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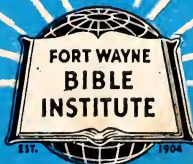
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Editorials



Greetings

To the many friends of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, readers of the Bible Vision, alumni, students and parents, we convey this word of greeting in the name of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate. We are thankful for the supreme Gift of God's love through Whom we enjoy all lesser gifts. Among these we cherish your friendship, your prayers, your interest and encouragement. May God grant to each of you a fuller revelation of the riches of His Son.

The Gospel of Peace in a World of War

There is a startling contradiction between the celebration of Christmas in 1941 and the events in the world which overshadow life within and without. A similar contradiction existed when Christ was born. The events of Christmas took place among quiet, peaceful folk, peasants from Nazareth and shepherds of the Judean hills. Humility, gentleness, and love were their virtues. But not far away, in the place of influence and power, were to be found their direct opposites. There reigned a king skilled in power-politics, whose office was upheld by terrorism and adorned by ostentation. He was the representative of Rome, whose character was described by Daniel in the symbol of a "beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly." Herod was the incarnation of violence, jealousy, and greed.

Herod has had his little day and has passed away. Though he married ten wives, had nine sons and five daughters, yet within one hundred years not a relative of the great Herodian family was left. The kingdom which he gained by bribery from Anthony and Octavius and held by terror and force, soon fell apart and was no more. But the kingdom founded on love and loyalty to the Child of Bethlehem continues, for "there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that shall not be destroyed." King Herod didn't succeed in destroying King Jesus, and all that Herod symbolizes will never overcome the purity and love incarnated in Christ.

We take hope, in this dreadful hour of bloodshed and strife. Love, peace, goodwill, gentleness, goodness, faith seem to be very much out of place in the presence of the elemental forces of war.

Some assume that they should be closeted for the duration. Others argue that we must shield them by military force until their enemies are destroyed. But they are not as fragile nor as perishable as that. They are the abiding virtues that call for expression lest the world become a complete spiritual and moral blackout. "Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

We take hope in our task. As in other critical periods, the Gospel triumphs in spite of "dungeon, fire and sword." Reports coming from various parts of the world indicate that the evangels of the Cross are marching on. Open doors, growing interest, increased baptisms, are up to date facts that reassure us that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church. We are on the winning side. We need not change our weapons nor our message. We need only to be clothed with more of His meekness and love.

Here at the Institute we are very thankful to God that we can share in this advance. A spacious building is being erected. A record number of students are in preparation, we trust, for front-line duty. Steady progress is noted among many. We are happy to be on the right side in this conflict of the ages.

The Four-Dimensional Man

According to a paragraph in the *Religious Telescope*, Methuselah is often overrated. He lived nearly one thousand years but evidently did not say or do anything worth recording. He was merely a biological link between Adam and Noah and gained fame only by not dying at the usual age. If there were any merit in living a long time the average snapping turtle should have a bigger place in history than Shakespeare. But it doesn't. Jonathan Edwards was possibly greater at 15 than Methuselah at 969. Methuselah's life had just one dimension — length. Now while there is no spiritual value in mere age, yet this is an over-simplification of Methuselah's life. It is true that so far as the purpose of sacred history is concerned, he is included because he is a link in the Messianic line, but it isn't likely that his was a single-dimensional life. He was the son of godly Enoch. He was the father of God-fearing Lamech. He was the grandfather of a great man of faith, Noah. It isn't likely that a member of this succession was a moral zero.

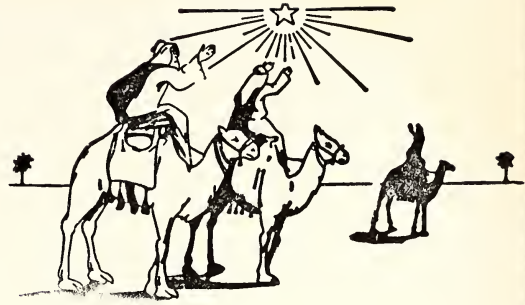
But the *Religious Telescope* says that two other dimensions are necessary to make life complete—depth and breadth. These

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Our Coming Lord

*The Star of Bethlehem and the
Bright and Morning Star*

REV. A. B. SIMPSON



All the incidents connected with Christ's first coming no doubt prefigure in some sense the events associated with His second advent. The spiritual declension of the religious world at the commencement of the Christian era will be more than paralleled by the conditions at the second advent. The cruel Herod will have his counterpart in the Antichrist of the last days. The waiting few in Jerusalem and the expectant hearts in the great world outside, represented by the Magi, will also have their representatives in the coming day, and as a star presaged His ancient birth and guided the wise men to His cradle, so His second coming will be forecast by an intimation to His waiting followers as distinct and supernatural. It has been very definitely declared in the New Testament prophecies that those who walk with Jesus and wait for His coming shall not be left in uncertainty as that hour draws near. "For ye are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. To him that overcometh will I give the Morning

Star." That is the earliest intimation of Christ's immediate coming. This implies,

I. That we shall know in some measure that the coming of the Lord is near. The morning star is the precursor of the dawn. How definite and complete that knowledge will be it is impossible to say, but it will be sufficient to inspire our hopes and at the same time to regulate them and guide our feet in the paths of obedience and service which will be required in that great crisis. The day and the hour we shall not know, but that it is near we shall know. "None of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand," was Daniel's ancient announcement. "When these things begin to come to pass," the Lord Himself has said, "Then lift up your eyes and look, for your redemption draweth nigh." Christ reproved His generation for not knowing the signs of the times, and He certainly expects His watchful children to understand their generation and to be awake to the events preceding His advent. There is an idle and wild

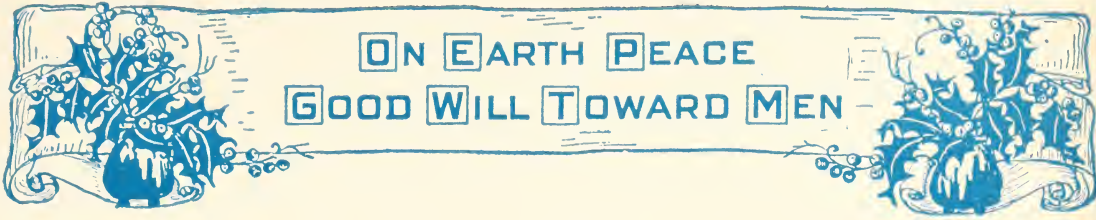
way of star-gazing and a reckless and irreverent manner of prophesying respecting the future, but there is also a sober and Scriptural study of the signs of the times and especially the landmarks of prophecy of which we must not lose sight in guarding against fanaticism and folly.

II. The star of Bethlehem did not give to the Magi all the light at last found in the beginning of their journey. It was simply a light for their pathway step by step. It may have taken them months or almost years to accomplish their journey, and no doubt that star guided them from the beginning, but it only led them day by day as they required direction, and it was not until the very last that it rested immediately over the very spot where the young child lay; and so the light which Christ will give us respecting His coming will not be enough for us to prophesy the day or the hour, but light sufficient to enable us to stand with lamps trimmed and burning and robes clean and white, prepared to meet Him. In other words, it is the light we need for duty, rather than for speculation. Our business is not so much to talk about the details for the Lord's coming as to finish the work that He has left us and follow Him step by step as He leads us forth to meet Him.

III. The light of Bethlehem's

star did not prevent their asking for more light. So we find them inquiring of the teachers at Jerusalem and the sacred oracles of ancient prophecy, and getting more definite light, even from the scribes themselves as they consult the Old Testament Scriptures. And the light all points to Bethlehem; and so those who have the most direct supernatural guidance from above will be found the most reverently inquiring from God's holy Word for clearer direction and instruction respecting the Master's coming. It is one of the most hopeful signs of this day, that the spirit of reverent and earnest inquiry is searching the Word of God and bringing the light of its full and unerring teaching to bear upon this blessed hope. Never before were so many asking from the oracles of God, "Where is the promise of His coming?" Never was there a more Scriptural, intelligent and reverent hope in the hearts of those who are looking for their dear Lord's appearing. Never before were the earnest disciples of Jesus more fully fulfilling the Apostle Peter's injunction, "There is given unto us a more sure word of prophecy whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth forth in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts."

