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Build it straight and strong and true;

Build it clean and high and broad;

Build it for the eyes of God.

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#### From



#### The President

ON MAY 15th a new state came into being. It was the rebirth of an ancient nation, Israel. In spite of Britain's failure to implement the famous Balfour Declaration, in spite of the vacillating policy of the United States, in spite of the solemn deliberations of the world debaters at Lake Success who had been called into session to dispose of the Palestine crisis, the Jews declared their independence and set up Israel.

What a marvelous fulfillment of prophecy! Only a half century ago repossession of Palestine was still an age-long dream. In 1896 Theodor Herzl, a Jewish lawyer of Vienna, started a discussion by asking whether the Jews should go back to Palestine and whether they ought to go there. That was the beginning of Zionism. The next year the first Congress was held. It adopted the "Basle Programme," which affirmed that "the object of Zionism is to establish for the Jewish people a publicly and legally assured home in Palestine." From that small beginning the tremendous developments in colonization, agriculture, industry and culture have taken place. The Jewish population increased from a few hundred to 600,000. And now the political aims of Zionism are being

dramatically realized by the State of Israel!

The name is significant. It might have been called **Zion**, in keeping with the name of the agency that has spearheaded the return of the Jews to Palestine. It might have been called Judea—the nation of the Jews. But significantly and prophetically, and in keeping with the divine purpose as revealed in God's Word, the name is **Israel**.

The baisc name of God's chosen people is Israel. But we must go far back in their history to find them so designated. A thousand years before Christ, after the reign of Saul, the northern tribes began to arrogate to themselves this honorable name. When the kingdom was split after Solomon, the ten tribes adopted the name, and the Southern Kingdom was called Judah. Since Judah maintainedits independence much longer than the ten-tribe kingdom, and since most of those who were restored from the Babylonian captivity were from Judah, this name predominated in later history. But the original name was Israel, given to Jacob after he had "successfully wrestled with God." His descendants were known as the children of Israel (Josh. 3:17; 7:25; Judges 8:27); as the house of Israel (Ex. 16:31; 40:38).

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# • students SPEAK

#### PAUL ERDEL, President, Senior Class

I am thankful it has been my privilege to make a Bible School education basic in my scholastic preparation. These three years which have been mine to spend at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute have given purpose to my life, as well as much of the ability to achieve that motivating purpose. It is my conviction that any young person who desires adequate training for Christian service will find that intensive Bible study makes the finest foundation for a lifetime of learning.

#### BARBARA E. PARKER, Secretary, Senior Class

For a school where God is honored, where the faculty is interested in each one personally, where the courses are carefully selected, where every subject is valuable, and where young people have real Christian fellowship and fun, the Fort Wayne Bible Institute is my choice.

I am very glad that the Lord led me to this school to train for His service. The last three years have been the most profitable years of my life. I know that because of my training here my future work will carry out our Senior class motto—Christ Pre-eminent.

#### LaVERNE STEINER, Treasurer, Senior Class

It is hard to put into words my feeling towards the Bible Institute. It has meant a great deal to me, spiritually, and otherwise. It was in my classes where I learned to know my Saviour better. It has helped me to form a better Christian life. I trust that I shall not forget my days spent here, but will use them for the purpose that God had me here.

#### PAUL GRABILL, Editor, Light Tower

Influence is powerful. God-given influence is priceless! The strength of this influence has brought me to God and to the enjoyment found in accomplishment of His will; while the value of it has caused me to appreciate the purport of Christian fellowship and personal obligation. Therefore, my life shall speak humble praise for the bountiful Divine blessings to me. Futhermore, my tongue shall sound the praise of the Bible Institute and faculty for its powerful, priceless, influence upon my life. Thank God, for the desperately needed spiritual and intellectual lessons learned!

#### LETHA SNYDER, Senior

Many things could be mentioned concerning my sincere appreciation for the Bible Institute including knowledge gained in classes, ability to live with others, etc., but I want to thank God for the Christian fellowship found here; the relating of others' experiences and the testimones of others have been a source of blessing and a means of spiritual growth to me.

