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WHERE SHALL WE PRAY?

“There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes
Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say ‘Arise!’
To dying captives, bound in chains of night;
There is a place where thou canst search the store
Of hoarded gold, and free it for the Lord:
There is a place—upon some distant shore—
Where thou canst send the worker of the Word.
Where is that blessed place? Dost thou ask, Where?
O soul, it is the secret place of prayer.”

—F. M. Bulletin.
EDITORIALS

Weather-Vane Theologians

It is interesting to note how men modify their theology to keep adjusted to the tides in human thought and life. A high priest of Protestant's intellectuals has made an about-face in his conception of man. At one time he accepted the doctrine of inherent human goodness. That was in the easy "20's" when reform was in the air and the theory of progressive evolution was widely held. Now this former liberal and brilliant professor of Union Theological Seminary, Reinhold Neihbur, claims to have experienced a "conversion" between Versailles and Munich. He can't reconcile the tragedy of our times with human perfection, and so he has swung back to the conservative conception of man as a sinner. Of course, we welcome every shift toward conservatism, but we fear that a theology and a conversion based on current events are built on shifting sands. The tide may change—and then this philosophy may be out of date.

We also observe preachers who were loud-lipped pacifists a few years ago now climbing the band-wagon of war to help beat the tom-toms. When it's popular to be declaimers against war, they are outspoken in their denunciations, but when the tide of public opinion turns and the nation edges toward war, they too join in the hysteria. Truly they have the ability of a chameleon. We ought to be reminded of the results of a poll taken by Colliers about fifteen years ago inquiring from representative leaders why in their estimation the church had lost its prestige. The leading answer was that in time of peace the church preached peace, and in time of war it preached war. O consistency, thou art rare among theologians!

The prophecy experts are also having an embarrassing time adjusting their crystallized picture of the end time with current events. When it looked as if Italy were about to suffer a total collapse a book soon made its appearance from a prominent fundamentalist attempting to prove the thesis that there would be no revival of the Roman Empire. Yet in spite of this, unwarranted dogmatism continues. Another prominent fundamentalist has gone on record as claiming that if Britain is defeated, the Word of God will be untrue!

May we take heed to the "more sure word of prophecy" that our faith may be grounded on the Eternal Word. We may be assured that revelation is sufficiently adequate to make us "wise unto salvation." Some things concerning the future are not revealed; others only partially revealed. We can well await the disclosures of time in matters that an all-wise God has seen fit to keep within His own counsels. And in respect the nature of man and God, we can abide with the historic revelation of the Christian faith.
THE CHURCH IN A MADDENED WORLD

Excerpts from Commencement Address by Rev. Clyde Meredith, B.D., Dean of School of Theology, Marion, Ind.

No sooner do we accuse the world of being mad than is someone prone to challenge us as a proper diagnostician. However, we are employing the word "mad" in what might be termed an accommodated sense. The dictionary lists as a second definition "uncontrollably excited by strong feeling." A synonym for madness as we employed it is frenzy. There are ample evidences of the fact that we are in a mad world. Life is just one round of ammunition after another. I have but to mention our crime bill of $15,000,000,000 annually, our liquor bill so enormous and intricately involved as to forbid computation. The declension in moral standards as may be seen in our divorce mills, to convince us that the world is in a frenzy. It is uncontrollably excited. It is mad. And what is the problem of the church in this mad world? It is not to seek for avenues of escape. There is no sixth continent to which the church could retreat nor is it to sit idly by and consign this world to the devil.

Many people remind me of a prayer of a well-meaning but uninformed man who said, "Oh, Lord, You have no idea how bad some folks are." The problem of the church rather is to discover her mission — a God-given one and proceed to function in this very world in which God has placed us — mad though it may be. What then is the responsibility of the church to the world?

The church has been characterized through the centuries by two philosophies: one is that of world flight. This we saw epitomized in the middle ages by men who in order to be pious secluded themselves behind walls and remained aloof from humanity. As though a man is more pious when he is alone than when he is with someone. This savors of the caste system of pagan India.

The other philosophy is that of world conquest. Those who adhere to this position do not regard the church as a parenthetical item. With God, rather, the church is a planned organism with a well-defined task. It is a fire, not an incandescent lamp. It is a fire which spreads when kindled. It believes in and follows a Christ who increases His eminence but who does not have to resort to carnal weapons to do so. And, of course, this calls for the distinction between that which is essential and that which is incidental. The spiritual life of the world is entirely the re-
responsibility of the church. Jesus said, "Go ye, and make disciples of all nations." This was a command for all times and for all who would be workers together with Him. To be sure there are by-products in this world conquest. There is hospitalization, social service, war relief and even to the giving of a cup of cold water. But the whole plan blends with action and zeal and a determination to seek Christ for not only a prominent place but a permanent place in the determination of human conduct.

And then the question rises, What resources does the church have to meet this responsibility? And we answer, the church has the resources in the dynamics of His Spirit for Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Christ has promised us that with His Spirit we could carry on until He came. The Spirit’s work in the church has served as the light in a dark world, energy for otherwise powerless machinery, as the conserver of orthodoxy; and just as it was true with Jesus when He was here so it is true of His Spirit now that He is gone; "without me ye can do nothing."

And we have the dynamic of His Word. It is the business of the church to find and further tell that message to the world. It is sad but true that many of us are like the man who needed three loaves, for before him there is a hungry world and he has nothing wherewith to feed them. The Word of God is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

At a recent gathering at Geneva just prior to the outbreak of the present holocaust in the Eastern hemisphere a number of German, Dutch, Swiss, French, Scandinavian, Russian, Hungarian, Orientals, English, and American Christians united in the formation of the statement to which all the delegates agreed. It was this: "The Gospel contains directions for life and for the mutual relations that should obtain between state and nations which every Christian ought to know and obey." We believe that such a statement is neither a Utopia beyond reason or statement to be considered as overdrawn. The church has more to do than consign this generation to the hopeless plight of irretrievable loss. Reconciliation between a sinful world and a Holy God is possible. A hungry world needs to hear it anew. I repeat, we have the dynamic of His Word in the resources of the church.

Then again, we have the dynamic of a Christian example. In the business world there is what is known as good will. It is the Christian example that creates the good will men have toward the church. If we are lacking in good will, it is because we
have failed in our example. Like ships made for storms the church must stand in times like this without hate, greed, or compromise. We call ourselves a Christian nation. Recently one of the news commentators, Boake Carter, has this indictment against us as a nation. He said, "But we take no time out to dwell upon the hideous fact that by our economic conduct, by our financial obligations, by our total lack of self-control, by the very conception of government we have established in place of the rules laid down by God Himself by which man might govern himself and be at peace, and in content, we have been creators of the very evil which man now besets us with death and fire and bullets and bombs."

In other words, a failure to live like Christ has continued to stir up and antagonize those who are not acquainted with the Christ. The economic and social relationships of life are not ignored in the Scriptures. There is a better way to settle divisions than the world resorts to, namely, strikes and war. Christ strikes at the taproot of the world’s ills, namely, selfishness. Let it be seen by men that selfishness does not dwell in us and our message of rebuke to a sinful world will carry weight.

Now let us consider the procedures that are open. We must regain the attention of the world. A mad world has become absorbed in natural interests.

Only supernatural manifestations could regain their attention. Pentecost gained the world’s attention. Every revival of Pentecost has done likewise. We need another Pentecost. We must equip ourselves for the precipitation of their attention. Professionalism must pass from our fields of evangelism. Passionless preachers must be weeded from the ranks of the pastor-ate. Power, the power to be holy, and to preach effectively must be in the personnel of all our churches. Finally, let us observe the prospects to which we may look forward.

This is conditioned by one’s personal adjustment to the plan of God and also by one’s viewpoint. If you think the church is about to fold up or to go over, you have missed it in your preparation. You cannot enlist red-blooded Americans to climb aboard a sinking ship. The prospects after all are a matter of a sovereign plan.

