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# The Fellowship Circle Bulletin

## OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE INSTITUTE

"Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with the Son, and with the Holy Spirit." I John 1:3.

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## Commencement Week at the Institute

THE Commencement Season of the Bible Institute from May 16-21 was a fitting climax to a good school year. This week brought friends and visitors from far and near to the School. The weather was ideal and nature was at her best. The campus, with its grove of native trees, looked inviting and seemed to welcome home old students and friends.

Throughout the year students had labored with lessons and other tasks; but now lessons were over, examinations had been written, credits were earned and they were relieved of the ever returning household duties. A breath of anticipation swept through the halls as the '35-'36 school year sped swiftly to a close.

This year the activities opened with a recital in the First Missionary Church on Saturday evening, presenting the private pupils of Prof. Weaver in a varied program.

The Rev. B. F. Leightner, a member of the faculty, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 17, speaking from I Timothy 4:11-16. The speaker pointed out many ways in which the Christian ought to watch himself. He stressed also the exhortation of verse 16 of his text, calling for a clear, doctrinal message. Especially was it stressed that there ought to be correct views of the doctrine of salvation. The ministry of the Apostle Paul was shown to be an ideal pattern and a fulfillment of his own admonition to young Timothy.

The Student Recital on Monday night was carried out as announced and much enjoyed by those present. Prof. C. A. Gerber, teacher of voice, assisted by Prof. R. M. Weaver, instructor in piano, had done excellent work in arranging the program. The spiritual songs, concertos, and other numbers so skillfully rendered represented talent and attainment through the year's work.

On Monday evening "Senior Night"

was held in the chapel of the Institute. The program of this evening was entirely in the hands of the senior class and was both delightful and helpful. Two short talks were given on the Class Motto, "Whose I am, and Whom I serve." The first, taken from the first clause of the motto, was given by Miss Elizabeth Kunselman and the second from the last clause was given by Mr. Clarence Vollmer. The class history recalling lines of past interest and the class prophecy making ventures into the future were both items of interest. Other features of the program were a piano solo, a quartet, and the class will.

### YOUR ATTENTION

Is directed to the important announcement which appears on the back page of this Bulletin. You will want to receive the first issue of THE BIBLE VISION, so send in your subscription before you forget.

The devotional service was led by the class chaplain, Mr. William Uphold. The class gift to the school was most practical and was presented to the Dean at the close of the program. Dean Witmer gratefully accepted the unnamed gift and later in the week words of acknowledgment and appreciation were given to the class for the "Mix-Master" and the "Kitchen-Aid" to be used in the preparation of meals.

Over the noon hour on Wednesday the student body enjoyed an informal outing at Foster Park. Throughout the day old students and friends were gathering at the Institute for the Fellowship Circle meeting. Promptly at 5 p. m. the Alumni gathered in the dining room to enjoy the annual banquet and the fellowship service. The clatter of dishes and silverware and the chatter of friends brought back memories of

many happy hours spent in the dining room. Due to the large crowd assembled, the devotional and business meeting was held in the chapel at the close of the banquet. President J. E. Ramseyer, in a brief devotional address, re-emphasized one of the distinct features of the Institute Alumni Association, namely Fellowship. It was insisted that in the Christian life, fellowship with God is always prior to service for Him. One of the items of interest in the discussion in the business meeting was that concerning the discontinuing of the "Bulletin" and having the Circle represented each month in a paper to be edited by the Institute. Further word concerning this will be found in this last issue of the paper.

The Annual Concert was presented on Wednesday evening. The director of the music department and the piano instructor selected a program representative of every phase of music life in the Bible Institute. Much prayer had been offered for this program, not that human accomplishments but that Christ might be exalted. The numbers were selected and rendered with a desire to glorify God. A capacity house, including friends and former students from near and far, proved that the Concert is of widespread interest.

