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A New Missionary Hymn

To The Tunc of
Day is Dying in the West

Day is dying in the west;
Millions still in sin's unrest
Slipping out into the night
With no ray of gospel light—
Forever lost!

Chorus:
Who will haste to tell them
Jesus has died?
God's great sacrifice is made,
All our sins on Jesus laid—
Fast falls the night!

While the deepening shadows fall,
Christ in love beholding all,
Seeks for yielded lives to go
To a dying world of woe
With news of grace.

When forever from our sight
Pass the stars, the day, the night,
May we stand before the Throne
Joyful with the souls we've won
From every land.

—Martha L. Greene
On August 15, Mrs. Anna Van Hoof of Necedah, Wisconsin, claimed to have received a vision of the Virgin Mary for the seventh time. A crowd that may have reached 100,000 gathered for the occasion. A shrine surmounted by a statue of "our Lady of Fatima" had been erected. About 60 priests and 30 nuns knelt at the wall before the shrine and offered prayers before the alleged visitation. According to newspaper reports "business boomed in Necedah and at the hot dog and religious goods stands which mushroomed along the roads." Altogether it must have been quite an event—all based on the subjective experience of one person whose testimony could not be corroborated by one single iota of evidence.

But this is the significant factor in the situation: Roman Catholic dignitaries are said to have frowned on the spectacle and warned Catholics against superstition! According to the Chicago Tribune, "Bishop John P. Treacy of the LaCrosse diocese said pilgrimages must be taken without the authority or approval of the Roman Catholic Church. Later he banned special religious exercises with the exception of the two regular Assumption day masses at St. Francis Church (in Necedah)."

It is certainly heartening to know that there are churchmen in the Catholic Church who fear and seem to recognize superstition. But consistency would certainly demand that they place the label of superstition on a vast number of beliefs and practices. How about the belief of the Roman Church that the Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima, Portugal in 1917? How about the many other appearances of saints? How about the animistic practices of venerating the countless splinters of the cross and the table used for the Last Supper? How about the alleged arm of St. Xanier paraded in this country and in Japan some months ago? How about the countless myths that strain the credulity of even Catholics?

If the Roman Catholic dignitaries who frowned at the Necedah spectacle will only focus their discriminating gaze on the established beliefs and practices of the Church, it could lead to unpredictable consequences. But there is little hope that such will be the outcome. The Roman Church has a way of closing the mind to questions,—it makes a disputed belief a dogma. Then adherents must believe or suffer castigation as heretics.

It is reported from Vatican sources that a new dogma is to be added to the beliefs of the church this year, the belief that the Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven.

Turning from the crude superstitions that overlay the Christian faith in the Roman Catholic Church... (Continued on page 15)
Don’t ruin your message by your life. 
Faith is like a muscle which grows stronger with use. 
We are fighting on the winning side of Eternity. 
When we cease to bleed, we cease to bless. 
We can not fret souls into the Kingdom. 
It takes time to grow into Christ. 
We must live completely, utterly, so that Christ will be all in all. 
Fellowship with Christ in suffering brings deeper revelations of His love. 
He would be a missionary simpleton who would expect plain sailing in any work for God. 
Once we have attained to real faith, all the forces of hell are impotent to annul it. 
Self-occupation leads to discouragement; we must destroy our fussy self-centeredness. 
We must get a vision of the magnificent sweep of the call of God. 
Send to the mission-field great men, and you will have great men among the nationals. 
Missionaries need sanctifying grace to get on with other missionaries. 
Missionaries must be in a partnership with the nationals in obedience to God. 
There was never an easy, nor a popular way, to do God’s work. 
Secret, steadfast, ever growing affection of the soul, let that have the first place, and there will be no drifting nor decline. 
We should measure things in the light of Eternity. 
We must burn out of our being all dross and self-centeredness. 
The closer we get to God, the more humbly we shall recognize our own short-comings.
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By the time this issue of the Bible Vision is published, the name of our beloved school will be in the process of being changed to Fort Wayne Bible College. Sentiment would keep the old name. In fact, older alumni continue to cling to the earlier name — "Bible Training School." Why, then, another change?

