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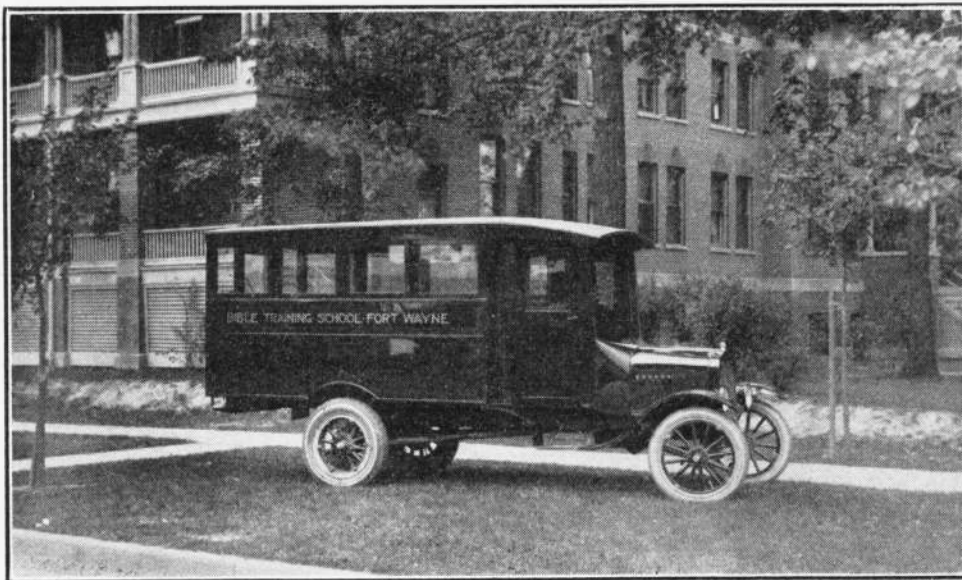
OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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

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The B. T. S. Gospel Truck Which Was Purchased by the Fellowship Circle

A MATERIALIZED ASPIRATION

Sometime, somewhere, someone conceived the idea of a Gospel Truck. We know not just when this happened; but in December, 1922 Miss Salome Schug received the first donation for the truck.

One year and a half later, Mr. Elton Roth, president of the Fellowship Circle, sponsored this idea and it was through his efforts that the Fellowship Circle assumed the sponsorship. He himself gave \$50 that the purpose might be achieved. In the spring of 1925, he resigned as President that he might devote more time to his duties at the Nyack Missionary Training Institute, at which time approximately one-half of the needed amount had been raised, largely through subscription among the members of the Fellowship Circle.

Last year a contribution of \$75 was made from the Gospel team fund. Mr. C. J. Gerig, presiding at the last annual meeting in Mr. Roth's absence, took pledges to the amount of \$300, which completed the drive for funds, as the total cost of the truck was about \$800.

A committee was appointed to consist of Rev. Wm. Hygema, Rev. S. A. Witmer and C. J. Gerig, which was to look after the purchase and equipment of the truck. This committee purchased a new Ford high-speed chassis, and according to plans drawn up by them, had the body made at

the Kendallville Buggy works at Kendallville, Indiana.

The Gospel Truck is really a beautiful vehicle, having a gracefully sloping cowl, which eliminates the blocky appearance which characterizes most busses of this type. The interior is nicely finished, with a dome-light in the center, and well cushioned seats which run the length of the truck on both sides. The seats accommodate fifteen persons, including the driver, and the space beneath the seats may be used for carrying instrument and music cases; while at the rear is a door leading out to a platform which can be erected while the truck is at rest. The whole is embellished by large gold letters, which read—"BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL—FORT WAYNE". The lettering is the work of Mr. Harold P. Browett.

On Thursday morning, September 17, 1925, Rev. Wm. Hygema gave the dedicatory address in our chapel hour, in which he set forth the necessity of the Gospel Truck, and the part it is to play in bringing the message of hope to hungry hearts in this vicinity. Rev. Jacob Hygema lifted our hearts heavenward in a prayer of dedication, after Rev. J. E. Ramseyer had received the truck in behalf of the school.

