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STRENGTHENING THE TIE THAT BINDS

This number of the Bible Vision is being sent to every member of the Bible Institute Fellowship Circle. While this modest periodical is more than a "family" newspaper, yet for the most part its subscribers are among the alumni of the Institute. For many it is the principal means of keeping in touch with the school they love and their fellow students of "Bible School" days.

The Institute wishes that it were possible to send the Bible Vision to everyone without charge, but this is hardly possible, for even with the subscription rate of 50c per year, it is not self-supporting. All friends and members of the Fellowship Circle, are invited, therefore, to become regular subscribers. Each subscription helps to keep the Bible Vision going.
Greetings To Alumni

The approach of another commencement season is a forcible reminder of classes and students of other years who have left the halls of the Bible Institute to go to their various stations of life. Nearly all testify to an unforgettable deposit in their lives from Bible school experiences. Not long ago an alumnus who had pursued his education elsewhere after graduating from the Institute gave grateful testimony to the education received here. It had stabilized him and given him a scale of values from which he has not deviated.

Rated academically, there may well be some things to be desired among the Bible institutes of our land, but they nevertheless constitute a powerful evangelical force in keeping the Christian faith a living reality.

The Fort Wayne Bible Institute has had a modest but steady growth in recent years and plans are now being considered by the Board of Trustees to widen the educational ministry of the school. The prayerful interest of all alumni is desired that God will give guidance and blessing in the direction of the Institute. Constructive recommendations and suggestions from former students are particularly welcome. Why not write us a few lines stating how the work of the Institute might be improved?

This issue of the Bible Vision presents needs as well as news, but we trust that no one will take offence. They are legitimate needs and until they are met the work of the Institute is carried on under handicaps.

How Much Spiritual Burden Can We Bear?

Never before in human history have there been more than two billion persons living on this planet. Never before has there been such universal tragedy as now. But what makes the drain on our sympathies so terrific is the knowledge of human suffering that pours upon us from radio, newspapers, and other channels. We cannot pray for every need, but we fear callousness. We can only pray for more of the love of Christ and more wisdom in attempting to meet the innumerable needs about us.

In the current number of Congo Mission News the difference between missionaries in this war and the first World War is noted. Then they knew little of outside events and went calmly about their work in the interior stations. Now by the miracle of radio nearly every missionary is informed immediately of the sufferings of Poland, China, and Finland. One missionary stated the point thus: “Now the cry of the larger world is brought directly to us and we must share its sufferings as well as our own.”
The Blessedness of the Meek
By Rev. A. H. Tozer

"Blessed are the meek." (Matt. 5:5.)

This word meek is one of a small family of beautiful words of which love is the father. Other members of the family are lowly, mild, humble and gentle. These words describe those followers of Christ upon whom God is able to smile in full approval.

Whatever men think of meekness, we may be sure that God sets a high estimation upon it, for He says the meek ones are blessed. Peter says, "A meek and quiet spirit are in the sight of God of great price." Friedrich Nietzsche, the German philosopher, held meekness to be another name for weakness, and scorned it as unworthy of the superior man. Not meekness, said he, but dominance, not lowliness but high pride, not gentleness but hardness, these are the qualities that make men great. Sympathy and mercy are repudiated in favor of sternness and justice. The weak must die to purge the racial stream; the strong must live and fill the world with their kind. By constantly eliminating the defective and encouraging the propagation of the strong the race would be raised to the level of gods, and the Superman would be born. This doctrine of the sacredness of brute force has borne terrible fruit in Europe. It is little wonder that the man out of whose heart flowed such frightful ideas lost his reason and died a slavering mad man.

In this text the meek are promised the earth as an inheritance, but the possession of the earth is not the first reward of meekness. The first is rest. "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matt. 11:28-29.) There are two things here, a burden and a rest, and the two are contrasted. All this has nothing to do with the normal burden of the daily toil, nor with the weariness that may be cured with a night's sleep. It is a thing of the spirit, a tiredness of the soul. Its cause is pride, its cure "meekness and lowliness of heart." "Ye shall find rest." Rest is not something we do; it is something we find when we cease from doing.

How do the meek find rest? By ceasing from the exhausting struggle to maintain a "front." Everywhere among civilized men there is unnaturalness, pose and pretense. None are at ease, none are inwardly relaxed. A painful tension is upon the heart while we strive to uphold the honor of the god self. Deeply egotistical we resent any slights or lack of appreciation, and challenge every word spoken against us. Proud of our knowledge, of
our culture, we have a gnawing fear that we may meet someone who will overshadow us in any of these things. Inwardly conscious of our own inferiority we try to keep our real selves secret. We cringe when any knowing soul peers into our hearts, and fear lest our soul poverty be discovered. Bright people are afraid they may be caught saying a dull thing; travelled people try to chat nonchalantly about far places, while all the time they are apprehensive of having someone come along that has been farther and seen more. Cultured people go to hear the best music and buy the most talked-of books so they can keep up their reputation for being high-brow. Each one takes the role he admires or which he has had thrust upon him and lives his artificial life, always tense with the fear that he may lapse out of character and expose his true self to a mocking world.

All this may seem trivial or even humorous, but it is a solemn fact that this pride and pretense is generating a burden that is breaking the heart of the world. The strain is shattering nerves, destroying peace and bringing on premature old age. Each generation carries that burden to the grave where they leave it to be taken up by the next in the form of traditions, customs, philosophies and even religions. Many a proud old family line has been obsessed for centuries by the mythical reputation of some stern-lipped old ancestor who glares out of an expensive picture frame and dares his descendants to act natural.

Escape from this burden is possible only through childlike meekness and lowliness of mind. The humble one rolls off the burden of artificiality, ceases to pretend and quietly passes for what he is before God and man. He cares not who is greater than he, so is never ridden with ambition. He has nothing to hide so is free from fear of detection. He knows his own imperfections, so is not disturbed when he is criticized. He knows no rivalry, for he is always ready to "esteem others better than himself."

"I will give you rest." Jesus did not say, "Turn unto religion." There is as much pride in religion as there is in the world. Religion lays on its sons as great a burden; the difference is in the quality only. Sin's burden may be coarser but it is not heavier, and both crush and kill at last.

No, it is not religion we need, but a Saviour. If we come to Him as little children He will receive us. If we humble ourselves and cease to pretend He will take from our hearts the burden of pride and lay upon us the airy-light yoke of true discipleship. Then we can know indeed that great rest for which every soul instinctively yearns, the rest of perfect meekness.—The Evangelical Beacon.
America's Alternative: Repent Or Else!

By Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein

Editor's Note: (The 10th Anniversary radio sermon of "The Missionary Hour," the regular Sunday afternoon broadcast of the First Missionary Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, over WOWO. Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein was pastor of the church when "The Missionary Hour" was begun in March, 1930.)

"And Jesus answering said unto them: Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:2-3). "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent . . . or else . . . !" (Revelation 2:5).

We have just come through one of the most turbulent decades in modern history. Confusion, uncertainty, and distress are universal. The economic, political, social, and moral foundations of the world are trembling. Since no nation can detach itself from the general stream of life, it follows that America, the land of privilege and opportunity, must face a moral reckoning with the rest of the world.

Of nostrums and panaceas we have had many during these depression years. Alas! have we wandered so far from God that it takes ten long years to learn that human life cannot be permanently improved until it is renewed at its heart? Beneath the changing patterns and fashions of this world there is ever and always the same human heart, fallen, deceitful, and desperately wicked.