IV. The Morning Star is noth-



ing less than the Lord Himself in the hearts of His people. "I am the bright and Morning Star." He is the precursor of His coming. Christ spiritually revealed in the heart is the sign of Christ visibly revealed from the heavens. The outward appearing of the Lord in His glory is to be preceded by a very marked manifestation of His living presence in the experience of His disciples. He is to grow so real to them that it will seem but a little change to have Him burst forth in tangible reality amid the clouds of the firmament, and will require but a slight translation for the heart and the flesh already quickened by His indwelling life, to mount up with wings as eagles and meet Him in the air.

This is exactly what the apostle means when he tells us of the secret that has been hid through ages and generations and the priceless mystery which he had felt it to be his mission to proclaim; namely: "Christ in you the hope of glory." It is not only Christ in you, but it is this inward experience as it is linked with the expectation of the Lord's coming. This is indeed

the marked spiritual movement which today is spreading throughout Christendom. It is a great Christ movement. It is not a revival of truth or even of holiness, or divine healing, or Christian and missionary work so much as a realizing of Christ, a revelation of His presence and glory in the hearts of His people, and this we believe will grow more and more vivid and intense until Christ Himself shall overshadow all the mere phases of Christian life and work, and the revelation of His person and glory will just ripen into a manifestation of the coming King.

There is no doubt that the very real manifestation of Himself which He is making in these days in the souls and bodies of His people is an anticipation of His speedy coming, the light of the Morning Star presaging the dawn. Oh, let us keep very close to the presence which has already stooped to meet us, and lo! we shall find some glad morning that it has dropped the disguise and removed the veil, and like the transfiguration vision, has become the glory of the Epiphany.—*Alliance Weekly.*

Carol

I did not see the Star that shone
O'er sleeping Bethlehem,
That told the Magi Christ was come
And bid them worship Him;
But in my heart a Star is ris'n
More glorious and bright
Than e'en the Star of Bethlehem--
For Jesus is my Light.

I did not hear the angels' song
Ring out o'er Judah's plain,
That wondrous song of peace on earth
And God's goodwill to men;
But in my heart an anthem peals,
And e'en that holy throng
Could never carol hymn so sweet--
For Jesus is my Song.

I did not go to Bethlehem
To worship where He lay,
The Son of God in form of man
Upon a bed of hay;
But this I know, He lives today
As surely as of yore,
For in this heart of mine He reigns
A King for evermore!

—E. MARGARET CLARKSON.

The Seven Miracles of Israel

By Rev. A. W. Tozer

Israel is a miracle, and her whole history partakes of the miraculous. If by a miracle we mean an act or succession of acts wrought by special operation of God, then Israel is the miracle of history. If by a miracle we mean an event or succession of events that cannot be explained apart from God, then Israel is the national and racial miracle of the ages.

ORIGIN

The nation was born out of a miracle. From ninety-year-old Sarah, sterile and past hope, was born Isaac; from Isaac came Jacob, and from Jacob the twelve tribes of Israel. In the course of natural events Isaac could not have been. By the power of God he was, and from that point a nation, clothed in the supernatural, stood up on its feet and began its march down the centuries.

EXODUS

The Exodus was the second great miracle in the life of Israel. Though one of the most helpless of nations, subjugated, enslaved, oppressed, without an army, without a friend among the peoples of the earth, she yet arose, shook off the yoke of the most powerful nation in the world, and without the aid of sword or spear walked forth to

freedom. Nothing like that had ever occurred before, and nothing like it has occurred since. It was an act of God that unlocked the iron furnace and set His people free. By the ten plagues He exposed the vanity of the gods of Egypt. By deliverance through blood and power He set forth in symbol the plan of redemption and pointed to the Redeemer who was to come.

THE BIBLE

Another miracle God wrought through Israel was the giving of the Sacred Scriptures to mankind. Everyone is aware of the unique character of the Bible, particularly its pure and lofty conception of the nature of God. Nowhere among the religious writings of the world can anything be found to remotely compare with it.

We have taken so much for granted that we have almost overlooked one thing, the total unfittedness of the people of Israel to produce such a book. That the nations of earth should go to school to Israel is nothing short of a miracle. It is a reversal of the natural order of things. Israel was an insular people, wholly out of touch with the religious and philosophic thought of the centers of world civilization. She owed nothing

to the great thinkers of the earth; indeed she hardly knew they existed. Her people were simple people, shepherds, farmers, fishermen, yet kings and great men of the world have come to them for instruction. If we rule God out of this we have no explanation, nothing to account for it. Paul's words in Romans supplies the answer, "What advantage then hath the Jew? Much every way; chiefly because that unto them were committed the oracles of God."

CHRIST AFTER THE FLESH

When God wrought the miracle of all time, when by immaculate conception and virgin birth He gave a Saviour to the world, it was through Israel that the great deed of love was accomplished. Christ was born to Israel at the most unlikely period of her history, if we are to judge by human standards. For hundreds of years she had had no prophet and no king. Even the fitful fire kindled by the Maccabees had died to an ember. She lay subject to the rule of pagan Rome, her national spirit dead, her outlook hopeless. Just at this point He came, like Isaac, born against the common course of things, "a root out of a dry ground," and that was a miracle.

PRESERVATION

Balaam's early prophecy has been literally fulfilled: "Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and

shall not be reckoned among the nations." Had Israel remained in the seclusion of Palestine and kept herself racially pure, it would not have been unusual. But to have kept herself a racial unit for nearly two thousand years, while scattered like chaff to the four quarters of the globe, is an accomplishment wholly beyond human explanation.

Left to herself she would have been dissolved in the ebb and flow of nations. Divine preservation alone prevented it. She is being kept for a higher destiny, and her keeping is a miracle.

RESTORATION

The next dramatic event in the life of this strange and wonderful people will be its restoration to the Holy Land. To all who are familiar with the difficulties involved this task would seem impossible. The obstacles to be overcome are so many and so great that, normally, it would take centuries to accomplish it, granted that there are those who desired to see such a thing brought to pass.

The word of the Lord in this matter, as in all others, is sufficient: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth which brought up and which led the

seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I have driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land." (Jer. 23:7-8.)

WORLD EVANGELIZATION

The last miracle we mention is Israel's witness to the Gentile nations during the tribulation period and the millennium. The eighth chapter of Zechariah, and many other passages in the Scriptures of truth, point to the coming work of the Jew in world evangelization. The little nation that gave the world the Bible and the Redeemer is ultimately to carry to the world the message of salvation. That the Jews, who crucified Christ and fought His teachings for centuries, should come at last to publish peace in His name, is a miracle. That the nations, who have hated the Jews and have persecuted

them from time immemorial should stoop at last to accept God's peace through the Jew, is a miracle of no less wonder.

MAKING THE BIBLE KNOWN

The Bible has been translated in languages as follows:

The number of languages in which the whole Bible has been published is 184.

The number of languages in which the whole New Testament has been published is 227.

The number of languages in which a portion or book of the Bible has been published is 551.

The number of languages in which a selection has been published is 89.

The total number of languages in which the Scriptures have been published is 1051.

—*American Bible Society.*

There are briars besetting every path
That call for patient care
There is a cross in every load
And an earnest need for prayer.
But a lowly heart that leans on Him
Is happy anywhere.

EDITORIALS

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make it "solid." With this number we emphatically disagree. Man according to the purposes of his Creator and Redeemer, is a four-dimensional creature. Like the cube of love in Ephesians 3:18, man must have *height* as well as length and breadth and depth for full-orbed stature. In the same Epistle, Paul points to the height of man's essential being. By redemption he is raised up with Christ to sit with Him in heavenly places. He belongs to the household of God. In another Pauline Epistle, he is described as an heir of God a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. And even in respect to length, he lives far longer than Methuselah's earthly span—he lives into the ages of eternity.

CHAPEL QUOTES

"God-yielded wills find the God-planned life."—
JIMMY GIBSON.

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*"The man of stable Christian character will never
cave in."*—J. WARREN SLOTE.

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*"Christ's words of John 14, 15 and 16 are family
talk; this message and this Comforter are for the family
of the Father."*—J. E. RAMSEYER.

