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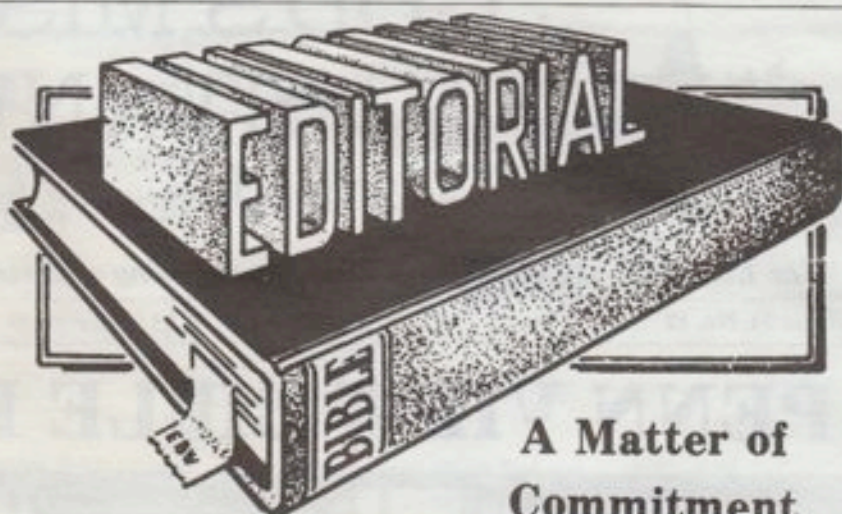
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A Matter of Commitment

The Christian school movement is coming of age in the United States. Much is still heard of the growth of the number of Christian schools; however, within the ranks of conservative holiness churches the rate of new schools opening seems to be slowing down.

I am firmly committed to the ideals and goals of Christian education. My children have known nothing else. Yet, as I soberly reflect on where we are and where we are going I feel a certain uneasiness which creeps into my mind. One of the greatest areas of concern is that of commitment to the cause of quality Christian education. With easy acquisition of pre-packaged individualized programs which seem to teach by themselves, quality has become a marginal consideration. Many individuals have rushed to start a school in their church basement, when there was a good school in their geographical area. The school is in danger of becoming a church political football. If someone doesn't like the teacher or principal in the school in Podunk Center, they will pull their children out of the school and enroll them in South Succotash (pardon, Mr. Reagan) which is only a few miles away. The Podunk Center School started with an enrollment of 20 and now 12 have gone to South Succotash. The school there in South Succotash must re-arrange, maybe even build an educational unit. A new school has been started, another star has been placed on someone's chart, but what could have been a stronger, more efficient school is now weakened. A more efficient use of God's money would be to have the schools together with more funds available for materials and equipment, to say nothing of paying a decent wage to the school employees.

Another cause for concern is the apparent lack of parental commitment

to the school program. Some parents act as if the school is a glorified babysitting service - drop your youngster off at 8:30 and pick them up at 3:00. The only time some parents are heard from is when someone in the school allegedly abuses little Johnny or Suzy. These parents are helping to damn their own children by always accepting their story against the school officials. In many instances, a constant barrage of criticism against the school and its personnel is being aired in the presence of the children, who know they have an edge on the teacher or administrator. Such parents declare they do not discuss the situations, but the child must pick up the negative attitudes from someone.

I must wonder why parents enroll their children in a school which they will not support. Such parents seldom, if ever show up for special services, such as school revivals. Many times an entire year goes by without them coming to Parent-Teacher Fellowship meeting. They are just not interested. Their attitude seems to be "Don't bother me." To some parents most every activity sponsored by the school is wrong in some way - it doesn't fit with their philosophy. Their children cannot be contaminated by such evil influences. Do not think that such lack of participation will not color your child's opinion of the school. It most certainly will.

If Christian education is to have the optimum effect in the lives of our children, the school and home must work together very closely. If you cannot really be committed to cause of saving your child through the Christian school, please ask God to show you your heart, or withdraw your child from the local Christian school. Your influence is doing more harm than good.

D.L.F.



Why Choose A Bible College?

Dr. W. L. Surbrook



The first obligation of a church or denomination is to promote the kingdom and to win souls to Jesus Christ. In all of its activities it is charged by the Saviour to carry out the "Great Commission" of our Lord as given in Matt. 28: 18-20, "...All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Here the Saviour has lifted up into sharp focus the work, responsibility, and obligation of the church. Note that this is a command, and there is no equivocation, no ambiguity, or hesitance. This is a clear, positive command backed by all of His authority. These are His marching orders to His church. This IS the work of the church, and the FIRST responsibility of God's people. When this "Great Commission" is carried out, the work will grow and prosper, but to neglect it means death and disaster. You can depend on it that God's glory fades, and His presence recedes from our services in proportion to our deviation from His clear instructions.

To substitute earthly human plans and ideas is to frustrate God's design; distort, and dwarf His plan for the salvation of the lost. Let us be sincere, for nobody knows the need and work of the church as the Saviour does. He is the Head of the Church, and we owe it to Him, to ourselves, and to a lost world to follow His commission.

