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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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COMMENCEMENT SEASON

Preparation Days

Several weeks before commencement day we began making arrangements for the entertainment of our guests to be for we expected many. The matron Mrs. Bertha Lugibihl busied herself getting things in readiness. Every bed in the house was brought out and set up in every available place until the Studio looked like a small ward in a hospital with its four beds in a row. The friends of the school kindly gave the use of their spare rooms until all the parents and friends of the senior class were provided for and also members of the Fellowship Circle.

Baccalaureate Sunday

The day was all we could ask for and the new church over the way gave

room for all who came and made the day a delight. Promptly at 2:30 the class numbering twenty-four and the faculty and workers marched from the Bible School to the church. The four brethren, having a part in the afternoon program sat on the platform facing the class which occupied the first two rows of seats. After a voluntary rendered by Miss Rosina Ramseyer and a congregational song and prayer we were favored with a vocal solo by Prof. C. A. Gerber.

Rev. S. J. Grabill, pastor of the church read the Scripture lesson. A male quartette followed after which Rev. Jacob Hygema who was presiding announced the speaker of the afternoon, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer.

Rev. Ramseyer spoke from Jno. 20: 21, appropriate words for the out go-

ing class, "As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." He emphasized the two things that lie near the surface of the text:

First that Christ's followers are shares together with Him in the Fullness of God. Col. 2:4, Eph. 3:19.

Second that He is God's Pattern for His people. Rom. 8:29; II Cor. 3:18.

Christ was God's messenger, God's mouth piece. He proclaimed the great message of Full Salvation. Heb. 2:3.

Every divinely equipped worker has the same message burning in his soul.

Note (many workers have no message).

Christ was God's Light. Jno. 12: 35, 36. His life and message sent forth the light of heaven. His true follow-

ers are the light bearers. Matt. 5.

Note (If we are true messengers and faithful light bearers, not everybody will love us.)

Christ was God's Channel of Blessing to a needy world. Acts 10:38. Those who are baptized with the Holy Ghost are channels. Jno. 7:38, 39.

Note (We are not only to give the message and live a godly life, but we are also to help the distressed by our prayers and faith. Jno. 14:12.)

Musical Program

The program was carried out as announced and much enjoyed by those present. Mr. C. A. Gerber teacher of the music department, assisted by Miss Rosina Ramseyer teacher of piano had done excellent work in the arranging of the program which was rendered by the church choir and the Men's Gospel chorus.

Commencement Exercises

With the exception of the opening and closing of the exercises the Senior class carried out the program as announced. An opening song was announced and while the congregation was looking up the song in the book, Mrs. J. E. Ramseyer stepped to the platform and presented the class with a basket of tea roses (the class rose). This was done in the name of the faculty and workers. The hymn was then sung after which followed the invocation by Rev. Jacob Hygema. Four of the members of the class rendered a men's quartette, entitled "Oh, Praise the Lord." Their names are Messrs. R. E. Moser, C. H. Wiederkehr, C. I. Birkey, H. C. Diller.

Roy Birkey sang "Not Ashamed of Christ."

The first essay, "Christ's Missionary Command and Promise" was given by Miss Ina Birkey. The second essay by Miss Martha Clark was on the Lord's second coming entitled, "Till He Come."

The third and last was an address by Chris Gerig, on the "Three Life Secrets." The three points were, 1st. The Secret of Safety,—the Blood, 2nd. "The Secret of Assurance,—the Word, 3rd. The Secret of Power,—the Holy Spirit.

The Lord was very near and blessed all three of the speakers in giving their messages.

The class song was then sung, the words of which were by C. I. Birkey and music by R. E. Moser, two members of the class, after which there was the

Presentation of Diplomas

by the principal of the school, Rev. H. C. Thiessen. An appropriate verse had been selected for each member of the class and as the diplomas were handed to each one as their names were called out the verse was read with out comment as the verses spoke for themselves. Thus closed a beautiful service and one long to be remembered.

Fellowship Circle Meeting

The annual meeting of the Bible Training School Family, as we call

our fellowship Circle, was held in the evening of Commencement Day at the church, the Bible School Chapel being too small to accommodate the crowd. We were glad for so goodly a representation of students from former years as well as friends of by gone days. The President, Rev. M. N. Amstutz of Peoria, Ill. presided. After reading the minutes and attending to other business, a "Who's Who" meeting was conducted by Rev. Aaron Roth, pastor of a Baptist Church at Ada, Ohio. Mr. Roth belonged to the class of 1920.

THREE LIFE SECRETS

Address of Commencement Day

Psa. 25:14, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant". A secret has been defined as something hidden, concealed, or something known only to one or to a very few. The Lord has some precious secrets in the cabinet chambers of heaven which He is wanting to disclose to us. David was a man after God's own heart, and he realized that the secrets of the Lord are rich and wonderful. Paul says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But he hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." These secrets are for us to know, and we shall try to bring to your notice three of the most important ones.

I. The Secret of Safety—The Blood.

This is the day and age in which the critics are trying their utmost to exclude the blood of Christ as the basis of Christian experience. They have sought to cut it out of the Bible and are seeking to substitute something else for it. They want us to believe that to follow the example of Christ is sufficient to save us and to assure our safety from the judgment of God; but that is far from being the case. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only basis upon which God can forgive sins, for "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission". Heb. 9:22.

The fact of safety through the blood is well illustrated in the story of the exodus of the children of Israel. Israel was under terrible bondage in the land of Egypt. The rulers of Egypt laid burdens upon them which were too heavy to bear. They cried to the Lord for deliverance and God raised up Moses to act as their deliverer. He besought Pharaoh to let the Israelites depart, but Pharaoh continued to harden His heart and refused to let them go. God sent plague after plague upon the land, but after all other means had failed, He announced that He would slay the first born of every man and beast.