Christ originated the church to function in His absence with the power that He had while present. A Psalm speaks prophetically of our Lord Christ. It concerns Him and His work, subsequent to His First Advent. It does not refer to His second. It must fall, therefore, within the church age, or, to make it personal, within your time and mine. That reads, "Sit thou here until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

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UNFAILING INVESTMENTS

Radio Talk by J. Warren Slote, A. M., Th.D.
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When Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly," He was referring to a way of life which would exceed in every respect the non-Christian life pattern. This implies a distinction between the Christian life and the non-Christian life.

The Christian life, as we well know, requires the new birth as a starting point. This new birth is a crisis experience. Jesus indicated it when He said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

We should remember that living the Christian life involves the practice of Christian principles. These principles were given by Christ, and are recorded in the New Testament.

We could enumerate a number of them, but today we shall mention only one and try to explain it briefly.

Jesus said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

This principle excludes covetousness and greed, and finds expression in acts of charity and philanthropy.

Let us notice that Jesus first gives us a warning. He says that treasures which we lay up for ourselves on earth are corrupted by moth and rust,—that is, by the material elements, and that thieves break through and steal them. Most of us know how true it is that earthly treasures are transient; that sometimes these treasures decay or disappear even while we are holding them tightly; that sometimes they are taken from us by thieves of one kind or another. We know also that we cannot take them with us when we leave this world. Jesus says that in view of the temporary nature of these earthly treasures, we are not to lay them up for ourselves, but that instead, we are to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt nor thieves break through and steal; therefore we know that the treasures we lay up for ourselves in heaven are permanently ours. It is because of the permanent nature of these heavenly treasures that we are to provide them for ourselves.

Let us notice, however, that Jesus gives us an additional reason for laying up for ourselves treasures in heaven. He says that where one's treasure is, there will his heart be also. In other words, if we lay up treasures on earth, we will be motivated earthward by desire for more and more material things, whereas if we lay up treasures in heaven, we will be motivated...
by desire for spiritual things. This is important, because our motivation determines the trend of our lives, and determines also our attitude towards God and towards our fellow men. If we lay up treasures on earth, our center of interest will be material. If we lay up treasures in heaven, our center of interest will be spiritual. If our center of interest is material, and if we are seeking more and more to lay up treasures on earth, we will be inclined to disregard the rights of others, and the welfare of others, and that inclination will manifest itself in economic war, with destruction and death as its result. Isn’t that what has caused so much suffering in the world during past days, and is it not what causes so much suffering in the world today? There can be no strife or economic war when we all seek to lay up treasures in heaven, because there cannot be any conflict resulting from competition if the interests of all are centered in the spiritual area.

How shall we practice the principle of laying up treasures in heaven?

Let us first ask ourselves how we lay up treasures on earth. Is it not by expending our energies to earn money, and then by converting that money into the coveted possessions? To lay up earthly possessions, we earn and save money, we use our savings to buy lands and houses and stocks and bonds and the like, and these things we lay up as our earthly treasures.

To lay up treasures in heaven, we must use our energies either in personal service which will extend the kingdom of God, or we must employ them to earn money, and then invest over and above what is required for our actual needs in ways which will extend the Kingdom of God. There are a hundred ways of making such investments. If, instead of investing our surplus funds in lands and houses and stocks and bonds and such things, as earthly treasures for ourselves, we use that surplus money representing our energy to help the poor, to train persons called by God into His service so they may carry forward their calling advantageously, to support missionary work at home and abroad, or to do other things which will further the glorious Gospel of Christ, we shall be laying up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

How much more profitable this procedure than that of laying up treasures for ourselves on earth!

We remember the man, rich in earthly treasures of whom Jesus spoke. He had lands and houses and barns. He had crops so large that he knew not where to store them. He said, “I will enlarge my storehouses,” and he did. Having provided for the preservation of his earthly treasures, as he thought, he said to himself, “Soul, be contented. (Continued on page 14)
MEETING TEMPTATION WITH CHRIST*

By Dr. L. R. Marston

“And when the tempter came to Him . . .” Matthew 4:3.

What is temptation? It is an appeal to live below one's ideal. On this blackboard I draw a line to represent the Christian level of living without sin; below it I draw another line to represent the level of the appeal. Temptation means tension between these two levels.

An appalling fact today is that so many are not troubled with temptation. And why are they not tempted? Because they have no ideals; they have accepted sin without question, without resistance, without struggle. Sin for such, to employ the phrasing of Shakespeare, "is not accidental, but a trade." Sin is their accepted program of life, for they have followed the prescription of a modern writer, "The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it."

Take for example the bank-rober. His conscience doesn't condemn his robbing banks; while his judgment tells him it is wrong, he experiences no disapproval of feeling, no pang of remorse, no sense of guilt, because he has surrendered his ideal. There were undoubtedly repeated conflicts in the beginning, with victory of the ideal for a time. But there came a day when the ideal lost in the struggle, and he robbed his first bank. There followed remorse; he experienced a keen sense of guilt and moral failure. But again came the lure of lucre and the temptation to rob another bank. But the ideal has been weakened by the former surrender, and now sin more easily wins the contest. A third temptation, and a fourth—the ideal gradually losing its strength under repeated defeat. I don't know how many banks a man must rob until he is no longer tempted and accepts bank-robbing as a trade. But that time finally comes when the struggle disappears with the complete surrender of the ideal. Thereafter, the ideal no longer disturbs except as the Holy Spirit on occasion may arouse his slumbering conscience to conviction for sin.

Temptation means, then, struggle between an ideal and a lower appeal, and when the ideal is surrendered, struggle ends. Because of the leveling of ideals in recent years, there is today little consciousness of sin.

A recent survey by the American Council on Education disclosed the fact that of young people between sixteen and twenty-one years, 53 per cent of boys and 38 per cent of girls admit alcoholic indulgence. According to the survey committee,

*Note: Part of address given to Fort Wayne Youth Conference.
these young people were typical of American youth at large.

But more appalling than such prevalence of drinking was the further discovery that of boys and girls between sixteen and twenty-one, only one in five has a conviction that drinking is wrong. This loss of ideals and fading sense of sin, I repeat, is more alarming than the prevalence of sin itself. This is indeed a pagan age, pagan in the growing prevalence of sin but more pagan in the declining consciousness of guilt for sin.

Too true of this generation are the words of George Eliot which describe a character in fiction (Tito in Romola) as having “lips that lie with a dimpled smile, eyes with a gleam that no infamy dulls, a conscience that rises from lust and murder without a haggard look.”

Temptation implies choice. Its inner struggle is not a mockery. The tempted person may choose to live by the ideal, or choose to surrender to the base appeal. We can say “I will!” to the challenge of the noble and the pure; “No!” to the lure of evil.

Temptation in the Wilderness

And now let us turn to the consideration of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness. Yes, the tempter came to Him! Jesus was tempted, not as the Son of God but as the Son of Man. Oh, that mystery of godliness! How in Him could be united God and man? How could He be “as divine as the Father, yet as human as ourselves”? We are unable to explain that mystery, else mystery were it no longer; but believe it we must, if we are truly Christian! He was tempted in all points like as you and I are tempted. He was tempted, not as corrupt and dissolute men, but as righteous and holy men are tempted.

Following the baptism of Jesus in Jordan, He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan. No sham battle was this, but a crucial struggle with the forces of sin. And not a struggle between Omnipotence and sin, but between humanity and sin! In this struggle, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man, was to wage combat with Satan alone by His resources as the Son of Man, and His victory was to be, not the overcoming of sin by the Son of God of infinite power but the overcoming of sin by the Son of Man of perfect purity. He was to lay hold, not upon His infinite power as the Son of God, but upon just those resources which are open to you and me, the sons of men, in our struggles with sin and Satan. On any other basis His struggle with Satan had been a farce and a mockery!

After forty days of bitter conflict Satan rallied his forces for a climaxing trio of temptations. Jesus is now physically exhausted, famished with hunger, taut in nerve, and emotionally at the opposite extreme from the exaltation of His baptism and its
accompanying spiritual manifestations. And then the tempter came to Him; not with forked tail and cloven hoof and horned head in evidence, any more than he comes thus to you and me. But he came as an angel of light with winsome, seductive suggestions that the way he points is the best way, after all, to serve God and bring in His Kingdom.