Already much use has been made of the Gospel Truck, and we students feel that our gratitude to the Fellowship Circle for this noble gift can only be shown in proportion as we use this gift to the honor and glory of God and the salvation of lost souls. Yet our gratitude, sincere though it be,

can never recompense our indebtedness to the Fellowship Circle; for time and eternity only will reveal what it has meant to us, and to those who come after us.

"Thou too, sail on, oh Ship of State,
Sail on, oh 'flivver', strong and great,
Thy frame shall ere the message bear,
Thy joys shall many people share,
Thy tours shall preachers great prepare,

Oh, Gospel Truck!"

An Appreciative Student

ADAPTABILITY

"If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub on the side of the hill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

"We can't all be captains; some have to be crew;
There's something for all of us here,
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is the near.

"If you can't be a highway then just be a trail;
If you can't be a sun, be a star,
It isn't by size that you win or you fail—
Be the best of whatever you are."
—Sel.

"My grace is sufficient for thee."

OPENING DAYS

For each of us at some time in our lives arises the question, "What shall I do with my life?" As we give ourselves to the Lord in full consecration He always directs our path. This year we are ninety-two students at the B. T. S., who have felt led to study and prepare for His service wherever He may direct.

The gracious presence of God was felt from the very first service which was held on Thursday evening, Sept. 17, at which time Rev. J. E. Ramseyer gave an opening address to the students and faculty on the subject of "The Knowledge of His Person", emphasizing the necessity of knowing the Lord and His Word.

Our hearts were also made to rejoice to hear how the Lord has so richly blessed some of the students in assisting in churches and tent meetings during the summer months, both in giving forth the Word and in song. Others spent their time in more obscure places giving their testimony wherever it was their privilege, but none the less happy, since all of us want to work for the same great cause.

The Spirit of the Lord made Himself especially manifest in one of our chapel services, in which there were about twenty at the altar for the filling or re-filling of the Holy Ghost. Praise God for this spirit among the students uniting our hearts as one family in Christ Jesus! Our prayer is that the Lord will send each of us such a blessing throughout the year that it may overflow and reach other hearts who are thirsting.

The very fact that the opening days were filled with such rich blessings makes us look forward to even greater things in the coming days for, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." This leads us on to the promise, "Be glad and rejoice for the Lord will do great things."

A New Student

HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Many souls are being exercised about holiness, but not equally about righteousness. Holiness is the hidden thing we cannot see; righteousness is the manifestation of holiness in act and life.

NOTHING SO IMPORTANT

John Wesley used to repeatedly say to his converts: "Remember you have nothing to do, to compare in importance with saving souls. Therefore, spend and be spent in this work. Observe, that it is not your business to preach so many times a week, or to take care of this or that society; but simply to save as many souls as you can, to bring as many sinners as possible to repentance; and with all your power to build up in that holiness, without which no man can see the Lord."

OUR ANCHOR

"An anchor of the soul." Heb. 6:18. Many of the writers of the N. T. were accustomed to the seas and we find that nautical terms are not at all foreign to them. The 27th chapter of Acts which gives the description of the storm encountered by the shipmen who manned the ship on which Paul and others were being taken to Rome gives a wonderful array of nautical terms. The men among the apostles who were fishermen knew what it meant to cast anchor, and the writer of this epistle was not unfamiliar with the terms used in the art of sea-faring.

And these writers were accustomed to weave these well known experiences of every day life into the story of the journey of the soul. There is another text in this book bearing on the experience of the soul in its onward march toward glory in which the Athenian game grounds play an important part in representing the soul, speeding forward in the race toward the eternal goal. There the soul is on solid ground trying to win in the race. Here the soul is on the high seas and coming into port where it is represented as casting anchor.

I. **What is meant by the anchor here?** If it were talking about an ordinary anchor such as the great ships use at sea we might describe its form, the material out of which it is made and its size. But when we talk about an anchor for the soul we are talking of something entirely different. This is not something made out of wood or metal and secured by a great strong cable. Have we considered what the writer here had in his mind? This anchor is very important to us from many different standpoints. In some way, we immediately associate the anchor of our soul with our Christ. There is no other anchor which could fill the place herein so wonderfully described. And this anchor is expressed in our text by the word "hope". Hope when rightly centered is the great anchor of the soul which this text speaks about. For the full verse reads: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." In what sense is hope the anchor of the soul? Possibly the best answer to this is found in the words of Paul in Col. 1:27, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of His glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you the hope of glory.**" According to these words Christ is our hope. But we may look at this from two different standpoints. The hope may be either subjective or objective.