America's Greatest Need

America needs many things and needs them sorely, but it needs nothing more than a revival of genuine repentance and faith in God. We have not dropped bombs upon our neighbor's homes and hospitals, as some are doing. We are not at the moment engaged in acts of aggression. But we are nevertheless a nation of sinners! We have lost our way in the enchanted land of materialism. We have persistently violated God's moral and spiritual precepts; and what is even worse, we have had the temerity to imagine that, just because we are Americans, we at least could get away with it! As a nation we need supremely and desperately a recovery of faith in the eternal God and His holy Word. But before there can be a recovery worthy of the name there must be a re-emphasis of the solemn truth of Biblical repentance from sin. The Bible makes absolutely no exception to the principle that men must repent before they can be right with heaven and with one another. God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent," and to us in particular He says: "Suppose ye that the rest of the world
are sinners above all mankind, because they suffer as they do? I tell you, Nay! but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish!” God sets before us today one last alternative: Repentance or judgment — “repent” — or else!” If we want the cure for our troubles we will have to pay the price, and that price is genuine repentance!

And by repentance I do not mean the denunciation of the sins of our neighbors. We may lament the backwash of moral apostasy that is sweeping over the world. We may loudly condemn the flagrant sins of other nations. We may even wax indignant over the glaring evils of our own nation. But the revival America needs will not begin among the unregenerate mass of the people. It will begin in the church of the living God, where great revivals have always started. We must therefore confess our own sins, each for himself. And our repentance must be more than skin deep!

How deep? Assuming that all grossers forms of evil are abhorred by us who belong to the Christian church, it still remains for us to face these questions: What about those provinces of life which are concealed to the eye of man? What about those subtle sins of the human disposition? What about those twisted sets of mind that keep even good people from straight thinking? What about those unwholesome attitudes that rob even church members of the normal enjoyment of the Christian life in all of its human relations? What about those jaundiced outlooks and distorted viewpoints that rob men of God’s blessing and approval? What about those unchristian patterns of emotional behavior that bring reproach upon the cause of Christ? What about “the filthiness of the spirit” which is condemned in the same text with the “filthiness of the flesh”? (II Cor. 7:1). Man looks at outward appearances and is easily deceived. God looks at the heart and sees everything. And until the heart is made pure and right every area of human influence will be more or less defiled. We must have, therefore, a revival that will cleanse the hidden springs of life. In other words, America can never save its soul by simply having its face lifted! The alternative before us, as for the rest of mankind, is this: Repentance or judgment! “Repent . . . or else!” At all costs we must get back to the “grass roots” of things moral and spiritual. Our God is a God who lays the axe to the root of the tree!

We take pride in the claim that we, at least, are a Christian nation. Just how Christian are we? Hosts of people in our churches are content to render mere lip service to Jesus Christ. They accept certain traditions and beliefs which they never take the time to think through
to their logical conclusions or ethical implications. They are respectably religious, but not spiritually dynamic. Today that move within fairly religious grooves; tomorrow, when external authority is somewhat relaxed, they live like pagans and cannot be distinguished from the general run of sinners. Can such people help this sinsick world back to God? Indeed, it is this lack of rational consistency that turns men away from God. And it is this superficial religious character that makes the modern church so impotent in the presence of crying world needs today. Before the church can hope to heal the heart of the world, its own heart must be cleansed and renewed. And the heart of the church, as of the individual, can be cleansed only as men return to the God of the Bible for pardon and healing.

Universality of Need

This need is not limited to any local church or denomination. It is everywhere. Go where you will and you will find professing Christians who are still imprisoned within ungodly attitudes; who are chained to unholy prejudices; who are bound by the graveclothes of old habits; who are the unhappy victims of all sorts of unchristian moods and whims; who are swayed by every idle impulse or fancy; who are upset by every wind of doctrine; who are dominated by worldly ambitions; whose emotional behavior is yet immature and childish, even freakish at times and abnormal; whose ethical conduct completely neutralizes their profession; and whose general level of life is unspiritual and carnal. To be very frank: a considerable percentage of the numerical total of the modern church are spiritually subnormal. Their life lacks a truly spiritual center. Their conduct is irregular. Their relations with others are strained and unhappy. At best such religious experience is basically unsound. It is fundamentally spotty. It simply isn’t Christian through and through.

Now to preach a repentance that leaves untouched these intimate and unreclaimed areas of the human personality is, so far at least, to miss the mark, and to leave much of human life completely outside the revealed will of God. Jesus Christ came to redeem the whole man—body, mind, and spirit. His power can take the poor shattered sinner and make of him a new creation! We must therefore recognize that wrong attitudes, habits, motives, and thoughts are sinful and abhorrent in the sight of God. Casual regret and remorse is not genuine repentance. The fountains of the deep must be broken up. Conviction must reach to the very depths of the soul. But let a man really humble himself before God and the power of redeeming grace will cleanse his heart and beautifully renovate his entire being. Let him sur-
render himself body, mind, and spirit to the will of God, and his entire personality will become a temple of the Holy Spirit, new and clean, and "a vessel meet for the Master's use." That is God's will for every one of His people! We cannot tolerate sins of the flesh, and we denounce them in God's name! But since all sin is abhorrent to God, we must remove the mutes from our trumpets and cry out against every polite form of iniquity that poisons the springs of human life. The tragedy of the modern church is that so many of our people are not prepared to go all the way with God. They stop short of His perfect will at this very point.

**Personal Application**

Let us see how this reacts upon the Christian cause. So long as the preacher inveighs against the sins of mankind in general, he is reasonably safe. Let him denounce graft and corruption down at the city hall and the people will laud him as one man who isn't afraid to tell the truth. Let him pour out the vials of his wrath upon tyrants and rascals some thousands of miles away, and his audience will cheer him for his forthrightness. But let this same preacher come down to earth and begin to tackle specific sins that exist and even flourish in his own congregation—and then the fireworks will begin! For instance: Let the preacher take his stand as a prophet of God rather than as a puppet of men; let him undertake to expose some presumptuous or besetting sin; to correct some temperamental deformity or folly; to pry someone loose from the comfortable rut of smug self-complacency; let him, perchance, offend the vanity of some prima donna in the choir or some prominent individual in the official board; in short, let him come to grips with selfishness, envy, jealousy, malice, ill temper, gossip, backbiting, stinginess, covetousness, and such like, and he is instantly charged with trespassing beyond his legitimate domain as a minister of the Gospel. All of which simply means that sin is so slippery, so seductive, and so elusive that even the elect are unable to discern its true character when the devil struts his stuff as an angel of light.

But the truth must be told! Since men will ultimately be judged by God's standard rather than by their own, we had better face His demands now, while grace and mercy are yet free to all. Let repentance therefore be proclaimed from one end of this nation to the other until some of the respectable sinners in our pews begin to call upon God for mercy. Sin in America is streamlined, chromium trimmed, air-conditioned, and garbed in broadcloth and sable furs. Yet God is no respecter of persons or places. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God." No sin, whether
mortal or venial, fleshly or temperamental, can ever go free! We have to deal with a God who weighs imaginations and desires, who analyzes thoughts and motives. May the Holy Spirit therefore turn the merciless light upon our hearts today! Let nothing, absolutely nothing, that is unchristian be spared! All unwholesome attitudes, all unholy ambitions, all questionable habits, all unspiritual traits, and all unchristian patterns of conduct, must be corrected by the Holy Spirit before we can be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ our Lord.

One last word: Today God commands all men everywhere to repent. We in America must face God's final alternative with the rest of the nations: Repentance or judgment: “Repent... or else!” The church at Ephesus was noted far and wide for its sound doctrine, its manifold works, and for its uncompromising stand against heresy. Yet even this great church was called to repentance. It had left its first love. It had a case of heart trouble that no architectural grandeur, no social position, no wealth, no eloquence, not even orthodox forms and service, could correct. God's last word to this church was clear and plain: “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent... repent... or else!” “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish!” Today, in a world that is bewildered, haunt-
ed by fear, and groping toward catastrophe, God offers us one last alternative: “REPEND... OR ELSE!” Beyond that there is no hope for anyone!

"Let us confidently and lovingly trust in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him! He is worth waiting for. Patience is a proof of our faith. A faith that has no patience is a tree that has no fruit, an organ that has no music, a bird that has no wings: a complete contradiction in terms.”

—Joseph Parker.

HIS LAMP

"Ye are the light of the world.”