Satan's approach was a subtle question of doubt: "If thou be the Son of God. . . ." How often you and I are thus assailed at the point of our relationship to our Heavenly Father? There are those who interpret this temptation as an attack upon Jesus at the level of the physical. True, Satan took advantage of Jesus' physical depletion just as he takes advantage of you and me when our physical tone is low, but that he might re-enforce his attack at the level of the spiritual, and at the point of that crucial central citadel of faith.

Perhaps you recoil from the suggestion that Jesus was tempted at the point of faith? Well, if the record is true that He was tempting in all points as we are tempted, verily He was tempted to doubt, for at what other point is the Christian so attacked by Satan as at this point of faith? But do not confuse temptation at the point of faith with the sin of doubt. Not for the fraction of a second did Jesus doubt! How many there are, young in years and young in the Christian way, who become confused and tempted at the point of faith, and under Satan's accusation conclude that they have sinned the sin of doubt, and thus cast away their confidence in surrender of their Christian profession.

"If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."

But Jesus replied, "It is written. . . ." Did I not say that Jesus in temptation laid hold upon those resources only which are available to you and me? He here resorts to the Word of God which is likewise open to us in our time of temptation.

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God."

To Satan's "If thou be the Son of God," Jesus replied "Man," thus shifting the basis of Satan's challenge from His own divinity to His humanity. In effect Jesus declared, "Satan, I meet you in this struggle, not as the Son of God but as the Son of Man, and as man I shall triumph by the Word of God!"

Breath-taking faith! Under temptation far beyond any you and I can know, because as the infinite Son of God He had power to convert stones into bread; nevertheless He insists upon meeting temptation as the Son of Man, as one of us. Thank God, Jesus didn't desert the human race in such a crisis, but stayed with us!
Satan as Angel of Light
Again came Satan as an angel of light with that subtle, doubt-suggesting "If." On the pinnacle of the temple he appealed to Jesus to set this remarkable faith to work in getting a following. "Faith like Yours would get You somewhere if only You would demonstrate it before the people thronging the temple porches and the city streets. Resort to the sensational and spectacular. If You are the Son of God, jump off! For it is written" — yes! Satan has taken his cue from the Master, and as Jesus had met temptation with Scripture Satan now presents temptation with Scripture—"For it is written, 'He shall give His angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.' Now jump! To do less is to deny that faith which You claimed in the wilderness."

Jesus retorted, "It is written again. . . ." Such was the command He had of Scripture that, attacked on one side, He could say, "It is written," and when attacked from another side, could counter, "It is written again"! Someone has pointed out that there are those who can say, "It is written—It is written," leafing through the Scriptures to pick out isolated fragments to wrest them from their context in support of a pet hobby, but are blind to other passages and other meanings. How important that we, with Jesus, be well armed on every side, able to handle the Word for our defense.

"It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Tempting God, putting Him to tests of our own devising, is not trusting Him, but is rather fanatical presumption. Are you wont to "put out a fleece" as a device for determining God's will, justifying the procedure by the Gideon incident? If so, I would not harshly condemn you, but may I call your attention to the context of that Gideon account which indicates that in thus dealing with Gideon, God was accommodating Himself to the lowered spirituality of Gideon's age? Nor would I deny that at times God may graciously accommodate Himself to our limping faith; but let us never claim that such guidance by sign which we arbitrarily dictate is superior to the full stride of Christian confidence which tempts not God with human stipulations concerning the manner by which He shall manifest to us His will.

Christ's first temptation in this climaxing series was to doubt His relationship to God, which Satan presented as a challenge that Jesus prove that relationship by calling upon His infinite resources as the Son of God to escape His suffering as the Son of Man. The second temptation was to miscarry faith into fanaticism by presuming upon God to cooperate in humanly devised
schemes for gaining a popular following. And now, having steadfastly refused to employ His power as God to escape distress as man, and having spurned the bid to make sensational capital of His human faith in the power of God, He encounters the temptation to seek His divinely appointed end entirely apart from the power of God or of faith, through leaguing Himself with the powers of this world.

You recall that from an exceeding high mountain Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, and said to Him, "It's all Yours — world dominion! — if only You will fall down before the prince of this world."

Do not for a moment think that Satan invited Jesus to worship his personal being as Satan! He was too subtle to make that approach, and such to Jesus would have been no temptation. For one seasoned in righteousness, to know sin is to shun it and to know right is to choose it. Satan sooner or later learns that the saint is fixed unwaveringly on the goal of God's glory, and he then attempts to trick the saint into seeking that end by wrong means. Such is peculiarly the temptation of the experienced Christian.

So now as an angel of light Satan enticingly whispers to Jesus that with the strength of marching armies at His command and with power politics in a totalitarian state, He could speedily bring deliverance to the captive, heal the brokenhearted, set at liberty the bruised, and, more than preach the Gospel to the poor, He could feed them! Is not this the direct road to the millennium through the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel? How men will leap to such a challenge!

But through the disguise of humanitarian plausibility, Jesus detected the diabolical source of the suggestion and named that source with no mincing of words: "Use worldly methods? Resort to force? Employ the cunning of power politics? That would be to worship Satan indeed! Never! I still stand on the Word of God; it is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.' Now, Satan, get out!" And Satan departed for a time. Again, faith had overcome temptation by the Word of God.

Note you this: Satan had said not a word about servitude when he tempted Jesus to resort to human power to save the human race. But Jesus discerned the deception and declared in Scripture phrase the inexorable truth that whom we worship we must serve. How clearly we see today that those who bow the knee to armed force are led into servitude thereto!

After such struggle and victory how appropriately Jesus could ask, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"
SONGS IN THE NIGHT
Della Adams Leitner

It is night and through the darkness
Comes never the faintest gleam;
My soul in sorrow's bondage
Seeks vainly for just one beam;
And doubt has almost conquered,
Has all but won the fight,
When, hark!—is it angel voices
That bear me songs in the night?

Songs of the martyrs' triumphs,
Songs of the saints of old,
Finding their faith more precious
Than glory or fame or gold;
Songs of heroic struggles
With all the foes of right,
And sounding their grateful praises
For songs that came in the night.

Oh, the message they bring of patience,
Of strength in the hour of pain,
Reviving my sinking spirit
With faith that the end is gain.
They give me the inner vision
Of love that is ever bright,
So I cherish as God's own promise
The songs that come in the night.

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Thou art well provided for." But alas! That very night he was called to give an account of his life to his Creator and Judge. And in going to meet his Creator and Judge, he left behind all his treasures. How sad! He had spent a lifetime in accumulating things which he had to leave. And he left empty-handed.

Do you remember the last statement of the Apostle Paul? He said: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have guarded the faith. HENCEFORTH there is laid up for me—a crown." Notice that significant word HENCEFORTH. He did not leave the result of his lifework here. He went to receive his holdings, for he had laid them up as heavenly treasures.

May we be wise and live every day to practice the principle which Jesus taught us when He said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."
RADIO APPLIED TO MISSIONS

Radio working for the Gospel on so-called mission fields may seem strange—even questionable, to some at first. Yet the past years have witnessed several such attempts with spiritual success. China has had her Gospel Radio Station operating in Shanghai. K. S. Lee is the Christian business man who established this station, and now envisions one in each of the larger Chinese provinces to better spread the Gospel in the varying dialects.

Perhaps most freedom for gospel broadcasts has been vouchsafed in Latin America. A goodly number of national Christian workers and missionaries have been enabled to secure “paid-time” on commercial stations for gospel programs. Faithful “voices” are continually telling forth the “blessed story” through the microphones in Argentine, Chile, Peru, Cuba, Dominican Republic and other South and Central American republics. Everywhere the glad report comes that God is blessing radio to the salvation of souls and stirring up of interest to know more of evangelical Christianity. Often the first approach with the Gospel to many hearts — especially among the upper classes — is through the loud-speaker of the radio receiver. In the intimate home atmosphere, thousands of listeners “tune in” on messages and music broadcast by evangelical messengers who otherwise for fear and shame would never dare come near a gospel service or receive a tract.

