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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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"TILL HE COME"

Martha Clark

In these days when the world in general is troubled and anxiously wondering about the future, it would be well to look into God's Word for a little while and to see just what He says on this subject.

In the 14th chapter of the Gospel by John we read that the disciples' hearts were also troubled. Christ had been with them for a short while, during which time they had learned to love Him dearly. Toward the close of His earthly life He told them of His coming death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. This made them very sad. Consequently He said to them in the 18th verse of this chapter, "I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you." In this promise He sets forth His spiritual coming. He comes and indwells us as soon as we open our heart's door to Him, for in Rev. 3:20 He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." In Col. 1:27 Paul says, "Christ in you," is "the hope of glory". Here there is implied not only His spiritual abiding in us, but also His personal coming in the future. This coming of Christ is neither His coming to us at conversion, nor the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, nor the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A. D., nor yet death, it is the literal return of "this same Jesus" Who was taken up into heaven.

According to the Scriptures, the events of the future will take place in the following order: Christ will come for His own at the rapture, when "the dead in Christ" will be raised and those who "live and remain" until that time will be caught up together to meet Him in the air. Then will follow the Tribulation, which will last for a period of about seven years. During this time the antichrist will reign. At the close of the Tribulation, Christ will come to the earth with His own. He will destroy the antichrist and his armies, judge the nations, bind Satan, and set up His kingdom. At the close of the Millennium, Satan will be judged and cast into the lake burning with fire and brimstone. Then will take place the second resurrection and the judgment of the wicked dead before the Great White Throne. After this, the Lord will bring in the new heavens and the new earth, and the eternal state will follow.

But today we must confine ourselves to the personal return of Christ in a general way. Let us look at some of the conditions that will continue until

He returns, consider the believer's duty until that time, and emphasize the privileges that are ours until then.

I. The Conditions in the World Until He Returns.

The blind optimist is saying, "Every day in every way the world is getting better and better;" but God's Word says that in the last days perilous times shall come, men shall be covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Surely, these conditions are upon us today. Just look at the crime situation. Judge O. R. Rosalsky of New York estimates that there are 30,000 professional criminals in New York state alone. The Chicago Crime Commission estimates that there are 10,000 in that city alone. In the year 1920 a loss of automobiles by theft to the amount of \$15,023,000 was reported from only 28 of our principal cities. W. J. Burns ventures an estimate of \$106,000,000 as an annual loss from thefts suffered by railroads, express companies, and other transportation agencies of this country. Are not these totals shocking? Look at the divorce problem. Statistics show that one out of every eight marriages in this country end in divorce, and that there have been 1,883,592 divorces during the first twenty years of the present century.

Time will not permit us to go on showing the increase of other forms of outward sin, but we must call attention to the alarming conditions in the religious world. In the last few years especially the growth of the apostasy has been appalling. One cannot help but see that I Tim. 4:1, is being fulfilled today that in the last days "some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. This same departure is spoken of in II Tim. 4:3, 4; "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; ***** and they shall be turned unto fables." Just look at the growth of the false religions, such as Christian Science, Russelism, Spiritism, and Higher Criticism in recent times.

Alongside of these failures in the moral and religious world, there are also serious conditions in the political world. The Scriptures tell us that "wars and rumors of wars" are to continue "till He comes." Who would have thought just before this last war, that such a war could be possible. All we heard was, "Peace, peace, no more war!" It was claimed that man had become so civilized, so refined, so educated, that going to war against his fellowmen was altogether out of the

question; in fact, was thought too brutish. Do you remember the Peace Conference held at the Hague just before the war? When they thought the time had come that nations would not lift their swords against one another? One of our beloved statesmen who was then Secretary of war, thinking that this prophecy of Isaiah was now being fulfilled, had some swords made into small plowshares and presented them as paperweights to the Diplomats gathered at Washington. However, he with many others have had their eyes opened, for like a thunder-bolt out of a clear sky came the declaration of war in 1914. During this war 10,000,000 of the world's most stalwart young men were killed in action, not mentioning those who were wounded, imprisoned, or otherwise missing. Today the only reason the nations of Europe are not at war is because they are almost bankrupt. One writer says "The present situation of the countries of Europe conceals great dangers, which we must be prepared to meet when the hour strikes. A new war is not for lack of will but because the strength and means to wage a new war are lacking." Figures taken from our government's financial report show that 85% of the income tax receipts goes to pay for wars, past or prospective; and that out of every \$100.00, \$73.33 goes to the army or navy. Thus we see that the pet phrases of the recent war such as: "This is the last war," and, "It takes a great war to bring universal peace to pass," have evaporated, as all other nice unscriptural optimistic sentences do.

Then again we are told that the tares and the wheat are to grow together until He come. For Jesus said so. The tares are the professing Christians, who yet are without Christ. Today we have large churches and large memberships, for it is quite popular to belong to church for social and financial standing. Our churches are full of those who have never had a change of heart who know nothing of Christ's power to save from sin. But thank God, there are those in the church who have experienced a change of heart and have been made new creatures in Christ Jesus. However the true and the false shall be separated, for the true and faithful ones will be caught up when He comes, and the tares will be left to pass through the fires of the Tribulation. A recent report of the Federated churches states that the religious bodies in America made their greatest growth last year; that there was a 50 per cent. increase. The writer of the articles further states that "this furnishes a convincing answer to those who have contended that the world is growing more sinful."

Yet we would say that though figures do not lie, they do not necessarily tell the whole truth. There are other matters which must be taken into account. "What sort of a growth is it?" Have all these made a personal experience of salvation? Were not many of them merely added as church members who yet know not Christ? Do our churches get down to the fundamentals of life and conduct? How sad that a great many of them do not. Where are the people on Sunday nights, when our churches are almost empty? Go look at the crowds waiting to enter the picture shows!

