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THE INSTITUTE BULLETIN

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Bible Missionary Institute -- Box 696 -- Rock Island, Illinois

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INSTITUTE HAS GRAND OPENING

Bible Missionary Institute Administration Building
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A GRAND OPENING!
by J. E. Cook, Chairman, Institute Board

The Institute Board, in its last meeting, planned a holiness convention to be held in Rock Island, Illinois, timed with the opening of the fall school term September 13, 14, and 15, with both General Moderators to be the special speakers. Since Rock Island is now the home of the Cook's, we arrived a few days prior to the scheduled date. A visit to the school was first. Two smiling faces met us. President, Bro. Parker Maxey and Business Manager, Br. J. E. Ray began showing us the newly cleaned grounds that greatly enhanced the perspective. But their real enthusiasm was based upon the file of applications from young people from all over the nation desiring to attend the Bible School made possible by the sacrificial people of the Bible Missionary Church.

The Catholic Church was nice to us in permitting the use of their commodious church for the convention, with option to buy. The first service was most rewarding. The building was filled to capacity with students, both old and new, and preachers and laymen from the surrounding area, along with friends and visitors. Bro. Dodd brought the opening message on "Building on the Rock" which was as timely as it was practical and enlightening. The tide mounted higher as the General, in his unique way, preached under the anointing.

The day services were held at the school chapel thus giving a closer view of the student body and faculty. Again we were rewarded as the chapel filled with young people and parents who had brought their youth to the Bible School.

Best of all, the blessing of God was upon us. Shouts of victory, joyous testimonies, and praying through at the altar were in evidence throughout the services. The district bought the building at a very reasonable price and a "downtown" church was formed at the close of the convention. Since it is just around the corner from our place of residence, we felt that our family should be charter members of this new church, which Bro. Bailey, the District Moderator, hopes will be a sort of "mother church" to other organizations in this metropolitan area, giving our students a real opportunity for Christian service.

Surely the prospects look good for a wonderful year in our Bible School with as fine a group of young people as one could find. If Jesus tarries, the next few years will bring rewards in souls and a strong holiness church through the youth that are now preparing both heart and mind in a deeply spiritual atmosphere, guided by godly, consecrated men and women, who make up the entire staff of the Bible Missionary Institute. Let us thank God and take courage for His wonderful help in these difficult days and continue to be faithful in labors of love.

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TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH:

By I. Parker Maxey

Greetings In Jesus Name!

It is our desire to keep our people informed about our Institute and to let you know how God is helping us these days. Truly we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

I am sure when you read the articles in this Bulletin you will rejoice with us and give praise to Him who is worthy of all praise. We are all aware of the fact that these are transition days. It is not surprising in the work of spreading Scriptural holiness in the earth that we will face critical times and days of crisis. The one thing we need to be sure of is this, Did we START with God in the promotion of our Institute? It has been our confidence from the beginning that God has ordered the founding of the Bible Missionary Institute. To deny this would be to deny the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and minds of our leaders and the call of God to this work in the hearts of the staff members who have invested all to enter this field of service for the church. The ability of God to finish what He has begun has always been questioned by carnally minded men, and it is not surprising that rumors have gone out that the Bible Missionary Institute is about to fold up. We have but to recall the incident of the report of the ten unbelieving spies sent to spy out the land of Canaan. Their report of the land was good, but their faith in the ability of God lagged. On the other hand, Abraham was a man of faith. In Romans 4:20,21 we read, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith; giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

This, beloved, is our confidence, and this is our faith in the Bible Missionary Institute: first, that it is an institution born of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our leaders -- an institution instigated and conceived by God Himself; second, it will not fail as long as its leaders are faithful to the vision. This is one thing that gives us courage to enter this great work without reservation. It is no longer a "try it to see if it will work" proposition when God is in it. It is a settled fact in the minds of the staff members of the Institute that we have acted upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit in offering our service and moving to Rock Island. God has sealed this in all our lives in many ways. This gives us a confidence to invest all we are and have, unreservedly.

As the administrator, we have only one vision in this great work and that is to ADVANCE. How can we meet the challenge of this our day or honor the God who has called us out in any other way?

Many of you are wondering about the student body, the finances, plans for the future, and the spiritual condition of the school. Some of these questions that you have had in your minds are answered in the articles in this Bulletin. We will add just a word concerning them.

