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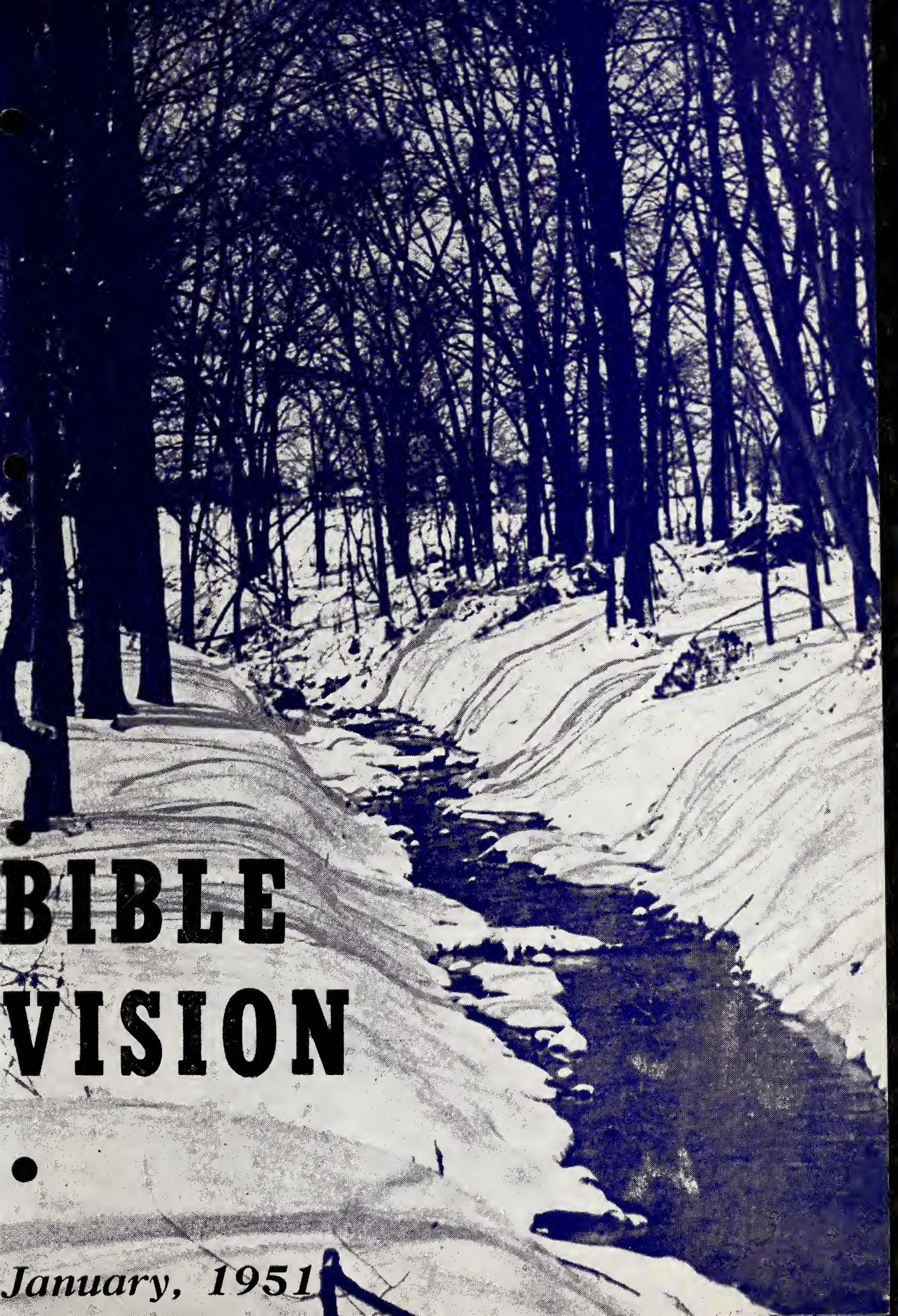


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**BIBLE
VISION**

January, 1951

Missionary's Farewell

From the German of Hauff, translated by Frieda Martini Buchen

Though on the native shore my feet still linger,
The shore my feet might never see again,
And though my ship is lying still at anchor,
The chains that bound me now are rent in twain.
'Twas hard to rend sweet friendship's ties that held me,
To leave the mother's heart, the father's home,
To bid farewell to cherished haunts of childhood,
And journey to a foreign land alone.

