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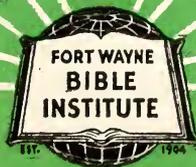
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A PRAYER

“Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace!
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, let me sow pardon.
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where there is despair, let me sow hope.
Where there is darkness, let me sow light.
Where there is sadness, let me sow joy.”

(Francis of Assisi.) (1182-1226.)



● *The New World Order*

Men in high places have been discussing the new world order which is to follow the war. Each one tailors it to suit his political philosophy. The left-wing radicals are certain that it will be along the lines of a regimented economy. Such believers in free trade as Secretary Hull, see the extension of democratic principles among all peoples. All agree that there must be a new order, and that it must be world-wide. Back of these discussions are apprehensions that war is not correcting the cause for this holocaust, and a recognition that something entirely new will have to be devised if there is to be an orderly peace.

As in forming the League of Nations and the Treaty of Versailles, very little has been said by statesmen about admitting God Almighty into their council chambers. The planners, for the most part, are quite confident that they have the ability and ingenuity to brew a panacea for the world's ills. It would appear that statesmanship that could not prevent this war would be very humble and conscious of its own limitations, but not so.

In a recent address, former U. S. Commissioner to the Philippines, Mr. Sayre, was courageous and far-visioned to state that the new world order would have to be built upon Christian brotherhood, and that any system built and sustained by mere force could not endure. We agree, but we do not believe that man will ever achieve such an order. Only by the return of Jesus Christ and the establishment of His kingdom, will the conditions of justice and good will be provided for a lasting peace.

A Fellowship in a Period of Crisis

Now is the time for God's people to stand together in faith, prayer, and fellowship. Tho' sundered far, yet 'round the common mercy seat, we have a meeting place. There are those who have left the halls of the Bible Institute for the distant regions of the earth who are in special need of our fellowship in prayer. Many months have passed since word has come from Miss Mary DeGarmo, missionary in China. Miss Elda Amstutz was in Manila on her way to India when the war broke out on December 7th, and no definite word has been received of her welfare or whereabouts. Some missionaries in West Africa are practically isolated from contact with the homeland. Let us pray for one another.

Milestones and Memorials

By DR. J. A. HUFFMAN

Address delivered at the dedication of Founders' Memorial at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Sunday P. M., May 10, 1942

TEXT: "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." I Sam. 7:12.

Mr. President, members of the Board of Trustees, members of the faculty, students, friends: It is a great pleasure to share with you in this joyous occasion, and, if possible, to make some contribution to it.

I.

Milestones are inconspicuous little things which may be seen by the roadside as one travels, if he is willing to look for them. They are silent, but speak an eloquent message—a message of a definite starting point; of progress registered, and of a positive destination.

Memorials and milestones are not synonymous, but similar. Memorials are always milestones, but milestones are not always memorials. Memorials represent the accumulation of many milestones upon a great heap, making of them an unforgettable monument.

Memorials possess the personal or institutional character, and are individualistic and cumula-

tive.

But there are Memorials, and then there are Memorials. There are memorials dead and memorials living. The latter may commemorate events in history, while the latter are prophetic and make history.

This difference concerning memorials was impressed upon me when, after the close of the first World War, I visited, with a small group of other Americans, the battlefields of Belleau Wood and Chateau-Thierry, in France. All day long, we had reviewed these battles, with the guide of the party, himself having been a soldier with the British army, explaining the movements of the opposing forces, even drawing a map of the battles with a stick in the sand at our feet. We had seen the shell holes, the machine gun trenches and the barb-wire entanglements. The scarred and broken trees; many of which were mere stubs, in a silent and pitiful way testified to war's ravages. We had gone to the cemeteries; and observed the rows after rows of white crosses which marked the graves of the thousands of Allied soldier dead. Lastly we had been shown

shafts of marble, erected to commemorate these terrific battles. Our hearts were sick of monuments to the dead, that bespoke only the past.

But reaching the village of Chateau-Thierry, our chauffeur called our attention to another type, a living monument. Here was a three-story, brick building, once partly demolished by shell fire. At the close of the war, however, some good people repaired the building, and established a living memorial. It was an institution which received and cared for babies and children while widowed mothers pursued their tasks. Young boys and girls were gathered in and taught the arts and trades of living, in a Christian atmosphere. And what a change came over us all! Here was a living memorial. The pall of gloom which had enveloped us was dissipated. It was like the sun bursting forth after a period of awful blackness.

II.

Music Hall is a befitting Memorial to a very worthy group of courageous souls, and such as would grace almost any campus, anywhere. It is, however, only a part of the larger memorial, the Institute itself, with its several buildings. This complete Memorial is not merely composed of so much property and so many buildings, but there is something much more important which is

that fine, intangible spirit which comes only as a result of labor, sacrifice, and consecration.

The new structure with its great auditorium, its recitation rooms, its studios, its more than a score of sound-proof practice rooms, its offices, etc., is splendidly adapted to the needs of the School, and is an honor to the Founders in whose memory it is being dedicated. We take this opportunity to congratulate the Institute, its Board of Directors and Faculty, also the Founders.

III.

This Memorial speaks to us, today, its several messages in a very eloquent manner, as follows:

1. A Historical Message—of Things Past

There was a small beginning, as the result of conviction and faith. This beginning reaches back to almost forty years ago, when the first term of the school was conducted on this near-city, country-wood campus. The antecedents reach back to a few years earlier, to the little town of Bluffton, Ohio, where a school had been conducted prior to the year 1901.

The names of six heroic-spirited men and their loyal wives must always be mentioned when the Founders are listed. Three of these men have gone on to their rewards, while three of them remain with us, two of

whom are present with us today. These names we list reverently here: B. P. Lugibihl, J. E. Ramseyer, D. Y. Schultz, David Roth, Henry Roth, Wm. Egle.

2. A Prospective Message—of Things Present

It is a message of "hitherto" attainment, by the help of Divine Providence.

Not only have almost four decades elapsed, but many changes have come about in this environment, and in the city of Fort Wayne itself. The stories of early inconvenience about the school, when coal oil lamps were used, when four blocks of mud had to be waded from the street car line, when neighbors complained about the crowing of the School cock are both interesting and amusing.

It is quite a long call from the first term of school, with its comparatively small number of students to its climactic attendance of two hundred six students in the present school year.

Many new names too numerous to mention, have come into the history of the Institution, including the architect, and the contractors. We shall make no attempt to articulate these many names.

Best of all, God has been the Helper. This Memorial, like the one erected by Samuel, might be christened, Ebenezer (Hebrew Aven, stone and Ezer, help)

meaning Stone of Help.

3. A Prophetic Message—of Things Future

This is a message of a future goal, of Divine help continued. This Institute has been founded upon the eternal Word of God, which abideth forever. It is a solid foundation.

You have just listened to the holy resolve in the dedicatory ritual, in which the Institution pledged itself: "To be true to God and its high calling."

Its worthy objective has been declared to be: "To prepare young people for the sacred callings of life, at home and abroad." This is a high and holy election not only to a great privilege, but to a tremendous responsibility. Any Institution which deals with youth, by that very token, carries both opportunity and liability to an exceedingly great measure.

Second only to the training of youth for the sacred callings at home and abroad, is the training of youth for the humble occupations, the legitimate professions of life, anywhere, in an environment thoroughly Christian, so that men and women of the sacred callings may have the support of an equally Christian and consecrated laity, whether at work in the homeland and over seas. May God open the eyes of all of us Christians that

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Faithful, But Not Popular

Amos 6:1-8

By REV. B. F. LEIGHTNER

Amos was peculiarly a prophet of judgment. He was made so by God's choice. Had he lived in our day he would have been branded as a "pessimist" and a "calamity howler." The prophets of "woe" are few in number today. There are not many who are willing to fill such an office. They know that it will make them rather unpopular. But it is better to be true to God than to be popular with men.

