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## REV. E. M. YEATS BRINGS BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

The student body of Southern Bible Institute joins with the faculty members of the school in welcoming Rev. E. M. Yeats, general presbyter of the Assemblies of God, to be Baccalaureate speaker. This event will take place on December 18, at 2:45 p. m., in the Evangelistic Temple. Brother Yeats was very happy to learn that he was chosen to deliver the address.

Mr. Yeats, besides his work as general presbyter of the Texas district, is pastor of the Magnolia Park Assembly of God Church in Houston. Previously to taking up his pastorate at the Magnolia Assembly he was the pastor of the Assembly of God Church at Wilson, Oklahoma, where he received his call to come to Houston. Brother Yeats accepted the pastorate on August 14, 1926. Since then the work has grown exceedingly. The membership has increased from that of 39 to 600 and the Sunday School has increased in like manner. The church is free from all debt and more than \$1100.00 have been recently spent on church improvements. Brother Yeats says, "The greatest spirit of unity and fellowship now exists, and that spiritual conditions are better now than ever before in the history of the work. The church has a great outlook."

We are proud to have obtained Brother Yeats as our main speaker. He is a power for God in the pulpit and out of it. His life and ministry bespeak a closer walk with God. Welcome, Brother Yeats, to Southern Bible Institute.

The administration officers of S. B. I. have planned a unique graduation program. In connection with a musical program featured by the student body, President Raymond T. Richey, who is now conducting a city-wide revival, will hold a Divine Healing Service at the close of the graduation exercises.

Read the January issue of the "Word of Truth" for report of 1938 activities of S. B. I. and for proposed activities for 1939.



REV. E. M. YEATS

### CLASS HISTORY

Another term of school has past into history for Southern Bible Institute, and climaxing this term of school is the graduation exercises in which eight young people will receive their diplomas. Two years ago, the members of this class entered this institution with a zeal and determination to give of their best in the service for the Lord. They came from various states and cities because God has called them to work for Him, and they were willing to leave all and follow their Master.

#### Temple Decorations

The Temple, having been previously decorated for the Holiday Season, is very beautiful with its green and silver leaves and red cellophane bows. Forming the background of the platform and choir loft is a huge American flag proclaiming its stars and stripes of patriotism, to the right is another large flag of the Lone Star State. The Junior Class has added its personal touch by bringing the colors chosen by the graduating class, red and gold, to the foreground. The golden crowns and shields

with the red crosses bring out the symbol of the class name, "Victors of the Cross," together with the motto, "By This Sign Conqueror."

#### Senior Class Night

The Class Night was held Monday evening, December 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Handy, of this city, with the entire student body and faculty in attendance. A delicious meal was served at 6:30 by the host and hostess; following this, the remainder of the evening was spent in a time of sweet fellowship. Each class from the school had a part in the entertainment. The history of the graduating class was read, together with their blessings and parting wishes to the students and faculty. The honorary guests of the evening were: the president of the school, Evangelist Raymond T. Richey, and wife.

#### Graduation Day

The activities of Graduation Day will begin with the Baccalaureate services which are to be held Sunday, December 18, at 2:45 p. m. The address of the afternoon will be delivered by Rev. E. M. Yeats of Houston, with the school furnishing special music. The Graduation exercises will be held at 8 p. m. the same day, with special musical arrangements by Southern Bible Institute. Miss Laurine King of Waco, Texas, and Thomas Wilkinson, of Moline, Ill., will be representing their class as the graduation speakers. Following this will be the presentation of the diplomas by Rev. E. N. Richey. The many friends of the graduating class wish to congratulate them on the completion of their course from Bible School, and to wish God's richest blessings on them as they go out into the large harvest fields that "are white already unto harvest."

### MY SIN

For though men keep my outward man  
Within their locks and bars,  
Yet by the faith of Christ I can  
Mount higher than the stars.

John Bunyan.

"The Lord Jesus is great enough to fill the universe with the glory of His own person—and He will!"

### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Evangelistic Temple—December 18, 1938—2:45 p. m.

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|---|-----------------------|
| Prelude, Organ Recital                    | H. L. Beazley         |
| Hymn No. 141 (Crosby)                     | Congregation          |
| Invocation                                |                       |
| School Chorus, "And There Were Shepherds" | Wilson                |
| Offertory, Organ                          | H. L. Beazley         |
| Selection                                 | S. B. I. Male Quartet |
| Baccalaureate Sermon                      | Rev. E. M. Yeats      |
| Benediction                               | Rev. E. N. Richey     |

### COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

Evangelistic Temple—December 18, 1938—7:45 p. m.