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*"The risen Lord appears most easily to those al-
ready talking about Him."*—GEORGE LIVINGSTONE ROBIN-
SON.

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*"The door of salvation swings on the facts of Christ's
death and resurrection."*—THEODORE JACKMAN.

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*"Christ is what He was; was what He is; and ever
shall be what He is and was."*—R. R. BROWN quoting
Mr. Marsh.

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*"A stone fit for the wall will not be left by the
roadside."*—Persian proverb quoted by GEORGE LIVING-
STONE ROBINSON.

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*"Fundamentally we are all alike; only superficially
do we differ."*—R. R. BROWN.

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*"Much prayer — much power,
Little prayer, — little power,
No prayer, — no power."*—MRS. GEORGE DIBBLE.

The Tragedy of Christmas

By Bertha Leitner, M.A.



“Now the serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field . . . and said unto the woman, ‘Ye shall not surely die,’ and she did eat and gave her husband and he did eat. . . . And the Lord God called unto Adam and said, ‘Where art thou?’ . . . and the Lord God said unto the serpent, ‘I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel.’”

The blackness of darkness began on that day when Eve turned to Satan from the living God. Man fell into a moral abyss indeed when he dared disobey God. The first fruit thereof was murder; then followed the whole list in Galatians 5:19-21. The vile-ness of the heart in which are wrath, hatred, vain-glory, littleness, meanness, disloyalty can be comprehended only when we get a glimpse of the holiness and love of God. How incompatible! how conflicting are the two! — as far removed in kind as the east from the west; and when in space brought near, what friction! what repulsion! Even the ones who first yielded to Satan’s enticements would have run

away from “the accursed thing” if they could have. That being impossible, the next attempt was to hide their sin-reeking selves from the Holy One.

But oh, what love! what wondrous love! No sooner had they “hid themselves from the presence of the Lord” than the God who is love came to His polluted creatures, calling, “Where art thou?” Out of the divine counsels, conceived before the foundation of the world, there was offered not only judgment and law to vindicate His righteousness and reveal to the stupefied mind its guilt and need, but also release and cleansing. Upon what basis and by what method could such inimitable mercy be proffered? Upon what basis except that God so loved the world? And by what method except the giving of His Son, the plan existent in the Godhead from before time?

Inextricably bound with parenthood is the passion to guard, protect, and promote the welfare of the child. Every misfortune to the son or daughter is a stab to the heart of the mother and father. The long hours of vigil by the bedside, the days and nights of journey to bring comfort, the sacrifice of every material good and even of life to meet needs, bear witness to the paternal concern. Yet those represent but natural human relations. No great genius must the son be to elicit such affection. Even so, parents frequently give their children in service for their nation, or Christian parents give them in service for God. But they give them because they must, even though sometimes freely; and they give them from a world of woe to a world of woe. But God, in giving His only begotten Son, did a wondrous thing! He gave Himself, His glorious God-self. He knew the end—the shameful cross; in fact, it was determinately in the scheme. And He gave the Son from a Heaven of indescribable light and purity and glory to a world of darkness and corruption and despair. The Son, Who offered Himself, was the Creator of all things and the Upholder of all things by the Word of His power, the Heir of all things, the Brightness of God's glory, and the express Image of His Person. "Out of the ivory palaces," He

came, "into a world of woe," deliberately humbling Himself from the God of Heaven to the Babe of Bethlehem, becoming flesh to dwell in the midst of sin—selfishness, greed, war, rebellion. What for? To demonstrate His splendor? No. His Name was called Jesus, for He came to save His people from their sins by death on a cross of shame.

Was that, then, the tragedy of Christmas—the relinquishment of Heavenly glory, the surrender to sorrow and bitterness and blood? Was it the physical and mental agony of the garden and the cross? Was it the divine understanding of the awfulness of sin, such as no human being could appreciate? Was it His enduring death as the consequence of sin? Was it His being made a curse for us? Was it His battle with the prince of darkness? Was it His conscious, active contact with death as the expression of the wrath of God?

No, as stupendous as are these considerations, the tragedy of His coming is not found in them, for the angels heralded His lowly birth as glory to God in the highest. For the *joy* that was set before Him, He endured the cross. Although He was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, yet He also was crowned with glory and honor. Furthermore, He tasted

death by the grace of God and was made perfect through suffering and became the Author of eternal salvation unto all those who obey Him. He is also an High Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. Finally, there is in preparation for Him a great harvest and a Kingdom, and He is worthy to reign and is the Light of the eternal city which needs no sun. "He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a Name written, King of kings and Lord of lords." Therefore naught that He has suffered made His coming a tragedy. The cross is but an expression of His glory.

The tragedy of Christmas is that He came unto His own and His own received Him not. First, His own nation, the Jews, to whom for many centuries He had given the privilege of guarding and disseminating His truth and who failed; and to whom now He offers the Gospel and the world-wide witness — they, His own, received Him not. Then, people of every tribe and tongue and nation, His own by right of redemption, purchased not with silver and gold but with His own precious blood, — they, too, have not received Him. Those who, for power and dominion, with sudden destruction send souls to eternity — they have not received Him. Those who go to church on Sunday and are unkind or careless on Mon-

day — they have not received Him. Those who hang red paper, holly, and bells, and light the Christmas tree but do not pray — they have not received Him. Those who never heard — they have not received Him. And those who have heard and have never told the others — have they received Him? And we whose hearts He has transformed, how cordially and completely have we received Him? Could we, perhaps, understand His will better if we should try? Could we live closer? Could we be more faithful, more useable?

Under the burden and grief of the greatest tragedy known to the universe, in the face of the greatest insult ever given — rejection of One's person and spurning of One's best gift—yet in love He still seeks His enemies. While they were yet sinners, He died for them; and while they still remain sinners, He ever liveth to make intercession for them. And still, they trample under foot His blood. This is the tragedy of Christmas. And how shall we escape if in any wise we grow careless and neglect so great salvation? We ought to give more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, spoken unto us in these last days by the Christ of Bethlehem, Who by Himself purged our sins and sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, a High Priest perfected forevermore.

A Lesson In Judgment

"Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. Doth he that ploweth to sow plow continually? doth he continually open and harrow his ground? When he hath levelled the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and put in the wheat in rows, and the barley in the appointed place, and the spelt in the border thereof? For his God doth instruct him aright, and doth teach him. For the fitches are not threshed with a sharp threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. Bread grain is ground; for he will not always be threshing it; and though the wheel of his cart and his horses scatter it, he doth not grind it. This also cometh forth from Jehovah of hosts, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom."

—Isa. 28:23-29 (R. V.)

I. THE SUMMONS TO LEARN FROM GOD: "Give ye ear, and hear my voice."

Israel was passing into the shadow of judgment. The nation had grievously sinned and violated its covenant with God. The form of judgment was the Assyrian invasion, which would all but engulf the land. God intended to use this pagan nation

