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# The Fellowship Circle Bulletin

## OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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

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### CHRISTIANIZING THE HOME

C. H. Brunner

"A house is built of bricks and stones  
Of sills and posts and piers;  
But a home is built of loving deeds  
That stands a thousand years."

Jesus said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the heaven have their lodging places." (Matt. 3:20, R. V. marg.). The Prophet already declared that, "the ox knoweth his master and the ass his master's crib." (Is. 1:3). In the lower orders of life like of mollusks and fishes the idea of a home is hardly perceptible. In the higher order of animal life the idea becomes more distinct as is shown in the two passages quoted.

However, between the home of the highest type of brute creation and the Christian home there is an impassable gulf. Man has, however, fallen so low and has drifted so far from the Divine standard that the chasm between the home of the higher order of brutes and the homes of some people has been very materially lessened. This perhaps gives rise to the suggestion, "Christianizing the Home."

The Christian Home is Divine in its origin. We have the first record of it (though the word is not found there) in the second chapter of Genesis. The home being the first of all human institutions, when the first parents fell into sin it naturally meant the ruin of the home. Hence as long as we have a fallen sinful human race, we will have a fallen, sinful home. If the home shall be redeemed, its members must be redeemed.

A brick house is built of brick, a stone house of stone and a frame house of wood. A house is one thing, but a home is another thing. When the subject is up concerning the Christianizing of the Home, it is presumed that not all homes are Christian homes. And how can the home, of the unregenerate be a Christian home? The home is according to the character, life and influence of the persons which constitute it.

The home has much to do with the church, for the local church is largely made up of the homes of the community. A Godly church can only be made up of Godly homes, and Godly homes cannot be unless there be Godly people composing it.

One plea, therefore, for Christian homes is the church. Godless unregenerate homes and members can only make a Godless, unregenerate church. There is much said and written about the cold, dead, un-Christ-like condition of the professing church

of our day. This is too true, sadly true! The times in which we live are blamed for it. The choking, deathly influence of popular worldly pleasures and customs are mentioned as being the cause. But why not go to the home of the church-members and inspect conditions there and investigate why things are as they are? The results of such a thorough investigation would be astonishing.

Another plea for Christian homes is the influence upon the children, the rising generation. Many a father, realizing that his end is drawing near, feels somewhat sad that he cannot see his children well provided for with temporal blessings. However, if they are well and thrifty, they can manage for themselves as far as temporal blessings are concerned. But what is of far greater value to the children, is the record of a life of prayer, faith and devotion to God and His cause. For the children to remember the prayers and spiritual advice of Godly parents is worth more than farms, factories or a bank account.

The family altar is one of the essentials of a Christian home. It is like a fortress against the tide of worldliness of this present age. We fear there are some homes, even where the parents are converted, where family worship is neglected. This is a serious mistake! Such homes are robbed of the protection necessary. It is worse than for a farmer to have no fences around his fields, and no doors and gates to keep his own stock from straying and intruders from meddling. Parents, if you fail to gather precious little blossoms together for prayer, Bible reading and necessary moral and spiritual instruction, you will find them nipped by the frost of worldliness or dragged down to destruction by the enemy.

Great missionaries and preachers usually come from Christian homes where the first spiritual impulses were implanted and awakened. James Chalmers, that noble missionary to New Guinea, wrote, "Thank God for bairnies' prayers: I like the prayers of children best." Another writes, "It would have been impossible for any one brought up in our home not to believe in missions. We had missionary books and papers on the library table, missionary pictures and maps on the walls, and daily prayer for missionaries at the family altar." When the father of Mackay of Uganda preached in the distant kirk the mother would read the Bible and missionary stories to young Mackay on Sundays.

In order to make the home a Christian home Christ must be lifted up in that home; He must be the Head of

the house; His honor and the respect for the church and the work of the Lord in general must be zealously guarded. Where the desire for positions of worldly honor, fame, influence and wealth is fostered or even sanctioned, from that home the Lord can expect very little honor, praise or future service; that home is already adrift and will soon be lost among the glare and glitter of a doomed world.

Two men passed the humble home of a poor widow. One said to the other, "Look at that woman, she spins, sleeps, eats and drinks. Is that life? Where has she been? What has she seen? What has she done?" "Stop!" said the other. "Sixteen years ago she was left a widow with six little children. She owned her little one-and-a-half-story house and one-acre lot. Now, where is her oldest son? A foreign missionary! Where is her second son? A home missionary in Kansas! Where is her third son? Under the sod in the soldiers' cemetery! And the other? In the army! And where are the daughters? A call came from the South for teachers and colporteurs among the poor mountaineers, without pay, and the two daughters went!" Poor (no, rich) widow! "Poor, yet making many rich."

The Christian home must be faithfully guarded against the evil influence of worldly company.

The elder sister of Robert Moffat took her little brother to the home of Dr. Livingstone's sister who read missionary letters to them from her brother. Young Robert said, "When I get big I will go down to help him," and he did. This reads quite different from the sad history of Jacob's daughter, Dinah, who "went out to see the daughters of the land," during the seven years when Jacob lived away from Bethel (see Gen. 34).

The third plea for a Christian home is for the sake of the community. A Christian home in a community is like a city upon a hill, the lights of which can be seen for many miles from every direction on the darkest night. In every community it seems as though by far the greater number of homes are not Christian homes. These should have the light, the true Light, Christ. As Joseph was a light unto Egypt, Daniel unto Babylon, the little Hebrew maid unto the influential Syrian captain, so the Christian home should be a pattern of neatness, simplicity, and holiness unto all the homes around; a home whose inmates live holy lives; a home where the Lord's Day is respected and hallowed; a home where the frivolous fashions, styles, pleasures and ways of a Christ-rejecting world are carefully, though strenuous-

ly excluded; where Christ reigns supreme!

God gives us Homes  
Not merely heaps of marble, oak and gold,  
Where comfort fails and hearts are chill and cold,  
Where Heaven's flowers ne'er their buds unfold,  
God give us Homes!

God give us Homes!  
Where strife and sinful pleasures are unknown,  
Where patience reigns and Christ is Head alone,  
Where glory dwells and sin's dark night has flown,  
God give us Homes!