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| Prelude, Organ Recital                  | H. L. Beazley                     |
| Processional                            |                                   |
| Senior Class Song, "The Watchman's Cry" | Miles                             |
| Invocation                              |                                   |
| School Chorus, "Aspiration"             | Harris                            |
| Address—"The Heavenly Vision"           | Laurine King                      |
| School Chorus, "Prince of Nations"      | Roseman                           |
| Address—"Thou Hast Conquered—Galilean"  | Thomas Wilkinson                  |
| Awarding of Diplomas                    | Rev. E. N. Richey, Hon. President |
| Benediction                             |                                   |



# "The Light of the World"

By INGA JETT (S. B. I. Student)

"The people which sat in darkness saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up" (Matt. 4: 16.)

In the beginning of time there was no light, darkness was everywhere. God had created the heavens and the earth but darkness was upon the face of the deep. When God said, "Let there be light," there was light and a profusion of brilliance covered the universe. Life could not have existed without it. As we see the dawning of a new day when the shades of night are replaced by the rays of light, we realize again the omnipotence of God. The activities of life are again resumed, as the creatures of earth begin to stir and are awakened, because light has come into the world.

When we think of darkness we think of a number of things. There is a general feeling of gloom, depression, heaviness of mind, low spirits and sadness. In a day when the light of the sun is obstructed to some extent by clouds or fog, try as we may it is impossible to accomplish as much as on a bright sunny day. Darkness suggests trouble. Deeds of wickedness and secrecy are planned and carried out during the night time. Thieves go forth to steal that they may be able to take their victims unaware while they are sleeping. The dark ages in history was a time of apostasy of the church. The faith that had such a glorious beginning with the ministry of Christ had been abandoned. Wickedness, war, and greed had taken its place until Christianity was almost lost to the world.

Light, therefore, is the opposite of darkness. None of the characteristics of darkness confront us. There is a radiance and brightness that comes from illumination that is pleasant to behold.

If you were to ask the average individual would invariably reply the sun. To the today what the light of the world is, he unregenerated mind there is no light greater than the great light spoken of in the first chapter of Genesis, the light that was to rule the day.

But there is a Light in the world that is greater than that of the sun. John came to bear witness of THAT LIGHT, which is the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world—God's Son who descended from heaven. The light rays from the sun also give warmth and life to everything in which they come in contact. They promote growth, health, strength, and energy. Plant and animal life are dependent upon the sun. Often in the winter months, the direct rays of the sun fail to reach the earth for a period of time, and days may pass in which there is general cloudiness. Vegetation is at a standstill, epidemics of

disease are common, influenza and pneumonia take as a toll many human lives. The true light which is Christ, when withdrawn from mankind will produce similar effects. Spiritual growth is at a standstill, with soul sickness and disease following, with death taking its toll. The Old Testament describes Christ's coming into the world as "the light of the morning when the sun riseth over a morning with clouds." The sun came to light the world in a physical sense while Christ came to light the world in a spiritual sense.

As it was necessary for the world to have light in its creation that life might abide in it, it is just as necessary that there be a spiritual light today for the inhabitants of this world. The world is in darkness, but how can that be when the sun has never failed to give forth its light? We are speaking spiritually now. It is because of sin. The first man had the light of God, but he did not obey the trust given to him and sinned against the commandments of the Lord. Sin has been handed down from generation to generation, and from one dispensation to another, inherited sin from the garden of Eden. "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men—for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

The world is in darkness today because it is without the knowledge of the love and mercy of God. Have people in civilized countries not heard of God? Have they not heard of His Son, Jesus Christ? Yes, they have heard or at least realize there is a supreme being. But many are still without the knowledge of the eternal things of life. Why are they without this knowledge? For one reason the Bible, which was for centuries the book of authority, has gradually been pushed aside. Other books and reading material have taken its place, it has been placed upon a high shelf or tucked away in a drawer. There are many homes in which no Bible is to be found, and the Word of God plainly says that, "thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." Only through the reading of the scriptures can enlightenment be given to the hidden things of God.

In our spiritual life we need light, and that light is Christ. With the light of Christ comes conviction of sin, as it came to Paul when he was on his journey to Damascus. He did not know that he was sinning in persecuting the Christians. He felt that was the right thing to do. But just as soon as the truth came to him he was convicted of the past deeds and of his position as a sinner headed for destruction. Christ came to show men where they were falling

short of the life that was intended for them to have a part in, and how those sitting in great darkness can see light.

When man that God made in his own image had failed, He brought the curse of sin upon all mankind. God did not leave the world without a provision for enlightenment. He sent his own Son into the world—the Son who sat with him on his throne, who owned the glories of heaven, and held the worlds in His hand, "who was before all things and by whom all things consist." When Jesus came to this earth He took upon himself the form of a man, and was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, that the purpose of His Father might be fulfilled. He was made a sacrifice for the sins of men when He was crucified upon the cross. When a sacrifice is made to God it must be something offered that is without spot or blemish, something perfect. A lamb that was sacrificed, in olden times, on the altar would not be accepted unless it was spotless. The Son of God was the only pure sacrifice that could be accepted for the atonement of the sins of the world. He shed His blood on the cross and atonement was made because he was without spot or blemish. Light came through the shedding of blood, that those in darkness might see light. It was not only the crucifixion but the resurrection of Christ as he arose from the dead in three days, that has made it possible for us to go unto him. He ascended into heaven, where He sits at the right hand of His Father to make intercession for the sins of all mankind.