In order that Israel might not be touched by the death-angel, God provided a means of protection in the blood of the Passover Lamb. The

blood on the lintel secured Israel's safety. "When I see the blood, I will passover you." Exo. 12:13. There was nothing more required to enjoy settled peace, in reference to the destroying angel, than the application of the blood of sprinkling. Death had to do its work in every house throughout the land of Egypt. But God in His great mercy found an unblemished substitute for Israel on which the sentence of death was executed. Thus God's claims and Israel's need were met by one and the same thing, viz., the blood of the lamb. That blood outside proved that all was perfectly, because divinely, settled; and therefore perfect peace and safety reigned within. A shade of doubt in the bosom of an Israelite would have been a dishonor to the divinely-appointed ground of peace and safety—the blood of the atonement.

True it is, that each one within the blood-sprinkled door would necessarily feel that were he to receive his due reward, the sword of the destroyer should, most assuredly, find its victim in him; but the lamb was slain in his stead. This was the solid foundation of his safety. The judgment that was due to him fell upon a divinely-appointed substitute; and believing this, he could rest in safety within. It was not a question of personal worthiness. Self had nothing whatever to do in the matter. All under cover of the blood were safe. They were not merely in a salvable state—they were saved. They knew it on the authority of that Word which shall endure throughout all generations. Moreover, they were not partly saved and partly exposed to judgment: they were wholly saved.

Let us see that it was not on his own thoughts, feelings, or experiences, respecting the blood, that the Israelite rested. This would have been a poor and sandy foundation to rest upon. His thoughts and feelings might be deep or they might be shallow; but deep or shallow, they had nothing to do with the ground of his safety. It was not said, "When you see the blood and value it as you ought, I will pass over you". This would have been sufficient to plunge him into dark despair about himself, inasmuch as it was quite impossible that the human mind could sufficiently appreciate the precious blood of the lamb. But God knew its worth and this fact tranquillized the heart. The blood was outside, and the Israelite inside, so that he could not possibly see it; but God saw it and that was quite enough.

The application of this to the question of a sinner's peace is very plain. The Lord Jesus Christ, having shed His precious blood as a perfect atonement, has taken it into the presence of God, and sprinkled it there; and God's testimony assures the believing sinner that everything on his behalf is settled—settled not by his estimate of the blood but by the blood itself which God values so highly.

"It's the blood that saves", said a man of God, who had come nigh the gates of death. He had gone down to

the brink of the dark river; his powerful form had lost its strength; his healthful vigor had fled, it seemed, never to return; but while flesh and heart were failing, he rejoiced in the truth, "It is the blood that saves".

In such confidence there is joy and gladness and peace and quietness. In the hour of sickness and death all other refuges fail, all other supports give way; but when earthly props are worthless, this strong consolation stands the test. Any bridge may bear a weight that does not test its power, but all bridges should be built so as to endure the highest test that can be placed upon them. Not the weight of the light carriage, but the loaded train, stretching across its entire length must be provided for. After the large bridge was built over the Mississippi at Memphis, Tenn., it was decided to put it to a test before the eyes of the public in order to convince them that it was safe. A hundred thousand people gathered on the banks to watch the proceedings. At the appointed time, nineteen massive locomotives were run over the bridge, one immediately following the other, thereby convincing the travelling public that the structure was absolutely safe. Any religion will answer when no religion is needed; but when death draws near, no religion will answer except that which saves eternally and gives boldness before God in the judgment.

Christ's blood is sufficient. We have no figures to show the number of the individual souls who have lived on earth during all the ages, still less to represent the multiplied acts of sin of all these souls. But we know this—That the blood of Jesus is more than sufficient to cleanse all the countless fallen creatures, and to insure their safety in the presence of a just God.

II. The Secret of Assurance—The Word.

We are living in a day when confidence is lacking; when skepticism and agnosticism is becoming more and more prevalent; and when doubt and uncertainty are made the badges of culture and wisdom. Everywhere men are demanding proof. Hypotheses and speculations fail to satisfy; the heart cannot rest content until it is able to say, "I KNOW".

The demand of the human mind is for definite knowledge and positive assurance. And God has condescended to meet this need.

One thing which distinguishes Christianity from all other human systems of religion is that it deals with absolute certainties. Christians are people who know. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I Jno. 5:13. It is well that Christians do know. The issues of life and death are so stupendous and the eternal destiny of the soul which is at stake is of such vital importance, that we cannot afford to be uncertain about it. None but a fool would attempt to cross a

frozen river until he was sure that the ice was strong enough to bear him. Dare we then face the river of death with nothing but a vague and uncertain hope to rest upon? Personal assurance is the crying need of the hour. There can be no peace nor joy until this is obtained. A parent who is in suspense concerning the safety of his child, is in agony of soul. A condemned criminal who lies in the cell hoping for a reprieve is in mental torment until his pardon arrives. And a professed Christian who knows not whether he shall ultimately land in heaven or hell, is in a lamentable condition.

But we as Christians are people who know. We know that our Redeemer liveth. Job 19:25. We know that we have passed from death unto life. I Jno. 3:14. We know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, Rom. 8:28. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. II Cor. 5:1. We know that one day we shall see Him face to face and be made like Him. I Jno. 3:2. In the meantime we know whom we have believed and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day. II Tim. 1:12. But some one asks, "How do we know?" We know because we accept the Bible as the Word of God and it is impossible for God to lie.