There must have been compelling reasons for the Governing Board to recommend to the Conference of the sponsoring society, the Missionary Church Association, that approval be given to change the name from Bible Institute to Bible College. Convincing reasons also must have impelled the Conference delegates to vote decisively for the recommendation.

To the many interested friends and alumni of the school, who were not present when a change of name was discussed, an explanation is due.

First of all, the term Bible Institute is not sufficiently definitive. It is used to denote a wide variety of schools from those that have no standards to those that are recognized as strong institutions doing college-level work. There are evening schools in churches, short-term Bible schools for laymen, teacher training classes that are called Bible institutes. Furthermore, in society generally, the name institute often denotes a form of short-term adult education, as, for example, "teachers' institute" and "farmers' institute."

Second, in the minds of many educators and young people the name institute stands for second-rate education. To them it implies a sub-par level of education. In their thinking it does not come up to the accepted standards of college education for high school graduates.

Unfortunately, this assumption has some basis in fact. Leading Bible institutes began as schools for laymen. They usually provided short-term training courses for Sunday school teachers and personal workers. Not much place was given to Bible and theological content. Most training classes met for only one hour per week. Even though later the objectives of students changed in that most came to prepare for the gospel ministry, this early pattern persisted and was frequently copied by schools established much later. College registrars have had no end of difficulty trying to evaluate these "fragmentary" credits for transfer students, who usually suffered a cut when making such transfers. There have been other educational weaknesses common to Bible institutes such as too much dependence on rote memorization. Students too often passively received and handed back to teachers subject-matter which they had memorized but not mastered. It is freely admitted, of course, that there have been strengths to offset some of these weaknesses; otherwise Bible institutes would not have performed the great service which they accomplished in the propagation of the gospel.

This writer shares the conviction of many that training for the Lord's work demands the best. The theory that standards have to be lowered for theological students means one of two things: either that students who are training for Christian service are sub-average, or second-rate

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education is good enough for the Lord's work! Certainly provision must be made for insignificant instruments that God chooses to confound the wise, but there is never any valid excuse for second-rate training for the work of the Lord. Certainly winners of souls need the very best that can be offered.

Third, the term Bible college more accurately denotes the level of work that our school is now doing. It is one of twenty institutions now accredited in the collegiate division of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. It is listed in the Bulletin of Accredited Institutions of Higher Learning published by the U. S. Office of Education. As the new accrediting association is becoming better known, an increasing number of colleges and universities accept our credits on an hour-for-hour basis. The strong New York Board of Regents is approving graduates with bachelors' degrees to enter seminaries in New York State on a par with graduates from colleges of the regional accrediting associations. One of our June graduates is now doing graduate work in a mid-west state university.

Our school, without changing its objectives and character, is now operating by college-level standards. Hence, the appropriateness of the new name.

Fourth, Fort Wayne Bible College is happy to be included in the growing number of schools which constitute a distinct type in the field of Christian education. Because education generally has become secular; because many church-related colleges have become as liberal as state institutions; because many evangelical liberal arts colleges have de-emphasized Bible in their efforts to meet the standards of state and other secular agencies, a vacuum has been created in undergraduate theological education. It is this very situation that prompted one of America's leading educators, the Director of Higher Education in the USOE, Dr. John Dale Russell, to give encouragement and guidance to the formation of the new accrediting association.

The Bible college has come to the kingdom for such a time as this. It is not and does not claim to be a liberal arts college. Its major objective is much more limited. It exists to train young people for Christian service. It requires a minimum of 30 semester hours in direct study of the Bible and 10 hours in theology. (This is more than is required by some leading Bible institutes.) But it does offer general education in the humanities and sciences in order to strengthen and broaden educational foundations. It does provide specialized training in the various kinds of Christian work. It does attempt to offer a well-rounded out program of under-graduate education for the Christian worker.

Because the Bible College is distinctive and because it should grow and develop in its own field, it finds the new accrediting association a valued organization where kindred minds stimulate and encourage one another.

In conclusion, the "dear old Bible Institute" continues with no change in personnel, in organization, in objectives, in emphasis, in spirit, in purpose, or in curriculum. It does assume a new name, a name which

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Memorial to
Rev. J. E. Ramseyer

The Bible Institute is pleased to congratulate the Missionary Church Association on its fine headquarters building erected near the school as a memorial to Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, for many years leader of both the Association and the Institute. For many years the headquarters of the Association has been in Schultz Hall, but this summer all offices and the Association book department were moved to the more adequate quarters in the new building.