1. **Hope subjective.** By this we mean that our hope is centered in Christ for all the good we ever expect to receive both in this life and in the life which is to come. Hope is the anchor when that hope is centered and fixed in Christ. We will readily understand this if we simply think for a moment of the many things in which mortal man does trust. He trusts in the arm of flesh for many of the solutions of the problems of life. He trusts in the material things to carry

him through crises in life, because of what it will purchase. If he may only have money then he may be able to possess many of the comforts of life that he would not otherwise have and he may be able to command the service of skill that he otherwise would have to be deprived of. He trusts in the theories of men and in his own wisdom in many, many instances to take him finally to heaven and to land him safely in glory. But as we all know these all fail, in the fateful moment and at the entrance to the port of the other world.

But should we have all the wealth and honor and skill and wisdom and knowledge that the world is able to bestow upon us and furnish us and not have our hope fixed in the one thing and the one person Christ Jesus then we are not in possession of the right anchor of the soul.

2. **On the other hand our hope may be only objective,** that is having Christ as the important thing: all our hope inspired by Him. He is our hope in the sense that all the hope we have is inspired and planted in our heart because we have Him. Thus we would say Christ **inspires** every hope in our life, thus here hope is only objective, while in the other case we said our hope is centered in Christ in the sense that He will grant us the thing we have hoped for because the hope we have is all **centered in Christ;** while here Christ is the first consideration and we say all the hopes we have **come from Him** as the source and the operator of their fulfillment. But as we said awhile ago the text in Colossians presents both sides. If **Christ in us** is the hope of glory, then all our hope is fixed in Him and we are convinced that all our hopes will be wrought out through His life, while on the other hand if Christ instead of hope is the important thing with us then whatever hopes we have will find their origin in Him and will most certainly be fulfilled. Hope in this sense therefore, namely when it is entirely focused in Christ or when Christ on the other hand is the inspirer and author of every hope, will truly be the anchor of the soul.

II. **Where is our Anchor?** This anchor has been cast and where is it cast? Some ships have had to cast anchor at sea when there was danger ahead and lest they come ashore and break the ship the anchor is cast until the seamen are able to get their bearings. On the other hand, the ship coming into port will cast its anchor to hold the ship in the proper place. Is our anchor cast away out in the seas far from land or does the Scripture teach us that our anchor is cast in the port where we expect to land? It is surely the latter. Our anchor is in a perfectly safe place. According to the context, it is within the veil. And what does the author of the epistle mean by the expression, "within the veil"? This is in the Holiest of all of the ancient Tabernacle. And Christ hath entered into that within the veil. That is, He has fulfilled all that was necessary and required to be fulfilled in order to enter into the heavens. For in heaven is within the veil. He entered only by first having

passed through this world and then through Paradise and then into heaven. He could only enter Paradise by dying and that the death of the cross. This was the eternal decree of God: for when sin entered into the heart of man God placed the Cherubim at the entrance gate in the earthly Paradise and put in his hand a sword which turned every way to keep the tree of life. For if any man dared to go that way toward the tree of life it meant death, for the sentence of death was placed upon all human kind, because of sin; and there was no way back to the tree of life except through death and this must be death which eliminates all sin out of life. And Christ was the only one who could do this for all men. And thus by way of death He passed into Paradise: the intermediate state and place, from there He again came forth and was seen of His brethren, and then before their eyes was received up into a cloud which transferred Him to heaven; and thus He passed within the veil. This veil which had formerly stood between (that is our flesh) which was polluted with sin was torn apart and Jesus passed in. Thus when Jesus entered heaven, our anchor of the soul passed into heaven, or to that which is within the veil.