The Bible is a wonderful book. In it we find over three thousand promises to which we can lay claim for our own assurance and blessing. To young and old, feeble and vigorous, ignorant and cultured, joyful and sorrowful, perplexed and enlightened, Orientalist and Occidentalist, saint and sinner,—the Bible is a source of blessing and a minister to every variety of need, and it is the only book in the world of which this can be predicated. The writings of Plato may be a source of interest and instruction to the philosophic mind, but they are not suitable to place in the hands of a child. Not so with the Bible: the youngest may profit from a perusal of its sacred pages. The writings of Jerome or Mark Twain may please for an hour the man of humor, but they will bring no balm to the wounded heart and will speak no words of comfort or consolation to those passing through the waters of bereavement. How different with the Scriptures—never has a heavy heart turned in vain to God's Word for peace and assurance. The writings of Shakespeare, Goethe, and Schiller may be of profit to the Western mind, but they convey little of value to the Easterner. Not so with God's Word; it may be translated into any language and it will speak with equal clearness, directness and power to all men in their mother tongue.

The Bible needs no defence from men. For centuries men have tried to put the Bible out of the way, but they have found it to be a hopeless task. The Bible has been exiled, carried

away captive, sold into bondage, and burned on the public square, but it still lives today. The Psalmist says: "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven". 119:89, and "The Word is true from the beginning, 119:160. The apostle Peter says: "The Word of the Lord endureth forever." I Pet. 1:25. Christ Himself, forever clinches the fact when He says: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matt. 5:18, and also "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. You can bank on that Book for assurance, for it is eternal and unchangeable.

In every heart, beneath all other wants and aspirations, there is a profound longing to know the way of salvation. The world is crying "What shall I do to be saved"? Of all books the Bible is the only one that answers that universal cry. There are other books which set forth morality with more or less correctness; but there is none other that suggests a blotting out of the record of a mislived past or an escape from the penalty of a broken law. There are other books that have poetry; but there is none that sings the song of salvation or gives the troubled soul the peace that floweth like a river. There are other books that have science; but there is none other that can give the soul a definite assurance of the future life, so it can say, "I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day".

III. The Secret of Power—The Holy Spirit.

Power is promised to every believer as is seen in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you". The promise of power is conditioned upon the fact of the Spirit's coming into our hearts and lives. This receiving of the Spirit is just as definite an act or experience as is the experience of conversion. Many a good man has gone down in defeat because he hasn't surrendered to God and opened his heart for the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit is not a spiritual luxury only; but He is an indispensable necessity. Without Him a whole night's fishing ends in taking nothing. Furthermore the Holy Spirit is the gift of Jesus to the whole circle of believers even as the Son is the gift of God to the world of sinners. If we therefore remain powerless, it is because we fail to appropriate the Holy Spirit in our lives.

To what extent then does He give us power? There is the power of His grace to keep steady in the storm of trial, even as the ballast in the vessel keeps it from "turning turtle" It was after the Day of Pentecost and after Peter's memorable sermon that the first real persecution began. Many people were being saved and many sick were being healed, which facts caused a hatred to spring up on the part of the rulers against Peter and those associated with him. They were arrested and brought into court and

there Peter declared with all boldness that he would not cease to preach Jesus Christ. Our lives may be filled with trials and tests, but with the Holy Ghost in us, we too, are kept steady in the storm. The storms may be fierce and the waves may rise high, but our bark rides safely through. Entrance into Canaan will mean an encounter with more enemies than in the wilderness, but it will also mean victory and possession of which the wilderness life knows nothing.

There is also the power of His life which enables us to move in the will of God, even as the inherent power of the bird enables it to wing its way through the air. Paul says, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Rom. 8:2. The bird takes its flight through the air with never a thought of bondage. It soars high above any obstacles which are in the way. The same may be true of us. We are free through His Spirit and He leads us out and on in the refreshing atmosphere of God's love. It is sweet to be in the will of God and to know that everything you undertake is in accord with His will. Truly, there is no one who can lead you into that will and then keep you in that will but the blessed Holy Spirit operating in your life.

Then there is the power of His holiness which can beautify the character of the believer into the likeness of Christ, even as the sun's rays bring out all the delicate hues of beauty in a flower. Paul, in writing to the Ephesians, says: "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." 3:16. Holiness is something that is wrought in the inner man and not something that can be tacked on the outside. However, if a real life of holiness is wrought out in the inner man, the outer man will act in harmony with the inner man and will show forth a holy life. A life of real holiness is vitally essential for we are told that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. When we let the Holy Spirit into our hearts, He cleanses them and makes them real temples of God. This does not exempt us from temptation nor does it mean that we cannot sin if we will to do so, but it does mean that the old man is put to death, and therefore, there is no desire to sin. Surely we are meant when the Word says, "Be ye holy as I am holy"; but without the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives we are utterly unable to attain to God's standard of holiness.

There is also the power of His truth which imparts its nature to those who receive it, even as the food received and digested gives strength and fiber to the body. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." Jno. 14:26. The Word of God, without the illuminating power of the Holy Ghost, remains more or less of a mystery. But the Holy Ghost, Who is a good

Teacher, reveals the truths of God's Word to us and makes them real in our own lives. This is what nourishes our spiritual bodies and gives them strength.

There is also the power of His unparalleled supply, which attracts every longing heart, even as the oasis in the desert attracts the weary traveler. How the famished, thirsty wayfarer on the hot desert sands looks eagerly into the distance, and when his eyes finally rest on an oasis where there is refreshment, his heart is cheered and he presses on to that place. The Holy Spirit furnishes us such an oasis in the desert of this old world. We have the promise that our every need will be supplied, for the Word says, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. How precisely real the Holy Spirit makes this fact to the trusting heart. His power in us gives us the boldness to ask largely of Him and to claim His promise for the answer.