God bless our Homes!  
The place where father reads the sacred Word,  
The place where mother's earnest prayers are heard,  
The place where truest, simplest hearts are stirred,  
God bless our Homes!  
—Sel. by J. Hygema.

## VICTORY

Ps. 46

This is a psalm of victory. It may be divided into three parts: Individual victory, vs. 1-3. Church victory, vs. 4-7. Kingdom victory, vs. 8-11. Each division concludes with the word "selah". Hebrew scholars tell us that "selah" is a musical pause. It literally means, "stop" and "think", "let it soak in". "Thank and meditate on the things that you have read." How often we get so little from the Word because we do not "stop" and "think".

There is a day coming according to vs. 8-11, when God will make an end of war, "He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear asunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire." What the nations have tried to do for centuries God will do in a moment. Right will triumph, "mercy and truth will meet together and righteousness and peace will kiss each other." "The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of man shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."

But we do not need to wait till that day to enjoy victory, we do not need to wait till the kingdom age to crown Jesus King but even now we can place him upon the throne of our hearts and enjoy blessed victory every day.

In these days when one speaks of the victorious life, a life of victory over sin he is considered just a little fanatical, this only shows the low standard of Christianity of the church. This is the normal Christian experience held out by Paul everywhere in his epistles. "Thanks be unto God which ALWAYS causeth us to triumph in Christ."

Some think that fanaticism is an overdose of spirituality, one that has too much of the Holy Spirit. This is

not true. No one can be too spiritual. No one can be too full of the Holy Spirit. A fanatic has anything else but the Holy Spirit and may be possessed by an evil spirit.

A young man who was just converted met his pastor who asked him how he was getting along answered, "I am getting along alright. I am doing everything that the Lord wants me to and will continue to do so as long as it's respectable." Many a Christian thinks that if he would give himself unreservedly to the Lord that he would be compelled to do all kinds of disgraceful things. A thousand times no. The Holy Spirit will only prompt us to do the things that are sane and sensible.

1. Victory over the things that pursue us. "God is our refuge", v. 1. God is a refuge to which we can flee from the things that would run us down. The manslayer would flee to the city of refuge, if he got there before his adversary could overtake him he was safe—he won a victory over his pursuer.

Charles Wesley, sick at heart and discouraged sat in his study window when a little sparrow pursued by a hawk flew into his bosom, the hawk dared not follow, that sparrow gained a victory over the hawk by fleeing to a friendly bosom. God spoke to Wesley's heart through that incident and he wrote, "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly."

Probably no man was tempted like Martin Luther, with the hell hounds of Rome upon his trail the great Reformer's life was often in danger. During those awful days when he could carry the burden no longer he would say to his friend Malanchthon, "Come Philip, let us sing the forty-sixth psalm," and they would sing it in Luther's own characteristic version:

"A sure stronghold our God is He,  
A timely shield and weapon;  
Our help He'll be, and set us free  
From every ill can happen.

And were the world with devils filled,  
And eager to devour us,  
Our souls to fear shall little yield,  
They cannot overpower us."

There are many things that would pursue us these days. There is the devil of work. How the devil is running down God's people by overwork. How many a Christian has no time for prayer, Bible reading and worship because he must devote the time to his business. Let us remember that if our business interferes with our Christian duties then we have more business than God wants us to have, and sooner or later the devil will run us down and we will experience a nervous breakdown or something worse. Old Pharaoh of Egypt enslaving the children of Israel by compelling them to make brick without straw, was a gentleman in comparison with the devil as a taskmaster.

The busiest man that ever lived was Jesus. He had so much to do that at times He did not take time to eat, yet He never was worried or in a hurry,

he never ran but walked, he never suffered a nervous breakdown.

2. Victory over the things that weaken, "God is our strength." How many are the things that would weaken us these days and how much we need to "be strengthened with all might in the inner man." Jesus said to His disciples "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high."

Some people are born in wealth, they have family prestige, their wealth and reputation gives them power, that is power from behind. Then some have visions of the future, their hope of the future carries them on with a mighty force, that is power from before, then we are all surrounded by good influences, good friends, a good church and a good neighborhood, that is power from around us. But power from behind or power from before us or even power from around us will not suffice to live the Christian life, we must have "power from on high".

The Roosevelt dam is located in the mountains of Arizona 77 miles from the city of Phoenix. It is about 280 feet high. At the foot of the dam are two power houses, as the water comes through the dam it flows through these power houses and generates power. Heavy piers carry this power to Phoenix, Mesa and to the other towns of the Salt River Valley as well as to the mines in the mountains to bring light, power and heat. But where do these little power plants get all this power? they get it from 280 feet on high. If there was no dam and the river were on a level there would be no power. The trouble with the church is that she is on a level with the world. The river of God has been reduced to a human level and there is very little power from "on high". "There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God." There is a mighty stream of blessing flowing through the church (the spiritual municipality of God) to a lost and a dying world. May we be so cleansed that this mighty stream can flow unhindered.

3. Victory over the things that threaten. "Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof". What terrible things. The earth thrown into a state of wild confusion, the mountains hurled into the mighty sea. This would be enough to threaten the peace of the boldest and bravest of God's children. And yet there is victory even over this.

There is probably nothing that brings as much fear and distress to the hearts of people as the fear of disease. The thought of being afflicted with some awful disease for years and literally die by inches is intolerable. How we are terrorized by the very thought. A good sister had a pain in her lungs and the devil kept telling her that she had tuberculosis and for a long time she was troubled by this fear when one day she mustered up

enough courage to go to a specialist and after a thorough examination the specialist could not find a trace of the disease. How the devil loves to torment us with just such fears. How he would like to show us the poor house and death and the grave. How happy the soul that can tell him that nothing can touch God's child but what comes through the permissive will of God, so begone Mr. devil thou hast no part or lot in this matter.

Then some of God's dearest children are threatened with temptations. A brother who had been enslaved with the tobacco habit forsook the filthy weed but he was constantly tormented with the awful appetite. One day he came to Lord in simple faith and instantly the appetite was gone. Another brother who was enslaved by the same habit, was saved but God did not take the appetite from him but it took him years before the awful cravings were overcome, but all the time God gave him the victory. From some He removes the temptation in others He leaves the temptation but in either case He gives precious victory glorious blood bought victory.