God sent his Word as a provision for light to the sinner and to the saint. His word was sent for instruction in righteousness and also for condemnation. The Bible is full of examples of exemplary lives of holy men of old. It also warns against falling by the wayside, as many did, and exhorts to a life of holiness. The Word of God is given for faith. As the scriptures are read and pondered over they speak faith to us. They inspire to good works. They teach of the faith of our fathers, who wandered for forty years in the wilderness in order to reach the blessed land of promise, and of the faith of Abraham in offering Isaac upon the altar of sacrifice. Many instances could be mentioned of the testings of faith which came out triumphant through obedience to God. We are inspired through the light of the Word that "God will do what He says He will do." The reading of the Word establishes one and makes him steadfast and immovable by the teachings of the scriptures.

When the true light of the world is come into individual lives the ones who are in great darkness will see light. Many who are great in this world in fame, wealth, position, and knowledge are sitting in the region and shadow of death spiritually. There is no hope for them beyond this sphere

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# NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD

Guatemala City, C. A.,  
December 2, 1938.

Dearly beloved in the Lord:

Grace and peace be unto you who labor with us in the preaching of the Glorious Gospel! The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

## The Holy Spirit's Working in Guatemala

A recent fellowship meeting we held was the most precious and blessed of the Lord that we have had. People came from 25 towns and villages, some from 50 miles away. One night the power of God was so manifest in the salvation of souls that we remained dumfounded. We had no authority to direct the meeting, nor could we scarcely do anything that we had planned. If we tried to speak a few words someone would interrupt, crying, "I accept the Lord Jesus Christ!" Whereupon he would be invited to come forward, and while praying for God's blessing to rest upon him, another would cry out. And then after a season of prayer and praising the Lord when it seemed that no one else would accept, we would rise again to speak or make some announcement, only to be interrupted again as conviction fell upon others making them cry out their confession of faith. We tried to make a certain announcement four times but were hindered each time as souls yielded to an almost irresistible conviction of the Spirit of God, and would come, some of them tremblingly and throw themselves down on their knees and cry out with tears. Backsliders were reconciled. One person standing out in the audience cried out to God and was saved and baptized in the Spirit all in a moment without moving from her place. And it seemed that all the baptized ones received new filling of the Spirit. We are still praising the Lord for this meeting.

The next day as the Christians returned to their homes the blessing of the Lord continued to rest upon them. A group of 13 had come 35 miles walking to attend their first fellowship meeting. They had come from a town which only two months before had been opened to the Gospel. The journey was long, and once while crossing a deep swollen river, a boy was almost carried away by the force of the current. One of this group received the baptism of the Spirit on the way home; and upon arriving, they held a service the same night, and God poured out His Holy Spirit and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival continued and several more turned to the Lord, even the town secretary, making a total of 39 souls that had been saved there in three months. The

## A LETTER FROM JOHN AND ELLA FRANKLIN

mayor and his wife were very constant in attending the services which are held every night. A certain woman who seemed to be dying heard the Gospel for the first time, and was saved, lived a couple of weeks afterwards and died in peace in the faith. We arrived there on a visit the day after her death in time to give her Christian burial. And since she was the first Christian to have died in the town, a large number of people gathered at the cemetery, looking on with curious eyes. And there among the numberless graves on that hillside, where so many lay buried without hope, as the shadows of the evening fell, we stood upon the mound of fresh earth by the side of the open grave and preached the Gospel, declaring the love of God, and how through Jesus Christ the Lord comes full assurance of salvation and cleansing from all sin; and that we do not sorrow as others who have no hope; and that He, having conquered death by the blood of the cross, has opened up the way to Glory, and gone before us awaiting our gathering together unto Him. Hallelujah! Then, as they laid the body in the grave we sang that wonderful song of hope which has been so beautifully translated into the Spanish language: "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair . . . On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the glory of His resurrection share . . ."

Oh, beloved there is no need that men should die without hope! For this purpose He came into the world . . . on that wonderful Christmas night. And then lived and died and rose gain that we might not "sorrow as others who have no hope." Praise His name! Many loved ones at home will soon be entering into the gaiety of the Christmas season. But it will be different here. Our spirits so often burdened and pressed will be made still more heavy as we think of so many around us that are still sorrowing "as those that have NO hope." The need is so constantly before us that we cannot shake the burden off (nor would we desire to be free from the burden . . . No! Will you help us with the burden and keep us faithfully in your hearts for prayer for this coming new year? That is all we ask. Faith-believing prayer is the great thing that will move things for God!"