Truly, the Holy Spirit is the secret of power. Before Pentecost Peter failed before a maid; after Pentecost he stood boldly in persecution and in jeopardy of life. He causes us to triumph over the world, the flesh, and the devil and gives us power to testify of Him and for Him to others.

In conclusion may we ask, "Do you know the secret of safety? Has the blood been applied to your heart and are you trusting in its shelter for safety?" Let us lay our faith's foundation deep and strong. Let us trust no frail or unsubstantial structure. The time of testing will come. Will you then be able to stand? Remember, the only safe place for you is under the shelter of His precious blood.

Is the secret of assurance, the precious Word of God, your portion? Is your heart longing for real assurance? You will find it in His precious Word, the Book of all books. Doubt it? Never! for it stands the test. No one can touch even the hem of its garment without being healed. No one can come near enough even to stone it without being blessed. It shall rise in power and beauty as long as there remains one sinner needing salvation or one saint hoping for heaven.

Has the secret of power, the blessed Holy Spirit, become a living reality in your own life? Have you given up to Him and let Him come into your life to rule and dominate your very being? **You need Him.** Again we repeat that the Holy Spirit is not a spiritual luxury only, but an indispensable necessity. You may have Him if you but pay the price. Without Him life is a failure; with Him a success. Without Him is defeat; with Him is glorious victory.

Chris J. Gerig.

A preacher took for his text, "The Prophets". When he preached an hour and a half on the major and minor prophets, pausing a moment, he said, "Where shall we place Jeremiah?" A tired hearer said, "Jeremiah can have my place, I am going home"

CHRIST'S MISSIONARY COMMANDS AND PROMISE

Essay of Commencement Exercises

"And Jesus spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:18-20.

"It is finished," was the cry that went forth on that triumphant day when the greatest missionary, Jesus Christ, had completed His mission and had made atonement for our sins.

Because He had completed this work of redemption, all power and authority was committed unto Him by the Father, who is the source of all power.

This power was given to Him that He might give eternal life to as many as were given Him; for in the Acts of the Apostle the 8th chapter, the 12th verse we read: "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." A further purpose of the authority given to Him was that He might take unto Himself a kingdom. Having purchased it, nothing now remains but to take possession of it.

In view of these purposes of redemption God issued the greatest missionary command that has ever yet been sounded forth. "Go, ye", was the injunction that came to the company of disciples as the Lord was about to ascend into heaven; and it is the same command that comes to open, consecrated hearts today. How mysterious! Christ had not chosen Imperial Caesar with his armies, nor some intellectual giants from among the scholars of that day to fulfill His commission, but humble men—men of whom the world at large had never heard. But they were known of God and recognized by Him, for already had they heeded His call to follow Him and had given their lives to Him a living sacrifice for His service.

God's thought of missions is not only complete in purposes, but also in plan. Just as the architect leaves a plan of the desired building with his workmen, so Christ has left a complete program for us as His workers. In general this may be expressed as "teaching all nations whatsoever He has commanded us". Conditions in the world have changed but God's plans and methods stand unaltered. Many of our men today have become dissatisfied with Christ's simple missionary methods and are substituting others for them. Education and Social reform are the great objects of multitudes today. Education when properly subordinated is one of the greatest earthly blessings God has given us. But He never intended that it should take the place of Christianity. Education and culture are by-products of Christianity, but are not essential to it. Social reform is unscriptural, as seen in the 9th verse of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians, where

the Apostle Paul in speaking of salvation, says, "Not of works, lest any man should boast". Neither is it that for which the non-Christian world is waiting. To prove this no better words could be cited than those from the pen of an Oriental Christian: "We now have about eight hundred missionaries of whom perhaps more than three-fourths are from America, for which I do not know how to express my thankfulness. But the Christian faith in your country is now marching a wrong way. The Christian faith of your people of the present time is not that of years ago. Here we are in great danger. True and false Christianity come together and are both received without examination." What a shameful, sad, but true observation. Oh! why don't we as the church of Christ arouse ourselves, cease our mocking of the heathen and bring them what they want and need? A native of China stepped up to a missionary one day and said, "Missionary, my father wanted what you are preaching; for one day he found a slip of paper with just these words on it, 'Eternal Life'. He waited for some one to tell him more about it. "But as tears filled the native's eyes, he said, "Missionary, you came too late, my father has died." Can you not picture that man back in a lonely village, living a respectable life, no doubt, visiting temples, burning incense, perhaps torturing his own body in order to appease his gods and gain a high standing in his social and religious circles? But what he longed for was that someone would bring him the message of the Gospel, which alone could give him eternal life and a hope beyond the grave. There are thousands, yea, millions in similar condition today.

"A hundred thousand souls a day,
Are passing one by one away,
In Christless guilt and gloom.
Without one ray of hope or light,
With future dark as endless night,
They're passing to their doom."

Do you realize that within the last hour, seven or eight times as many people as are gathered here this afternoon have passed into eternity without knowing of the love or saving power of Jesus Christ?

Think what a stir it would create in our country and in all the world if during the next twenty-four hours this city of Fort Wayne would be consumed by fire and every person would perish in the flames! Listen, my friends, something equally as serious happened yesterday is being repeated today, tomorrow, the next day, and will be repeated through all the days unless we get this blessed Gospel out to the perishing ones. Every twenty-four hours of every day of every year a population greater than that of this city is passing out of this life without a single ray of hope. They are plunging into the awful abyss, into the blackness of darkness forever. And here we are with the light of life, with the message which is able to deliver their souls from destruction. Are not their souls just as precious in God's sight as yours and mine? Why do we not carry the Gospel to them? Have we not grievously failed in this?