TRAINED WORKERS

To carry out the "Great Commission" calls for dedicated, Spirit-filled, qualified workers. At no time in this century has need for godly Christian workers been greater. When the church faces a ministerial shortage, the entire work of God faces slow

strangulation, stagnation, and death. The answer to this need is to fill our Bible colleges with young people and to train them thoroughly. The unbelieving world is not going to train them to meet this need; neither will a sterile, morbid, indifferent, atheistic educational system. The Bible college simply must have the help and co-operation of wide-awake, Spirit-filled pastors and people to come to the help of the Lord and supply the young people for this necessary training.

It is the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Bible college that creates the atmosphere in which God can make tender the souls of young people and call them into His work. As it requires a certain temperature and environment in nature to generate and produce life, so the Holy Spirit must have the godly influence of the Bible college to promote His work of regeneration, cleansing, and calling young people into His service. Such an atmosphere is NOT found in professional schools, but THIS IS THE LIFE ATMOSPHERE found in the Bible College. With its spiritual emphasis, young people are trained and fitted for the ministry, the mission field, and other Christian service.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL

The young man who wishes to become a medical doctor goes to a medical school for his training. Similarly, the young man who wishes to prepare himself for the ministry must seek an appropriate school. If he investigates or is properly informed, he knows that the Bible College offers the specialized curricula and practical training that he needs. As the medical student must take pre-medical training in his undergraduate work prior to entering medical college for intensive study, so the divinity student should take specialized training in the Bible college to prepare him for seminary study.

The Bible college is not set up to

train the technical occupational skills, but it specializes in preparing young people for life in Christian work at home and abroad. Its very work, motives, and atmosphere are different from the emphasis of other colleges. God raised it up as a distinctive college to meet a specific need. The Bible college does not try to take the place of any other college, and neither one should try to fill the place of the other.

THE FIRST ESSENTIAL

The first essential in God's work is a Spirit-filled life coupled with a clear knowledge of God's Word. We must arouse ourselves to the fact that we are to carry on God's work. His work needs trained men, but the lack of knowledge of His Word all through the religious ranks and in many pulpits is alarming and embarrassing at times. Dr. Wm. Lyon Phelps, a highly trained Christian educator and a well-degreed veteran instructor for forty-one years at Yale University, gives his valued opinion of the paramount necessity of a good knowledge of the Bible:

"Every one who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated; and no other learning or culture, no matter how extensive or elegant can . . . form a proper substitute . . . I thoroughly believe in a University education for both men and women, but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible . . ."

Let us remember that it is the Bible college that creates the atmosphere, lays the ground work and provides the weapons that make for success in soul winning and kingdom-building. Satan hates such a school, and he is determined to destroy or close every one he possibly can. To close a Bible

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7:00 A.M. Rising Bell

7:30 A.M. Prayer

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

*10:30 A.M. Worship

12:00 Noon Dinner

1:30 P.M. Children's Service

2:30 P.M. Bible Study

5:00 P.M. Supper

6:00 P.M. Prayer

6:45 P.M. Youth Service

** 7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service

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"The Mind Matters"

Dr. Paul S. Rees

Our title-phrase is borrowed from my friend John Scott of London. His terse sentence is true. He has the backing of Jesus: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy . . . mind" (Matt. 22:27). He has the additional backing of the Apostle Paul: "Think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

The touch of Christ upon the intellect is important just because thinking is so immensely important. Why?

Well, for one thing, because in no area of our experience is it easier to be undisciplined than in the thinking that we do. It is in this realm that our freedom as human beings has such unrestricted play. Our actions are more influenced by what others think and feel and say than we are ready to admit. Our speech is often checked and tempered by outer controls of one kind or another. Our conduct is shaped by such instruments as the law and such pressures as social approval or disapproval.

Our thoughts, on the other hand, are so much more private.

They move about in a secret world where the prying eyes of men have no power to reach. Put something on paper that falsely accuses and dangerously slanders a man for whom you have no liking, and he can sue you for libel. But you can harbor all those evil thoughts and accusations in your mind, and the law is helpless to do anything about it.

It is this very secrecy and liberty that operates in our mental world (this absence of outward restraint) that makes the control of our thoughts so difficult, and therefore so important.

The serious significance of thinking has, however, another angle. Comparatively few of us realize how much of our happiness in life is dependent upon the mind. We think, especially when we are young, that happiness depends on our circumstances, on outward possessions and stimulations. We are like one of Thackeray's characters who was sure she could be happy if she had an income of so many pounds (dollars) a year.

But as we grow older, if age brings us the wisdom it should, we come to know better.

***There is a vast area of life and experience in which our mental outlook determines largely whether we shall be happy or unhappy, sweet

or sour, critical or gracious.

Sometime ago I learned of a woman who, because her mother had been the victim of cancer, began a process of mental brooding over the fact that she, too, would develop cancer. She kept saying to herself, "I am just the image of my mother. I'm so like her that I am going to get cancer as she did." As the result of her foolish and fearful thinking, she developed an affliction in the intestinal tract. After treating her for sometime, her doctor said, "She will never get rid of her trouble unless she gets rid of her useless fears."

Thus it is literally possible to **think** yourself into a paradise of contentment, or into a hell of emotional and physical torture. Therein lies one factor in the importance of bringing our thought-world under the dominion of the love of God.

And then the Christian ordering of our thoughts towers high as a consideration when one realizes the connection between a man's thinking and his character. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

You can't think crooked and be straight. You can't think black and at the same time grow a white soul. By the same token, you can't think straight and be crooked. You can't think white and live a black life.

Thought is the inner liquid that stains through to the outer skin of a man's character.