The building was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, August 13, with Rev. Edison Habegger giving an address that challenged hearers to aggressive advance in this hour of need. President Witmer gave the following tribute to the beloved founder, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer:

I am happy to accept this honor for it gives me an opportunity to repay, in a small measure, the debt that I personally owe to Brother Ramseyer for the impact of his godly life upon me.

First, as a student during the years when the Institute was passing through a crisis, Brother Ramseyer was a tower of faith and fortitude, an example of godliness and saintly maturity to us immature students. Then I had the privilege of working with Brother Ramseyer on the staff of the Institute for a period of fifteen years.

I do not propose to document the details of his life. Time does not permit that. Those will be found in two books written since his death—YET SPEAKING, a biography of his life by Mrs. Ramseyer, and DWELL DEEP, a collection of his devotional writings in which a history of his life is given in the preface.

It is only necessary to mention two facts in order to appreciate how fitting it is that this headquarters building is dedicated to the memory of Rev. J. E. Ramseyer. While God used several human instruments in bringing the Missionary Church Association into being, yet it was the revival movement that sprang out of Brother Ramseyer’s ministry more than any other one factor that led to the organization of this society. Second, during the 45 years that intervened between founding of the Missionary Church Association and his decease, he gave leadership to the Association as its president for 44 years. Accordingly, he was the chief moving spirit in the founding, the establishment, and the growth of the Association for more than four of its five decades of history.

But, significantly, it wasn’t this historical relationship that conceived this monument to his memory. The vision of a concrete memorial was born of appreciation and gratitude in hearts which had been blessed and enriched by his life and ministry.

The first impulse came from former students of the Bible Institute Fellowship Circle, leaders of which were not even members of the MCA and who likely knew little of origins and history. BUT THEY FELT DEEPLY GRATEFUL for Brother Ramseyer’s life, and they wanted in

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Rev. Cyril H. Eicher of Detroit, Mich., joins the staff in a double capacity. He will serve as Assistant Treasurer, giving some time to the business affairs of the school, but will give most of his time to teaching. Mr. Eicher is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Cleveland Bible College (Th. B.), Fenn College (A. B.), and Wayne University (M. A.).

As important as is formal education, Mr. Eicher will bring to the classroom the practical points of view of an experienced and successful pastor. He has been pastor of the Northside Missionary Church of Fort Wayne, First Missionary Church of Cleveland, and of Eastlawn Missionary Church in Detroit. His testimony follows:

"A nd H e l e d them forth by the right way." (Ps. 107:7).

Many times, in our impatience to attain certain goals and realize the fulfillment of certain plans, we find it hard to wait for the Lord to reveal His will and work out His own purpose in our lives. However, as we look back over the past and reflect upon the providential workings of our Lord, we become more and more convinced that His leading forth is always by the "right way."

For a number of years the Lord has been placing a growing conviction in our heart that we should prepare to enter the field of Christian education, confirming this conviction with several unmistakable signs which have assured us that this is His will for us. All this time we had secretly cherished the hope that His finger might some day point to the Fort Wayne Bible Institute as the school where such a ministry might be entered upon.

Now that this hope is about to become a reality, we are looking forward with keen anticipation to our new work. We realize the tremendous responsibilities that rest upon those who undertake to help (Continued on page 15)

Miss Martha Dilling, consecrated young woman in Christian Education, has been given prayerful consideration here and believes to have a part in training service.

Miss Dilling is a graduate of Huntingdon, Pa., having Bible and Philosophy. She worked at Wheaton College, having degree in Christian Education, and has some practical experience in various daily vacation Bible schools. This year by International College, she is a teacher of Bible in Lake County, Pa.

"Dick" Gerig, as Mr. Gerig will join the faculty of the Institute. He will teach theory, or practice, and will have charge of the teams.

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Miss Dilling, Milladysburg, Pa., is a new teacher this year. Miss Dilling has been given to the opportunity of teaching at the Church of the Brethren. She has had practical experience in church schools, Sunday schools, and has been employed one year as Evangelism Fellow at the Church of the Brethren school in Berks County, Pa.