John E. Lauby.

#### SALUD 40, HAVANA, CUBA

Nov. 30, 1923.

To the Members of the Fellowship Circle:—

Miss Quince has asked me to write an article for the Fellowship Circle Bulletin and I think that probably the most interesting for you will be a letter telling you something about Cuba, her people, and our work.

Cuba is a very beautiful country, we have summer weather nearly all the year round. During the northern winter we have a little cool weather but it never reaches the freezing point. To those accustomed to the northern winter the winter here seems like a mild spring. Cuba, the Pearl of the Antilles, is almost 800 miles long and about 120 miles wide in the widest portion and only about 20 miles wide in the most narrow part.

The population of Cuba is about 3,000,000. About 50,000 of these are Chinese and about 10,000 are Americans. There are more Spaniards than Chinese. There are a good many negroes but at least 70 per cent, are white. The Cuban people as a rule are very loving and courteous and always ready to help someone in trouble. They speak Spanish which is a very beautiful and rich language.

The main products of Cuba are sugar, tobacco, fruit and vegetables. We can always get fresh fruits and vegetables. The different kinds have different seasons for ripening thus making it possible to have one kind or the other. Also we can get fresh meat and fish every day. There are American groceries here where we can buy anything which you can buy in the groceries in the states. A friend of our family thought we were going to starve to death when we came to Cuba as he thought there was nothing to eat here but sugar. You can readily see

that is not the case and if you could see us and some other people here you would see that we are far from starving.

There are various denominations working here; among them are the Methodists, Baptists, Friends, Episcopalians, etc. We are working under the Presbyterian Board. Cuba is a Roman Catholic country. The First Presbyterian church, the one in which we are serving, is situated in the heart of Havana, the capitol of Cuba. The work here is in a large measure very much like that in the churches in the States, but is much harder. We have a stronger opposition here where there are so many Catholics trying, mostly, in secret ways to choke out the work of the Protestant churches. Our hope here is in the children, for this reason the Missionary Day Schools are very important. The children who attend these schools hear something from the Word of God each day and the majority of them attend the Sunday school on Sunday and in this way, little by little they are brought into contact with our Precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is very hard and sometimes impossible to win an adult person to Protestantism. They are so rooted and grounded in the Catholic faith and superstitions that it is seldom that one of them comes to us.

Our services are conducted very much like those of any other church. We have our Sunday school, preaching service, prayer meeting and Christian Endeavor Societies. No doubt some of you will be interested in knowing something about our Junior Christian Endeavor. The members of this society are children under the age of 14 years. They have their meetings on Tuesday of each week and it is very beautiful to see them taking an active part in their meeting. There are from 40 to 50 children who attend regularly and together they sing the Gospel hymns and listen to the Word of God. The children themselves take charge of the meeting but are always helped by some member of the advisory committee, which is a committee of adult persons appointed to oversee these meetings and to help keep order. At least one of this committee is present at every meeting and always gives an interesting talk to the children after their leader has given his message. We are very much encouraged with these meetings as we can see a growth for the better in the majority of these children and thank our Heavenly Father for the opportunity of helping them and at the same time ask His guidance in dealing with them that through them and others like them, Cuba will some day be a Protestant country.

You will think it strange when I say that we do not use the Altar Call here. It is because the people are not prepared to respond to that. They need some one to go to them and talk to them personally and privately before they understand really what a decision for Christ means. We have learned this from experience.

There is a great need for more

Christian workers here, both pastors and missionary school teachers. Many of the pastors are serving in two or three missions while his time and work is all needed in one. There are many, many places where there is no Protestant work of any kind. There are only about 10,000 Christian Cubans in the whole island. It is estimated that only 1 out of every 300 persons is a Protestant. The other 299 of every 300 persons are surely worth praying for and working for. We are glad and thankful that we have a small part in this great work but there is a part in which all can help. Some can go out to work for the Master, others can give to help support those who have gone, but all can pray for those who are helping and for those who need the help. Please do not forget to pray for the work and the workers in Cuba.

I am asking God's richest blessings for all of the dear Fellowship members and friends.

Sincerely in His service,

E. Luella (Benz) Acosta.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dec. 27th, 1923

Dear Sr. Miss Quince and Readers of the Fellowship Circle:

Greetings with Isa. 55:10.11—

As we look back to the blessed days when we were privileged to study the blessed Word, in the dear B. T. S., we longed to impart His Word to others who knew not of the love of Jesus, also to be in active service for Him.

We now have been privileged to be in His service for fourteen years, in City Mission work, in the City of Minneapolis. We have proved Him to be faithful, and have seen that His Word does not return unto Him void, but it does accomplish that which He pleases and also prospers in the thing where-to He sends it.

Minneapolis is a beautiful city with over 466,000 inhabitants, it has many lakes, parks and other amusement places which offers the pleasure-seeking people of this age much occasion to be occupied with the things created instead of the Creator. It also has about a dozen Missions and three hundred churches.

Our Mission is in a resident district, of a poor class of people, who have to spend most of their time working to provide for their temporal needs. Most of these people would rather spend their spare time in some cheap amusement place than in the house of God. It requires much prayer, tact and diligent house visitation to get them to come to the meetings and win them for the Lord.

We started our Sunday school with about 20 children, the Lord has prospered our feeble efforts in giving out His blessed Word in so much that we now have over 250 enrolled. It is often a problem to supply the twenty classes with teachers, still according to Phil. 4:19 the Lord has proven faithful to supply all our need.

A goodly number have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and are in active work for the Master. One

family is now in northern Minnesota, a very needy field, they opened a Sunday school and report of great blessings. Other families have moved to different states and are shining for Jesus. One of our young men has had a pastorate for several years and reports very gratifying results. One of our young ladies is now in dark Africa pointing those who are still benighted in sin, to the Lamb of God. Another young lady is to graduate in spring from the N. W. Bible school, and is looking to God to open the way for her to go to some foreign field. Others are faithfully helping here in the services and the Sunday school work.