2. In this sense, therefore, He is our forerunner and will hold us secure. He is the first one to have passed every gate of entrance toward God and entered into the presence of the Almighty. He is, therefore, the forerunner who hath prepared the way, for none other could go unless He went before and prepared the way into the holiest of all. He is our forerunner into that world just as John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ here in this world. John prepared the way for the Lord to come before the people of this world, so Christ hath prepared the way for those who place their trust in Him to also enter in within the veil.

III. Why is this anchor of the soul dependable? There might be some anchors cast at sea that would not be entirely dependable for something might break or give way and let the ship drift. But not so with this anchor of the soul. According to the text it is sure and steadfast.

1. It is dependable therefore in the first place because it is sure, that is, it has a firm hold. An anchor for the ship coming into port when let down imbeds itself in the bottom of the sea and finds a place to lodge and to hold. It may become deeply imbedded in the soil underneath. But our anchor finds a firm place within the veil in the very heart of Jesus. It will not yield in the least its hold when once secure within the veil. The anchor of the ship at sea may pull loose and continue to float for awhile but this anchor finds a secure place in a sure soil. You may let loose your end of the rope which holds the soul securely but never will the anchor come loose at the other end, namely, at the end within the veil.

2. It is dependable because it is steadfast, that is, strong in itself. This is different from the other word in that it refers to the anchor itself while

the former word referred to the place where the anchor found a resting place. Of course, this anchor is strong when it consists of the hope which is placed in the Lord Jesus Christ, and finds all its purposes and plans inspired by the Lord Himself.

3. It is dependable because of the two immutable things spoken of in the previous context. In the 18th verse He says, "That by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong encouragement . . . to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor." The two immutable things are clearly His promises and His oath, that is His Word and His oath. The first of these is so certain that the O. T. tells us in one place that all things will be shaken and that one thing only will remain unmoved, and that is His word. This is so immutable that it cannot be moved or changed. It is like the law of the Medes and Persians. God hath spoken and it will come to pass; no matter what man may say or do or plan this will come to pass. If it is delayed at one time it will surely come to pass at another. And all these delays brought about by the disobedience of many only tend to push the fulfillment with all its attendant blessings a little farther forward or into the future. His promises or His word are yea and amen in Christ Jesus the Lord. This anchor is sure and steadfast because His promises are immutable, that is unchangeable. Whatever Satan may do among the multitudes of men and in the armies of the angels will not prevent the things which God has promised in His word from coming to pass.

His oath is the other thing which makes it sure and steadfast. When God had no greater to swear by then He swore by Himself. And it has been considered through the ages that when one swears by the Eternal One or by the God of heaven that what he says will be absolutely true as far as he knows the truth. But as we know this is not always true for some men will even perjure themselves to escape punishment and detection. But in the main the man or woman will tell the truth when under oath. And so God taking that which is by man considered the manner in which all truth may be best secured has taken an oath that he will do these things. This is what stands back of the hope which is our anchor and makes it dependable to our soul.

IV. What does such an anchor accomplish for us? There are three things which we will mention as accomplished by the anchor of the soul which is sure and steadfast within the veil.

1. This anchor gives us assurance. When we know that our anchor is cast and our soul which is the ship in which we are traveling at the present is secure to that anchor then we may go about our duties undisturbed. There is nothing which gives more impetus to the work which we are doing for the Master than to know that we are securely anchored in all our activities to the hope safe within the veil, which hope is "Christ in us the hope of

glory". An assurance that is so glorious makes it a pleasure to do things and to go forward in our work.

2. This anchor keeps us steadfast. The anchor for the vessel that is securely fastened keeps the ship steady or steadfast. That is, it keeps it in the place where it should be kept.

How much more is this true with regard to the soul that has an anchor of hope sure and steadfast within the veil. Too many Christians are unsteady and you are never certain just what they are going to do and whether they are going to keep in the middle of the road and move forward in the right line toward glory, or whether they are going to become side-tracked. It is a real joy and encouragement both to the Christians who are living here upon earth and to God in heaven to see a soul that is ever steadfast. If that soul has as its anchor the hope "sure and steadfast within the veil" then that soul will ever be steadfast. How can it be otherwise? It can only be let out so far. It will be so anchored that it will not strike the rocks. Its field of service will be controlled or limited by the length of the rope that stretches out from the place where the rope is tied to the anchor. This may be long or short as the Lord considers the place where the soul is stationed dangerous or safe. If God wants to give a particular soul more leeway it is possible for Him to do so by making the rope a little longer while He does not change the location of the anchor. If you have been accustomed to anchor a boat for fishing you know that sometimes it is necessary to take up the rope a little to keep the boat from drifting so much while you may in no manner disturb the anchor.