God is demanding messengers that have a message, a message of life that will bring salvation to the sinner, sanctification to the believer, healing to the sick and a hope to the hopeless. God wants messengers that are filled with His Holy Spirit and divine love; messengers that will leave the comforts and luxuries of life and the fellowship of their home and friends and go out with Him into the hardest of places. He desires messengers who will give their time, love, talents and even life itself for their Master's service.

Then facing the brass walls of heathenism we need over-coming power. And unless the worker is sure that he has the power of the Holy Ghost in his life, it is most important that he tarry, tarry until he be endued with power from on high as were the earlier disciples. Some one has well said, "a missionary must be called of God, sanctified, a man of prayer, of great faith, unworldly indifferent to praise, free from everlasting struggle about himself and with a heart at leisure to help others. In short an ideal missionary must lead a supernatural life for both soul and body.

Surely such a life can claim the promised presence, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. "That many people are today without this presence is readily proved by the fact that our churches are filled with unhappy non-prosperous Christians. Is this not a sad condition, but a direct result of our disobedience to our Savior's commands?"

Ask the weary missionary what it is that fills his heart with joy and what it is that causes him to devote himself to his field of labor. Surely not the difficulties, the persecutions and the loneliness do not draw him there, but the assurance of the presence of Christ Himself. He not only abides in the worker, but also in His Gospel, so all who receive it, become acquainted with Him. Fresh and new, rich and strong is the promised presence to those who are willing to go with Him without the camp and bear His reproach.

We have briefly emphasized the source, purpose and plan of God's missionary program, and we say, what a great responsibility rested upon Christ's earlier missionaries! But have you ever stopped to think that perhaps even greater responsibility rests upon us? There are many outward privileges granted us which were not granted to Christ's first missionaries. Only until a few years ago the prayers and cries of the missionaries were, "Lord, give us open doors". Today we are told there is not a place where the Gospel cannot be carried. Everywhere open doors are challenging us. Then the educational advantages, modern inventions, such as the printing press, the telegraph, the steamship and the railroads all aid in the spread of the Gospel in this age.

Not only do our calling and privileges bring us great responsibility, but also the fact that we have been bought by the precious blood of Jesus, and that now we belong to Him, ought to serve Him. How selfish to even think

for a moment that He merely redeemed us that we might enjoy the blessings of salvation. We have been saved to serve. The Apostle Paul in the 5th chapter of II Cor., the 15th verse, tells us that, they which live should not, henceforth, live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again."

To us as God's children have been entrusted the thousands, yea, millions of never-dying souls. In Ezekiel we read that the watchmen over the house of Israel were to warn against unfaithfulness lest the blood of the lost be required of their hands. How about our trust as watchmen? Have we been faithful, or are our hands stained with the blood of many nations? We may go on carelessly and indifferently, but remember when Cain slew Abel, Abel's blood cried to God for revenge. Oh! the cries of lost heathen that are ascending against us today! Shall God not hear and shall He not deal justly and righteously?

And even as these awful cries ascend to God there is sounded forth another cry, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh". To us who wait for His appearing, it seems sometimes as if we almost hear His footsteps. If He should come right now, would we be satisfied with our records of service as they stand? Can we truthfully say we have done our best?

"Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."—Matt. 24:42.

The Master's coming draweth near,
The Son of Man will soon appear.
But ere that Glad and Glorious day
can be,

This Gospel of the Kingdom, we,
Must preach in every land.

Oh, let us then His coming haste,
Oh, let us end this awful waste.
A thousand millions still are lost,
The Savior's blood has paid the
cost,
Oh, hear their cry.

They're passing, passing fast away,
A hundred thousand souls a day
In Christless guilt and gloom.
Oh, church of Christ, what wilt thou
say,
When in that awful judgment day
They charge thee with their doom?
Ina K. Birkey.

PERSONALIAS

Miss Esther Anderson '19 from Peoria, Ill. was a guest at the B. T. S. during commencement season.

Miss Rena Len '21 graduated from the Grace Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, June 12, 1923.

Marie Bartel '21 is engaged in City Missionary work in Minneapolis, Minn.

Arthur Stanley Dodgson '21, who is pastor of a Baptist church at Mendon, O., has recently been ordained to the ministry.

Daniel Ramseyer '21 has been engaged in Evangelistic Meetings.

FROM FORMER STUDENTS

Lonavla, Poona Dist, India
April 20, 1923.

The Fellowship Circle,

B. T. S., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Ones in Fellowship:

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee."

I praise the Lord that He has promised to be with us even to the end of the age, then we shall be with Him in person forever and ever.

We reached Bombay on February 14th, after a 36-day voyage, and the following day we reached Akola Berar, which is the Alliance headquarters. We praise God for the blessed voyage which He gave us.

About two weeks after reaching Akola we attended our annual convention, where we met the two former B. T. S. students, namely, Messrs. Amstutz and Ringenberg, and we are glad to say that they are rejoicing in the Lord and His service.

We soon started our language study, and found it to be the next thing to a hopeless task in the natural, but I Thes. 5:24, is a sure promise, and we know that He will perform His will in us if we are pliable in His hand.

God's blessing seems to have been on the work in a special way this past year, for which we praise Him. There have been many asking for baptism, and we find a great need for more laborers just now. Will we not obey the Lord's command when He said, "Pray we therefore".

Then may we ask that you continue to pray for us, that God will be able to use us to be the greatest possible blessing, and thus hasten the return of our beloved Bridegroom. We need to keep the vision before us here as well as at home; and if there is anything that the enemy would like to do it is to blind our vision and rob us of our life of prayer; but Jesus is victor!