The Lord has placed us in a very hard but needy field to witness for Him. We sometimes think how important it is to witness in the foreign field for Him, but according to Acts 1:8 the Lord mentions three other fields before the uttermost part of the earth. Sins committed in the crowded districts of the cities of our country is something that many people do not realize. Drunkenness and crime among women and children is seemingly increasing. Daring hold-ups by high school boys is increasing to such an extent it is appalling. How our hearts long to see the Prince of Peace come and reign.

May we ask an interest in the dear readers' prayers that we may be found faithful in winning souls for Him.

Wishing all the dear Bible School Students both new and old, much blessings for the new year and many souls for His Kingdom.

We remain as ever your humble co-workers in His Service.

A. A. & Susie Smith

HANSHEO, HUNAU

Oct. 23, 1923

Dear Co-Laborers:—

I received Mr. Weiderkehr's letter containing the check for \$25.00 while attending annual conference. Some days before, we had received a letter from Brother Kuhnle, saying the motor was on its way, and as we were expecting it at any time, I thought I would wait to tell you that it had arrived, but I'll not wait longer, evidently it is being delayed somewhere. We praise the Lord and sincerely thank you for the gift. We are expecting the motor to be a great help in the work. Our field is large, three of our present outstations are thirty miles from the main station, and two of these are thirty miles apart. At present we have ten outposts and another one will, by all appearances, be opened, before New-year. This new place asked us to open a chapel there some years ago, but we were too short of workers and means to do so. Now the Evangelistic Band, which is composed of twelve evangelistic workers and a cook, have begun work there. It is a good sized village, and has a large, thickly populated country district. When visiting there a few years ago my heart was deeply moved for the multitude still in heathen darkness, and now they have an opportuni-

ty to hear the Gospel. These Band members carry the good news to every home in the district, hold children's meetings and Bible classes each evening for those who are interested, wherever they work they gather a group of inquirers, and when they pass on to the next place, we are responsible to care for the new outpost. Please pray for **Chu Chia Pu**, this is its day of opportunity. You no doubt, have been reading about the civil strife and the work the brigands are doing in China. We returned from conference September 1, just before the trouble began in this section. Distressing rumors greeted us as we came ashore, and a few days later the soldiers and brigands (many are both) began passing through, and stopped here for the night. Some days there were thousands of them, other days not so many. Some sent word ahead for the city to prepare several hundred tables of food for them—a table seats eight—they entered whatever home or store they pleased and demanded bedding for the night. Many carried the bedding away with them next morning. Nearly ever crowd that came demanded money, and threatened to loot and burn if they didn't get it, some days the city had to make up as much as \$3,000 for them. This kept up for about three weeks. The people are helpless victims, and have no court of justice to appeal to. At present conditions here are more quiet, but the people are fearful. The city magistrate is a self-appointed man who made his own seal, twenty odd years of age and a robber they say. Rumors of the northern soldiers returning, and the local robber bands placing letters at the doors of some of the prominent places of business during the night demanding money, and also writing a letter to one of the leading city officers, asking the city to prepare forty tables of feasts and money for them, caused the magistrate to go into hiding, and the soldiers that were here retired to a temple outside the city for safety, and left the city to care for itself. Each gate appointed men who march through the streets at night with lanterns, and sticks that have knives fastened to them. The guns were all stolen by soldiers passing through. We had several scares and slept with our clothes on several nights, and hid a box of money and valuables in a sand pile for a few nights, but we praise God, He hasn't allowed any evil to draw nigh our dwelling. Thus far none of the Christians have suffered nor have any of the chapels been molested. We have been hindered from doing much work in the district this fall, but are going out again now. For several weeks we couldn't rent any boats, they had all gone into hiding, lest they be taken by the soldiers, so you see if the motor had arrived early, we would not have dared to use it. Some soldiers might have wanted it, and taken it, and we would have no one in authority to appeal to. We trust these matters will soon be cleared up, so our work will return to its normal condition again.

The Lord is so good to us and all the dear people here. We have so much to praise Him for. The work is steadily growing, new inquirers are being added. Sorrow and suffering opens the hearts of some to the Gospel. Our evangelist who has been with us ten years has been called to teach in the Men's Bible Training School. A young man, Mr. Chu, has come to take up the work. Please pray for him, that he may have God's enabling to fill this responsible position—pray for the church, the opposition and wiles of the enemy have never been so fierce, and pray for us.

Thanking you again for the gift and your interest in the work. We will write you again after the motor begins work. Your in the Master's service.

Minnie Hilty

NARGAON, EAST KHANDESH,  
INDIA

Dec. 13th, 1923

Dear Fellow Laborers:—

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our blessed Bridegroom and soon coming King. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Surely none of us can praise God enough for bringing salvation to us through this great channel which He has made for the salvation of all who "will". And I fear that many times we as His children fail to praise Him enough for having made but one way.

I hesitate very much to write a letter for a Missionary Band, for I feel that such a letter should come from one who really is a missionary, not from one like myself who has not done any missionary work. But nevertheless, I shall try to give you something of interest and profit, that God might be glorified and His Kingdom hastened.

It would be easy to touch the emotion of the people in the home land by describing the poverty of these people, the poor beggars, the many blind, and the lepers, and the suffering of all these people, which we see day in and day out, but I think it would be better to waken one person to see the need for the Gospel than to waken one hundred to the need for the temporal things, which these people have. Christ told His disciples, "Ye have the poor always with you; but Me ye have not always." And so today we have the poor, but the grace of God will not always be offered to these needy people. And, although the temporal needs are great still beneath that is hidden the greatest need, that of the Spirit.

This country is vastly different from our home land, everything seems to move slowly, and there seems to be a lack of real life. I believe that the cast system is to blame for this to some extent, for if a man is born in a low cast, he can never rise to the same level as the man who has been born in a high cast, for he will always be marked as a man of low cast, even though he may have the

best of education and training. So there is a lack of real initiative amongst the people, and they all seem to be quite well satisfied with the way their forefathers have done things, and seldom try to do much along the line of improvement.

