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# THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE BULLETIN

OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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GRADUATING CLASS OF 1921

Left to right, top row—Christine Stauffer, Decatur, Ind.; Ruth N. Roth, Grabill, Ind.; Alvin D. Oyer, Denair, Cal.; Verena O. Leu, Fayette, Ohio; Rachel Moser, Berne, Ind.

Middle row—Lydia Burkholder, Bluffton, Ohio; Esther A. Anderson, Peoria, Ill.; Alvin G. Becker, Woodburn, Ind.; Edna M. Sayres, Georgetown, Ont.; Elda Amstutz, Berne, Ind.

Bottom row—Daniel E. Ramseyer, Elkton, Mich.; Rosina M. Ramseyer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Marie H. Bartel, Fairview, Okla.; C. Nettie Johnson, Detroit, Mich.; Margaret E. Siemens, Buhler, Kansas; A. Stanley Dodgson, Hamilton, Ont.

#### COMMENCEMENT SEASON AT THE FT. WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Commencement week brought a great many friends and visitors from far and near to the School. The weather was ideal; the School campus looked inviting with its grove of native trees arrayed in gayest dress. All nature seemed to welcome home old students and friends.

#### Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate service was held on Sunday afternoon, May 15, in the Chapel of the School with kev. H. C. Thiessen presiding. Rev. C. W. Cyer delivered the sermon, choosing for his subject, "Our Mission in the World." The address was an expository message on the Third Epistle of John. This epistle sets forth the "True Layman versus the Apostate Clergyman." Associated with this epistle were the texts in I Tim. 4:15, 16 and Rev. 3:8. He emprasized the importance of fidelity to the "Truth" and loyalty to "The Name." He said, "May you be saved from merely doing good, stopping to help some one out of a mud puddle when another is drowning in the river." He also sought to impress upon his hearers the need of sep-

#### Musical Program

A chorus of about sixty voices rendered an excellent musical program on Wednesday evening, May 18, under the direction of Prof. C. A. Gerber, in the chapel of the School. The program was, without a doubt, the best that was ever rendered in the chapel. The house was crowded to its fullest capacity, and the audience listened appreciatively and attentively as the Gospel was given forth in song. The crowning number, the "Hallelujah" Chorus, by Handel, was very ably rendered.

#### Class Day Exercises

Sixteen students, twelve young women and four young men were graduated this year and received their diplomas at the commencement exercises in the chapel of the Bible Training School on the afternoon of Thursday, May 19, 1921. The officers of the Class are: President, Alvin G. Becker, Secretary, Edna M. Sayres, Treasurer, Esther A. Anderson.

R. E. Neighbour of Elyria, Ohio, who took for his subject, "The God Planned Life," delivered the commencement address

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Because of lack of space only a few extracts of his message can be given. Rev. Mr. Neighbour said: "The Scripture to which I wish to call your attention this afternoon is found in Ephesians the second chapter and the tenth verse,—'For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.'

"First, I wish to ask three questions: "Does God have a plan for each life? "How can we get into God's plan?

"Will God give us the power to live out the life which He has planned?—and then say a word in conclusion.

"I. Does God have a plan for each life?
"I wish to read from two Scriptures,—
Rom. 12:3-8 and I Cor. 12:12, 18. These
show that God has a plan.

"Commencement Day is well named. Truly you are just beginning; just wound up ready to start, your professors have been turning the crank.

"'There was a man sent from God whose name was John,' Jno. 1:16. Here, turning to the class, you may each place your names—reading thus 'There was a woman sent from God whose name was Edna, (using the name of the one nearest him).

"The man leaving for a far journey gave 'to every man his work,' Mk. 13:34. Thus God has prepared every one's life. See that your life is according to the plan. A man, looking over the completed bridge which he had designed, was heard to say, 'It is just according to the plan.' Christ said, 'I have finished the work which thou gavest me to

"God has a plan. Are you willing to seek it, and when found, are you willing to walk in it? I was once in a railroad station in Texas, and saw there a map of the state of Texas with holes in it and pegs in the holes. I asked the explanation and was told that each peg represented a train and as the dispatch came that a train had left a certain station, the peg for that train was moved on to the next hole representing the station. So God has our lives planned and He is moving the pegs. "The Lord thy God goeth before thee!"

"Do you really want this plan? Are you willing to give up everything that clashes with it? If you are going to get God's plan, you must surrender your own. After giving up all that clashes with it, God will tell you his plan.

"II. How can we get into God's plan?
"We find the way in Rom. 12:1,—'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,

which is your reasonable service.

"First, come and present yourself a living sacrifice. Do you think that God will talk to you if you are unwilling to listen? Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord. 'He that willeth to do his will shall know of the doctrine.' God isn't just going to throw the map open before you and say, 'There it is,' on your Commencement Day.

"No, 'God's plans like the lillies pure un-

fold.'

"It was as they placed their feet on the brink that God parted the waters of the

of blessed fellowship in the Word and work.

We have observed how you grew; how you

met difficulties; how the Lord supplied your

It is best expressed in I Thes. 2:13: 'For this cause also thank we God without ceas-

God which ye heard of us, ye received it

not as the word of men, but as it is in truth.

the Word of God, which effectually worketh

guidance. 'This day, O Lord, teach me the next step, and the next, and the next!'

"Then, in the second verse,-'Be not conformed to this world.' Have your ears closed to the suggestions of men. You can never, never, never get God's plan if you listen to the voices of the age. For, 'My ways are need; and how you were used of the Lord. not your ways, nor my thoughts, your thoughts, saith the Lord. You must say one eternal negative to everything of the flesh ing, because when ye received the word of and of the world.

"Also in the second verse,-but be ye transformed . . . that ye may prove, etc. You have all seen the signs, 'Keep off the grass,' haven't you? And then you wanted to get on, didn't you? I lay before not run on it with your feet.' 'Keep off the before our God.' grass.' Keep your hands off the plan. I "And 2 Cor. was driving a very intelligent horse and I said to the one with me, 'This horse is very intelligent, and I am sure that when we get to the next corner he will turn in the right some of you will go to foreign fields, direction. But to make sure, I pulled the some to home fields. But the B. T. S. will line just a little bit. Don't you pull the line always be open to you. Come again." just a little bit. There is one higher than you and He will guide the way. 'I will guide thee with mine eye.

"III. Will God give us the power to live

according to this plan?

"My wife tried to persuade me not to go on a certain trip, saying that she felt afraid. But I said, 'Is not God the same on the train as anywhere else?' and I went. We had a wreck not far out, a head-on collision with another train. We succeeded in getting out safely and went on to my destination. There is an eye that watches over you, a hand that grips, a heart that loves, and He will not forget you. 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore . and, lo, I am with you alway,' said Christ. (Math. 28:18, 19, 20.) God has a plan, and He will put into you the power to fulfill that plan. When you are weak then are you strong. God's almightiness linked to your nothingness makes a mighty good

"Shortly after my graduation I was called to help in some meetings. One night I said I am going to quit after this evening. are not going to any such thing, said Mr. But I must, I said. I have preached all of my twenty-eight sermons and I must stop now. But I did not stop; our meetings went on for some time longer and many came seeking salvation. You will say, 'My Mr. Neighbour, you were sure seme preach-'I sure was nothing at all, but, let me say it reverently, I had some God. May He make you a stone wall, a fenced city, and an iron wall.

#### In Conclusion

"After the battle's fought, after the race is won, after the conflict is completed, there will be another Commencement Day. Paul said, 'I have fought a good fight . . henceforth there is laid up for me a crown, etc.' Our Lord will stand forth with some wonderful and beautiful crowns,-there will be the crown of rejoicing, the incorruptible crown, the crown of glory,-O, I will want to have taken heed then, how I have builded! If I may just hear His well done and see the crown placed upon my brow! When that Commencement Day of Heaven begins, will you not want the reward?"

After the address, Rev. H. C. Thiessen made a few appropriate remarks. He opened by asking, "Is this a Missionary Church School?" His answer was in the negative. This year there were thirteen different denominations represented. The School is interdenominational in its character, both in

spirit and teaching.

also in you that believe.'
"And in I Thes. 3:9: 'For what thanks can we render to God again for you for all "And 2 Cor. 13:11: 'Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.' Not I, But Christ Words of Class Song by C. Nettie Johnson Christ came from sin to set men free, Upon the cross bore curse and shame; Now He is all the sinners' plea, For such great love we praise His name He ever lives to quell our fears, At God's right hand He intercedes, In sorrow wipes away our tears, In grace so free meets all our needs.

This message now to all we bring, We would that nations far and wide Should come our wondrous song to sing, Not I, but Christ, the Crucified, Our God, so dear, we soon shall see Cleaving the clouds his bride to greet, For Him we long, we watch, we pray, O, happy day, when thus we meet.

As forth from this dear place we go To mingle in life's busy marts, Not I, but Christ, our lives must show, While He doth still unite our hearts. For all the blessings here received, We lift our parting voice of praise To Him whose name we shall proclaim,

Chorus

Not I. but Christ, through all the days.

Not I, but Christ, shall be our song, His precious name by us adored; Not I, but Christ, in home or throng, May He alone be seen, be heard. Not I, but Christ, once crucified, O that all men may ever see Not I, but Christ, now glorified, Only always living in me.

"Not I, but Christ," this our motto glorious, Not I, but Christ, o'er this world victorious.

#### Fellowship Circle

At this service which was held on Thursday evening, May 19, 1921, Rev. H. E. Tropf presided. The meeting which lasted more than two and a half hours proved to be one of the most interesting services.

After the opening address by the president, the Cor. Sec'y brought greetings from India, China, Africa, Cuba and many states of the Union. Extracts of many letters were

Turning to the class, and asking them to of India, Miss Edna Amstutz, out-going misstand, he said, "The time again is here to separate. We have had two or three years sionary to Africa, and Rev. A. A. Smith of Minneapolis, Minn., gave short talks,

The male quartette composed of Messrs. E. A. Rupp, Elton M. Roth, H. W. Roth and H. E. Tropf sang very beautifully— "I'm a Watchman in the Night," and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." The vocal solos by E. A. Rupp and A. A. Smith, as well as the vocal duet by E. M. Roth and E. A. Rupp, and the instrumental solos by Miss Esther Pohlman and T. L. Bearse were much enjoyed.

The offering for the evening was \$34.03. Treasurer's Report

Total Receipts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$261.29 you God's plan, and then I want to say, 'Do the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes Total Disbursements ...... 245.65

> Balance on Hand..... \$ 15.64 The following students received help from

the Circle:

Judith Bixler, \$15.00; Anna Unruh, \$5.00; Kathryn Hirschy, \$5.00; Agnes Thiess, \$15.00; Jennie Moser, \$10.00; Rachael Moser, \$10.00; Kathryn Stucky, \$5.00; Christine Stauffer, \$5.00; Emma Richert, \$15.00; Ellen Rintoul, \$10.00; Alvin Oyer, \$10.00; Mary Hartsel, \$10.00; C. Nettie Johnson, \$30.00; Paul Stauffer, \$20.00. Miss Edna Amstutz was allowed \$20.00 toward her outfit for Africa, thus making a total of \$185.00 given to students.

The Circle has again set the goal for next year at \$200, the money to be used for

needy students.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, B. F. Leightner. Vice-President, J. Frank Glock. Cor. Sec'y, Salome Schug. Treasurer, John Clasper.

The Nominating Committee consists of Norman Hirschy, Howard Paschal and H. W. Roth.

#### FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE NEWS

May 27, 1921.

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle: Greetings in Christ Jesus! I thank God upon every remembrance of you, for your faithfulness in writing so freely to me, for your prayers and gifts to the Circle.

At present there ar thirty-three members of our Circle in foreign lands holding up the blood stained banner of cur Lord Jesus. And so I would remind you at home that all the missionaries on the far-flung battle fields who have written to the Circle this year, are depending upon our faithfulness in prayer. Their lamps burn brighter and their work moves along easier when they know that we are praying for them. What prayer will do for the foreign workers it will also do for the home members. So let us pray for one another.

While I know and rejoice in the fact that much prayer is ascending to the Throne of Grace, let us, during this year give more time than ever to this important ministry. It is undoubtedly the greatest fellowship to which God is calling His children these closing days of the age of Grace, and as we see so much apostasy around us, let us ask God to make us above all else, prayer war-

Because of the growth of the Circle the Executive Committee of the F. C. thought it advantageous to issue a Fellowship Circle Bulletin instead of the letter. It will be published three times this year, just as the letter heretofore.

read.

Three minute talks, brief class histories, were given by the following: S. C. Witmer, '10; J. G. Beard, '12; Jesse M. Amstutz, '14; to the readers. Send your gifts to the Treamers. A. G. Kriege, '16; Rhoda Neiswander, surer, Rev. John Clasper, Spencerville, Ohio.





#### Mission Band

The Students' Mission Band set their goal at \$300 for the second term. This amount making possible my attendance at the Bible exceeded that of the previous term by \$50. Training School during the years 1918-'19, All were anxiously waiting with great ex- 1919-'20, and take this opportunity to thank pectancy lest the goal should not be reached. you for your labor of love. May the Lord It was not until the last offering, which was nichly reward you. Since then the Lord has \$61.14, that the goal was not only reached but also exceeded by \$11.00. The money above the expenses was divided equally WELDON KLOPFENSTEIN." among the following:

IIr. Tillman Amstutz......India Miss Rilla Klopfenstein......Africa Miss Edna Amstutz......Africa

to do extension work this summer beginning June 1, in Peoria, Ill. A ladics' quartette our Lord. with one member of the faculty will likely be kept busy all summer. Pray for open- newsy Fellowship Circle Letter. Surely 'As glad to get in touch with him and talk the ings that the School may be brought before cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news matter over with him. Please pray much the hearts and minds of many young peo-ple. We want to see the attendance of the "As we think of you at Fort Wayne we for the Fellowship Circle." School doubled by another year. We need surely would enjoy being with you at this Yours in the Master's service,

Note of Appreciation

"To the members of the Fellowship Circle: "I am greatly indebted to the Circle for

#### Letter From China

Wuchang, Cen. China,

April 9, 1921.