Mr. Gerig comes to the Institute a bly qualified by musical talent and training for his duties. He is a World War II veteran, and while in the service gave considerable time to gospel singing. Lately he has been Director of Music of the Mission Covenant Church of Pasadena, Calif. He majored in music at Wheaton College, where he graduated last year. He has been at the Pasadena Institute and has written a number of articles which have been published.

Rev. Laurence M. Farr of Willows, California joins the staff this fall as a teacher of Bible and Theology. Mr. Farr is a mature and capable instructor whom God has fitted through many years of training and experience for this responsible position. He was born in Jamaica, B. W. I. He served with the Red Cross in France following World War I, as a chaplain in World War II, and as a missionary with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in West Africa for one term. Besides these ministries outside the U. S., he has taught in both private and public schools in this country and has served in several pastorates.

Mr. Farr received most of his formal education in this country, having graduated from Penn Academy and William Penn College (B. A.), Gordon School of Theology and Missions (B.D.), and College of the Pacific (M.A.). Besides, he studied at Nyack Missionary Training Institute and New York Biblical Seminary. In addition to being a Bible teacher, Mr. Farr is a linguist who is prepared to teach Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German, French, and English.

The opening lines of Mr. Farr's statement of belief, formulated at the time of his ordination, are indicative of his positive faith and clear grasp of Biblical Christianity: "I believe in the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus Christ, eternally begotten Son of God, is the One and only Saviour of men, having purchased for us salvation by His vicarious death; that all who believe on Him shall be saved; that He is the Head of the Church, which is the body of the redeemed, dearly beloved by Him; that, being both human and divine, and having known human life in its entirety, together with all the temptations which confront human-kind, He is fully able and is the only One able to minister to each and all the needs of every human heart; that He is the center of the Christian religion, inasmuch as He is the complete revelation of God the Father, (the fulness of the Father dwell-
ing in Him,) and that in view of His person, work, and station, He is our LORD, in which title is embraced His essential identity with the Jehovah of the Old Testament, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth."

Miss Ing-Mary Wecksell of Detroit, Mich., became manager of the dining department on August 1. All of the functions of the dining hall and kitchen with the personnel of each have been consolidated into one department.

Miss Wecksell has had both theoretical and practical training for this new position. She is a graduate of the "Institute" and during her student days assisted in the supervision of the dining hall. She holds a B. S. degree in Home Economics from Wayne University with a major in institutional management. She has had practical experience in managing cafeterias and dining establishments. She has accepted the position here as a challenge to engage her talents in helping to mould lives for Christian service.

Martha Fiedler

Miss Fiedler graduated from the Christian Worker's Course and attained the highest scholastic honors of her class. She is a member of the Elbing, Kansas, Missionary Church, and comes to the Institute in response to a Spirit-wrought conviction that here is a challenging opportunity of service.

"Dick" Gerig

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Mr. Gerig's special interest is in gospel broadcasting, and the Institute anticipates that this department will develop further under his leadership. Mr. Gerig was director of the campus radio station at Wheaton College, and wrote a thesis on gospel broadcasting in foreign lands based on an original investigation.
YFC Team Returns from Europe

When this issue of Bible Vision reaches its readers, the YFC team that has been in Europe this summer will have returned to the States. Robert Magary of Peoria, Ill., and Gerald Gerig of Fort Wayne were sponsored as a team by the students of the Institute through the Mission Band.

The latter part of the summer was to be spent in Spain, but the team had hardly begun its itinerary there when both young men became quite ill. They were flown to Switzerland for hospitalization. Gerald Gerig according to reports, was stricken more acutely and was forced to spend the remainder of the month of August convalescing.

Praise is given to God for blessing the ministry of these young men, particularly in Holland. On August 9, Gerald wrote from Paris in part as follows:

“Here we are in Paris, France. We are leaving tonight for Barcelona, Spain, so I’m taking advantage of a few free minutes and getting some letters written.

“We had a wonderful trip across. We landed in LeHarve, France, on the 29th of June. We were in Paris one week and then we left for Holland. We were there until July 29th, when we went to Brussels, Belgium for the Youth For Christ International Conference. In the little over three weeks we were in Holland we held meetings in 15 different cities. We did a lot of traveling, mostly in 3rd class trains.