#### PAUL N. RAGER, Student Pastor

The Lord has granusly enabled me to return and complete my schooling at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. I am grateful to Him for what it has contributed to me culturally, intellectually, and spiritually. However, as I receive my diploma, I do not consider myself as having "attained." Rather, I press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus—even His "well done." I shall be eternally grateful to God for what the Bible Institute has contributed in helping me to attain that goal.

#### LaDONNA LITZENBERG, Senior

I'll never regret the three years that I spent at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. My heart has been blessed in studying His word and learning the precious promises He has for us. The Christian fellowship has meant so much to me. It is wonderful to know we are in the Lord's will, and it is my desire to serve Him wherever He may lead.

### an alumnus speaks

"Read your Bible through from Genesis to Revelation." That assignment was the introduction to the writer's first class in Ft. Wayne Bible Institute. The professor did not expect the undertaking to be done overnight. Indeed, it consumed the entire school year.

As I look back upon that experience from the vantage point of the present, it summarizes completely the attitudes which underlie the working philosophies of Bible Institutes. A Bible Institute is a school where the Bible is the text book. Its studies are not books about the Bible but the Bible itself.

As progress was made in the study of the Word, we learned to appreciate not only the lives of the writers but the times in which they lived. From the sometimes sketchy historical materials given, we learned to recreate the political and moral and religious conditions of the people to whom books and sections of the Bible were written. This process gave "body" to the book being studied. It caused it to "jell"; and

By Rev. Reginald Shepley Pastor, First Baptist Church Warsaw, Indiana

made it to live again in modern times.

Several books, we learned, were written by the same authors. This being the case, it was common sense to conclude that a writer would not make assertions in later books which contradicted what had been previously written. If statements written by the same author seemed to contradict each other, it was assumed that understanding was faulty and conclusions therefore were wrong.

Critical questions regarding authorship, historicity and canonicity, were prayerfully met but a minimum of time was spent upon them. Why waste time in contemplating negatives when there are positives to be believed?

The wisdom of such intellectual and spiritual approaches to the study of the Word of God has been borne out by twenty-five years of pastoral endeavor. Look at the practical results:

Each successive statement of Holy Writ is seen to be a part of a larger whole. This pyramidal process continues until one is forced to concede that every verse relates itself to the chapter in which it is found; and the chapter finds its consummation, not alone in the book or section of which it is an integral part, but the entire revelation.

The uniticity of the Bible therefore is taken for granted. Indeed, not only is it assumed but it is inherently displayed. The Bible is seen not as a compilation of fragments or an accumulation of historical narratives. It becomes its own revelation. It is one book with one central, dominant theme: the redemption of mankind from Like a thread being unreeled from eternity out of the heart of God, the progressive revelation is unfolded until by man's acceptance of its revealed and redeeming Christ the sinner is restored to God in the person of Jesus Christ.

As consequences of the practical application of such principles, consider the following:

The minister who graduates from a Bible Institute is usually both evangelical and evangelistic. He seeks with the regularity of every recurring opportunity to get men to avail themselves of redemption provided in Christ Jesus.

Such a minister's sermons are exegetically accurate. They have to be! Each sermon is prepared under the concentrated impact of every section of the Word. If inaccuracies attempt to creep in, witness is immediately borne to them by offended members.

The ministry of the man governed by these definite Biblical principles is a teaching ministry. Such a minister is not content with

mere exhortations. He skilfully and dexterously points out the divine pattern and pathway and challenges the will of his hearers to accept that pattern and program and enshrine it in human life.

The ministry of such a minister is expository in form. Textual and topical preaching there will be occasionally as circumstances dictate and demand; but with the ease and grace of the true expositor, he quickly reverts to type. Exegesis and exposition are not mistaken for The former is made each other. to serve the latter. Exegesis produces the meaning and exposition creates the message out of it. Why call attention to the scaffolding when its purpose was the greater appreciation of the window? regularly following this expository method, the truth of whole books, as well as entire sections, of the Word of God is unfolded and displayed and thoroughly appreciated by a wondering audience.