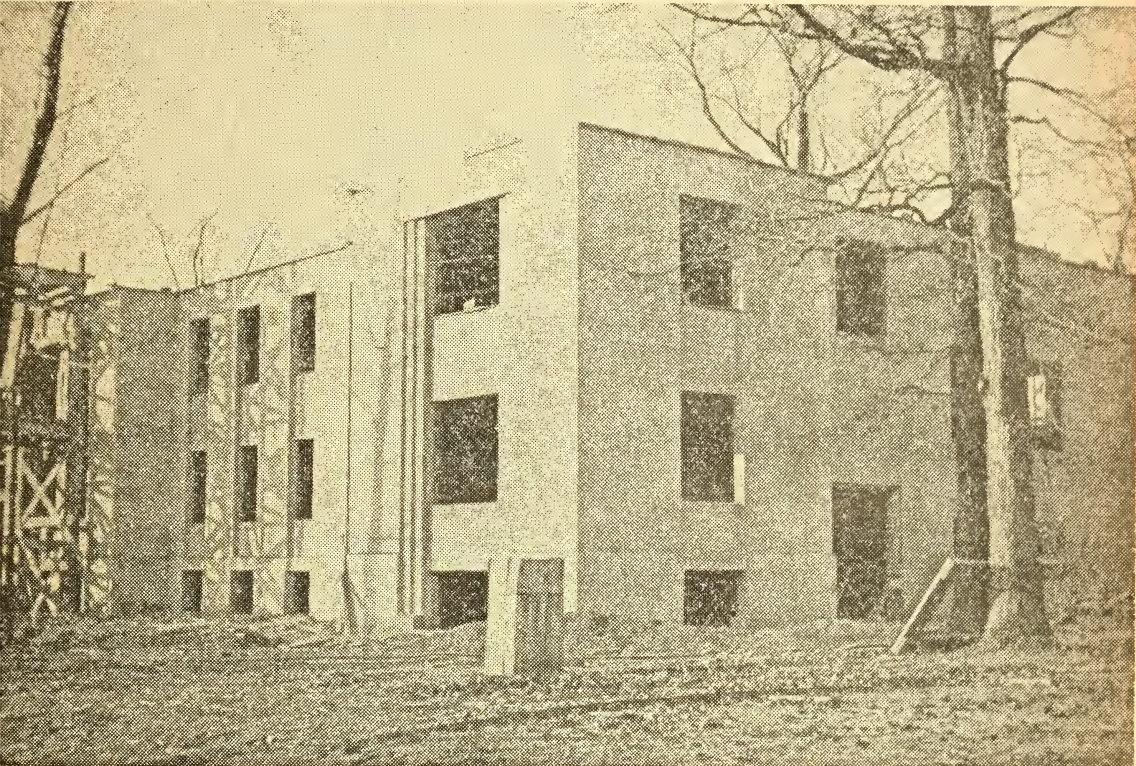
as the instrument with which to judge His people. In Isa. 10:15 He regards Assyria as an "axe" and a "saw"—tools with which to carry out His purpose. This judgment was meant to be corrective rather than punitive; it was intended to humble Israel and bring her to contrition. Was it strange that God should use this harsh measure against His very own? Yes, that is what Isaiah says of this act: "Jehovah will rise up . . . that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act." God is no sadist who delights in judgment, but He will in His great mercy use harsh means when the gentler means fail.

But it was necessary that Israel understand the meaning of this impending catastrophe. She must be made to understand the meaning of judgment. With infinite appeal, God summons His people to hear an inimitable lesson clothed in the imagery of sowing and reaping grain.

We hardly need to be reminded that now all men, and particularly God's people, ought to read again the portions of God's Word that deal with judgment. The world is again passing into another dark shadow of divine chastisement. In its present phase it should call sinners to repentance and God's people to

Founders' Memorial

A Monument to God's Faithfulness



Southeast View, November 27, 1941

Steps of Advance

THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE INSTITUTE

School Begun in Bethany Home, Bluffton, Ohio, 1903

School Established in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1904
(Purchase of plot and construction of first building)

Bethany Hall Built, 1929-1930

Annex Purchased, 1937

Founders' Memorial, 1941-42

A STATEMENT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE INSTITUTE

Praise is given to God for His gracious blessing on the new building now being constructed at the Institute. Plans were conceived when conditions were much more favorable than now, but in keeping with the vision and faith of the founders, construction goes forward in spite of hazards and difficulties. We as a Committee have been very conscious of God's special presence and blessing in this undertaking. We feel very definitely that this building is from the hand of God rather than the hand of man. *A greater Bible Institute and conference center is coming into being through the faithfulness of God.*

In spite of shortages in building materials, all necessary supplies are being delivered. For the most part the weather has been favorable. Soon the building will be entirely enclosed. We are also grateful for the many gifts that have come in, both large and small from friends far and near, even among loyal alumni laboring sacrificially on foreign fields. These many tokens of divine favor prompt us to give thanks to God for blessings hitherto and to humbly beseech Him to prosper the remainder of the undertaking.

The new building has been named FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL in memory of the pioneers who founded the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. It is essentially an educational building which will provide studios, practice rooms, classrooms, a chapel, and an auditorium. Rooms are also provided in the basement for a large dining department, but present plans do not call for finishing and installation of equipment.

Several reactions from the public have been made frequently, though variously expressed. First, as to size—the building is larger than most people imagined. In fact, in area it is considerably larger than both the Administration Building and Bethany Hall combined. Then, as to beauty—while free from costly embellishments yet the simple, chaste lines follow modern architectural designs. It is also

In keeping with a twofold policy to keep our constituency informed as to finances and to acquaint them with our needs, we make this straightforward statement at this time. First, as to cost. The original estimate of \$75,000 made two years ago has been increased for several reasons. Building plans were extended to include, among other additions, a basement under the entire structure. Approximately \$10,000 worth of construction has been added. Building costs also advanced about 10%, and the architect's fee had to be added. These changes have brought the total cost of all contracts to approximately \$99,000, which, with incidental expenses, brings the total to approximately \$100,000.

We are indeed thankful that to date \$51,000 in cash has been given for the building. Another \$20,000 has been subscribed. This leaves a balance of approximately \$30,000 yet to be raised. However, *all funds received have now been paid out and the treasury is empty; new gifts and payments on pledges will therefore be especially welcome at this time.* The more cash that is received while the building is being completed, the less will have to be financed.

We would therefore urge Christian stewards, particularly those who have not yet given, to do so NOW. Gifts may be made outright or by the annuity plan, of which information will be gladly sent on request. We believe that by courageous faith and generous giving, much more of the building can be paid for while it is being completed. Then when it is dedicated to the glory of God, we can all unite in the joy of a great victory.

For the glory of God and the fulfillment of the Great Commission, we ask you to give as the Lord directs. The form on the opposite side may be used. With thanksgiving to God for your generous support of this undertaking thus far, and with warmest Christmas Greetings, we are,

Your servants in Christ,

The Building Committee.

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Subscriptions may be made payable within one, two, or three years to suit the convenience of the donor. If persons wish to credit either the Fellowship Circle or the Young People's Society with their pledges, they should mark the proper square at the bottom of the pledge.

Mail gifts and pledges to the Treasurer, Rev. P. L. Eicher, Bible Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Subscription to
FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL
Fort Wayne Bible Institute

Date

Name

Street

City State

In dependence upon God I (we) hereby subscribe and agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Building Committee of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, for the erection of a Founders' Memorial, the sum of dollars, to be paid as follows: dollars per year for years.

Signed

\$..... Cash herewith

Fellowship Circle

Young People's Project

self-examination. Eventually, it will become punitive—the righteous wrath of God when the cup of iniquity fills to the brim. “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”

II. PRINCIPLES OF DIVINE JUDGMENT.

1. *Judgment is purposeful.* “Doth he that ploweth to sow plow continually?” Certainly not. He plows to prepare the ground for sowing. Plowing is a means to an end. So with the judgments of God. They are not an end in themselves, but God uses them to further His purpose of redemption.

2. *Judgment is discriminative.* Fitches are broadcast; cummin is scattered; wheat is sowed in rows. Likewise various methods are employed in threshing, each suited to the different kinds of grain. Fitches (dill) are beaten out with a staff, cummin with a rod, etc. It may sometimes appear that calamitous judgments fall without regard to innocency or guilt, but while we may not be in a position to determine the rationale of God’s justice, yet we may be assured that if He teaches the farmer to use discrimination in sowing and harvesting grain, much more will He regard the individual souls of men. His judgment will be fair to all.

3. *Judgment is beneficent.*

God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. It is not His purpose to destroy, but to save. He permits corrective judgments for the sake of awakening the souls of men, illuminating their minds, and bringing them to salvation. This is aptly taught by the threshing process. Though the farmer uses a harsh method to thresh his grain, he does not mean to destroy it. “Though the wheel of his cart and his horses scatter it, he doth not grind it.” The end is to bring forth something useful and good,—bread (v. 28).

4. *Judgment is intelligent.* The whole illustration teaches the infinite wisdom of God. If God gives wisdom to the plowman, how much more will He be wise in the exercise of judgments for moral ends?

III. THE SURPASSING WISDOM OF DIVINE JUDGMENTS.

“This also cometh forth from Jehovah of hosts, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.” The Apostle Paul has a similar expression of praise at the close of his discussion of divine judgments against Israel in Romans 11:33: “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out.” This Old Testament lesson on

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“The World Today”

We See by the Newspapers

According to an A. P. dispatch a police raid was conducted on an Indianapolis church on Nov. 18th. Ten policemen entered a gymnasium of the St. Andrew's Catholic Church to break up a bingo party. Several were arrested and charged with keeping a gambling house and were to be arraigned in Municipal Court. Considerable equipment, including a money box, was taken to headquarters.