Look at the strife between capital and labor today. James tells us that in the last days there will be many rich men, heaping to themselves treasures, and that the cries of those who have reaped their fields will be heard by the Lord. Whatever temporary adjustment of the trouble may be made, there can be no permanent settlement of it until the Lord returns. To the Christian working man the Lord says, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord," and, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

II. The Christian's Duty Until He Returns.

Having now briefly considered some of the world's conditions, we would next inquire as to our duty as Christians till Christ returns. The Word of God shows us that we have a four-fold duty. First of all, we are admonished to be ready for His coming; "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Therefore we should take heed, watch and pray. Then again it says, "He that hath this hope in Him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure." The hope of the soon coming of our Lord and Master made real in our lives separates us from the world, the flesh and the devil; from all that might hinder us from being ready when He comes.

Then we are asked to "look" for His appearing; for "unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." In Rev. 22, we are taught to pray for His coming. Can we pray from the heart this afternoon, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus"? If we continually look and pray for His return, we will not be found in any place, or doing or saying anything, that would make us ashamed at His coming.

Again, we are urged to help one another, love one another, and encourage one another, "and so much the more as we see the day approaching." In these dark days when Satan tries in every conceivable way to side-track believers, we need one another's encouragement and prayer. If Satan cannot get Christ's followers to take up with his false doctrines, he tries to use his greatest tool, that of discouragement. It is at the time when a soul is discouraged that words of cheer, help and spiritual uplift are most needed. Let us be faithful in assem-

bling ourselves together in the Lord's house, in encouraging one another, and living a true Christ-like life before our fellow-believers.

Then we should be faithful in giving the Gospel to the world. To be ready ourselves, to be looking and praying for our Lord's return, to be admonishing and loving one another, is not sufficient, for the Lord has commanded that we should give forth meat in due season. He says, "Blessed is that servant whom His Lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing." The pastor is admonished to feed his flock, and is assured that "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear," he "shall receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away." There are many false shepherds today who are not feeding their flocks with the Bread of Life. It is the Gospel, the Good News of Christ's power to save, that we are told to give to a lost and dying world. Men and women are bound for an endless eternity. Who will tell them of the only name under heaven whereby they must be saved, if we do not? Oh, let us be up and doing and be found out in the field, gathering in the last members of the body and bride of Christ when He returns!

III. Man's Exalted Privilege Until He Returns.

Let us now observe what the Scriptures teach as to some of man's exalted privileges during this age. For one thing, they clearly state that this is peculiarly the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost Christ sent the Holy Spirit. Since then He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He shows us our sinfulness and the loveliness of Christ. He not only convicts of sin, but also strives with man to accept Christ as his Saviour. He tries unceasingly to induce men to come to Christ. However, when Christ comes, the Spirit will be taken away. If it is hard to persuade anyone to become a Christian now, what will it be then? During this age the Holy Spirit is hindering Satan in the working out of His devices. With all his lying wonders and signs, Satan is bad enough in this age, but today the Spirit hinders him and the mystery of iniquity from coming to have full sway. But when the hinderer will be taken out of the way, the terrible Tribulation will begin. Then men will blaspheme God and cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them, so as to hide them from the face of Him Who sitteth on the throne. Sinner friend, will you not heed the invitations of the Holy Spirit Who is striving with you to accept the Son of God, while it is still comparatively easy to become a Christian?

A second exalted privilege that is ours today is to become a member of the body of Christ. In the Old Testament God had His patriarchs, prophets, and people, for He has always had a regenerated people. And again during the Tribulation period some will be saved, though at the awful cost

of persecution, and martyrdom. But now, we who accept Jesus as our Saviour become a part of His body. Can you conceive of this for a few minutes,—we the body and He the Head? Is not this the closest intimacy that is possible? Notice that we become a part of an organism through which the life of Christ flows, not of an organization, as when one joins a club or lodge. All true believers compose this body, and when the Head, or Christ appears, they will not only be with Him, but share in His inheritance.

In the last place, if we belong to Christ, we will escape the horrors of the terrible Tribulation. The Tribulation will begin immediately after Christ comes for His own. It will be the darkest period of the world's history. The Bible describes this period as most horrible; for when the church is taken away, darkness and corruption will increase terrifically. The antichrist will come on the scene and be the head of the Federated Kingdoms of the earth. Satan will give him his power and throne. At the middle of the Tribulation Satan will be cast to the earth, having great wrath, for he knows his time is short. This is Jacob's trouble and primarily a time when the Jews will be persecuted as never before, because of their rejection of Christ. Yet this indescribable time will be world-wide and all those who will live godly lives will suffer untold persecutions. Everyone will be forced to accept the mark of the beast, since no one will be able to buy or sell without his mark. But even during this testing time multitudes will accept Christ; however they will die a martyr's death for not worshipping the beast.

Now my sinner friend, if you have seen some of the distressing conditions that exist in the world today, which are only a fulfillment of prophecy, if you have seen how much you are missing by not belonging to the Lord, and also what awful times are still to come, will you not listen to the tender pleadings of the One who died for you and accept Him today? But you may say, "Where is the promise of His coming? for all things continue as they were from the beginning." Yes, but God says, "As it was in the day of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." All things may seem to continue to be the same, but "in such an hour as ye think not He will come, and will not tarry."

And you, dear Christian, would you be ready if He should come today? Are you prayerfully watching for Him? Are you constantly expecting Him? Are you faithful in your ministry to believers and the world? All careful Bible students agree that there are no revealed events that must be fulfilled before He can return for His own. So then He may come at any

time. Let us be faithful in His vineyard, ever watching and praying for His return.

"Till He Come!" Yes, He is coming
Jesus our descended Lord,
Coming back as He hath promised,
Coming to fulfil His Word;
Coming not in lowly fashion,
But in glorified array—
Coming back, oh Hallelujah—
Welcome to that gladsome day!"