A bright, sunny day ushered in the Commencement exercises on Thursday. At 10:15 a. m. nineteen students, twelve young women and seven young men, who formed the class of this year, the faculty and workers and representatives of the School Board and Trustees of the School, marched from the chapel to the First Missionary Church for the final event of the Commencement Season. The hour was one of solemnity. Our beloved President, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, presided at this service in his gracious manner. The special music, consisting of a quintet, two solos and a class song harmonized in thought with the theme of the addresses on

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## Editorials

### The Last Issue

A note of sadness attaches to the publishing of this number of **The Fellowship Circle Bulletin**, for it is the last appearance of this organ in its present form. Begun as a circular letter, it has passed through a series of vicissitudes, until its latest form has been a quarterly publication, entered as second class matter. But difficulties have been mounting up before those who have been responsible for the publishing of the paper. Subscription monies have been lethargic, and fresh and original material for the columns of the magazine has not been easy to secure. It seemed inevitable that the **Bulletin** should succumb to this lack of interest and support.

But a note of gladness supplants the doleful dirge. Instead of burial services for this publication, we witness a transition to what is hoped will be a more satisfactory and efficient ministry. A merger has been effected, by which this paper becomes a department of the new magazine, **The Bible Vision**, to be published by the Bible Institute, as fully announced on the back page of this **Bulletin**. This will appear monthly, instead of only four times a year, and the subscription rates are so reasonable that all the readers of the **Bulletin** will be able to receive the new paper. Make sure of receiving the very first number by subscribing at once.

Remember, however, that the Fellowship Circle department of the magazine will continue to need your help. Our page will be given largely to items of interest from the members of the Circle. There is but one way that these reports can be secured—by your sending them. Let us keep in touch with one another. Make the Fellow-

ship Circle what its name implies. Inform us of your whereabouts and your work. Send in reports of births, deaths, marriages, etc. The Editor lives at Grabill, Indiana, and is waiting to hear from you.

### Flotsam and Jetsam

These words have been seen a number of times, and have been vaguely understood to refer to something floating on the water, but only recently was their meaning made clear. Both terms are applied to goods washed ashore from ocean freighters. But there is a distinction. Flotsam is anything that floats to shore from a shipwreck, while jetsam is goods thrown overboard to ease a ship in peril. The first is mute evidence of a disaster at sea, while the second testifies to the heroic and successful effort to avert a tragedy.

These two words bear application to the Christian life. The Christian in the world is often likened to a ship at sea. And who can not testify of the perils that often beset us? When the storm becomes severe, we look about for some means of keeping afloat. We may discover some thing we can well do without, and which we should gladly give up, if thereby we could keep from sinking. These may be habits, or possessions, or opinions, or ambitions. Reluctant as we are to see them go, we drop them overboard, and so save the ship. But there are those who are unwilling to surrender anything. "My opinions, my way, my desires—I cannot give them up." And then there has been a shipwreck, and all is lost. Better to sacrifice a temporary treasure than to lose the soul. Better to surrender a petty idea than to forfeit Christian character.

Jonah was a trouble maker to the ship bound for Tarshish. Very wisely the boatmen reasoned, "It is better to make jetsam out of him, than to make flotsam of us all." Have you a Jonah aboard? Drop him off, and save the ship.

### Our President Writes

Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus' name. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

What a promise! And the best part of it is that it is for you as well as for me. Thank God! This verse has been

ringing through my mind for some time and is a source of real encouragement to my own soul. "Peace?" Yes, "Peace" midst all the unrest that is in the world today. Why? Because we trust and our minds are stayed on Him.

Our editor has asked me to write a few lines for the Bulletin. I know of nothing better than this verse. I trust that God will make it a real blessing to all that read it. True, you can read it in the Bible, it has been there all this time and no doubt you have read it many times. But read it again and let the fragrance of it fill your soul to the overflowing.

I'm convinced tonight that He is the one that is altogether lovely to my soul. I feel like pressing and I trust that you do, too. Many are cooling off but still some are determined to go through at any price and by His grace will be with those "That look for Him (for) He shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28.