Oxford Group Receives Damaging Publicity

The Oxford Group has been disowned by its foremost American leader, Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church of New York. Dr. Shoemaker in a formal letter stated that he had “increased misgivings” over “certain policies and points of view.”

According to *Newsweek* there is widespread suspicion that the founder, Dr. Frank Buchman, is an admirer of Hitler.

Famine in France

According to a Vichy statement quoted by *Newsweek* “some 52 per cent of its kindergarten children were ill from privation, while infant mortality had tripled during the first half of 1941. French babies now average only 5 pounds at birth and 10-year-olds weigh 14 pounds less

than British children of the same age.

“Similar conditions — malnutrition and the lack of medicine, fuel, and warm clothing—prevailed among adults and sent the death rate for the first five months of 1941 up 43 per cent among people over 60 and 22 per cent among those under 60.”

Europe in November

Canvas-covered trucks heavily loaded with their human cargo have been leaving a suburban Berlin freight yard at regular intervals during the past few months. From these sinister vehicles the passengers are transferred to waiting trains. “From outside the freight yard it was possible to watch the Jews being assembled for the trip,” cables the Berlin correspondent of the United Press. “Those Jews leaving the yard showed few signs of emotion. One was asked whether the train was made up of passenger or freight cars. Casting a quick look over his shoulder, he said, ‘Freight cars—but they are full of people.’” These trains have Poland as their destination. Upon arrival the evacuees are literally dumped (for they have nothing with them with which to survive the cold miseries of the Polish ghettos) into overcrowded towns and villages in Lublin.

Then what becomes of them?

The answer you will find in a statement issued recently by Dr. Henry Szoszkies, one-time executive member of the Jewish community in Warsaw during the siege of September, 1939. Dr. Szoszkies reports on unimpeachable authority that starvation stalks through the Polish ghettos and that the death rate has risen to three and in some places to fifteen times the normal mortality rate. In the Warsaw ghetto alone, which now has a Jewish population of 500,000, the number of registered deaths rose from 80 a day in May, 1941, to 250 in July, "and this without the benefit of epidemics." The July death rate was fifteen times as great as that reported for the same district during the corresponding month in 1939.

Concurrently, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which is not given to atrocity stories, reports from "a German frontier" that tens of thousands of Soviet Jews are now being held "practically foodless" in roofless tin, barbed-wire concentration camps established by the Nazis under the open sky in the occupied Russian territory where the houses of the victims have been wiped out by Russian and German artillery fire. Jews, men, women, children, exposed to the elements, are dying in veritable droves. Open-air camps for Jews in Minsk, Chernichov,

Uman, Revel, Riga and other Nazi-occupied cities, are crowded with the suffering victims.

From Bratislava comes the report, likewise through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that the mass expulsion of 10,000 Jews into so-called Jewish centers has begun. Slovak authorities estimate that by the end of the year Bratislava will have been "purged" of at least 70 per cent of its Jewish population. The remainder will be shunted into a ghetto.

—*The American Hebrew.*

History Repeats

Throughout the ages, false religion, or else atheism, has been the fruit of both autocracy and world-dominion. It allures and degrades and persecutes. Usually it resolves itself at last into emperor-worship. In Egypt during the reign of the kings "who knew not Joseph," although the gods were legion, yet the king also was deified and worshipped. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made emperor-worship mandatory. In Rome, in the days of the Caesars, compulsory emperor-worship was the order, although men, largely having lost faith in the old gods, who brought no peace, were unbelievers in either God or immortality; and despair and suicide were prevalent.

In the world today, history is repeating itself. Stalin of Rus-

sia has defied God and ushered Him out of the Soviet domain. An article in the Fort Wayne "News-Sentinel" of October 28 confirms our suspicion that Hitler of Germany would have "Mein Kampf" supersede the Bible and would have the swastika and the sword replace the cross. As God has permitted such blasphemies in the past and made them work together for the accomplishing of His purpose, so again the wrath of man will praise Him and we shall find the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared with the glories that shall follow. The earth and the sea are His, for He made them. An His Name shall be called the Prince of Peace, and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Stockholm

Because most of Norway's clergymen refused to sign a circular declaring that Germany's war on Russia is a "crusade against Bolshevism," a crisis in churches of the Nazi-occupied country impends. While the German-controlled press demands drastic action against them, churchgoers maintain a boycott against a few Quisling clergymen.

A LESSON IN JUDGMENT

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judgment in reference to the Assyrian invasion exhibits the sur-

passing wisdom of God in the following ways:

1. In the Providential arrangement of natural events to fulfill divine ends.
2. In the blending of natural and supernatural events in the moral economy.
3. In the unconscious as well as the conscious service of human agents. Also in the use of unregenerate men to carry out His will.
4. In the blending of divine sovereignty and human responsibility.
5. In the maintenance of justice while securing the ends of mercy.
6. In the discriminative regard of individuals while judging whole nations.
7. In saving the faithful while punishing the guilty.

—S. A. W.

HIGLEY'S S. S. LESSON COMMENTARY

This is becoming one of the most popular helps for Sunday school teachers. It is clearly and simply written for the busy teacher who hasn't the time nor the equipment to delve into the depths of scholarly erudition. By such features as maps, introductions, illustrations, Bible readings, object lessons, etc., it provides a wealth of teaching material. It is written from the conservative point of view, but is not sectarian.

In these days of rising costs, it represents a real book bargain: 320 pages, 300,000 words for \$1.00. **The Higley Press, Butler, Indiana.**

With the Fellowship Circle

NEWS BRIEFS

Nettie C. Johnson ('21), Ary, Kentucky, visited the Institute in October. She plans to return to Kentucky in the near future, where she is engaged in Christian work.

Rev. ('36) and Mrs. Robert C. Strubhar have answered the call to the pastorate of the First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Miss Ella Lishman ('37), former teacher of Lorne Park College, Port Credit, Ontario, is at the present time serving as pastor of the Free Methodist Church, Dunnville, Ontario.

We are disappointed to inform you that it was impossible for Miss Josephine Danforth ('38) to sail for Nigeria, Africa, Oct. 4th as announced in the Bible Vision of recent date. She is in need of funds. She wants to get to Africa on the next steamer. Pray for this need.

Miss Esther Ringenberg ('27) of Brinsmade, N. D., is stationed in Philadelphia, Penna., where she is teacher in a junior Bible school.

Clara Eicher ('38), Draffin, Ky., gives us the following word: "I have been doing missionary work in Kentucky for a little more than a year. Enclosed you will find \$2.50 of the Lord's money. I am rejoicing that the long talked of and much needed building is soon to be a reality. I am much interested in the Institute and often think of the happy days spent there."

Rev. Wm. Hygema ('24) of Dayton, Ohio, is conducting a revival in the Harvester Avenue Missionary Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Rev. and Mrs. Carl Parlee are in charge of the music.

Miss Elizabeth Kunselman ('36) of Washington, Penna., was recently ordained as a minister of the Methodist church at the annual Pittsburgh Conference. During the last year she served the Howe and Coal Center Methodist churches. She was reappointed to these charges.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hodgson ('35) have been transferred from the Michigan Conference to the Pittsburgh Methodist Conference. Rev. Hodgson is enrolled as a student in the Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh.

JUNIOR ALUMNI

Announcements of the following births have been received:

On August 11th Kyra Anne was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. ('26) Harold Smith (nee Golda Hughes), Wakarusa, Indiana.

Born to Mr. ('30) and Mrs. Don Hochstettler, Dayton, Ohio, a daughter, Martha Joice, Sept. 10th.

Rev. ('33) and Mrs. ('32) J. Frank Foster (nee Ola Fusee) are the happy parents of a son, Robert Mac, born Sept. 23rd. The parents write the following: "We think he is a perfect baby. We are now looking forward to the day when he will preach the gospel. We expect him to enter B. I. in 1959 should the Lord tarry."