(Commencement address delivered at B. T. S., May 24, 1923.)

OPENING DAYS AT THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

A few lines of information concerning the opening days of the Bible Training School may prove of interest to our readers at this time. Wednesday, September 19th was the date set apart in the Calendar for the opening of the fall term of the school.

Busy hands had been very actively engaged in preparing the building for the reception of the students for some time before the opening date; and the teachers and workers were on hand a few days before in order to have their apartment fitted up, and such home arrangements completed as were necessary, before taking up the curriculum of studies with the classes.

The opening service on Wednesday afternoon was both interesting and profitable. Rev. J. E. Ramseyer presided, and other members of the Faculty followed with suitable words of greeting, and the students in turn took up the note of testimony and praise until all hearts were touched with the tender breath of the blessed Holy Spirit upon the first exercises of the school year.

The number of students is very encouraging. The present enrollment is 71. These represent ten states of the Union, two provinces of Canada and China. We are glad to see so many of the former students present with a large per cent. of new ones. They are still coming in at this writing and the house would be more than full already were these all dormitory students. There are about a dozen applications of persons who are to come a little later. We are so glad to see so many young people wanting to prepare for the work of the Lord in these last perilous days, when it means much for a young person to take a stand for God and the right.

We are praising God for the spiritual atmosphere which has pervaded the school during these opening days, and the marked way in which teachers, workers and students blend and harmonize.

Less than two weeks before the opening of school Mr. P. L. Eicher telephoned from Archbold that owing to the continued illness of his dear wife he felt he should not consider filling the place of business manager so Mr. M. E. Ramseyer was appointed to take up the business management for the school year.

In closing, permit us to appeal to

parents and friends of the school to unite with us in prayer that this may be a wonderful year of blessing. The number of students already enrolled is gratifying, and others are accepted to enter at an early date, and prospects are encouraging. Will our readers and friends please help us by writing to the acting principal of the school, Rev. B. F. Leightner, care of the Bible Training School, for printed information; and by sending to him a list of names and addresses of friends whom you think might have some prospects of attending. Also "helping together by prayer for us***that thanks may be given by many on our behalf."

One of the Family.

SEVEN POSITIONS WHICH THE LORD SUSTAINS IN RELATION TO HIS PEOPLE

There are seven verses of Scripture that have been made particularly precious to me as I have meditated upon them. They show the completeness of the Lord's presence and care.

The first verse is found in John 10:4 which reads as follows, "And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice." This puts Christ before us as our great Pathfinder. It is blessed to know that we need not travel over an untraveled way but that Jesus has gone before and assured to all who follow that the way is safe. No sorrow, no hardship, no pain, but what He has experienced. Jesus knows. He traveled the path that we must take. He has taken away the briers and branches that would catch and lash. Wherefore, trust Him and be not afraid for, "He goeth before".

Now, let us read Isa. 52:12—"For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward." This reveals to us that the Lord is behind us as our Protector. We think of the children of Israel at the time of that great crisis in their journey, when they stood facing the seemingly impassable Red Sea. There they were confronted by the Red Sea,

a mountain wall on either side while behind them the hard-hearted Pharaoh and his host of well-equipped soldiers approaching nearer and nearer. But the pillar of cloud went from before their face and stood behind. To the Israelites it was a light, but to the enemy it was confusion. Though He may not be in the form of the pillar of cloud, the Lord will, in a very real sense stand behind His trusting children to afford protection in times of unexpected danger when the enemy would attack from the rear.

Again for the third position read Deuteronomy 33:27—"The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms....." These words reveal the Lord underneath us as Sustainer. It is upon Him that we may stand when it seems as though we are about to sink in the dark waters of despair. Oh, to quit struggling in a vain effort to keep above but just to relax and let down then our feet rest firmly upon the Rock.

For the fourth position we look up and see Jesus above us as our Representative. This thought is borne out by Heb. 9:24—"For Christ is not entered in the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the time; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." It is sweet to know that when Satan would accuse us before God (for this is one of his occupations), that Jesus is there to plead our case. And when our faith would fail, Jesus reminds the Father that He has prayed that our faith fail not. And God answers the prayer of His beloved Son, our great High Priest. So with this assurance that we need not endeavor to come in our own merits (for we have none) but that God recognizes us through the merits of His Son, our Representative, may we say, with the song writer—

"This my rock, my sure defense,
Jesus pleads for me,
This my ground of confidence,
Jesus pleads for me;
Holy hands that wrought but good,
Stained with sacrificial blood,
Lifted, now, in prayer to God,
Jesus pleads for me."

Another position which the Lord sustains to His people may be found

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in the words of Ps. 16:8—"I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." This presents Him as beside us as our stabilizer. Some years ago we attended a lecture during which the speaker demonstrated the various uses of the gyroscope. In the course of his lecture he told how the gyroscope might some day be used to prevent the rolling of ocean liners while navigating a heavy sea. So far as we have been able to learn this particular use of the gyroscope has not become practical. But we who sail the sea of Christian experience have a gyroscope that is practical and efficient. When the storms of life rage and the waves of temptation dash and beat upon our back, the Lord Jesus is able to hold us steady. He is our stabilizer. Therefore, we need not pitch and roll as does the ship, but, by His grace and through implicit faith in Him, we may pursue our course and ultimately arrive safely in the home port, which is Heaven.

Still another position may be noticed in Ps. 34:7—"The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Here He is shown as being around us as our Deliverer. When the enemy would throw his deadly barrage around us it is soul-inspiring to know that the Angel of the Lord encampeth round about us and delivereth us because we fear Him.

The last position that we wish to point out is seen in Gal. 2:20—"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Here Christ is presented as within. This means power. This relation is both the basis and the climax of the preceding points. Within us He gives power to overcome sin, and self and satan; to live above all our circumstances and to appropriate our inheritance in Him. Because He lives in us we are enabled to fulfill the following clause, that is, to live by the faith of the Son of God.

