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*The Story of  
the Bible Institute  
of Los Angeles*



*"The Seed is the Word"*

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165 FEET DEEP. THIRTEEN STORY REINFORCED CONCRETE BUILDING. TWO HOTEL  
BUILDINGS OF 632 ROOMS. AUDITORIUM SEATING 4000. ALL FULLY EQUIPPED.

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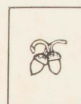
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## *From Acorn to Oak*

*The Story of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles*



### *The Seed*

In 1905, Rev. T. C. Horton, then Bible teacher of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California, organized "The Fishermen's Club, and in 1906 Mrs. Horton organized "The Lyceum Club." These societies of young men and women respectively were formed for the study of the Bible and its cardinal doctrines; for confirming Christian character, and training in Christian service. Their success was marked. A number of these young people resolved to give themselves specifically to evangelistic work and desired more thorough training in the Bible and ways of service.

### *The Planting*

In the fall of 1907, with this band of "Cadets of the Kingdom," the BIBLE INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES was founded and incorporated, with a sympathetic directorate and a competent faculty.

### *The Seed's Growth*

That which is alive grows, and that which grows is alive. The germ lived; it passed through the stages of the tender shoot and feeble sapling and became the sturdy oak we now see.

### *The Soil*

The INSTITUTE is rooted and grounded in the soil in which the infant Church, under the sowing of the Apostles and culture of the Holy Spirit grew, (Mark 4:31, 32). The Divine character of the Institute is, therefore, embodied in this

### The Courses of Study

1. **The Bible Course:** This course might almost be named "All About the Bible." The student is led to obtain a true familiarity with the wonderful Book, its origin, nature, lands and peoples; and is required to study carefully each book, chapter and even verse.

2. **Bible Doctrine Course:** A given doctrine is traced through the Scriptures, the related statements compared and studied, and a proposition formulated, at first hand, expressing their common testimony. So the man of science collects his facts, **lets them do the talking**, and records their testimony as his scientific creed.

3. **Christian Evidences.** The evidences from the monuments, from miracles, from prophecy, from the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, from present day experience.

4. **The Use of the Bible in Personal Work.** The object of this study is to give the students facility in using their Bibles in dealing with those whom they are seeking to bring to Christ. The Christian soldier must know how to use "the Sword of the Spirit" under the immediate direction of the Spirit.

5. **The Music Course** affords an all-round knowledge of music so far as is necessary to meet the requirements of the evangelistic singer, composer, choir leader, organist and pianist.

There are also courses in sermon-making; in the principles of teaching (inculcated by precept and practice); in Sunday School history, conduct and methods; in practical evangelism in its various branches; in mission work, city, rural and foreign.



Newsboys' Sunday School  
Yoke Fellows' Hall

Shop Meeting  
Street Meeting

Finally, four **Correspondence Courses** are conducted by their respective authors, Dr. R. A. Torrey, Rev. J. H. Hunter and Rev. T. C. Horton, as follows:

**Course One**, by Dr. Torrey, covers the fundamental doctrines of our faith.

**Course Two**, by the same author, the life and teachings of our Lord.

**Course Three**, by Mr. Hunter, traverses the Bible by books and chapters.

**Course Four**, by Mr. Horton, treats of personal evangelism and practical Christian work.

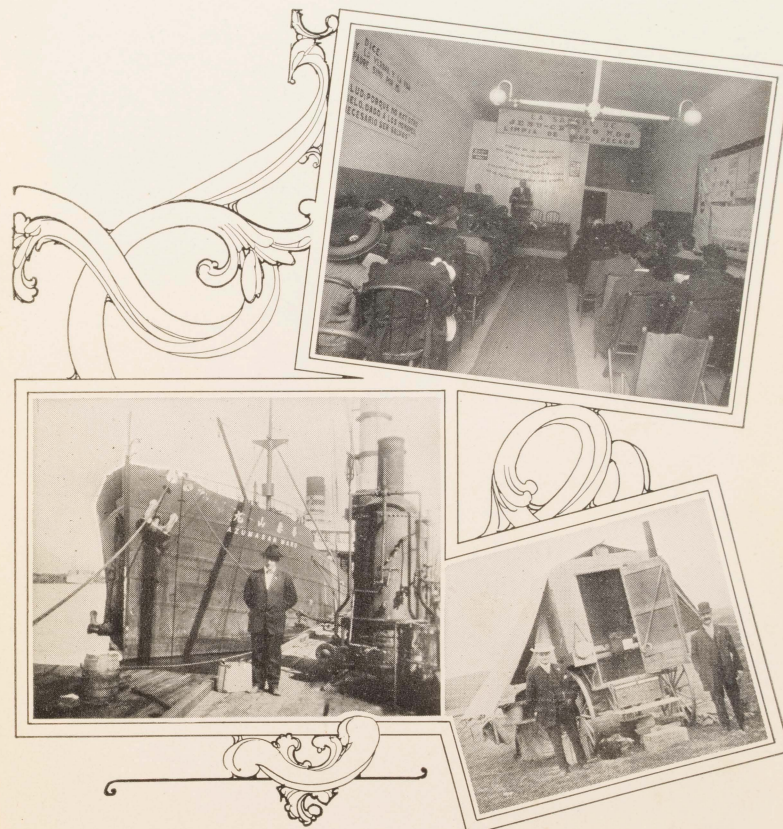
### Watch Care

A firm and affectionate watch care is maintained by the Faculty over the spiritual life and growth of every student. The whole habit and atmosphere of the Institute is calculated to quicken and promote a high degree of Christian character and experience.

### Practical Work

The following practical branches of labor engage the students throughout their course and enable them, under competent leaders, to acquire an experience which qualifies them for veteran service immediately on their graduation:

- Daily definite effort in soul winning.
- Nightly work in "rescue missions" and street preaching.
- Sunday school teaching, organizing and superintending.
- Evangelistic work in shops and factories.
- Evangelistic singing.
- Evangelistic campaigns.
- Tract and colporteur work.
- House to house visitation.



Harbor Work

Oil Field Work

Spanish Mission

### The Evangelistic Departments

Round about are many neglected neighborhoods and communities. We endeavor to occupy these places as far as we can.

**The Oil Fields** of California are very extensive and little organized Christianity is there to minister to the men and families of these regions. We have kept men, peculiarly adapted to such ministry, actively engaged on the field for years, with good success.

**Our Spanish Mission**, located among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the city, has been richly blessed of God, and is conducted by devoted brethren thoroughly fitted for such a service, within and out of doors, and in personal and house to house evangelism. It is a great source of satisfaction to feel that something is done, by the grace of God, to redeem this otherwise helpless element that throngs certain sections of our city.

**Among the Jews** we also maintain divinely gifted workers whose labors are "not in vain in the Lord," and no converts afford us more joy than those from the people through whom salvation has "come to (us) the Gentiles."

**In the Shops and Factories** where hundreds of men are found whose circumstances are almost an insurmountable barrier to the means of grace, our evangelists hold Gospel meetings on the week days and press the claims of Jesus on men, many of whom become Christians of the sturdiest type.

**Our Bible Women** have become a well known factor in the evangelistic enterprises of the city. They are "deaconesses" in the most realistic sense. Trained in the knowledge of the Scripture as "the Word of salvation";



Reception Hall      Kitchen      Rose Room  
Dining Room      Rest Room



filled with the Spirit of grace; in the fullest sympathy with their sisters who are out of Christ and deep in discontent, trouble or grief, the truly "weary and heavy laden"; they seek them out among the homes of the city and point them to Him who gives "rest to the soul." We can devoutly say "Help **those** women who labor . . . in the Gospel" (Phil. 4:3).

**The Yokefellow's Hall** is maintained as a center for men whom we know as "down and out" that we may lift them up and bring them in. This we endeavor to do by proclaiming the message in the streets, expounding the Word in the rooms, and soliciting, then and there, the most hopeless and hardened to avail themselves of the transforming power of the Blood and Word of Christ. In this Hall we also conduct a Sunday School for street waifs and gather in a motley group of them from week to week.

**In Los Angeles Harbor** the ships of all nations are from time to time to be found and no work has proved more fruitful than that done on shipboard among the seamen who, we might almost say "hear, every man, in his own tongue wherein he was born." God's favor seems to rest exceptionally on this branch of our service as indicated by the adaptability, consecration, acceptability and success of the workers.

**The Extension Work** is the long arm of our activities which reaches out in teaching and preaching in other parts of the state. Fifteen of our graduates are studying for the regular ministry in theological seminaries. A score or more are representing the Lord, the Church and the Institute in heathen lands. Numbers of others are engaged as pastors, evangelists, mission workers, Sunday school missionaries, etc.

**The Fishermen's and the Lyceum Clubs** out of which the work developed, have their several club rooms and weekly devotional and Bible study assemblies under the roof and approbation of the Institute and carry its spirit, zeal and evangelistic principles throughout the city and even to distant regions.

**The Book Room**, in which we carry a very large assortment of best Bibles and books, pamphlets and tracts, is recognized as one of the best religious book stores in the country. We carry nothing but religious literature.

**Our Printing Plant** is equipped with the best and latest presses, and all the paraphernalia necessary for first-class work, and has taken front rank with the leading printing firms of the city.

**The King's Business**, our monthly magazine, the organ and herald of our institution and its work, is rich in reading matter, Biblical instruction and comment. It will be mailed to you with its monthly messages to the mind and heart for One Dollar a year.

The work of the Institute is wisely conducted, and the funds contributed for its support are economically administered.

### *Finances*

The best commendation of the work is the signal blessing which has rested upon it and by which it has been enabled to reach its present high position as a determining factor in the evangelization of the world.

Gifts of any amount will be gratefully acknowledged, and may be designated for any special department of the work.

### *Annuities*

The Institute is prepared to receive funds for permanent investment on the annuity plan, the interest to be adjusted in accordance with the age of the annuitant.

### *The Institute Building*

We shall be glad to show our visitors the building, as well as to introduce them to the classes and devotional gatherings of the school.

The center of the structure is the beautiful Auditorium, with a capacity of four thousand. In the basement is a fine lecture room with a capacity of about six hundred, and additional space, when partitions are raised, for several hundred more. On this floor, also, are to be found the rooms of the Fishermen's and Lyceum Clubs.

To the north and south of this auditorium are the men's and women's buildings respectively, rising thirteen stories with basement and roof gardens. These buildings are thoroughly equipped as dormitories for the students, and hotels for men and women who wish permanent or transient accommodations.

The North Building contains the dining hall where satisfactory service, at reasonable rates, is to be had. The Business and Executive Offices are also on the first floor of this building.

Full information concerning any department of our work will be furnished upon application.



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