God has given us a wonderful student body. These young people have come here with a purpose and a determination to see that purpose accomplished. We have actually enrolled more new students this year than we did last although our total enrollment is a little less. Many of the young people who were here as single students last year have returned this year as husband and wife, and only the husband has enrolled in many cases, which has cut down the enrollment of former students. We feel that God has answered prayer in bringing to us the student body we have this term.

Financially, God is helping us. Those who were privileged to attend the National Camp in Nebraska cannot doubt but that God put His seal on our school. Our people proved their loyalty and faith in the school by giving and pledging at that time over \$12,000. We appreciate this wonderful response. It makes us feel that you believe in what we are endeavoring to do here.

We face two things in regard to future plans. One is the indebtedness on our present building, and the other is the need for other buildings. We eventually need to expand the administration building to include a library and adequate chapel, and we need to build two dormitories -- one for the boys and one for the girls. The girls' dormitory could house the dining hall and kitchen in the basement.

Our plans are to reduce the indebtedness on the present building (which we are doing) by monthly payments and to advance in outbuilding program on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, as the educational board will approve. Just how fast we can advance depends on how our people will stand by in paying of pledges, shares, and making added financial gifts.

You have caught the spiritual tone of the Institute in the other articles written in this Bulletin. We sincerely believe that the Bible Missionary Institute is beginning to fulfill the mission God has called it to fulfill in the spiritual lives of our young people and in the challenge it is presenting them to go with God for souls.

Truly this is our day -- what we do for God and the lost we must do NOW. Pray mightily for your school these days.

Parker Maxey, President

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INSTITUTE STAFF

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From left to right: Rev. J. E. Ray, business manager; Mrs. J. E. Ray, dietitian; Mrs. J. E. Cook, head of music department; Miss Norma Kennedy, missions teacher; Rev. Lorena Maynard, Bible teacher; Ronald Bailey, dormitory supervisor; Mrs. Ronald Bailey, dormitory supervisor; Rev. Parker Maxey, president and teacher; Mrs. Parker Maxey, registrar and teacher; Rev. Foy Bullock, theology teacher; Mrs. Foy Bullock, secretary.

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I WAS HERE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL

By E. Lorena Maynard, Bible Teacher

Through various means, God let me learn about the Bible Missionary Church and the plan for a Bible School where God--called youth could be prepared for a life of Holy-Ghost service. For years, it had been my desire to teach in such a school, and as I read the Missionary Revivalist and tarried before God in prayer, the call came clear to leave the pastorate and the church that gave me birth, and teach in the Bible Missionary Institute, and unite with the Bible Missionary Church.

My call and vision are as clear today as they were when I received them from the Holy Ghost two years ago.

The enemy of all righteousness has opposed in subtle ways the complete fulfillment of our vision for a deeply spiritual school founded upon the eternal Rock of Ages with

"A faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe."

A faith that will meet the apostasy of the age in which we live and believe God for a deep Holy Ghost revival before Jesus comes.

We who have been here from the first class session in September, 1958 are very conscious that the Institute is passing through a transition period, and we are just as conscious that God is directing the battle and that we are in due time coming forth victorious, clear as the moon, fair as

the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. We are beginning to see our vision fulfilled. There is a marked deepening of spirituality sensed already in our chapel services this semester -- an atmosphere of faith and rest in the blood of Christ -- and the end is not yet.

We expect, under God, to see students go forth from our school this year with a balance and symmetry of Christian experience that will enable them with confidence in God to stand -- and having done all to stand; students so filled with the Holy Ghost that they can discern the difference between commotion and conversion; students that do not mistake rattle for revival or action for unction; students who will give their life's blood rather than compromise a principle; students, that count not their lives dear unto themselves, and are loyal to God and the Bible Missionary Church.

This is our vision, and we are willing to make the sacrifice necessary to see it fulfilled. Praise God it is already on the way to fulfillment!

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A NEW STUDENT SPEAKS

By Rebecca Michael

My heart is made to rejoice when I think of God's faithfulness to His people. Romans 11:4,5 ". . . I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." I'm so glad for how He has led us out -- a remnant -- in these evil days; not to be at ease in Zion, but to retain the vision of a lost and dying world, and to put ourselves wholeheartedly into His battle.