How wonderful to know that we are undergirded, sheltered beneath, and completely surrounded by our blessed Lord. And not only this but He is within us, who have yielded fully, to give us power and victory all the way.

May our hearts rise up to Him in praise and thanksgiving for the marvelous provision that has been made for us. And may these few Scripture verses enable us to practice the presence of God throughout every moment of the day and all the days.

Frank Chant, B. T. S.
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CONVENTION ECHOES

"The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad." Ps. 126:3.

Truly the Lord met us in a wonderful way during the Convention season. Our hearts rejoice to know that the Lord set His seal of approval upon

the services in a special way. The services began on Saturday evening, August 11th, with a goodly number present, in spite of the stormy and rainy weather. After a short address of welcome by the pastor of the local church, the Rev. J. E. Ramseyer gave a short talk on John 15:7-11. He emphasized the surety of prayer answer and encouraged us to pray much and to expect largely of the Lord for the week.

The first Sunday was a real day of feasting on the Lord. The weather cleared up and the tent was full. In the forenoon, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer spoke from Acts 2:22-33, emphasizing (1) The Humiliation of Christ, (2) The Exaltation of Christ, and (3) What this all means to us. This was followed by an address on "Peter's Venture for the Lord," by Rev. B. F. Leightner. In the afternoon the Rev. G. R. Schroeder addressed the Convention, followed by Roy J. Birkey, missionary to China. Other men who had a part on the program of the week were the Rev. C. W. Oyer, Rev. H. C. Thiessen, Rev. E. F. Clauser and Rev. Wm. Egle.

We were privileged greatly to have several other speakers of note with us during the week. The Rev. L. H. Zeinier, Pastor and Bible Teacher from Mansfield, Ohio, spent two days with us, bringing us some very helpful and heart-searching messages. The Rev. Jacob Hygema, Bible Teacher of Fort Wayne, Ind., was on the program with a soul-inspiring message from the Word. It was also a privilege to have the Rev. A. C. Snead, Foreign Secretary of the C. and M. A., address us. He has a great knowledge of the conditions on the various foreign fields and an intense love for souls. His message rang true and gripped our hearts. The Rev. Chris. Eicher, Dean of the Nyack School, spoke on the last Sunday, which was the Annual Missionary Day. The Lord gave us a beautiful day, a large crowd, and a good missionary offering. Other outside speakers and missionaries were the Rev. Frank Holzworth of New York City, Wm. G. Kensinger and Mr. Stoddard, missionaries to Africa, Mr. Patterson, missionary to the Indians, Miss Ina K. Birkey, missionary to China, and the Misses Nancy Ramseyer and Esther V. Roth outgoing missionaries to India.

We were delighted to have the Werkhauser Gospel Team for the evening evangelistic services. Rev. Werkhauser brought the messages and the daughters sang and played. The Lord used Bro. Werkhauser in a marked manner in bringing the messages, and many hearts responded. Between 80 and 90 people knelt at the altar for salvation, sanctification and healing. Several pairs of spectacles were discarded during the week in answer to prayer. The Lord is just the same today as He ever was.

We are also glad to say that the Lord blessed the work of the women who labored so faithfully in the

kitchen. While they were not privileged to attend as many of the services as we, yet the Lord blessed them. About 4,000 meals were served during the week. The people of Grabill will not soon forget the convention season and the Lord's workings among us. Brother! are you? "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103:2.

C. J. Gerig.

CONFIDENCE

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust.
Ps. 71:1.

Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee,

Trust Him when thy strength is small;

Trust Him when to simply trust Him Seems the hardest thing of all.

Trust Him, He is ever faithful:
Trust Him for His will is best;
Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus Is the only place of rest.

Trust Him, then, through cloud and sunshine,

And thy cares upon Him cast,
Till the storms of life are over,
And the trusting days are past.

—Selected.

"UNCHUCA" OUR INDIAN HOME

About fourteen years ago we were led of the Lord to take up work among the Indians of southern Oklahoma.

At that time we had charge of the work in the kitchen and dining room at an orphans' home, for some thirty-five Indian children, and also of general work for the boys about the grounds and garden.

The work was supported by the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Baptist church, and it was well managed and good results were accomplished.

We discovered some characteristics of the Indians while there, which we found common to all, old and young, later on.

We were strangers and wished to find out all we could about these little red brothers and sisters, and we soon realized that they were just as determined to find out all they could about us.

We would find them standing in the doorways or peeping through the crack in the door or looking in the windows during the day time and during the evenings also, and when we would notice them, they were shy and would slip away.

The superintendent of the Home told us not to let that bother us, as they always acted that way toward all newcomers, and were only studying us to find out what kind of people we were and decide whether or not they would like us.

After a few days of such investigation they began to make up and to

be willing to talk to us and tell us something about themselves.

Under the direction of Mrs. Patterson, the Indian girls did all the work in the kitchen and dining room, which was splendid training for them. Two girls helped with the cooking in the kitchen and four girls, one for each table, in the dining room. Each week two of the dining room girls would exchange places with the kitchen girls.

There were about eighteen boys and eighteen girls, ranging in age from three years to about nineteen years of age.

Everything was provided for them in the Home, food and clothing, physical and mental training, and moral and spiritual instruction.

Under the direction of the girls' matron, the girls did the laundry work and made their own beds and learned how to sew and make their own clothes and do all the house work.

The boys were taught farming and gardening and had to cut and split all the wood and carry it into the different buildings.

The superintendent was a good Baptist minister and the school teacher was a consecrated Christian girl.

The boys' matron was a dear old saint who loved them all and had labored among them for over twenty years.

Every night she would put the little boys to bed after they had said their prayers, and then would sit and read or tell Bible stories to them till they were all asleep.