It is perfectly true: The mind does matter!

—The Herald



BIBLE COLLEGE.....

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College is a direct stab at the very heart of God's work. To close a Bible College is an indication of a lost perspective. It suggests that we must either retrench and close doors at home and abroad, or place unprepared men in positions they are unqualified to fill. Either course spells disaster or death to God's work. If God's people have money for anything, they simply **MUST** provide funds to train young people for Christian work. If we are

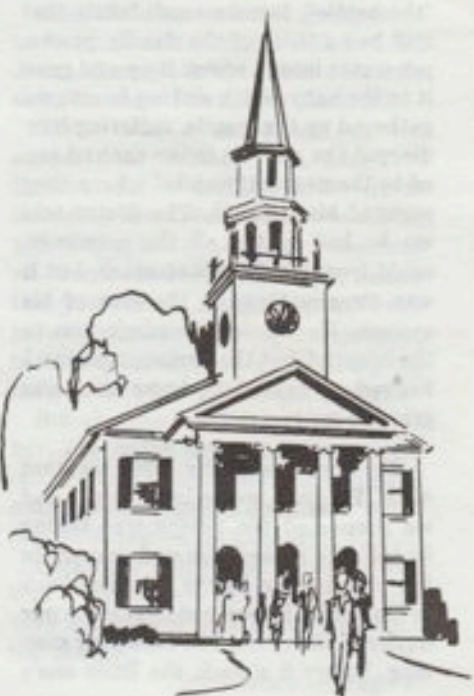
going to meet the spiritual demands of today, our ranks must be filled with Spirit-filled men who are trained and dedicated and whose hearts yearn and cry for the lost.

People should be encouraged to know that more than half of all Protestant missionaries took their training in a Bible college. Dr. John Mostert, Executive Director, Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, writes, "Important is the fact that the impact of the Bible college is felt all over the world, from the local church to far-flung mission fields. More than half of all Protestant missionaries from North America received their training in these schools."

"The schools have stimulated evangelistic effort both at home and abroad; they have helped shape the lives of many distinguished Christian leaders, training a great many pastors, Christian education workers, Church Music Directors, and foreign missionaries." (*Christian Life*, June, 1969)

Daniel Webster warned us as a nation that, "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity."

If this warning can come true nationally, how much more does this fact apply to a church or denomination! God bless the Bible colleges and may He raise up dedicated young people to fill their halls of learning and supply abundance of finance and prosper His great centers of learning.





Missionary Message

Prayer Still Changes Things

There are times when God answers our prayer even above what we ask or think. This happened in the life of a tiny baby boy at La Croix recently. We had despaired of his life, but God had other plans and purposes which are hidden to us, and He gave wee Joseph back to us and to his parents again.

We were just finishing up a rather taxing day in the clinic. We had already seen just about one hundred patients and were looking forward to going to the house for our lunch and a little rest. But that was not to happen yet. A young girl brought a seven-day old baby in, sputtering and choking. At first we were not too excited, thinking the baby had just aspirated some milk. But as he cried, we began to smell insecticide, and my heart began to tremble since I remembered an experience two years ago when an eight month old baby struggled and died in my arms after drinking some of this same poison. I begged the girl to tell me what the baby drank, but she was either afraid or else truly did not know, for she denied that he drank anything, even milk. I sent for the parents of the baby, and slowly the truth came out. A four-year old brother had decided to give his baby "the bottle", found a small bottle that still had a little of the deadly poison, put water into it, shook it up and gave it to the baby. With sinking hearts we gathered up the fragile, suffering bundle, put the parents in the car and raced to the nearest hospital where they pumped his stomach. The doctor told me he had gotten all the poison he could from the baby's stomach, but it was already through the rest of his system. He wanted to admit him to the hospital, but the various reasons, I begged to take him home and was granted my request.

We kept the baby with us that night. He grew worse in the night and we suspected the poison was taking its toll. We rocked him and prayed. In the morning we had to give him back to his family for we had to resume our duties in the clinic. The following morning, before 5 o'clock, the little one's

father was at the door, begging us to take him to another hospital, telling us the baby screamed all night and now could hardly breathe and could not drink. I tried to gently explain that I felt there was no hope, but my heart could not bear the anguish on the father's face, so I said, "God get the baby and let me see him" In the meantime, the other missionary and I hurriedly got into our clothes. The baby came and was indeed very congested and seemed to stop breathing at times. Again another trip to a farther hospital, pleading, "Lord, You let this baby live this long, perhaps you want to do something for him. These trips to the hospital are hard—feeling the little one in your arms take a convulsive breath and then—nothing. Giving a gentle shake and then watch him catch another breath—"Oh Lord, I don't want to watch this baby die! We've learned to love him so."

The doctor at the hospital was kind and told us the baby had developed pneumonia from aspirating the poison into his lungs. He wrote a prescription for us and gave him back again. "Oh, Lord, maybe You are going to heal this baby!" It is good to have him back in our arms again.

On the way home the father said, "Miss, I give the baby to you." My heart was already in love with the little one. I said, "This baby must have a name. I have to call his name when I talk to him." The father said, "You name him." Good! I had already been calling him "Joseph."

Joseph stayed with us two more days and two more nights. We changed diapers, fed bottles, rocked him, gave him injections, prayed, and loved. And Jesus did the rest. Joseph is fine, quite healthy and strong for an almost three week old baby. He is back with his natural parents, but they say he is our sons, and he is ours in a special way.