"Stay with us, stay!" a hundred lips are pleading,
"Enjoy your native country's liberty,
The mighty deep is threatening with its billows,
And heathen fury rages threat'ningly!"
I g'adly would remain with you, my loved ones,
But Christ Himself is calling me to go,
Who left His Father's home in heaven's glory
To liberate our souls from guilt and woe.

One parting look! One handclasp! Love's last greeting!
The sail, unfurled, is calling me to sea!
Now fare-you-well! May heaven guard and keep you!
Now fare-you-well! The Lord is sending me!

From



the President

Herbert Hoover recently addressed the nation and, elder statesman that he is, surveyed the present situation from several angles: the military, the diplomatic, and the economic. Then he charted the path that he thinks the nation should take from here. It was pointed out that from each point of view our nation faces disaster unless corrective steps are taken.

There is one more angle to consider in the total picture, and that is the moral condition and the spiritual attitude of America in this hour of crisis. Without attempting to lessen the military and economic perils, yet first place should be given to the moral crisis because all other crises stem from that.

"Righteousness and justice are the habitation" of God's throne. God is essentially holy and just, and He always exercises His will and power in the operation of His economy in keeping with his moral nature. So it is with a worthy social order. When God established Israel as a nation, the first layer of the foundation was the moral law as given in the Ten Commandments. The civil laws which followed were conditioned on them. Likewise in the founding of the new kingdom of God, the moral foundation of the kingdom is set forth first in the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew, who sets

forth the principles of the "kingdom of heaven" in his Gospel, significantly places the Sermon on the Mount first in the discourses of Jesus.

America, too, was founded on the moral principles of Christianity, but that foundation has been undermined by materialism, religious apostacy, secularism, and alien ideologies. It is because the President and many of the men at the helm of state have lost their moral bearings, that they are in a fog of indecision and diplomatic muddling. Political expediency determines the course of action rather than convictions of righteousness. The tragedy of our times—possibly it is a reflection of our times and an index to the depths of national corruption—is that a small Pendergast politician is the head of the state. The President exhibited his stature when he reacted to a courteous plea for a national day of prayer with characteristic "political distemper."

But regardless of the President's attitude, penitential prayer is the first way out of our difficulties. "Amend your ways and your doings . . . Then will I cause you to dwell in this place," was the word of God to Israel in her day of mortal peril. It is the word of God to America. It is as true of nations as of individuals: "Unless ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Past, Present, and Future

"Peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come."

Rev. 1:4.

PAST

Our house stands on a firm foundation: the sure COVENANT of GOD. Though the earth be removed, that COVENANT stands firm. May that certainty uphold us. And, as flowers yield to the sun's power and never struggle away, let us open our hearts for Him to work in us. Then will we become His sanctuaries, absorbed in thoughts of Him. "Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us" (I Sam. 7:12). His word has never failed.

PRESENT

God remains both old and new: new in revelations of His love; old in tender faithfulness. Let us commit into His hand this "night of a million tornadoes," as someone called the year of 1951. With His Spirit to gird and His wisdom to guide, let us buoyantly face the new cycle of days, knowing that "evil is powerless to corrupt infinite goodness." This should teach us elasticity of thinking, courage of daring, and clear-sighted optimism. We have something to be optimistic about: the fact of GOD. "God is a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

FUTURE

The shining thought that our redemption is drawing nigh should blind us to the frightening clouds in the international sky. No matter how dark the blackout, to us Christians it becomes bright with the rainbow

promise of His presence: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). Why are our hearts heavy? Because the eyes of our soul are out of focus, and there is a close connection between the heart and the eyes. We magnify our troubles and minimize His greatness. Our Father will teach us how to see things in their right perspective.