WEDDINGS

On July 8th, Miss Mary Obee, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Obee, Haverhill, Ohio, became the bride of Rev. Robert Treat ('39). Rev. Harlan T. Fuman, President Emeritus of Adrian College, officiated at the ceremony.

Miss Ruth Moser ('39), Wren, Ohio, to Waldo Bennett, Bascom, Ohio, on October 28th. The couple are now living at 411 Delaney Ave., Orlando, Fla.

FOREIGN GLEANINGS

Colombia, S. A.

Dear friends in the homeland:

We are glad to report that God has blessed our efforts for Him in no uncertain way. One thing we praise God for is that He has His people in all parts, and in some of the remotest corners of our district. Hours on

horseback, going over the steepest ridges of the Cordillera and dipping down thousands of feet to ford rivers of continuous rapids is the portion of some of our believers when they come to the services. They sometimes come the day before in order to attend. The trails are most dangerous, especially in the rainy season when a slip would mean a tumble of thousands of feet. Mules are surefooted and are much used. They carry 250 lbs. of coffee over these trails. Falls are common, and beasts of burden are known to go over the edge, usually resulting in the killing of the beast and losing of the cargo.

My dear wife has been busy with the girls who usually bring all their troubles to her. Some have been sick and needed care. Besides looking after the home here and cooking for a number of people she has been able to take her teaching hours daily, and we thank God for the health He has given us in this malaria infected region. When school closes I will have her company on some of the trips into the country. There is so much a woman does in visitation that man cannot do. Will you pray that these people may be more susceptible to Christ's claims?

Some weeks ago one of our graduate workers and I travelled on horseback for about two weeks visiting the homes of believers, and holding meetings where possible. Sometimes there were two and three meetings a day and once it was five between the two of us. Up to forty people gathered together. One must understand that though this land is well settled people live high above or way below in the valley at considerable distance from one another, and to get such a number at one point says something in their favor. There are always some who follow us to the next meeting or two. Some are mere sympathizers of those who attend; others are baptized believers who cannot read but know how to pray and witness.

One thing which helped us was a portable victrola that we carried around and a dozen of good gospel records in Spanish. Much interest was aroused on hearing of the box that sings and speaks. There was no end of comments about it. At other times they would not dare to speak, even while changing the records. Many came to hear the records that would not otherwise. At one home we only expected the family and an old friend or two, but after having played a number of records twenty-seven people arrived,—the distant sound of music having attracted them to its source. They came inside and sat down and we had one crowning meeting. Later we learned a number were present who had never been in a Protestant meeting before.

On another itinerary I was accompanied by an elder missionary to hold a series of meetings in one place and visit the homes of believers. Again we had the victrola which draws the people and prepares them for the meeting. My companion has years of experience with these people and was much used of the Lord in giving them the food they needed. The Lord encouraged us with a good attendance, and many expressed their desire for salvation, and others were helped to walk closer with the Lord.

Here in Armenia we are about to close the Institute for another three months, and send out the students to preach and teach. Many Catholic children come to our school for there is no other. This affords our students great opportunities. This work is large in opportunities and extent. In fact there are no limits and we greatly solicit your prayerful support. Will not friends write to us and tell us that they are praying? We can give individual workers for whom to pray and information about them. We praise God for you all. May He be your portion.

William and Elsie Rupp Bauman '27.

Afognak, Alaska.

Dear friends at home:

Well, praise the Lord, we have finally arrived at Afognak. I've been a long time on the way. However, I have met many people, and had fine opportunities to witness for the Lord. I shall never forget my trip across the bay. As we looked beyond the big, black waves, we saw high mountains looming up before us, a beautiful colored sunset, and later as darkness settled upon us we could see the northern lights. All this caused me to praise the Lord, the maker of it all, who had led us to this place, going before us each step of the way. It seemed most of the village folk were out to see who we were; however, all was dark, and only by means of flashlight could we go to our place of lodging. We stayed with a woman who treated us very well but told us we would hardly be wanted by the people of the village, as they are all Russian Orthodox.

In the morning we rose early, in search of a house to live in. There was only one, and we knew the Lord meant it for us. After inquiring, we found the owner demanded \$150.00 down. He wanted to make sure we stayed, and knowing how conditions were, he really didn't think we would. After a little persuasion, we made better terms with him, and now find ourselves on the second floor of an old store. There is a small kitchen and bedroom in the back, and a large room in the front which is ideal for a mission hall.

Afognak is an ancient village, consisting of about 200 people. The homes are all scattered out in a radius of about two to three miles. We live in the Aleut district and find there are many children to be reached. The day we moved in we found our house surrounded by cows, 25 in number. The Pacific Ocean is about five to six yards from our doorstep, when the tide is in. There is a constant roar which is hard to distinguish from rain and wind.

Big logs are washed in. Thus our wood is supplied free of charge.

We love Afognak already, even though there are no conveniences. Nina and I are really enjoying this old-fashioned life. We use kerosene lamps, wear boots because it rains most of the time. We walk about 250 steps to a small stream where we all get our water (including the cows, dogs, and yes, even the bears come down from the mountains to do their bit of fishing in that stream.) To buy our groceries we must walk a mile, and only go to the little post office when a boat happens in, which is usually twice a month. The news of our arrival spread all over town the first night. The next morning as we walked through town it seemed as though there wasn't a soul about, but as we passed the little shacks we could see the people peering through the windows at us.

These people need Christ now, and we are the only ones to tell them the way of salvation. What a joy and privilege it is to give them the gospel! It is also a great responsibility, and we realize that without Him we can do nothing. Do pray for us that the Holy Spirit might fill us to overflowing, that others might taste and see that the Lord is good.

Yours in Christ, our abundant Life,

Barbara Crozier.

Tombouctou, F. W. Africa.

The Touareg Christian, Lamin, has been with us for over a month. This is the first time he has been here for over two years. We feared his love had grown cold or fear had taken hold of him and he had turned back. To the contrary, he has made great strides in his spiritual life during this time alone in the desert among his sinful fellow men. It has made him seek the Lord as nothing else ever would have. We are more than glad for his clear-cut testimony. He has taken on courage to witness to others. He sees their

need of salvation and is seeking earnestly to help them.

F. H. Bowman '27.

VIRAMGAM, INDIA

By Rev. Jesse Ringenberg, '20

The passionate plea of one of our faithful, veteran evangelists made at the last District Prayer Conference was, "Pray daily for the work of the gospel and that people become saved." Rantnaji had told his fellow workers, "One morning I was discouraged. Then as I was walking to a village I met a man who said to me, 'Since I have been hearing your message I have come to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.' Immediately the gloom left my heart. The Lord Jesus spoke to me saying, 'There are others in these villages where you have been laboring who will be saved even though they fear to break with their caste by confessing Me openly'."

In his book, entitled "With and Without Christ," Sadhu Sundar Singh makes the statement, "Many known as non-Christians are at heart true Christians." We trust this is true. Although our Saviour certainly cannot be satisfied with disciples who fear to own Him before the world, yet one is grateful for every evidence of the grace of God in ignorant and superstitious hearts. May God move upon the souls of men and bring them through until they cannot do otherwise but speak of the things which they have seen and heard.

This is the second year in succession that Viramgam has had very little rainfall. To the north large stretches have had no rain at all. In Radhanpur, Cutch, and their surrounding states, whole towns have been evacuated. Groups pass through Harij and Viramgam daily with their families and livestock in search of some place to make a livelihood. Only yesterday several of our laymen preached to such a group, resting along the roadside, who said they had no food for three

days and were only then preparing some bread from flour which had been given them. Some of these come from areas where there are no witnesses for Christ and their need, spiritual and temporal, is pathetic.

The Lord has been with us and has given much joy in preaching the Word from seven centers, besides the areas surrounding the four outstations. In the State of Jhinijhuvada, located at the extreme West of our District, the evangelistic party found eager listeners. This sparsely inhabited area borders on the salty desert of Cutch. Its land is unproductive so the people are poor. There are only three schools among its villages. Numbers heard the gospel for the first time. It was unusual to have women come in such large groups to listen when men were preaching. During our stay the authorities gave special attention to our comforts.