But we give him to Jesus. We do not understand why He saved this precious little life, but now the cry of our hearts is that his soul might be saved and that he might be used as a worker for God among his own people.

Also we pray that in these tender moments, Joseph's Mommy and Daddy will give their hearts to Jesus. He is able to do abundantly more than we ask or even think. Praise His Name!

Happy In His Service,
Bonnie Williams

LEWISTOWN, PA.

Greetings from Lewistown! Time passed so swiftly and summertime is well on the way. The past months have had their times of trial and perplexity but through it all God has given strength and overcoming victory.

After being postponed for a week due to the hospitalization and convalescence of Brother Straub, our spring revival was held with Brother Straub as the evangelist. The Lord met with us as the messages were delivered in the special and unique way which is indicative of Brother Straub's ministry. At the beginning of our revival, Rev. Zechman was a patient in the Lewisburg hospital but in answer to many prayers, by the end of revival, he was able to be in the services.

May 21 - 23 we had a seminar on the home with Rev. Robert Whitaker of Hobe Sound, Florida as the speaker. Friday and Saturday evenings he dealt with the duties of the wife and mother, basing his remarks on Titus chapter 2. Sunday morning in the young adult class he spoke on the responsibility of the parents and of the trauma suffered by children who are subjected to the ordeal of a broken home. Sunday morning and Sunday evening worship services were centered on the husband and father with remarks based on Ephesians 5:21-33.

The challenge was given for each one to fulfill their responsibility in the home under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. It has been said, "As goes the home, so goes the nation". Let us as holiness people accept the challenge to build our homes on the "Solid Rock" which will never tremble no matter how hard the winds of change and modernism may blow around us.

For The Boys and Girls

Scotty And The Missing Money

Things had changed at the Diamond W Ranch. For Carl—the man without legs—had come to live there.

"Does your friend Carl like the ranch?" Mr. Hanson grinned.

Scotty laughed. "You're reading my mind, Dad. But I sure think you and Mom are great to let a man without legs come here to live."

"Carl is a big help. And his new artificial legs are going to help him a lot," said Mrs. Hanson.

"Speaking of Carl, I want to pay him for fixing the tractor yesterday. Take this twenty down to the bunkhouse and see if he has change for it, Scotty. Five of it is his."

Oh, it sure did feel good to hobble along at a good pace on crutches now instead of in a wheel chair. God had been so good to him—and now He was using Scotty to witness to poor old Carl. The man without legs accepted Scotty's witness of Christ well and seemed to feel too that God had a hand in all that was going on.

When Scotty got to the bunkhouse, however, he found Carl walking on the hard leather patches that covered his stubs of legs. He scowled at the artificial legs standing in the corner of the room.

"Don't let those legs lick you, Sir," Scotty begged. "We're praying, and I just know God will help you walk again—just like He is helping me."

Carl sighed. "Keep telling me that, Scotty."

"I'll tell you something that would help a whole lot, Mr. Carl," Scotty said slowly. "If you would accept Jesus as your own personal Saviour and pray too."

Carl bowed his head. "I know it. And I'm thinking about it a lot more'n you know."

Scotty handed Carl the twenty dollars. "Dad says to give you five of this, Sir."



Carl reached under the mattress of his bed and pulled out an old green sock. Scotty tried to hide his surprise as he watched Carl take a roll of bills from the sock and fumble through them for the right change. Carl handed Scotty a ten and a five, then stuffed the sock back underneath the mattress.

"Oh, say, Mr. Carl, Keith is all saddled up for our workout today, and Danny ought to be along any minute. What about you?"

"I'll be in the corral before you are," he grinned.

They met in the corral, the four of them—Keith, Mr. Carl, Scotty, and Danny. There, with Danny and Keith as helpers, they walked, trotted, galloped, and swung their mounts sharply from left to right to learn balance.

"Please, Mr. Carl," Danny said, "try riding with your artificial legs—just once. They might help you keep your balance better."

"All right. You pray, Scotty, and I'll try."

Scotty urged Rocky toward the bunkhouse while Butch tagged along. Slowly Scotty dismounted, took his crutches from the sling on Rocky's left side, and went inside the bunkhouse and got the artificial legs. Getting a firm grip on them, Scotty rode back to the others and together they strapped them on the old man.

Carl mounted again. And—he rode much better. "It is better," he cried. "It's going to take lots of time to master these things, but I think I can do it."

He took his horse through the paces. "Tell you boys what we'll

do—we'll head back to the bunkhouse and I'll make some hot chocolate."

The boys agreed heartily. Suddenly Scotty missed Butch. "Here Butch," he called. "Where is that dog anyway?"

When they came to the bunkhouse, the boys tried hard not to stare at Carl as he hobbled around on his strange, leather-covered stubs. In rushing about the stove to the table, he dropped some spoons. When he bent over to pick them up, and odd look fell over his face. For a moment he did not move, and then his gaze swung to Scotty.

"Where is my money?" he demanded. "No one knew where it was but you."

Scotty's face burned. "Sir, I haven't touched your money. Please believe me."

Carl's eyes were like needles, cold and hard. "And after I listened to all your talk about God and religion. You almost had me believing that I should accept your Jesus. You almost made me believe that you meant the things you said; but you're just like everyone else."