“We did not minister to large audiences. It was more like pioneer work in a foreign land. We reached 4,610 with the gospel. Thirty-seven were definitely saved. Among these 37, was a Catholic woman of 37 and a couple over 70. Four came back to the Lord, and 54 asked for prayer. We held 26 services. The work was not easy. Holland is not a country where people come to the Lord by the hundreds. Our interpreter was a godly young man, and he was thrilled with what was done. We are praying that the seed sown will still bring forth much fruit.

“From Holland we went to Brussels. The challenges were terrific. We saw some of the mobs in Brussels but God kept His hand upon us.

“Now we leave for Spain. The challenge from that field was so great, Bob and I couldn’t say no. We are to sail for home on the 1st of September, and I’m expecting to get into Fort Wayne the 11th or 12th.”

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is more descriptive of its status and program. May the name be honestly and modestly worn! May the name be used only for increased usefulness in the hands of God for His glory!

The legal steps to change the name will be followed through by the Governing Board when it meets on September 13th. As soon as the resolution of the Board is filed with the Secretary of State and the Allen County Recorder, the new name becomes legal. That should be by September 15.

Now we need a new school song—among other modifications!

—S. A. Witmer
HE SENT THEM FORTH . . .

Recent Fort Wayne Bible College graduates will be assuming these positions this autumn.

Clark Card ('50) will be teaching in Kingswood School, Tate Springs, Tennessee, this fall.

The Calvary Missionary Church of Hamilton, Ohio, has called Harlan Wright ('50) as its music director for the next year.

The new hostess in Providence Hall is Martha Fiedler ('49).

Ing-Mary Wecksell ('46) has returned to the position of dining room hostess which she and Mrs. Shisler ('46) held in 1945.

A place of service with the Youth Home Missions in Fort Wayne has been taken by Irene Brown ('50).

Marilyn Martz ('50) is in evangelistic work with her brother in Cuba.

Some of the new pastorates taken by alumni of the Fort Wayne Bible College are listed here.

Paul Grabill ('50), Missionary Church, Ottowa, Ohio.

Karl Kerlin ('46), Missionary Church, Flint, Michigan.

John Trusdale ('50), Missionary Church, Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

Robert Harle ('43), South Street Missionary Church, Jackson, Michigan.

Max Applegate ('50), Fulton Union Church, Delta, Ohio.

Wade Parker ('48), Missionary Church, Yuma, Arizona.

Doyle Carpenter ('45-'46), Liberty Missionary Church, Bucklin, Kansas.

Ellis Roth ('43), Missionary Church, Archbold, Ohio.

George Agin ('38), East Lawn Missionary Church, Detroit, Mich.

Leroy Rusher ('50), Missionary Church, Mooersville, Indiana.

Eloyd Lehman ('47), Missionary Church, Sylvania, Ohio.

Paul Rager ('48), Manito, Illinois.

Herman Wagner ('38), Union Chapel, Lima, Ohio.

Robert L. Bateman (Mrs. Bate-
man was formerly Anne Grace Kon-
tra, '45), Wesleyan Methodist Church, Ipswich, South Dakota.

TWO BY TWO . . .

Pearl Woodward ('45-'47) and Durane Eckert exchanged nuptial vows at the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne on May 30. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend J. H. Woodward, father of bride. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert are residing at Clear Lake, Iowa.

On Memorial Day, Fred Kirkpatrick ('48-) and Sally Hoofnagle were united in marriage at Dodge City, Kansas.

On their graduation day, Ruth Zook ('50) and Larry Kirchner ('50) spoke their vows in the chapel of Founders Memorial.

Helen Hyde ('47) became the bride of Arthur Hall on June 2 at the First Missionary Church in Phoenix, Arizona.

Joe Jenkins ('50) and Malene Scia ('50) were pronounced man and wife on June 9.

At seven o'clock in the evening, June 16, Evangeline Witmer ('48) and Timothy Warner spoke their vows in a pretty candlelight ceremony at the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. Dr. S. A. Witmer, father of the bride, and Dr. Milo Rediger performed the ceremony.