As we survey the work of the past year we behold nothing but answers to prayer. We have added four new assemblies to the list, making ten in all that have come into being during the 20 months that we have been in Guatemala. Other assemblies are in process of formation. Altogether there are 16 places that are receiving the Gospel regularly, some every night, and others once or twice a week. There are 12 other places that receive occasional visits. We scarcely are able to say exactly the number of those that have been saved during the year, but are sure that it will be around 200 or more. Several have been baptized in the Spirit, and some 50 baptized in water, and many more waiting to be baptized. However much of our ministry has been toward the establishing and organizing of the assemblies which we feel has borne fruit.

Then, too, we thank the Lord for a special answer to prayer for money for Gospel tracts and literature. Brethren from many parts have sent in for this need, thus making it possible for us to get that "big shipment" of literature, Gospels and New Testaments. Having plenty of Gospel Literature on hand is a mighty "life" for the work of the Lord, and is as Brother Toribio, one of our native workers, said, "With these Gospels and tracts, I find everywhere an open door to announce the Gospel of Salvation."

Also there have been those who have given toward the support of our native workers, supplying a most vital need in our missionary work. We also praise God for our dear brethren at home who have faithfully given toward our personal support. We have solicited funds for Gospel Literature and for our native workers, but have asked nothing for ourselves, only we have prayed to God, telling Him of our needs. We give testimony to His faithfulness in providing. Also we thank Him for the gift of a precious baby daughter, which has been such a joy to us. We praise God for keeping us well in body and safe from danger during many months of travel.

Now we must close our letter. We take this opportunity to wish you a most happy Christmas season, and the richest blessings of God for the new year. God give you peace in Jesus name!

Yours for the work of the Lord in Guatemala,

John and Ella Franklin.

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## A WORD FROM MISS STAFSHOLT

On Board "American Banker,"

November 13, 1938.

Dear Students:

We came into the English Channel about nightfall, and it is now just after dinner. We are in shallow water—only about a mile deep. If everything goes as it should we should be in London some time tomorrow afternoon or early evening. We are several hours behind time as we have been ploughing through a storm, and very heavy water for seven days.

The first three days the water was as smooth as any lake, but Tuesday we headed right into a storm, and then we began to do some fancy dipping and rolling! Only three people were ill from it, and thank God neither Miss Shelton nor I were in that number. Really, she is a better sailor than I am, but any one who can keep up with the meal bells do pretty well as things were. There have been some very interesting sights, especially on the decks (when we were allowed on deck, as two days we were shut up inside because of the waves) and in the lounge. One day most of the passengers were busy at tables writing or playing games, when all of us began sliding, first one way and then the other. After several times back and forth, we all came to a stop almost in the place we started from. Several other things along that line or slightly different happened, which I could not take the time to relate at this time, nor would they be as interesting as if you could view them.

Today, Sunday, Rev. McMillan had the morning service and he spoke on the signs of the times. Of all the hungry people you ever saw they were in that room this morning. Whereas last Sunday everyone left as soon as they were dismissed. Today everyone stayed and wondered why he didn't go on. They stayed and we discussed Bible prophecy and what was going to happen for about an hour. After that they asked for more tonight. There have been some sitting around in groups all afternoon discussing these things, and we can only pray that He will continue to work. Several said they were surely going to read their Bibles more than they had been doing. Pray for them.

Well, this will have to suffice for this time, as I am trying to get a few letters off. I received the steamer letters, and had a good time scanning over them, and on the further part of the journey I expect to really read them. Am so glad to hear of the blessing of the Lord in your midst.

Yours in His service,

Anna Stafsholt.

## What the Seniors Say . . .

I believe God calls men and women to Bible School just as surely as He calls them to go out and preach the Gospel to every creature. We would not like to see untrained soldiers go out to battle for our country; neither should we like to see the soldiers of "The Cross, go out unprepared in the greatest of all battles. One glorious thing about Bible School is that the Captain of our salvation is right in the army leading us onward, supplying every need, encouraging us to forget the things that are past, and to press forward.

I know that God opened the door for me to come to Bible School. He has proved His faithfulness to me. He has made a way where there seemed to be no way, and not one of His promises have failed when the conditions were met. In school we have the milk of the word for the beginners, we have the honey of the Rock, and also the strong meat. You know now that I am sold on Bible School. Praise the Lord forever for making it possible for me to attend.—Agnes Watkins, Houston, Texas.

The desire of my heart ever since I have been in the service of the Lord has been

to tell others of Jesus. Realizing that I was incapable of giving out God's Word efficiently, I entered Southern Bible Institute two years ago. These years have not been years of regret but years of rejoicing, and storing away the wonderful truths revealed in God's Word. We have studied of the great men of God from Genesis to Revelation and saw how they felt incapable and insufficient in their own strength to do work that God wanted them to do; and how God spoke reassuringly to them: "Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest." As we Seniors go out we know that we go not in our own strength, but in the strength of God.—Laurine King, Waco, Texas.