The beast of burden which serves the most is the ox, and he has no intention of hurrying. There are very few horses used in our part of the country. The English government has put in some very good roads, and this has made it possible to use the auto to some extent. And we are praising God that here and there we see where an auto is used to carry the Gospel to those who have never had more than a few chances to hear it.

God has supplied a Ford for our Missionary who has charge of the work in Akola and the large county surrounding. While Mr. Siegel and myself were stationed there, we had the privilege of going out one afternoon to hear the preaching and see the work being done in a distant village.

In every village in which there is any marketing done we find that there is one day of the week when they have a big market day, on which day the people come far and near to sell and buy. In an open place near the center of the town you will see the crowd gathered and all the things spread out on the ground.

This village which we visited on its market day was about ten or twelve miles from Akola. This would have been more than a day's work, to go to this village and give the Gospel and return, had we only had the oxen to carry us as most of our missionaries have. But with the auto it was only a few hours' work.

We reached the village when the crowd was the largest and they at once came to see who had come in the auto. So the missionary who had taken us out, at once began to preach Christ to them. We attempted to help with a little singing. Then we went through the crowd and sold Gospel portions. It sounded rather queer to us to hear the answer which so many of the illiterate people would give when we asked them whether they could read, for they would say, "I cannot write". Some of the school boys refused to take tracts because their teachers threatened to beat them if they took them.

We sold almost a hundred Gospel portions, beside some other books, and were rejoicing because some seed had been sown. Perhaps you wonder why we do not give the Gospels away free. The reason is this, missionaries have found that the people will read them if they have paid money for them, while otherwise they will not be very apt to read them, so the missionaries sell them for about-one half of the cost price.

Just another incident before I close. Yesterday there were two so-called Holy Men came to my door begging and desiring to tell my future. They had apparently made a mistake and

thought that a Hindoo lived here: since they happened to stop at my door first, I had the privilege to talk to them. They did not speak the same language which we are learning, but they understood it quite well. They had a little English. So with the two languages I tried to tell their fortune for them, from what I told them, was the book in which I found my fortune written.

They were not anxious to hear the story, but I was anxious to give it. Whenever they got a chance they would try to interrupt and get me interested in their things. I felt almost as if I was trying to sow the seed on stony ground, but only God knows which is good ground and which is not. They at first denied my statement when I told them that they had no peace in their hearts. But I told them that when I was a sinner like they are, I had no peace until the Blood of Jesus, cleansed me. They tried to tell me then that they had a little peace in their hearts, but even that could not be other than false. Since they could read our language I gave them several verses in the Gospels to read, and then gave them the Gospel to take with them.

I trust that you will see that these people like all sinners are dissatisfied and are nevertheless going their own way. Some, praise God!, do accept the Gospel and have a real ringing testimony. But some people in the home land seem to think that when a missionary reaches the harbor of a heathen land, he sees all the people standing on the shore crying for the Gospel. But after all we find that there is none that seeketh after God. No, not one.

I trust that you will pray that God will speedily give the language to those of us who are now studying, and that He will water the seed as it is being sown, for at this time of the year the missionaries are out itinerating, and sowing the seed.

Yours, expecting the King,

Olen G. Schlatter.

#### WHAT OTHERS SAY

The Word of God says, "Go ye.... and lo, I am with you" (Matt. 28:19, 20). God's promises are almost invariably connected with some conditions, which must be met, before we can justly claim the promise. In this verse we have the simple yet forceful assertion, "Go ye". Have you met the condition? You may try to evade this important question by declaring it too great a sacrifice. But listen what Jesus said, "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for My name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit eternal life." And again, we read in Dan. 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

The following quotations have been selected from among a variety of state-

ments made by Christian workers and foreign missionaries.

"If Jesus had done the same for you that you have done for the heathen, what would be your condition today?"

"Can you prove to Christ that you are not called to be a missionary?"

"Have you been glad when some one gave an excuse why you might not go as a missionary?"

"If you exchanged places with the heathen would you believe them converted, if they had your spirit and conduct?"

"Where did you get the right to say, 'No' to God in anything?"

"You have said, 'I fear the climate, my health, that I cannot learn the language.' Why should you not say, 'I fear the heathen are going to hell. I must go to them?'"

"Trust God to overcome your difficulties. He has had thousands of years of experience."

"The question is not, Has the missionary society accepted you? But, Has God accepted you?"

"I tell you, fellow Christians, your love has a broken wing, if it cannot fly across the ocean."

"There are a thousand things you might do in life, but there is only one you ought to do. 'He that doeth the will of God, abideth forever.'"

"If God wants you to go as a missionary, do not think you can excuse yourself from going by saying that you will stay at home and stir up others. You cannot stir others to obedience in the very thing in which you are disobedient."

"You say, 'My business keeps me'. If your business is not God's business, you should give it to Him or give it up."

"Do not hesitate to become a missionary because you fear you will not be sure of your salary. If Christ had waited until men raised His salary, He might not be here yet. Trust God."

"Do you feel that you cannot go because you have not had a college and seminary training? The disciples had neither, yet they did well. It may be you can also."

"Never try to evade your responsibility by saying that the heathen are living up to the light they have when you know you are not doing it yourself."

"Do you say that you must have a 'special call' to go to the heathen? If you really loved them, you might insist upon a 'special call' before you would consent to stay at home."

"Do not try to hide behind the plea that God will be merciful to the heathen, when you cannot take time to even pray for them."

"God knows your excuses for not going as a missionary. Have you ever thought of letting Him answer them instead of answering them yourself?"

Why not answer in the words of Count Zinzendorf—"That land is henceforth my country which most needs the Gospel."

"The most pathetic feature of the condition of the heathen is their ignorance of their need." Christ is who

they need and you are to present Him to them.

"China is under the hammer and the devil is an active bidder."

"One person is said to die every second, but why should I tell you unless you care where they are going?"

"If you could preach the precious Gospel to an audience of 500 Hindus every hour of the day, it would take 70 years for all to hear."

"Do you say that you have business gifts which are making you successful and, therefore you ought not to leave? Would you send only business failures as missionaries?"

"Missions have weight with you just in proportion as you are interested in God. Have you weighed them recently?"

"One missionary said she had been asked a hundred times by women for some drug that would end their misery."