Scotty's brown eyes stung, and he knew that he was trembling. "I didn't take it. I did mean what I told you about Jesus. He's real and He loves you and wants you to give your heart to Him. Think what you want to think about me; but please don't think wrong about Jesus."

And, oh, what was this going to do to Keith, a new Christian? Dear Lord Jesus, Scotty's heart cried out, help them to know I'm telling the truth.

There was a movement at the screen door behind them, and Mrs. Hanson came inside, with Butch following her. "Well, I was wondering what happened to all of you," she smiled. "I saw the horses but I didn't know that you were in the bunkhouse. I was here awhile ago to put up the curtains; but like a woman, I forgot to bring the nails so I had to go and get some."

But the boys were not listening to her. For Butch had sat down in front of Carl on his haunches and was gaily shaking an old green sock. And out of that sock fell—Carl's money.

Carl's jaw fell. "What's that?—why that's my money." Then his face got very red. "So it was Butch that took the money."

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1982 Salutory Address

by Dinah F. Thomas

— Institute Salutatorian

President Walter, Principal Fuller, Faculty, Staff, Families, Friends, Students, Administration and Fellow Graduates.

Occasions similar to the one for which we are gathered here tonight will take place by the thousands across our country in the immediate future. Schools of endless varieties, diversities, and descriptions will pause to give honor to those who have successfully completed a course of study. The graduates will be congratulated on their past accomplishments, reminded that this is really only "commencement", and challenged to go forward into their tomorrows with dedication and purpose to labor for the betterment of mankind. Many of them will be absorbed into the working world; some will become successful professional men; and a few will attain to greatness. The product of the lives of this mass of graduates is without a doubt extremely important.

It is different with us. As graduates of Penn View Bible Institute the effect of our lives is not merely very important; it is absolutely vital and invigorating. In general, "they" will win a battle in the war against diseases, or learn how to reach farther out into space, or solve a problem of civic and municipal life. Their achievements may make this world a better place to live. We have been trained in a different sphere. Our service to this world actually relates to the world to come. We graduate with the destiny of man's souls in our hands. What my fellow graduates and I do with the foundation that has been laid in our lives at this institution will have eternal consequences.

Graduation is the most critical curve in navigate on the road of human existence. Some are graduating from adolescence to adulthood. Others leave behind the security of standardization to begin a life of selective individuality. The speed of life will accelerate, choices of direction will multiply, and the real "me" will emerge as we travel the way of experience.

The roads of life over which we must travel have few speed limits. Many one way signs seek to lure us off the narrow, straight road and onto the broad road of sensuality.

We are moving into a world of turmoil, into secular college life with its situation ethics, into materialistic

competition and spiritual compromise, and into an empire where education is king.

Along with our graduation, we need godly goals. We will never possess them unless we can evaluate education from God's point of view. To form a biblical balance we must know the limitations of life that the wrong use of learning has produced. The cry for academic freedom has never been louder, but I believe God wants you and I to know that the results of academic freedom is spiritual slavery.

Man's first introduction to evil was occasioned by the temptation to widen his educational horizon. Satan made the question a matter of to know or not to know. But this was a deceptive device aimed at man's vanity. Intellectual freedom was the battle cry and spiritual failure was the prize.

Remember that Adam and Eve knew less about true joy after they tasted the forbidden fruit than they had known previously. They did not liberate themselves; they limited their enjoyment of life.

The quest for intellectual independence or academic freedom will result in self-imposed slavery if man insists on believing the lie that he is the center and that all other things must cater to him. Man used to believe that the earth was the center of the solar system. But he did himself no harm by believing such scientific foolishness. However, to persist in a similar course in the spiritual realm will bring confusion and chaos.

When man put his mind to work, gunpowder was invented, entertainment media were manufactured, transportation systems were devised, and medical skills were developed. Today, education is moving so swiftly that we can see social sophistication growing by leaps and bounds.

These advancements and advantages have served only to magnify and to amplify the spiritual sickness within man. We can control the birthrate, but we are less able to control other aspects of human behavior. We can prescribe success, but we cannot purify the soul. We can defend the principle of total self-rule, while self-rule is the very root of human destruction.

The wild cell in the human body may multiply until it kills the whole body with cancer. In like manner, a wild creature will bring chaos to its

fellow creatures and corruption to creation unless the Creator takes action to control or to change the course of this selfwilled creature.

Knowledge will not save the soul of society; in fact, it has been already pointed out, knowledge only opens the door of experience, enabling man to express his sinful nature more fully. Biblical revelation justifies establishing the spiritual law that knowledge without spiritual ambition or ability results in sin. The basis of such a law is found in the very root of Christian philosophy.

The freedom that man needs and cannot find in knowledge, is found in receiving a new nature through the appropriation by faith by Christ's work on the Cross and His resurrection.