A new outstation was opened in the native State of Dasada. Dasada comprises twenty-four villages, has about fifteen thousand inhabitants, and is ruled by four principal darbars. The ruling families and a considerable part of the inhabitants are Mohammedans. Dasada, the principal town, where David, the evangelist lives, for years made its boast that there was not one Christian in the state, and they meant to keep it so. However, about three years ago the Lord used the Postal Department to open the door for the gospel. Onesimus, a postman, son of one of our evangelists, was sent there for duty. He and his family won the confidence of the ruling class. Now they not only have Christians living in the state, but have a messenger of the gospel of Peace. Not all are happy about his coming to live among them, but some are giving him a welcome and show a desire to hear his message.

The Lord's work among the children has its triumphs and testings. The teachers are sometimes slandered, and even brickbats and dust have been thrown at them. Frequently Hindu

priests warn the parents not to allow their children to attend the classes. While some classes have had to be closed the Lord has opened others, so that day after day the Good Seed is sown in the hearts of precious boys and girls of idolatrous parents. Three of our seven Indian helpers carry on regular classes. There are twelve of these schools among non-Christians attended by about two hundred children. Where they have been continued for some time the children have memorized four Psalms, many other Bible verses, the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and twelve hymns.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Coesse, Indiana

As a Methodist minister serving our Lord and Master in a day when the church and the world desperately need a positive faith and a sure hope, I sincerely and deeply say "Thanks!" to the Bible Institute for the part it had in giving me that kind of a message. Other institutions of higher learning have given a wealth of material for illustration from science, literature, history, and the other fields, and have aided me in thinking for myself, but the basic principles and the conquering faith that can be ours came to me through my experiences at B. I.

I have added a college diploma from Adrian College, a wife from the same source, a pastoral charge at Coesse, Indiana, and a pair of scholarly spectacles to the diploma you gave me, and have been having a thrilling time living for Christ. This year I'm joining Ivan Hodgson at Garrett, our Methodist seminary on Northwestern campus, learning more of the unsearchable riches of Christ. I feel that I do love God more vitally and truly, and I have been able to lead a few men to Him. There is so much that challenges our very best in this life; God must surely want us to grow spiritual muscles of

faith,—muscles that are fed on the Spirit.

Sincerely in Christ,
Robert (Bob) Treat, '39.

Grundy, Virginia

Exactly a month ago we moved from Elizabethton, Tenn., to Grundy, Va., 125 miles by highway, 70 miles "as birds fly." Since the Southern Highland Evangel is developing Camp Evangel (a children's Bible camp) in Pike County, Ky., we felt it necessary to be near it and now live 25 miles from there. First building operations are to begin October 1st.

Grundy, a town of about 1000, is the county-seat nearest Camp Evangel. Yet, with a limited income it is necessary we live out in the country so we can keep a cow (moved from Tennessee) and a few chickens and also raise a garden. We knew Grundy to be a high-price town, but found rents outside town unusually high too. Much of Buchanan County is a new coal-field developed five years ago when the Norfolk and Western Ry. built extension lines, a "boom" resulting whose effects are still evident. Prices of nearly everything are higher than in Tennessee (only gasoline is a bit cheaper, 22c for regular). The majority of men seem to be employed in the mines and from all the creeks and hollows miners go to work in cars and trucks, doing only a little farming on the side.

We assumed some spiritually needy communities would be found where we might minister the Word once we got settled. Our knowledge of needs was only general, though we noted Slate Creek to be thickly settled. At one church and one school there has been Sunday School carried on with "ups and downs," but now "down." So it was a surprise to find not one Sunday School functioning in this long valley beyond Grundy. Truly He did direct our paths.

We are looking to God for guidance how best to enter into this opportuni-

ty and expect soon to interview the County School Superintendent, Mr. Dennis (but waiting a few days for your prayer backing). Pray that he will give permission to have weekly chapel periods in a number of rural schools and also grant use of school-buildings for Sunday School gatherings. If he should refuse, it would block our efforts and greatly handicap the work we hope to do in the future.

Our last Sunday at Tiger Creek in Tennessee was a day of much blessing as Mr. Wagler baptized ten believers, including our own three children who have trusted in Christ for some years. "Now, that's pretty baptizin'," one old lady was heard to remark. Having Mr. and Mrs. Jagt there to go on with the work made the parting from our dear friends less painful than otherwise. The Jagts are now engaged in a very extensive program of school visitation in Carter County, Tenn., and we are rejoicing because of the "open door" the Lord has given them.

Sincerely, in Christ,
Mrs. Elmer Wagler, '28.

Lawson, Kentucky

My heart is exceedingly happy because all of my sins are forgiven and completely covered by the precious blood of Jesus. I am so thankful too for the second work of grace God worked in my heart later when He sanctified it making it clean for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. At that time it was and now is my supreme delight to do the will of God.

I have been in the hills of Kentucky more than eight years answering the life call God has given me. These years have been the best years of my life for God has proved faithful at every turn of the road. Five of these years were spent in station work and now for the past three years I have been at our high school, nursing, helping with the housekeeping, and teaching now and then as a substitute.

Souls are being born again and sanctified here in the hills. My heart rejoices as holiness is being preached in our stations and schools.

Phil. 4:19 is the promise God quickened to my heart when He first called me and the promise has never failed.

Yours in His service,
Sophie Yoss, '26.

Chicago, Illinois

I am deeply grateful to the Lord and to the B. I. faculty for the spiritual help and encouragement I received while attending Fort Wayne Bible Institute. The days I spent there were very precious and have meant much to me. It was there that a great spiritual need in my life was met. Prior to that I did not appreciate the doctrine of sanctification, but "Praise God" since this is a reality in my life I enjoy telling it wherever I go.

My prayer is that the Institute will continue to teach the "faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" coupled with Holy Ghost experiences; and it will go on conquering and to conquer.

I cannot help but add a few words telling how the Lord has led me into my present field of service. This is a work I have always had at heart and when the call came these words were before me: "This is the door, enter in." It is a great privilege to work for a pastor and church who uphold Christ as Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, and coming King. That is the message of Pastor Edison Habegger and Humboldt Park Gospel Tabernacle.

Christian friends, there is only one way that any of us can have true joy and happiness and that is by living close to the Lord and keeping all our concerns fully committed to Him. "I count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing I do . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14).

My earnest desire is to be a channel through which souls are led into a clear experience of salvation, sanctification, and a closer walk with God.

Yours in the blessed fellowship with the Lord,

Martha Grenzbach.

Denver, Colorado

I am glad to report through the Bible Vision of God's goodness and blessing on my life and ministry. The past two years I have been associated with Miss Berniece Markey in the field of evangelism. Our work has been in Colorado, Minnesota, Wyoming, and Kansas. We both sing and preach, and God has given us many souls.

I count it a privilege to be in the service of the Lord. I am grateful for the leadership of the Holy Spirit and for Divine Providence that has enriched my life. Truly there is no substitute for the will of God. The words of the song are my testimony:

"Happy on the way, I'm happy on the way,

For the Lord has saved my soul from sin;

Singing all the day, I'm singing all the day,

Since the love of Christ has entered in;

Glory on the way, there's glory on the way,

As I travel to that land of bliss,
Praising every day, my Saviour all the way,

Till I shall go where heaven is."

May God continue to bless the Institute and make it a blessing to many lives, as He has to mine. I enjoy the VISION.

Lorraine M. Ripper.

Talk about personal work! In the city of Indianapolis, 1,000 lay members of the Baptist Church made 13,000 individual calls in two weeks.—*Herald of Holiness.*

CHRISTMAS DAY—FOR WHOM . . . ?

A Christmas Day in Africa, in China and Japan;

A Christmas Day in India, and far Afghanistan;

A Christmas Day in all the world, the islands of the sea,

A Christmas Day for everyone that's how it ought to be!

But there can be no Christmas joy for those who never heard

This story—there can be for them no meaning in the word.

A Christmas Day in Heaven! Oh, yes, I think the angels know

When Jesus' birthday comes, and sing as they did long ago.

Do you suppose they wonder why we are so slow to tell

The tidings of great joy they sang that night, and love so well?

Sometimes I think they long to speed on eager wings away

To tell the story of the King who came to earth one day.

But not to angels was His last commission given: "Go!

Tell all the world"—it was to us; and we've failed Him so!