His lamp am I,
To shine where He shall say;
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day;
But for dark places of the earth,
Where shame and wrong and crime have birth,
Or for the murky twilight gray,
Where wandering sheep have gone astray,
Or where the lamp of faith grows dim,
And souls are groping after Him.
And as sometimes a flame we find,
Clear-shining through the night,
So dark we cannot see the lamp—
But only see the light—
So may I shine, His love the flame,
That men may glorify His name.

Annie Johnson Flint.

"The air is full of party strife, And ever loud and long, Each faction has some new device, To remedy the wrong, From age to age men vainly try Earth's Golden Age to bring, But tell me why there's nothing said Of bringing back the King?"

—A. B. Simpson.
The New Morality

THE NEW ADOLESCENCE

By Leslie R. Marston, Ph.D.

There is today a "new adolescence" which is strikingly dissimilar to the adolescence so vividly described by G. Stanley Hall and his group of interpreters of youth of a generation ago. Then youth knew internal conflict, sensitiveness if not morbidity of conscience, religious emotional upheaval, the German "Sturm und Drang." But according to recent investigators today’s adolescence smoothly moves through the teens to maturity, giving little evidence of that emotional and spiritual upheaval so commonly reported in the earlier studies. And these later psychologists question the generalizations of Hall’s group concerning the inner tumultuousness of the teens, discounting them as highly colored unconscious falsifications springing from Hall’s unscientific romanticizing of adolescence.

But the present writer is convinced that the wide difference between Hall’s interpretation of youth and the interpretation of present day psychologists is due in significant part to a true difference between the youth of the last generation and the youth of this generation — a difference which comes from the progressive leveling during recent years of society’s standards of religion and morals. In other words, we are convinced that the “new adolescence” is the progeny of the “new morality” and the “new education.”

It is our contention that the cataclysmic course of adolescence in the early period of this century was a consequence of the fact that society then took ideals seriously. These ideals led to tension with youth’s desires, and the resulting conflict etched the sense of sin with burning vividness on youthful consciences. Storm and stress were typical of adolescence under such conditions.

It is our claim on the other hand that the sophisticated imperturbability of the present adolescent generation arises from the increasing trend of American culture toward pagan indifference to sin and easy tolerance of error. There is today little tension between youthful desire and ideals, for the simple reason that ideals have been surrendered to the clamor of desire. There is today so faint a consciousness of sin because so weak and few restrictions are imposed upon desire by a crumbling standard of right and wrong.

Fairness to youth demands that we recognize clearly the fact that modern youth is a product of this confused age, and is not the cause of this age’s
confusion. The generation now in its prime, the generation of the forties and the fifties who are the parents of modern youth, have slipped the leash of self-control and self-restraint. How forcibly this fact was expressed by a girl of eighteen to a modern parent of the writer’s acquaintance in the pathetic comment that today’s elders have thrown everything over, leaving naught for youth to fling away. Indeed, with frisky cocktail hours and brisker night clubs, with easy morals, irreligion and loosened marriage bonds in the forties, how can the teens have their fling!

Whereas we may hope that some of the present generation of the forties and fifties will in their sunset sixties and seventies seek again the lost patterns of their early training, today’s teens have not received these patterns of faith and conduct and in consequence cannot return thereto. And this question haunts him who would conserve time-tested values whose surrender is now wrecking civilization: How can modern youth, adrift on the sea of today’s moral and spiritual chaos, find either in its noontide forties or its sunset seventies the harbor of secure spiritual values without the chart and compass of early moral and religious training?

When home and school compromise the black and white of wrong and right to a patternless neutral gray, youth at best will develop but a pagan moderation in conduct, even though by such compromise it escapes the inner conflict of temptation and moral choice; at worst, youth then whirls in bacchanalian frenzy, straining for the thrill and lusting to press from each fleeting moment its last drop of sensual sweetness. In either case, sin leaves a sleeping conscience undisturbed.

“Some people are so busy doing God’s work that they have no time to do God’s will.”

“That Thou should’st think so well of us
And be the God Thou art,
Is darkness to my intellect,
But sunshine to my heart.”

—Faber.

WEIGHTY WORDS

The Cathedral in Lubeck has an inscription of which the following is a translation.

“Thus speaketh Christ, our Lord, to us:
Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me Light, and seek me not;
Ye call me the Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise, and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call me Noble, and serve me not;
Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
If I condemn you, blame me not.”

“Sin is a mathematical force. It adds to man’s troubles, subtracts from his energies, multiplies his aches and pains, and divides his mind.”

—Author Unknown.
Deep Thoughts on Great Themes
By Rev. Frederick Rader

WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST?
Romans 8:35-39

I. AN INTERROGATION
Nothing shall be able to effect separation if we consider:
1. The intense and unparalleled nature of Christ's love; its eternal origin; its manifestations; when we were utterly worthless; and its amazing sacrifices in bringing Christ from heaven to earth, from the throne to the Cross.
2. The strong declarations of His love.
3. The unchangeableness of His nature.

II. AN ENUMERATION
1. Shall tribulation?
2. Shall distress?
3. Shall persecution—from friends or foes, secret or public?
4. Shall famine or nakedness?
5. Shall peril?
6. Shall sword?
7. Shall jeopardy?

III. A PERSUASION
Neither:
1. Death—however terrific.
2. Nor life—however bitter.
3. Nor angels—demons, fallen spirits, however numerous, powerful or malignant.
4. Nor principalities, however cruel their legislative enactments.
5. Nor things present—however numerous, combined and terrible they may appear.
6. Nor things to come—afflictions, however multiplied.
7. Nor any other creature.

IV. A CONSOLATION
1. We shall be conquerors.
2. Yea, more than conquerors—conquer to the end—conquer without loss—conquer with immense gain.
3. Through Christ:
   Through His guidance
   Through the supplies of His grace
   Through His upholding, protecting and preserving power
(1.) This should inspire every Christian with cheerfulness and hope.
(2.) With humble dependence on Christ (II Cor. 12:8.)
(3.) With the necessity of earnestly and diligently using the means of grace, prayer, faith, obedience
(4.) That we do not abandon Christ’s love and people and cause (Heb. 10:38).

The Lost Passion for Souls

By Rev. Arthur Hedley

Many can recall the day when both ministers and members showed great concern for the salvation of immortal souls. Pastors preached the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and pleaded with their unconverted hearers to make the great decision. They availed themselves of every opportunity to win souls for Christ. In hundreds of churches conversions were expected and there was a sense of disappointment if a Sabbath passed without a conversion.

Church members were as anxious as their pastors to win their loved ones, friends, and neighbors for the kingdom. In Scotland, during D. L. Moody’s campaign, it was a common sight to see university professors and students leading all sorts and conditions of men to the Saviour. Policemen were to be seen on the public streets with their Pocket Testaments, pointing out the way of salvation to a comrade or a driver. Even royalty did not escape questioning about their spiritual state. The late Captain Welsh, commander of the Royal Yacht, felt compelled to ask how things stood with his sovereign, King Edward VII. Seizing a favorable opportunity he told his royal master of his concern for his spiritual welfare and put to him the all important question, “Has Your Majesty ever taken the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour from sin?” The King replied seriously, “Thank you, Welsh. No one has ever asked me that question before. I can tell you that I have, and have believed His promise, ‘Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.’”

Do We Care for Souls?

We have almost lost the passion for souls today. The great evangelical truths of the New Testament are sadly neglected and the clear, earnest appeal for decision is too rarely heard. Too many Christians are unconcerned about their own spiritual welfare. It is because we have ceased to be concerned about the salvation of souls that so many churches are struggling for existence. If we were really concerned about others they would become concerned about their spiritual state, soon or late.
Interest begets interest. It is largely because we are not interested that the unconverted show little concern for their souls. By our apathy we give them the impression that eternal things are of little consequence. If we were animated with the spirit of the Apostle Paul who, "knowing the terror of the Lord" persuaded men to embrace salvation, we would be "instant in season and out of season," and only happy when winning souls for Christ and the kingdom.