In this chapter the prophet announced the coming of judgments upon Israel because of the many evils which prevailed in the nation. He first brought an indictment against them, then he pronounced their doom. It can hardly be thought that Amos, or God Himself who sent him, found any special delight in proclaiming such a message, but iniquity had reached such a stage that judgment became necessary in order to vindicate the justice and holiness of God.

In verses 1-3 the prophet warned them against a false security. That Judah was included in this warning is seen from the mention of "Zion." Both kingdoms had prospered materially in a remarkable manner so that much of the glory of Solomon's

reign was duplicated. The wealthy and official class of the northern kingdom are, however, especially addressed by the prophet. They trusted in their material resources and their fortifications. They considered Samaria impregnable. Little did they realize that the doom of their fair capital was so near. They lived in a "fool's paradise," carelessly occupied with their own comfort and ease, giving no heed to this "fanatical" preacher.

It is amazing how wealth and prosperity will blind the heart. Had they been wise, they would have known from the fate of other nations which were once as prosperous and powerful as their own, how futile it is to depend upon anything outside of God for safety. If those nobles could but see the Assyrian army about Samaria, that lies in the vision of the prophet, could see the city gripped with famine, and the crushing of Israel, their fortress in which they trust would give them anxious concern. How much America and the nations need to learn what Amos sought to teach Israel. We have trusted in a false security. Even today, in spite of the humiliation which has so recently

come, we boast of our enormous resources. We trust in them and in our ingenuity to lift us out of our awful predicament. We ought to remind ourselves of the great world powers such as Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome—all of which went down in ruin in spite of their natural resources and power.

They reasoned that if Amos was correct in his pronouncement of judgment, it could not happen to them—that day lay in the distant future (v. 3). Consequently they were not troubled about it. There was nothing to be anxious about now. All around looked encouraging as far as they could see. And so far as the future generation was concerned, they cared not how their present behaviour would affect them. All they were concerned about was their present pleasure and ease.

Because they considered the day of judgment far away, they caused "the seat of violence to come near." This meant that they made deliberate preparations for the practice of injustice to take advantage of their underlings. We fear that this stage of affairs too frequently finds a duplicate in government circles and among the wealthy today. We cannot help but be reminded of the predictions of the New Testament (II Pet. 3:4-7; Jas. 5:

1-5).

Next, the prophet reproves them for their extravagance (vs. 4-6). Wealth and prosperity ever lead to luxury and extravagance. It was so then. This is seen from the expensive furniture they used—"beds of ivory." When it is borne in mind that the ordinary bed of that day consisted only of a blanket or rug which could be rolled together and carried, their extravagance becomes all the more conspicuous. Their ease, perhaps better, idleness, is again referred to in the words: "and stretch themselves upon their couches." Their food was the most delicate and expensive. This was true of this particular class when others in the nation were suffering in poverty (V. 1; 5:11, 12). To add to their pleasure, "songs of idleness" (A. S. V.) were sung at their feasts, accompanied by musical instruments such as were used by David in the worship of God. The devil took advantage of this noble art and devoted it to base purposes. To climax this combination of evils, they indulged in the use of intoxicating liquor against which God had so solemnly warned (Prov. 20:1; 23:29, 30; 31:4, 5). So excessive were they in their drinking they were not content to use ordinary goblets but resorted to the use of bowls of larger capacity. One can well imagine in what wild

fashion their feasts were carried on.

● Is not our own America much like that today? There is a class which possesses great wealth. They continue to live in luxury and ease while multitudes are deprived of the ordinary necessities of life. They "are not grieved for the afflictions of Joseph." They are utterly indifferent to the sad condition of their fellow men. They live on in their extravagance, they have their delicacies, they have their feasts, they have their idle music. Think of the empty, silly, jazzy songs one can hear over the radio any hour of the day. To listen to it for any length of time is enough to make a normal minded man sick. And, of course, their parties would not be considered complete without adding "drinks." Can such conditions continue forever?

Lastly, the prophet pronounces the sentence of judgment (vs. 7, 8). The "therefore" of verse 7 shows clearly that the judgment which was to come was because of the evils which had been pointed out. Sin unconfessed and unforsaken always brings retribution. God often exercises great patience, but eventually the stroke will fall. Israel was first and foremost in sin, therefore she was to be first in judgment. The certainty of the judgment is seen in the statement of

the prophet. He says, "The Lord God hath sworn by Himself," etc. (v. 8). It mattered not what **they thought** as to whether or not such a calamity as Amos announced was possible in view of their present prosperous circumstances; it all depended upon what **God said**.

What fools they were to close their eyes to divine revelation and to depend on their wisdom. But men are no better today. In spite of much more light than Israel possessed, men are blindly rushing on to their own destruction. If divine judgment fell upon that nation because of certain evils, can we expect our nation or any other to escape when similar conditions prevail? Shall not we as Christians volunteer to be veritable Amoses to warn individuals and nations to humble themselves before the mighty hand of God and to amend their ways. It may be that God will have mercy and will withhold judgment.

A WORLD AT WAR DEMANDS A CHURCH AT PRAYER.

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

If the Foundations Are Destroyed

By V. RAYMOND EDMAN, Ph.D., LL.D.

(Commencement address given by Dr. Edman, May 28.)

The need of a strong foundation for any building is self-evident and self-explanatory. Despite its inconspicuous place and its lack of adornment, the foundation is the great essential of the structure.

In days that stir the souls of men, we do well to look to the foundations of American life lest in stress and strain of passing events, the whole structure of the American way of life be undermined. Old principles of politics, economics, and religion that have proved to be destructive of human rights and opportunities are being presented to us in new guise, with the implication that their apparent novelty has outmoded principles basic in our form of government. Autocracy as ruthless and unrestrained as ever in the course of human events stalks abroad in the world under modern terms as Fascism and Naziism with their confusing claim of seeking the national good by the erection of the authoritarian totalitarian state. In our struggle with such forces we need to beware, say, lest the foundations of our own building be destroyed.

U. S. Foundations

Is it without significance that the old political Constitution,

now in force, is that of the United States? The founding fathers of our land laid in that document the foundations of a political society out of long experience in the struggle of the masses against autocracy during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. As the residue of human experience, they established a government upon the basis of popular sovereignty whose major thesis is that all power emanates from the people, which is the direct antithesis of autocracy, ancient or modern. We, the people, constitute the sovereign of the American state. The rights and privileges inherent in our form of government of necessity call for responsibilities on the part of the citizenry, and we do not hesitate to render that stewardship in days dark as these. Our fathers established a government with supremacy of law for they were apprehensive of any form of organization which might be subject to the whim or force of any individual or group of persons. The American Government was to be one of laws and not of men, one in which all law was to be in harmony with the fundamental law and all action of the state according to the law.

Out of colonial experience the fathers built a government upon the federal principle of organization in which there was to be a division of powers between the national government and that of the component commonwealth known as the state. The national government provides the centripetal force which was designed to counterbalance the centrifugal force of the state government. A balance between those forces is essential to maintain the foundation of American government. We need to check on ourselves lest insensibly we drift from a federal to a unitary form of government.

Powers of Government

Implicit in the experience and the thinking of the founding fathers was the principle of limited government, namely, that the powers of the National Government are delegated thereto while those of the states are residual. Certain great basic rights are explicitly protected in our fundamental law, such as the limitation upon the Government not to abridge the life, liberty, or property of a citizen without due process of law, the passing of ex post facto laws, and the like. Ours is a Government of the people and we must keep it such.