He, who has borne us as on eagle's wings and then spread those wings above us, will bear us on. He always keeps His word. When all props fail that we hitherto deemed indispensable, when men break down and their thoughts whirl in a hysteria of worry, we can boldly say, on our sure and firm foundation, "Hitherto hath God helped us; God helps still, God will help!"

CONCLUSION

In the Cathedral of Eternity bells are chiming, calling us up to higher and ever higher degrees of trust in Him who will not fail, even in the year that looms before us, dark and foreboding. No blackout can dim the light of God's stars; are they not the symbol of His guiding care? If that light shines in our hearts, the candles of worldly fear will go out, and, as the sun-clock steadily turns to the sun, our hearts steadily turn to God, for He knows them that are His.

—*Frieda Martini Buchen*

Why Should the Work Cease?

by Laurence M. Farr

When Nehemiah started to make Jerusalem a respectable city again, he had much opposition from the outside, as well as the lethargy and unwillingness of his own people to overcome. The hugeness of the task of clearing away the rubbish, building a wall for protection, and laying out such a plan as would restore to the city a fraction of its former beauty, was one which would have baffled him had it not been for the staunchness of his noble character and the firmness of his simple trust in the God of heaven.

Some of the manifestations which the opposition took in the fifth century B. C. might not be very effective today. A program of ridicule, open attack, false rumors, hatched-up situations to occasion the charge of cowardly or reprehensible conduct, political intrigue, are all devices which might or might not be expected today, and which are often effective. But one of the tricks in the bag has such a modern freshness that one might well expect to find it dated *twentieth century* or marked *made in America*. It is the altruistic, euphonious plea to lay aside prejudice and join in the united program against a common enemy, to show the spirit of cooperation.

This method of frustrating the work of God is, as was the case in the time of Nehemiah, not the first one to be used. The adversary tries to interfere with the prosecution of a program of spiritual upbuilding in one of the other ways. But when the

"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease while I come down to you?"

jealous Samaritans and Arabians saw that the wall was actually rising and parts of the city presenting a neat appearance, and realized that the man who had come to seek the welfare of Jerusalem was a determined character, they trumped up the appeal to toleration and open-mindedness to which their colleagues of today often resort. Let Nehemiah hold up operations long enough to join in a *conference*.

But Nehemiah did not give any consideration to the proposal. He was well aware, as it seems those who preach the gospel of Christ today often are not, that nothing comes of such conferences but loss and disgrace. When one who proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation joins in with those who defy it, ignore it, or substitute something else for it, he is patted on the back for his fine spirit and wide interests; but his very presence in the group belies his message. Nehemiah would have presented a sorry picture sitting down at a table with Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem; he would have been highly uncomfortable, and his friends and followers would have been deeply chagrined. But that was not his main purpose for refusing the invitation. Nehemiah could clearly see that all the time spent in planning the conference, getting ready for it,

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Christian Action

Radio message given in Sunrise Chapel (WKJG) by S. A. Witmer.

A lot of people have theories and sentiments about Christianity.

In a rather general way, without being very specific, a good many people would say, "Yes, I believe in God. I believe in Christ." Some have more definite beliefs, but that is about as far as it goes. The great lack of ACTION. Our failure in easy-going, privilege-drunk America, where we take religious freedom and the open Bible for granted, is that we hold our beliefs about Christ all too casually. We fail to put our beliefs into action. As a result a lot of people for all practical purposes live as if there were no God.

And let us be reminded that religious theories like all other theories are useless unless they lead to results. I once read an incident in the life of William Graham Sumner, noted Yale educator, who was asked to speak before a convention of school teachers who had met to discuss methods of teaching. First he declined the invitation, then accepted, but gave this very short address: "I knew a fellow in my college class who got all worked up over the best way to study. He had lots of theories. He tried it lying on his back, flat on his stomach, sitting down, standing up, standing on one leg, and so on. When the examination

came, he flunked. He hadn't studied at all."