"More soldiers went to the Philippine Islands from the United States in six months than have ever gone as missionaries to all lands from all America."

"When China is moved, it will change the face of the globe."—Napoleon.

The road to peace of heart for you may lead to some foreign field.

"Men go away into the jungles of Africa to rob the natives of ivory and rubber. They risk their lives for gain. Can you for souls?"

"Nothing pays in heaven like work done faithfully here for Jesus."

"If I thought anything would prevent my dying for China, the thought would crush me."—S. Dyer.

"Fellow students, are you willing that 400,000,000 Chinese shall die believing this, when you know what God teaches about it?" Believing what? What Confucius taught his followers, that men were born good and that they must master their own destiny.

"The millions of oppressed widows in India lose something every time you drown the call of your conscience to help them."

"If Jesus should come today, could you look Him in the face when you tried so little to send the story of love into all the world?"

"China has eighteen provinces and everyone of them has need of you at once."

There are about 200,000,000 Moslems. In China 33,000,000; in India, 62,000,000; in Africa, 50,000,000; In Russia, 14,000,000; in Turkey, 18,000,000; in Persia, 9,000,000. Do you ever pray for these and the missionaries that work among them?

"Do you say, as an excuse for remaining here, that, 'There is work enough at home to do'? If you are honest, then you are hard at work. Have you led a soul to Christ during the past year?"

"Do you desire to be rich?—then win souls. Every one is worth more than a world."

"Win China to Christ and the most powerful stronghold of Satan upon earth will have fallen."—Mr. Wong.

"If you feel that money sent to save

the heathen is wasted, does it not show that you know nothing of the worth of a human soul?"

"Sacrifice here is gold in heaven."

"If the interest of the church in missions were exactly parallel to yours, would there be much, little, or nothing done?"

"He who loves not, lives not; he who lives by the life cannot die."

"God so loved, that He gave the best, so let us in turn be our best for Him."

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the Gospel, the same shall save it." (Mark 8:35).

Roy J. Birkey

### HOW I FOUND PEACE AT CALVARY

Captain Gipsy Pat Smith

(Captain Gipsy Pat Smith is one of the best known of the younger generations of evangelists. His Gospel activities in the military camps during the great war have been widely recognized. Here he tells dramatically the story of his conversion—a wonderful record of the transformation by grace of a gipsy boy, whose life now is wholly devoted to winning others to Christ.)

To my mind, the story of Calvary is like a many stringed musical instrument; there are many notes and many chords one can touch on, but I wish to touch on only one string in this article.

Calvary is the great meeting place in Divine history. It is the place where Justice met Satisfaction. I am not guilty in the eyes of God for Adam's sin, nor yet for the sins of my own parents; but I alone am responsible to God for my own heart and life, for my own actions, for my own sins. The New Testament says, "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Again, it expressly states, "He that keepeth the whole law, yet offendeth in one point is guilty of all," and neither you nor I would for a moment say that we had never sinned once.

Never forget that God hates sin, but He can and does forgive sinners on the ground of the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This, then, leads us back to the message that Calvary is the place where a righteous Saviour died for lost sinners and satisfied Divine Justice, and now God can forgive the sinner justly because Jesus paid the penalty and died that we might live.

It is also the place where Love met Sorrow. We will never understand how deep was the cup of sorrow which our blessed Lord drank at the place called Calvary. "He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

Calvary is also the place where Christ met sin. We learn from the New Testament that He lived a pure and spotless life, that He was holy as God the Father is holy, that on Cal-

vary Christ met sin and "put in away by the sacrifice of Himself." He overcame its power and now He can make us overcomers. I think the most perfect picture of the Christ in the New Testament is drawn by John, when he says, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

I was born and brought up in a gipsy tent in Scotland, and traveled all over that lovely country in a gipsy caravan. The part of Scotland I love best of all is that around Aberfoyle, not far from Stirling. Aberfoyle nestles at the foot of the mountains in the Rob Roy district. It is a traveler's dream of Paradise to stand on the top of these great heather-tinted mountains and look down into the valley where the Highland cattle are restfully grazing, millions of bees are humming around, and the old river Forth winding its way in and out, like a great stream of silver, as it makes its way down to the sea. The old mountains change their color four times a year. In the springtime they are green, because the heather is green. In the summer they are purple, taking the purple hue of the heather. In the autumn they are brown, for that is the healthiest color, and in winter they are gaunt, bleak and dark, for the heather itself is black.

Amid these surroundings as we were one time traveling in our gipsy caravan, we came to the village of Bucklivie and camped on the village green. I wandered about until I came to the village butcher's shop. The butcher killed his own cattle, and as I stood watching him he was killing a lamb. Another lamb was lying in a corner watching what was going on but making no movement. Now the butcher lifted it and placing it in turn on the block, pushed his knife into it, drawing its life blood. It never struggled, never gave even a bleat. As I stood watching, it lifted its little head and gave the butcher a piteous, reproachful look that touched my heart, and as I walked away, the tears flowing from my eyes, this text came to me, concerning Jesus, "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth."

So this is how Christ met sin, and Calvary is the place where He met it. \* \*. Sinners who confess their guilt are not only pardoned but acquitted as innocent, because "He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

Calvary is the place where God meets the sinner in his sin, and sets him free by His grace and power.

I never heard the name of Jesus, except in swearing, until I was 16 years old. My father was an ordinary gipsy father, who made his livelihood as other gipsies do. My mother was the sweetest mother God ever gave to a boy; but she knew nothing of Jesus. Never once in those 16 years was I taught to pray, "Our Father which art in Heaven," or "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild." As a gipsy boy,

I sold my wares, or begged for bread at the doors of Christian women every day; but never once was I asked if I would like to give my young life to the Master.

Sent out in the morning to beg the breakfast, and then to "find" something which might be sold to buy the supper, and if I came in emptyhanded, I was lashed to the wheel of a wagon and licked by my father's belt, and then sent out in my bare feet (for I never wore shoes until after my 16th year) to beg the supper, going from door to door with my teeth chattering in the cold. More often than not I was sent supperless to bed as further punishment, and had to rise next morning before the others awoke, and, after lighting the fire, go out into the raw morning and beg the breakfast before I had anything to eat. Can you wonder that I went far from God? Can you wonder that I tried to commit suicide at 16?