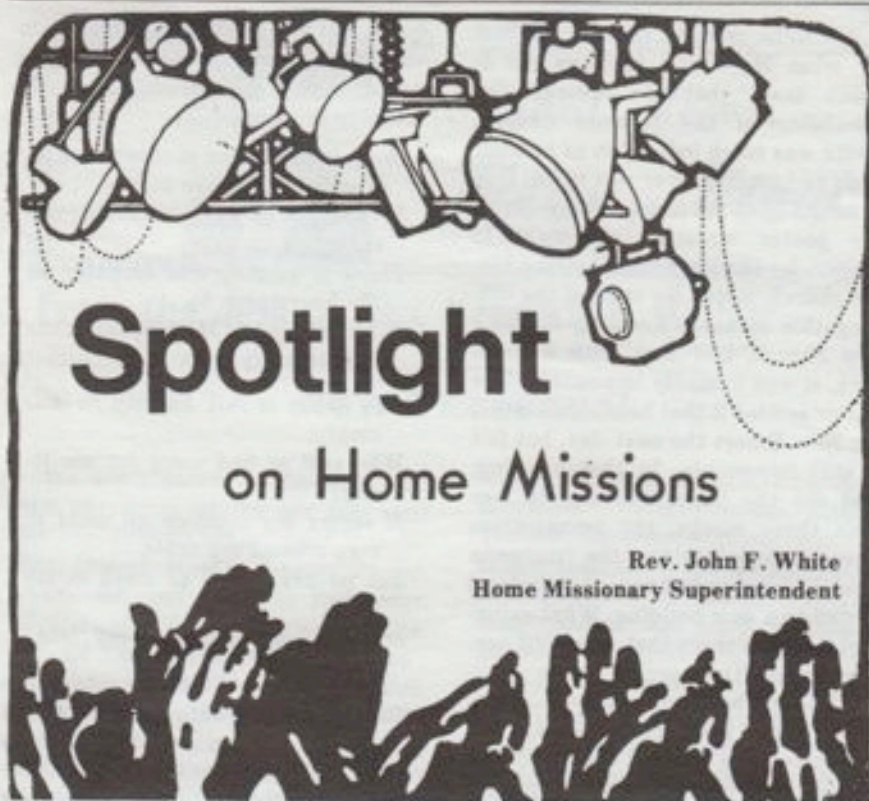
This being true, I would like to share with you two prayers I have prayed and prayers I am still praying. I hope you will make them the prayer of your heart also.

The first prayer is this: "Lord, help me to be serious about serving Thee." This age of lightness and frivolity, this era of fun and frolic, this generation of ease and indifference has not left untainted the church of Jesus Christ. The "you deserve a break today" philosophy of our world has subtly but realistically infringed upon the "spend and be spent" attitude of St. Paul.

The songwriter says, "All for Jesus, all for Jesus; all my beings ransomed powers;" but how many other things there are to capture our attention and energies! They may be harmless things, legitimate things, even good things; but what about the calling God has given us? Is our sole purpose and desire to do the Master's will? Are we entirely absorbed and consumed in pouring out our lives for Jesus? Oh Lord, help us to be serious about serving Thee."

Those of the world are serious about seeking their goals, though they be senseless, selfish, or sinful goals. The recent case of Bobby Sands markedly illustrates this. This man was so serious about his cause that he was willing to fast 66 days to his death in an attempt to achieve his purpose. This example could be multiplied times beyond number. Men are going to unbelievable extents to gain wealth, fame, popularity, and pleasure. They are literally selling

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Spotlight

on Home Missions

Rev. John F. White
Home Missionary Superintendent

Ps. 51 13.. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

The work of Home Missions is a continuous work. At this very moment that you are reading this page those supported by this Department are teaching, and reaching sinners in one way or another. Bro. and Sis. Hoskins are still entreating the Indians in New York. This is a difficult work at times. You have to visit the field to know this. They have many daily problems to face. Finances are small, helpers are few. Keep these Home Missionaries on your prayer list.

As we face another fall season, the work at Fairborn, Ohio continues. Bro. and Sis. Fred Newton face the winter with meager funds, and a family to keep. Their area can get some deep snows. Many of their people are up in years. This young pastor and wife need your daily support.

The York work under Bro. and Sis. Paul Martin must go forward. A new school year to get started, a building that needs to be finished, bills that must be paid. The other workers of this department, The Glovers in Ekin, Indiana, need your prayer support. As Bro. Glover pastors and finishes his schooling. This is a real job. The works in Florida face another influx of people from the North. The Mission at Fort Myers under Bro. and Sis. George Schaffer, the work at Seffner under Bro. and Sis. Ron Hayes, the church at Orange City under Bro. and

Sis. Cooper. They need your prayer. The Florida district is a part of our general conference and under the general Home Missionary Department.

Pray for your Home Missionary Board; many new plans to be explained later will be put into effect. There are many board meetings to attend, hours of business work that takes a toll on the body and mind. All this is an effort to teach sinners the way of the Lord to convert them to Bible salvation. We are not dealing with folks that know nothing of the Bible like those in other lands. We are dealing with the church, many are members of a denomination, some attend church services weekly, yet so many are not saved. Our cities are untouched by holiness. Many rural areas have their churches closing down. The need is so great.

Some of our smaller churches, need help. Remember each week the pastor and their wives at our smaller churches. They may not have many to preach to. Many of them work hard. Put the following on your prayer list. Bro. and Sis. Musser of Rebersburg, Bro. and Sis. Evans and their new work outside of Phillipsburg, Pa. God has done great things for them. Bro. and Sis. Brewbaker at Blossville, Pa. The work at Roaring Springs and Bro. and Sis. Ryder. Then, we have Seven Stars church and Bro. and Sister Beckwith. The church at Allentown, under Bro. E. Miller, and White Haven church, Berwick church, Ar-

magh, and many others who struggle to exist. These are all part of your Home Missionary Department. Any church with less than seven members or those who have never been organized fall into our department by conference law.

