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Bible Training School,
Fort Wayne, Indiana,
October 5th, 1916.

"That ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." (A motto suggestion.)

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE----

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

At the opening of another school year, our hearts and minds revert to the various members of our Fellowship Circle, the majority of whom are not with us in person, but of whose hearty sympathy and co-operation in prayer, we feel assured.

We have thought that a letter giving an outline report of the opening of school and the work of the Fellowship Circle to date, would be of interest to the various members.

The first annual meeting of the Fort Wayne Bible Training School Fellowship Circle was held on the evening of Commencement Day, May 18, 1916, with an encouraging attendance. After balloting for officers, several interesting addresses were given, in which the purposes and work of the Circle were set forth. The names of the officers elected were as follows:

J. E. LAUBY, President.

B. F. LEIGHTNER, Vice President.

IDA C. ROGERS, Corresponding Secretary.

DAISY D. ROTH, Recording Secretary.

MRS. D. C. STUCKY, Treasurer.

Up to date, October fifth, there are one hundred and sixty-two (162) members of the Fellowship Circle. It is proposed that in future, the names and addresses of the membership be printed in the yearly school catalog.

There are still some former students whom we have been unable to locate and in order that we may be able to reach them, we are giving at the close of this letter, a list of those whose mail was returned and whose present addresses we are desirous of securing. If you can help us in this kindly advise.

Some have stated that they would be glad to have us inform them when in need of funds for carrying on the work of the Fellowship Circle. "The Lord loveth a cheerful (hilarious) giver" and we are glad to make known the fact that we are at present in a position where you may all have a share in the Father's love, by contributing as He has prospered you. There are many incidental expenses connected with this work, and

we know you will be glad to share in the blessing of meeting the obligations.

We make the suggestion that if there is an overflow, it be distributed among worthy students who are not able to pay their way through the school.

We welcome requests for prayer that may be upon your hearts. Will you not send us such requests so that special prayer may be offered by the school and that lists may be prepared when necessary and sent out to the members? We have in mind at the present writing, a former student who is suffering with asthma. Please remember him in prayer.

School opened September 20th with an enrollment of forty-three (43) students; others are on their way. This year the local church held its annual convention with the opening of the School; and during opening week, the classes met in the mornings, while the afternoons and evenings were devoted to the Convention addresses. Among the speakers were Rev. Wm. Moysen of India, Rev. Jno. Lauby, Rev. J. H. Allen, Rev. C. W. Oyer and Rev. H. C. Thiessen. The stirring messages given by these brethren proved great incentives to earnest effort at the beginning of the year's work. Pray earnestly for God's blessing upon the school in its various departments.

There have been a few changes at the school, as to the curriculum and the personnel of the workers. A Teachers' Training Class has been introduced, under Rev. H. C. Thiessen, who has moved to Fort Wayne, and will devote his entire time to the school work. Biblical introduction has been added to the list of studies. Miss Anna Roth has given up her work as deaconess in the local church and is giving her full time to assisting the Matron.

We have thought that a few "news items" might be in order at this time and we will begin with the members of last year's graduating class as, naturally, we have recent information regarding them. Mr. Henry Trops has taken up the pastorate of the Missionary Church at Detroit. Mr. Norman Hall is in the work at Bethel Mission, Duluth, Minn. Mr. Walter Lamb is opening a new work at Hughton, Sask., Can. Mr. Lee Sharp, who recently married Miss Metta Hirschy, a graduate of the Class of 1915, has taken up work under the Nazarene Church. Miss Lillian Amstutz is now Mrs. Paul Stauffer and is at present living in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Gilbert Kriege will be remembered by her classmates as Miss Erna Schindler. The Misses Daisy Roth and Sarah Steiner left Fort Wayne, Tuesday, Sept. 26th, en route to Woodrow, Fla., where they will represent the Association in Mission work. We hope later on, to give ~~some~~ some interesting reports of their labors. Mr. Arthur Albro expects to take up evangelistic work in the west in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. James Dowler are at present in Troy, Ohio, but hope to go out into the work at an early date. Miss Florence Schlatter is at Toledo, Ohio, in secular work for the time being. Mr. Fred Amstutz is also in secular work at Fort Wayne.

As the way opens, and finances permit, we expect to issue circulars giving particulars about the different members of the Circle. Please inform us as to your present situation and work, no matter where you are or what you are doing. Many of your old friends will be interested to learn about you and we must depend largely upon you for the information. So do not fail to write us. If in Christian service of any kind, send us an account of your work.

Trusting that you will freely write us concerning any subjects that may be upon your hearts, and urging our foreign representatives and those in the work at home to send in letters to be read at the Mission Band meetings and for publication, we are

Yours in His fellowship,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

per..... *Jas. C. Rogers*, Cor. Sec'y.

List of students whose mail was returned for better address:
 Jas. F. Ayers, B. H. Baker, John Basting, Christian Buhler, Mrs. S. January, A. J. Neufeld, Jas. Wiswander, Lizzie Olaschafsky, Marie Oppliger, Carl Pay, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith, Peter P. Unruh, Florence Weidman, Geo. H. Wuelfcken.