The ministry of such a minister is exhaustive in character. He is not content either with fragmentation or superficialities. He aims at the spiritual maturity of all his hearers. He determines to present every man perfect before God.

Remember, reader, that the writer in this brief message is giving expression to the practical values of Bible Institute training which have been tested in the crucible of the active pastorate. It is the voice of personal experience. If you, young people, are contemplating attendance at some Bible Institute, and this paper does not set forth the pattern or the type of ministry to which you wish to give yourself, do not seek admission as a student in Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

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### As a thief

by JOHN H. GATES

"But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night" (I Thess. 5:1, 2).

There are some 318 clear references in the New Testament to the fact that Jesus Christ is coming again. In Paul's second epistle to the Thessalonians, he likens the coming of the Lord to a very familiar happening. From this graphic picture, we see the secret, the purpose and the time of His coming.

A thief comes when we least expect him. He does not send a letter stating that he will come on Thursday night at forty-five minutes past midnight. His procedure is to make a study and lay careful plans. When the time is ripe, he strikes.

Recently a firm opened a new office in a mid-western city. Every modern development had been used to prevent a robbery. Should a thief enter, a system of electric eyes flashed the warning that a prowler was in the office. Large sums of money are invested to prepare for the time when a thief will strike. We should be just as careful with our lives, to be ready to meet Christ, for He will come as a thief in the night.

The purpose of Christ's coming is shown here: He is coming to take His jewels, precious jewels, riches of untold worth, the man, the woman, the boy, the girl, who is His own, His beloved. Chirst is unlike the thief here, as He will be taking what is His. There will be no mistakes. Paste jewelry, synthetic gems, imitations and substitutes will be brushed aside for the real jewels.

A thief usually comes at night. This is what Paul tells us of Christ—He will come as a thief in the night. This means, of course, spiritual and moral night, such as we are witnessing now. Outside the church sin and iniquity abound on every hand. Everywhere people are groping in the night. Inside the Church turn to page 15

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#### Fellowship Circle

#### JUNIOR ALUMNI

A baby boy, Jerome Mark, was born to Mr. ('45) and Mrs. ('41-'43) Edgar Neuenschwander, Compton, California, on April 14. The Neuenschwanders recently left the Yoder Missionary Church, and are now pastoring the Missionary Church in Compton.

Rebecca Kay came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rusher, Fort Wayne, on March the 11th. Mr. Rusher is a freshman this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Carpenter, Oskaloosa, Iowa, announce a new member in their family, Josephine Lucile, who arrived on March the 25th. They attended B. I. '45-'46.

Born to Rev. ('41) and Mrs. Blanchard E. Amstutz, Auburn, Indiana, on April the 24th, a son, Blanchard E. Amstutz, Jr. Rev. and Mrs. Amstutz are engaged in evangelistic work.

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#### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Kay Paulus, formerly of Elkhart, Indiana, and Mr. John Cook were united in marriage on October 2, 1947, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they are making their home.

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#### FROM THE MAILBAG

Miss Genevieve Smith, ('46) from Wallace, Michigan, plans to sail, the Lord willing, on June 11 to engage in missionary work in Japan.

Her address there will be 5 Ichome, Surugadai, Kanda, Tokyo, Japan.

Miss Irene Walker, Chicago, ('47) writes: "This year I am teaching the upper four grades in a rural school. The experiences are varied! Besides trying to teach, I am nurse, counselor, umpire at ball games, janitor, and fireman, not too nice a task on a zero or sub-zero morning. I hope to have this work lead to other Christian service." Address: 3102 Broadway, Rockford, Illinois.