This year the Home Missionary Board plans to put into operation a new program to help all our smaller churches as well as open new ones. Watch this page for some real important news in the next issues. In 1982 and 83 we plan to push forth Home Missions to Victory. We need your help. Prayer each day, giving regular monthly offerings through your church, personal love gifts. Help us to teach sinners the way of the Lord, to convert the transgressors to truth. Our work is only as successful as your support. We can only reach as far as you support us. God bless you, we are counting on you. Write us a letter of support today, we want to hear from you. Our new address is Box 86 Penns Creek, Penna. 17862.

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Carl looked miserable. "Forgive me, Scotty? I should have known there was a reason somewhere, I'm sorry."

"It's okay, Carl. Just try and remember one thing. Jesus never fails—never. Sometimes we fail, but He never does. He always keeps His word—and He sure kept it just now. I was asking Him just now to show you that I was telling the truth. The Bible says that while we are still speaking, He will hear—and He sure did!"

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their souls to achieve momentary rewards.

Our spiritual leaders and fathers have been serious about serving the Lord. We could start with the Apostle Paul, or go backward from there and consider Job, or Moses, or David, or Daniel, or the 3 Hebrew Children. We could go forward from there and mention name after name of men and women who gave their all for Jesus—Polycarp, Savonarola, Huss, Luther, the Wesleys, Fletcher, Asbury, Finney, Fanny Crosby, and on and on.

I would like to think of some a little closer to us like right here at PVBI. Here is where minds should be trained and developed to the greatest degree possible, that we might present to the Lord the most usable instrument we can. The great Christian leaders of the past and present have

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A Miracle At MUNSON!

"Beauty for ashes!" "What hath God wrought!" "It's a Miracle!" These expressions seemed to be foremost in the minds of all who attended the Dedication Service of the new God's Missionary Church of Philipsburg, Pa. The dedication service was held Sunday afternoon, May 16, 1982, with Rev. G.I. Straub, as speaker, and presenting the key to Pastor Dewey Evans and trustees, Matthew Welker and Roy English. Remarks were also given by Rev. William Emert, representing the Christian Life Center, Inc., from whom the new church was purchased. In his remarks, Rev. Emert said that he wanted the church to be only an old-fashioned Holiness church, and that he felt the Munson God's Missionary congregation was the type of people that would honor the Lord in holy living, and keep the standard of holiness, for which the Church was erected.

Those in attendance were from the Bellefonte, Milesburg, Penns Valley, Seven Stars and Mahaffey God's Missionary Churches. Several area churches also were represented, along with the Bald Eagle Prayer Band and many friends and family members.

The new Church is located on Rt. 504, 2 miles east of Philipsburg along the Black Moshannon Road. The structure is a beautiful, well-planned church, which was built to accommodate a Christian Day School. It was a vision of Mrs. Emert, now deceased, to have a school in the new church.

The miraculous part about it is, that we were able to purchase the church for a fraction of its value, with a small mortgage remaining to be paid.

This new Church replaces the Munson God's Missionary Church, which was destroyed by fire on January 10, 1982. We now see Romans 8:28 in reality. The only items saved in the fire were the filing cabinet and the Learning Center scoring station, belonging to Faith Christian Academy, of Munson. After only 2 days loss of school time, we were able to resume school in the parsonage basement. We started out with dirt floors but, began to see improvements, with concrete floors and insulation board on the ceiling. This 16' x 18' basement room was to be school during school hours and meeting place for the congregation for the next three long months. With borrowed chairs from the Milesburg congregation, we managed to squeeze 30 people in for services.

We were seeking the Lord's Will for what He would have us do! It didn't seem that He favored the rebuilding of the Munson Church. There was much indecision as to what to do and much prayer was made! God is never late! On Good Friday night, the pastor wrestled all night in prayer, for the Lord was showing him the church, which He wanted the congregation to have. Knowing it was a new church, and that with a small flock, it was humanly impossible. The pastor settled it that he would contact the Rev. Emert the next day, but felt it still impossible. In that meeting, God did the impossible and in less than three weeks, the transactions were all complete and the "dungeon disciples" (as we had named ourselves) moved to a new building. What splendor! God was there that very first service, to put His approval on it!

All Glory belongs to Him!

Our hearts have been thrilled at the new prospects and all that God has already done for us! Our young people are having special prayer meetings on Sunday mornings and are seeing answers to their prayers. Our people are busy calling and inviting NEW prospects.

We are expecting "REVIVAL". To say we are thrilled in putting it mildly.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE!!!

Mrs. Dewey Evans, reporter

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been educated men. We must always keep clearly in mind that when we have done our very best, when we have studied and planned and prepared to the fullest extent of our ability, we still can ultimately accomplish nothing in the kingdom of God. It is not in human instrumentality. It takes the Spirit of God. Let us get all the benefit we can from diligent study. Let us never shirk the responsibility of faithful preparation. Let us keep it well balanced by prayerfully seeking the divine unction of Him Who alone is our sufficiency.

There is yet another area in which balance is a dire necessity. This balance can be quite difficult at times to achieve. It is between soul culture and service.