While radio gospel messages can never replace or substitute for the personal touch involved in general missionary endeavor, yet it does possess distinct and vital advantages in the proclamation of the Gospel. Particularly is this true of countries where the percentage of illiteracy runs high and perhaps the greatest entre to a large portion of the populace must be of necessity through the “ear-gate.” In a very real sense the Gospel Broadcast can lay claim to God’s blessed promise, “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

While God’s eternal purpose of the redemption of fallen man has remained the same — unaltered by the centuries—God’s method of dealing with sinners has often changed. The message, not the method, is sacred. Since by twentieth century discoveries, we become heirs of radio along with multitudinous other advances, the Christian church, alert to grasp anything that will aid her soul-saving task, should avail itself of this new method of reaching unsaved and un-churched masses by direct evangelism in the home.

What had previously been proved at home has also been established in Latin America;
wherever and however the message of Life, Light and Love is sent forth intelligently, sincerely, and untrammled by men's traditions, it is dynamite! —"The power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Some idea of the material progress of HCJB can be gleaned from the fact that from its 200-watt beginner, HCJB has progressed until there are now three main transmitters, the largest of which radiates with a 10,000-watt signal using the very latest equipment, including rotating directional beam antennas, on a frequency of 12½ megacycles. Local listeners are served by long-wave and the national and near-by countries by medium short-wave. The staff now numbers over fifty, and five missionary families are required to meet the ever-growing challenges of new opportunities growing out of the main work.

Programs are "on the air" from 8 to 10 hours daily. Correspondence from all over the Americas, New Zealand, Australia, Africa, India, Great Britain, and everywhere, prove that nine years of fruitfully presenting Christ as the only hope of lost men, has been honored by our Lord.

"The Voice of the Andes" is free to aid and abet all evangelical groups. This it does by broadcasting special programs, Radio Bible Classes, etc., to all who invite such cooperation. Often the Gospel has been heard secretly by radio, prejudice broken down, closed doors opened and a very real benefit has come to all gospel work.

This greatly expanding ministry operates by faith in God's promises to supply. His gracious tender hand has never failed.

Auxiliary ministries, include a thoroughly equipped Gospel Sound Bus with mobile transmitter, loud-speakers, etc., which can go wherever there are roads. A "Radio Circle" composed of receivers loaned to believers and interested friends who use these "Gospel Lighthouses" as fishing centers for the Gospel. Publication, evangelistic campaigns, etc., aid in making "The Voice of the Andes" a soul-blessing project growing out of the use of radio in Missions.—The Voice of the Andes.

**THE CHURCH IN A MAD-DENED WORLD**

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Graduates, that calls for the program that includes you. That you are graduates of Fort Wayne Bible Institute indicates that you are ready for that task.

"Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth. Clad in salvation's full armor. Join in the battle for truth."
THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS

"Put It First — The Bible Does"

The first message at the birth of Christ was a MISSIONARY message (Luke 2:10).
The first prayer Christ taught men was a MISSIONARY prayer (Matthew 6:10).
The first disciple, Andrew, was the first MISSIONARY (John 1:41).
The first message of the risen Lord was a MISSIONARY message (John 20:17).
The first command of the risen Lord to His disciples was a MISSIONARY command (John 20:21).
The first apostolic sermon was a MISSIONARY sermon (Acts 2:17, 39; 13:35).
Christ’s great reason for Christian love was a MISSIONARY reason (John 13:35).
Christ’s great reason for unity was a MISSIONARY reason (John 17:21).
The coming of Christ was a MISSIONARY work (Luke 4:18-21).
Our Saviour’s LAST wish on earth was a MISSIONARY wish (Matthew 18:29).

—Selected.

WE SHALL BUILD ON!
We shall build on!
On through the cynic’s scorning.
On through the coward’s warning.
On through the cheat’s suborning.

We shall build on!
Firm on the Rock of Ages,
City of saints and sages.
Laugh while the tempest rages,
We shall build on!

Christ, though my hand be bleeding,
Fierce though my flesh be pleading,
Still let me see Thee leading,
Let me build on!

Till through death’s cruel dealing,
Brain wrecked and reason reeling,
I hear Love’s trumpets pleading,
And I pass on.
—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy.

“God sometimes passes us into the valley of shadow that we may learn the way, and know how to lead others through it into the light. To give comfort we must comfort with the comfort wherewith we ourselves have been comforted. In wiping away the tears of others, our own will cease to fall.”

——Selected——

President Andrew Jackson is said to have replied to a preacher who came to seek a government appointment: “I have no appointment within my power that is equal to the simple messenger of Jesus Christ.”
CURRENT CONDITIONS IN JAPAN

By Miss R. Mabel Francis

Some months ago all Americans were ordered to leave Japan. This was not by the Japaneese but by the American Government. Since then there has been rapid evacuation of both business people and missionaries. Every ship leaving Japan now is loaded to capacity and all available bookings are taken weeks in advance. But my sister, Anne Dievendorf, and I have waited on God very prayerfully about the matter and have felt definitely that it was His will for us to remain here a little longer, in order that we might be a help and support to our dear Japaneese Christians, and give salvation to others who feel their need.

We appeal to you for your prayers that we may be guided into ALL THE WILL of God. If we are following His leading there need be no fear, for there can be no danger or peril in the will of God. Is this not true? We are dwelling not in Japan, but in God. It is marvelous the peace and quietness of heart we have had. He is making Isa. 32: 18 a blessed reality, — “Dwelling in quiet resting places.”

The people around us are very kind and even the civil authorities assure us that they wish us to remain. The chief of police for this part of Japan made a special visit to Sister Anne not long ago and said, “Do not be afraid. Stay right here and go on with your work. It is our responsibility to protect you and no harm shall come to you.” I hear that it is very different in some sections of Japan where there has been some animosity shown toward missionaries. But here in our locality we are treated with great consideration. You are no doubt hearing many rumors, but do not form too hasty conclusions.

The Government has urged all the Protestant Churches to merge into one body. The attitude of the Government might be briefly stated in these words: “We cannot understand why it is that you Christians, while always preaching about loving one another, yet you do not get along with each other and must have many little denominations. These may be needed in the West, but what is the necessity of your perpetuating your historical differences here in Japan? If you missionaries cannot work together in harmony for the spiritual help of Japan, then you had better return home.” Isn’t this good logic?

So the large denominations are seeking to unite on the basis of the Apostles’ Creed. The Full Gospel Churches, like ourselves, are uniting together as another group called the “Gospel Church of Japan.” Rev. Sawamura, Superintendent of the Kobe Bi-
ble School, has been chosen as the chairman of our group of churches. He is a man of rare talents, deep spiritually. His message is clear, and keen, and especially in recent years he has been led deep into the Christ life and daily walk of victory.

Our dear pastors are standing so nobly, and true to God’s Word and the Gospel. They are on fire for souls. They are not compromising with idolatry. From our Church in Matsuyama, Evangelistic Bands of five or more are going out to near-by places, holding meetings and seeking to give the Gospel to unevangelized towns and villages. They are stirred with a passion to give Christ to all this prefecture as soon as possible. They hold tent meetings, open-air meetings, and all kinds of gospel meetings. I wish you could see these men as they come back from a campaign with hearts aglow telling of the victories gained, souls saved, and how they were taught of God and led of God, how God answered prayers.

Financial aid from America or England as a subsidy to the Japanese Church is no longer permitted because of the fear of Western influence. This has left many Christian workers without support. This will, however, prove a blessing for many who will now learn to live by faith in God. Others without such faith will drop out. In our own work our churches do not receive a subsidy. Whatever aid we are able to pass on to them is given in the form of a special contribution or freewill offering. We see God’s blessing and providence in this at this time.

In February Sister Anne and I made a trip to Shanghai. It was a three-weeks’ vacation and proved a real time of rest and refreshing from the tension and pressure here. We had most delightful fellowship with many missionaries in various kinds of work there in Shanghai. We met Miss Marsh and Miss Woodberry. Rev. G. A. Jacobson was more than kind and helped us in many ways,—busy man, with his own full time tasks, Christian gospel broadcasting that reaches all over northeast China, and work among the 22,000 Jewish refugees now in Shanghai. We worshipped with the Chinese Christians, 300 of them, gathered on Sunday morning in the C. and M. A. meeting. We met Rev. A. C. Snead, of New York, on his way home from a visit to Borneo.

