

# Bethany Has Outstanding Year

The next few days will bring to completion another school year, one of the most outstanding years of Bethany Bible College.

## HIGHEST ENROLLMENT

The prospects were encouraging even at Registration Day when the largest enrollment since the founding of the school was recorded. Later in the year additional registrations brought the number to a not-hoped-for peak of forty-eight. Thus 1952 has seen the most phenomenal growth in the history of the college, an increase of thirty per cent over any previous year.

The evidence of progress is not singular.

## LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

This has been a year of advancement in the development of a school library. The books have been classified according to a standard system and a card catalogue has been established. As a means of acquiring more volumes, a special fund has been promoted. Through the agency of this fund, approximately five hundred volumes have been added to the library this year. Many of these volumes are second handed, but none the less useful.

## BOOKROOM FOUNDING

Another new endeavour has been the founding of the Bethany Bookroom. The Bookroom is performing a neglected ministry in the denomination through fostering the distribution of Christian literature. The Bookroom provides a special service for the students in supplying texts and reference books.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT GROWTH

The two-year-old Music Department has grown rapidly. One third of the student body have been enrolled in the department this year, an unusually high representation. Many of the students have made noteworthy progress.

## PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT

Among other indications of improvements are those evident in the school property. Significant of these is the grading of the athletic field. Until a few months ago the rear of our property was divided by a wall of massive rocks. One side of the field was lower than the other and very swampy. A Diesel operator with a machine spent several hours burying the rocks in the swampy section and then grading the whole field. Later the ground was harrowed and seeded. The completed operation has resulted in greatly beautifying the campus and in making our property more usable.

Indoor improvements have included the painting of the kitchen and the walls and floors in the Administration Building.

This year the School Board has taken definite action in the planning for a new central heating system. It is anticipated that next year this much-needed system will be installed.

For these and other improvements we recognize gratefully our indebtedness to the "God that giveth the increase." His continued blessing is Bethany's hope of continued prosperity and service.

## THE GREAT COMMISSION: THE EQUIPMENT

By Rev. F. A. Anderson

When Jesus sent His disciples into all the world to preach the gospel, He made it clear they were to be as fully equipped for the work as possible.

When the call was given they were enjoying a standing with Him which we would gladly acknowledge today as a Christian state or experience. They were His DISCIPLES, and according to His standard of discipleship, Luke 14:26, 27, 33, they had to love Him more than any earthly relative. They had to be cross bearers. They had to be ready to forsake all to follow Him. They were of His FLOCK, for He had said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." To qualify as sheep of His flock according to His standard recorded in John 10:27, they had to hear His voice, and the thought of obedience is in the wording of the text. He said, "I know them," yet He pictures Himself as the judge saying to the sinner in the day of judgment, "I never knew you." They also must follow in the path He leads, for He said, "My sheep follow me." He had said to those commissioned to go into all the world and preach the gospel, "I have called you friends, "but He made the standard of friendship complete obedience in the statement, "Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." He also twice states in the seventeenth chapter of John that they were not of the world. They had forsaken the world for Him.

It was to men of these standards and qualifications that Jesus said, "go," but note He also said, "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high," thus recognizing their need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit to cleanse their hearts and to empower them for service before they took up the task.

Some seem to think that a good experience of regeneration, plus the baptism of the Holy Spirit, is all that is necessary to enable one to ably preach the gospel of Christ and fulfil the Great Commission, but Jesus taught otherwise. Remember His teaching recorded in the twenty-second chapter of Luke, where He said unto them, "When I sent you without purse, and script, and shoes, lacked ye anything? and they said, nothing. Then said He unto them, BUT NOW, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his script: and he that hath no sword let him sell his garment and buy one." In other words Jesus said, "Let a man take the best equipment he is able to get." He names three things they should take, and the first is "a purse" or money. The popular opinion seems to be that money is the last thing a man in the ministry needs; Jesus says if you have it, or can get it, take it as you go; you may need it. Many seem to forget that it is not the possession of money, but the love of money, which is the root of all evil.

He also mentions "his script," evidently the Scripture as possessed by the disciples. He who would go to fulfil the Great Commission needs the Word in his hand, in his heart, and in his mind. He can take it along in his hand

## BETHANY—OUR TRAINING BASE

By the Superintendent

Preparation is a prerequisite of success. The good soldier is the product of years of training, the concert pianist masters the classics through faithful and earnest practice, the skilled workman comes forward to serve from the toils of apprenticeship. The best work in any field can only be done by well-trained men. The efficiency of the soldier, artist, workman, is very largely dependent on the character and ability of his instructor. Students are marked by their teachers, and the instructors' level of efficiency is a standard for those who are capable of wholesome aspirations.

Bethany is our training base. Here our young men and women are prepared for their life's work. The type of ministers and missionaries we shall have in the future, and, subsequently, the kind of churches and Christians we shall produce, will be largely determined through our Bible School. Moreover, the important task of basic training for Christian service in any field, regardless of the vocation, we hopefully commit to Bethany. We want Christian doctors, nurses, school teachers, office workers, tradesmen, statesmen, musicians, and the hope of our having capable and consecrated men and women in these various fields is tied in with our ambition to have a training school where spiritual and scholastic levels are equally high.

We are justly proud of Bethany and have high hopes for its future. The Faculty for 1952-'53 is comprised of a fine, well-qualified group of men and women. Every teacher has splendid scholastic standing with a degree or degrees from accredited educational institutions, a number of them having received high honours from the colleges from which they graduated. Our Bible, High School, and Music Departments will be staffed by instructors who can give students the finest kind of training. In Christian character the teachers are devoted and consecrated. Their love for the Lord and our Church has been proved by a very practical test, the offers of more attractive and lucrative positions than we could provide. The high academic qualifications and personal abilities of the members of our Bethany Faculty for 1952-'53, plus their zealous and consecrated attitude towards their accepted responsibility, provide a sound basis for our expecting great things from the School and, through the School, from our work.

Bethany merits our generous and enthusiastic support. Let's get behind and stand behind this important department of our work. When we make Bethany strong, we strengthen ourselves everywhere.

for the payment of a few dollars. He can take it in his heart if he has a sound Christian experience, but to take it in his mind will require long hours of hard study to get it there. Few things will bring richer reward, however, than the study of the Word until some portions of it are fixed indelibly in the mind.

The third part of the equipment mentioned in Luke 22:36 is the "sword." What immediately follows this verse makes it clear He

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