We can read devotional books about prayer, and yet not pray. We can read bibliographies of the saints and not be spiritual. We can read about missions; we can listen to missionaries tell about the need of distant lands, and yet do very little about it. We can listen to stirring addresses on social justice, and yet be quite indifferent to our neighbor's need. It isn't what we know that counts. It isn't the number of pet religious theories that we hold; it isn't the ethical ideals that we admire; it is the light that is put into practice that really counts.

Jesus Himself said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

And then Jesus gave a memorable lesson-picture, so impressive that most people remember the story but forget the point. The man that built his house on a rock that withstood the floods and the winds represents a man whose wisdom consists in action: "Therefore," said Jesus, "who-soever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man who built his house on a rock."

What are you doing about your beliefs? Remember the last beatitude in the Bible is a blessing on the doer: "Blessed are they which do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life."

Victory in Defeat

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection."

—Phil. 3:10.

I was born in 1927 and born again in 1946. Lured by worldly pleasure, I started my downward career at sixteen. In the Navy, remote from home influence, I was enticed by lustful pleasure. At my discharge, I had become a hardened drunkard and gambler, who spent a large share of his pay for worldly satisfaction. I used to read the verses our minister placed on our out-door church bulletin and say,

"That's not for me!"

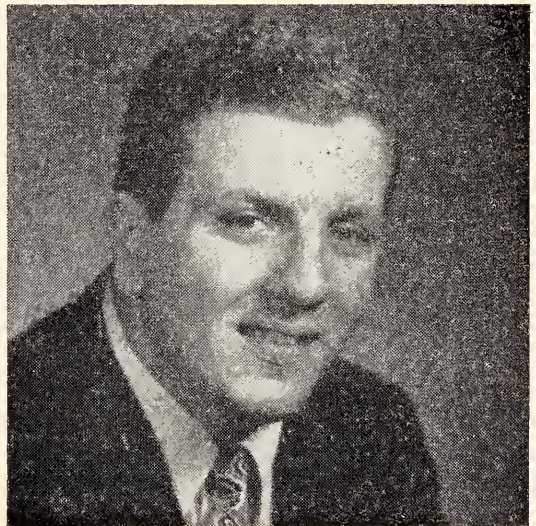
I was bound for hell and knew it. But one day my bosom pal in sin, Merlin Habegger, found the Lord. His father was pastor of a small Nazarene church in the country. I ridiculed him, claiming that his interest in religion would never last. We betted and decided that if his faith lasted four weeks, I'd go to church with him for four weeks, but if I won, he was to go with me for four weeks. The Lord knew all about this, and Merlin persisted. So, I had a steady diet of revival meetings. After three weeks I yielded, and, at the foot of the cross, found my Saviour.

Being enchained by the smoking habit, I had trouble praying through to peace. Then our minister told me to throw my cigarette in the stove of our church vestibule. Before returning to the altar, I won the victory, and cigarettes lost their attraction. The Lord delivered me from this damning habit, and now the very odor of tobacco nauseates me.

At first I was afraid of telling others of my conversion until this verse became luminous, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth." Romans 1:16. Since then I never feared to testify. Since winning my first convert, I have brought many souls to Him.

When God first called me to school, I resisted, struggled with Him, and lost out spiritually. One night I went out with my old worldly friends again, but their pleasures seemed empty, I found no satisfaction in them. That night I could not sleep. At one o'clock I asked the Lord to receive me again, a penitent. I promised Him my life and have never regretted it. Two months later I entered our Bible College.

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featuring our alumni . . .

Clarence Farmer Teaches

There are many kinds of important Christian work besides that of the pastor or the missionary which are being carried on by Bible College alumni. The proportion of all alumni in full time Christian work is not known, but in one five-year period during the last decade eighty percent of the graduates (including pastors' wives) were so engaged. But the investigation also showed that nearly all of the

remainder were active in the church or Christian work.