A number of the children had accepted Christ as their Saviour and were leading good Christian lives.

One girl, Tillie, about eighteen years old had lost all of her relatives, she knew of none who were living and old Auntie Ringold, the boys' matron, had told her that all Christians were her relatives, so she wanted to know if Mrs. Patterson and myself were her brother and sister and when we told her we were she seemed most happy.

We had an old Indian woman at the Home who was blind and helpless and Tillie used to take her meals to her and wait upon her and also read the Bible to her adopted grandmother in the Lord and pray and sing to her. The dear old woman learned to love the Lord and at one time when she was very sick she asked for all the school children to come and sing the Christian songs about Heaven, for through faith in Christ she was fully expecting to go there soon and was happy. 1st Cor. 15:55-57.

One day a little dark skinned girl of about four years was brought to the Home. She had long black hair, such sparkling eyes and was so full of mischief that we called her "Topsy".

When she came she could not speak or understand a word of English, but within a very few days she could easily make her wants known and was continually playing jokes on the rest of us.

She was a willing worker and when we brought vegetables in from the

garden she always liked to help the other little girls prepare same for cooking. They especially liked to cull peas.

One day she went along to the garden and while the rest of us were stooping over picking peas and beans, she would be hunting grasshoppers and worms and slip down our backs, under our clothes.

When the little tots were brought to the Home many of them only had Indian names so Auntie Ringold would give them Bible names.

We had a David and a Solomon, a Daniel and even a Cain and Abel but Cain did not kill his brother Abel this time for they were twins and worked and played together in perfect harmony, and were so much alike except for a mole on one of their cheeks we could not tell them apart.

The boys liked to fish and would put the fish on a stick and roast them by the fire and eat them with salt.

They also liked to hunt, though they had no guns. They had several dogs of different species and together with sticks and stones and digging them out, they would generally return with several rabbits, which we would cook and serve in the dining room.

The boys sometimes needed correction and on one occasion several of them ran away and were gone many days, living on roots, nuts and berries and they were found at last and seemed glad to get back for it was the day before Thanksgiving. Psalm 100:4.

While we were laboring there, the Board of Directors decided to unite the Indian Home at Unchuca with Bacon College for Indians and at that time we withdrew.

Some ten years later we visited Bacon College and met some of the "little tots" who had grown up into splendid men and women and we were told about others who had gone out into the world and become useful Christian citizens.

Through faith in Christ as their Saviour, we hope to meet them in the blessed home which "God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. 15:58.

Howard M. Patterson,
Hoopa, Calif.

THE WORLD'S BIBLE

Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today,
He has no feet, but our feet, to lead men to His way,
He has no tongue, but our tongue, to tell men how He died;
He has no help, but our help, to bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible, the careless world will read;
We are the Sinner's Gospel; we are the scoffer's creed.
We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word,
What if the type be crooked? What if the print be blurred?

What if our hands are busy with work that is not His?

What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is?

What if our tongues are saying things, His lips would spurn?

How can we hope to help Him, or hasten His return?

—Selected.

"ONE THING"

II Tim. 4:2.

The present day is a time when people demand something real. For instance, look into the business world. When a firm sends out its agent it expects him to come to your door and present articles in such a way as to make you believe that you cannot do without it and that you must immediately purchase them. If such high standards are required from the worldling, surely both the Work of God and the world demand a definite testimony from every one of us. But on the contrary we today find many people who are opposed to such high standards in Christianity. I am afraid that the trouble is with the individual, in that he does not have any testimony himself.

It was this demand that brought from the lips of the blind man whom Jesus healed, the answer to the Pharisee's question, with such undaunted accuracy, "Whether He is a sinner or not, I know not; one thing I know, that, whereas, I was Blind, now I see." Jno. 9:25.

After Jesus had healed the man the Pharisees at once began to question the genuineness of the miracle; but he answered by declaring Jesus a prophet.

Not being satisfied with his reply they turned to his parents, who, for fear of the Jews, immediately placed all responsibility upon their son.

Again they turned to the healed man with the hope of persuading him to denounce Christ as a blasphemer. But instead, he wonderfully testified to the fact of his deliverance; not in a torrent of philosophical or scientific phrases, but by a simple testimony from the very depth of his heart, "One thing I know, that, whereas, I was blind, now I see."

The next passage of Scripture to which I wish to draw your attention is found in the 27th Psalm and the 4th verse. "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." David, a king, who was the writer of this Psalm could have had thousands of desires which you and I have never, and will never dream about. He, such an outstanding character, had but one consuming desire, which was, "To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life, and to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple."

The story is told of a gentleman who passed a garden, where a boy was weeding an onion patch. Know-

ing very little about gardening, he asked the boy why he was pulling out the small onions. The lad's reply was that if the patch was not weeded, the onions would all be small and spindling, and would not properly mature. That is just the reason why we find so many broken, blighted and blasted hearts and lives, because they have too many desires. If that is the case in your life let God give your desire "patch", a weeding, and like David get your eyes fixed upon Jesus and His beauty and all the necessary details will naturally be added unto you.

Some of you here this morning may remember the time you said, "good-bye", to some one who would not keep pace with you. Or perhaps just now there may be some one who with tear stained cheeks is looking up into your master's face, about to say good-bye to that cherished desire. Do it and say—

"The dearest idol I have known,

Whate'er that idol be;

Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship Thee alone."

The next scripture is one of Paul's expressions, which you will find in the 3rd chapter in his epistle to the Philippians. "One thing I do... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Here I see pictured an athlete who for months has patiently punched dummies and swung dumb-bells, now stands upon the race track like a huge giant, ready for his last attempt. The pistol cracks, away he dashes down the line regardless of the criticism or applauses of the circled scores that are watching him. You question, why? Simply because he has his eyes fixed upon the goal and that puts within him fearless determination. Dear fellow students, be sure to get a vision of Jesus and His beauty, then regardless of denomination or creed, criticism or applause, go! until you gain the victory's crown.