The economic foundations of the American people are established in the principle of free enterprise. We grant that chang-

ing conditions bring about changes in practice, but we need to check on ourselves lest we destroy the very foundations of our American way of life. In our effort to combat the totalitarian tendencies of the world, we are asked to choose between security and liberty, between regularization of our work and regimentation. We need a maximum of perspective to understand the economic fundamentals of our national life that they be maintained.

“From the spiritual point of view, the foundations of this fair land are laid deep in the fear and worship of God. Some modern historians intrigued by the economic determinism of Karl Marx have sought to decry the religious motives which prompted our fathers to come to this land. Basic principles, such as the right to worship God according to the dictates of one’s conscience, separation of the church and state, an open Bible, and opportunity of all to hear its saving message, are fundamental in the American way of life. Long ago the wisest of men said “Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” Written large in the pages of human history are the decline and the ultimate disappearance of nations that have forgotten God. Shall not we, Bible-believing and Bible-prac-

ting Christians lead the way for a national return to Almighty God, that in truth it may be sung from American hearts:

"Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of Liberty,
To Thee, we sing."

MILESTONES—MEMORIALS

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we may see this!

God alone knows what can be accomplished by such an Institution as this which will be kept true to God. He alone keeps the

records, and will administer the rewards in the day of reckoning.

Permit me to accommodate the verse with which our meditation began, into up-to-date minute application to us here. It would then read: "The Trustees of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute erected on their campus a beautiful building and dedicated it as Founders' Memorial, though Samuel like, they might have called it Ebenezer, for hitherto also the Lord hath helped them."

CHAPEL QUOTES

Robert E. McKinney: Faith steps right out into a void and finds a rock under its feet.

Reverend J. E. Ramseyer: Clouds indicate oncoming rain; if we have no dark days, we must be very dry.

Reverend J. E. Ramseyer: In order to cause others to see the message, it must first be verified in one's own life.

Bishop Leslie Ray Marston: The social Gospel is a device for locating sin elsewhere than in one's self.

Bishop Marston: God doesn't pay off every Saturday night.

Bishop Marston: If we have no revival, it is not because God has decreed that we shall not; it is because of the limitations of our faith; it is the paralysis of despair.

Dr. Clarence Benson: He that winneth souls is wise; he that winneth anything else is otherwise.

Dr. Clarence Benson: Nobody was ever moved by an opinion; what we need is conviction.

Quoted by Dr. Marston: "Anyone will discuss with great good humor any question in which he is not vitally interested."—DR. JOHNSON.

"Tolerance is possible only when indifference has made it so."—COLERIDGE.

Dedication of Founders' Memorial

By BERTHA LEITNER, M.A.

"And God said, Let there be, and there was." If the perfect plan of waters above divided from waters beneath by the firmament; waters beneath divided from each other by dry land; grass and herbs in the earth even before they grew; walking, creeping, flying, swimming things filling its parts; and man subduing and caring for them all—could come into being at His command, then who would dare to say that the devil's wars could prevent His getting a place adequate for the training of messengers to carry the Word of His power and redemption to the ends of that earth which He has created? What is a \$100,000 building compared with the earth, compared with a single forest, or even with a tree, which only God can make? But then, only God can make a building, too, especially in war time. His silver and His gold had to be brought. He had to put forth His hand upon the rock. His eye searched out all perfection and brought forth to light that which was hid and forbidden to other building projects. And all these things He did until Founders' Memorial stood complete upon the campus of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. The march of time had reached the hour to "offer unto the Lord thanksgiv-

ing and to pay our vows unto the most high," and His own was gladly returned unto Him in a series of dedication services, beginning with a broadcast on Sunday, May 3, at 12:30 p. m., and ending with an evangelistic service on Sunday, May 10, at 7:45 p. m.

At the broadcast, music was furnished by the Institute; and a message from the Lord was conveyed by President J. E. Ramseyer. On Monday night, the music department under the direction of Professors Gerber, Weaver, and Gerig presented a sacred concert. The choir, the women's chorus, and the men's chorus rendered numbers worthy of the occasion, accepted of the Lord and blessed to the many hearts present. The vocal solos of Miss Florence Habegger and Mr. Fred Rabel turned the eyes of all upon Jesus with fresh adoration and humility, as they sang with grace in their hearts, with the Spirit and with the understanding also. Professors Weaver and Gerig praised the Lord in the sanctuary with the instruments.

From Tuesday until Friday inclusive, servants of God whom He has used and honored in places of responsibility came to us with morning and evening sermons that are helping us to

“press toward the mark” which God has set for us in the use of our increased equipment. The themes and authors of these messages were as follows: “The Changeless Christ in a Changing World” and “Christian Education in the American Way of Life,” by Dr. Robert Lee Stuart; “Liberalism Changes Its Mind” and “The Power of Godliness,” by Bishop Leslie Ray Marston; “The Why and How of Teacher Training” and “The Road to National Peace and Prosperity,” by Dr. Clarence Benson; and “What Forebodings Are the Events of Today” and “Rendering Effective Christian Service,” by Reverend L. H. Ziemer.

Again on Saturday night, Professors Weaver and Gerig and the guest artists, Miss Helen Flaig and Mr. Freeman Burkhalter, offered praise with stringed instrument (harp and violin) and organ. Mr. Richard Holzwarth sang an aria and a recitative by Handel and Mendelssohn respectively. Professor Gerber directed a chorus composed of former and present students in several beautiful numbers artistically rendered.

The climax of the week was the Service of Dedication on Sunday, May 10, at 2:45 p. m. After an opening service consisting of an organ prelude; a hymn; an invocation; an octette with violin obligato; and a responsive reading, the building was presented to the **chairman**

of the building committee, Mr. S. A. Lehman, by the contractor, Mr. William Buesching. Mr. Lehman in turn presented the key to Reverend J. A. Ringenberg, the President of the Board of Trustees. The building was then dedicated to God, the Giver, by the following responsive prayer, led by Rev. Ringenberg:

Chairman: To the glory of God, Maker of heaven and earth, whose hand of favor has been upon us,

Congregation: *We dedicate this building to Thee.*

Chairman: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Congregation: *We dedicate this building to Thee.*

Chairman: For the ministry of the Holy Spirit, our abiding Comforter and Teacher,

Congregation: *We dedicate this building to Thee.*

Chairman: With thanksgiving to Thee for the vision and sacrifice of Thy servants who founded this school.

Congregation: *We dedicate this building to Thee.*

Chairman: With gratitude for Thy favor upon construction and builders,

Congregation: *We dedicate this building to Thee.*

Chairman: For the ministry of song; for the teaching of Thy Word; for the salvation of men; for the edification of believers;

for the training of young lives,
 Congregation: *We dedicate this building to Thee.*

Chairman: With firm resolve that the Fort Wayne Bible Institute shall remain faithful to Thee and its high calling throughout the days of our lives,

Congregation: *We dedicate this building to Thee.*

This dedication was followed by the dedicatory prayer, led by Reverend J. E. Ramseyer. The men's chorus sang "Adoration" by Mendelssohn. The service thus far was broadcast over WOWO. The address, "Milestones and Memorials," by Dr. J. A. Huffman, noted the appropriateness of the building as a memorial to the founders of the Bible Institute because of the increased capacity it affords for the fulfillment of their vision. These founders were President J. E. Ramseyer, the chairman of the Dedicatory Service; Mr. Henry Roth, who led the invocation; Reverend William Egle, who was unable to be present but sent felicitations by letter; and three others who are now at home with the Lord: B. P. Lugibihl, D. Y. Schultz, and David Roth.