3. Your anchor brings you to shore. God no doubt will continue to shorten that rope which reaches to the soul that lives here upon earth. By following the rope which leads to the place where the rope is secure on the anchor of your soul you will finally find yourself within the harbor of heaven and yourself safe within the veil. Your anchor brings you home. In this respect this anchor is different from the ordinary anchor for it is ever in the same place, that is, in the inner sanctuary of heaven where Jesus has entered as our forerunner. It would seem from time to time He makes the rope just a little shorter and brings us a little nearer home and that finally He will pull us entirely to the shore. We should rejoice that we have such an anchor for the soul sure and steadfast and within the veil.

Rev. T. Pliny Potts.

WITHIN THE VAIL

Close Thou my eyes to time and sense
Let me forget the things I see.
Lord rend the vail and let me pass
Into the Holiest with Thee.

Open my eyes that I may see
Thy glorious hidden mysteries.
Unstop my ears that I may hear
Thy wondrous melodies.

Then shall I see diviner things
Than to the outward eye are seen;

Then shall I see Thee as Thou art
Behold Thee with no veil between.

Close Thou my eyes to outward sounds
And hushed be every earthly chime,
Then I shall hear a sweeter strain
The music of Thy voice sublime.

Within the veil it shall be light
And all the hidden shall be plain
Thou shalt to me Thy plans unfold
And heavenly mysteries explain.

O set my longing spirit free,
Bind Thou my heart to things above
Till I am satisfied with Thee
And dwell within Thy heart of love.

Lord, severing each earthly tie
My Alpha and Omega be
And let me live within the veil
Forever there alone with Thee.

Written by Mrs. Mary N. Potts

PAUL'S MINISTRY

I Thess. 2:1-14

Why isn't our ministry more blest of God? Is there not a pattern by which we may measure our methods of preaching? Is there not given, somewhere in the Scriptures, an account of the methods and means that may be, and should be used in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ? These, in substance, may have been the questions that many prayerful and consecrated servants of God have asked themselves, after reviewing their service for the Lord in the preaching of the Word.

Let it be understood that a genuine experience in Christ, a life that is permeated with the Spirit of God, and a daily walk in prayer constitute the foundation of all true success in service for God. But there is, in First Thessalonians 2:1-14 a detailed account of some secrets of service after having taken into consideration the fundamentals above mentioned.

It is to this passage of Scripture that we shall turn our attention, and from it seek to gather a few thoughts which, we trust, shall enable us to be better, more effective ministers of the Gospel.

I. His Manner of Entrance

In verses one and two, the Apostle reveals the manner of entrance to his new congregation. The church at Thessalonica is already aware of the afflictions and persecutions which Paul and his co-laborers received at Philippi.

This commends Paul, Sylvanus, and Timotheus as "good soldiers of Jesus Christ" because they are willing to "endure hardness". And today the church of Jesus Christ needs "good soldiers" much more than she needs "good preachers".

But there is yet another thought that grows out of these experiences of the Lord's servants.

To whom do we go for human comfort and advice when the shadows of distress and sorrow fall across our path? Is it not to those who, by the grace of God, have weathered storms similar to the ones through which we are going? Ah, yes, dear friends, so long as there remains no known and unconfessed sin within us, these test-

ings may be the providences of God, coming to us as blessings in disguise to enlarge our sphere of usefulness. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." II Cor. 1:3, 4. And the Apostle's entrance was not in vain.

II. His Message

The message the Apostle preached was not man-made; it was God-given. Many sermons of the present time contain much of the spirit of man, but very little, if any of the Spirit of God. Paul's message was the "Gospel of God", vs. 2, that is, it originated with God and it belonged to Him. But God allowed Paul "to be put in trust with the Gospel," vs. 4, so we, brethren, are trustees of the Gospel, "holding forth the Word of life." May Jehovah keep us all true to "the good old Gospel to the end". We have no other message; we want no other message, and lost humankind needs no other save "the Gospel of Christ;" "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth".