The last one is the one which we have already read, "Then Jesus, beholding him loved him, and said unto him, "One thing thou lackest, go thy way, sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in Heaven; and come take up the cross and follow me," (Mark 10:21.) The solemnity, the seriousness, the awfulness of lacking something! I am sure you all remember the great catastrophe of the S. S. Titanic. Before she left the English harbor, the boat was made, that if the giant vessel were cut in twain, yet, her modern equipments would prevent from sinking. But alas, on that beautiful night while many of the passengers were dancing and drinking the gigantic structure met with a greater foe. And while some were rescued, who tell us the awful story, yet many helplessly sank into a watery grave, because of a lack of life boats.

That it was not education, nor culture nor refinement that was lacking in the case of this rich young ruler, is evident from the way he approached Jesus, with his flattering titles. Neither was it the observance of the law or a

proper conception of theology, because he properly answered Jesus. But it was "one thing", riches which he cherished so much, that caused him to stumble, and I fear that it caused his eternal destruction.

I wonder if perhaps some one here this morning may be lacking something. It may be as I have already intimated the lack of a clear and definite testimony. Or it may be the lack of joy and power. I was just reading last evening of artesian wells. Sometimes after the well has been dug, the flow is still very small. A charge of Nitro-glycerine, gun powder, etc., is lowered into the well. When the explosion occurs it opens the channel and the flow is increased to a much greater percentage. If your life is one that is spindly, no power and no joy, let the Holy Spirit come in and blast out the rubbish that is hindering the flow. Instead of a line of defeat it will be one of success and victory, one that will prove a real benediction to those about you. And as for joy, why your cup will be running over all the time, you will have joy for breakfast, joy for dinner, joy for supper, joy now, joy forever, and best of all overflowing joy when we get to Heaven.

In the last place, it may be a lack of prayer. Prayer is one of the greatest needs among God's children today. And furthermore, from personal experience I could relate how a lack of prayer brought defeat; but on the other hand, the same could be said of time spent in prayer, and how God rewarded with power and victory. Therefore pray much, pray without ceasing, pray earnestly, pray, pray until whole Heaven is stirred into action in behalf of a sin-cursed world.

Now, in closing, dear fellow students, and especially those who are about to enter active service, should you be found lacking in any of these points, and especially those who are about to enter your secret chamber and at once and forever settle it between yourself and your God, and then go farther to be more than conqueror. May God bless you all is my prayer.

Roy Birkey

PERSONALIAS

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schwab and children are visiting Mr. Schwab's parents and other friends in the east. Mr. and Mrs. Schwab are working among the Shoeshone Indians in what is known as the Western Shoeshone Missions, at Owyhee, Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Houston are stationed at Schell, Mo., where Mr. Houston has charge of a Baptist church. They with their little son James Warren are feeling at home in their new field and we wish them God's blessing on their labors. Mr. Houston belongs to the class of 1920.

Miss Nancy Ramseyer who spent one year in the Bible Training School was with the party that sailed for India on the 13th inst. We have not

heard from any one of them since the date of sailing.

Miss Esther V. Roth was to sail with the same party but was detained at home on account of a severe test in her body. It is restful when we do not understand things which come into our lives to throw ourselves into the Christian's rocking chair, (Rom. 8:28) "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." "We know" are the first two words in this good old verse. We just must "know" if we are going to sit and rock back and forth "while the Tempter assails." We must know who said it and trust His purpose in permitting it. We believe our Esther will get to the field in God's time for her. We are praying to that end.

Miss Ina Birkey '23 is spending a few weeks at Nyack, she then expects to join her brother Roy '23 in the Middle west, and then D. V. they will sail for China during the holiday season.

Rev. H. H. Amstutz has accepted a call from the Denair, Calif., church and will no doubt be moving soon to said place from his former field, Van Nuys, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Grabill left last Saturday, Sept. 22nd for the west coast. They stopped over Sunday at Groveland, Ill., where they were joined by Mrs. Mitchell and son Harvey and the party started out on Tuesday night from Peoria for Denver, Salt Lake City and Portland, Ore., Mrs. Mitchell is a sister to Mrs. Grabill and they expect to visit their father Mr. Simon Miller. Mrs. Grabill was a student of 1904 and 1905.

Bro. John Lauby of the class of 1914 has moved with his family to Van Nuys, Calif., to take charge of the Missionary church at that place. Mr. Lauby was well liked by the church at Phoenix but on account of his health felt a change was necessary.

Many of the friends who know Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Eicher (students of 1904 and 1905) will be glad to learn that Mrs. Eicher is slowly improving for which we are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father. She has had a long hard struggle and much prayer has gone up in her behalf. We trust that ere long she will be herself once more and be able to visit the churches and encourage them with her able messages.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Ramseyer and Mr. Norman Ramseyer are on their way west to California. Mr. Gideon Ramseyer and also Mrs. Ramseyer (nee Miss Priscilla Grabill) were students in the school last year. Mr. Norman Ramseyer was a student in 1917. They expect to remain in California for the winter and possibly for a longer time.

FROM FORMER STUDENTS

AN ITINERATING TRIP

By Wilma I. Rupp

A year and a half in Soudan seems too good to be true, but it's really so!

Perhaps you would be interested to know a little about the way we travel in Africa, especially on an Itinerating trip through the different towns and seeing so many villages with all of their different customs and people.

Before starting on the trip one must be sure to remember to have plenty of food and every thing you need for the length of time you expect to stay, besides men, your hammocks and personal supply, as traveling is quite different from America all these things must be thought of before leaving. Really it is more like camping and carrying all your camping outfit with you, cooking utensils, spoons, knives and forks, bed, chair and stove. Our stove on the road consists of, a piece of tin which we place on three stones to keep our kettles from getting too black to handle, this also saves a great deal of time in scrubbing. After planning our trip from town to town and every thing is ready, we start.