A Gospel Victory in a Rural Town

Some two years ago a father, who was the head man in his town, attempted to marry his daughter to a young Shinto priest. As you perhaps know, in Japan the custom is for parents to arrange the marriage of their children, sometimes without even consulting them. This girl, having quite a mind of her own, rebelled and ran away. She came to our city, Matsuyama, and by God’s good providence,
was brought in contact with the Gospel. And so it came about that in her hour of distress she was saved, not alone from sin, but also from impending suicide.

In due time an understanding was secured with her parents and she returned home, a happy witness for Jesus. A few days ago she came again to our city to receive medical attention. It was found that she needed an immediate operation. She had to wait for her mother to come so she stayed at the home of our Pastor Ogata. The morning after the mother arrived, Pastor Ogata had prayer with them. He was led to pray definitely for her healing. The power of God came down and His healing touch was given to the girl.

The mother who had been a proud, self-willed woman, began to weep and repent. She was saved and is completely transformed. When they arrived at the hospital it was found to their great joy that the cause for an operation was entirely gone. The mother was so everjoyed that she could not keep silent.

They returned home together and presently that proud mother bowed low and apologized to her husband for her insubordination, and told him of her new faith in Jesus. Their quarrels had been the talk of the town. The husband was so surprised he did not know what to say. Finally he exclaimed, "Let us call the photographer and have our pictures taken. We should have a souvenir of this occasion." There was no photographer in that town so they sent away to Ozu for Mr. Sasagawa, who is one of our dear preachers as well as a fine photographer. He came, and they had a picture taken, and were also instructed further in the Word of God. The whole township is standing in amazement at what has taken place in that home. And so the door of salvation is open for this town.

There are 20,000 other towns and villages still in darkness unreached by the Gospel. Oh, may God keep the way open and enable the Christian Church here to push on, bearing salvation's story, on, on into the night. Pray for this and pray that God will raise up more Japanese evangelists with flaming zeal to preach Christ far and wide in this land.

May, 1941
Matsuyama, Japan.

An officer once complained to Stone-wall Jackson that some soldiers were making a noise in their tent.

"What are they doing?" asked the general.

"They are praying now, but they have been singing," was the reply.

"And is that a crime?" the general demanded.

"The article of war orders punishment for any unusual noise," was the reply.

"God forbid that praying should be an unusual noise in this camp," replied General Jackson.

—Alan Pearce's Scrapbook.
Wars and commotion are becoming matters of history, the nations are clearly "in distress with perplexity," men's hearts are failing them for fear of what is coming and believers are to watch and pray that they may be "accounted worthy" when the Lord shall come to deliver His people.

The suffering of the Jews in Germany is increasing day by day and the methods Hitler is using now to destroy the Jews are unparalleled in history. My heart was so sad, when I read in "The Chosen People" that the Nazis in control of the city of Vienna had resorted to the shameful and diabolical crime of setting loose among the Jewish population of Vienna the germs of typhus so that the poor Jews of that city have become infected with typhoid en masse, and this has given the Nazis their excuse now for wholesale deportation of Jews. Many are packed in cattle cars, and others are driven across the fields of Austria to some place of quarantine in Poland "for their protective safety!" Of course, the obvious objective is clear enough, and that is the utter destruction of these helpless victims of Satanic fury.

We are surely living at the threshold of the Great Tribulation of which the Lord Jesus Christ is speaking in Matt. 24:21. This dreadful hour of sorrow is to be especially severe upon the Jews, for it is called the day of Jacob's Trouble (Jer. 30:7). Daniel in his last chapter reaches this closing vision almost, of the Christian age: "there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." (Dan. 12:1.) That this time is the distant future is revealed by the next verse. "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." Zechariah more fully pictures this catastrophe, this furnace worse than the Egyptian bondage. "And it shall come to pass that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." (Zechariah 13:8-9.)

But it shall not only be a day of trouble for the Jews, but also for all the nations. In Luke's report of the Olivet address, we have this full account of the Tribulation. "There shall be upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity." (Luke 21:25.) (Continued on page 25)
WITH THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

NEWS ITEMS

Los Angeles, California

Miss Hilma Waller writes the following: "I was so happy to hear from the Bible School once more, and how I enjoyed the personal message from our dear Brother Ramseyer.

I should love to be present at the Fellowship Circle dinner on May 27th, but because of distance, I will have to be content to be there in spirit only.

I am very glad to hear of the growth of the Bible School. Surely the Lord has blessed marvelously."

A New Recruit

Miss Josephine Danforth, '38, Buffalo, New York, was accepted as a missionary candidate to Africa under the Nigerian Faith Mission. She was to sail May 15.

"Bless her, Lord, and make her a blessing,
She'll gladly Thy message convey;
Use her to help some poor needy souls,
And make her a blessing each day."

Class Reunion

Rejoicing in renewing old friendships, several members of the 1921 class met on graduation day, May 27th, at the Bible Institute.

During the dinner hour, the class sat together in the dining hall, and enjoyed the fellowship of two guests, Miss Salome Schug and Rev. Thomas Miller.

From the sixteen members, the following were privileged to be present: Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes (nee Rena Lew), Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Gaddis, (nee Rachel Moser), Lydia Burkhalter, Christine Stauffer, Elda Amstutz, and Rev. and Mrs. Carl Parlee.

How about your class having a reunion next year? Plan now to come to the annual Fellowship Circle dinner next spring, the Lord willing.

Former Students Return

Rev. Thomas Miller, formerly of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, spent graduation week with friends in the Institute.

In the last Mission Band service, May 23, he gave a very heart-searching message to the students. He showed a deep concern for the lost who have not yet been reached.

Rev. Miller attended school in the years of 1917 to 1920. He has labored in Africa 20 years. He and his family expect to sail for Africa in the near future. Pray that very soon the door will be opened, so that these faithful "soldiers of the cross" may again have the joy of heralding "glad tidings" to the many who have never heard and are hungry for some message of hope.

Mr. Stanley R. Salter and family, Lafayette, Ohio, visited the Institute on April 20. This was his first visit to the Institute since he left its sacred halls in 1914. Many precious memories were recalled as he studied the pictures in the "art gallery," and looked into the faces of his many friends and classmates. His chat with Brother and Sister Ramseyer was much appreciated. Before they left for home, Mr. Salter wished to see his old room, No. 41. As he stepped into the room, he said, "Those were wonderful days, they truly were the happiest days!"

Chosen of God

In May, Miss Luella Landrey, class of '34, sailed for Nigeria, West Africa. This is her first term of foreign service. She will labor under the United Missionary Society. We rejoice that Miss Landrey obeyed the voice of the Spirit when he commissioned her to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you alway."

Junior Alumni

Announcement of the following births have been received:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Knuth, (nee Sylvia Gerig) Normal, Illinois, announce the arrival of Charlotte Kay, April 11. Mrs. Knuth was a graduate of the class of 1936.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Einer Burget,
(nee Wilma Lehman, '34) Fort Wayne, Indiana, a daughter, Marilyn Joyce, April 16.

The Rev. Charles Imler ('41) and Mrs. Imler, Fort Wayne, Indiana, welcomed into their home an infant son, Philip Lee, April 20.

On May 7, Kathryn Sylinda came to make her home with Rev. and Mrs. Ivan E. Hodgson, (nee Ariel Schoenhals) Lawton, Michigan. Both are graduates of the 1935 class.

Married

Friends of the Institute will be interested to learn of the recent marriage of Mr. Ezra Meir, '27, who is at the present time residing at 6306 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. We are sorry that we have been unable to secure Mrs. Meir's maiden name.

On May 31, Miss Dorothy Bee, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was married to Mr. Virgil Gerber, '35, son of Professor and Mrs. C. A. Gerber. The couple will be at home in Detroit, Michigan.

The Fellowship Circle extends best wishes to these young people.