Special features of this service were the presentations and the decorations. President Ramseyer presented to the congregation the architect, Mr. LeRoy Bradley; the contractors, Mr. William Buesching and Mr. Herman Buesching; the electric contrac-

tor, Mr. McKay; and the general superintendent, Mr. Clarence Lines. Features in the decorations were congratulatory baskets of flowers presented to the Bible Institute by Mr. LeRoy Bradley, Mr. William Buesching and Mr. Herman Buesching, National Mill Supply Company, the Broadview Florists, the First Missionary Church, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Meyer, The Industrial Piping & Engineering Co., and the McKay Electric Co.

Appropriately, the concluding service, held on Sunday night, was evangelistic. Reverend Edison Habegger preached on "Intensity in the Christian Life," using as his text, "Our God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound unto every good work." A number sought God at the altar for heart needs. We praise God for this manifestation of His glory and favor upon the new building.

Well might lovely congratulations be tendered for the thing of beauty gracing the campus. Imposing in size, yet simple and modest in style, it induces appreciation without pretension. Within, the spacious well-lighted, well-ventilated rooms offer themselves for maximum service, augmented by the pleasure of correctness and loveliness of interior decoration. One's very muscles twitch for action in response to a visit in the gymna-

sium. And chapel in the new auditorium, with the Spring leaves making pictures in the large north windows, calls for everything that hath breath to praise the Lord, for "His tender mercies are over all the works of His hands."

But although God inspired the vision and gave the pattern in the mount of prayer and brought together the materials, He then assigned the task to the sons of men with the promise of continued direction and protection. We recognize, therefore, with deep appreciation the labor and encouragement and wisdom of our President, Reverend J. E. Ramseyer; our Dean, Reverend S. A. Witmer; our Business Manager, Reverend P. L. Eicher; our Treasurer, Mr. S. A. Lehman; the Board of Trustees under the chairmanship of Reverend J. A. Ringenberg; and the Building Committee. We appreciate also all who have cheerfully given of the means with which God has entrusted them. But certainly, above all else, to God be all the praise, Who now reminds us that this is not the end. This is no mount upon which we have built a memorial to remain at ease in Zion. Having demonstrated in its miraculous erection at such a time as this that all power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth, His love constraineth us anew to go and make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever" He has commanded us, depending upon His promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the world.

TRUST IN THE LORD

Faith must always be recognized as the antidote of fret. Leaving fretfulness behind, the trusting heart moves upward and onward in an atmosphere to which the life of doubt and fear must ever be a stranger.

It is essential that we differentiate between trying and trusting. We must observe also that first is the ACT of faith, then the ATTITUDE of faith. We take the liberty of introducing another truism; in order to enjoy the results of faith it is necessary that we experience the life of faith.

Little wonder that the Psalmist insists upon our bidding a final good-bye to fretting, since we are privileged to enter the realm of faith with Him, whom, having not seen, we love.

A cheerful heart and a smiling face put sunshine in the darkest place.

They looked unto HIM and were radiant. Psalm 34:5.

Liberalism Changes Its Mind

By BISHOP LESLIE RAY MARSTON

(Excerpts of address given May 6, Dedicatory Week)

Religion's "eternal triangle" includes the three cardinal points of reference in all existence, God, Self, Others. Throughout history the emphasis of the church has been placed, now on one of these points and now on another.

In the period just prior to the present century the vertical or self-God relationship was stressed, too often to the neglect of the horizontal or self-others relationship. But the church of the twentieth century has reversed this, placing major emphasis upon the social direction of religion. Accordingly, theology has yielded its old primacy to sociology and ethics.

But within the past dozen years a new emphasis on the individual has appeared, — not the individual's relationship to God as under the older theological order, but the individual's relationship to himself. This emphasis is reflected, for example, in the reviving attention to personal sin which now is regarded not as moral rebellion in violation of man's relationship to God, but as mental illness result-

ing from disruption of man's adjustment to himself.

As the older and orthodox emphasis was theological, and the emphasis of this century's religion's liberalism has been socio-ethical, so this new humanistic trend may be called psychological.

But a counter-current to this psychological trend has already set in and is rapidly gaining in force as a conservative reaction which again lifts the vertical or God-emphasis against the leveling drag of the "social gospel" and the confused subjectivism of the psychological trend.

Evidence indicates a definite trend toward conservative belief; Christian groups which have maintained conservative Christian beliefs during all the meanderings of religious liberalism are challenged to renewed attention to scholarly study of the Bible. A bewildered world seeks guidance, and demands more than the secondhand authority of another's personal experience, however vital and compelling that firsthand experience may be.

“How God Is Able”

Evan Roberts Is Bent

By BASIL MILLER

Evan Roberts is a man who tested a theory and proved it to be true. This is the story: Evan Roberts was a young Welsh lad who grew up in the mines of his native land. He lived in a simple hut where nature in her simple moods spoke to him. In that little hut there was a room deeply consecrated to the melodeon where Evan and his brother Dan sang the Welsh songs from their childhood days.

That melodeon-room rang with the words of prayer as Mother Roberts brought her brood to the throne of God.

In the little Welsh chapel down the road a ways a deacon arose to speak. His words were heavy for the ears of the lad Evan but on that weekday meeting they found a lodging place. Said the deacon, “If you pray and wait in a prayerful spirit, some time the Holy Spirit will come upon you.” Those words stirred within Evan until he determined to seek that oncoming touch of the Spirit.

The lad as lads do grew to manhood, but always Evan was deeply moved by the deacon’s admonition, until when about twenty-four years of age the

deacon’s prayer theory put Evan on his knees.

“O Lord, bend me, or break me!”

Over and over again, month by month—for eighteen long months—wintry months trailing across those of fall, to break into the spring and come again to summer — Evan’s prayer ascended in those words, “O Lord, bend me or break me!”

It was a short prayer, possibly the world’s shortest, yet the longest made. But the deacon had said that if you pray and wait, the Spirit will come.

Finally Evan was bent by the Spirit. Let him tell the amazing experience:

“I prayed and prayed, but nothing seemed to give me any relief. But one night, after I had been in great distress about this, I went to sleep, and at one o’clock in the morning suddenly I was awakened out of my sleep, and I found myself with unspeakable joy and awe in the presence of the Almighty God. And for the space of four hours I was privileged to speak face to face with Him as a man speaks face to face with a friend. At five o’clock it seemed to me as if I again returned to earth.”

The deacon's theory became a living reality in Evan's soul!

For the space of three or four months that wonderful experience continued. "Always," testified Evan, "I enjoyed four hours of that wonderful communion with God. I felt it, and it seemed to change all my nature.

"And I knew (the witness of divine assurance)," he said. "I knew that God was going to work in the land."

The lad had felt the urge to preach, so he started off to college, but (as he feared) those wonderful four morning hours of speaking face to face with God departed. "And my heart became as stone," he says.

Again he sought for God, and once more He returned!

And then the miracle of God bending a man to the channel of the divine will became a reality. The deacon's words were true. Evan arose to speak in a meeting and the Spirit fell. A strange miracle occurred. God spoke through the miner, and all Wales was moved. Without effort or man's endeavor meetings broke out all over the land. God had visited Wales with the glory of His might.

There was little preaching. They called Evan the boy preacher. But bearded clerics from London rushed down to witness the scenes of salvation, and went back to say, "He is neither a preacher nor a boy,"

And they were right. He was twenty-six years old, and he disavowed any claim to being a preacher.

He was marvelously sat upon by the Spirit, and he talked to the people who flocked to their meeting houses.