There are multitudes that are satisfied with only feeding their souls! They come to church every Sunday, testify on prayer meeting night, maybe even shout once in a while, they may join a Bible study group and regularly read Christian books at

home. But when it comes to getting involved in reaching out to a dying world, that is a different story. The songwriter wrote,

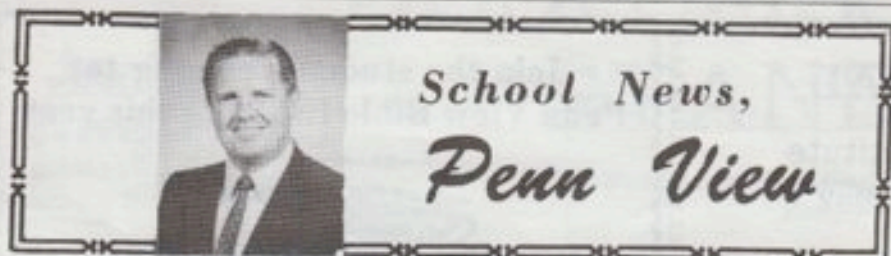
*There is peace and contentment in
the Father's house today;
Lots of food on the table and no one
is turned away;
There is singing and laughter as
the hours pass by.
But a hush calms the singing as the
Father sadly cries:*

*"My house is full, but my field is
empty;
Who will go and work for me to-
day?
It seems my children all want to
stay around my table,
But no one wants to work in my
field,
No one wants to work in my field."*

But there is the other side of the situation, also. Satan tries to get those who are busy about the Father's business to become too busy to take time to be holy. "After all, the harvest truly is great, and the laborers are so few. There is so much to do that there just isn't time to pray. The Lord understands, of course. We're working for Him. And the tragedy is, when one gets in this predicament, he finds that he not only is lean and dry in his own soul, but his service is also lifeless and ineffective. He is a double loser.

Someone has said, "You can do more when you have prayed, but you cannot do more until you have prayed." Paul told Timothy, "Give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine, but he also charged him, "Take heed unto thyself." Let us make it our earnest request, "Lord, help me to find the balance between taking in and giving out. Let me spend and be spent, but at the same time let my inner man be renewed day by day.

We are near the commencement of a new phase of our lives. We will leave this school which has given us so much these past few years to enable us to step into the gap and shoulder the burden of the Great Commission. As we go, let us not forget PVBI. Let us hold her up in prayer always being true to the doctrine and principles of holiness for which she stands. But let us go forward into our tomorrows with a dedication and purpose to labor for the spiritual betterment of mankind. Let us face the future with confidence, not in ourselves, but in the "King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, (to whom) be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."



School News, Penn View

From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

New Personnel

We are pleased to announce that new personnel joining our fine staff for the 1982-83 school year include: Rev. Donald Myers - Chapel Pastor, Counselor, and Institute Instructor; Mrs. Paula Myers - School Nurse, Health Teacher; Mr. Paul Clemens - Director of Public Relations; Mrs. Robyn Clemens - Music Teacher; Miss Sarah Hoffman - Home Ec, Girls' P.E., Elementary Assistant; Miss Joy Fingado - Head Cook; Rev. Marshall Armour - Dean of Men; Mrs. Hazel Ar-

mour - Dean of Women; Mrs. Mark Redmond - High School English Teacher; Mr. Joseph Zimmerman - Institute Instructor; Mr. Wesley Patterson - Builder and Building Maintenance; Mr. Gary McIntire - Business Manager; Mrs. Anita McIntire - Office Secretary.

Changes of position within the staff include: Mr. Stephen Wilson - Dean of Students; Mrs. Fern Wilson - A.C.E. Monitor; Miss Rachel Straight - Kindergarten Teacher.

Academic Announcement

Penn View Bible Institute is now offering four major diploma programs: Ministerial Studies, Missionary Studies, Christian Music, Elementary and Secondary Education.

Penn View Christian Academy offers an affordable opportunity to enroll your children in a private school for quality education in: Kindergarten, Elementary, High School.

It is not too late to enroll for the 1982-83 term. For more information and applications write: Penn View Bible Institute, Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 97, Penns Creek, Pa. 17862.

Registration: Kindergarten - High School - August 25, 1982; Institute - August 26, 1982

Class Convenement: Kindergarten - Eighth Grade - August 25, 1982; High School - August 26, 1982; Institute - August 27, 1982.

A Job Well Done!

The boys will miss the pitter-patter of the rain this fall as the old tin roof is gone forever. Another giant step toward energy efficiency has been made. Thanks to a generous friend of Penn View who donated plywood and shingles and about twelve other ambitious friends who donated labor, the new roof is installed.

Steve Wilson and George Lantz, part of the work crew, survey the finished product with a sense of satisfaction.



Fuel Tank Truck Donated!

Having an 8,000 gallon fuel oil tank in the ground is wonderful and having it filled about the price goes up would be more wonderful but all of this would be useless if we didn't have a way to transport the fuel to the homes of faculty and other campus facilities.

Once again the Lord has honored our efforts to economize and has provided a metered tank truck so we can distribute the fuel as needed and keep accurate records of usage.



The Lord Provides A Van!

Personal contact through public relations personnel is very vital for the growth and development of our school.

We felt we should send out two groups this summer but our 1973 van with over 130,000 miles on it was a matter of deep concern for the kind of traveling that is involved.

You should have seen the look on the face of the trio as they prepared to embark on another tour in this lovely 1979 Ford Chateau Club Wagon with full air conditioning, tinted windows and AM/FM stereo with 8 Track.