Into His Marvelous Presence

Christian C. Welty passed away at his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 1, 1941. Death came unexpectedly as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Welty was a student at the Institute in 1905. He was one of its Trustees for years and was a faithful friend of the Institute. His good judgment, his humble spirit, his generosity and his many kindnesses will long be remembered and cherished by his many friends.

The funeral was held at the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Rev. H. E. Wiswell and Rev. J. E. Ramseyer officiated at the funeral.

The Alumni Banquet

St. John's Lutheran Hall was the place of gathering again for the annual Fellowship Circle Banquet held Tuesday, May 27. Three hundred and twenty alumni and their friends were in attendance.

Rev. P. L. Eicher opened the evening's program in prayer.

During the course of the meal enjoyable music was provided by a stringed trio, composed of Kathleen Witmer at the piano, Janice Sprunger at the violin, and Phyllis Sprunger playing the viola.

Recordings of hymns and musical numbers were heard from both the Women's and Men's Choruses of the Bible Institute.

A rousing song, "Loyalty to Christ," marked the beginning of the program. This was led by our dear Prof. Gerber, one whom every B. I. student has learned to love and revere.

In the devotions, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, our esteemed President, read from Song of Solomon 6:10, 12. In the course of his message he said, "God's willing people are not only alive, but wide-awake to God's calling. We have made His interests our interests." "The Christian life is a reproduction of the life that Christ lived while here on earth."

The Men's Quartet, featuring Mr. Carl Parlee, Rev. Jared Gerig, Rev. Cyril Eicher and Rev. Quinten Everest, rendered a special number in song. More music followed by a brass trio with Blanchard Amstutz, Richard Riley and Robert Dye playing that militant number, "Onward Christian Soldiers." A medley of hymns by the brass trio was also enjoyed.

An interesting feature of the program was the decennial class reports. Class 1911 was heard from by Menno Hirschy of Berne, Indiana. This class had fourteen members, all of whom are still living, and all are still receiving "the round robin," their class letter. Of this group, four went to China.

For the class of 1921 Mrs. Carl Parlee gave an interesting account. Their circle remains unbroken, too, with 16 members. Their class letter has made its 27th round.

Rev. Wiswell gave us a brief resume of the class of 1931, telling us that of that group 5 were foreign missionaries,
3 are home missionaries, 3 are pastors, one an evangelistic singer, and one a music teacher.

The class reports were closed with Don McIntosh giving us an account of this year's graduating class. God has been doing much in the hearts and lives of the young people of the class of 1941, and several are planning, the Lord willing, to be in active service for the Master. Let us as Fellowship Circle members uphold them in prayer.

It was interesting to see in which class various members of the Fellowship Circle belong as the roll call of classes was given. Some were in attendance from the very early years of the Bible Training School, and it did our hearts good, as younger ones, to see how God has kept, and worked in their hearts.

"Fellowship" was the theme of a short talk given by Dean Witmer. In it he told us how we could have fellowship with God our Father, and fellowship with each other.

Rev. Kenneth Geiger gave us the Treasurer's report. $7,141.50 has come in thus far in cash and pledges.

In the election of officers, which took place in the early part of the program, the following officers were appointed for the following year:

President—Robert Strubhar.
Vice Pres.—Kenneth Geiger.
Cor. Sec.—Melvena BASinger.
Treasurer—Jane Bedsworth.
Recording Sec.—Mrs Wesley Smith.
Nominating Committee—Rev. B. F. Leightner, Mrs. S. A. Witmer, Clarence Gergi.

Dorothy Ball.

FOREIGN GLEANINGS

Chiquimula, Guatemala

Vacation time in Guatemala is not a time for rest but for increased activity and opportunities for evangelization. For me it was also an opportunity to extend my knowledge of the field and use of Spanish. We spent the two months in Concepcion with some of the school girls and young women. The members of my little family had a great time laughing at my mistakes but they were patient with me and taught me much. The contact with the believers in their homes and in the churches was precious. I shall not soon forget a trip made to Ermita on muleback. The presence of the Lord was so manifest in the meetings that all were moved to tears. The joy and overflowing of times like these more than repay for the hardships. We can not speak of sacrifice when He has promised, "Lo, I am with you always." Three souls accepted the Lord on this visit and one young man came from there to enter Bible School. Another indelible picture in my mind is the joy in the face of a mother as she told us of blessing in the family worship and how a member of the family was enabled to believe for his sanctification. We had to leave Concepcion and this whole section of the field without a pastor. It is the natural center for an increasing number of believers and churches. Help us pray that more workers will be raised up to enter these open doors."

Josephine Still, ('32)

Hanshow, Hunan, China

Dear Fellow Students:

Greetings from Hunan. When we returned to China in 1939 it was my privilege to remain in Shanghai in Jewish work with the hope that the Yangtze river would open and we could come to Hanshow as in years past. Time lengthened into sixteen months and then in view of consular notice it was advisable to leave, so I came with a party of Evangelical missionaries over Fukien, Kiangsi and into Hunan. We left in Dec. and arrived here Feb. 4th, the trip is long but there were some necessary delays. In praying for China remember the dispersed of Israel that are here against their wishes.

In February there were three different bands that went out in the country, each visiting seven stations. These bands are made up of workers and church members who gladly take the free time at their New Year season to
witness for the Lord. Miss Hilty went with the one the full three weeks out, but I only got in the last three stations. Mrs. Schwendener took care of things at the main station during the time.

April 12th was the closing day of the short term school for women, there were 48 enrolled this year. The number was less this year due to possible raid scares. When one considers that this is the only chance some of the young people may have for consecutive Bible study it is well worth the while spent. Some are engaged and before the next year rolls around will be married. Some I'm sorry to say into homes of unbelievers. It will be something to rejoice over when the end comes to China's child engagements.

The period for the baptisms is this week, 17 to 20. We are longing for a peaceful time when the crowd comes, may the Lord grant it. Yesterday provision was made in case it would prove otherwise by the renting of three rooms in a farm house just outside the city. This will make a more quiet place for the students who plan on coming to the next short term school in June and July. This is for men and women, also for a larger district covering the stations of Changteh, Hanshow and Lihsien.

We have had comparative quiet, there have been a few alarms, but one never knows when the real trouble may come our way. Our place is of no particular interest, no large concerns, no large encampments and somewhat off the main highway, these are all to our advantage.

Please pray for the special anointing of the Holy Spirit on the Chinese Pastors and Evangelists and Bible women as the burden of the work falls on them these days. Through various reasons our foreign staff has been reduced to ten which was about sixty in 1924. Thank you for your prayers and may the Lord abundantly bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Reba Law and Minnie Hilty.

IN THE WORLD TODAY

(Continued from page 21)

The word “distress” here used means more than distress. It is desperate distress, unparalleled distress, distress which leaves men at their wits’ end, so that as John tells us in the vision of the Apocalypse: “In that day men shall desire death and shall not find it,” “Distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, men’s hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.” (Luke 21:26.) We hear the mutterings already, the volcanic forces that are underlying our social, industrial and political life and which might easily break forth at any moment, but for restraining providences which shall be removed in that tribulation time. — The Jewish Hope.

Give though thy gifts be small,
Still be a giver,
Out of the little fonts,
Proceed the river;
Out of the river’s gifts,
Gulfs soon will be,
Pouring their waters out,
Making a sea.
Out of the sea again,
Heaven draws its showers,
And to the font imparts,
All its new powers,
Thus in the circle born,
Gifts roll around,
And in the blessing given,
Blessing is found.
AT THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

GUESTS FROM SWANTON
On April 25, it was the privilege of the Institute to have as guests forty splendid high school students from Swanton, Ohio. These young people were excused for the day from their own schools and sponsored by their pastors, the Reverend C. B. Vollmar of the Missionary Church and the Rev. R. L. Cole of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Their entertainment consisted of chapel, classes, lunch, tour of the buildings, recreation, supper on the campus, devotions, pictures, of the starry heavens presented by Dean Wittmer, and Mission Band service. Their exemplary conduct on the campus was a blessing to the school, and we trust that the Institute also was made a blessing to them and that the Lord will lead many of them to definite preparation for His service.