G. Campbell Morgan, then in London (1905), went to hear Evan and said, "It is of God. He is the mouthpiece of the fact that there is no human guidance as to man or organization. He speaks under the guidance of the Spirit, and he calls men to follow the guidance of the Spirit in whatever the Spirit shall say to them."

"We must obey the Spirit," Evan cried throughout the land.

Three-fourths of the meetings consisted of singing. Evan had five Singing Sisters whose solos were wonders of dramatic and musical appeal, as one writer expressed it. The people prayed and sang, gave testimony or exhorted as the Spirit moved them.

"You can watch the influence of the power of the Spirit playing over the congregation as an eddying wind plays over the surface of a pond. The praying and the singing are wonderful, but more impressive than either are the breaks which occur when utterance can come no more, and the sobbing in the silence is drowned in a tempest of melody."

It was the ~~en~~coming Spirit of

God, as the deacon had avowed, moving upon the land.

Business stood still. School did not keep. Mines were closed. The meeting houses were packed. Up and down the valleys, across the hills the Spirit's wooing swept until there was shouting in every home. Drunkards were reformed by a spiritual transformation.

"Let believers be as one before God . . . and then the Holy Spirit," cried Evan, "will put forth His power. God's children will be filled with the Spirit, and the unconverted will be saved."

He had turned the deacon's theory into a flaming reality and the Spirit worked miracles. Whole newspapers threw out their entire copy of the news, and gave themselves over to accounts of the spiritual awakening. The telegraph companies at certain hours of the day sent revival and spiritual life messages free of charge.

It was not denomination bound, but it leaped across all creed-made lines and touched all groups. Evan had no creed save the guidance of the Spirit. God, as Evan proclaimed, led forth a mighty band of His people who were willing to bend, obedient to the Spirit.

In the first five weeks alone there were 20,000 converts who joined the churches, not counting the thousands of members

whose spiritual lives were Spirit-quickened.

God was able, as Moody declared, to show what He could do with a man wholly consecrated to Him.—**Herald of Holiness.**

THE BEST TRANSLATION

There is a story running through the religious press about four clergymen who were discussing the merits of the several translations of the Bible. One liked the King James Version best because of its simple, beautiful English. Another liked the American Revised Version best because it is more literal and comes nearer the original Hebrew and Greek. Still another liked Moffatt's translation best because of its up-to-date vocabulary. The fourth minister was silent. When asked to express his opinion, he replied, "I like my mother's translation best." The other three expressed surprise. They did not know that his mother had translated the Bible. "Yes, she did," he replied. "She translated it into my life, and it was the most beautiful translation I ever saw."

We have called attention to this story in order to re-emphasize the importance of the home as an educational agency. No amount of instruction in the Sunday School can take the place of a godly example in the home.

Impelling Love

"And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun."—Mark 16:2.

We are safe in concluding that the dauntless trio who made themselves eternally famous, with their sweet spices as an outward possession and their love as an inward quality, were conscious of a selfless service as they went in search of the crucified Christ. In the first place a very outstanding difficulty presented itself for we read that Joseph "laid Him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre." In the face of all this, John Mark assures us that **THEY CAME!** What are we to think? Shall we charge these innocent women with running on a fool's errand? If attempting the impossible is to be considered foolish, then hallelujah for men and women who are ready, who choose to be fools for Christ's sake! There existed what seemed to be an insurmountable barrier, but very early in the morning **THEY CAME!** "How wonderful to witness a work that can be ascribed only to God." Difficulties were never intended to overcome the Christian. The purpose of God is that His child should face and triumph over his difficulties.

Would that we possessed the power rightly to meditate upon the words of our text: Observe

that the Marys moved forward "very early in the morning. They reached the sepulchre "at the rising of the sun." With love full and warm, with a faith strong and courageous, they hurried to their task. How many of us have knowingly kept God waiting, because, unlike these women we were not willing to be up and at it very early in the morning? That call to prayer! That special bit of service! That offering to missions!

"When the burden becomes intolerable, God slips His hand underneath and lifts it." We are fully assured that God saw all, knew all, and felt all and that He failed not to accompany His faithful handmaidens every step of the way as they made their eventful early morning journey. William Secker boldly declare that, "As there is no grace that glorifies God so much as faith, there is no grace that He glorifies as much as faith."

These early-at-the-grave women possessed a love which must be considered divine; the love of God shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost. They had a faith that worked by love but **THEY TALKED.** Alas! Alas! how many a splendid enterprise for God has been ruined by over much talk. A fully con-

ecrated soul was about to present an offering for missions, but somebody talked. The supreme sacrifice was about to be made, which would have loosed another God-called worker and have placed him out yonder where he was so badly needed, but somebody talked. Who is it that adds difficulty to difficulty and renders the way well nigh impossible? It is not the ungodly about us, neither is it the poor backslider who in his folly is trying to find an easier way. Our path is made rough and difficult by good, earnest, well-meaning brethren who TALK! It may be safely said that Satan is always after the saint when he succeeds in making him overtalkative. O ye winds that blow in so many different directions, bring back to me some of the unwise, unsound words which I so thoughtlessly have spoken! We should never fail to differentiate between thoughts unexpressed and the free use which Christians so often make of words. God knoweth our thoughts afar off, but we have sometimes wondered if the adversary does not come into possession of added knowledge and gain a tremendous advantage over us when he hears some Christians talk.

Mark's record of the Marys' visit to the sepulchre is marvelous. These women with their faith, and love, and courage, have completely won our admiration. A very real difficulty confronted

them, and they questioned. And as they questioned, they talked. Let the Lord's followers remember that talk seldom helps faith. Spurgeon once said, "Commit all thy secrets to no man. Trust in God will all your heart, but let your confidence in friends be weighed in the balances of prudence, seeing that men are but men, and all men are frail. Trust not great weights to slender threads, yet be not evermore suspicious, for suspicion is but a cowardly virtue at best. Men are not angels, remember that; but they are not devils, and it is too bad to think them so." If you must question, do not talk. If we can succeed in having less talk and more prayer, so much the better for us, and so much the better for those who come under our influence.

Three things at least may be said of these God-honored women. Nothing could be more real and more insurmountable than the difficulty which originally faced the women in which we now find ourselves so interested; but when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away! They saw that God was infinitely better to them than their fears. They saw that a Heavenly Father's plan, although at times not easy to understand, is always characterized by inexpressible good. By no means was this all—they saw the glory of God! At one of the conferences held by John Wesley, a brother who had

been wonderfully baptized with the Spirit was giving his joyful testimony, which Mr. Wesley was enjoying amazingly. But his brother Charles was much opposed to such enthusiasm and said to Mr. Wesley, "If you do not stop this, brother, I will leave the conference." John Wesley quietly said, "Will someone near my brother reach him his hat." We cannot imagine how the women felt as they left the sepulchre after beholding the impossible made possible, but to have seen HIM must have been joy beyond compare!

—*The Connecting Link.*

Death Claims Dr. H. C. Morrison

The death of Dr. Henry Clay Morrison on the night of March 24, ends the career of a noble Christian and a picturesque figure in Methodist life. The veteran preacher, educator, publicist, and evangelist completed his eighty-fifth year on March 10. He was at the center of one of the great theological storms which swept the Methodist Church a generation ago, and to the end of his days he was a tower of strength in his opposition to a subversive liberalism and in his defense of the fundamental doctrines of Christian faith and experience. A Great Christian soldier has fallen and a great apostle and promoter of Chris-

tian education at its best has entered into eternal rest. His was the fame of a devoted heart. Long will his spirit brood over Asbury College as that of founder and guardian angel.