The marriage of Jesse Eling ('49—'50) to John Yoder (48-) took place
in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 24.

The First Missionary Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana was the scene of a pretty wedding at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 25, when LaDonno Sprungur ('49-'50) and Nelson Chamberlain ('47-) were united in marriage by the Reverend Clayton Steiner.

Pat Mumma ('49-) and Stanley Wildenson exchanged their marriage vows on Sunday, June 25.

On June 29, Gene Ponchot ('50) claimed Carol Sipp ('49) as his bride.

The wedding of Rosalyn Smith ('47-) and Carl McHugh ('48-) took place on July 4.

Nila Bossard ('48), who reported on all of last year's marriages in the Bible Vision, has put aside her duties as your corresponding secretary to assume greater responsibilities as a pastor's wife. Nila became Mrs. Paul Mast in a ceremony performed at the United Missionary Church in Brown City, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Mast are pastoring a community church in LaPaz, Indiana.

The wedding bells rang for Joan Haifley ('48) and Paul Grabill ('48) on Saturday, July 29, at the Grabill Evangelical Mennonite Church. Rev. J. J. Klopfenstein read the vows.

In a pretty ceremony at the Missionary Church of Pandora, Ohio, at 3:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, July 3, Amy Leightner ('47) became the bride of Robert Burley ('48). Mrs. Burley had been working as secretary in Founders' Memorial office.

Leona Reibling ('47) and Virgil Bixler, ('47) became one on Saturday, August 5, at the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Elkton, Michigan.

Dorothy Rigenberg ('50) and Roger Amstutz ('49) were married at the First Missionary Church at Berne, Indiana, on Saturday, August 12.

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening, August 19, Chloetta Egly ('48) and Paul Erdel ('50) were united in marriage at the West Berne Missionary Church.

Esther Diller ('49) and Dean Parker ('50) exchanged their marriage vows on August 22.

Also on August 22, Gordon Neuenschwander ('49) claimed Matilda Goertzen as his bride at the Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas. Gordon's father, the Reverend E. J. Neuenschwander performed the ceremony.

Lee Fetters ('49) and Ruth Gross ('49-) were married this summer at Winona Chapel.

Gene Folsom (48-) and Phyllis Strading ('49) were also married this summer.

Early in September the following weddings occurred: Carolyn Klopfenstein ('47-) and James Johnson ('50) spoke their vows at the Mt. Olive Missionary Church, Peoria, Illinois on Friday, September 1.

Betty Blosser ('50) and Don Young ('50) were married Sept. 1, at the United Missionary Church at Goshen, Indiana.

Also on that same day, Peggy McClure ('50) became the bride of Ernest Belella.

On September 2nd at 7:30 in the evening, Miss Lovaun Spillers ('42) and Harry O. Huffman were married at the First Church of the Nazarene in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mr. Huffman enrolled as a ministerial student at B. I. this fall.

At three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, September 3, Berdalone Gereg ('47) and Donald J. Cleveland exchanged marriage vows at the First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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Memorial
To Rev. J. E. Ramseyer

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some way to express their gratitude. Subscriptions were begun. Then the idea became a joint project between the Institute and the Association. Later it was decided to separate the project so that each would eventually memorialize their leader. Accordingly, this building represents a memorial of the Missionary Church Association to the one who served as its co-founder and distinguished leader for many years.

I should like to pursue the impulse of gratitude which conceived this monument a bit further. Gratitude for what? In a word, it was for spiritual blessings received through this humble servant of God.

He enriched others spiritually because HE ALWAYS STRESSED SPIRITUAL VALUES in his ministry. His preaching, teaching, devotional, and counseling ministries were all aimed at spiritual, over against material values; heavenly, as against earthly values; eternal, in contrast to temporal values. Bro. Ramseyer stressed purity of heart, a life of prayer and devotion to God, kingdom claims as higher than all lesser claims.

Brother Ramseyer recognized that the greatest need in the church and in society was revival. He prayed constantly for revival and urged others to pray for a mighty quickening of spiritual life. The beginnings of gracious revival we see in our day are a partial answer to those prayers. Like the worthies of old, he did not live long enough to see the answers, but he believed!