How shall we regain this lost passion for souls? We must first regain our faith in the great evangelical truths of the New Testament. Unless we believe sincerely and earnestly the doctrines of the Word we are not likely to be concerned about the spiritual and eternal welfare of our fellows. But when we are convinced of the reality of sin, judgment, justification, conversion, regeneration, and our Lord's return we shall be anxious to bring lost souls to the Saviour.

When ministers proclaim in modern language the gospel truths of the New Testament with faith and conviction the interest of Christians will be quickened. It is the living truth, proclaimed by consecrated messengers in the power of the Holy Spirit, that awakens interest in the salvation of souls. If ministers from ten thousand pulpits declared faithfully, earnestly, prayerfully, lovingly, the soul saving truths of the Gospel then things would begin to happen and members would have a growing concern for souls.

WHERE THE FAULT LIES

Experience has taught us that so much depends upon the minister. Unless he makes the salvation of men, women and young people the ruling passion and purpose of his life his members are not likely to be interested in the welfare of others. If the passion for souls has been lost in the pew it is because it has first been lost in the pulpit. We have seen, even in these degenerate days, how one fully consecrated pastor has completely changed the atmosphere of a church. He has infected his people with his own zeal for souls; inspired by his example they have gone forth to be personal evangelists. When we take God at His Word and believe that man's reconciliation with God is far more important and urgent than any other question, we shall preach it with new power, enthusiasm and earnestness. Without faith in the evangelical truths of the New Testament there will be no passion in the pulpit, nor concern in the pew.

We must regain our lost wonder of God's amazing love and grace. Once we sang with sincerity and feeling "Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love, the love of God to me," but today, the fact of God's love in Christ

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The Need of a Greater Bible Insti-
— By Rev. J. A. Ringenb

A few days ago the Trustees of the Fort Wayne Bible Insti-
tute met in their regular spring meeting. Several specific rea-
sions for thanksgiving were re-
lected in the reports given. With one consent the reports indicated steady progress on every line. The enrollment of resident students is the largest in the school's history. Finances for the operating needs have never, to my knowledge, been in better condition. Disciplinary problems seem to be at a min-
imum with a deep spirituality and consecration characterizing the student body, which gives the impression of a healthy, per-
fectly normal, growing child.

But as a growing child raises serious problems, so it is evident that the growth of the school presents definite needs. There is an age at which parents dis-
cover that it is almost impossible to keep a boy in large enough clothes. The trousers get too short, the sleeves disclose alto-
gether too much of long arms, the coat barely covers the gap between the vest and the trou-
sers, and coat buttons show tre-
mendous strain in keeping the front together. This is somewhat the appearance at the Bible In-
stitute.

The annual reports revealed that every part of the equipment is taxed to its limit. The music department is quartered where ever there is room. Pianos are crowded into every available place — dining room, laundry, linen closets, classrooms, in fact anywhere that it is possible to place them without taking up much needed room elsewhere. The regular rooms of dormitories are all needed for living quar-
ters. Only those who have been at the Institute for some time can appreciate the difficulties in these conditions. They are not ideal for study and class recita-
tions.

Nor is the dormitory space only at a premium. The library has become inadequate for the many students that should avail themselves of its facilities and convenience for special study. Then too, the chapel is present-
ing the same overcrowded ap-
pearance. The student body so completely fills the place that there is only one entire row of seats left for visitors.

The time was at hand, there-
fore, to envisage the needs of the school as a whole, and both Trustees and Administration set themselves to this task. A pro-
gram had been started to pro-
As Seen by the Board of Trustees

Chairman of the Board—

vide space for the music department in a separate unit, but that would have given only a measure of relief; it would not have met the larger needs.

The Building Committee, facing these same problems, recommended to the Trustees that a larger building program be inaugurated combining a large auditorium with the music hall. By doing so, it was found that there would be approximately the same amount of space for the music department as would have been provided in the separate unit. The auditorium would be large enough to provide adequate room for all gatherings such as regular assemblies and commencement exercises.

The auditorium would be divided with a folding partition, one part being of convenient size for ordinary chapel uses while the other part would be available for physical education during the school year, thus serving a twofold purpose. The combined auditorium would then be available for larger summer convocations. In addition, a new assembly room would permit the present chapel to be converted into a library. It is well suited for this purpose with its abundant light and ventilation.

The entire program would release space now occupied by studios, music rooms, and library for additional dormitory rooms. Two or three additional classrooms would also be built into the new structure. It is apparent that this arrangement would provide the growing child with an adequate wardrobe made up in part of renovated clothing he now possesses with a minimum outlay for entirely new apparel. But it will mean that the entire family needs to join in the sacrifice and effort necessary to get the growing member adequately clothed.

The Trustees have appointed a Building Committee to undertake this project. The estimated cost is approximately $75,000. Already a number have pledged toward this need. A few have given cash. If this is to be realized in the near future it will mean that everyone will need to support it. It would be a large undertaking for a few, but it is a comparatively small undertaking if a sufficient number lay their hands to the task.

Gifts or pledges in small or substantial sums will be gratefully received, and may be sent to the Treasurer of the building fund, Rev. P. L. Eicher, Bible Institute, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Coals of Fire

By Rev. C. I. Birkey

It was with reluctance that the chief at Mazinga finally agreed to cede to the Mission his people's right to a hectar of land. The mango and palm trees, together with the land, were to be given gratis. There was however a sweet orange tree on which he consistently refused to relinquish his rights. "No," he would not sell it. Accordingly, that reservation was recorded in the State contract. There prevailed a general good-natured understanding that the fruit would be shared with our folks who lived on the plot of ground in question. When the oranges ripened, boys representing the village chief and others representing the Mission picked the tree. The two parties developed a little disagreement. When the difficulty was reported to me, I sided with the chief and declared it illegal for mission folks to henceforth gather fruit from the chief's tree and thus forestalled the occasion for further trouble. Incidentally, there were a number of younger orange trees on the grounds.

A year passed and I again visited the quarterly meeting center at Mazinga. In the absence of the pastor, the elders shared their problems with me. Naturally, they looked to me for counsel in matters bordering on legal lines. Joshua, peering over the spectacles that lodged on his nose, diplomatically propounded a question that gave him some personal concern. "Father," he said, "enlighten me. If my eyes should chance to see a hand taking an orange or an avocado pear, what course should I take? I haven't seen any one take fruit but what should be done in case I do?" I immediately concluded that fruit was being taken by the near-by villagers but that none had yet been caught in the act of stealing. Stealing is a grave offense in Congo. No one ventures to accuse another of stealing unless the evidence is conclusive. The sentences, being few, are consequently exceedingly severe. I knew that the relationship between Joshua and the villagers, which, but for two exceptions, are all heathen or Catholic, wasn't any two sweet. So I resolved that the application of "coals of fire" might be effective. Although I posed as one who wasn't very competent to advise, I reckoned that Joshua had a definite person in mind. "Well, Joshua," I falteringly drolld, "it might be a good idea to give a little fruit to anyone who appears to be tempted to help himself."

Samuel, the other Deacon, who shared the little bench with Brother Joshua gave him a gentle, yet significant nudge with his elbow. "Didn't I tell you so?" queried the voice and eyes
and smile of Samuel. Then turning to me he related a cherished experience. "Father, that is just the thing I did when I taught at Tene. Methuselah and I went out one day to my truck patch. While standing at the lower end chewing sugar cane we heard a rustle plucking this explored you and I was treated literally upon breaking we dropped them in her basket. Nearer and nearer she came plucking a choice ear now and then. Presently she stumbled upon the two men sitting on the ground indifferently chewing cane. All startled and confused she exclaimed, 'Ah, Father-Teacher, is this your patch?' 'Yes, Mother, this is my patch,' quietly replied the teacher. 'Are you hungry? Would you like some cane?' Whereupon I cut a generous portion and piled it on the basket suspended by a band from her head. This act literally fulfilled the figure of heaping coals of fire on an enemy. 'Father-Teacher,' she deplored repeatedly, 'I didn't know this was your patch,' and retreated in the direction of her own which wasn't far away. 'Now, Methuselah,' I charged as we spoke of her offense and embarrassment, 'don't you tell a single soul in town about this affair.' When I returned to my house that evening, my wife showed me a basket of highly prized ground-peas. 'These,' she said, 'were brought here a little while ago by Mother Kifwau. Hastily, as though embarrassed, she suggested that I cook these ground-peas for Father-Teacher.'"