"Many thanks for your kind letter and invitation to the Fellowship Circle dinner. I do appreciate it greatly and I would just love to be there, but I am afraid that I will have to forgo the pleasure of being there. I do trust that some day I will be able to visit the school again and have fellowship there. I look back with great joy to the time I was there and the blessing received. I trust that the great Head of the Church will be in your midst in great power and blessing." Rev. W. H. Dynes, pastor Dovercourt Road Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada, was a student '22-'24.

Rev. (student in '39) and Mrs. A. J. Herbert and children, Beulah Beach, Ohio, are planning to sail on the S. S. General Gordon on May 21 for the Philippine Islands, the Lord willing. Their new address will be P. O. Box 127, City of Zamboanga, P. I.

Miss Virginia Miller, ('47), Huntertown, Indiana, is now working as a home missionary under the Rural Home Missionary Association in Rosedale, Indiana. She writes: "I certainly praise the Lord for His faithfulness and goodness to me continually. He is a wonderful Savior. As for the work itself, it is going along quite well at

present. Each week we hold services at two churches. At Atherton we have regular Sunday morning services, Sunday school and Worship service. In the afternoon we conduct Sunday school at Lyford. Here we have no preaching service. Then there is a Young People's Service scheduled at 4:30 P. M. Sunday at Atherton. Through the week there is a regular Bible Club for the children of each community. Also, there is visitation work to be done, and much time is required for preparation for actual ministering. I trust that everything is fine at the school. I certainly praise the Lord for the three years I was privileged to spend there."

Mrs. T. H. Gaddis (nee Rachel Moser '21), Winona Lake, Indiana, regrets that she will be unable to attend the F. C. dinner, and gives us the following interesting news of The Gaddis-Moser work. Evangelistic Party is composed of Rev. and Mrs. Gaddis and the Misses Elma J. and Bertha Moser. "We are kept busy in the work of the Lord, and are seeing many precious souls find the Lord. Just closed a gracious revival at Atlanta, Ga., in a very large Methodist Church, and nearly 300 souls prayed and received help from the Lord. seemed like an old-fashioned revival for which we praise God. All summer we are engaged in tent and camp meetings.

I trust that the Bible Institute will send many graduates out this year to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to needy souls."

Evangelists Rev. ('18-'19) and Mrs. Obed W. Stucky of Detroit, Michigan, wrote: "The Lord is blessing the work with many precious souls as we travel to and fro across the country. This year our

work took us in January to a down town Presbyterian church in Vincennes, Indiana, where the Lord gave us many outstanding conversions. Then we went to Florida for some work and also a bit of rest. And from there to Casper, Wyoming, for a two-week campaign, then back to Clayton, Michigan. Now we are engaged in a three-church Union campaign in Bloomingdale, Michigan. Kindly convey our greetings to all the friends there if we do not get to the Annual Fellowship Circle Dinner."

Rev. ('24) and Mrs. ('28) Paul Ummel of Goshen, Indiana, are making preparation to leave for Nigeria, West Africa at the end of May, the Lord willing. Their son, Wesley, will accompany them on this tour out.

Rev. ('35-'36) and Mrs. Bill Cox have recently returned from their mission field, the Hawaiian Islands, due to the illness of Mrs. Cox. She is to receive treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Miss Mahala Diller ('33) is working among the Mexicans in the Texas Valley. "The majority of these people are from across the Rio Grande River and have been deprived of gospel privileges. . . . The Labor camp about 1½ miles north of Lyford offers great possibilities. Please don't forget this needy field within our own gates."

From Miss Agnes Sprunger ('09), Belgian Congo, Africa, comes this word: "My heart is burdened that we might have a heaven sent revival, deep conviction for sin, that there may be a real turning to the Lord on the part of many professing Christians as well as those who have never yet accepted the Lord even though they have heard the way of salvation many times."

The following news items are taken from the class report of 1938.

Josephine Danforth worked in the mission office until June of '44, and then left for Nigeria where she stayed for three years. She is now getting ready to go to the field again as the way opens for her.