Thank the Lord for the warriors in our ranks who have been trained and are experienced to lead us as we fight together. Likewise, we, as "young soldiers" who are called, (and we're all called into the battle if we're genuine Christians) surely need training guided by the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill forcibly the call that God has given us regardless of what it is. (II Tim. 2:15) Hence, God has helped our little remnant, the Bible Missionary Church, to establish an institution for such training.

I, as a student at the Institute, feel that God has given us a wonderful staff of instructors -- deeply spiritual, consecrated, with their hearts and lives wholly devoted to promoting our school, based on strong Christian principles and standards, under the leadership of the Holy Ghost. God has been answering prayer for us, both spiritually and otherwise. We've felt His presence in our classes and chapel service and believe He'll continue to help us if we follow Him as He leads.

We surely need your prayers throughout this year, that we'll accomplish that which He has patterned for us in His will; that we may be STRONG in His Holy Army.

A NEWCOMER TO THE BIBLE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

By Foy Bullock, Theology Teacher

It would probably fill a book if we could record all the things which passed through our minds as Mrs. Bullock and I received the word that we were chosen to fill some vacancies at the Bible Missionary Institute.

The newness and adjustment of changing denominations still gripped our hearts, and now, hardly one month old as Bible Missionaries, this great and new challenge was presented to us. With such tremendous decisions as this, our only source of guidance was our God. But just as God has previously burdened our hearts for this type of work, He now pointed, without doubt, to this new challenge as our field of endeavor as His will.

At the suggestion of Rev. Parker Maxey, our capable President, we decided to make a trip to Rock Island for the purpose of getting acquainted with the school and to seek a place to live. Our minds were filled with questions about the Bible Missionary Institute. What kind of an academic curriculum did it offer? What kind of buildings did it have? What kind of personnel did it have? What were the plans for operation? All these and many more were soon to be answered.

We found first of all, a friendly, spiritual, and understanding welcome from Bro. and Sister Maxey and their family. We next found a beautiful location for a school with an exceptionally attractive building. The building is commodious and well organized. Even though it is not planned to house all the school, it is serving that purpose temporarily. Next we found a cordial and helpful personnel in Bro. and Sister Ronald Bailey who have charge of the dormitories and many other duties. Then we met with Bro. Maxey and Sister Lorena Maynard and were briefed on the curriculum for the coming year and the subjects we would probably be teaching and the various other duties.

The thing that thrilled our hearts was a good set of plans for the future of the Bible Missionary Institute, the downtown church (already a reality); new buildings for dormitories; new churches in the surrounding cities; the burden for a Holy Ghost filled and energized student body; and a godly, unified faculty under the leadership of God.

After getting acquainted and settled down as a part of the Bible Missionary Institute, we have had time to appraise the situation more thoroughly. It is our impression and firm conviction that as the Bible Missionary Church moves out for God in these critical days, it can rest assured that the Bible Missionary Institute, with its faculty and student body, will be doing its share to uphold the banner of "old-fashioned holiness with standards."

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A SENIOR STUDENT SPEAKS

By Wayne A. Stracener

The thirteenth of September was almost here and students, both new and old, were steadily arriving and moving into the dorms of the Bible Missionary Institute. There was the feeling of excitement in meeting new friends and once again seeing those whose acquaintance had already been made. The atmosphere was one of friendliness and fellowship. The most impressive feeling was the desire I felt among this group for the Will of God and His blessing.

Even before school started, the students were eager to do things for the Lord and His work. From the very beginning, amongst both new and old students, there has been a prevalent desire for deep spirituality, godly living, and cooperation with God and the school.

God certainly blessed the opening convention services, with many who had come without full victory finding their joy in Him. The classes and services were charged with the Presence of God's Holy Spirit. Truly the Lord was putting His seal on the BMI and has continuously kept this seal upon us.

We have not always had a highly emotional spirit, although there have been wonderful times of this; but there is a sweet, refreshing Presence in the school that one just knows that God is with us. I am reminded of one chapel service in which God especially blessed us. We had had a good song service, and the speaker had come to the pulpit to preach when a young lady arose to testify. Then one after another of the students testified, and the sweetness of God flooded our souls. It was so refreshing, after a tight schedule of classes and working, to have the Holy Spirit so sweetly and tenderly bless us that day. This is illustrative of the atmosphere that has prevailed at the BMI this year.

