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Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland

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## B.B.I. FORWARD

Since its founding, the Baptist Bible Institute has been making definite strides forward under God's leadership. We continue to rejoice and praise Him for all we have. B.B.I.'s progress has not been by leaps and bounds, but a sound, gradual and steady forward movement. We see God's hand in all the blessings we have received. Income to B.B.I. has increased from \$1,582 in 1944 to over \$49,000 this last school year and this year we estimate it will come close to \$54,000.

Day School enrollment has gone from 28 to 85. Total Day and Evening School enrollment has increased to 299. We have 58 Alumni now: 15 will graduate this Commencement, May 29th. These numbers do not include students receiving E.T.T.A. Diplomas and Certificates.

In April, 1951, our Charter was changed to permit the granting of theological degrees. This year two new courses were added to the Three-Year Master Bible Course. These are a Four-Year Christian Education and a Five-Year Pastoral and Theological program leading to the Bachelor of Religious Education and Bachelor of Theology Degrees respectively.

Present male students are being classified in 4 D because B.B.I. is now recognized as a Baptist Theological School. This year we received approval from the Veterans Administration and State Board of Education to operate completely on the semester basis. This eliminates the necessity of supervised study which you former graduates well remember.

We praise God for the many opportunities given our students for services through the Christian Service Department which permits the student to receive practical experience as well as class room knowledge. 129 confessions were reported the first semester. Pray for these new babes in Christ and also that these opportunities of service will be a means of winning many more souls to Christ.

Our library is increasing rapidly, and the number of volumes has gone over the 4,300 mark and we are trusting to reach 5,000 by June 1st this year. Remember to encourage donations of books to our library.

We are planning a six-day Choir Tour, plus three one-night Programs this year, visiting Toledo, Mishawaka, Sandusky, Cuyahoga Falls, Elyria and Warren, in addition to the city choirs visited last year.

We definitely need a men's dormitory by next fall, also more office space. The trustees have approved a forward fund campaign to raise \$50,000 for capital improvements. PRAY that God will bless this campaign and that He will continue to lead as BBI goes forward. You Alumni all have the liberty to help in BBI's Forward Movement.

—John Bennett, Registrar

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ALUMNI --PLEASE NOTE !!

Save this date—Friday, May 23  
ALUMNI BANQUET  
(Details to be announced later)

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ITEMS OF NOTE CONCERNING ALUMNI  
NOT MENTIONED IN JANUARY ISSUE

CLARENCE JANDECKA is working for Loesch & Green Construction Co. He is also the Pastor of South Madison Community Church. His wife is attending Evening School and expects to receive an E.T.T.A. diploma in June. Tentative plans are to go to Campbellsville College in Kentucky in September.

ETHEL PAPP is working as an addressograph operator at the National City Bank. Her church home is the Ebenezer United Brethren Church at W. 65th and Sergeant.