Who Is Hitler?

"It is a strange thing that the scientific world and the greatest psychologists have not been able to fathom Hitler," says a new commentator. Nor have they been able to declare, with any conviction, what strange force it is that seems to motivate him.

"Hitler," he says, "seems gripped by a fanatical determination to destroy not only the Bible of God, but also to eliminate, crush and destroy all the people who seem to be lovers of the Bible—Jew or Gentile."

The Bible student will not have to seek for an explanation of Hitler's complex. The psychologists will probably remain in the dark. — From **Prophecy Monthly.**

The Japanese have some understanding with the Roman Catholic Church and, as a consequence, Catholic missionaries in Japan, China, and the Philippines are undisturbed. Included among the last are 250 Jesuits working for the establishment in the Philippines of Fascism in the form of the Spanish Falange.

With the Fellowship Circle

TESTIMONIES FROM TWO MISSIONARY RECRUITS

(Miss Judd and Miss Keinrath are the two new recruits for South America who are being partially supported by the Students' Mission Band organization of the Bible Institute. This organization continues to support Rev. Clayton Steiner in the same field.)

During these days of uncertainty, God keeps my heart encouraged with His own word—"If God be for us, who can be against us?" I rejoice in the Lord's doings of recent months. In February of this year, while engaged in prayer, God revealed to me that even as He pushed aside every barrier that would hinder my getting to South America, the land to which He has called me. About a month later, letters began coming with various amounts of money enclosed. Others requested a list of some of the outfit articles needed. Then came the climax! The Students' Mission Band organization of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute gave the generous sum of \$300. God alone knows how much this means to me. Again He has done the "exceeding abundantly." I am confident that He who has led thus far will lead on. "God is faithful."

Mary Keinrath ('41)

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"The Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee." Isa. 42:6a.

There is no experience more precious and glorious to me than the blessed peace which follows an absolute surrender to the sure revelation of God's will for one's life.

Having had the privilege of a Christian home and community, I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour at the age of eight years. I experienced periods of high spiritual fervor which were alternated with periods of indifference, during which I occasion-

ally yielded to the temptation of worldly pleasures. I didn't realize that this was due to the lack of a Spirit-filled life until the Spring of 1936, when having become sick of trying to be a halfhearted Christian, and being thoroughly convinced that the world held no satisfaction for me, I humbly sought God's forgiveness. The fear of being called as a missionary to a foreign field had kept me from submitting my life wholly to the Lord, but realizing my utter failure as a true child of God, I let go of the world and yielded my life to Christ for service whether far or near. Then came a peace and strength which has remained. The fear of the mission field vanished.

The Lord led me to the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and though the Holy Spirit continued to speak to me about the foreign field, I could not testify to a definite call in that direction until my senior year. On January 9, 1941, during my evening devotions, God gave me the assurance that South America should be my field of labor, and in March of that year the Missionary Church Association accepted my application to be its missionary.

To show how wonderfully God has worked, I wish to say that He has provided \$1,150.00 in cash, and \$325.00 in pledges to this present time. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." Praise His Matchless Name! There is no sweeter place to be than in the center of God's will.

Irma Judd, ('41)

JUNIOR ALUMNI

Word has been received of the following new arrivals:

On April 21st a boy arrived at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Niswander (nee Lucille Hesselbart) in Cleveland, Ohio. He has been named Dwight John, Jr.

A five pound twelve and a half ounce

girl came to gladden the home of Rev. ('39) and Mrs. Norman Moser, in Elkton, Michigan, on April 24th. Mrs. Moser was formerly Miss Myrtle Yoder.

May 13th was made a happy day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orland Golden of Bristol, Indiana, by the arrival of little David Orland, Jr. Mrs. Golden was Miss Alice Schreckenbergh before her marriage and both Mr. and Mrs. Golden were members of the class of '41.

WEDDINGS

Word has been received of the recent marriage of Miss Joyce Kraft ('37) to Dr. James E. Stuckey, of Detroit, Mich. The nuptials were performed at the home of the bride's parents of that city on the evening of January 31st. The members of the Fellowship Circle wish them God's continued blessing throughout the years to come.

On June 2 Dorothy Dell Naylor and J. Pritchard Amstutz ('36) were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Buena Vista, Kentucky. Since graduating from B. I. Mr. Amstutz has been attending Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. For them, also, we wish God's abundant joy and rich blessing.

FOREIGN GLEANINGS

Quoting from a letter received recently:

Chumatien, Honan,
China.

"You no doubt know more than we do about conditions as we get very little news. Anyway we are glad to tell you that at present things are quiet in these parts, but God knows for how long. . . . We are happy in the thought that our Lord is coming soon and we are 'looking up.'

"Cutting off of funds is of necessity making a big difference in the work but Romans 8:28 still holds good. Faithful is he who has called us and when there is no way He will make a way.

His promises cannot fail. We are putting our trust in His Word.

"The work is heavy but the Lord helps. Louise (Miss Louise Arnold) is in Sha Ho Tien district and I am carrying on here. We are having a month Bible and Phonetic School here.

"Much to tell you but must make this short. Air mail rates are high."

Amy Applegate ('20).

A note has been added to the above letter by Miss Arnold's sister as follows:

"Since the girls have been back to their field of labor, they have had much joy and have seen many souls saved. They have written that the people are more interested and long to hear the Word of God. Let us here at home keep on praying. The girls also had some very trying times since being back, but our dear Lord has helped them through all. Continue to pray for their protection as well as their physical strength, also that their needs might be supplied whether for personal use or for the work.

"I, as well as the Applegates, have been much concerned about our sisters, especially since the war was declared. Was much concerned about the sending of funds. Can say the dear Lord heard our prayer and a way has **opened through which we can send money**, for which we praise God. How precious to know 'The Lord helps those who put their trust in Him.'"

IN SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Newhall, West Virginia

My co-worker and I are still in the hills though we have changed our song from "My Old Kentucky Home" to "Those West Virginia Hills." We are in the coal district so mining is the chief occupation. So with all the natural beauty of the hills about us—yes, even in a coal camp—there is so much idle lives that is sinful and the Gospel is greatly needed. We are greatly indebted to Mr. E. C. Wagler for his help in securing this location for us. Mr. Ear

Guth and Mr. Ed Nix, Christian workers in and around Whetsburg, Kentucky, did the moving of our goods in Mr. Guth's trailer thus saving us much on the expense. We found a hearty welcome on our arrival at Newhall on March 16th. Our prayer is that souls will be saved here.

The miners themselves live in the more simple places and some of them are moving in and out continually. Up in the hollows live the real mountain folks who own their little farms. Then we have the colored folks who live mostly in their own sections.

On a visit to a hospital we had the joy of seeing a little sixteen-year-old boy give his heart to the Lord and a woman reclaimed. Our work is just beginning to take form as we see the needs of the community. We do house to house visitation, which is after all perhaps the most important job. Miss Ayers has already started work among the young people and I have a class for the women during the week. We hope to work some among the colored folks if the way opens and also do work in the rural schools around about where no one goes. All of the places mentioned are calling for us to "come over and help." Here is where "Scattergood," the Ford, will come to the fore. Will you not pray much for us? Yours in Christ whom we love and serve,

Christine N. Johnson ('21)

Bethany, Kentucky.

"Just a year ago I was graduating with great plans but God had others and just opened and closed doors for me until I saw His will. How happy I am that I obeyed His voice. My 7½ months' experience in Bethany could not be traded for all the human pleasures or man's plans. I still have my vision of being in Hawaii before me, yet there is a satisfaction and peace of heart and mind with the work I am now doing."

Florence Thompson ('41).