And then one night in a great mission hall in Glasgow (how I got there is too long a story just now) as the preacher was pleading with men to stand up and confess Christ, I struggled within myself. I could not believe salvation was for me. Then a vision of Christ on Calvary came before my eyes. Now for the first time I suddenly realized that He died for me. It broke my heart, and with tears blinding me, I grabbed my ragged cap in my hand, and stood up. A new and strange courage impelled me to look those 2,300 people in the eyes, as from my weary, broken heart, I said, "Sink or swim, rough or smooth, hard or easy, I shall live for Christ from now, if He will have me!" It seemed to me, standing in that gallery, as though every face in the great building was turned toward me. Yet on that instant, I knew I was at peace with God. I knew that the miracle had happened, in that gallery, as I stood up and looked by faith upon Him who died for me on Calvary. Then with the tears still blinding me, I ran home. My burden was gone, and the very joybells of Divine forgiveness were making melody in my heart.

My mother saw I had been crying, and came up before me and said: "What's the matter, sonny? Can't I help you?" With twitching lips, and great big light, yet aching heart, I put my arms around and said, "Mother, I am saved; I belong to Jesus; I am at peace with God," and we wept together.

Nine months later in that same gipsy tent, I knelt by her side and led her to the feet of Jesus "at the place called Calvary." So may you come to this meeting place. So may you look by faith to Him.—Christian Herald.

#### LITTLE THINGS

"A little burn will hurt;  
A little sting will smart;  
And little unkind words  
Will grieve the human heart."

—Selected.

#### B. T. S. MINISTRIES

It is evident that the students of the Bible Training School are receiving practical as well as theoretical training, from the fact that on Sunday, Nov. 25, at least forty were out ministering the Word of God to others. The ideal location of this Bible School affords many opportunities for practical Christian work. Since concrete facts are of more value and interest than general statements, the following items are submitted.

Bro. J. E. Ramseyer and his wife, with Bro. B. F. Leightner, assisted in the convention at Berne, Indiana. These brethren spoke with joy and liberty at both services. Mrs. Ramseyer gave a very interesting and impressive message to the young people. Brother Leightner also took part in a baptismal service at the river in the afternoon. A sweet spirit of Christian love characterized this convention which closed with a missionary offering of \$1500.00.

Brother C. A. Gerber conducted the music in his home church at Fort Wayne, where about a dozen students sang in the choir.

Miss Rosina Ramseyer was the accompanist for Miss Virginia Shaffer, soloist in a revival meeting at the Nazarene church in the city. Before Miss Shaffer's conversion she was a grand opera singer, having appeared on the stage with Galli-Curci. Now she has consecrated herself to the Lord and is spending her life in joyful Christian service. Her rare talent under the control of the Holy Spirit is a great inspiration and benediction to all who hear her.

The work at the Prairie Grove Missionary Chapel is conducted by Mr. Ora Schott and Mr. Paul Stauffer (class of '22). Here these men find joy in teaching, preaching, singing, and doing the janitor work. God is blessing their work and the interest is increasing.

Miss Mary Lee, our Chinese student, accepted an invitation from Bro. L. H. Ziemer to speak in his church at Mansfield, Ohio, on the above date. She was greeted Sunday morning by a full house when she gave her personal testimony of being saved from the darkness of heathenism. In the evening she spoke to the young people with such simplicity and confidence that God greatly blest her witness to His grace and power.

Mr. William Hygema filled the pulpit of the Missionary church at Woodburn. He reports a good attendance and interest. This church is being supplied by different students from the school.

Mr. L. Givens addressed the Young Women's World Wide Guild and the Young Women's Missionary Society at the Mt. Olive Baptist church. The purpose of the meeting was to arouse interest in missions and to plan and provide for a box to be sent to a missionary in the heart of Africa. Mr. Givens spoke forcibly on the urgent need, the personal obligation, and the

necessity of preparation for missionary work.

A ladies quartette, composed of the following: Mrs. Silvan Honderich, Misses Esther Roth, Lillian Roth, and Mary Klopfenstein, sang at a missionary meeting Sunday evening at the Grace Reformed church. The quartette considered it a privilege to witness for the Lord in song and trust the messages will bring glory to His name.

A group of students, Miss Lehman, Miss E. Klopfenstein, Miss Bontrager, Miss Stouder, Mr. Marker, and Mr. Grosh conducted the usual Sunday school at the County Orphanage. The children enthusiastically sang songs and then went to their classes, where we trust they learned some Gospel truth that will give them a better personal knowledge of their Heavenly Father.

Messrs. Ummel and Stockman conducted the Sunday school and preaching service at Hubler Chapel. These young men report God's blessing upon the services and an encouraging outlook for the future.

On Saturday, (November 24) Messrs. Dynes and Parlee journeyed to Swanton, where they were invited to conduct the Sunday services. Mr. Dynes did the preaching; Mr. Parlee did the singing; and God worked with them in great power. Four souls signified their intention of wholly following the Lord.

Misses Lillian Moyer, Mabel Hygema, and Lena Hossman spent a profitable hour visiting the hospital in the afternoon. One dear old lady, 93 years old, who said she had been praying and looking for them to come, was cheered and comforted by their visit. Although she suffers intensely at times, yet her heart is full of praise to Him who doeth all things well. They called on Mrs. C. G. Egly also; encouraging her by a verse of song and season of prayer.

Fifteen students attended the Jail Service which was led by one of the city mission workers. Mr. Everett sang a solo with his guitar accompaniment. At the close of a short sermon on "What must I do to be saved?" nearly all of the forty prisoners raised their hands for prayer and one came forward seeking salvation.

With a message of love burning in their hearts Miss Mary Ann Klopfenstein and two other students wended their way to Pixley Home to teach the Word of God to those elderly ladies and motherless children. One German lady refused to come down stairs at first, but before the service was over she joined the others and was enjoying the fellowship. The children were responsive to the teaching. Oh that their hearts might be captured by Jesus before they are ensnared by the devil!