The New Testament speaks of many other offices in the church which are divine appointments. At 12:28, God appoints prophets, but teachers, helpers and administrators.

One of our busy



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FIRST EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

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of 1937, is Mr. Clarence Farmer of Anderson, Indiana. He is devoted to his job and especially to his growing family, but his "first love" is the work of the Lord. Besides serving as class leader of a growing church, he is teaching the large Sunday school class shown on this page. It is known as the Scattergood Class of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church. That God's blessing has been on this teaching ministry is indicated from the fact that in twenty years the class has grown from 7 to 167 members. Mr. Farmer has taught the class since 1946, and it is now very much crowded for quarters. Plans are under way to have a class room to accommodate 210 in the new Sunday school addition of the church. The class is helping to provide its own quarters by a generous gift toward the new building.



The average attendance of this class is over one hundred. 134 were present when the picture was taken. Present officers are James Wilmoth, President; Wert Bolen, Vice-president; C. C. Hathway, Treasurer; Martha Breece, Secretary; and Pauline Chapman, Assistant Secretary.

Insights from General Science

When I was in the eighth grade, I had a year of General Science in place of the Geography class of the other upper three grades of common school. To me science was a "boring class," one full of hard words and disinteresting subject matter. I've often commented since that I did not like science, for in it one studied anything from a pump to the moon. But this year I again find myself in General Science class in Fort Wayne Bible College, and strangely enough, I like it.

The heavens have often impressed me with their vastness and grandeur. How can anyone view them on a beautifully starlit night without thinking of God? To me, the visible stars have seemed innumerable, far away, and even a bit mysterious. But our study of astronomy in science this year has given me a greater thrill, a greater sense of awe, than any former view of the heavens ever did. To realize that the stars I have seen are only a minute fraction of those which exist and that each one of them is really a sun in itself, often larger than our own sun; that our galaxy with its millions of stars, some of them millions of miles in distance from the earth, is only one among countless huge galaxies; that all of this vast universe is moving along at tremendous speed and in amazingly perfect order, simply "overwhelms" me. Such a magnificent concept of the heavens has made my concept of God immeasurably greater than ever before. A God who could plan, create, and sustain such a universe is great indeed!

Once while reading in our science textbook of the magnitude of the universe, I was suddenly struck with the thought that it was really quite absurd to believe so great a God as this would be interested in me, a mere speck in comparison. It just was not reasonable! Then I remembered that the greatness and wonders of all this inanimate universe is as nothing in value when compared to the intrinsic worth of one human soul. That so great a God should love me personally thrills me all the more since I have gained a fuller realization of the greatness of His universe. The study of science this year has given to me a new concept of God, a new concept not only of His tremendous power, but also of the amazing condensation of His love.

The God who made the countless stars
And flung them into space,
Who ordered each one in its course
Across the heavens to pace;
That God who made and ordered
this,
The heavenly wonders all,
Is yet the God who still loves me
So infinitesimally small!

—Virginia Miller

We Cannot

We cannot bring about prosperity
by discouraging thrift.
We cannot strengthen the weak
by weakening the strong.
We cannot build character and
courage by taking away man's
initiative and independence.

Bible College

News

Day of Prayer

The December Day of Prayer was honored and blessed by God with Rev. Olan Golden, city pastor and graduate of our school, as the main speaker. After speaking on "Effective Service in the Will of God," many students found complete victory in surrendering to the complete will of God.

New Prayer Fellowship

A newly organized prayer band composed of the Sunrise Chapel personnel has been formed. The "Radio Prayer Fellowship" meets twice weekly for prayer.