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Tamar Wright Stering, a former student of the Institute and missionary to India, whose home is now in Toledo, Ohio, was in a very serious automobile accident recently. Details of the accident have not been received, but in the providence of God she was spared from what might have been much worse. May the readers of this column remember Mrs. Sterling in prayer through these days of her recovery.

Miss Elinor Rice ('41) joined the staff of workers at Bethany Orphanage, Bethany, Kentucky, early in May. She is the chief cook there, and reports come to us that she can make dumpings that taste "pareful good."

MEETING OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI

For the second successive year former B. I. students and their families who live in the Peoria area met for an evening of fellowship and renewal of school ties. On account of rainy weather the event was held in Rev. Earl Leonard's church in East Peoria. Rev. Walter Lugibihl presided as chairman.

A feast of good things from the fat of the land was enjoyed by all in the basement of the church. Then followed an hour of fellowship in the auditorium. Mrs. Melvin Rich, who had served as Secretary during the past year, gave reports from Mrs. Dessie Preston and Rev. Weldon Klopfenstein, who could not be present but who sent greetings. Dean Witmer of the Institute showed colored moving pictures of the construction of the new building and also of Institute life.

It was decided to hold a similar gathering next year, and the following committee was appointed: Richard Kopp, Chairman; Mrs. Norval Lunsford, Secretary; Eldon Mitchell and Daniel Demmin.

Bible Institute News

CHAPEL

Throughout the year of 1941-1942, the students and workers of the Bible Institute have been enriched by the Lord in all things—in all utterance, in all knowledge, in spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, as well as in material and physical blessings. One means through which He has bestowed these abundant supplies is the daily chapel service. In this, outstanding because of its recency, is the new building in which to enjoy the services. Better still, the messengers have been made a blessing to us. Not so many have come from elsewhere in the past two months as heretofore, except those who spoke for the dedication. But our hearts rejoice in the Lord's work through our own family most of all. No one is quite so satisfying to a Bible Institute congregation as our President, Reverend J. E. Ramseyer. Consistent with his frequent exhortation, he presents not sermons but a message. The students have heeded his advice and followed his example, for seldom have preachers helped us more than did our seniors in their chapel messages, both in sermon and in music. But above all, our heavenly Father has made us more intimately acquainted with His extended hand and compassionate heart.

SOCIAL

Campus day! Social? Well, Mr. Witmer did say that taking pictures was not on the list of jobs posted in the administration building. But somehow persons in excruciating poses became petrified thus on small rectangles of Velox. Social privileges, too, appeared almost W. P. A., leaning not on shovels, it is true, but on rakes. And of course, there were wieners!

These assumed prominence again at the annual school picnic in the usual place. Down by the romantic and "saintly" river in Foster Park, the boys tolerated the girls in handball. Then the spirit of endurance gave place

to zealous acceptance when the car bearing the wieners sneaked into position. Best of all, Dean Witmer led evening devotions, in which God again poured out His Spirit, blessing in song and testimony, bringing glory to His Name and refreshment to our heart from the Fountain of the Water of Life. The joy of the Lord is the strength of all events at the Bible Institute, including play.

The Bible Institute was happy to entertain guests for recent significant events: the Dedication and Commencement of the Institute and the Youth Rally of the Missionary Church. To them all, we say we have been honored and inspired by your presence come again. We especially invite the young people of the churches to become students of God's Word at the Bible Institute.

A happy post-commencement occasion was the uniting of two lives for God-blessed home and a God-chosen service in the wedding of Miss Haze Harle and Mr. Fred Kreh at the First Missionary Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kreh were members of the class of 1942 and are waiting until God opens the door to answer His call to the mission field.

MISSION BAND

To convey His message and call to the Mission Band during the past two months, God sent the following challenging speakers: Reverend George Constance, Dr. J. C. Masee, Reverend Roy Birkey, and Reverend O. E. Leonard. At one service, the class in Missions I presented the call to evangelism in America. Mexico, the Indians, mountain people, Orientals, residents of the slums, and Jews were pictured by the members of the class in costume and their needs graphically related. Appropriate music sung in the Spirit also touched hearts. Some were awakened to a recognition of God's call for their lives in these fields. We appreciate

ate the efforts of the class under the inspiring supervision of their teacher, Dean Witmer.

The Lord blessed the Mission Band this year in a very remarkable way. Besides the support of Reverend Clayton Steiner, He sent enough of the silver and gold, which are His, to give \$600 to Miss Irma Judd and \$300 to Miss Mary Keinrath, both of whom are accepted by their mission boards as missionaries to South America. Miss Keinrath was the Mission Band speaker for the last service of the year. We praise our Lord with her for His work in her behalf as He has led her forth step by step. His favor was greatly manifested in the service. As Mr. Charles Glenn, the president of the Mission Band, handed her the \$300 check, we were deeply impressed with the fact that it was indeed a gift from Heaven in the interest of the Kingdom.

COMMENCEMENT

From two to four years of fellowship with the finest young people of the land binds our hearts to theirs so closely that Commencement has an element of sadness that reminds us of our status as pilgrims and strangers who look for a country in which there shall be no more partings. The same privilege, however, gives us cause to rejoice that we can send forth harvesters made worthy in the worthiness of our Lord. The first exercise of Commencement, Baccalaureate, was held in the First Missionary Church on Sunday night. Professor Weaver presided at the organ, and the church choir and Mr. Schultz contributed timely special numbers. Rev. Robert Strubhar read the Scripture from the Book of Esther. Reverend B. F. Leightner was chosen by the class as the Baccalaureate speaker. Through his lips, the Lord spoke, not only to the class, but to the entire congregation concerning the present outlook and our blessed hope. He traced the crises of the world's history down to the present all-embracing one and encouraged the class to face

this day and meet it with courage and faith and in the strength of the Lord that souls might be saved and the hopes of God's children made secure in their faithfulness to Him by His grace. He reminded us all that we are come into the Kingdom for such a time as this, even though we perish.

Monday night, the seniors reproduced their devotions of their outing, with some revisions, we judge. The platform became the lovely lawn of Bethany Camp at Winona Lake. A carpet of grass, a log fire (the fireplace of Bethany Hall), the logs and ferns and shrubbery easily transported our imagination to the scene. Music, dialogues, and testimonies not only revealed the seniors' growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord but also brought a message to all, inspiring love and praise and faith. We thank the seniors for their good service and for their generous and sacrificial gifts to the school: the American and Christian flags for the chapel, a large clock for the chapel and a smaller one for the office, and new offering plates for the Mission Band.

Tuesday night, without money and without price, except a voluntary offering, many guests were favored with music of a high order by the choruses under the direction of Professors Gerber and Gerig and by the instrumental art of Professors Weaver and Gerig. Praise with voice and instruments incited a response of thanksgiving in the hearts of the congregation.

Wednesday morning, the Lord gave us a blessed hour of prayer in the chapel of Founders' Memorial. President Ramseyer urged us to "Press on toward the mark" of Christlikeness and to submit to the refining of our natures by the Holy Spirit. There was much liberty in prayer.

Wednesday evening, the Fellowship Circle banquet fed richly not only our bodies but also our souls. As God expresses His personality in the poems of nature written by His finger, so we saw and heard Him in the beauties

that met the eye and the ear. Decorations of flowers and color found their center in a large white cross on the platform in the center of light with the word "Fellowship" written across the arms and the words Son and Father on the vertical piece. The music was furnished by Professors Weaver and Gerig and a ladies' trio consisting of Mrs. Don Miller, Mrs. S. A. Witmer, and Mrs. Newell Neuhauser. President Ramseyer ably and appropriately led in the worship. Officers were elected for the new year, class reports and roll call were received, and offerings were taken for the year's expenses and for Miss Melvena Basinger, who is ill in the hospital. The message by Dean Witmer was a challenging exposition of a profound phase of sanctification expressed in the word **devotion**, which indicates a complete and permanent and irrevocable commitment to the Lord for His keeping and disposal. We pray that each may experience such a sanctified walk; thus our fellowship shall be perfect and complete, wanting nothing, either toward God or toward one another.