Yours, looking for Him,

Carl I. Parlee,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

### COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT THE INSTITUTE

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"The Cross" given by four members of the senior class. The first speaker, Mr. John Tuckey, spoke on the subject "The Cross Anticipated." Miss Sylvia Gerig carried the thought further in the theme "The Cross Achieved." Mr. William Uphold very ably presented the subject of "The Cross Interpreted" and Mr. Robert Strubhar concluded with the thought "The Cross Experienced."

After the Class Song, the Dean, Rev. S. A. Witmer, presented the diplomas to the class of 1936, calling attention to the important fact that the ministry means "Burden bearing" and that life's early training should lead each individual to the place where he assumes some of the many burdens which weigh upon a needy and suffering humanity.

A dinner served to the class, the faculty, and friends, in the dining room of the Institute officially closed the Commencement week. Students, with words of appreciation for the Institute and its faculty, turned their faces homeward and to fields of service.

Myrle Gaskill,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.



## Report of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Bible Institute Fellowship Circle was again held on Wednesday evening of Commencement Week. The Fellowship Luncheon held the previous year met with such approval that it was again decided by the committee to have another this year. There were over two hundred who enjoyed this luncheon. Of this number there was a good representation from classes of former years.

After the luncheon in the dining room, we were asked to go to the chapel where the meeting was continued in charge of the president, Carl Parlee. This service was opened with a song led by C. H. Eicher, after which C. J. Gerig led in prayer. Miss Lorraine Houser then very beautifully played a transcription of hymns. Brother J. E. Ramseyer then gave a devotional message based on Isaiah 40. The two main points were the nothingness of man and the greatness of God. The greatness of God is manifested in His infinite wisdom, His unlimited power, and His matchless love, and yet He intimately associates Himself with us, revealing Himself to those who are open to Him. He shows us that the condition to receiving His blessings is that of waiting upon Him—v. 31. The "mounting up with wings as eagles" speaks of fellowship; the "running and not being weary" denotes service; and the "walking" suggests the prayer and faith life.

The business session followed this message with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting by Harvey Mitchell, the acting secretary. The results of the election were as follows:

President—Carl I. Parlee  
 Vice-Pres.—H. E. Wiswell  
 Secretary—Mrs. Cyril Eicher  
 Treasurer—Clarence Gerig  
 Editor—Harvey Mitchell  
 Nom. Comm.—C. J. Gerig

Mrs. Harvey Mitchell  
 Ralph Neuenschwander

A resolution from the Executive Committee was then presented to the Circle concerning the consolidation of the Fellowship Circle Bulletin with a publication contemplated by the Bible Institute Faculty. During the discussion which followed, the probability and desirability of such a publication by the Institute was laid before the

group. The difficulties encountered in recent years in publishing the Bulletin were also called to mind. In view of this, and in the interest of economy and efficiency, the merger of the Bulletin with the new publication was deemed wise. A motion to this effect was carried.

The meeting was then adjourned, and we moved quickly to the church across the boulevard to hear the annual concert.

### NEWS NUGGETS

A group of six young men from the Institute, known as the Gospel Crusaders, and comprised of Prof. Raymond Weaver, piano instructor, Alfred Zahlout, student teacher of violin, and a quartet, Messrs. Jack Stout, Willis Woods, Ellis Tolly and Carl Bennett, recently completed a tour of the central and mid-western states, in which they preached, played and sang the Gospel in more than sixty churches. They gave out literature descriptive of the Bible Institute, and found a number of young people who are interested in studying here.

The Administration Building of the Institute is undergoing some needed repairs this summer. A new roof was laid on the entire building. New floors have been laid in the kitchen, dining room and connecting halls. The men's

bathroom upstairs has been enlarged, and new equipment installed. A new kitchen sink, gas range and added cupboard space will add to the convenience and efficiency of the culinary department. New electric wiring is being installed throughout the building, and other minor repairs are in process.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Loyal R. Ringenberg of Ft. Wayne, July 22, 1936, a daughter, Magdalena Lenore.