III. His Method of Preaching

1. Negatively.

Paul's "preaching was not grounded on a delusion," vs. 3, (Weymouth's), but it was sound doctrinal preaching. After considerable contact with those who have been puzzled by the many "isms" of the day, it is the writer's strong conviction that the people need to be shown what the Scriptures teach. By this, we mean the preaching of Bible Doctrine in the power of the Spirit, always with the view of it becoming practical in the lives of believers. We, as ministers of Christ, should do our best to lead people out of the maze or "isms" into the clear light and glorious liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Concerning Paul's life it was not of "uncleanness", vs. 3. This word "uncleanness" in the original refers to the moral life. In other words, the Apostle did not lead a double life, but was morally upright.

As to his motives, they, too, were pure, for his exhortation came not in "guile", vs. 3.

Paul was not a "man-pleasing" preacher for concerning his loyalty to God, he says, "so we speak: not as pleasing men but God, which trieth our hearts," vs. 4. It is quite evident that some have lost their spiritual power because they have catered to the whims of worldly men. Brethren, shall we not, like Peter and John say, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19, 20.

"Neither at any time used we flattering words," vs. 5. And here is where some have failed, for to flatter is to tell an untruth. If flattery, on the part of a friend, destroys confidence, then how much more quickly will it do so when used by the servant of God?

With reference to financial rewards,

Paul's ministry was "not in covetousness," vs. 5. He desired not theirs but them. While it is true that "the laborer is worthy of his hire" and that God's people should endeavor to release their pastors from the cares of bread winning as much as possible, it is also true that the minister should have the glory of God and the salvation of souls first upon his heart. And when he has labored faithfully and prayerfully he then can claim the promise that "God shall supply all his needs".

It is sad, but true, that the desire for popularity has been the stumbling-stone of many who have begun well in the Christian ministry. But concerning it Paul writes, "Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others," vs. 6. Jesus said, "Beware when all men speak well of you." Often God does cause one to have favor with many, but if that be our privilege, let us make sure that we use this influence for the glory of God and not for any self-gain.

The "throne-room" of the Christian church is crowded. There is no place for those who would "lord it over the flock". But there is yet plenty of room for those who will be servants indeed. As an apostle of Christ, Paul might have been burdensome, but he was not, vs. 6. Blessed is he whose ministry is that of a true shepherd, who feeds the Master's sheep, regardless of circumstances, who knows when "the Chief Shepherd shall appear" he "shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away".

2. Positively.

Paul yearned for the welfare of the Thessalonians even as a mother yearns for the welfare of her child. Because of this, his ministry was gentle and sacrificial, vs. 7, 8. It is this consuming love that will convince men of our interest in them and sincerity towards them. God grant that every pastor shall love his flock even as Paul loved this people! Then something will surely be done for the Lord.

As a servant, the apostle labored in weariness, in hardship and with perseverance, vs. 9. We are convinced that many of the serious-minded youth of today are looking for something that will challenge the best in them. Why not tell them, not only of the blessings and privileges of Christ service, but, also, hold out to them the challenge of a life spent for God? Certainly, the conditions and needs of humanity ought to present a very real challenge to any Christian young man or woman. Christ wants "warriors", not namby-pamby, rocking chair Christians. We are to "put on the whole armor of God". This means there is conflict and victory ahead.

The Word says, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. I Peter 5:2, 3. As examples. Paul calls to witness both the church and God, "how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves," vs. 10. The minister's actions speak louder than his

words. It is, therefore, necessary to have a "conscience void of offence toward God and toward man".

There is much preaching today that tends toward idle sentimentalism. Many sermons are preached about the love and mercy of God, but too few about the justice and holiness of God. We must needs preach a message well balanced with both sides of God's character, "Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God."

Now Paul not only had the gentle, affectionate qualities of a mother in relation to the flock, as we read in verses 7 and 8, but he also had the firm qualities of a father as we note in vs. 11. "As ye know how we exhorted, comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children." A boy reared under the care of his mother alone may become effeminate. Surely he needs his mother's influence to instill within him those noble qualities of tenderness, sympathy, and chivalry. But along with this he needs the influence of his father to promote courage, conviction, and firmness. The church must likewise have a well balanced ministry of gentleness and reproof.