The great climax of the year occurred on Thursday morning, when the class of 1942 was graduated. Mr. Lewis sang his testimony, "The Lord is my Light; of whom then shall I be afraid," a much needed encouragement in these dark days. May it linger in our memories and sink into our hearts as we face a future uncertain so far as this world's concerns are involved. A quartette consisting of Misses McClaid and Slabaugh and Messrs. Demmin and Lewis sang "Just for Today," a prayer for strength for the needs and burdens of the hour. Dr. J. Warren Slote read the Eleventh Psalm, a basis for the address, "If the Foundations Be Destroyed," by Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President of Wheaton College. Dr. Edman recalled the foundations of civilization, the home, the school, representative government, and the church. In

regretting the large degree of breakdown within each of these, he exhorted the class to watch the foundation of the Gospel which they have received in their training in the Word of God, so that each can follow the Lord in attempting to gather under His wings this great Jerusalem in which we live and have citizenship. President Ramseyer and Dean Witmer also gave to the class their blessing, encouragement, and incitement to faithfulness. The president of the Board of Trustees, Reverend J. A. Ringenberg, led in the prayer of dismissal. We send this splendid class to the front of the battle for Christ and souls in the strength of the Lord and with our prayers following them. They are as follows:

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CERTIFICATE

ROY JOHNSON

Two seniors were almost tied for scholastic honors over a period of three years. Mr. Fred Kreh was first; Mr. I. Wayne Judd was a close second. Several others attained high averages.

SYMPATHY

The staff and students of the Bible Institute extend our love and prayers and sympathy to the family of our secretary, Miss Jane Bedsworth, at the home-going of their mother. Our highest wish for them is that they may be found worthy of her and of her Lord who moulded her life and whom she faithfully served.

“Lord, what a change within us one
short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to
make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms
take!
What parched grounds refresh as with
a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to
lower;
We rise, and all the distant and the
near
Stands forth in sunny outline brave
and clear.
We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full
of power!
Why, therefore, should we do our-
selves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always
strong?
That we are ever overborne with care:
That we should ever weak or heartless
be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is
prayer,
And joy, and strength, and courage are
with Thee.”

SENTENCED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Judge Olney C. Allen of Kane County, Illinois, appreciates the value of the Sunday School as a preventive if not a corrector of juvenile crime. Instead of sentencing three boys in their early teens to the St. Charles Training School he substituted a course of conduct for one year. This, according to the **Chicago-Herald-American**, consisted of certain “musts” and “mustn’ts”:

“**Musts:** Attend Sunday School and church; attend school and get good report cards; go to bed at 8 p. m. except when with parents or guardians; read a page of the Bible daily; read books about great Americans.

“**Mustn’ts:** Attend movies; drive or ride in automobiles; listen to radio shows about crime or criminals; enter bowling alleys or poolrooms.”

But why should it be necessary for a judge to sentence an adolescent to Sunday School? Where were the parents who had overlooked this all important training? Why were they not sentenced to a school of training for parents? After all the “musts” and “mustn’ts” of Judge Allen were only domestic regulations with which every parent should be familiar and should enforce if he does not want his son to wind up in a juvenile court. More and more we are impressed with the program of having all our young people take the Preliminary Course of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. Not only will they have a new appreciation of the responsibility of providing parental instruction in the home, but they will receive something worth while to teach.—**The Church School Promoter.**

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By LOIS REYNOLDS CARPENTER

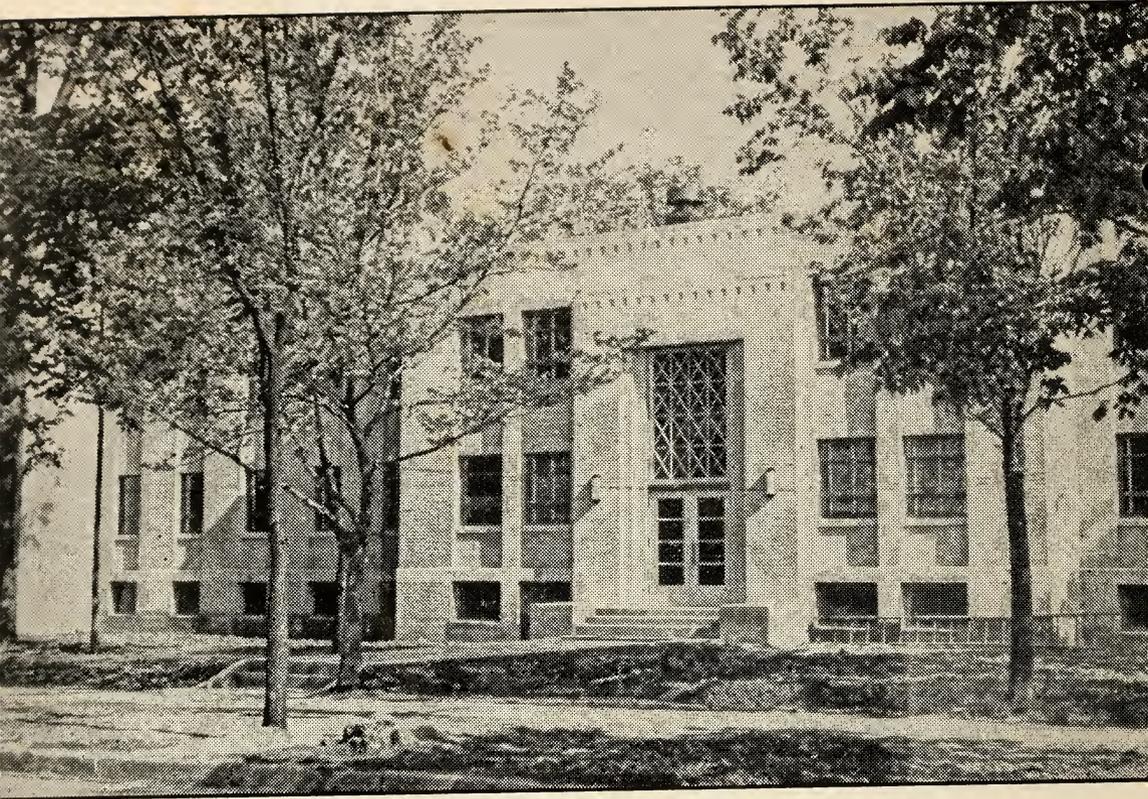
MARTHA in the kitchen, serving with her hands;
Occupied *for* Jesus, with her pots and pans.
Loving Him, yet fevered, burdened to the brim,—
Careful, troubled Martha, occupied *for* Him.

Mary on the footstool, eyes upon her Lord;
Occupied *with* Jesus, drinking in His word.
This the one thing needful, all else strangely dim:
Loving, resting Mary, occupied *with* Him.

So may we, like Mary, choose the better part:
Resting in His presence—hands and feet and
heart;
Drinking in His wisdom, strengthened with His
grace;
Waiting for the summons, eyes upon His face.

When it comes, we're ready, spirit, will, and nerve;
Mary's heart to worship, Martha's hands to serve;
This the rightful order, as our lamps we trim,
Occupied *with* Jesus, then occupied *for* Him!

—S. S. Times.



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