SPECIAL CHAPEL SPEAKERS
The Lord has sent to the Institute a rich variety of messengers to speak His Word at the chapel period. Rev. Clarence Wiederkehr represented the Fellowship Circle. Miss Mary Lamb, a graduate, brought a message of encouragement concerning the power of the Holy Spirit in lives fully yielded to the Lord, especially as exemplified in the place of her labors, the Orphanage at Dyersburg, Tennessee. Mr. Howard Skinner of the Maranatha Bible Conference expressed stimulating truths, which were illustrated by the chalk artist, Mr. Karl Steele.

SENIOR DAY
The senior class chose May 19 as their annual senior day. After eating an early breakfast in the school dining hall, they gathered in the chapel for a devotional period. At seven o'clock, they left the school to spend the day at Pokagon State Park, near Angola, Indiana. The students thoroughly enjoyed boating, hiking, horseback riding, tennis, croquet, badminton, horseshoe and other sports. They also enjoyed eating their picnic dinner and supper in the beautiful grove, near the beach. The day was one of real Christian fellowship. In the evening, the class formed a circle in the grove and were led in devotions by their president. They returned to school at ten o'clock with severe sunburns as a lingering reminder of their good times.

MISSION BAND
Mission Band services during April and May were of unusual interest. At the same service, three of the seniors received their call to specific fields. On April 18, a letter was read from the students' missionary, Clayton Steiner, of South America. In the same night the Mission Class presented, through an original composition, the needs of various fields, through which the Lord spoke to many concerning their responsibility in praying, in giving, and in seeking His will. On May 9, Miss Dorothy Lee, of Haiti, described the mission work of that island, illustrating with pictures. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook work in the same section. At another meeting, Mr. Paul Fleming stirred Christians to a reconsideration of their responsibility in the light of the Great Commission. Reverend Paul Tom Miller, a former student and a missionary to Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission, pictured the challenge of an unsaved world with reference to the need for surrender and adequate spiritual equipment to meet the problems that such a challenge presents. An election was conducted and the following officers for next semester were chosen: president, Robert Elliott; vice president, Charles Glenn; secretary, Lillian McClaid; treasurer, William Whitman; chorister, Wayne Judd; pianist, Bette Lea Driskell; organist, Dorothea Martig.

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES
The school outing was held at Foster Park on Saturday, May 24. To spend a few hours there is to stir up one's
heart to the remembrance that "only God can make a tree." The students and workers of the Institute confirmed again the fact that

"Thou wilt find nothing here
Of all that pained thee in the haunts
Of men," But rather that

"these shades
Are still the abodes of gladness; the
Of green and stirring branches is alive
And musical with birds that sing and

In wantonness of spirit; while below,
The squirrel, with raised paws and
form erect,
Chirps merrily."

So did we all on Saturday. At the
close of the play time, that most alluring
of all meals, a picnic supper, was
served. Evening devotions followed, at
which several guests and students gave
testimonies, and all sang choruses

“And offered to the Mightiest sol-
embr thanks
And supplication.”

On Sunday, May 25, the Missionary
Church gave to the senior class its time
on WOWO, and the class secured an
additional fifteen minutes. At this
broadcast, the chorus sang “Awake My
Soul to Joyful Lays,” “All Hail the
Power of Jesus’ Name,” and “When I
Survey the Wondrous Cross.” “He
Leadeth Me” was rendered by the
quartette, consisting of Helen Schumacher,
Irma Judd, Clayton Wieker,
and Howard Stein. Elsie Uberschar
sang “Oh, Jesus, Thou Art Standing.”
those who had no part in the musical
program, spoke of the blessing and call
of the Lord in their lives, especially
while at the Bible School. Again, the
Lord used the radio to send forth His
message and bless the hearts of many.

In the evening of the same day, the
Lord spoke to the seniors and others at
the Baccalaureate Service in song and
words of promise and exhortation.
Through Miss Bixel’s rendition of
“Adagio in A Minor,” “On Wings of
Song,” and “Ancient of Days,” “the
children of Zion were made joyful in
their King.” Praise in song was offered
by the congregation in “Oh, Could
I Speak,” by Fred Rabel in “Crown
Him King of Kings,” and by the mixed
quartette in “Oh, Jesus Christ the
Righteous.” President Ramseyyer presided and offered the invocation. Dean
Witmer, at the invitation of the class,
delivered the message, “The Voice of
the Prophet,” in which he compared
the conditions of Jeremiah’s day with
those of today and urged upon the
Lord’s messengers the humility, cour-
age, vision, and faithfulness of Jer-
emiah in the light of the great need in
individual hearts and finally in society.
The message was itself an illustration
of its own theme, blessing the
hearts of the hearers with the remind-
er that the thoughts of the Lord to all
mankind are thoughts of peace and not
of evil and that each may have a part
in conveying such glad tidings, if he
continues to be “Aflame for Christ.”
Mr. Wiswell led in prayer and pro-
nounced the benediction.

“Who can utter the mighty acts of
the Lord? who can show forth His
praise?” As the heavens are high
above the earth, so are His thoughts
and ways above ours. Yet, in large
measure, humanly speaking, His praise
was made glorious at the annual con-
cert of the Bible Institute choruses on
May 26 at 8 p.m. The portals to His
glory were set ajar and to every heart
came afresh the quickening of the
breath of Calvary. Thus to convey His
blessing, the Lord graciously used the
women’s chorus, the men’s chorus,
the special chorus, the combined choruses,
soloists—Helen Schumacher, Florence
Habegger, and Fred Rabel—and the
faculty of the school of music: Miss
Bixel and Mr. Gerig in two organ and
piano numbers and Mr. Gerber and
Mr. Gerig in directing and teaching the
groups. Assisting at the instruments
also were Miss Bixel, Evelyn Neuen-
chwander, Stella Augsberger, and
Mr. Gerig. Upon leaving the church,
the congregation sensed as a vital re-
ality the answer to the chorus response
to the benediction: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

On Tuesday morning, the workers and students of the Institute spent an hour in waiting upon the Lord. President Ramseyer spoke the Lord’s message from the text, “Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you,” emphasizing the truth that the Lord’s provision is greater than our need. The rest of the time was spent in prayer. The Lord graciously poured out His Spirit, giving a spirit of prayer, and confidence for the answers. As a school and as individuals, we go forth into the summer trusting Him.

“I will follow where He leadeth; I will pasture where He feedeth.”

Those who at any time in the past have followed the Lord as He has led to the Fort Wayne Bible Institute were fed in rich pastures in two senses at the Fellowship Circle Banquet on Tuesday night. First the dinner with its perfect appointments was a source of delight and satisfaction both physically and aesthetically. The delicious dinner was another reminder to render praise to God for His bountiful supply and thanks to those who were His servants in preparing it. The blue and gold coloring in paper, candles, and flowers for the school and the red and white for the seniors gave that touch of "rightness" that color always adds to an occasion. Music filled its place during the dinner in the string trio from the Missionary Church and in the transcriptions by the men’s and women’s choruses. In the program, a martial note was sounded in every number, from the opening song, "Loyalty to Christ," through the closing prayer for guidance and empowering in fulfilling God’s plan. During devotions conducted by our beloved President Ramseyer, the Spirit of the Lord made His presence increasingly precious. A men’s quartet and a women’s quartet furnished numbers blessed and used to the edification of all. The following class representatives reported victory on the battlefield by members of their classes: 1911

—Mr. Menno Hirschy; 1921—Mrs. Carl Parlee; and 1931—Reverend Harold Wiswell. Then Donald McIntosh spoke of the aspirations and calls of the members of the new class of 1941 to enter the Christian warfare. The roll call of classes was taken and a few words spoken by some of the members. Dean Witmer presented several New Testament meanings of fellowship and evaluated the Fellowship Circle in the light of them: fellowship with God as the basic beginning for the others, Christian fellowship one with another, and fellowship in giving. He made application of the latter to building needs, for which all are trusting the Lord, feeling it to be His will that we "go forward." The treasurer reported that over $7,000 had been pledged by the Fellowship Circle. It was good, at last, to sing of the faith of "Alma Mater" for the fight, to sense the benediction of the Lord, and to be bound closer by just one more occasion in "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." For the success of this event, all feel special appreciation for the unstinting efforts of Miss Melvena Basinger.

