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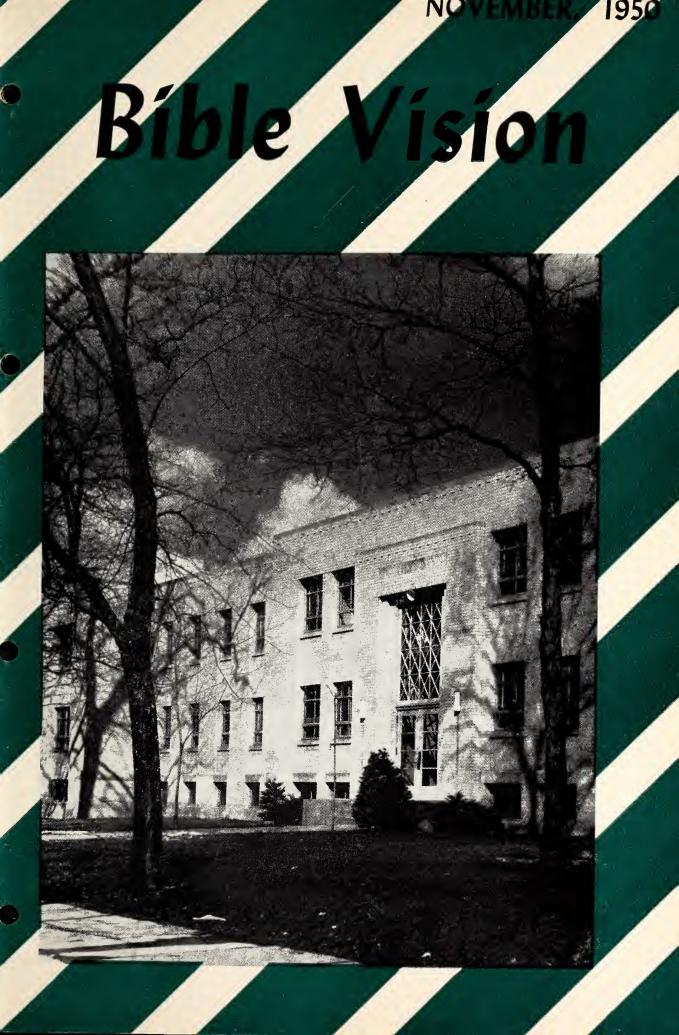


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Beginnings

Greet the morning with a song,

Meet the dawn with salutation!

Let the sunrise find you long

On your knees in adoration.

Then your sorrow will transform

Into psalms of exultation!

-Frieda Martini Buchen

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From



the President

There is nothing that God hates more than dead religion. We know this by the pronouncements in His Word and the verdict of history. The religion of Jesus' time, though it could be traced in its origin to the Mosaic revelation, was formal and It was without the one hollow. element that would give it signifi-Its outstanding excance—life. ponents were only acting their parts in religious exhibitionism. Observe the words of denunciation by the Lord Himself: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."

And to understand how God scraps a worthless religion, note what happened to lifeless Judaism forty years later. The sacred city was sacked by Titus, the temple that was supposed to house the Shekinah Presence was destroyed, and ever since Jewery has been without a valid temple, a valid sacrifice, and a valid priesthood.

Several centuries later when the first century church had lost its purity and had become wedded to worldly corruption, God permitted the scourge of Mohammedanism to wipe out most of Christendom in the near East, nearly all of it, Northern Africa and Asia Minor, and ever since

those lands have been sterile in terms of a dynamic, evangelical Christianity.

When a formal, corrupt church became wedded to a corrupt state in Russia and united to suppress liberty and commit unspeakable inhumanities in the 19th century, God permitted atheistic Communism to destroy much of the rotten religion that was more of a curse than a blessing to Russians.

God hates a tepid religion! His attitude is expressed by the words addressed to the Laodicean Church: "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

What an incentive to keep churches and evangelical agencies alive and ablaze by the fires of the Holy Spirit! God's pleasure is suggested by His displeasure. He looks for *life* because He is the living God.

Our danger is not so much from "wild fire" as from no fire at all!

There is only one way for a church in a state of spiritual declension to recover its dynamic. There must be a restored relation to the Holy Spirit as the Administrator, the Life, the Power of the church. The early churches prospered when they were living in the power of the Spirit. "The churches . . . in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied" (Acts 9:31).

THIRST FOR GOD

As the hart paneth for the water brooks, so paneth my soul after Thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.

__Psalm 42:1 and 2.

In the strong words of the hymn,

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," we often glibly sing,

"My soul was quenched, my soul revived,

And now I live in Him."

Have we really experienced this quenching? We all have a longing for the "one Perfect Friend," who alone can fully understand us. We crave the quenching of this soul thirst that God alone can satisfy.

When Christ, writhing in agony on the cross, cried out, "I thirst," He made it possible for His flock forever afterward to quench its thirst by tasting His living water, the water that heals the sin-sick soul, and brings solace from all earth's tears.

The Greek poet Pindar reportedly said:

"Earth's noblest element is water." Without water brooks, what would become of the garment of loveliness with which the earth is clothed? We know how water restores and refreshes the whole creation, rendering it fertile and beautiful. But there is a thirst which no cooling springs can satisfy, wounds that no healing waters cure, a stain that nothing finite can remove. We bear burdens of sin that can not be buried, even in the depths of the sea.

But there is a wellspring of God's

grace, a fellowship with Him, that completely transforms us. Do you know this spring? Like the well God revealed to Hagar in the wilderness, it makes faint hearts overflow and bids flowers of joy to bloom a-We need not search far for the Giver of this water. Like sunshine before a locked door, He stands ready to enter the moment the bar is removed. For the guilt-laden heart that thirsts after righteousness, there is a deep ocean of compassion, where he can fling his load of sin.

Take new heart, thirsty one! There is never a draught in the river of God's grace! Never! God's wells have water in abundance. Those who, God-empowered, draw there and strike deep roots, are like "a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in nis season; whose leaf also shall not wither" (Psalm 1:3). "The river of God . . . is full of water" (Psalm 65:9).

At this Thanksgiving season, when from dawn to solemn starlight we see signs of the harvest God has lavished, let us praise Him, not only for such material blessings, but for the priceless water of life.

"The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

__Frieda Martini Buchen

Calling Tychicus

By Laurence Farr

A strange kind of a criminal! Different from any of the other appealed cases in the emperor's court was this gray haired, short-sighted bent old man, who hired his own house, insisted on holding public services, and always had a group of people around him from Palestine, Asia Minor, and Macedonia. And now he had taken to letter writing!

Paul had already written to his friend Philemon, and had almost finished two more letters to people whom he had never met, but for whom his heart was overflowing with deep affection. He was seated at a rough table, across from him his patient scribe, beside him Epaphras, a charter member of the Colossian church, his head bowed, his heart stirred with holy concern for the church of his home town and the neighboring cities. Paul knew perfectly what the prayer was in the soul of the staunch fellow-worker beside him; for it was his oft-repeated account of the founding of the churches in these cities and of the work in Hierapolis, Pergamus, Thyatira, Smyrna, Sardis, and Philadelphia, which had led Paul to write these two letters "Epaphras," requested the mighty apostle, "would you lead us in prayer?" Both knelt. It was only a short prayer: "O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enable thy children in Colossae and Hierapolis and Laodicea to become mature, and to accomplish thy complete will."

The two prisoners rose from their knees and sat down again on the rude stool beside the secretary's table. "Epaphras"—the word came

deliberately—"whom can we send with these letters to take personal greetings to your church at Colossae and to the other churches in the Ephesus region? I am ready to close my letters, and wish to name somebody as the bearer of the letters and my personal representative."

So they talked it over. was Dr. Luke, that historian of a warm heart and an orderly mind, who had been one of Paul's companions on his second missionary journey. But he was busy writing his gospel to those churches, ministering to Paul, and keeping in touch with the churches. Aristarchus, another of those companions of the second and third journeys, was also one of the number, but perhaps Paul could send him on a mission to his native Macedonian churches. Demas was indeed a member of the group, but the zeal of the gospel seemed to be fading from his ministry; he was restless and dissatisfied, and Paul could not entrust him with so important a task. Mark, still another of the number, had proved himself most valuable to Paul, but he was awaiting Peter's coming to Rome and was going to help him with his messages in the capital.

Suddenly Epaphras' be a med. "Why not send Tychicus? He is from Asia Minor, too."

Paul could ill afford to let Tychicus go because he was very helpful to Paul in his ministry to the Roman Christians. Paul considered him a beloved brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant. But would not he, understanding Paul

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Conversing with God

The peril of dealing with sacred things is that they will become commonplace. The peril of repeating the name of Deity is that in time only words will be spoken and His name taken in vain. The peril of repeating the Lord's prayer is that we fall into the very error against which Jesus warned when He gave it as a model not to be memorized but to be imitated. "When ye pray," said Jesus, "use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking . . . After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven."

It is a tragedy when we can become accustomed to mountains that we lose a sense of their majesty and height. In spiritual experience it is necessary at times to stop and gaze anew at the majestic peaks of divine reality: the holiness of God: His redeeming love: His condescension in Jesus Christ. Every Christian needs to keep alive the capacity to be lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Let us think for a moment of the meaning of prayer so that we will appreciate its privilege and will be saved from empty formalism.

Andrew Murray defined prayer in this way: "This is the glory of the inner chamber, to converse with God the Holy One." Prayer is the link between the finite and the infinite. Think of the distance in kinds of beings linked up by prayer! God's servant prayed: "Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee . . . Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant,

and to his supplication, O Lord my God."

But think too of the moral and spiritual distance spanned by prayer.

Someone has said that the holiness of God is the expression of the unspeakable distance by which He in His righteousness is separated from us, and yet also of the unspeakable nearness in which He in His love longs to hold fellowship with us and dwell in us.

If someone would ever find a means by which a human being could speak with one of God's tiny creatures such as an ant or a bee, a new word would have to be coined for that kind of conversation. Now the word coined long ago for the marvelous means by which an infinite, holy God speaks with unworthy human beings is prayer. We are so accustomed to it that we take it for granted. We are so insensible to spiritual privilege that we neglect this greatest of all privileges.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,

The Christian's native air."

Prayer is communion, for in the garden of prayer He walks with us and talks with us, and tells us we are His own. Prayer is worship. Prayer is trust. In prayer God imparts His grace, His life, His power, His very presence.

Then why shouldn't we pray?

A radio message given in Sunrise Chapel by S. A. Witmer and published by request of a radio listener.

from DARKNESS to LIGHT

Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much.

Luke 7:47.

These words aptly apply to one of our new students, Robert Schrock. Reared by parents who attended church but did not live Christ, this Berne-born young man did not learn of salvation early in life; various responsibilities denied him formal high school training.

After marriage, Bob and his wife attended a fundamental church. Mrs. Schrock encouraged him to meet God at the altar, where Christ lifted sin's burden and made His abode Bob meant business then, within. received enabling grace to make restitution, but resisted God's call for complete surrender. Because of this unwillingness, Satan attacked in an unusual way, and Bob "went to the depths of sin." Bob knew this was not right, but it "looked so good," that each day found him farther from God. Though assurance of salvation had been given, Bob let Satan win.

One night after a fight Bob was almost unconscious, lying alone in a dark alley, when a vision of hell appeared to him that Bob will never forget. In a state of conviction and near death, his heart cried out for deliverance and he yielded fully to God. Christ's tender, insistent pleading had not been in vain. Then came several escapes from death and the Lord worked further by sending trials, to strengthen his will. Peaceful light then followed, and, Godempowered, Bob said, "Not my will, but Thine, be done!"

His all was laid on the altar.

The sin in which he had gloried was put under the blood and desire for it vanished. Worldly habits lost their hold, while the new-found joy in Christ was unspeakable.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5:17).

In a never-to-be forgotten experience, the Holy Spirit with real anointing came upon him. What a wonderful token of God's grace!

"I didn't tell others I had yielded to Christ," Bob remarked, "they told me. Acquaintances knew I was wholly yielded because of my transformation. I began to live a victorious Chirstian life." Mrs. Schrock was drawn closer to the Lord, and the little girl began early to learn of Jesus.

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REV. DAN DEMIN SERVES

A new and unique field of Christian service is open to Chaplain Dan Demin, a graduate from Fort Wayne Bible College in 1942. After receiving further practical training as a pastor, he was called four years ago to be industrial plant chaplain at R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., Peoria, Ill. As an industrial chaplain, Dan Demin's field of endeavor for the Lord Jesus Christ is large, challenging, and very interesting.

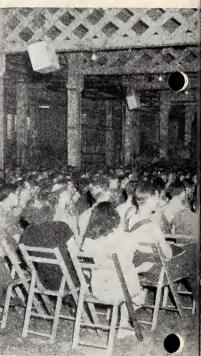


"Our plant has from its infancy had shop meetings or chapel services provided for the employees," writes Mr. Demin. "It has just been in the last five or six years that we have had a chaplain here in Peoria. I have been privileged to be the first full time chaplain."

It is the firm belief of the founder and president of the organization that practical Christianity should have its rightful place in business. All employees are acquainted with the fact vitally interested in their other of their problems. is on a par with other so The Peoria plant of La fifteen hundred employee

The daily duties of t at 6:30 each weekday m Sunrise Meditations relic itual program of music ar LeTourneau Foundation.

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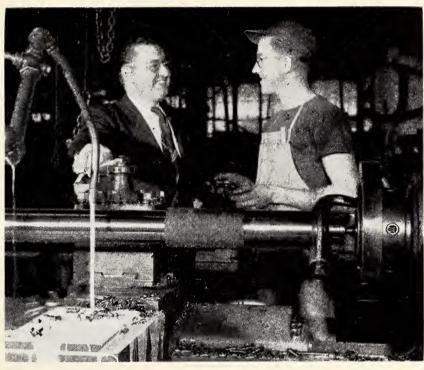
at their company is as ritual welfare as in any is the spiritual program es to factory personnel.

speakers include some of the most well-known and outstanding Christian leaders, ministers, and missionaries. The chaplain makes all arrangements for these services. In the picture is a typical chapel service with Mr. LeTourneau speaking.

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on a voluntary basis for features make it at-All plant and office operhour, and the employees other they attend chapel apel service is provided ery other week. Guest





Mr. Demin writes further, "The chaplain's office is open at all times for the employees to come with their problems of a spiritual nature. The chaplain visits them on the job, and helpful Christian literature is at their disposal at all times." In the third picture Chaplain Demin is seen talking with one of the machinists at his work in Peoria Plant No. 1.

In conclusion, Chaplain Demin writes, "You may wonder what the effectiveness of this program has been . . . I could relate numerous experiences of salvation, adjustments in the home, ϵtc ."



The last pictures show Chaplain Demin visiting one of the employees in a local hospital, and another of the employees in his office for counsel.

A final objective is stated by

Chaplain Demin in these words, "We try to keep in good contact with our employees during illnesses and convalescence periods, and in every way try to manifest a true Christian attitude between the management and labor."



Bible College News

Messiah to be Given December 10th

The event which is coming to be the outstanding musical program of the school year, the annual rendition of the Handel's "Messiah" by the College Choir under the direction of Professor Oliver Steiner, will be given on Sunday afternoon, December 10th, at 2:30. Solo parts will be sung by four distinguished soloists as follows:

Elizabeth Humphrey, soprano, of Chicago; Audrey Paul, contralto, River Forest, Ill.; Ralph Nielson, tenor, Elmhurst, Ill.; and Robert Morton, bass, Chicago.

Meeting of Accrediting Association

President, S. A. Witmer, spent October 16 and 20 in Chicago in the interest of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. Meetings of the executive committee occupied the first three days, and the regular sessions opened on Thursday morning. Dr. Witmer addressed one of these sessions on the theme of building a Bible College curriculum. Dean Elmer Neuenschwander joined him for the Thursday and Friday meetings.

Special Events

Elton Roth of Los Angeles, Calif., presented a well-received sacred recital on Wednesday, November 1st, in the College chapel. He gave a number of his original compositions.

The faculty of the School of Music gave an enjoyable recital on October 23rd. Participants were Oliver Steiner, Richard Gerig, C. A. Gerber, June Swaback, Mabel Rose, and John Will, accompanied by Bert Wilhoit.

The first student recital is to be held on Monday, November 20th in the College chapel.

The Annual Youth Conference was held October 27-29 with Dr. William McConn, President of Marion College, as the principal speaker. Leonard Paquay and Mary Lee Popps were Co-Chairmen, and Ralph Ogden was the song director. A deep burden of prayer preceded the Conference, and God's gracious presence was manifested beginning with the day of prayer on Friday, Oct. 27th.

Miss Leona Lehner, ('43) who is supported by the Mission Band in her ministry in Ecuador, spoke in the Mission Band of Oct. 6. Home on furlough, Miss Lehner discovered a physical need that had not appeared while she was on the field and she underwent surgery on Oct. 18. The College family unites in praying for her complete recovery.

Jake Schierling ('45), who has spent one term in Sierra Leone, addressed the Mission Band on Oct. 13 and showed slides of his work.

Charles Kauffman ('52) gave a helpful and practical message in the first of the chapel periods taken by the Student Council on Oct. 12. The Student Council has charge of chapel on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Fellowship Circle

BIRTHS

To Mr. ('48) and Mrs. (nee Eileen Roth '47) Truman Gottchalk was born a son, Stephen Gale on September 8 in Ecuador, South America.

Mr. ('47-) and Mrs. ('50) Robert Smith have a baby boy since September 10. His name is Leslie Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. *Charles Wirt* ('46-) became the parents of a daughter, Mary Irene, born September 23.

David Ellis came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skinner ('48-) on October 13.

PASTORS

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Zimbelman (both '41-43) have accepted the call to the Church of the Nazarene at Ritzville, Washington. They just closed a successful revival campaign with Rev. Harold Walker ('43-) and George Pike ('43) as evangelists.

Wendall Sousley ('50) is now pastor of the Fairview Missionary Church at Angola, Indiana.

Leroy Rusher ('50) is now pastor of a new church at Mooresville, Ohio.

Rev. Howard Stein ('41) has accepted the East Side Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. C. R. Bennet ('35-'37) is now pastor of Burns Avenue Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at Dayton, Ohio.

Kingswood School at Bean Station, Tennessee, has claimed several of our graduates. *Priscilla Nickeison* ('49) is teaching the second grade, *Marjorie Johnson* ('50) is the kindergarten instructor, and *Clurk Card* ('50) teaches Bible, Problems of Democracy, and voice.

MISSIONARIES

Miss Leona Lehner ('43) spoke in Mission Band on October 6. She is one of the missionaries supported by the students. She underwent surgery October 19 and would appreciate an interest in your prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schierling (both '45) were Mission Band speakers October 13.

Rev. and Mrs. (nee *Clara Klint* '20) Fred Joder, sailed from New York for French West Africa, October 17 on the "Triton."

Rev. ('42) and Mrs. ('45) T. Wayne Judd arrived safely in Cuidad Trujillo, Dominican Republic on September 9.

COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA

"There is no place in all the world I'd rather be than right here! Persecution isn't pleasant for the moment, but it is giving us a purified and a powerful Colombian church. We are seeing today the realization of ideals and visions under the mighty workings of the Spirit that we had thought would take years to accomplish."

Florence Cavender ('35)

INDIA

"While the new government in India is promising freedom of religion to all, she is seeking as fast as possible to consolidate more and more in the direction of Hinduism! Hence while pushing education, especially in Bombay Province, she is planning and ordering as many as possible of the private schools to be closed! That means Parsi and Mohammedan, too, but it hits the mission schools hardest. Won't you join us that God may roll back the waters that have so overwhelmed us and get glory to His Name through this."

Luella C. Burley ('31)

CHINA

"The opportunities are numerous. I have a very full program for the autumn and winter, teaching in two schools—an evening Bible school and a seminary. And then I have a number of independent classes. The word from Changsha is still good and we have had a good year there under the circumstances."

Charles A. Roberts ('14)

MEXICO

Miss Mahala Diller ('33) writes of successful Daily Vacation Bible School activities in which a goodly number were saved. She sees great possibilities there with the children.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

The work here at Kalaheo is a real challenge. Miss Dorothy Rothfuss ('39-) has laid an excellent foundation for a new church. There are so many needy people through the Islands that we hardly know where the greatest need is. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth reapers to Hawaii and that He will lead them to the places of greatest need.

Don and Faythe Rohrs (both '48)

PLEASE PRAY

Helen Burley ('43) of Sierra Leone, Africa; Mildred Wanner ('43) of Ecuador, South America; and Bob Elliott ('42) of the Dominican Republic are being severely tested physically. Remember them in prayer.

CLASS OF '21

Elda Amstutz from the Ramabai Mukti Mission in India writes, "We have not been hampered in preaching the Gospel. Thank God. Within the nearly four months spent in Sapa, there is a very interested group of young men who say they are definitely ready to become Christians. Pray for them.

Alvin Oyer from Honalulu writes that their new church building will be completed soon. In almost every service some make decisions for the Lord.