We need your prayers for our physical keeping also. I am glad to be able to say that up until the present I have enjoyed very good health, in spite of the dangers which are about us on every hand. After all our safety does not lie in the absence of danger, but in the presence of Christ. Praise His name!

In closing, I wish to thank you all for your prayer and cooperation, and I trust that God will add His blessing to each of your lives, for His glory.

Yours in fellowship,

O. G. Schlatter.

May 9th, 1923

"Praise ye the Lord, I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation." Psa. 111:1.

I count this a privilege indeed in giving a testimony for my Lord at this particular time.

Even while the very requirements are quite different from that I have been used to, strange faces all around, and nothing can be seen but sky and water, yet there is a deep settled peace

within, and praises to Him who has chosen, called, and is sending.

The Lord has indeed been so very good to me all along the way; while in preparation for His service and also during the time of parting from loved ones and home. His grace indeed is sufficient, if we only but trust Him.

I have proven Him over and over and am satisfied that "He will never leave nor forsake His own."

I have only one aim in view and that is "to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I covet the prayers of God's people, that I may ever be found faithful in the Master's service.

I am yours for the salvation of souls,

Mrs. Laura Sutton.

P. S. we are expecting to reach Antwerp, Belgium some time Friday the 11th, and there we take another boat going south.

April 17, 1923.

Friends of the B. T. S. Fellowship Circle:—

Greetings in Jesus' name.

Am always glad to get the Bulletin, and in that way keep in touch with the work of the former students of the School. It is grand to be bound together in one common bond of unity by the Spirit of love and power. It is a joy to be united in one great effort to reach needy souls with the glorious full Gospel message in the last days. What a wonderful message we have to bring to souls in darkness and doubt and distress! And oh! the need—the need! Have just closed a series of meetings in a small town in this state where the people were ignorant of the simplest salvation truths. Such ignorance! Such destitution! Pray for these communities.

Remember us as we open meetings in another very needy town of 1200 people. This place is sorely in need of real Gospel preaching and by God's grace we shall bring them the message of the dear old Book. Then later we hope to go to a town of 500 where there is no Gospel service other than a small American Union Sunday school. Pray, oh! pray for many such neglected fields to be reached by workers with a real message from God. What a joy to carry the glorious Gospel message to such places! How they drink it in! Let us get it out, and soon Jesus will come and we shall all be joined in the ranks above to praise God for the part He gave us in telling out the story of redeeming love.

Yours in His joyful service and blessed hope,

Ezra S. Gerig.

On board S. S. "Lapland"
May 8th, 1923.

To the Fellowship Circle:

The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shall be like a watered garden, and like a

spring of water whose waters fail not, Isa. 58:11.

I am happy to say that the Lord has been used to, strange faces all around, be my guide all the way.

It does not seem possible that I am on my way to Africa for the second time. It seems almost like a dream. The time passes so rapidly. We are now about two-thirds of the way from New York to Antwerp, Belgium. We are where we can see nothing but water and sky, and it seems more water than sky.

We had a pleasant voyage so far with the exception of the first two or three days when we had quite stormy weather. Most of the passengers had the privilege of feeding the fish in whole sale fashion. Of course we were no exception. You who have had the privilege of crossing the ocean know what I am speaking of, but you who have not had the privilege cannot realize what I am talking about.

Truly the Lord has been good to me. It would be impossible to tell you just how the Lord has led me since I graduated from the dear old B. T. S. in the year 1918.

I well remember while yet in school I longed for the time when I should be an ambassador for Him in dark Africa. I have realized that longing fulfilled in a measure, although I am more anxious to return than I was to go out the first time. I realize more and more the vastness of God's harvest field and the scarcity of laborers, that souls are going into eternity without Him.

If you could only read the letters received while home on furlough some of our native Christians, I am sure is would act as cords pulling on your heart strings, when you see how they are pleading for missionaries to come out to help them. When they picture their own people in the clutches of Satan, bound by the chains of heathendom, darkness and superstition. I am sure that some of you who are not in active service would examine yourselves. You would ask yourselves the question, What about those talents God has entrusted to me. Where are they hid? Some may be wrapped up nicely in a clean napkin and tucked away somewhere. But what about it in that day when we shall give an account of our stewardship? What shall we say when we shall stand before Him? I am confident of the fact that we do not want to meet Him as the natives expresses it (with shame on our faces). Dear ones can we meet Him otherwise if we come empty handed, after having received so much light and knowledge of the truth while studying His precious word at the B. T. S.

My dear companion and I, we are so happy that we are now going out to work for Him. It was very hard, indeed to leave loved ones and comforts of the homeland, but He has promised to never leave nor forsake His own, therefore, we are going forth with much joy, to meet those on the other side we have learned to love.

Well, I remember when our little river steamer was pulling away from the shores of Djoko Punda. How the natives had gathered from the different villages near the mission, to see the white missionaries and bid those that were leaving good-bye. Just as the steamer slowly moved away from the shores they began to sing in the native tongue, "God be with you till we meet again". Then the tears began to stream down their dark faces, when we asked them why they wept. They responded by saying, "You've told us about God, you've loved us, we've loved you, now you are going away and we are afraid you won't come back again. Then there will be no one to tell us any more about God, no one here who loves us," etc.

Dear ones, if we truly love our Heavenly Father, then we love those who have been redeemed by His precious blood. And that love binds us together no matter what color the skin may be. If we are not knit together with those cords of love then there must be something wrong with us.

We earnestly request your prayers that we may be led and used by Him in bringing the Gospel light to those darkened souls, to bring light to the regions where here-to-fore satan has had supreme control.