IV. His Marvelous Results

There are three things which manifest the results of Paul's ministry to this people.

They received the message as the Word of God, vs. 13; they became Christians, vs. 13; and they were steadfast Christians who endured suffering for Christ's sake, vs. 14.

What better results could any pastor desire? Shall we not, brethren, in our service, pattern after Paul, and who knows but what we, too, shall be blest with converts who will stand the tests of the storm. This is the greatest reward we can expect on this side of glory—first, the presence and approval of God and, then, converts who will be true to the Lord Jesus.

"For what is our hope of joy? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy," I Thess. 2: 19, 20.

Frank P. Chant.

"We have not wings, we cannot soar
But we have feet to scale and climb
By slow degrees, by more and more,
The cloudy summits of our time."

—Longfellow.

YOUNG FELLOW! LISTEN!

To the young man who is building character I present the Bible as a Book that is useful always and everywhere. It guides the footsteps of the young; it throws a light upon the pathway during the young; it throws a light upon the pathway during the mature years, and it is the only book that one cares to have beside him when the darkness gathers and he knows that the end is near. Then he finds consolation in the promises of the Book of books and his lips repeat, even when his words are inaudible, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me," or "I go to prepare a place for you, and where I am there ye may be also."—Wm. J. Bryan.

FROM FORMER STUDENTS

S. Omaha, Nebr.,
Sept. 8, 1925

Greetings to the Fellowship Circle readers:—One conference year has closed and another has begun. The time passed by very rapidly the past year which finds us still happy in the Lord. We have attended the M. B. C. camp meeting and the Lord blessed in a marvelous way. Souls were saved and sanctified and the Holy Ghost fell upon some.

We have been stationed in South Omaha again. In the past year we have had two revival meetings with Rev. King and Tralgar as evangelists. The Lord has blessed and some souls were saved and sanctified. Two united with the church. Sometimes the work is real encouraging, while at other times there are trials and tests.

We ask the members of the Fellowship Circle to remember us in prayer and the work in South Omaha.

Yours for lost souls,

Martha and Barbara Wanner.

Kalamba, Mukenge,
April 30th, 1923

(Written to the Defenseless Menonite church at Woodburn, Ind., Mr. Becker's home church.—Editor.)

"If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

Praise the Lord for these blessed words spoken by our dear Lord and Savior Himself. Surely no other words could be given with more surety and with a better guarantee of their fulfillment. And yet so many times we have not because we ask not, or because we ask amiss as James puts it in his Epistle, or because we do not ask in accordance with the will of God. Thus we deprive ourselves of so many rich and blessed blessings which the Lord had really intended for us. But may we all as a church be awakened to our opportunities as well as our responsibilities, for they are equally great, and if we would be our best for our dear Master we must be awake.

The work here at Kalambe Station is going on as usual, with its many seasons of rejoicing as well as its many trials and discouragements. But these all come to us in any walk of life, and why not, for they were even brought to our Savior while here below, and even now He is touched with everyone that touches us? Thus He can strengthen and help us that we can be more than conquerors. Praise Him!

Our staff of white missionaries has dwindled down from six a year ago to three; although, we expect Miss Weith, the nurse, to return soon. It is now three months that we are alone. We have been looking for help from the homeland but it almost looks as though our dear people are disappointing us at that end of the line. It is very evident that the devil is working and is trying to keep a weak spot in the line somewhere, if not here then there. He knows that is the shortest way to victory for him, and on the other hand is a sad fact when we see how many victories we are winning for

him by not "letting go and letting God". May the good Lord help us all to be on the firing line not firing against the brethren, but instead firing against the enemy.

Many times we are almost at the end and do not know just what to do first. So many things are crowding in upon us, and the saddest is that the most worthy is almost always crowded out, no matter how hard we try to do otherwise. It is here we need much grace and wisdom to be our best for Him. This is what has prompted this letter, namely, an appeal to our Christian friends at home, to enter into the ministry of prayer for this needy field.