Christmas Banquet

A lovely Christmas banquet was enjoyed by students, faculty, and staff members on December 20 at 6:30 p. m. in the College dining hall. Richard Gerig and Charles Rose planned the program and decorations. Included on the program were carols, narration entitled "Reminiscences of the First Christmas" assisted by a mixed quartet, and a meditation by Dr. Witmer.

Guest Chapel Speakers

On Dec. 1, Rev. John Ferguson, printer of Gospel literature, spoke concerning the world-wide need and hunger for the Gospel in print.

In a Student Council chapel service on December 7, Marion Noel talked practically about hindrances to and requirements for effective praying.

Bishop C. F. Derstine, noted Bible expositor from Kitchener, Ontario, addressed the students December 8, 12, 13, and 14. In a challenging message on "Divinely Directed Days," the Bishop showed the sufficiency, brevity, and urgency of time.

On December 13, he taught practically from John 10:9 concerning a victorious "Life of Fellowship" for every Christian.

A very timely lecture was given on "Good Health," emphasizing the body as God's property for His own glory and guides for clean thinking and living.

Rev. Olin Krehbiel, pastor of the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Indiana, presented a Christmas devotional on December 15.

On December 19, Clark Card ('50) and Marjorie Johnson ('50), workers from Kingswood School and Children's Home at Tate Spring, Tennessee, had charge of chapel. Mr. Card supervises the school while Miss Johnson teaches and acts as librarian. With them were five girls from the school, who sang and gave testimonies.

Student Mission Band

On December 8, Reuben E. Larson, Vice-President of radio station H C J B in Quito, Equador, spoke briefly concerning the work and showed two informative films.

A Christmas musical program, featuring both vocal and instrumental groups, was presented at the December 15 Mission Band. Testimonies were given by several students who are missionary candidates.

Fellowship Circle

Edison Habegger ('32) has been elected president of the Board of Pacific Bible College in Azusa, California, for the coming year.

Tillman Habegger ('29), who was chairman of the Arizona for Christ Crusade, reports much success. Crowds often averaged from 3500 to 4000 which was the largest ever known in that state for evangelistic services. Over 1200 decisions were recorded by the personal work committee.

Rev. Paul Steiner ('32) gave up his work as a pastor because of ill health.

Barney Snowden ('43-'44, '45-'47) has moved from Chardon, Ohio, to a Christian and Missionary Alliance charge in Weirton, W. Va.

Don Yeager ('50) has been appointed to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Luna Pier, Michigan.

Robert Weber ('47) who is pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Kokomo, Indiana, has recently been ordained.

Rev. Charles R. Imler ('41) accepted the call to pastor the Woodland Community Church in Wichita, Kansas, effective January 1. This church has been without a pastor since September 1. He will continue as part time District Superintendent

of the Mid-Western District of the Missionary Church Association.

Rev. and Mrs. (nee Metta Hirschy '16) Lee B. Sharp ('16) write, "We are happy in the Lord's work here at Somerset, Indiana. We moved here June 8th, 1950, from Maxwell, Indiana. We serve two Methodist churches, the other one is at Peoria, Indiana, eight miles west of here."

Clare Tosch ('45-'48) has a new pastorate at Jackson, Michigan.

Gerrit Den Hartog ('48) is pastoring an undenominational church at Ontario, Iowa, since the second week of September.

Mr. and Mrs. (nee Marjorie Cook '47-'49) Kenneth Webber ('48-'49) are doing missionary work in Kentucky under the Beefhide Gospel Mission.

Mrs. ('45-'48) and Mrs. (nee Eileen Bossard '46) Harold Crall are enjoying their labors for the Lord as Harold pastors the Colfax Church near Elkton, Michigan.

Bruce Harris ('50) who is pastoring a church in Cardington, Ohio, writes that the opportunities are very good there. They are richly blessed in the service of the Lord in their field of labor.

Donna Merrill ('49) is now in Practical Nurses' Training in the Zoar Nurses' Home at Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. (nee Virginia Thomas '48) Carl Burley welcomed into their home John Maynard on December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. (nee Clara Wycoff '45-'49) Eugene Niblack ('47) became the parents of a baby girl which

they have named Bonnie Louise on December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. (nee *Eudene King* '44) Levi Keidel announce the birth of Paul Rene on November 21.