Let us work while it is called today for the night cometh when no man can work. We remain yours, in His glad service,

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Sutton,
Congo Island Mission, Charlesville,
Congo Belge, W. C. Africa.

Kitui, Via Machakos and Mombasa
Kenya Colony, E. Africa,
April 10, 1923

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle:—

As I am always glad to hear of God's work through others, I will add a few lines to let you enjoy what the Lord has done for me and for these people who have served Satan for so long.

We arrived at our port, Moinbasa, on November 25th, 1922, after a pleasant voyage and many tokens of God's love along the way. Here we were delayed for several days because of over-crowded trains, for over two hundred passengers disembarked, and there is only the Uganda Railway up-country.

I arrived at my destination on December 8th, after stopping several days at a few places along the way. We arrived at one of our African Inland Mission Stations on Thanksgiving Day in the afternoon. And what a joy it was to meet some of God's servants whom we had learned to love, again.

God has blessed the work here wonderfully, souls have been saved, others established, and out-schools opened since I left. Also the attendance at the station-school has increased.

I wish to tell you of one case of God's wonderful working. Sometime before I left a woman, named Kasyo-ka, was converted, but later stopped coming because of the opposition of her husband. Her husband is convert-

ed now and she has come back to the Lord and both are faithful attendants at the services. The husband also comes to school, and his brother who also has confessed faith in Christ. Will you not pray for them that they may stand fast in the Lord, looking for His coming.

Helen Goosen.

STUDENTS' MISSION BAND

Jan. 25-May 24, 1923.

"We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."—II Cor. 6:1.

The phrase, "Workers together with Him", was chosen as the motto for the Students' Mission Band of the last term of the school year which has just closed. What a rare privilege the Master bestows upon us, not only workers under Him, but workers together with Him. This may mean that we be sharers of His sufferings, but thank God, it also means we shall be sharers of His glory. These thoughts were emphasized by various speakers which the Lord graciously supplied and used.

The following is an account of the speakers and their subjects for the entire term:

Jan. 26—Rev. B. F. Leightner, instructor—The Day of Good Tidings, II Kings 7:9.

Feb. 2—Rev. P. L. Eicher, missionary—Missionary Address.

Feb. 9—Emma Rickert, missionary—A Three-fold Call.

Feb. 16—Weldon Klopfenstein, prospective missionary—Missions in the Light of Calvary.

Feb. 23—Wm. G. Kensinger, missionary—The Power of the Love of Christ in Africa.

Mar. 2—Clarence Birky, student—Personal testimony to Lord's Dealings.

Mar. 9—Esther Roth, student—Life of John G. Paton, pioneer missionary to New Hebrides.

Mar. 16—Rev. Arthur J. Bowen, secretary of South Africa Inland Mission—Account of recent tour through South Africa.

Mar. 23—Ellsworth K. Bethel, student—Personal testimony.

Apr. 7—Martha Clark, student—Personal testimony.

Apr. 14—Wm. G. Kensinger, missionary—Illustrated lecture on Africa.

Apr. 20—Ira W. Sherk, missionary—Illustrated lecture on Africa.

Apr. 27—Rev. T. P. Potts, instructor—"Those Who Have Influenced my Life."

May 4—Six extemporaneous addresses by students: Gertrude Angus—Jesus Christ, the Ideal Missionary; Margaret Taylor—Paul, the Missionary to the Gentiles; Lillian Roth, The Missionary Who Has Meant Most to Me; Harold Browett—Missionary Needs in Canada; Clarence Birky—Missionary Needs in United States; Roy Birkey—Indispensible Qualifications of a Missionary.

May 11—Rev. Jacob Hvgema, instructor—Stirring Missionary Message.

May 20—Rev. S. J. Grabill, pastor of

First Missionary church—Missionary Challenge.

The offerings of the term amounted to \$267.20, thus the Lord permitted us to exceed our goal, which had been set at \$250. The money remaining in the treasury at the end of the term was disbursed as follows:

\$25 to Russian Missionary Society for Bibles and Testaments.

\$46.70 to Hilty Sisters for motor-boat.

\$46.70 to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Klopfenstein for outgoing expenses.

\$46.70 to Roy and Ina Birkey for outgoing expenses.

\$25 to Mrs. Alice Galloway for tent.

Esther Roth, secretary.

DON'T FORGET THE OBJECT OF THE B. T. S. F. C.

At our annual gatherings the first object of our Circle is usually emphasized, namely, the maintenance and promotion of the "fellowship which was begun in the School". This is well and good, but we ought not to forget that there were other important purposes for bringing this organization into being. There are two other objects mentioned in Article II of our Constitution besides the one already referred to. We desire to remind you of them.

The second is, "To foster a spirit of prayer in behalf of one another and of the School." We cannot overestimate the value of real prayer. Eternity alone will reveal what has been accomplished through this wonderful ministry. Space between us and the objects of our petitions is no barrier to the answers God sends. Shall we not therefore be faithful in bearing one another up before the throne of grace even though oceans or continents may separate us as a Bible School family? Especially would we request prayer for the School. It is here where young lives are, to a large extent, molded. The measure of their usefulness in the future will depend much upon what the students receive while they are in training. Pray then that every member of the Faculty may be constantly kept in touch with the Source of all true knowledge, wisdom and power, and be enabled, not only to impart the precious truths of God's word, but also to lead those who have come for training to experience their power.

The third object mentioned in the Constitution is, "To encourage every member of the Fellowship Circle to be a true representative of the School; to be active in distributing its literature and in soliciting new students; and to assist the School in every proper way." If the fellowship is right and you are really praying for the interests of the School, it will not be difficult for you to fulfill the last object of the Circle. We need your assistance. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you can direct some young lives this way, we will seek, by divine aid, to instruct them in the ways of the Lord. Should you know of any persons who might

be interested, please send us their names and addresses and we will mail them some literature setting forth the work of the School.