Two years ago, very unexpectedly, I found myself in the midst of a Full Gospel work and Bible School several hundred miles from home. These two years that I have spent in Southern Bible Institute have been the most profitable and the most pleasant years of my life. God, who so marvelously opened up the way for me to attend this institution, has supplied my every need. It is here that I have met God in a more intimate way. The wonderful truths of the Bible have been unfolded until now it is a living Word, a sword, and a shield. On going out now as a graduate there is a greater desire to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."—Inga Jett, Beason, Illinois.

My appreciation for Southern Bible Institute and the cause it represents, has grown considerably since I entered in 1937. Mere words cannot express my heartfelt thankfulness toward the school. I love S. B. I. and the Saviour of my soul who led me here.—Thomas T. Wilkinson, Moline, Illinois.

Ever since I have been saved, I have had a great desire to go to Bible School. Having pastored a church for three years, I realized more than ever the need of attending a Bible School. Two years ago I entered S. B. I. with a determination to graduate. I have had several to ask me if I thought it was worth while to spend two years in Bible School and if I didn't think those years were wasted. My answer to them is in the negative. My advice to any young pastor or evangelist is to spend at least two years in Bible School and you'll never regret it. As for myself, I can't find words to express what this school has meant to me.—Alvin Hendrix, Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

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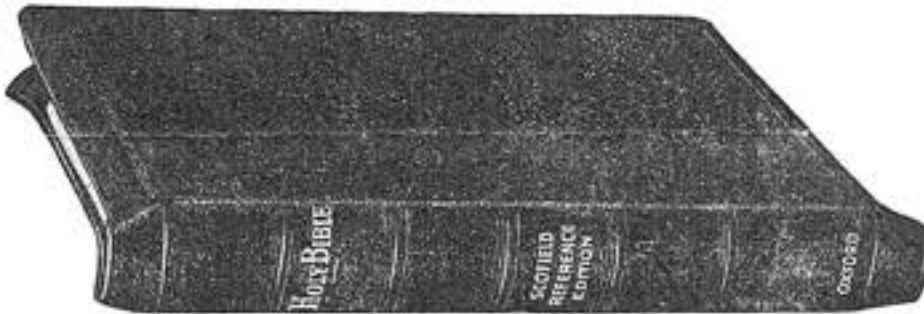
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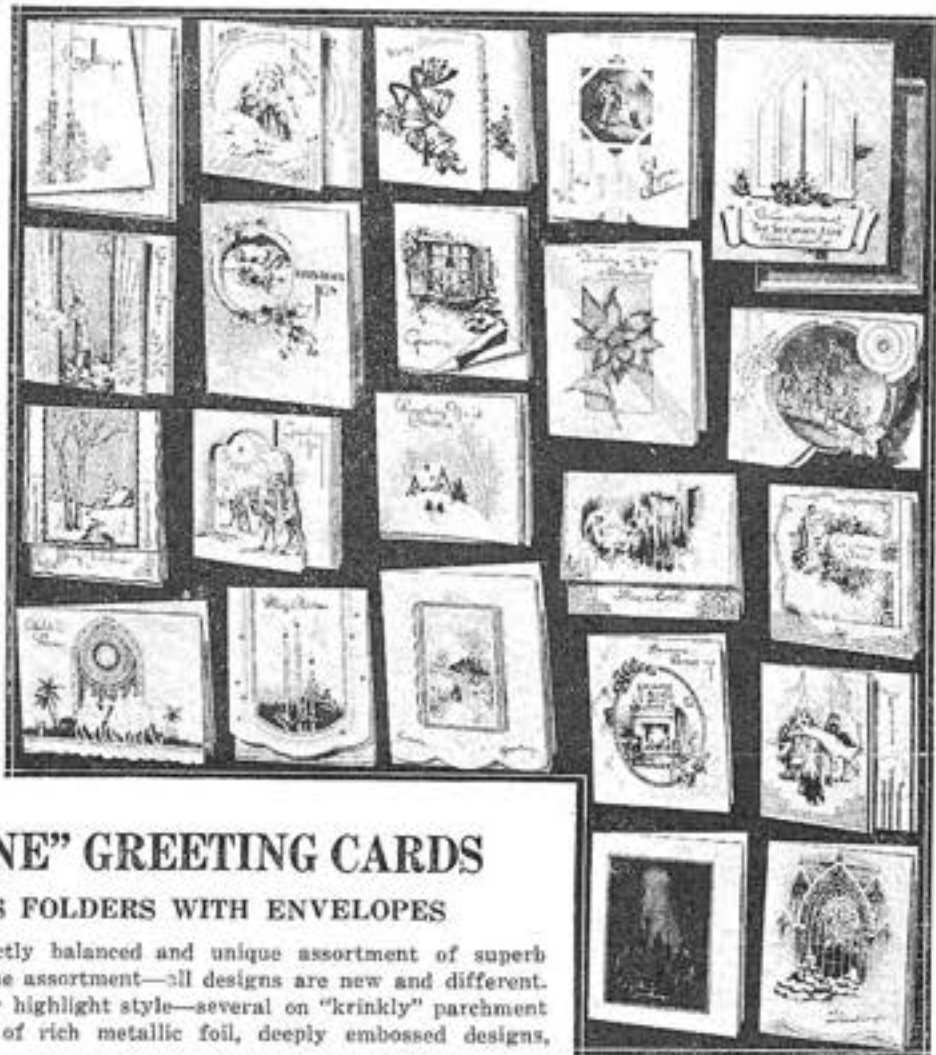
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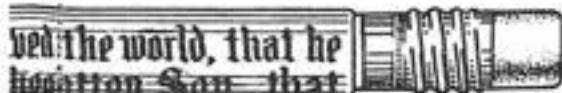
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### THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD—

