelson of Beulah Beach, Ohio, was our Mission Band speaker. "What does thou here, Elijah?"

Mar. 19—Girls had a very interesting Fireside meeting. The girls represented different foreign Mission fields.

Mar. 20—Negro Junior gave a vesper service at Missionary Church.

Mar. 21—Rev. C. B. Feugate, of Kentucky, gave a very interesting message on John 16:8.

Mar. 23—The Rev. Paul Ford, Missionary to Jamaica, gave such an interesting and inspiring account of the work there that our hearts are encouraged to trust God more.

Mar. 24—at noon today nearly everyone swallowed their food whole. Why? Spring vacation began. Again the family is scattered.

Mar. 29—Daddy Ramseyer gave us the three-fold encouragement of Joshua 1. We are glad to be back at our studies again.

Apr. 1—The Rev. Clarence Jones of H. C. J. B. Quito, Equador, was our Mission Band speaker. We saw anew the need of missionaries in South America. The Brass Band played. We were all thrilled when Rev. Jones played his trombone. The Spanish students have decided to study harder.

Apr. 2—Many of the students are cleaning house and the halls look like a second-hand store, but that all comes with spring. It snowed some today.

Apr. 4—Mr. Gerber led the student body in learning the school song. A praise service filled the rest of the chapel time.

Apr. 6—Winter here instead of spring. We had a big snow storm. Mrs. Rees gave a unique Chapel message.

Apr. 13—Campus day. The weather is so beautiful nearly everyone is infected with spring fever.

Apr. 15-24—Men's Chorus on tour.

Apr. 17—Easter Sunday. There is no scheduled vacation, but most of the students are at home.

Apr. 18—Wheaton College Women's Glue Club at Missionary Church for a concert.

Apr. 20—What can all the excitement be? Oh, I guess it is just Clarence Rutschman taking a pretty little red-riding hood out for a walk.

Apr. 25-27—Special Chapel services with the Rev. Edison Habbe. eger.

Apr. 28-29—Mr. Norman P. Grubb, associated with the Heart of Africa Mission, with us for special lectures.

May 21—Student recital at Mr. Gerber's house.

May 22—Baccalaureate service at First Missionary Church, Rev. S. A. Wimmer speaker.

May 23—Student recital at First Missionary Church.

May 24—Senior night.

May 25—Fellowship circle banquet at South Side High School. Annual concert of the choirs.

May 26—Graduation at First Missionary Church—Dr. L. R. Marston, speaker.
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