Clara Eicher graduated from Nyack in '40. In November of that year she went to Draffin, Ky., where she has been in a fruitful ministry among the hill folk. She is licensed by the C. M. A.

Kenneth Geiger from Pandora is now in Goshen, Indiana, and has been with the M. B. C. Church ever since graduation. He was married in August, '39, and has two girls 7 and 3.

Helen Lucks spent three years in the office of a Detroit factory when the field did not open immediately as had been expected. The way finally opened and she left for Nigeria in June, '45.

Rev. Ernest R. Zehr ('26) passed on to be with the Lord on April 19 at his home near Berne, Indiana. He leaves the widow, the former Eugenia Shepard, and two children Esther, age 11, and Paul age 9. Also a brother, Albert, and a sister, Isabel, who were former students at the Institute, and the father. Through the years he was engaged in various ministries in Christian service.

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- 3. Its infallibility.
- 4. Its prophecies.
- 5. Its instruction.
- 6. Its influence.
- 7. Its Redeemer.

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#### GIRL, 22, PUBLISHES LITTLE NEWSPAPER IN NORTHERN CANADA

THE PAS, Northern Manitoba—One of Canada's strangest newspapers is Northern Lights, which is published monthly at Buffalo Narrows, and has a circulation of 2000.

The editor, typesetter, reporter and press feeder is Doris Elliot, 22, secretary to the Rev. Arthur Terry, missionary.

The letter size paper carries news from five outposts served by the Northern Canada, Evangelical Society, in northern Saskatchewan, and Eskimo Point mission, manned by Mr. and Mrs. Gleason Ledyard, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in northern Manitoba.

The newspaper is printed on a foot powered Gordon press from hand set type, although Miss Elliot had never seen a type case before she joined the Rev. Mr. Terry and his wife at the Saskatchewan outpost. The paper goes by mail.

Editor's note: Mr. and Mrs. Gleason Ledyard had their training for missionary work at Fort Wayne Bible Institute. Mr. Ledyard has an article in the January, 1948 Bible Vision entitled "Dinner Is Ready," which tells about one phase of their work as missionaries.

Bob Pierce says: If I had the choice of laboring in any generation since Christ walked on earth, I would rather stand as a harvester in the midst of the present field of China than to have been Martin Luther, Finney, Moody or Sunday in their fields at their ripest. In 18 weeks, God gave us over 17,000 decisions!

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

But the thrilling significance of the name Israel is that God's Word predicted long ago that this name and what it implies would be recovered. It stands for a reunited nation. It stands for the healing of the ancient rift that divided the nation in 975 B.C. "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste places and inhabit them" The restoration of (Amos 9:14). Israel was represented to Ezekiel as a valley of dry bones come to life, whereupon the Lord said to the prophet: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. . . . Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel" (Ez. 37:11, 21, 22).

#### AS A THIEF

there is spiritual declension. It is the night of unsound doctrines, when the love of many waxes cold, when teachers having itching ears will be careful not to disturb the hair of their listeners.

It is time to stop worrying about who is looking for His coming and ask ourselves, "For whom will He look when He comes?" He is coming swiftly as a thief in the night. Are you ready for Him?

Sayings of great missionaries:

Carey: Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.

Judson: The prospects are as bright as the promises of God.

Neesima: Let us advance on our knees.

Livingstone: I will go anywhere provided it is forward.

-YFC Magazine.

"I know not, but God knows; Oh, blessed rest from fear!
All my unfolding days to Him are plain and clear.
Each anxious, puzzled 'Why?' from doubt or dread that grows,
Finds answer in this thought: I know not, but He knows.

"I cannot, but God can; Oh, balm for all my care!

The burden that I drop His hand will lift and bare,
Though eagle pinions tire, I walk where once I ran,
This is my strength, to know I cannot, but God can.

"I see not, but God sees; Oh, all sufficient light!

My dark and hidden way to Him is always bright.

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And I in peace may sleep; I see not, but He sees."

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