Miss Moore and I went together and were gone for sixteen days. We visited thirteen towns where we were privileged to give hungry hearts the word of GOD. Many of which had heard the Gospel for twelve years or more. They seemed eager to hear, yet one could see a blankness in their faces which is very sad and pitiful. When we realized the long space of time in which they had not heard the word of God, could we wonder?

Before we enter a town when the Chief hears of our coming he hurries and has a house cleaned up for us. Perhaps two families were occupying it, just before we arrived they moved out. In a few minutes they had everything arranged for us. The Chief comes to greet us and gives us a hearty welcome, with all the people turning out (at least one would think so from the crowd) to see the "TIBABU" which means foreigner. They discuss you pro and con, and marvel over you for some time. They speak of your nose, your eyes and your clothes, when they are through you know what you look like if you did not before. Finally the Chief leaves you and returns in a short time with a few of his head men carrying a calabash of rice and perhaps a chicken or two to present you for your chop. Then they have much to say, first thanking you for coming to your town, that they may hear the Gospel telling you how long it has been since the last Missionary has been there.

One town we passed through especially touched me, the darkness the people were in was appealing. The women of the secret society were having a sacrifice feasting and dancing. When they came out all others different from their sex were supposed to

hide not being permitted to see them. They say if they do they will surely die. One of our men was cooking for us in the yard, and because he would not hide they sang songs about him, and said as they danced, "He will die and nothing will help him, no medicine is strong enough, he will be dead before morning." We told them that they could not do such a thing and that we were not afraid of them, for Jesus is stronger than any medicine they ever had, and will protect this man. So they became very much frightened and brought a white chicken the next morning to beg us for acting as they did. We had several services in this town and large crowds came out to hear God's word. While a great many may have come only to see the stranger that came to their town yet we trust that through their curiosity and while seeing the stranger they HEARD the story of Jesus. The people seemed in such great darkness, our hearts ached as we talked to them, truly they need the Gospel.

As we passed on to another town we found DARK PATHS, as well as people, at places it seemed impossible to push your way through the tall grass the road had not been cleaned and we found tall grass all over with only a narrow foot path, where you must push your way through. The bridges were only a few sticks and many places very poor. A tight rope walker would be the only one who would feel comfortable walking over some of them. Some bridges have been burned or eaten by the white ants, in this case the men pick you up and carry you across the water, and you trust that he will not let you drop. Sometimes you hear the men discussing your weight, some of them will say "The short one is the heavier," while others says, "Oh! no, the taller one is the heaviest."

By the time you return from your trip you have learned more of the awful darkness and superstition of these poor people, and you wish you had a few more lives to be used by the Master for the salvation of dying souls in Africa.

ON BOARD, S. S. AMBRIDGE

May 30, 1923.

Co-workers of the cross:

"What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits towards me?"

On the night of May 2nd, as the S. S. Ambridge passed out of the N. Y. harbor, I took my last look at the Statue of Liberty. Today I am looking forward to seeing Table Mountain which will be visible tomorrow noon a few hours before we land in Cape Town.

God surely has done the exceeding abundant in my behalf. He has again proven His word true, in that He does do those things which are impossible with man. Praise His name!

I was delayed last year on ac-

count of funds as far as man could see. The amount this time was more than doubled because of the fact that I am now going to Angola. However, I believe that this is my time to go, as I have viewed the leadings of God this past year, together with the steps He has taken with me thus far. Furthermore, when we wait God's time He has all things needed at hand. "He is not slack concerning His promise." No matter how impossible it may seem.

Our God is a supernatural God, He delights to show forth His Almightyness. My Father has done more than my heart could wish for; in the first place, imparted faith, second, grace to step out in Him alone.

I believe that if God ever delighted to meet His children He does now. Shall we then launch out as never before? Dare we trust Him who alone is trustworthy? He is such a tender Father.

I count it a privilege to sacrifice the dearest on earth for Him, even though the separation be painful; yet with joy I go forth to do my Master's bidding. I am thankful that He counts me worthy to give out the good news of salvation to a heathen people.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have been faithful to God for me, my Father will reward you.

Yours for the lost,
Hannah Bracy.

REFLECTORS

While walking down the principal street of our little city Clyde, O., my attention was attracted to a unique electric sign that stands in a conspicuous place so as to attract the attention of the motorists who pass that way.

I noticed that there was something unusual, but could not detect the peculiarity at the first glance, but as I neared the spot where it stands, I noticed that there was only one light and that the letters stood out very plainly. Upon closer observation I discovered the secret of its radiance which was very simple indeed. There are round plates about the size of a silver dollar that are tilted about 15 degrees towards the one lone light, they being made of a bright metal or covered with a bright substance serve as reflectors which causes the word GAS to stand out distinctly.

A thrill passed through my whole being as the Holy Spirit revealed to me very clearly that God wants us to be reflectors for Him during the closing days of this dispensation, which is becoming darker and darker to those who are without Christ.

This sign is not the power that is needed by the traveler, but simply points him to the place where his needs can be supplied.

We, too, are not the power but we can be used by God in directing peo-

ple to Christ, "The Hope of Glory," if we will but keep turned towards Jesus, who is the "Light" as we read in the Gospel of John 1:6-8. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men might believe, He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.

This, I am sure, should be the attitude of each member of the "Fellowship Circle" realizing that Jesus is the "Light" and that He is depending upon us to send forth the light to His glory and praise.

J. Frank Glock.

THE CLASS OF 1922

One year and four months have passed by since the graduating class of 1922 sat on the platform of The Westminster Presbyterian church in Fort Wayne. Since that day the "hand of our God has been on us for good," though our steps have been ordered in widely divergent paths.