"If thine enemy hunger, feed him: — in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."—Rom. 12:20.

—Congo News Letter.

THE LOST PASSION FOR SOULS

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has ceased to evoke the spirit of wonder and praise in our hearts. We need to get back to the place called Calvary and stand there gazing with the eye of faith on Him who suffered in our room and stead. Then our hard hearts will begin to melt as we exclaim with broken voice "The Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me." When our souls are "lost in wonder, love and praise" we shall want others to share the blessings of the Gospel.

PERIL OF LOST SOULS

Our fathers were concerned for souls because they realized vividly the perilous position of those without Christ. To them souls were either saved or lost, and to be out of Christ was to be a lost soul. Time has not altered the truth of God's Word that an awful future awaits the unbelieving and unrepentant. If we realized this more fully we should be far more earnest in our endeavor to save men from the "wrath to come." But though
we may lack the vivid imagination of our fathers in relation to the future of the unsaved we should try to understand their present state. All around us there are men and women who are disillusioned, disappointed, dissatisfied. Men tell me, who have all that could be desired from a material point of view, that they are miserable and almost tired of existence. If we can look into their eyes with confidence and tell them with perfect sincerity that we have discovered the secret of life, peace, victory and freedom, we shall find them eager to listen and learn. The Gospel is still the power of God unto Salvation "to everyone that believeth."—(Watchman-Examiner.)

**Book Reviews**

"**THE MONK WHO LIVED AGAIN,**" by B. H. Pearson. Published by Light and Life Press, Winona Lake, Ind.

Until recently there was little good literature on evangelical missions in Latin America, but in the last decade some fine books have appeared. This is one of the best. It is the fascinating story of Dr. Walter Manuel Montano, who is known among many evangelical missionaries in Latin America.

Dr. Montano was born to one of the most distinguished families of Bolivia. In youth he revolted from the Roman Church and founded an atheist society, but his deeply religious nature, which yearned for spiritual reality, led him to join the powerful and wealthy Dominican order. In the seven years of his life as a monk, he became bitterly disillusioned and finally escaped from the monastery to find peace with God in an evangelical mission. Later, this brilliant, capable priest became a minister of the Gospel, and is now active in Lima, Peru.

The style of the book is excellent, the drama unfolds with fascinating suspense, and the reader is given a realistic insight into the appalling deceptions practised by the Roman Church in Latin America.

"**NIGHTS AGLOW**"—by Phyllis Idle. Published by Light and Hope Publications, Berne, Indiana. Cloth, $1.00, paper, 50c.

A collection of poems by Miss Phyllis Idle, a recent graduate of the Bible Institute, whose original verses have been given orally to appreciative audiences. Here are the poems that touch the depths of the soul in its experiences with time and eternity. They are definitely not amateurish jingles. They have the music of pleasing expression and the range and insight of poetic vision. Soon after their publication one reader wrote to the author a word of thanks for one poem in particular which the Spirit used to bring her through a critical spiritual experience.
In the World Today

THERE IS A RECKONING DAY

Since the publication of the preceding issue of The Bible Vision another innocent and God-fearing nation has capitulated before an inhuman, atheistic power. The unreasonableness of the whole affair and the manner in which brute force seems to stalk about in the earth today may cause some persons to question whether, after all, there is a God in heaven. But it should be remembered that the Bible clearly reveals the fact that there is an appointed day on which wicked men shall appear before a just and Almighty God to give an account of their deeds. What will it mean for Stalin and his accomplices in that day? Think of the many families they have made homeless, think of the many men they have caused to be slaughtered in battle, of the many women they have made widows, and the many children they have made fatherless!

Although the war has terminated and the peace treaty has been signed, that has not closed Stalin’s account. A holy God in heaven, whose existence this wicked man denies, is keeping “books” and some day Stalin will have to appear before Him to face the record he has made and to reap the full reward of judgment for all his ungodliness.

“FLASHES!” FROM PROPHECY MONTHLY

* Neal O’ Hara points out that when Hitler clamors for more living space for the Germans he forgets to explain why Goering’s vast estates and hunting lodges, which could accommodate tens of thousands of people, are verboten territory for the German masses.

* Los Angeles Chief of Police reported Jan. 1, that whereas 10% of the police department was required to handle drunkenness during 1926, in 1939 it took 60% of the department. On the Saturday night preceding Christmas there were 400 traffic accidents in the city, nearly all of them caused by drivers under the influence of liquor.

* The final report to the January Congress of the Dies Committee investigating un-American Activities, named as among the country’s worst anti-Semitic propagandists: “Wm. Dudley Pelley, Mrs. Leslie Fry, Gerald B. Winrod, Chas. B. Hudson, James True, E. N. Sanctuary, Robt. E. Edmondson and Henry D. Allen.” The report did not hesitate to refer to Pelley, the ringleader of anti-Semitic elements, as “a racketeer engaged in mulleting thousands of dollars annually from his fanatical and misled followers and credulous people all over the United States.”
* London Times' special correspondent says of the Jewish population of Palestine: "Most of these people are Jews from Eastern Europe, from Poland, Rumania, and Baltic States, with a few good refugees from Soviet Russia, whose outspoken opinions of Communist methods are worth hearing by the innocents who believe that all Jewish immigrants to Palestine are actual or potential Communists. There are, in fact, about 500 known Communists in Palestine, not a large number in a country of over 1,100,000 inhabitants, and perhaps two-fifths of them are Arabs."

* Evidently the Hebrew mind still hovers over Nazi Germany, for the Prussian Bible Society reports the average annual sale of Bibles since 1933, as 950,000 copies. This in contrast to the book of iniquity, "Mein Kampf," 200,000 copies. While Hitler forces upon the German nation the gospel of hate, the demand grows for the Book the Nazis are trying to exterminate.

**JEWS IN POLAND**

The following facts taken from the New York Times tell of the situation of the Jews in Poland:

"More than 250,000 Jews have been wiped out in Poland by military operations, disease and starvation. . . ."

"... In Nazi Poland, 2,500 Jews are reported to have committed suicide, and their number is increasing daily . . . while 'many hundreds' have been summarily executed. Hundreds of others have been and still are being held for ransom."

"... Not the least of the hardships confronting the Jews of Poland are their fears for the future. The institution of a ghetto in Warsaw which would have crowded 350,000 Jews into a few square blocks, half of whose buildings were destroyed by bombardment or fire, was officially ordered, but has been delayed because of fear that epidemics might spread to the rest of Warsaw's population . . ."

"... Economic life has been 'completely strangled' and hundreds of thousands of families, uprooted from their homes, wander along open roads, seeking shelter. Women, aged men and children are 'subjected to countless indignities.'"

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**BIBLE INSTITUTE DAY OF PRAYER APRIL 15**

The Bible Institute will observe its monthly day of prayer on April 15 and all friends and former students are urged to join in intercessory prayer for the spiritual and material needs of the school on that day. Pastors and churches are invited to designate a special time during that day or the week of April 14-20 for prayer in behalf of the Institute.

Yours in faith and hope,

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE
Bible Institute News

Choice Vessels
Among those whom God graciously sent to minister to us since the appearance of the last Bible Vision were: Dr. Dan Gilbert, Rev. Milo Rediger, Chief White Feather, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Bulgin, and Rev. Roseberry.