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of life, there is nothing beyond but blackness and eternal night. Once the light of Christ shines with its radiance and beauty into a life, that person is a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things are passed away and all things become new. The old desires, the old pleasures, the things that seemed to be most important are of little consequence. New life is sprung up, new desires are formed, and different goals are striven for. These are not the goals of selfishness, but of love and service to others. All dread of death and darkness is past. With Christ comes peace and rest through the hope of eternal life. There is the added hope of being heirs with him who loved us and gave himself for us.

God's light has shined into the hearts of Christians that they might give out the knowledge of His glory. Christ has commanded that the glory be not hid to the world, but that it should shine out with such a radiance and brilliance that would attract all unto it. A light shining out of a window has guided many a wanderer who has been caught in the blinding storm of life, and it has caused him to take a new hold on life until he could reach a haven of safety from the storm. The keeper of a lighthouse is intrusted with human lives. What if he should fail in his duty, would fall asleep at his post, or permit the lights to not be focused correctly? The lights might grow dim from a collection of dust or smoke. The consequences would be sad. A ship with a cargo of souls might be left stranded in the midst of the rough waves to be dashed to and fro with a port in sight. A safe landing would be impossible with the dangerous reefs along the shoreline, and destruction would be the result—plunging many souls into darkness because someone had not been faithful in the trust given to him—to let the light shine out. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," and again, "Ye are the light of the world." What a great commission!

The lighted candle of the world is held today in the outstretched hand of Christ. It has been thus for nineteen hundred years. A large procession of people have passed by with unlighted candles in that length of time. They are still coming. We can see them approaching up the unlighted pathway, which will end in the yawning chasm of death. Christ is there waiting, anxious, and eager to have them pause on their journey, that the illumination of His love may lead souls out of darkness to the light of eternal day.

"Lead on, O King Eternal,  
We follow not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning,  
Where'er Thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
We journey in its LIGHT:  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might."

### RICHEY EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION STRIVING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE

The activities of the Richey Evangelistic Association reach out into all parts of the United States. Some of the outstanding campaigns conducted by Raymond T. Richey and Party during the year 1937, were held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the great Convention Hall, and in East Texas under a huge tent where thousands attended and crowded the tent beyond capacity. The campaign was continued by other evangelists throughout the summer in East Texas.



At present a co-operative revival is being held at Houston. Twenty-five pastors of churches in Houston, through their committee, asked Raymond T. Richey to hold a city-wide revival. The spirit of union is wonderful and the Holy Ghost is falling. Many are being saved, many are being healed, and the joy unspeakable and full of glory is filling the hearts of all who cooperate, with an overflow to others.

It is a union meeting as on the day of Pentecost. They were in one accord in one place when the Holy Ghost fell. So here we are in one accord in one place and the Holy Ghost is being poured out. Will you join us in praise to the Eternal Father for still greater blessings on this city?

Many thousands of letters come into the office of the Richey Evangelistic Association, asking for all kinds of spiritual advice and help. Some of these requests come by wire, long distance telephone, air-mail and other mediums. Every request is personally attended to and taken care of by H. L. Houghton, Secretary of the Association.

Your heart would be deeply touched and moved if you could read some of these requests that come in. Space will not permit us to quote a few of the heart-broken letters and telegrams we are receiving. It is generally known that the Christian people as a whole look to some central point for help, and many of them look to the Richey Evangelistic Association in Houston for their source of spiritual advice.

The Richey Evangelistic Association was organized for one purpose mainly, and that is for holding up the hands of Raymond T. Richey in his nation-wide work. It was to be his clearing house. It was to be the means of keeping him in living touch with his entire constituency; so that prayer requests would be immediately prayed over; so that letters of inquiry would be immediately answered; so that calls for meetings would have their attention.

Horace L. Houghton, Secy.

### WHAT THE SENIORS SAY—

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The associations that I have had with this graduating class as teacher and sponsor have been a source of real joy. Because of these past associations we regret to see them leave our number; however, we feel assured even as they found and so efficiently filled their respective places of responsibility while in school, it will not be long before each one will have found his particular field of ministry.