WITH HIM

On November 14 Naomi Ruth came to be with Mr. and Mrs. *Charles Glenn* ('42) for two and a half days. Then the Lord took her back to Himself. "The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord" is their testimony in their sorrow. While they are home from their field of labor in South America they are living at 1923 Dixie Drive, Lubback, Texas.

SERVING ABROAD

Kathleen Inniger ('47) is booked to sail to Japan from San Francisco, December 24. She will appreciate your prayers as she goes to this new field to serve her Lord.

Pauline Musselman ('48) is to sail to Ecuador on December 26. May she feel the presence and power of her Lord as she serves Him there.

Pauline Schmidt ('48) sailed for Granan, Germany, on December 14. She will be working in the Hospital for Refugees and Displaced Persons under the Mennonite Central Committee.

Elizabeth Wise ('33), South America, is recuperating very nicely from her major operation the latter part of November. *Mary Keinrath* ('40) is staying with her. They hope to return to their station about Christmas time.

Velma Goff ('45), who came home to have medical attention, writes, "As far as blessings from the Lord

are concerned, I have received more than my share, and then some. As I look forward to returning to the field the first part of December, it is with a heart filled with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the way He has worked. I also feel deeply grateful to the many Christian friends who have helped to make my return possible. Your continued prayers for His work in the Dominican Republic will be greatly appreciated."

Rev. and Mrs. (nee *Ila Crow* '45) *T. Wayne Judd* ('42) write, "Greetings from our new home on the Dominican frontier. We are grateful to our Lord for giving us a safe journey, and for sparing us unnecessary delays and hardships along the way. When we arrived, we found fifty miles of frontier territory to be the responsibility of one missionary couple, Mr. ('42) and Mrs. ('39-'42) *Robert Elliott*, and a single missionary lady, Miss Theda Davis. We are happy to be able to help share the heavy burden that has been upon their shoulders. The harvest truly is great and the laborers few. *We urge all of you at home to pray much and earnestly* for the cause of Christ here on the frontier."

THE MESSIAH

Those were blessed who heard the rendition of Handel's "Messiah" this year December 10. Former students who came back to sing in the choir are as follows: *Laurabel Clark* ('49-'50), *Loretta Crall* ('50), *Coyla Crow* ('45), *Jane Ford* ('50), *Wilma Gould* ('47-'48), *Arveda Wulliman Grabill* ('27), *Marilyn Wiederkehr* ('50), *Miriam Wiederkehr* ('50), *Betty Blosser Young* ('50), *Donald Young* ('50), *Ruth Zimmerman* ('48), *Alice Hanson Beck* ('46-'47), *Olive De Camp* ('47), *John and Betty Beck Caddy*

('46), *Nettie Dodge Fowler* ('45), *Elda Gerber* ('36), *Prudence Gerber* ('39), *Dolores Johnson* ('49), *Thelma Schmidt Schwab* ('47), *Arlene Tucker* ('48,'49), *Helen Wade* ('44-'48), *David Craig* ('47-'49), *Loren Randall* ('44-'46), *Charles Krohn* ('49-'50), *Ralph Neuenschwander* ('27-'30), *Ralph Wolford* ('47), *Harlan Wright* ('50) and *Charles Trusdale* ('48-'50).

Why Should the Work Cease?

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going to it, participating in it, returning to work, and getting started again, would be *lost time*. And in the work of the kingdom of God there is no time to lose.

"Why should the work *cease* while I come down to you?" If the task of removing broken stones and charred timbers and building a wall was a big one for Nehemiah, certainly the presentation of the gospel today is a task overwhelmingly greater and more difficult. The harvest is plentiful, the reapers few, the time short. By what kind of a reasoning process can we justify time spent, plans laid, and money contributed to united projects with those who do not stand for the message which alone changes the hearts

and lives of men? A little cold figuring, not to mention the countless experiences of ministers who have limited their testimony and organizations which have curtailed their work, shows readily that the "Let's get together" program means time gone, tasks unfinished, territory un-gained, souls unreached. It spells futility.