Chief White Feather
"Rev. Teyet Ramar, (Chief White Feather) chief of the Sioux tribe of Indians in the Dakotas ministered in a ten-day meeting sponsored jointly by the Bible Institute and the First Missionary Church. Chief White Feather is the great-grandson of the famous Sitting Bull. He traveled extensively in opera and concert work before his conversion, but now sings and ministers exclusively for Christ and the Gospel. His splendid Christian spirit has endeared him to the students and Christians of the First Missionary Church.'"

Prayer Day
A manifestation of God's working among the students was observed on the February day of prayer. Chief White Feather was here at the time and the prayer meeting was held in the First Missionary Church. During the course of the morning the students were challenged to yield all to the Lord; many young hearts responded and gained victories. We are praising God for His faithful dealings with us.

Vent Given to Restrained Energy
On the evening of January twentieth the men of the school were guests of the officials of the Y.M.C.A. A very enjoyable evening was arranged by the director of the Physical Department.

After a tour had been made of the building, the men went to the gym and were led in some rigorous calisthenics. The group was then divided into four smaller groups which were paired off for playing basketball. An invigorating swim was the final part of the program. While returning to the school the men cooperated with the tract team in the distribution of tracts in needy places.

A very delightful surprise in the form of refreshments was awaiting them when they reached the school. This thoughtful expression of kindness had been planned by our ever-helpful and amiable matron, Miss Basinger.

Surprise for the Dean
Upon the discovery of the Dean's birthday, the students immediately began to plan a celebration for him. They very skillfully kept their plans under cover, as was noted by the surprised look on the face of the Dean when he returned home from church on the evening of his birthday to find his home crowded with students and to be greeted with shouts of "Happy Birthday!" The student body, desirous to show their gratitude for his faithful ministry, presented the Dean with an attractive leather brief case.

Ice cream, cake, and hot chocolate were served as refreshments by Mrs. Witmer and Miss Rothfuss.

Open House
"Everyone at home" was the story told by the well-lighted dormitories on the night of February 7th. When the bell rang at 8 o'clock, the girls, filled with curiosity, headed for the main building to inspect usually forbidden territory. The 8:45 bell, however, revealed that the boys were as full of curiosity as the girls when they were permitted to visit Bethany Hall. A pleasant evening was spent in visiting, and at 9:30 everyone gathered in the reception room of Bethany Hall for a time of devotions. Mr. Clough led us in a number of choruses and we were dismissed with prayer by Dean Witmer.

Mission Band
In the Mission Band service of March 15th our souls were burdened anew for the lost as Rev. P. L. Eicher, our Business Manager, showed slides of his work while he and Mrs. Eicher
were in India. Truly we are honored to have one in our midst who has been privileged to suffer much for Christ both abroad and at home.

Easter Vacation
Fresh opportunities were afforded by the Easter vacation from March 20th to 26th to witness of our risen Savior's marvelous grace.

Though many students remained at the school over the vacation, they were enriched by the Lord's blessing upon their fellowship.

COMMEMCENCEMENT WEEK
The commencement week events are being arranged for 1940 as follows:
Senior Program, Friday, May 24, 7:30 P. M.
Baccalaureate Service, Sunday, May 26, 8:00 P. M.
Annual Concert, Monday, May 27, 8:00 P. M.
Fellowship Circle Dinner, Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 P. M.
Commencement, Wednesday, May 29, 10:30 A.M.

All of the above events will be held in the First Missionary Church with the exception of the Fellowship Circle Dinner, which will be at the Ft. Wayne Y.M.C.A. at the corner of Washington and Barr Streets.

Dr. Paul Rees has been invited to give the commencement address and has given word of his acceptance. Dr. Rees is known to many through his evangelistic work and is noted for his peerless sermons. At present Dr. Rees is engaged in pastoral work in Minneapolis, Minn.

Twenty-one seniors constitute the class of 1940:
Anna Pearl Adams
Evelyn Emma Adams
Alfred J. Clough
Lydia Martha Fiedler
Naomi Ruth Franklin
Eunice Josephine Gerig
Lois Cora Gerig
Raymond F. Hein
Lois Elizabeth Hirschy
J. Gaylord Lehman
Frieda M. Lugibill

Esther Gertrude McCartney
Helen Isabell Moughler
Enriene Winifred Osborn
Harriet Alpha Piper
Bernina May Rupp
Clarence Daniel Rutschman
Mary Louise Schutz
Doris Luise Seger
Herald Jesse Welty
W. Kent Welty

BILLY SUNDAY'S TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE
"Twenty-two years ago with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered the wonderful temple of Christianity. I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament route; there were galleries where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hung on the wall. I passed into the music room of Psalms where the Spirit swept the keyboard of nature until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's grand organ responded to the tuneful narp of David, sweet singer of Israel. I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley's sweet scented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of Proverbs and then into the observatory room of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointed to far-off events, but all concentrated upon the bright and morning Star. I entered the audience room of the King of kings and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; passed into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the formation of the infant church; then into the correspondence room where sat Paul, Peter, James and John penning their epistles. I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where towered the glittering peaks, and got a vision of the King, sitting upon the throne in all of his glory."

—From Pentecostal Herald.
(Jan. 31, 1940)
With The Fellowship Circle

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mother Lugibihl, who has endeared herself to all of us, is spending the month of March with her son, Rev. Walter Lugibihl and family, in Peoria, Ill.

Our beloved president and wife, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, are at present in meetings with Rev. and Mrs. Sylvan Honderich of Crystal, Mich. They report that the attendance is increasing and the interest is good. The Lord is blessing the Honderichs in their labors of love at Crystal. Less than two years ago they started with four or five in a Sunday School and now they have a much larger attendance. New converts are enjoying the Word of God as it comes warm and fresh from His servants.

Rev. Bert Eicher, '31, missionary to India, is scheduled to give the missionary addresses at the Annual Young People's Rally of the Missionary Church Association at Grabill, Ind., May 29-30.

Rev. Edison Habegger, pastor of the Humboldt Park Gospel Tabernacle, Chicago, Ill., was the guest evangelist in a series of revival services held at the Berne Missionary Church from Feb. 12 to March 3. God blessed in these meetings in a marked way and Mr. Habegger preached in his usual fearless manner. The church was usually well filled and the interest keen throughout the campaign. More than 150 seekers knelt at an altar of prayer. Many of these were truly saved and others sanctified. This was one of the best revivals in the community in recent years. Rev. Clarence Wiederkehr, class of 1923, is pastor of the Berne Church.

Ella Lishman, a member of the class of 1937, now a teacher at Lorne Park College, Port Credit, Ontario, writes of spiritual victory gained! She testifies that she has received the fullness of God's Spirit. We praise God with Miss Lishman for revealing to us our need of Him and then making real His presence.

Helen Moughler, who finished the Christian Education Course at the Bible Institute in January, is engaged in Christian work at Big Laurel, Ky.

In preparation for future missionary work, Dorothy Ball has entered nurses' training and enjoys her work and studies at the Fort Wayne Lutheran hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Klopfenstein and Joyce Kraft of Detroit, Michigan, recently closed a blessed revival campaign at the Ottawa, Ohio, Missionary Church. Many souls prayed through to definite victory.

Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein, a member of the 1922 class and a former pastor of the First Missionary Church at Ft. Wayne under whose ministry the "Missionary Hour" radio broadcast was originated, was the guest speaker on March 3, celebrating 10 years of broadcasting the Gospel over WOWO.

Graduates are always happy to return to their Alma Mater. Those who have recently visited are Rev. and Mrs. Ora Schott, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Kimble, Phyllis Idle, Mabel Schindler, Catherine Gratz, Flora Siemental, Edith Ehlke, Maxine Roth, Ruth McClure, Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein, Rev. and Mrs. Roy D. Ramseyer, Mrs. Newell Neuhauser, and Rev. George Moss.

Miss Ruth Keller announces her engagement to Mr. John L. Layman. The ceremony will be solemnized in the Harvester Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, on April 28. The Circle extends best wishes and prays God's blessing upon them.