Alvin Becker is still with the Northern Bible Society making contacts with churches in five states. He is kept busy speaking four or five times each Sunday.

Christine Stauffer reports victory and souls being saved in her work in West Virginia.

Christine Nettie Johnson is teaching in the Ozark Bible Institute.

Edna Hewins has truly found the Lord sufficient for every need. He has been precious to her since the passing away of her husband June 6.

Rev. Dan Ramseyer has been pastor of West Baptist Church in Bay City, Michigan, for fourteen years and he reports several unusual outpourings of the Spirit of God in their midst.

Lydia Burkholder is working at Moody Bible Institute.

Arthur Dodgson is happy serving the Lord as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Terre Haute, Indiana.

CORRECTION

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson ('50) are at home in Peoria, Ill. Miss Iola Perkins ('50) may be addressed at Adrian, Michigan.

Calling Tychicus

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so closely and feeling the burden of the work so much, be just the one to represent him to the disciples at It was at Ephesus and Colossae? high personal cost to the ageing apostle; but was it not for the sake of two congregations whom he dearly loved, although he had never seen the faces of the members of either of them? So he added a sentence in both the Ephesian and the Colossian letters, "I am sending Tychicus to tell you everything about my condition and my work.'

Tychicus, just a layman. Just an ordinary person interested in the gospel. Just a member of the body of Christ. Just a Gentile. But to Paul, there was no dividing line between clergy and laity, between Jew The apostle, evangeand Gentile. list, pastor, teacher, administrator, deacon, organizer, were all the same to him. They were all parts of the body of Christ. Hand, eye, foot, ear, all members of the same body. Tychicus, a member of the body along with Paul, could perform the service which was denied to the apostle himself.

So Paul called Tychicus, and told him that he would like him to be his personal representative to the churches of the Ephesus region and those at Colossae, Laodicea, and

Hierapolis. He would like him to bear the letters, and to accompany the slave Onesimus who was returning to his master, Philemon, at the Colossae church.

In America and elsewhere pastors bewail the lack of fellow workers, while laymen stand back "because the pastor wants to do everything alone and does not give them any opportunity to work with him." But Tychicus is in your congregation, a true Christian, capable, willing, only waiting for a place of service. Call Tychicus, and put him to work!

From Darkness to Light

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Zealously Bob resolved to go as far with the Lord as he had gone with the Devil. "The Devil is as real to me as the Lord, and comes even yet to make me doubt the genuineness of my salvation." When questioned whether he were ready to meet God, word came clearly to assure him, "I have blotted them out." Then he experienced the thrill of leading his brother to God.

The Schrocks are fully persuaded that God led to Bob's schooling here. He keenly enjoys his work and finds untold satisfaction in studying God's Word. They are looking for further guidance to Him who said, "I will guide thee with mine eye."

Slates of F. W. B. C. Evangelist-Associates

Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard E. Amstutz, 1100 Ensley Ave., Auburn, Ind.

Nov. 7-19 - - Missionary Ch., Sterling Kansas Nov. 21-Dec. 3 - Missionary Ch., Bucklin, Kansas

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Strubhar, 1237 Seneca Place, Peoria, Ill.

Nov. 19-Dec. 3 - Missionary Ch., Auburn, Ind.

Dec. 5-17 - Evangelical Mennonite, Adrian, Mich.

Dec. 13-Jan. 14 - Olivet Miss. Ch., Peoria Heights, Ill.

Jan. 16-28 Christian and Miss. Alliance, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

A Grateful Alumnus from Distant Japan Joins the Patrons' Council

Miss Genevieve Smith, one of the relatively small number of Protestant missionaries to go to Japan since the close of World War II, recently sent a letter of appreciation with a gift to the Patrons' Council. This will go toward training other young lives for Christian service. She writes:

"I am enclosing my subscription to the Patrons' Council of the Bible College, and also a check for this first year. I count it not only a joy and privilege to do what I can to help support our school, but I also feel a debt of gratitude to several anonymous persons who so kindly helped me when I was a student there. May God bless Fort Wayne Bible College and use it for the salvation of many souls yet in darkness."

If you believe in the critical need of vital Christian education for youth, you too may have a definite share in its promotion by uniting with others in the Bible College Patrons' Council. A subscription of \$10.00 or more per year entitles you to membership.

Send subscription and gifts to . . .

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Fort Wayne 6, Indiana

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