There is only one reply to make to these pleas, that of Nehemiah's: "God's work is all-important. It must go on. I am held accountable to keep it in operation. I cannot take time out."

Victory in Defeat

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The time has been wonderful and I am looking forward to the last half year.

I have been active in a variety of Christian projects, especially working with the down-and-outs. Seeing one of such men find the Lord gives me the biggest thrill a man can experience.

I can not tell now whither the Lord will lead, but one thing is certain: Where He leads, I'll follow!

—Edison Reynolds

SLATES OF F. W. B. C. EVANGELIST-ASSOCIATES

Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard E. Amstutz, 1100 Ensley Ave., Auburn, Ind.

- Jan. 10-21 Missionary Church, Lomita, Calif.
- Jan. 26-28 MYF Camp, Forest Home, Calif.
- Jan. 31-Feb. 11 Missionary Ch., Culver City, Calif.
- Feb. 12-23 Pacific Bible College, Azusa, Calif.

Promotional Flashes

For the first time since Rev. and Mrs. James Houston of Unionville, Mo., graduated from "The Bible Training School" in 1920, a group from the college conducted a service in their church. A fine friendly audience heard the Trombone Trio and President Witmer on January 27. A few months ago Pastor Houston had the privilege of leading a business man and his wife to the Lord—a very successful catch, for they were the parents of eleven children!

The same group from the college had enjoyable fellowship with former students and fine services at Elbing, Sterling, Dodge City, Concord, and Bucklin, Kansas. The Elbing Missionary Church had a fine fellowship supper before the evening service. After the service the Patrons' Council was presented to a group of about twelve alumni. The church is still throbbing with a new infusion of life from a gracious revival some months ago through the ministry of one of our Bible College evangelists, Rev. Blanchard Amstutz. The pastor, Rev. Eli Cook, wholeheartedly boosts F. W. B. C. even though not an alumnus.

At Sterling, Kansas, the workers from Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quay, Miss Evelyne Schmidt, and Miss Verna Unruh joined with the pastor, Rev. Elmer Egle, in a service in which God's Spirit was present.

The New Year's week end at Dodge City was as inspiring as it was crowded with events. The annual young people's banquet was held on Saturday evening, after which an interdenominational youth meeting was held in the First Nazarene Church. Sunday morning the party divided to minister in the Liberty, Concord, and Dodge City Missionary Churches. In the evening all united in a series of inspirational services that lasted from 6:30 p.m. until a little after midnight.

The alumni of Southern California had a banquet in the Van Nuys Missionary Church on December 28. A detailed report will be given in the next issue of *Bible Vision*.

Bible College rallies are planned in Peoria, Ill., on February 24, 25; in Lima, Ohio, on March 10, 11; in Hamilton, Ohio, on April 7, 8; with other dates pending.

F W B C Patrons' Council

Down through the years the Fort Wayne Bible College has been favored of God by having the support of its many friends through their prayers, their gifts, and their counsel. Without this helpfulness the College could not have grown into the fine school that it is, equipped to train hundreds of young people for Christian service. Now accredited in the collegiate division of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, it is recognized among the leading Bible colleges of the country.

But if the College is to do its part in meeting the critical need of this momentous period, it must have the moral and material support of an even wider circle of Christian friends.

We are certain that Christian people believe in the *value* of Bible education. An education in skepticism provides no foundation for youth in this turbulent age. It offers no hope for people living under the threat of atomic warfare. Only Christ-centered education can give young people dynamic faith, and only a Bible-centered curriculum equips men with a message of salvation for a despairing world. Our very liberties, that came out of the Christian tradition, will disappear without revival generated by the Word of God.

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