In an age of materialism, in a country given to gadgets and things, Brother Ramseyer kept his scale of values in line with spiritual realities and priorities. He lived and served for "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away." Like the pioneers of faith in the distant past, HE LOOKED FOR A CITY WHOSE BUILDER AND MAKER IS GOD.

And here is a paradox: A man whose whole life was given to spiritual values has an impressive memorial of stone and brick built to his honor!

If that is all that it were, Brother Ramseyer would be sorely displeased. And only to the extent that this building is devoted to and used for the glory of God in the creation of enduring spiritual values would this memorial bring satisfaction to his heart.

This dedication, therefore, becomes a very sacred and solemn event. We owe it to God first of all and to His servant whom it memorializes to dedicate this building and then to use it only for spiritual ends. It is not a means of adding prestige to a denomination. It is not to be a house of commerce. It is not to glorify any man. One hundred per cent it is to be used functionally to carry out the Great Commission and thus hasten the coming of Jesus Christ. That calls for a dedication not only of brick and mortar but a dedication of those who will use it for kingdom ends and the glory of God.

We now live under the threat of the destruction of all material values. Buildings and monuments of stone belong to this passing scene of time. Let us therefore not only in relation to this building but in all of our work for Christ, dedicate ourselves anew to SPIRITUAL VALUES.
Rev. Cyril H. Eicher

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train young people these days for Christian service, but we also consider it a wonderful opportunity for preparing additional laborers for the whitened harvest fields of the world.

From observation, and more particularly from my own experience while attending secular institutions of higher education, I have become thoroughly convinced of the invaluable help a Bible college training can be to a student. I confess that without the knowledge of the Word I had received in my Bible school days, my faith might very easily have been undermined. Sitting in classes taught by ungodly and often atheistic professors, I do not find it hard to understand how many young people fall an easy prey to their insidious attacks on the Bible and all things Christian.

For some years I have been encouraging Christian young people to attend Bible school for at least a year or so, even if they do not feel called to active Christian service. They can find no better place where their faith can be established and their spiritual growth nurtured. If they should later decide to go on to some secular institution for training along other lines, they will then be much better fortified to detect and resist falsehood and error.

I know of no other Bible college anywhere that is better situated and equipped than Fort Wayne Bible College to provide a well-balanced intellectual and spiritual training for our young people. Under God I shall dedicate myself to the task of helping to maintain the same high standards that have characterized the school throughout the years.

From the President

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it is refreshing to go back to the purity and simplicity of God’s Word. The dignity, the restraint, the objectivity of the Word stamp it with divinity. We can try the voices of spirits, the claims of messiahs, the pretensions of religious corruption by the eternal Word.

Fellowship Circle

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Wade Parker ('48) claimed Dorothy Harvey as his bride at eight o’clock in the evening, Friday, September 8, at the First Missionary Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

NEW ARRIVAL

Dawn, Joy, Noel, and Lyle Rupp welcomed Melody Eileen into their home on July 13th. The proud parents are Rev. Stanley and Harriet (Sweeten) Rupp ('43).

FROM JAPAN

Recently our Japanese teacher and I loaded our bicycles with tracts and started out for a two-day trip along the sandy beach of Kujukuri. We rode the train till we had crossed the mountains, then rode our bicycles and went directly to the beach. Soon we came to a group of fishermen pulling in a net from the sea. This net had ropes attached to each end, and had been carried out by boat to perhaps a mile from shore and dropped. Then those on the shore began pulling in the net. This takes about an hour. The catch was poured into large baskets. Soon the place was littered with baskets popping with live fish. Jesus said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Thank you for your prayers and letters.

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

Sept. 5-17 ....................... Princeton, Illinois
Sept. 19-Oct. 1 ............... Kenoma Methodist, Lamar, Mo.
Oct. 3-15 .................. Missionary Church, Dodge City, Kan.
Oct. 17-Nov. 5 ............. Eden Missionary, Waunet, Neb.
Nov. 7-19 ............... Community Church, Hamlet, Neb.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Strubhar, 1237 Seneca Place, Peoria, Ill.: 

Oct. 15-29 .............. Missionary Church, Concord, Kan.
Oct. 31-Nov. 12 .......... Missionary Church, Elbing, Kan.
Nov. 19-Dec. 3 .......... Missionary Church, Auburn, Ind.