Mr. Emmanuel Becker spent that Sunday at Woodburn, where he taught a Sunday school class at the Defenseless Mennonite church in the morning; and in the evening he and his wife rendered a special song, which



was much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Honderich accompanied Mr. Summey to Hoagland in the morning and to Monroeville in the afternoon. A number came out to get better acquainted with the Lord and were filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

Another interesting phase of our practical work is that which is carried on at the Westminster Presbyterian Sunday School by Misses Esther Wagler, Marie Imbach, Emma Smith, and Edith Harrison. This is a cosmopolitan Sunday school, for the children are gathered in from various parts of the city and represent as many different types of homes. The sad lack of spirituality in the homes is manifested in the irreverent conduct of some of these children. These young women are faithfully striving to sow the good seed of the Word of God in their tender hearts during this short period and are trusting the Master Teacher to bring it to fruition.

Although it is often "in weakness and much trembling" that these students go forth, yet they consider it a glorious privilege to have a part in God's great program which includes this training camp. **Lillian Zeller.**

### "THE ART OF PREACHING"

By Charles Reynolds Brown of Yale Divinity School, comes as a veritable God-send. In it he says:

"In the preaching of a single sermon the minister may be meeting an actual moral crisis in the lives of any number of the people before him. He may be aware of some of these, but the larger portion of them are hidden away in the depths of those human hearts. Here are those who have just passed under the shadow of some great sorrow which blotted out all the stars in the sky! Here is a man who is still staggering under the heavy load of some bitter disappointment. Here are those who have gradually awakened to the life-long tragedy of an ill-advised marriage! Here are those who can scarcely sit in their pews because of the rasping load of anxieties they bear! Here are fathers and mothers breaking their hearts over sons who are going wrong. Here are those approaching some great crisis, others approaching a great calamity! You may be thoroughly sure that in any congregation you face there are men and women fighting more devils than were cast out of Mary Magdalene."

### B. T. S. NEWS

This finds us in the beginning of the second term at the Bible School. Examinations are over once more and students are busy with their regular class work again. A number of new students have entered for the new term's work, bringing the enrollment to ninety. Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude to our heavenly Father for this company of earnest and devout young people which He has sent to us.

While the students have been ma-

king steady progress in their "knowledge of the Lord", there is evidence that they have been growing in "grace" also (II Peter 3:18). There has been a growth downward, becoming more deeply rooted and grounded in the Word and becoming more firmly established in God. There has been a growth upward, a living in the heavenlies through faith and prayer. We do thank God for the spirit of prayer and intercession that has been resting upon the student body. Then there has been a growth outward which is manifested in the daily life. The fruit is developing and ripening, putting on, as it were, more delicate hues, becoming mellow and sweet. There has also been a growth outward in the sense of production. The Apostle Paul expressed what we mean here when he wrote to the Corinthians saying, "I have begotten you through the Gospel" (I Cor. 4:15). The students have great concern for the salvation of others. The Lord has blessed their efforts in this direction by giving them some precious fruits for their labors.

The opening of the Hope Mission on Grand Street, just opposite the Wabash depot, on January 20th furnishes new opportunities for the student to do practical work. Services are held there Sunday afternoons and every night except Monday. Rev. Jacob Summey and Miss Sylvia Amstutz, who is a graduate of the B. T. S., are in charge of the new work. We covet the prayers of the readers of the Bulletin in behalf of the Mission. Already the Lord has set His seal of approval on this undertaking in the salvation of a number of souls.

God has also blessed in the repair work at the school. Much more needed to be done than was thought at first. Our readers may be interested to know some of the most important items. Most of the rooms needed some repair in the plastering; all the student rooms, the offices, library, etc. have been painted; as well as the outside of the building; a new furnace, a gas stove for the kitchen, and a motor for the laundry have been installed; besides these there were many minor matters in the line of plumbing, carpentering, etc; which needed attention. We thank God that the work for the present is nearly completed. Much of the work has been done by the business manager and by others who labored without charge so that the actual expense to the school has been about \$2,300.00. We have been asking the Lord for special gifts to cover this amount. About \$1400.00 have already been received. This means that there are still \$900.00 needed. Perhaps the Lord would have you help to diminish this sum. If so, you may send your gifts to the Bible Training School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

As we continue in our ministry here, seeking to train young lives for the Lord's service, we will greatly appreciate it if the readers of the Bulletin will uphold us in prayer before the throne of Grace.

**B. L. Leightner.**

### PERSONALIAS

Clara Flint is preparing to leave for Africa in the near future.

Gideon Ramseyer is working in one of the most exclusive shoes stores in Los Angeles. Mrs. Ramseyer writes, "We are as comfortable, cosy and happy as can be. We feel as free as birds of the air. Yet not daring to neglect our duties to our dear Heavenly Father."

H. W. Roth, '18 recently visited at the B. T. S.

Ina Birkey, '23 also visited at the B. T. S. From here she started westward and with her brother, Roy, '23 expect to sail for China early in Feb.

Brother John Lauby writes, that they are now in charge of the church at Van Nuys, Calif. and are getting ready to build a new church home as they have out grown their present quarters. They had a very good local convention with the alliance workers which closed with much blessing and an offering of a little less than \$6,000.

Brother Amstutz has taken up the work at Denair, Calif.

Roy Sutter, '19 is with the Y. M. C. A. at Los Angeles.

Margaret Siemens is ministering to the sick in a hospital at Hoope, Calif.

### BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neuen-schwander a daughter, Vilda Joyce, Oct. 29, 1923.

### MARRIED

William Schlatter and Josephine Roth, Dec. 24, 1923, at Grabill, Ind.

### OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

The following are the names of the nominee for President and Cor. Sec'y. for the coming year all who will not be able to attend the Fellowship Circle Meeting this spring should send in their votes to Cor. Sec'y—Dersie Quince, 2521 Broadway, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Place X after name you wish to vote for.

#### President

Elton Roth  
Sam Wittmer  
Frank Glock

#### Corresponding Secretary

Dersie Quince  
Rosina Ramseyer  
Bessie Jackson  
Weldon Klopfenstein.

The darkness which is the result of the absence of the light which others ought to shed is bad enough; but how great is the darkness of disbelief and unbelief into which some will voluntarily plunge!