Shall we not give ourselves to Him and then go forth to share

Our Christmas Day—our Christ—with needy ones "everywhere"?

FOUR ESSENTIALS OF ENDURING SERVICE

I must wait for four things:

First, to know whether a work is GOD'S work.

Second, to know whether it is MY work.

Third, to know whether it is God's Time.

Fourth, to know whether it is God's WAY.

—George Muller.

With the Bible Institute

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

The two month period since the last "Bible Vision" was well begun with the ministry of Reverend Joseph H. Smith in chapel, evening devotions, and Friday night Mission Band service. His service was followed by that of Reverend Roseberry, who spoke also evenings at the First Missionary Church. Other Mission Band speakers were Dr. Thomas Moseley of Nyack, New York; Miss Harlement of Chile, South America; Miss Amelia Bertsche of Fort Wayne, whose field is Africa; and Reverend R. R. Brown of Omaha, Nebraska. For chapel, also, the following were made a blessing to all: Mrs. R. S. Roseberry; Dr. Henry Bell from the Mount Rainier Bible Institute of Wapato, Washington; Mrs. Philip Hinkley; Reverend Jimmy Gibson; Dr. L. R. Berry of the First Baptist Church of Fort Wayne; Mrs. George Dibble, with Mr. Dibble and Miss Betty Restig as singers; and Mr. Theodore Jackman, archaeologist. We are grateful also for the ministry of Mr. Donald MacIntosh of the class of 1941; of Mrs. J. Warren Slote; and of the following from our own faculty: Mr. Gerber and Mr. Leightner on Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ; Miss Zeller on the Cross as the Gateway to Life; Mrs. Smith on Satan's question to God concerning Job: "Doth Job Serve God for Naught?" and Dr. Slote on Christian Character. Again climaxing all were the helpful Tuesday and Thursday messages of President Ramseyer.

It is a peculiar advantage of Bible Institute life to be blessed with speakers of note with messages of depth and conviction. One of these, Dr. George L. Robinson, archaeologist, historian, and author, spoke to the classes in English Grammar, Biblical Introduction, and Personal Evangelism during the last morning period on Friday, November 7.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Long before the opening date, the school was made Youth-Conference conscious. The Lord graciously poured out by His Spirit a burden of prayer, which found expression in the daily after dinner prayer meetings, in the twenty-four hour daily cycle of prayer, and in individual seasons alone with Him. Mr. Donald Miller was led to speak in chapel on Joshua 7, emphasizing the need of righteousness in our own lives as a necessary preparation for reaching others. He showed the secret of defeat to be something between the heart and God, that even much prayer will not bring power if there is an accursed thing in the midst of us.

In the conference sessions, churches of the city were well represented. The Lord made manifest His presence and salvation. He brought glory to His Name through the messages of the invited speaker, Dr. R. R. Brown of Omaha, Nebraska, especially in his exaltation of Christ as the Timeless One; the One incomparable in His mentality, sympathies, and power, in His perfect answers to the questions of ethics and destiny, and in His desire for fellowship with human hearts. Those who contributed in music were the trumpet trio, consisting of Miss Meier, Mr. Riley, and Mr. Dye; the Meier trio; Miss Ueberschar; Miss Slabaugh; and the Gospel Grenadiers Quartette of Jackson, Michigan.

There were also several special features. First, on Thursday night, a banquet was served to delegates from cooperating churches. On Saturday afternoon, November 1, the testimony to the Lord was carried through the downtown district in an American-Youth-for-Christ parade. After the parade, the following students spoke on the importance of Bible study in Christian life: Miss Qwendolyn Chap-

man, Mr. Alfred Shadduck, and Mr. Donald Miller. Sunday afternoon, a question box was opened and the questions ably answered by Miss Hazel Butz, Rev. Harvey Mitchell, and Dr. J. Warren Slote.

And now another Youth Conference is history, and its record and results are preserved in Heaven, where doubtless the joy of them shall be the reward of the faithful and efficient conference committee.

LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL

The present social order has encouraged an anticipation of recognition upon such regular occasions as birthdays and Christmases. Almost all hearts respond with a measure of appreciation. But even greater sometimes is the delight elicited by the unexpected gift or the surprise favor which comes "in between." Likewise, the church provides periodical means of grace. But God encourages and strengthens the heart by "specials" now and then. On Sunday afternoon, October 12, He gave the Bible Institute family special "spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ," "stirring up pure minds by way of remembrance" of words "spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of the apostles and of the Lord and Saviour, knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers." Being unwilling that any should perish, He is blessing the development of centers from which builders are called forth to bring in living stones for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

The Fort Wayne Bible Institute is one of these centers, "built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Cornerstone, in whom all the building fitly joined together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord, in whom also" will be builded together other members of the Bible Institute family in months and years to come, until He appears, "for an habitation of

God through the Spirit to raise up witnesses over the whole earth. The most recent witness to God's blessing upon this structure is the erection of Founders' Memorial.

The services for the laying of the cornerstone on Sunday, October 12, were among those extra "in between" gifts of the Heavenly Father for the enjoyment and edification of His children. Dean S. A. Witmer presided. The service in the First Missionary Church was begun by Professor Weaver with the organ prelude, "Song of Thanksgiving," by Hokanson, appropriately expressing sincere gratitude to God. The congregation, led by Professor Gerber, then confirmed the instrumental expression by singing "How Firm a Foundation" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The continued blessing of God was then invoked by Reverend Henry Roth upon the completion of the building and the purpose for which it is given. The ladies' quartette sang "Jesus, My Jesus." The final feature in the church was the address, "Living Stones," by Reverend T. Pliny Potts, emphasizing the function of the Bible Institute in building up a "spiritual house."

Following this, the congregation was led to the new building by two of the Bible Institute founders, Reverend J. E. Ramseyer, President, and Reverend Henry Roth. The other living founder is Reverend William Egle; and the three who have entered into their reward are Reverend B. P. Lugibihl, Reverend D. Y. Schultz, and Reverend David Roth. These six men are commemorated in the name, Founders' Memorial. At the building site, the services continued. A brass trio played "Meditation," and a male quartette sang "I Am Redeemed." Reverend B. F. Leightner reviewed from Scripture the symbolic significance of the cornerstone, especially as a support for the spiritual building and a tie binding together its parts. The cornerstone of Founders' Memorial was laid by Rev-

erend J. E. Ramseyer, Mr. S. A. Lehman and Reverend P. L. Eicher. Our faith encompasses this act also as a symbol of another re-enforcement in the solid foundation upon which the Bible Institute is constantly being built, as designated by the inscription of the cornerstone:

CHRIST JESUS

WISDOM RIGHTEOUSNESS
SANCTIFICATION REDEMPTION

Reverend J. E. Ramseyer dismissed the congregation with prayer, asking

God's blessing upon the future of the building and the Institute and His protection upon the workers. The following week, God gave evidence of the answer by the escape of one of the builders from beneath a falling girder. Since then, there have been proofs of His favor in other instances; and for all these special blessings, our hearts are lifted to Him with this response: "Jesus, Jesus, how we trust Thee, How we've proved Thee o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh, for grace to trust Thee more."

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In Retrospect

By CLARA AIKEN SPEER

There were babes that night who, in robes of silk,
On beds of soft down lay;
But the ages center around the One
Who slept on a bed of hay.

There were babes whose later deeds of shame
Besmirched the throne of kings;
But only One whose pure, white life
Enshrined forever the common things

That knew His touch. For the Child who lay
Near where the dumb beasts trod,
Little and humble and helpless, yet
Was King, the Son of God.

The Fort Wayne Bible Institute

Opening of Second Semester

JANUARY 23, 1942

Students are accepted for residence study for the Second Semester beginning with Registration Day, January 23. Applications may be sent to the Registrar now.

The Fort Wayne Bible Institute places the *Bible* in the center of its curricula. 51 per cent of the required content in the regular three-year Courses leading to graduation is Bible. The aim is (1) to familiarize the student with its contents and a correct interpretation of its teachings, and (2) to lead him into an experiential knowledge of its truths.

The Fort Wayne Bible Institute is a leader among the Bible Institutes of the country in the amount of Bible *offered and required*.

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