Alumni members will be interested in knowing that Mrs. P. L. Eicher is somewhat improved. Lois Slagle, class of 1935, is ill in the Lutheran hospital. Caroline Nussbaum, a member of the 1930 class, is recuperating in a hospital in Newton, Mass. Irvin Canen, '27, who has been in ill health for a considerable length of time, is now able...
to do some evangelistic work. We praise God for these answers to prayer and trust that the Great Physician will completely deliver.

News items are always welcome, but usually hard to obtain. Each member ought to feel under obligation to help furnish news for this column. Please help us.

NEWCOMERS:

On Feb. 11th Robert Fairfield came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Neuenschwander.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Ringenberg, missionaries to India, announce the arrival of Maynard Lynn, January 6.

Eloise Lines, born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lines on Feb. 25, died Feb. 27. May the God of all grace be their comfort in this loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy DeMerchant welcomed into their home an infant son. Paul David, Dec. 15. Mrs. DeMerchant is the former Mereda Amstutz.

SALES TALK FOR STUDENT PUBLICATION

The 1940 Light Tower is the book for which you have been waiting. It is a worthy successor of the fine publications of the past and is unique in theme, in style, in contents. Its theme is one that will inspire you; its style is one that will enrapture you; its contents is that which will satisfy you.

It is one complete volume devoted not only to the present student life and activity but also to its alumni.

Price? Only $1.50. The quantity is limited. Ask for yours immediately. Send the orders to Naomi Franklin, Bible Institute.

"Some pay their dues when due;
Some when overdue;
Some never do;
How do you do?"

All pledges to the Loyalty Foundation Fund are due by May 28. Our Treasurer, Kenneth Geiger, would appreciate prompt response on your part.

MISSIONARY WORK FORGES AHEAD WITH ALUMNI MEMBERS

China

In a recent letter from Miss Eleanor Haberling, she says that their missionary work has not been hindered by the war. She is working in Southwest China in Yunnan Province at an inland town, Lunglang. She is serving under the China Inland Mission. She and a friend, Miss Lizzie Greer, are enjoying the blessing of the Lord at their station and have good courage to go on.

Just recently they found that their lease on the place of worship will soon expire. The people they work among want to build their own chapel. She wrote that when she sees the poverty of these people, she feels that it is truly the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives that makes them want to sacrifice to build. Their work among the children is very encouraging. Their evangelist, a young man whom Miss Greer has reared, is a son in the Gospel and is doing good work among the Lisu people. Miss Haberling feels that the Lord is furthering their field of labor in this manner. The work he is doing, the ladies could not do. Miss Haberling is going through a severe test at this time, as her co-worker, Miss Greer, is sick in a hospital in Burma. Much prayer is needed.

Miss Haberling is a member of the class of 1918. After she left Ft. Wayne she went to Toronto, Canada, to take some training as a nurse. This has been very useful to her since going to the field.

India

Rev. Jesse Ringenberg of Viramgam, India, writes encouraging news of his labors on that field. Miss Luella Burley, who recently joined the missionary ranks, is reported to be a faithful, active, industrious, and interesting worker. She is forging ahead with language study. We are trusting for a fruitful harvest for these laborers.
China

Miss Amy I. Applegate testifies to the reality of this verse: “And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them” (John 10:4). She further writes: “Beloved these are days for going FORWARD; not days for retreat! The seventeen thousand Jewish refugees that have come into Shanghai this past year throw out another challenge to the Church.

“A new chapel has just been completed for the soldiers in the camp. Over one hundred of them have been baptized. Pray for these men who counted not their lives dear unto themselves for their country’s sake, and now have enlisted in the army of the King of kings. Pray also for those who have not yet accepted Christ, and for those who are in charge of the work there.

“We are truly facing a new situation in China, and it is one in which we are cast upon God in a way in which we have never been before. We are already beginning to understand a little of what God was seeking to prepare us for while we were still at home. We are made to say from the depths of our hearts, ‘Great is Thy faithfulness, O God.’

Kentucky

Another message of God’s faithfulness has been received from Big Laurel, Kentucky. Miss Luella Miller and her assistant, Helen Moughler, send to us word of a successful period of Vacation Bible School. They find much encouragement in their work among the children for they believe that the hope of the community lies with giving the Gospel to the children.

China

The heart cry of Rev. P. P. Baltzer is that we remain faithful while we still have the opportunity. This is the age of the Holy Spirit, but He wants to do the work through human beings. He is not limited by time or space, but moves upon hearts in one land to pray and in another land to go and do. You have the privilege to fellowship in the Gospel while in the homeland at your regular duties.

There are good opportunities for country work. Little groups slowly grow larger in number and also become established as little churches. At a number of these places they have lately been donating money in view of buying a place and building a church. Since most of the Christians and inquirers are poor, it means a real sacrifice for them to collect a few hundred dollars for such a purpose. At one of these places they are negotiating for a place and church, which is to cost about $600. About two-thirds of this amount is on hand or receivable, and the rest they plan to borrow and pay back in a few years’ time. Comparing such noble efforts with those of former years, we have great reason to rejoice for the advancement which these little country churches have made.

Mr. Baltzer presents to us the tremendous need of his field for laborers and reminds us of the command of our Lord. “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.”

Colombia, South America

“Since I last greeted you, my field of labor has been changed from almost the extreme south to our most Northern station. My last days and months in Huila were exceptionally busy and the heat unusually trying, it not having rained for months. The latter part of August, I left Neive, where I had been laboring for nearly two years, for Manizales, Caldas. It has been a treat to live in the cold land again even though at first the days as well as the nights were so cold I could scarcely find a warm enough corner in which to study, much less to sleep.

“Recently a little lady, mother of five boys, began to attend the services and to search the Word. Her interest grew from day to day until the light finally broke through, during a period of prayer. Since then she has been
harassed by neighbors and even her own husband. One friend told her this was the way of the devils and that in Russia, the Protestants were killing all faithful believers. Since ignorance predominates here, people are easily moved. She came to me saying, 'If I had money, I would go to Russia to see for myself, if it were true or not.'

"They have a big hog which they are fattening, so her husband promised to sell it and give the money to her if she would give up the Gospel. The enemy still has his Gadarenes who are willing to have Jesus depart out of their coasts and keep their swine. When her husband found his generous offer was refused, he threatened to put her in the Good Shepherd, a house of correction for fallen women, and to put her sons in another institution. Even though he has bitterly opposed the Gospel, he comes with her to the meetings, usually a little later.

"'Prayer changes things.' Imagine our joy to see her hand raised last night, among others, manifesting a desire to follow Jesus. As we are faithful in prayer, this is not an end, but a beginning. You have a part, thank God."

Miss Elsie Rupp, '27.

COOPERATION NEEDED

The Secretary has names of members of the Fellowship Circle whose addresses can not be found. We are herewith printing these names. Can you furnish us with correct address of any of them? If so, your kindness in sending in such information promptly will be appreciated.

John Conahan  George Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Paul  Martha Skinner
A Thompson  Ellen D. Rintoul
Lucinda Norris  Anna Jantzen
George W. Cook  Norma Greenfield
Nicholas Niggeler  Mrs. A. G. Lunhard
Bertha Porter  Hilma Waller
John Robinson  Margaret Taylor
Mrs. B. D. Gibbs  Mrs. F. B. Hayet
Mrs. G. M. Baergen  Revera Hayet

Ores A. Hadsell  Mae E. Loun
Alfred Haas  Mrs. O. R. McVay
Gladys Keeran  F. S. H. Bailey
James Montgomery  Mr. and Mrs. P. J.
Garrison Roebuck  Brennen
Josephine Shultz  J. G. Berglund
James Ayers  Mrs. Cecil Cook
Cecil Wilson  Sanford Gall
Mayne Hoover  Dora Frogge
Louise Kuhnle  Mr. and Mrs. James
Mrs. E. L. Newitt  E. Dowler
Mrs. B. E. Baldwin W. T. Akers
Stanley Kendall

Please do not fail to send your change of address promptly to the Corresponding Secretary, Bible Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana, so that the mailing list can always be corrected up-to-date. Thank you.