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Dodgson and family have left Fairbury, Nebr., to take the pastorate of the Wyoming Baptist Church, near Cincinnati, Ohio. They will assume their new work September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Ramseyer and children, of Los Angeles, Cal., have been visiting with relatives in Michigan and Indiana.

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

	Cr.	Dr.
May 20, Balance on hand	\$15.38	
May 20, Annual Offering	14.13	
Gifts	7.00	
May 20, P. L. Eicher, envelopes	\$ 8.76	
C. I. Parlee, envelopes	.60	
Bible Institute, supplies	.40	
May 22, Postage	.10	
	\$36.51	\$ 9.86
Balance on hand, July 20		\$26.65
<b>Clarence Gerig,</b> Woodburn, Ind.		

### THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

Years ago, the Holy Spirit laid it on the hearts of men  
 As they heard the call of heathen, "Unto us the message send."

Well they knew this called for workers, well equipped to sow the seed;  
 They then prayed, "Oh, God, Our Father, wilt Thou not supply our need?"

God then spoke to His dear children, "Give in portion what you can";  
 And in answer to this prayer, this dear Institute now stands.

Young and old they came, in numbers, from the East, and from the West,  
 Gave to God their life for service and to do for Him their best.

Some have gone to darkest Africa, some to India's coral strand;  
 Others they have gone to China, some into the Holy Land.

Some who went out from among us sleep today on foreign soil,  
 Resting in the arms of Jesus, free from sorrow, pain and toil.

Then our teachers, may God bless them, gave their all in this great cause.  
 Some have gone to join the ransomed, it's for them we stop to pause.

But some day we'll join their chorus; not a voice will then be mute:  
 It will be the great reunion of our Bible Institute.

**Eli Amstutz,**  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

# ANNOUNCING

The Successor to

## THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE BULLETIN

# THE BIBLE VISION

The Fort Wayne Bible Institute is happy to make this first announcement of the fulfillment of a dream. Long before it was known that the **Fellowship Circle Bulletin** was encountering serious difficulties in sustaining itself regularly, the Faculty gave some careful consideration to the proposal of issuing a school periodical. Even if the **Bulletin** would not be suspending publication as such, an announcement of this kind would be forthcoming.

But we are happy that in this new venture we can carry on the never-ending narrative of the **Fellowship Circle Bulletin**—the record of achievements among the members of this globe-encircling fellowship. It is therefore planned to incorporate the news items of the **Bulletin** as a regular feature of the new periodical.

**THE BIBLE VISION!** "Where there is no vision, the people perish!" "Write the vision, and make it plain." The title conveys our ideal and the conception of present-day need that we want the periodical to meet. There is a dearth of the Word of God in the land! There is little apprehension of the ALMIGHTINESS and PRESENCE of the God who speaks the Word. There is a need of a prophetic voice. We fervently pray that under the gracious guidance and blessing of God, **The Bible Vision** will be a voice to bring God to men.

**THE BIBLE VISION** will be a monthly periodical of twenty pages. The subscription rates are as follows:

\$0.75 per year,  
\$1.00 for sixteen months,  
\$2.00 for three years (payable in advance).

Among the features that will interest members of the Fellowship Circle are the following: One department will bring monthly reports of activities among the members of the Fellowship Circle. Another will portray the important events of the work of the Bible Institute. Beginning in the first issue, a serial Bible study will be conducted by a member of the faculty. Most of the pages will be given to timely, challenging articles by well-known writers, preachers, and teachers.

The paper will be **modest in size**. The articles will be **short and to the point**, rather than lengthy. **Every page will be inspirational and helpful**. There will be **no advertising**, at least for the present.

The first number will appear in September; it will be designated at the October number of "**The Bible Vision**." **SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED**. Subscribe now and receive a copy of the first issue of **THE BIBLE VISION**. And along with your subscriptions, send us names of friends who might be interested in receiving the magazine.

**WE NEED THE HELP OF EVERY FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE MEMBER!** We are beginning with faith in God that He is prompting this undertaking and that He will bless it, but we need your cooperation as "workers together with him."

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