Commencement, May 28, 10:30 A. M.

It is both a regrettable responsibility and a blessed privilege to send a class of graduates from the Bible Institute. As the present class entered the church, with their caps and gowns, to Mr. Gerig’s "Prelude" by Beethoven, intercession and praise arose from many hearts. At least to those who have worked for years among worldly youth, a sense of deep appreciation was the predominating emotion. We rejoice in God’s dealing with them and in their consecration. To them has come the best in life. To them and to all of us, in the words of the opening hymn, "Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon the Saviour’s brow," and to Him we owe and give our all. A beautiful number by the senior girls’ quartette as a fitting prelude to the devotions led by Dr. Slote, who prayed and read from Paul’s letter to Timothy words from an old warrior to a young re-
cruit. In song, Elsie Ueberschar brought the stimulating message that "The Lord Is My Light" and I shall fear no one, even though a host should war against me. In the address, Rev. Clyde Meredith stressed the importance of evangelistic conquest by the church in a frenzied world. He emphasized the equipment of the church: the dynamics of the Holy Spirit, of the Word, and of a Christian example; and the method, a church-wide Pentecost, beginning in just such centers as the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. The Lord also blessed the words of encourage-

ment by President Ramseyer, interspersed between numbers. Dean Witmer presented the diplomas to the twenty-five members of the class. Four of them received also certificates from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. Miss Anna Laughbaum was accorded public recognition for having the highest scholastic record in the class. She also received a scholarship from Greenville College. The benediction at the close of this event was not mere conformity to custom, for all felt the blessing of the Triune God upon hearts and upon the school.

23 DAYS AT SEA IN A LIFEBOAT

One of the great sea odysseys of the war recently ended when 38 survivors of the British liner Britannia, shelled and sunk by a German raider in the South Atlantic on March 25, staggered ashore on the Brazilian island of Curupu after 23 days in a lifeboat. The survivors were 13 English officers and men, eleven Hindu passengers and 14 lascar members of the Britannia's crew. Following is a composite story of several of the British survivors as told to a Life reporter in Brazil.

"Our lifeboat, built to hold 50, had 82 men. We took turns squatting and standing up. The wounded were placed at the bottom of the boat, but two inches of water leaked into the bottom and some of the wounded drowned when their faces were pressed into the bilge by the crowd.

During the first week we saw eight ships. We shouted and burned oil so that they might see the smoke. None did. When it rained one day, we filled three buckets with drinking water.

For the next 16 days we sailed the South Atlantic. The heat nearly crazed us and the glare closed our eyes until they were slits. Our skin festered with sores from the sun and salt water. Each morning we dumped overboard the men who had died the night before. At first we buried them with a short religious service, but later we were too weak to do even this.

By the third week men began losing their minds. An Englishman named Smith screamed deliriously for his wife until he died. Those with strength left tried to bail out the boat and clean up the vomit of the seasick men. For food we had a daily ration of one cracker and a spoonful of condensed milk with water. The lascars fought for the left over cracker scraps. Our mouths cracked from dryness.

After two weeks of sunshine it rained again. We spread sails out to catch the rain and we opened our mouths to let the rain fall in. In desperation, however, two Hindus drank salt water and later jumped overboard. We were too weak to rescue them.

On the 19th day the color of the water changed and strands of seaweed floated by. Land could not be far away, but three more died that day.

On the 23rd day we sighted land! When our navigator saw it, he mumbled: 'I have done my duty. You are all safe.' Then he collapsed and died.

Later that day we landed at low tide. Many of the men could no longer walk
or talk. They simply collapsed in the mud. The others stumbled further ashore, bowing their heads to thank God for deliverance. If these men had not awakened in time that night, the weaker men lying in the mud would have drowned beneath the incoming tide. Shortly after the weaker men had been dragged to safety, we heard human voices. At the sight of the Brazilian fishermen who found us, some of us fainted with happiness.

Truly these men had occasion to bow their heads in thanksgiving to God for deliverance! Deliverance from the shelling and sinking of the Britannia—deliverance from death by thirst and starvation—deliverance from possible violence of heat-crazed men and deliverance from all the perils of the sea.

But those who are compassed about with “songs of deliverance” are those enjoying a deliverance even greater than physical deliverance.

The Psalmist said: “The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.”

The Lord answered and the Psalmist exclaims: “Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.”

To accomplish our deliverance from sin, Satan, death and hell it was necessary that the Deliverer Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ, be “delivered for our offences” and be raised again for our justification.—Now.

LISTENING IN

God has a “wireless” to everywhere,
We call it “The Word of God and Prayer,
And everyone may daily win
God’s choicest gifts by “listening in.”

First you shut out every sound
From the heedless world that throngs:
Vanity fair makes a deafening din
On purpose to hinder “listening in.”

The devil will use his utmost power
To keep you from having this quiet hour;
He knows that you can be freed from sin
Always and only by “listening in.”

But when you prayerfully read God’s Word
The still, small Voice is clearly heard,
And wondrous peace and power within
Daily result from “listening in.”

God longs to give His best to you
To keep you loyal and strong and true;
If you haven’t begun, today begin
To prove the joy of “listening in.”

—C. H. M. F.

THY WAY IS PERFECT

Long is the way, and very steep the slope,
Strengthen me once again, O God of Hope.

Far, very far, the summit doth appear;
But Thou art near, my God, but Thou art near.

And Thou wilt give me with my daily food,
Powers of endurance, courage, fortitude.

Thy way is perfect; only let that way
Be clear before my feet from day to day.

Thou art my Portion, saith my soul to Thee,
Oh, what a Portion is my God to me.
ARE YOU READY FOR HIS COMING?

Are you looking for the coming
Of the Savior from above?
Are you trusting Him for pardon?
   Do you know His wondrous love?
Are you longing for the coming
   Of the Lord of life and love,
As you look beyond the present
   To the light and life above?

Are you waiting for the glory
   He has promised all His own
When the waiting days are over
   And we see Him on His throne?
Are you serving while you’re waiting,
   Winning precious souls for Him,
Gathering sheaves for in His garner
   By your witness clear and trim?

Are you praying for His coming
   While you serve Him day by day,
Seeking grace divine to lead you
   As you journey on your way?
Are you watching for His coming,
   With your garments glistening white,
Faithful in the little duties
   Through the dark and perilous night?

O He’s coming! yes, He’s coming,
   And He’s drawing very nigh,
Soon we’ll see Him in His beauty
   As we meet Him in the sky!
   “Watch,” said He, “and be ye ready.”
Dare I then to careless be?
   “For the hour and day ye know not,”
When your Lord your eye shall see.

Are you ready for His coming,
   Having watched, and longed, and served?
Are your lamps all trimmed and burning?
   Are you ready for the Lord?

—G. W. KINZIE
BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW HALL MOVE FORWARD

An important meeting of the Bible Institute Building Committee was held on May 21st in which reports were received and consideration was given to beginning construction this year. Each member of the Committee was given an opportunity to express his own convictions as to whether we should attempt to go forward with construction this summer. It was unanimously decided that we authorize the architect, Mr. LeRoy Bradley, to prepare complete plans and specifications after which bids be secured from contractors. If a satisfactory bid is secured and the remaining funds are forthcoming in the early summer, it was decided that we go ahead. Approximately $11,000 is still needed before this total is reached. We are thankful for the splendid sum of approximately $49,000 which has been given, and we trust that the remainder will be a challenge to all friends of the Institute to pray, give, and believe God.

In the discussion of the Building Committee several considerations prompted the action taken. The building is now in demand to meet a basic need in a long-range program of the school. It may be more difficult to build one year from now. Friends who are now hesitating will be encouraged to give when they see that the building is going forward.

Will those who have not yet subscribed prayerfully consider this need and make a pledge NOW? Send pledges and gifts to be credited to the Fellowship Circle to Treasurer, Fellowship Circle, in care of the Bible Institute. General pledges may be sent to Mr. P. L. Eicher, Bible Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana.