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# The Fellowship Circle Bulletin

## OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

"Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with the Son Jesus Christ." I John 1:3.

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### "THE MORNING COMETH AND ALSO THE NIGHT"

Address Given at the Commencement Exercises by Weldon O. Klopfenstein of Fort Wayne.

The careful and observant mind will readily perceive that a double line of thought is suggested in the prophetic utterance of Isaiah, when he said, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" The watchman said, "The morning cometh and also the night." While this passage may refer with equal propriety to the present day of grace, soon to culminate in the night of the tribulation, yet we believe that the reference here anticipates the dawn of the still future millennial morning of universal peace and righteousness and the ensuing night of eternal judgment upon the impenitent of all ages.

The first advent of Christ marks the dawn of a new day. In Luke 1:78, the Evangelist says, "Through the tender mercies of our God; whereby the day spring, or sunrising from on high hath visited us." But since the ascension of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the world has rushed on as usual in its mad career, plunging headlong into a night of unprecedented darkness, checked somewhat by the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Executive of the Godhead, whose mission is not only to hinder the operations of evil upon the earth, but also to call out of every nation, tongue and tribe, the church, the mystical body of Christ.

The Scriptural teaching that the present age is one of gross darkness is not commonly accepted today; in fact, it has been brought into almost universal disfavor by the misinterpretations that are so rapidly gaining the ascendancy in our theological schools and churches. The optimistic post-millennialist maintains that this is not an age of darkness, on the contrary, he declares it to be one of unparalleled enlightenment. Yet we are forced to the conclusion that his is an unwarranted and unrealizable optimism, because the entire trend of New Testament teaching disproves this view. A few quotations from the Scriptures here will suffice:

"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the wicked one." I John 5:19 R. V.

"Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of God and our Father." Gal. 1:4.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:

and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. Here the believer is seen as a watcher eagerly looking for the approach of the morning.

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Rom. 13:11, 12.

Satan is called, "The god of this age", II Cor. 4:4. "In whom the god of this age had blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Christ Himself said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." And again, He said, "Ye are the light of the world," referring to believers as the light upon which the world would depend for illumination during His absence. The apostle Paul makes a similar statement in his Philippian epistle when he says, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom ye shine as lights in the world." The moon, a symbol of the church, has no inherent light, but her function is to reflect the light of the sun. Likewise, the mission of the church during this age is to reflect the glorious light of the Sun of Righteousness. In this the church has miserably failed. Hence, with Christ the True Light absent, with the failure of the church to perform her duty, and with the present age under the dominion of the usurper Satan, whose sole object, as we have already seen, is not to enlighten men, but rather to blind them, how can we other than conclude that we are now living in the dark night of apostasy?

Night, as we know, is a time of great darkness, of coldness, of unconsciousness, of uncertainty, and of gross sin. All these characteristics are most applicable to the present age.

The course of the night is clearly described in the Word. The present day physical disruptions, financial and industrial depression, political corruption and federation, intellectual bigotry, and moral degeneration are simply the fulfillment of prophecy. The recent League of Nations which proved such a dismal failure in our own country shortly after its inception, and the present disarmament movement, together with the Genoa Conference which seems to be on the verge of a collapse, are but organized human efforts to reduce modern war-

fare to the minimum, thus hoping to usher in a golden age of peace. The failures of the past in this respect, ought to convince men that there can be no universal peace until the Prince of Peace appears on the scene of human activity and takes the reins of government in His own hands.

Nor does the spirit of federation dominate the political world only. It is sad, yet true, that this same spirit has found its way into the religious world. How sad that the church has left her first estate, forgetting that her mission is that of evangelism by regeneration rather than reformation, adopting worldly methods of conduct and support, until now she has not only allied herself with the world, but has actually been drawn into it. The Inter-World Church Movement, or as some one has aptly called it, "The Into-the-World Church Movement," is a fair example, showing how far the Church, that is the sphere of nominal profession, has departed from the apostolic standard. Then, the church sought the endowment with power from on high, today, it is the endowment with money; then, it was fast and pray, today, it is feast and pay; the upper room has become the supper room; and consecration has been supplemented with an excessive thirst for pleasure.

Let us note still further how the church has apostatized: A recent periodical tells us that between five and six thousand churches in our own United States have already introduced moving pictures into their services. When Christ cleansed the temple, He drove out "those that sold oxen, sheep and doves.... And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence, make not My Father's house an house of merchandise." If Christ were to enter many of our professing churches today, He would not find sheep or doves, but He would in many cases find gymnasiums, billiard tables, dance floors, bazaars, banquets, and moving pictures. This pitiful state of affairs actually exists today.

Again, our conviction that the church has proved a colossal failure is confirmed when we note the numerous heretical systems extant. Satan is well aware of the inveterate propensity in human nature to know more than has been divinely revealed. He is equally aware of the fact that many people would never openly renounce the Christian faith, so he resorts to stratagem. This he does by mixing some truth with error, denying the fundamentals of God's Word, yet at the same time retaining a veneer of religiousness. Having fully prepared this deadly concoction, he comes forth as an angel of light, "deceiving if it were possible the

very elect". Various forms of this cankerous evil confront us today, such as Christian Science, Millennial Dawnism, Spiritism, Theosophy, and Mormonism. These various systems satisfy the range of human curiosity quite well. In origination, manipulation, and doctrinal agglomeration they are much alike. They might well be compared to little chicks from the same nest, hatched by the same old hen. Although they do not agree on one of the fundamentals, yet they all unite in attacking the divine Son of God, robbing Him of His deity, destroying His personality, and denying His substitutionary atonement which is the anchor of our hope and the basis of all true Christian experience.

The most recent perversion of the Scriptures is known as Modernism, which had its beginning in the garden of Eden, when Satan, that old Serpent, said, "Yea, hath God said?" This system flatly denies the depravity of man and his need of the atonement, and advocates the superman theory which is but a blasphemous attempt to deify him. The climax of its efforts thus far is a recent production from the pen of Prof. Charles Foster Kent, of Yale University, entitled, "The Shorter Bible," more properly called, "The Mutilated Bible." Truly, this is a pitiful distortion of God's precious Word, suited to the tastes of twentieth century theologians who are so ignominiously dishonoring the person and work of our Lord and Saviour.

Our only resource in times of declension and apostasy is "The more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." God's Word has endured the tests of centuries, while the names of its assailants remain only as a blot upon human effort to exalt man above God. The enemies of the Bible remind us of the dog who barked at the moon. One cold winter's night the poor dog froze to death, but the moon continued in its course as before, while its reflections upon the dog's carcass simply revealed the fact that there was at least one of the canine species that took up more space than he was worth.

Again, the present Zionistic movement is but the fulfillment of the prophetic words of Christ, when He said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves ye know that summer is nigh." Other passages clearly indicate that the return of the Jews to Palestine is a blinded attempt to restore their nation to its original powers apart from their Messiah. The Scriptures clearly state that this movement will meet with signal failure in so far as the realization of its objective is concerned, and that it will ultimately result in a union with the "man of sin", the Antichrist.

Notwithstanding the dark picture we have considered, it is a comfort to

know that God still has a remnant, a faithful company who today rise in defense of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints". Though this company is small in comparison to the innumerable hosts that are being drawn into the maelstrom of iniquity, yet God has a noble army of men and women scattered throughout the world who will not sacrifice principle for popularity by catering to the whims of these modern Jeroboams. Two of the greatest, and perhaps the greatest agencies which are today counteracting the ever-increasing deluge of heresy and liberal thought are the Christian Fundamental Conferences, and the Bible Institutes and Training Schools which have been raised up of God to diffuse the pure, unadulterated Word. Thank God for the Christian Fundamentals Movement and the Bible Training Schools of America!

The conditions that prevailed "in the days of Noah" are recurring today. Although the twentieth century marks the acme of man's intellectual attainments, it as clearly marks his moral degeneration. This situation is one of perplexity to the man of the world, and one of keenest disappointment to the post-millennialist, who views his unrealized hopes with dismay. But to us, this dark picture conveys the assurance that our "redemption draweth nigh," that Christ, the Bridegroom will soon appear to catch away His waiting Bride. This thought is most beautifully illustrated in Matthew 14. On the evening of the day when Christ had so miraculously fed the five thousand, He constrained His disciples to embark for Capernaum, while He went up into a mountain to pray. Meanwhile, the disciples were being tossed to and fro by a mighty tempest. In the fourth watch, just before dawn, Christ came to them walking upon the sea. Peter advanced to meet his Lord, sank because of unbelief, was rescued, rebuked, and then conducted back to the boat, whereupon the storm abated, to the amazement of the faithless disciples. Then when they reached the other side it was morning. Even so, Christ is now interceding for His own whom He sees toiling in the dark night of sin. Then when He comes in the fourth watch, the church will go forth to meet Him, later to return to earth with him to inaugurate the millennium of peace and righteousness. Christ said: "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at night, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning. Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping." Since he did not return during the first three watches of the night, it is certain that He will come before the break of the day.

The astronomical comparison here is strikingly impressive. D. M. Pantton tells us that "All the smaller stars disappear three quarters of an hour, and the larger stars half an hour before the sun is risen; but the morning star, owing to its exceptional splendor, remains visible for twelve minutes after all other stars have set. It holds all the light that is visible of the unrisen

sun; and it is so close on the threshold of the dawn as to be part of the coming day. Other stars rise and set and leave the darkness behind them: the morning star disappears only in the coming day." What a picture this gives us of the One who is far greater than all the stellar luminaries that light the heavens, of Him who said, "I am the bright and morning star." He is called "bright" because He is incomparably resplendent; He is called the "Morning Star" because He heralds the coming day.

Christ's second advent presents a double phase of truth. First, the rapture, when "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven," at which time the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible and the living believers caught up to meet Him in the air. Immediately following the rapture, the believers will be judged for their works and the marriage of the Lamb will take place. Contemporaneous with these events in the air, there will be a time of unprecedented sorrow upon the earth known as "the tribulation, the great one", in fulfillment of Daniel 9 and other Scriptures. During this period of seven years, Satan will operate through the Antichrist and his colleague, the False Prophet. The Great Tribulation constitutes earth's darkest hour, being that darkest time of its history between Christ's appearance to the church as the "Bright and Morning Star", and His appearance to Israel as the "Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings".

Israel will pass through this veritable "reign of terror", and will come out of it cleansed and purified. The horrors of the awful period will be terminated by the second phase of Christ's coming, that of the Revelation. Christ will appear with His saints to destroy the armies of Satan at Armageddon, to judge the nations according to Matthew 25, to cast Satan into the abyss, and to inaugurate His kingdom. During this time, known as the Millennium, Christ and His church will rule upon the earth. At its close, Satan will be loosed for a short time, after which will follow the Great White Throne Judgment. Here Satan will be cast into the "lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever." Here also, the unbelievers are judged "every man according to his works, and death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Then will follow the renovation of the earth by fire and the ushering in of the eternal state.

How shall we attempt to describe the horrors of that never ending night of judgment upon the ungodly? Oh, the awful agonies that men will have to endure, when the wrath of an angry God is poured upon them. Christ describes this time as one of "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth," and also as one of "outer darkness". Yet hell was never intended for man, but "for the devil and his angels". God



created man not as an automaton, but endowed him with such faculties as would enable him to make the choice of his eternal destinies through the acceptance or rejection of the Divine Substitute, "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world".

To such who know not the joy of sins forgiven, the clarion call goes forth, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." You cannot enter into a full appreciation of God's written Word and the marvellous plan which it unfolds, until the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Himself, is enthroned in your heart. In view of Christ's imminent return, and the eternal blessings which it secures, and in view of the terrible outpouring of God's wrath which will be visited upon Christ-rejecting humanity, we entreat you to accept Him now, while He would be your Savior, for tomorrow He may be your Judge.

How shall we attempt to describe the eternal bliss of the redeemed? Human words cannot describe the ecstasy that will thrill our hearts when the blood-washed saints of all ages unite in singing the grand chorus of redemption, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." What a glorious prospect His coming holds for the believer! What an incentive to holy living, watchfulness, and suffering! And oh, what a comfort! With John, the Revelator, we pray, "Even so come, Lord Jesus."

#### OPENING OF THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

The school opened on Wednesday afternoon, September 20, with Rev. H. C. Thiessen in charge. In his opening remarks he said, "Neither know we what to do but our eyes are on the Lord." After the singing of some hymns, and the offering of prayer, the following truths were emphasized by the various teachers and workers: Openness, Obedience and Willingness (Isa. 1:19; Heb. 4:12) by Rev. J. E. Ramseyer; "That I may know Him" and "That I may be filled with all the fullness of God," Rev. B. F. Leightner; the "spirit of prayer," (Zech. 12:10) Rev. Jacob Hygema; the A-B-C, "Always Be Careful," Prof. C. A. Gerber; "His grace is sufficient," Rosina Ramseyer; "Standing together in prayer," "Working together in harmony," "Each filling His respective place," (Neh. 4:9-15) Salome Schug; "But we see Jesus," (Heb. 2:9) Mary Perkins; "If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above," (Col. 3:1) Mrs. Bertha Luginbill; "Be careful for nothing" and "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," (Heb. 13:3) Rev. H. C. Thiessen.

Sixty-four students have been enrolled, twenty-four of which are new. A goodly number of old students did not return. Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arizona and Kansas are the states that are represented.

Canada is represented by four students, and China by two. The following denominations are represented by the student body: Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Mennonite Brethren, Defenseless Mennonite, Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Congregational, Friends, Nazarene, Evangelical, Gospel Tabernacle, Christian Union and the Missionary.

As has been the custom in past years, the local church held its Missionary Convention in connection with the opening of the school. There was one afternoon service and four evening services. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Birky of North China were the principal speakers. From here they started towards the West, from which place they will sail for China in the early part of next year. It was here at the school, that the parents bade their children, Ina and Roy, farewell.

The school needs your prayers. Let us remember that one of the objects of the Fellowship Circle is "to foster a spirit of prayer in behalf of one another and of the school."

The "quiet hour" has been changed from the evening to the morning hour, 6:25-6:40. Thus far, this hour has been quite well observed by all students. So much depends in starting the day right. John Timothy Stone says, "Face the work of every day with the influence of a few thoughtful, quiet moments with your own heart and God. Do not meet other people, even those of your own home, until you have first met the great guest and honored companion of your life—Jesus Christ. Meet Him alone. Meet Him regularly. Meet Him with His open Book of counsel before you; and face the regular and irregular duties of each day with the influence of His Personality, definitely controlling your every act."

Every two weeks on Thursday afternoon, the faculty meet together for a season of prayer. Will you not join with us in this great ministry?

#### STUDENTS' MISSION BAND

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," I Sam. 17:12; "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me (us)?", Ps. 116:12.

"We, the students of the B. T. S., have again organized ourselves as a Students' Mission Band, "in order to study missionary conditions, arouse missionary zeal, stimulate missionary intercession, raise missionary money, and thus to fulfil our Master's last command and hasten His return"—Preamble, Constitution of the Students' Mission Band.

The officers elected for the term are as follows: President, Roy Birkey, China; Vice-President, Edith McLean, Ontario, Canada; Secretary, Lillian J. Roth, Indiana; Chorister, Raymond Moser, Indiana; Pianist, Gladys Aeschleman, Ohio; Curators, Ina Birkey, China; and Paul Ummel, Indiana.

The Band chose "The love of Christ constraineth us" as its motto, and the

goal of missionary money is set at two hundred dollars. Toward this fund, we have received into the treasury the sum of ninety-one dollars and sixty-six cents.

Missionary interests lie upon our hearts. Therefore, the noonday prayer meetings are continued as in former years. A good interest is manifested in this ministry of intercession. Dear fellow-workers, we are praying for you "that your faith fail not."

The Band meets every Friday evening and has had five meetings. A brief synopsis of each meeting is hereby given.

The first meeting was held September 29th. Eight of the students, namely, Gertrude Angus, Martha Clark, William Hygema, Ina Birkey, Allen Bixler, Margaret Taylor, Esther Roth, and Franklin Chant, gave a three-minute talk, relating some vacation experiences. Each talk was brim full of praise to God for the blessings revealed through the various experiences. Precious truths were emphasized, among which the outstanding ones were: that the Lord is in no hurry to work, but appears promptly at the proper time to comfort and aid the needy soul, and protect, and deliver the endangered and periled life; that perseverance and prayer are essential to victorious Christian living; that even though we are tried as though by fire, this very circumstance, when rightly met, is a disguised blessing; that after we sacrifice our little, God is faithful to look after His own; that He is the same prayer-answering God today as heretofore; and that God wants us to keep our hands off, in order to give Him an opportunity to work for us.

At the second meeting, Miss Salome Schug gave a review of the B. T. S. Extension work. It was greatly enjoyed by all. The object of the extension party was, first, to present and glorify Christ; second, to interest young people in Christian work. So much as visible results are concerned, little remains to be seen, yet, much, we believe, is to be revealed in eternity. Nevertheless, God's approval rested upon the efforts, in that He preserved all the possessions to such an extent that instead of permitting Miss Schug's watch to be smashed upon dropping to the pavement, it was adjusted to accurate keeping of time; in that He abundantly provided all the expenses, including incidentals; and in that the Lord gave liberty and great joy in ministering and sweetly revealed His presence. All the party returned with new assurance that God is more than equal to all of our temporal, physical and spiritual needs, or, in the words of the speaker, "The Lord's treasury is the best."

The stereopticon lecture given by Mr. Omar Sutton, returned missionary from Congo, Africa, was the interesting feature on the program of the third meeting. Aside from being interesting, the pictures were intensely appealing. Joy and peace, which only the Spirit of God can pro-

duce in penitent hearts, are written across the very faces of those who have found the Christ. Those scenes of social and religious life of the natives again repeated the Macedonian cry, "Come over—and help us." Native sociality and immorality appeal to our civilization and enlightenment, which we obtained only through the gospel, while vagueness and superstition appeal to our responsibilities, owing to our Lord's last command, "Go ye". How shall I answer the summons?

For the fourth meeting, we were glad to have with us a former student, Mr. Safara Witmer, who graduated in 1922, and who was engaged in Christian work in Alberta, Canada, this past summer. Upon coming to the field, his first experience was the managing of unruly and vicious horses used for riding. The province of Alberta boasts of an area equal to the combined areas of Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. This land is sparsely settled with a population of 500,000. Alberta is quite a cosmopolitan place. Hospitality characterizes the people as a whole, while, on the other hand, a spirit of great laxity and indifference is manifested, which, perhaps, is due to the motives the people have in going there—the pursuit of money. Commercialism supercedes Christianity. This spirit affects the social life in that it destroys the peace and confidence among neighbors. It also has a degenerating effect on spirituality.

However, the gospel has already had some of its wholesome effects. Many hungry hearts are there, who are desirous of light and more light. A striking incident is told of one old lady, who some sixty years ago heard Rev. D. L. Moody preach, and who afterwards was saved and led into the deeper Christian life. Daily she goes a short distance from the house and kneels on the ground, in winter upon the snow and petitions the Lord to send light to her community. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isa. 6:8.

Mr. Franklin Chant, a student, addressed the Band at its fifth meeting, Oct. 27. He brought before us stupendous facts and statistics on the timely subject, "The Needs and Opportunities for Pastors." Our country does not need social reform, but it does need a gospel which cleanses the heart. Our beloved country is tottering as a result of demoralization and shattered faith in a living God. The United States boasts of 110,000,000 population. Of this great number 70,000,000 are not attending any evangelical church; or, in other words, not one-fourth of the population are members of any evangelical church. Since the recent world war 3,000,000 fewer children are attending any Sunday School. Of the church-going people about two per cent. are Christian. Regarding missionary moneys for home and foreign missions, only the average of twenty cents a week per capita of church members is given for this purpose; or, in other words, less than the price of a daily newspaper for every

church member each week goes into the missionary fund. In nine leading evangelical denominations, namely Baptist, Congregational, Christian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, United Brethren and Reformed, is a grand total of 188,386 churches. Of this number 139,170 have pastors and the remaining 49,216 churches are without pastors. About seventy per cent. of the youths of the United States are without any Christian instruction. In Indiana two-thirds of the population are non-church members.

There are reasons for these serious facts. For the first reason, there are many homes in which no family altar exists, and in which God is not recognized. Second, the public schools lack in the orthodox teaching; destructive criticism has crept into our colleges and universities through the textbooks and instructors. Third, the church has no more heart cries for the thrusting forth of youths into Christ's service. Such vacancies in churches, as were brought to our notice, afford splendid opportunities to replace the social program, which proves so detrimental to our churches, by a spiritual program. However, let us not lose sight of the sin blurred souls going to eternal death in the light of all these vacant pulpits and empty pews, but rather ask ourselves the question, "What is my motive in Christian service?" Laborers today are among the humblest class of men, and Christ is looking for just that kind of men to work in His great harvest field. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:38.

L. Roth.

### DEDICATORY SERVICE

The new First Missionary Church, which was dedicated on October 29, was practically filled at each of the three services. This beautiful church edifice on the south side was erected at a real sacrifice on the part of its members and friends. This \$60,000.00 structure has been made possible by previous subscriptions to the amount of \$22,000.00, a loan of \$15,000.00, the offerings of yesterday and a great deal of donated labor by the members and friends of the church. In spite of the fact that the people had all given largely, \$2,832.23 were raised in subscriptions and cash at the dedicatory services.

The church has a seating capacity of 800. The choir loft has room for seventy.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. R. H. Glover, director of the Missionary course at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. He spoke on, "The Church which is His Body." I. The Unity of Believers. Eph. 1; Rom. 12:4, 5.

1. Structural weakness. A building can be taken apart and each constituent part is separate from the other. As in this edifice, we have brick, mortar, lumber, etc., united and thus with this unity we have this house for the

worship of God. Yet this structure could be taken apart and stone would be stone, lumber would be lumber and brick would remain brick. In the Christian life, the unity is from within and not from without. We have a rubber plant at home which I purchased when it was small. It had only three leaves and now it has eighteen leaves. How did the leaves become added? Not with hammer and nails, no, from the life within. The Lord has made the unity and we are to endeavor to keep it in the bond of peace.

2. We are "workers together with God"—yet we may be separated and be self-existent. The unity of the church is that of an organism rather than that of an organization. Eve was born from the side of Adam; the church, from the side of Christ. We become members of the true church through regeneration, through the Holy Spirit. One blood purchased us; one Spirit regenerated us; one Lord dwells in us; one hope inspires us; one destiny awaits us.

II. Diversity of Believers. I. Cor. 12.

1. Unity depends upon the diversity of its members. God intends us to be different. It is not sufficient, that we be active but that we be in complete control to the Head; that we maintain an uninterrupted connection with the Head; that the aim of each individual be the glory and honor of the Head. Individual members lose their personality to the Head. There is fruit from union, "Abide in Me." What we are is more than we do. As Christians, all we do depends on what we are.

2. We are members one of another. One member in the body cannot say to another, "I have no need for thee." All members unite to put on the shoe—which is the most prominent? We cannot tell—each member is to forget its own self and contribute to the whole. Each member should be subordinate one to the other to the edifying of the body of Christ. The more we are filled with the Spirit, the more easily we can work with others. A Christian man in China was so filled with the Spirit that he couldn't eat with his wife. There are no independent Christians. One great hindrance to revival is the wrong relationship between the members. The very tip of the finger as well as the head has the same blood flowing through and nourishing every part. The Head must have absolute control of its members.

Miss Sylvia Amstutz and her co-worker have taken up the pastorate of two churches, one in town at Weeping Water, Nebraska, and the other in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eicher and family of India, have arrived home safely after a long and strenuous journey. Mrs. Eicher who has been very ill, stood the trip as well as could be expected. Pray that the Lord may completely restore her.



## "TO THE REGIONS BEYOND"

This autumn finds many of our former students going out to various foreign fields as missionaries. The Messrs. Olen Schlatter and Bert Siegel whose testimonies appear in this issue are soon to sail to India for the first time, under the Christian Missionary Alliance Board. Miss Helen Goosen who has been home on furlough and whose portrait and testimony appear in this issue, sailed on Sept. 14 for Africa. Miss Edna Amstutz, a new missionary, whose picture also appears in this issue, sailed for the Congo on Sept. 15. Miss Emma Richert, '22, expects to sail for Africa in December. Chas. A. Roberts returned to China the latter part of September. The Misses Hilty have also returned to China, and Mr. and Mrs. Hinkey expect to sail for the same field in the near future. We earnestly desire that all of our readers add these names to their list and remember them in daily prayer, that God may give them an abundance of His grace, and supply all of their needs.

### Miss Edna Amstutz:

"And when He putteth forth His own sheep He goeth before them." John 10:4.

My heart is full of joy to know that Christ is putting me forth to be a bearer of "Good News" to the Africans.

One year after I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior from sin, I heard the call of "Go ye into all the world," and I answered "yes". From the very first it seems the Lord laid Africa on my heart. I am sure I would not have chosen Africa, but it is God's choice for me. And now, after the years of waiting, making, breaking and moulding, I am ready to go.

Psalms 71:16, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God. I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of thine only." During my waiting time, this verse has been my stay and I am taking it along to Africa. I will gladly let many others have this verse, if only they will follow me to Africa, for I don't like to be selfish.

PRAY for me.

### Charles A. Roberts:

It is with a heart full of joy that we again set our faces Chineward. We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers on our behalf. The year of furlough has been one in which we have been greatly strengthened, physically and spiritually. Praise be unto His name.

Returning to China, "a great door and effectual is open to us". Twenty-five market towns, five thousand villages; a million souls are waiting, and they have waited, oh, so long! In

a very needy part of this great field we hope, God willing, by November 1st, to open our Evangelistic Institute. Will you not remember us before the Throne of Grace as we enter this very open door?

My dear mother, who for many years has been greatly interested in the work, is returning with us. We ask your earnest prayers that we may have God's peace on this our trip "home". Trusting that we may be co-laborers together till He comes.

Brethren, Pray for Us.

### Elizabeth and Minnie Hilty

Miss Elizabeth Hilty was with us at the beginning while the school was yet at Bluffton, O. We remember so well when she was getting ready to go to South China to work with her friends, the Hinkeys, that the request came asking her to go to Central China where she was an entire stranger. She showed the real missionary spirit by saying, "China is China," so she gladly went in Jesus' name.

God has made her a blessing to the Chinese and she has done a man's work in a womanly way not even caring to speak of it in the home-land lest it seem mannish. She has served two terms on the field and is now returning for the third. She went out the first time in October 1905. When she

Miss Minnie Hilty is a graduate from the Bible Training School, her class being that of 1911. They are laboring together on the same station at Hansheo, in Hunan province



Elizabeth and Minnie Hilty

and are strong missionaries.

Let us be faithful in standing by them in prayer.

### Emma E. Richert:

I was reared in a Godly home by devoted parents who believed in repentance and conversion "that your sins may be blotted out". When I was ten years old, God brought to my mind, through my sister, the awful truth that unless we were converted we would go to hell. I had been taught the Scriptures in home and Sunday school from infancy and I always had a great fear of hell. Accordingly, I immediately went to my father and asked him how to get saved. He told me, and the Lord saved me that night.

I was happy and loved the Lord Jesus, and witnessed to my school mates, telling them how to get saved. But I soon found that I was unable to have the victory over sin. This made me very miserable; but it dragged on through many weary years in which I put forth much effort and wept and prayed a great deal. At the age of eighteen, I went to the altar for the gift of the Holy Ghost. I rather believe that I was not then ready to receive Him (probably did not have enough light), but I know that, if not then, I received Him later.

However, while teaching school away from home, I began to grow cold and indifferent by neglecting prayer and God's Word. My father's tears caused me to part with ungodly company; and little by little the Lord wooed me back closer to Himself again. I began to get so hungry for God that I felt I must do something to satisfy my hunger. I decided to attend the Fort Wayne Bible Training School, where my sister had attended. Here the Lord, true to His promise, poured "water on him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground."

Then, after He had satisfied with Himself my own deep need, He showed me in a vision or dream the great need of others. It was in April, 1920,



Faith, Miriam, Chas. A. Roberts

returned to the field after her first furlough, she took with her, her sister, Miss Minnie Hilty. Both sisters returned home about a year ago and have been doing deputation work throughout the year.

when one night I saw, as it were, many people, all in great and crying need of help for their souls. This awful scene alarmed me so that it waked me; and I felt the presence of Jesus by my side. I wept and prayed that the Lord might help those poor perishing people. Truly God "In a dream, in a vision of the night. . . Then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction." Job 33:14-16. And another time, I dreamt that my little brother was calling me all day from out in the pasture, where he was fastened some way and could not get loose. I was too busy about the house to go to him. Toward evening his voice became fainter and my conscience smote me for not having gone to him and loosed him. But I was still too busy, so I sent my sister, telling her that I would come later. But, I do not want to send my sister or anybody else when God has called me to His work.

Among the many missionary addresses given during the time of my attendance at the Bible Training School by missionaries who represented different fields, none touched me so as those of Africa. But being still uncertain about the particular field, I hesitated for a long time to apply to any Mission Board, until at length I felt that it was Africa.

My prayer and deepest desire is that I may please God by believing Him implicitly, fellowshiping with Him moment by moment and serving Him faithfully till He comes. Please pray for me.

#### Olen G. Schlatter

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty." Zeph. 3:17.

It is with great pleasure and joy that we go forth into dark India to tell the old, old story.

Surely the heathen know that there is a mighty Lord somewhere; and we have the privilege of bearing the news to them, that we worship this mighty Lord. He is our God. Oh! what a privilege.

Furthermore, we carry the message that this mighty God of ours is in our very midst. What a security; what a power! "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

We surely covet the prayers of all the members of the Fellowship Circle, that we might be able to win someone into the fold, and thus hasten the return of the Prince of Peace.

The clarion cry of missions today is the motto of an efficient Mission Society, "Forward into the Regions Beyond." This is a direct challenge to each of us to move on and out into the unoccupied territories of the world. Let us respond with the words of Isaiah, "Here am I; send me."

The Lord has been graciously opening the way so that it will be possible for me to go to India as His ambassador in that dark land. He has supplied my every need according to His promise in Phil. 4:19. The date of sailing is somewhat indefinite at pres-

ent, but will you not join with me in prayer that we (our party of eight young men) may speedily be thrust forth.

"May every step of my life be in company with the Lord Jesus. May Christ be with me as a light to lighten the Gentiles; may He work in me His spiritual miracles. May I feel His presence in the lonely wilderness, on the mountain-top, on the troubled sea. May Christ be ever with me to give me utterance, to open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel."

For India's lost millions,  
Mr. Bert B. Siegel,  
Pettisville, Ohio.



Edna Amstutz

241 Henry St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
Oct. 5th, 1922

Dear Fellowship Circle: Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? Rom. 10:13-15 (f. c.).

After fourteen pleasant months of furlough I again rejoice in the privilege of going forth to preach Christ to those who are still bound by superstition and fear, that they may call on Him who is able to save them.

I am returning to my former field among the Ukambā tribe in Kenya Colony, East Africa, under the Africa Inland Mission.

Will you not join us in prayer, fervent, effectual prayer, for those in East Africa who have not had the Light as we have had it in America. Pray for those who have not heard as well as those who have, that their



Helen Goosen

eyes may be opened to see in Christ deliverance from the guilt and power of sin, and that they may be living witnesses to their own people. We are praying for a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon them. Will you have a share in this revival?

Two new missionaries and I sail on the "Orbeta," October 14th by way of England. We leave England on November 2nd and expect to reach our field the first half of December.

A co-worker with Him,  
Miss Helen Goosen.

#### EXTRACT FROM A LETTER

Written by Joseph Ummel, a former student, who is now in Jebba, N. Nigeria, W. Africa.

We had a nice trip coming up to Jebba. It took from 11:45 A. M. till 7:00 A. M. the next morning to go the 302 miles. The road has so very many grades that it is impossible to make very fast time. All told, baggage and all, there were 20 cars in the train. However, the cars are very small and light, about one-third the size of ours. At times the grade was so steep that the train would only go about five miles an hour. The scenery was very nice. I find that the country is altogether different than I had expected. There is no large timber, in fact, few large trees. The country is all covered with just small trees, or else grass. The mission station is located on a hill. Just back of the house the bare rocks stand up out of the ground. The Niger River here has cut a channel through the rocks.

You should have heard the welcome that we received on our way to the Mission Station the morning that we arrived. Everyone that we met said, "Egarbo" (welcome) in Yoruba. I really believe that the people are glad to have us here. When we went for the freight at the station, the man told me that he wanted me to stay here and preach to them every Sunday.

I had to speak to the people in the forenoon the first Sunday. The church was crowded. In all there were about 120 at the services. On Sunday there is a service at 9:30, Sunday-school at 11:00, and service at 3:00, and a market meeting following the afternoon meeting. It makes a full day.

I am to stay here at Jebba with Bro. Shantz for a while and study Hausi. Probably during November Bro. Sherk and I will go up to the Kontagora province where I am to work. I am the first of our missionaries that will study Hausi. I will be located about north of Jebba. The Hausi language is spoken by a large number of the people up there and so if I study that I will be able to get along. Later I will have to do something with the Kambari tribe. They have not yet a written language. So you will see that I have a job ahead of me. I never thought that I would be sent up there but the way is now open and they feel that something should be done. They have been working so long to get that province opened and now that it is open they have nobody to send. Just the day before we sailed from New York they got word from the government that was very encouraging to open a work immediately and then again just a few days before we arrived here at Jebba. The others seem to feel that it was the Lord answering prayer and that I am the one to go ahead. It certainly is an opportunity for good. I will be the only missionary in the Kontagora province, which has a population of 186,000 strong. There is a Hausi boy that is working here at the mission who is to go with me. They say that they will try to let me come down to the rest of the missions once in a while. I suppose it will be quite lonely. The people all tell me that it is nicer up there than here. The elevation is higher, about 3,000 feet, fewer mosquitoes, and a more healthy climate as a whole.

Possibly you would be interested in a day's program. We have breakfast at about 7:30, followed by a prayer service with the boys of the compound. Then the forenoon is for study after I will get at it. So far I have not started at it, but will in a few days. Dinner—and then we usually sleep till about 2:30, and then do whatever is to be done after that. In the evening Bro. Shantz plays the phonograph. They are certainly very nice to have out here. They are much nicer than the continual drumming of the native. One hears that almost incessantly.

I feel at home here but I would not come out here for any other reason than that which I have come for. I tell you if you want to travel, you can do all of that you want to right at home and you will enjoy it more.

I wish that you could see some of the people when they come to church here. They are just like some of the people at home. They like to powder and powder they do. Women and

little children just have it plastered on them. Their faces look spotted. The negro here is not as black as some that we have at home. They are called the red men of Africa. It seems that the sun bleaches them. It seems that the sun has taken almost all of the tan off my hands already. The people like to sing with their mouths open. They just open their mouths and the sound comes out. Some seem to have good voices but the noise of the others spoils it.

The latter part of the 20th verse of the 74th Psalm is certainly fulfilled here. It is terrible some of the practices that the people go through.

### SAGINAW, MICH.

Dear Sister in Christ: I received the Fellowship Circle Bulletin the other day and must say it was indeed a great inspiration to see how God is and has been leading those who are willing to be led by Him. As I read the news in the Bulletin my thoughts reverted back to the many happy hours I spent in the school. Although my time there was very short, I received blessings that I shall never forget.

Had anyone told me one year ago that the Lord would send me to the Rescue Mission in Saginaw, I would no doubt have laughed at them, but here I am.

The Lord has been richly blessing Mrs. Stucky and me since we have taken up the work here. Will just give you a brief outline of the work here for the past month.

Besides our regular evening services, we have a jail meeting on Sunday A. M., in which 3 accepted Christ in the past month. Then we have a hospital service every Friday and the Lord honored us with one precious soul there, a nurse, for which we thank God; as she will be able to do so much for the Lord's cause among the patients.

Pray for us in our new field of labor.

Yours in Christ,

(Signed)

Mr. and Mrs. Obed W. Stucky.

July 11, 1922.

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle: "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in."

The progressive white man is fast developing the great rolling plains of western Canada into a vast agricultural region. Since the country is comparatively new, the people are cosmopolitan; the homes are simply adorned; and a general, indefinable spirit of laxity seems to prevail.

Commercialism having taken the lead, Christianity is following. However, it is the usual mixture of false doctrines, higher criticism and appalling apostasy. Evangelical Christianity has been sadly neglected. It is among these needy people of the prairies that the Lord has privileged

me to spend the summer in His glorious service. The Great West Mission, under the auspices of the C. M. A., is the organization which is being used of God to bring Christ to the homesteads and to the natives of these western provinces.

The plan of work is simple and unique. Missionaries, fitted with ponies and suitable equipment, go direct to the homes telling the Good News of salvation. Where people demand services, the missionary attempts to arrange a meeting or a series of meetings for them. Suitable literature is left in the homes and special cases are followed up. The Lord has been blessing and a goodly number of souls have been saved.

My heart is praising God for the privilege of being linked up with such a world-wide fellowship as the B. T. S. Fellowship Circle and may it grow until He comes.

For the Praise of His name,  
Safara A. Witmer.

October, 1922.

### EXTENSION RESUME

"And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee; He will not fail thee; neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed." Deut. 31:8.

The Lord graciously opened the way this spring for the Extension Quartette, which was accompanied by Rev. C. W. Oyer, to tour some of the western states in the interest of the Bible Training School. Our object was to arouse interest in Bible study, Gospel singing and preparation for definite Christian service.

We held services in the following places: Peoria, Ill.; Elbing, Sterling, Bucklin, Minneola, Kansas; Phoenix, Arizona; Van Nuys, Denair, Reedley, Fresno, California; Palisade, Milford, Omaha, Nebraska; and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In some of these places we remained for a week of meetings, in other places for two or three days, and in some places but one day. The Lord blessed His own Word as it was given forth in sermon and song.

In addition to these meetings, we were privileged to sing for sick people in homes and in a hospital; at the World's Fundamental Conference at Los Angeles; Old Soldiers' Home, street meetings, tent meetings, baptismal services and other public gatherings. A very precious anointing service was held in Omaha, when, at the close of a meeting, a woman came forward and asked to be anointed, according to James 5:14-15.

As we look back over the summer's work, our hearts well up in praises to Him for His tender mercies toward us in supplying the needed strength for such a strenuous trip; in giving us much liberty and joy to witness for Him; in providing entertainment in Christian homes where the fellowship with one another and the Lord was so sweet; in supplying all our temporal needs and providing us with



so many boxes of lunch; in enabling us to meet every appointment with but one or two exceptions when the trains were late; in so wonderfully financing this trip by free-will offerings, in permitting us to see some fruits of our "labors of love"; in so marvelously protecting us amidst danger. Some trains were ditched, others were deserted in some undesirable places, but not so with ours. "Great is His faithfulness" to those who trust Him.

## Notice

Kindly notify the Corresponding Secretary, Salome Schug, of any changes in names and addresses. Do not neglect this. Promptness on your part will greatly lessen the work of the Secretary.

If you are not getting the Bulletins regularly, notify the Secretary and you will receive one.

Send any news you may have or articles for publication to the Secretary. We solicit your co-operation.

Send contributions to the Treasurer, S. C. Witmer, Grabill, Ind.

## BIRTHS

To Walter and Mrs. Sander, nee Edna Potter, '18, a daughter, Helen Lucile, Feb. 9, 1922, Palisade, Nebraska.

To Alexander and Mrs. Macau, nee Grace Main, a son, James Albert, Mch. 21, 1922.

To Safara and Mrs. Gerig, a son, Richard Ellis, May 25, 1922, Fort Wayne, Ind.

To Nelson and Mrs. Sprunger, nee Anna Hein, a son, Charles Nelson, June 2, 1922, Fort Wayne, Ind. The child went home to be with Jesus, Oct. 22, 1922.

To Harold and Mrs. Neischwander, nee Anna Unruh, a son, Leroy Wayne, June 12, 1922, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

To Norman and Mrs. Lehman, nee Kathryn Hein, a son, Harold Norman, Aug. 12, 1922, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

To Gerhart, '18, and Mrs. Kliever, a son, Ellis Merle, Aug. 20, 1922, Fort Wayne, Ind.

To Joseph and Mrs. Brennan, a son, Robert Joseph, Sept. 2, 1922, Fort Wayne, Ind.

To Christian E. and Mrs. Egle, nee Delphine Scheidegger, a daughter, Dorothy Delphine, Sept. 10, 1922, Palisade, Nebraska.

To Rev. Howard and Mrs. Paschal, a daughter, Erma Jane, Sept. 29, 1922, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

To J. F., '19 and Mrs. Glock, '19, a daughter, Mildred Marie, Oct. 6, 1922, Clyde, Ohio.

To Eli and Mrs. Steiner, a daughter, Phyllis Marjorie, Oct. 13, 1922, Woodburn, Ind.

To George M. and Mrs. Baergen, nee Ruth Foth, a daughter, Edna Evaline, Oct. 15, 1922, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

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## How Can I Help But Love Him?

E. M. R.

Elton M. Roth.

1. Down from His splendor in glo-ry He came, In - to a world of woe;  
2. I am un-wor-thy to take of His grace, Won-der-ful grace so free;  
3. He is the fair-est of thousands to me, His love is sweet and true;

Took on Him-self all my guilt and my shame, Why should He love me so?  
Yet Je-sus suffered and died in my place, E'en for a soul like me.  
Won-der-ful beau-ty in Him I now see, More than I ev - er knew.

### CHORUS.

How can I help but love Him, When He loved me so?

### Slower.

How can I help but love Him, When He loved me so?

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## MARRIAGES

Arthur Stanley Dodgson, '20, and Ruth Naomi Roth, '20, at Grabill, Indiana, Aug. 11, 1922.

David E. Wittwer, and Laura Amstutz, at Bluffton, Ohio, June 11, 1922.  
Omar Sutton, '18 and Laura Becker, at Woodburn, Ind., Sept. 14.

Jess W. Fulton, '18 and Ruth Hochstettler, Bluffton, Ohio, August 17, 1922.

## DEATHS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krause lost their baby boy on Oct. 3rd. He would have been two years old on December 1st. Mrs. Krause was Priscilla Herford.

Paul Junior, oldest son of Paul and Lillian (Amstutz) Stauffer, died on Nov. 3rd, of black diphtheria. He was about three and one-half years old.