Each member of this class has contributed much to the life and growth of Southern Bible Institute. From this group all the student executives of the past term were chosen. Some, whom the Lord has called as evangelists, have conducted revival services in various places and have been instrumental in influencing other young people to consecrate their lives for the Lord's service, and who at the present time are in school preparing themselves for the ministry. The influence of each life has been uplifting, and although we will miss them greatly as they go from our midst they leave behind them a sweet smelling savor that speaks of Him whom we love and serve. It is with expectancy that we send these graduates forth, vessels meet for the Master's use.—Margaret E. Renfro, Faculty Sponsor, Inglewood, California.

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### THE CHALLENGE

Have you heard the Master's challenge  
As He calls for men today?  
Are you willing should He call you  
From your chosen fields away?  
He will use you if you're willing,  
Hasten now His call obey.

'Twas the challenge of Jehovah  
To His chosen men of old;  
When He called them from their flesh-pots  
To a walk He would unfold.  
So He's calling all believers  
To a life by faith controlled.

God is calling you to service  
As he always calls His own;  
But He cannot honor service  
When yourself is on the throne.  
Hear His challenge, oh believers!  
Life for life, yield Him His own.

Come away, sin's yoke is bondage;  
Break the ties that now enthrall.  
Jesus is your perfect Portion,  
Find in Him your all in all.  
He will honor life that's yielded;  
No good thing will He withhold.

—H. T. Bacon.



## TO EVERY CREATURE—

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but he gave what God really wants from each of us—ourselves.

Christian tonight, do you believe that every black native in Africa has an immortal soul that must meet God some day? Do you believe that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and that no man cometh unto the Father but by Him. If so, think of the condition of these unsaved souls, amongst whom no voice has been raised to tell of salvation full and free, through the finished work of Christ. We say we believe that the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God, but did you know that according to Noel Perkins, one penny keeps 320 missionaries for one second on the field. What are we doing with our pennies—spending them for foolishness while thousands perish without Christ. Yet we sit at home living our lives to please self and spending our money for luxuries and foolishness! Amazing inconsistency, appalling indifference to the revealed will of Him whom we call Lord and Master, and to the deepest needs of the human soul!

God has done His part in making his wonderful plan of salvation. Jesus did his part in carrying out the will of the Father in dying on Calvary's cross. The Holy Spirit is doing his part in the world today by drawing men and women to God and empowering them for service.

Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." What does it mean to follow Jesus? How did He act in view of sin and suffering of a lost world; in view of the knowledge of the will of God? Was it not these things, the very conditions we are facing tonight, that brought Him out of His heaven to limitless depths of self-emptying, even to "The death of the cross?" Grievously have His people failed in following that example. There is no use singing "Waft, waft, ye winds the story." The winds can never waft the story. With the majority of our fellow men still destitute of the knowledge of salvation, how can we, owing all to the sacrifice of the Son of God, remain comfortable and unconcerned in life of self-pleasing?

"I heard the call, "Come follow"—

That was all.

My gold grew dim,

My soul went after Him—

I arose and followed—

That was all.

Who would not follow—

If they heard Him call?

His challenge "Come, follow me," is sounding on and on, while with it mingles the low wail of thousands passing hour by hour into Christless graves. With these facts before us, Christian friends, I am persuaded tonight that it is not a matter of

our having a special call to preach, pray, or go—but rather, have we a special call to do nothing? Can we disobey His plain command to go—whether to that needy city of New Orleans, or to the darkest jungle of Africa?

It is not a fantastical idea, a theorem, or a dream; it is profoundly, unutterably real; and it is not the need so much as the claim of the lost world that should cause us to forsake all and be willing to follow Jesus wherever He leads.

In Algiers, N. Africa, there was a native woman who had been forgiven to leave her house. She sent for the missionary to come and tell her the story of Jesus. When he had finished she called in six native women to hear the story. Thus, the first woman heard the story twice. When he had finished, she went to a crack in the wall and took out two small coins and handed them to the missionary. He refused them, explaining that he did not tell the story for money. She then explained that she was not giving him the money for telling the story but said, "I want to give something to Him whom you said loved me and died for me. These coins are my all, but I want to give them to Him; no one ever loved me so much as He." What a lesson one may learn from this native woman. Her first act after hearing the Gospel story was that of bringing others to hear of Jesus. Did we? Then she gave her ALL. How many times have you heard the story of Jesus? How many have you brought to Him? How much have you given?

The need is great. Than the greatness of the need, only one thing is greater—the fact of God; His resources, purposes, faithfulness, commands, and promises. Yes, the need is great, immensely great, but God is greater, infinitely greater.

It is an individual matter; tonight, if you are a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, the command is to you. When Jesus said "Go!" He did not mean STAY; when He

said "Ye!" He did not mean SOMEONE ELSE; when He said, "INTO ALL THE WORLD" He did not mean just to your neighbor—but also to that native of Africa who tonight is trying to find peace for his troubled soul; comfort for his aching heart.