Direct all communication relative to prospective students to the Ft. Wayne Bible Training School, Cor. S. Wayne Ave. and Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, Ind.

THE SECRET OF VICTORY

The secret of victory in the moment of temptation is **instant faith in Jesus**. The sword of our own effort is worthless; the shield of our own determination is vain; our own **anything** will fail us. What is needed is the power of Jesus; and this is ours by instant faith in Him for it.

Temptation may be so sudden that there may be no time for prayer, or for the use of a number of words. Nor are many words necessary, one will suffice; this one—used in full faith—**"Jesus!"**

Let it be a habit of life to believe in the victorious power of the Lord Jesus in the moment of His people's need; and then when the trial comes, let there be the exercise of this full trust, while His own blessed name is used for our instant defense.

The result is not uncertain. It matters not how the temptation to sin may assail us, whence it may come, or what it may be. "Through faith in His name" there shall be victory. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."—Rev J. T. Wrenford.

PERSONALIAS

Miss Esther V. Roth graduated from the Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, New York this spring.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Moon from Oakland, Calif., attended commencement exercises at the B. T. S.

Mrs. Elmer Fitch '12 from Elmerherst, Long Island, N. Y., attended commencement exercises at the B. T. S.

Miss Effie Smoots '09 returned to Congo, Africa, June 13th, where she has labored faithfully for several years.

Miss Lillian Birkey, a student at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute, attended the closing exercises of the Bible School.

Miss Sylvia Amstutz '17, who is engaged in Christian work at Council Bluffs, Ia. attended the commencement exercises at the B. T. S.

Mrs. Elton Roth '12 and children left for Marshal, Texas, June 3rd. Mr. Roth is engaged in evangelistic services there.

Rev. and Mrs. Previtwo M. Accosta of Havanna, Cuba, are visiting with Mrs. Accosta's mother at Fort Wayne.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Bible Training School Fellowship Circle was held, May 24, 1923, in the First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

President M. N. Amstutz opened his service with prayer and made a few remarks on I Jno. 1:7.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

President—J. Frank Glock, Clyde, Ohio.

Vice-Pres.—J. C. Clasper, Spencer-ville, Ohio.

Recording Sec.—Mrs. W. P. Stauffer, 4313 Tacoma, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Cor. Sec.—Dersie Quince, 2521 Broadway, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Treasurer—B. F. Leightner, 543 Organ, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

It was moved and seconded that the circle pledge \$350 for the coming year. This money is used for needy students attending the B. T. S. With 480 members in the circle, it should be an easy matter to raise this amount.

The new nominating committee appointed is as follow, C. A. Leichty, Edith Holsworth and Henry Trof.

The members of the Fellowship Circle have also decided to make a change in the way the Bulletin is being issued. Here to for, the **Bulletin has been issued and mailed, free of charge to all the members of the Fellowship Circle, but in the future there will be a small charge made. The subscription price from now on will be 25 cents a year** and the paper will be sent quarterly. This will enable us to send the paper as second class mail, which will mean a big saving in postage. **This will be the last Bulletin you will receive free of charge, so please send in your subscription before the next issue of the Bulletin or you will not receive your paper.** If you enjoy reading the news from other members of the Circle you will surely not want to miss even one number. In sending in your subscription use the order blank printed below.

Mrs. P. W. Stauffer,
Recording Secretary.

SAVED AND SPIRIT FILLED

You asked me to explain the spirit-filled life? I cannot do it. This is as deep a mystery as life itself. But though I cannot explain it, I believe in it and would seek to make it clear with the following illustration.

The old ship that is buffeted and

beaten about by the storm and finally landed on the rocks is in a helpless condition. The salvage company comes along and takes her off (the rocks, tows her into port; repairs, refits, and makes practically a new ship out of what was a wreck. But there she is, either riding at anchor in the stream, or tied up at the dock. A fine vessel alright, but not of much use to any one. Now let us open her up and fill her bunkers with coal or her tanks with oil; let the fires be lighted in her boilers; get steam up; open her gate valves and turn the stream into all her channels and the old ship is aquiver with life from stem to stern. She is ready for action. Saved from sin and filled with the Spirit.

F. S. G.

BORN

To Ezra R., '18 and Mrs. Roth, '18 a girl, Helen Vivian, Dec. 25, 1922, Wuchaug, China.

To Joseph S., '10 and Mrs. Switzer, a girl, Helen Vivian, Dec. 25, 1922, Sterling, Kansas.

To Edward N., and Mrs. Newett, '16 (nee Madeline Voltz) a son, Edward Russell, January 27, 1923, Detroit, Mich.

To Wm. H. and Mrs. Hygema '21, a daughter, Wilma, Feb. 1, 1923.

To Paul S., '19 and Mrs. Stauffer, '16 (nee Lillian Amstutz) a daughter, Florence Celeste, April 23, 1923.

To Wilbert and Mrs. Sprunger, (nee Samanda Ramseyer) a daughter, Melba Ruth, May 9, 1923, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

MARRIED

Menno Amstutz, '14 and Rilla Klopfenstein, '08, May 26, 1923, at Grabill, Indiana.

Eunice Diller, '23 and Sylvan Hausser, '22, June 9, 1923, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Edwin Sites, '22 and Mildred Barn-dollar '22 at Lorain, Ohio.

DEATH

John S. oldest son of Geo. M. and Mary S. Hostetter died at Westover, Md., Nov. 18, 1922, age six and one-half years.

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