ELECTION NOTICE

Every member of the Fellowship Circle is constitutionally entitled to cast his vote whether present or not at the annual meeting. (Sec. 3. Article VII.)

A ballot containing the nominations shall be prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and published in the Bible Vision in ample time to allow a reply before the date of the Annual Meeting. Members are requested to return their ballots by mail if they cannot be present at the Annual Meeting. Only those present shall be entitled to vote on other questions.

Place an X after your choice for each office. Vote for one name only for each office, except for the Nominating Committee in which case you may vote for three. Send your votes to the Corresponding Secretary, in care of the Bible Institute by May 24.

President:
Harvey Mitchell
Robert Strubhar
Harold Wiswell

Vice President:
Emmanuel Becker
Raymond Moser
Clarence Wiederkehr
CAUTION—DON'T—READ—THIS

Curious? Certainly! Since you've started this column, read it through to the very last period. This "brief" deals with THREE BOOKS.

FIRST COMES THE PICTURE BOOK (or snap album of Bible Institute days). Perhaps yours is upstairs in the bottom of the trunk this very minute. If so, do get it down and look at those pictures of bygone Bible School days. Even with the lapse of years, what pleasant memories rush the mind! What I'm trying to do is simply to have you recall past days, to quicken your love.

Dr. Miller, in one of his devotional volumes, telling the story of a dear mother who lost her only child. What grief was hers! Now and again she would get the shoes and garments of her departed baby and fondly handle them. Such articles inspired remembrance. Therefore look at your PICTURE BOOK and REMEMBER.

SECONDELY, WE REVERENTLY APPROACH THE BOOK OF BOOKS. We do not hesitate to say that our greatest national asset is not our navy, army, oil fields, far-reaching systems of transportation, complex systems of communication, banks, fields, mines, lakes, educational institutions. The BIBLE is our greatest national asset. The BIBLE is our greatest personal asset. Remember the contribution consecrated teachers made to your life back in those wonderful days? In the BOOK we found realities, yes blessed eternal truths. Remembrance begets GRATITUDE.

THIRDLY, WE COME TO THE POCKETBOOK. Do you have one? The former books are the keys that open this book. Months ago we made what we considered a courteous appeal to the ALUMNI for funds for the liquidation of the chapel organ. The response has been very anemic. Mr. K. Geiger informs me thirty contributions have been made totalling $100.46. Of this around, $40.00 was spent for printing, stamps, etc. Let's graciously respond to this need. May this be our slogan, "SOMETHING FROM EVERYBODY—NOT TOMORROW BUT TODAY!" Modest gifts are just as acceptable as large ones. Send your contribution to Mr. Kenneth Geiger, Bristol, Ind.

Paul D. Steiner, 
Pres. of Fellowship Circle.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

We may rest fully assured of this—a man's influence in the world can be gauged not by his eloquence, or his zeal, or his energy, or his orthodoxy, but by his prayers.

We may work for Christ from morn till night; we may spend much time in Bible study; we may be earnest and faithful and "acceptable" in our preaching and in our individual dealing; but none of these can be truly effective unless we are much in prayer. We shall only be full of good works and not "bearing fruit in every good work" (Col. 1:10). To be little with God in prayer is to be little for God in service. Much secret prayer means much public power. Yet is it not a fact that while our organizing is well-nigh perfect our agonizing in prayer is well-nigh lost?—The Kneeling Christian.
LETTER TO THE BIBLE INSTITUTE FROM AN ESTEEMED FORMER TEACHER

Rev. Jacob Hygema

"We want you to extend my greetings to all the faculty, the workers, and the student body — although I don’t know many of them. I feel that I owe a debt of gratitude to the Bible Institute for the privilege of being associated with it for ten and a half years.

"Recently I have been rereading the book ‘Thy Will Be Done’ by Andrew Murray. It was bought about 1913 and read with deep interest at that time, but I appreciate it more fully after an interval of twenty-six years. To read the chapter headings is a feast in itself. I suppose that you have it in the library. It is suited to the babes in Christ and the fathers and mothers in Israel.

"Perhaps you know that when D. L. Moody closed an evangelistic campaign in England, the trustees of a large tabernacle wrote to Charles Spurgeon inviting him to conduct services in the edifice with the promise that ‘here is an opportunity to preach to 10,000 people.’ He replied, ‘I have no ambition to preach to 10,000 people. My one ambition is to do the will of God.’ Jesus Christ came into the world for only one purpose—to do the will of His Father.

"If I could inspire every student to absorb the contents of the above book and to put it into practice, I would feel repaid times without number. It would bring the release expressed in the lines of one song writer after he was sanctified:

"‘O sweet will of God, thou hast girded me round,
Like the deep moving currents that girdle the sea;
With omnipotent love my poor nature is bound,
And this bondage to love sets me perfectly free.

"A minister said that we ought to thank God for everybody that keeps us in the narrow way. Since I am not an Apostle Paul, I cannot greet all of you by name and mention every distinct ministry as he did in Romans 16, but I want you all to accept my expression of appreciation. The rest will not feel badly if I single out one of your number—Brother J. E. Ramseyer. A good many times I went to his room and unburdened my heart and asked him to pray with me. Then, kneeling, he put his big arm of love around me and began, ‘Now, dear Heavenly Father, thou knowest the burden of Brother Hygema. Help him and lift his burden...’ And the Heavenly Father did! And I left the room with a lighter heart.

"But at another time I asked him if I should go forward in a certain undertaking, promising that I would do as he advised. He solemnly looked at me and replied, ‘Brother Hygema, if you do not do it, God will hold you responsible at the day of judgment.’ Needless to say, I proceeded at once to do it. And the Lord blessed the work which was done. (Brother Ramseyer, if I need to apologize for doing this, I do it now, but we need someone to make us feel our accountability to God.)

"But I must close. I want to thank the Lord for all the hallowed influences that touched my life. As you know my brother David was suddenly taken to glory. The event was tragic. (He met sudden death in an automobile accident.) My eight brothers and sisters have blessed my life. An only sister is now left—my devoted youngest sister Martha.

"In answer to prayer the Lord delivered me from the jaws of death when I had scarlet fever in Fort Wayne, This last Annual Conference I resigned my pastorate at Shambaugh, Iowa, because I didn’t feel that I could do justice to the work. Will you pray for me that I may ‘stand perfect and complete in all the will of God’?

In Christian love,

Jacob Hygema.
Christ for All

Christ Jesus was a real man’s Christ,
     A carpenter was He;
He won the hearts of rugged men,
     Like Peter of the sea.

Christ Jesus was the Christ of youth—
     A youth Himself was He;
His closest friend on earth was John,
     Young son of Zebedee.

Christ Jesus was a children’s Christ,
     He loved them and their vim;
A lad walked far to hear the Christ,
     Then shared his lunch with Him.

Christ Jesus is the Christ for all—
     For all the human race,
The Christ of women, children, youth,
     The Christ of man through grace.

Phyllis Idle, ’39.
What:
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

When:
Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 P. M.
Daylight Saving Time.

Where:
At the Y. M. C. A., 226 East Washington St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The program this year will be a whole evening of fellowship. There will be a roll call of classes back to 1909. Reports of the members of classes of 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 will be given by representatives of each class. Music under the direction of Professor C. A. Gerber, will be rendered by alumni. There will be a devotional message by our esteemed President, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer. The Dean of the Institute will present an account of the current program of the school. Other interesting and surprising features may be expected. The evening will close with a period of informal fellowship.

RESERVATIONS:
Notify the Recording Secretary not later than May 24, of the number of plates you wish to have reserved for yourself and guests. The price will be 50c per person payable at the banquet. Address: Miss Viola Krockenberg, Bible Institute.