In these last days more than ever before Christians need to feel their responsibility to lost mankind and to God. Oh, let us forsake all, and having the mind of Christ and the power of the Holy Ghost let us pray, let us give, and let us GO!

## ALUMNI NEWS

The privileges of keeping in touch with the S. B. I. Alumni is one for which I thank God. It is interesting to receive the reports of such a splendid group of Christian Workers.

The reports for the Alumni News are coming in fine. What a joy it is to know how the Lord is blessing each one in His service!

I was glad to hear from Miss Doris Richards, in Florida, who has been a blessing and a ardent laborer in several revivals. Miss Dora Rayborn is labouring in the Kentucky Mountains as a missionary. Miss Virginia Morse, in Illinois, has been a faithful worker in her home church. Rev. Roy Johnson has been a great blessing to many in Wisconsin and Michigan as an evangelist. Brother Weldon Wright has stepped out into the evangelistic field. Brother Melvin Babbit has held some wonderful revivals and is now pastoring a work in Raymondville, Texas. Brother Wayne Harbough is now engaged in a revival in Yorktown, Texas, where God is pouring out His Spirit in a very gracious way. Miss Cleona Richards and Miss Lillian Rock are now affiliated with S. B. I. as faculty members. Miss Mary Belle Reed has been a very efficient and faithful stenographer in the S. B. I. office; Miss Edna Higgins has also been recently added to the S. B. I. office force.

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## WHAT THE SENIORS SAY—

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The two years that I have spent in Bible School have been a time of blessing, a time of joy and sweet fellowship, and delving into the Word of God. I shall never forget the time spent here, and I wish I could live it over. However, I realize I must now help others with what I have been blessed with here in Bible School.—Robert O. Cook, Donna, Texas.

Words cannot express what Southern Bible Institute means to me. Under the efficient training of its wholly consecrated teachers, I have come to a deeper and fuller understanding of God's Word, and have been disciplined to a life of usefulness and fit for the Master's service. There can be no greater institution of its kind in all the world, for here one is trained by the best teachers and methods to be the best for God's service.—Mary Gray, Riverside, Texas.

I thank God for Southern Bible Institute for it has opened my eyes to greater things. What great blessings I have received from the study of His Word. When I was converted the Evangelist quoted 2 Tim. 2: 15 to me, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." The hunger in my soul to know more of the Word led me to the Bible School. It seems that I have been sitting at the feet of Jesus for the past two years. It is a wonderful privilege to attend S. B. I.—Rose Edwards, Houston, Texas.

## BREAD OF LIFE

Blessed Jesus look upon us,  
Feed us with the Bread of Life.  
Give us that which Joel spake of,  
End our struggle and our strife.

Blessed Jesus we do thank Thee  
For Thy mercy and Thy love,  
Give us that which lit upon Thee  
In the form of a dove.

The power to turn in time of trouble,  
And look up with smiling face,  
And tell it all to Jesus,  
Who sits on the throne of grace.

Now to Him who has the power  
To give us this wondrous gift,  
Let us turn with all humility  
And praising voices lift.

For he is faithful who has promised,  
And will surely send it down;  
Give us joy and peace unspeakable  
And the right to wear a crown.

—Agnes Watkins.

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(1) A few S. B. I. Alumni members gather in a Waco cafe for a bit of lunch and a time of fellowship. Some of these ex-students are pastoring churches, some doing evangelistic work, and others teaching in Bible schools. Brother E. I. Mason, who is at the head of the table, is the president of the Alumni Association and also president of the Christ's Ambassadors of the Houston Section. Brother Thomas Neal, whose face appears just to the left of Brother Mason's, is president of the Christ Ambassadors of the Beaumont Section. (2) A group of happy Houston C. A.'s alight from their special train at Waco for the Convention. (3) The Soper family, whose family songs are heart-stirring. Brother Soper is pastoring one of the Assembly churches in Waco. Edith (extreme left is a former student of S. B. I. (4) John Smith, a Houston pastor, and Evangelist Raymond T. Richey, President of S. B. I., board the special train for the Waco Convention. (5) C. A.'s leaving the beautiful Austin Avenue Methodist Church, where the convention was held. (6) Left to right: Ray Soper, newly-elected Secretary-Treasurer; Leonard Norville, re-elected President, and U. S. Grant, resigning Secy.-Treas. of Texas District Christ's Ambassadors. (7) John Smith, from Houston; F. D. Davis, District Superintendent, and C. P. Robison, Presbyterian of Houston Section, all members of the Advisory Board of S. B. I. (8) A group of Palestine C. A.'s leaving for home in their chartered bus. (9) A revival meeting breaks out on the Houston Section's special train enroute home. (10) Some Dallas C. A.'s board their special bus for home. (Photos by S. B. I. Camera Club.)

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