To our friends of the Fellowship Circle: "My presence shall go with thee, and I the grip of Catholicism is not so tight but will give thee rest." Ex. 33:14. It occurs that we are able to win some of the people Extension Work

to me that herein lies the foundation and secret of all Christian fellowship. For how secret of all Christians have real fellowship here, both preachers and school teachers with each other apart from fellowship with for our mission schools. If you know of think would like to come

we are praying for you daily that God's blessing may rest upon you and that the commencement season may be made a great blessing to many and especially to those who will be leaving the good old B. T. S. for more active Christian work.

"Though the last few months have brought us through many new circumstances, yet the Lord has guided and blessed

us every step of the way.
"At present, of course, we are busy with language study, which, though it is difficult,

is also interesting.

"It has been our privilege to witness to a goodly number of the saving grace of our Lord, even though our vocabulary is very much limited. We foreigners are quite a curiosity to the people around us, and especially to the boys. It is very easy to gather a crowd anywhere on the street. The difficult proposition is to get rid of the crowd when it has gathered. This would not be bad, but when you can recall no more words to speak to the people you feel rather awkward as the center of attraction with nothing to say. But we aim to have our pockets filled with tracts, and when we have given our testimony as best we could we offer tracts to those who care for them (and sometimes they tear the tracts in their desperate efforts to get one), and just walk away leaving the crowd to disperse in their own way.

"We thank God for answering prayer for the salvation of our private teacher about two weeks ago. It was the morning after Easter, and he had heard a sermon on the resurrection. Showing him the importance of the resurrection and our believing it, he was led to see his need of a Saviour. On his knees that morning he accepted Christ as his Saviour. Now along with having a Chinese recitation we usually have a Bible

"There is much to be done, the people are glad to hear the Gospel. Pray as you are reminded of us that we may be usable in His hands.

"Yours in our Lord's service, EZRA and HELEN V. ROTH."

The above letter came one day late for the annual meeting, therefore we publish it in full.

#### **Extracts From Letters**

Havana, Cuba, March 30, 1921. "We are stationed at the largest Presbyterian Church in Havana, i. e., the only organized church of this denomination in Havana. There are three others, but they are only little out-stations. The members there are members of our Church. Our Church is considered as sort of a mother church to the other Presbyterian churches in the Island. We have our Sunday School on Sunday afternoon, our preaching service on Sunday evening, Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, Christian Endeavor on Friday evening. These services, with our visitation work and a hundred and one other things, keep us busy all of the time.

"This is a very hard place in which to work, as we are almost entirely surrounded by Catholic Schools. You know this is a Catholic country, but I am glad to say that

anyone who you think would like to come "We have read with much interest the last and give his life for this work, we would be

South Omaha, Neb., March 24, 1921. "Last Saturday night we were out for the first time this spring to hold meetings. There were quite a number of people that stopped to listen to the tesimonies. expect to go out next Saturday, if the weather is favorable.

people to come to the Mission. Sometimes the room is filled, and at other times there are very few out. Many of the passers-by are foreigners and cannot understand the American language, and some that could understand the language would sooner spend the evening in the pool rooms. There are almost a dozen different nationalities rep- 24 days. resented in South Omaha, and some one has called the place, "the slums of all creation." His richest blessings. Enclosed find money for Fellowship Circle. Yours in His Service,

MARTHA WANNER."

#### Married

Mr. Leo Sprunger, Miss Mary Wanner, 18, at Berne, Ind., March 6, 1921.

Rev. John Lauby, '14, and Miss Lucy Oyer, at Dodge City, Kansas, April 21, 1921. Mr. Weldon Klopfenstein, '22, and Celina Amstutz, '22, at Berne, Ind., May 27, 1921. Births

To Emil and Mrs. Schwab, a son, Raymond Milford, January -, 1921, at Owyhee, Ne-

To Ezra, '18 and Mrs. Roth, '18, a son, Kenneth Murray, February 21, 1921, at Wuchang, China.

To S. J. and Mrs. Schott, a daughter, Do-reen Ruth, March 29, 1921, at Minneola, Circle, yea the class of '14, and this time Kansas.

To A. L., '20, and Mrs. Roth, '20, a son, Gordon Henry, April 15, 1921, at Ada, Ohio. Ind , Feb. 2, 1888, and died at her home in

Wayne, Ind.

To Menno, '14, and Mrs. Amstutz, '14, a daughter, Jesse Lois, on April 14, 1921, at Hayes Center, Nebraska.

To James, '16, and Mrs. Dowler, '16, a child, at Barnum, Minnesota.

To Lee B., '16, and Mrs. Sharp, '15, a son, "The hardest part of the work is to get Earl Wayne, on May 19, 1921, at Berne,

#### Deaths

Miss Louise Charlotte Blume, a former teacher of the Fort Wayne Bible Training School, died at Edwardsville, Ill., on March 13, 1921, at the age of 68 years, 1 month and

Miss Blume was engaged in school work most of her life. She was a graduate of But the Lord is blessing us with McKondree College, Lebanon, Ill., from which she received her A. B. degree in 1876. She taught in the vicinity of Edwardsville for more than 35 years, being held in high esteem by pupils and friends.

She led a consistent Christian life and was always found doing for "others." She loved to help the poor and needy, giving liberal-" and gladly, but not ostentatiously

She came to the B. T. S. in 1910, and served as teacher in the English department for about four years. Since that time sho occassionally assisted in the teaching at he School and spent most of her time there

In her death the School has lost a faithful friend and liberal supporter. She had given more than \$500 to the School and bequeathed \$200 more. The School will miss her, but the fragrance of her life will go on and on until time shall be no more.

claimed Jesse Pritchard Amstutz.

Mrs. Amstutz was born at Knightstown To Paul, '22, and Mrs. Stauffer, '16, a son, Hayes Center, Nebraska, April 16, 1921, at Richard Philip, on April 23, 1921, at Fort the age of 33 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Just why such a talented and gifted one should have been taken when it seemed she was so much needed in the home, we can not understand. But we must and do accept the fact, without question, that God knows and always does what is best. "O, our Heavenly Father knows,

Ev'ry chilling wind that blows, And He knows the aching heart, the tear,

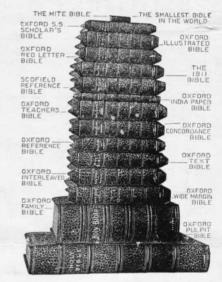
the sigh, For He sees the sparrows fall, And will guide us safe through all

And some day we'll know the wherefore and the why.

The Circle extends to Brother Amstutz, and the four little ones its deepest sympathy. May his heart be comforted by the words, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," Heb. 13:4, and by Paul's words in I Thes. 4:16-17. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

#### TESTAMENTS, BIBLES, SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE, SCRIPTURAL BOOKS AND MOTTOES

The Association Book Department wishes to announce to the members of The Fellowship Circle that it carries a splendid line of Oxford, Scofield, Holman, Nelson, American Standard Version Bibles and Testaments, and is arranging to increase its mail order business. A new feature is the Scofield New Testament just recently published and can be had in several bindings.



We are also prepared to take care of your book wants. We have made arrangements with a number of the leading religious publishing houses, and are therefore prepared to supply you with any good book on the market. A liberal discount is allowed to all who are engaged in active Christian work.

And just recently we have taken over the agency for the Christian Life Series of Sunday School literature, to our knowledge that best Sunday School literature published. We have already handled \$340.00 worth of this literature for the present quarter of the year. Sample copies of part or of the entire series will be cheerfully furnished on request.

Price lists of Bibles, Testaments, books, and mottoes will also be furnished on application.



THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL Fort Wayne, Indiana

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FELLOW-SHIP CIRCLE:

Knowing this that you are deeply interested in the welfare of the Fort Wayne 3. Send for the circular than the welfare of the send to the circular than the send to the circular than the send that you are deeply interested in every proper way. Bible Training School, we take pleasure in scribing the work of the School to be distriinforming you that an extension campaign buted widely, and for the catalogue to be has been undertaken for this summer. A handed out to those more especially interladies' quartet and a member of the faculty ested. will travel in the interests of the School a large part of the summer. Believing that whenever opportunity presents itself. you would be glad to co-operate with the now undertaking wo are

1. Hold the School and the extension party in constant prayer before the Lord.

2. Get in touch with the extension party when in your community and assist them

3. Send for the circulars just issued de-

4. Speak a good word for the School

5. Encourage everyone that may be in-Address: in his request for s ASSOCIATION ROOK DEPT ted to send