There has truly been a fresh envisioning and stirring in my own soul as God has blessed us. I thank God for leading me to the BMI and feel we are in the wake of the greatest times of blessing and revival we have ever seen.

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Knowledge without love, enshrines reason, and banishes faith/ John Timothy Stone.

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Above is a picture taken at the close of the morning service the Sunday following the opening convention of the Institute. The evening services of the convention were held in this building which we have now purchased from the Catholic Church and which will be the mother church, out from which we plan, with the help of the Lord, to start other churches in the Quad-City and surrounding area.

Forty-seven people were taken into membership to form the beginning of this church. Our District Moderator, Bro. Claude Bailey, seen in the foreground of the picture officiated at this service. Close to sixty came in under the charter before it was closed. Praise the Lord!

This church is well located in the city of Rock Island, Illinois, affording us an opportunity to put the students to work in a great evangelistic effort to reach needy souls.

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"I WAS THERE"

By Lowell L. Foster, Northwest District

It is said of Napoleon that he had a medal struck off, giving on one side an account of the battle; date, location, losses, and the winner. But on the other side just three words were found, "I was there." In later years, should a discussion arise as to details of the battle, one of the old soldiers, who had fought with Napoleon, would step forward, tell exactly what had happened and show the medal with the words imprinted, "I was there."

Indeed, it was a pleasure to attend the opening convention of the Bible Missionary Institute's third year at Rock Island, September 13-18. We heard again the stirring preaching of Bro. Dodd and Bro. Cook, our General Leaders. We sensed the deep piety of the staff that God has placed at our Institute to instruct and guide the young people gathered here. We were thrilled to the bottom of our soul as we looked upon the faces of the students who had come from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. How they sang and testified and prayed. How real the presence of the Lord there.

Then, we thought of the anxious voice and concerned face of leader and layman alike, who, in the past year have asked, "Do you know someone with old-time religion and good common horse-sense that we could send, or that would come?" Time and again we have had to shake our head and answer in the negative. But say, conditions are changing! I've been there! I can announce, if Jesus tarries, they are coming. Preachers, preachers of righteousness. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! There is a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees. God is getting ready to use this little despised crowd. I'm so glad for that hour in May of 1958, with pressure from both sides, one saying "go," the other, "stay," that hour, in the stillness of my study, I heard that still small voice say, "Go." The Holy Ghost has never changed my orders, and it thrills me to see God working with this little band, the Bible Missionary Church, that came out to try and gather together the fainting, scattered sheep who have no shepherd. I'm glad our purpose and direction have never changed.

"Not until each loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the pattern
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which he planned."

I believe I can say without any reflection on Divine leadership, I wish it could have been my lot to attend a Bible School such as the Institute at Rock Island. But as I heard dear Bro. H. B. Huffman preaching some time ago, there is a time for education, a time to marry, a time for a family, a time to grow old, a time to die. My opportunity for Bible School is past, I dare not take time to dwell in the dead past, but thank God for the available future. This, I can do, I can carry a portion of the same burden Jesus bore, (Matt. 9-36-38) "... when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having

no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few, Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

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LOOKING FORWARD TO SECOND SEMESTER

A number of young people who were unable to be with us this first semester are already making plans to be with us the second semester. For those who will be interested, our calendar for the second semester is as follows:

Registration -- January 24, 1961
Revival and Lectures, H. A. Erdmann -- February 5-12, 1961
Spring Revival, H. B. Huffman -- April 9-16, 1961
Graduation -- May 24, 1961

If you are interested and want further information write us for a copy of our catalog. Students planning to enroll with us second semester should write for application blanks NOW and get them filled out and sent back to us as soon as possible.

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FALL REVIVAL
REV. W. M. TIDWELL -- Chattanooga, Tennessee

OCTOBER 23-30
Bible Missionary Institute and Local Church
Rock Island, Illinois

Brother Tidwell will be with us eight days -- Sunday through Sunday. Day services will be held in the institute Chapel, at which time Brother Tidwell will be lecturing especially to the ministerial students.

NIGHT SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 7:30
IN THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH
817-24th Street, Rock Island

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

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