Miss Richert is the first among us to see service on foreign soil. Last spring she sailed from New York with Miss Doering to spend her life for God amid the dark heathendom of Africa.

Mr. Witmer upon graduation spent some months doing pioneer work for the Christian and Missionary Alliance in western Canada. Last school year he spent at Taylor University. At the time of this writing he has just arrived at La Junta, Col., where he is laboring for the Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Mr. Witmer's face is set toward China.

Weldon Klopfenstein is busy in Ft. Wayne waiting and working until God opens the way for him and his wife to join Rev. Allen in South America. For the sake of South America let us pray that all needs will be supplied and that he may soon be sent to bring the Gospel to the Indian tribes of that land.

W. Paul Stauffer for some time has had charge of the work at Prairie Grove. At some later date he intends to be in still more active service under the Shantymen's Christian Association, with which he is even now closely affiliated.

Mr. Edward Seitz and Miss Mildred Barndollar have—what have they done? Well, they have done no worse than thousands before them have. At present they are with his parents in Kans. Mr. Seitz attended the Midland Bible Institute at Kansas City last year. They too have their eyes on the foreign field.

Miss Becker is at present in the Methodist Hospital, at Fort Wayne, taking a course in nursing.

Miss Zimmerman, since leaving school, has spent some time with the Gospel Workers of Detroit. At present she is engaged in city missionary work in Peoria.

Bro. Archie Haller spent a part of last winter with Emanuel Stauffer doing missionary work in Texas and other sections of the Southwest.

Miss Hartsel is at her home in Haviland, Ohio. Miss Squires is with her parents near Fort Wayne. Both of these ladies have the work of God on their hearts. Pray that God may open them a door that will be effectual.

Miss Thiess has been assisting her brother and also Mother Sprunger of Berne, Indiana.

Mr. Hauser, who recently married Miss Eunice Diller of Phoenix, Arizona, is helping his father in a mission at Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Jennie Moser with her three sisters has been engaged in Gospel singing in various parts of Ohio and Indiana. She was married a few weeks ago to Mr. Rithaler.

Your humble servant is at present in Fort Wayne. He intends, if the Lord so guides, to spend some time this winter with Bro. Emanuel Stauffer traveling through the needy sections of the southwest and west.

Let whoever reads these lines pray the blessing of God upon this class as it enters active service for God. In these days of spiritual decline let us stand together as one man, presenting a united front against a malicious foe.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all the readers of the Bulletin.

With Christian love,

Albert Hager.

PERSONALIAS

Clarence Birkey '23 is taking a year's course at Nyack.

Elda Amstutz '21 is also attending school at Nyack this year.

D. R. Plunket who has been engaged in work at Ashville, N. Carolina, has returned to Lima, Ohio.

Mr. Chris Gerig of the class of 1923 and Miss Rose Kliever were united in marriage on Sept. 15th. Mrs. Gerig will attend school this school year and belongs to the class of 1924.

The members of the Fellowship Circle will be interested to learn that quite a lot of repair work was done on the interior of the Bible School this summer. The walls and ceiling were washed free from the calcimine that so long ago had faded and made the rooms dull and uninviting. The rooms were painted a pale green and ceiling light cream and the halls three shades of brown with the bath rooms of the same shade. The ceiling being cream with a light shade of brown blending as it reached the walls while below the wainscoting the warm shade of brown makes a pretty and inviting place to enter. The stairs have fresh varnish and new stair treads. Many other things could have been done to welcome the students but time forbade to go further with improvements so we had to stop two days before the opening of school to make final preparations for the first day of school. When any of you come to visit the school you will appreciate the work done and say it looks more home like.

Mr. H. C. Thiessen is moving with his family to Chicago. Mr. Thiessen will attend the Northwestern Theological Seminary. Miss Irene Thiessen of the class of 1923 and Miss Nina Schlatter of the class of 1919 will accompany them to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bixler are in California with their son Gilbert and his family. In a letter from them recently Mr. Bixler was at Van Nuys helping on a chicken ranch. They felt themselves quite at home and will remain indefinitely.

Through Bro. C. A. Roberts there is enrolled in the school as a student a young Chinese girl by the name of Miss Mary Lee. Her English is quite fluent and we find her a very interesting young woman. She came to America with a missionary, Miss Josephine Cobb, just a few weeks ago and arrived at Fort Wayne in time to enter school on the first day. A niece of Miss Lee came over at the same time and is at Oberlin College. Miss Lee is trusting the Lord to see her through school and she is restful in the faith that He will not disappoint her. She dresses in her Chinese clothes but says she likes the American clothes much better. She is very bright and will learn readily, we are sure, for she has such a desire to get back to help her own people. It is very touching to hear her pray for her people. She says "some of them do not know Jesus and others know Him but they do not love Him very much." It is a very striking way of saying they need to go deeper with Him. She is an inspiration to all of us to make the best of every opportunity for they do not come our way but once.

To the Fellowship Circle:

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my heart felt gratitude to my Heavenly Father and to you for the financial help given to me at the close of last year.

Yours in His name,

Frank Chaut,
Richmond, Ind.

MARRIED

Gideon Ramseyer, and Priscilla Grabill, June 21, 1923 at Grabill, Ind.

Emanuel Becker and Maud Beaford, June 28, 1923 at Elkton, Mich.

Rev. E. Kuhnle and Mary Perkins, Aug. 1923, Swanton, Ohio.

Jennie Moser '23 and Frank Rithaler, Sept. 11, 1923 at Berne, Ind.

Chris. Gerig '22 and Rose Kliever Sept. 15, 1923 at Grabill, Ind.

Announcements has been received of the marriage of Mr. Jess Ringenberg '20 to Miss Edna Gerig, India, Oct. 18, 1923.

BORN

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Tropic a son, Paul Dwight, Sept. 16, 1923.