We find it very difficult to lead these people to the Lord, for their minds have so long been steeped in sin that it seems almost impossible for the Gospel light to break in upon them. After trying to train them again and again, sometimes it seems almost useless, for the first little thing that comes up they are ready to leave and turn back. The fact of the matter is they have perhaps never been born again so what we need more than anything else is "Prayer help".

I now take this opportunity to appeal to you at home. You will no doubt say, "That is your part out there," with which we fully agree, and it is also true that we do not pray as much as we ought, for which we are very sorry, and wish our bodies were strong to do all that we are supposed to do. It is rather difficult to spend our time in prayer, look after the workmen, teach school, listen to a palaver, or attend to some other business which must be done, all at the same time. And having to do this all day long and many times in the evenings, we find our bodies are too tired to even pray intelligently, to say nothing of spending hours in prayer. I am not dishonoring prayer, only wish we were able to work all day and spend the biggest part of the night in prayer. We need prayer so much, and this is the reason for this letter to you at this time and this is the appeal. Since we are in such dire need of prayer and are sure that the Lord has someone to pray, we are appealing for at least five people from the Woodburn church who will enter this prayer ministry and spend at least one hour in prayer every day for this work and especially for this station. Will you do it? Or, will you be content to look on while we are pouring out our very life, trying to bring the Gospel to these people. We find ourselves so insufficient because of a lack of real prayer help. I am sure there are at least five who will take up this great part in the work of the Master, or, perhaps there are more, the more the better. Pray that the Lord might open darkened hearts to the Gospel and for the white missionaries, that they may be able to be their best.

I would like as many as will volunteer for this work to write me a letter stating that fact, as well as to begin praying at once. I will also be glad to keep you informed as to the needs as well as the victories which

we, by the Lord's help, are winning. Come on, brethren, let us go over the top for Jesus. Souls are perishing every day, and the Lord is soon coming. Will we be ready when He comes if we are not willing to take our place for Him? May the Lord help you to decide. May you all be willing to follow Him is our prayer. If this be the case, I am sure we will experience a real victory out here and souls will be born into His kingdom by large numbers, and His name glorified.

May the good Lord richly bless and reward you for your labor of love and may the labor be expanded is our prayer for you all.

Yours for the lost of Africa,

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Becker

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle Family:—The Lord graciously brought us back to our field of labor again.

The time spent with the dear friends at Pettisville and Fort Wayne has been blessed to my soul; and it is with a new zeal and a fresh desire to be spent for God that I have taken up the work anew.

The familiar scenes have again gripped our hearts: New York with its restless multitudes; its throngs of Jews, (there are over two millions of them in this metropolis), and so many have never even seen a New Testament.

It is New Year's time among them, and they greet each other with a "Happy New Year!" But how could there be happiness for those who reject the Son of God! We are holding special meetings from New Year to the Day of Atonement, that is for nearly two weeks.

Because of spiritual blindness, there is much prejudice among Jews against missionaries, therefore we are meeting with opposition "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me and there are many adversaries". Thank God, we are being greatly encouraged, we see the movings of the Spirit in our midst. The Word is gripping hearts and many are inquiring about the way of life.

Will not God's children who have neglected the Jews so much, remember that they are debtors?

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee." Do you want prosperity? Then pray for God's covenant people. "They that did the King's business helped the Jews."

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

Matilda M. Kesselring.

GET THE BIBLE FIRST

Dr. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale University, says: "I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without a knowledge of the Bible." Coming, as it does, from an eminent college professor and educator, this testimony is all the more significant and convincing.

PRAY FOR THE B. T. S.

THOUGHTS ON EVOLUTION

By B. H. Shaddock, Ph. D.

The Dizzy Circuit

With law, luck or lingo, the theorist explains everything. He can argue that certain factors are the cause of evolution or that they are caused by evolution. It depends on which you wish explained. Like a dog chasing his tail, the dog makes the tail go and the tail makes the dog go, depending on which end of the dog you wish explained. It is the unwritten law of evolution, the **Evolution will produce anything that will produce evolution.**

Registered Stock

There are several pedigrees thrust upon us by so-called science. I give below, the one prepared by the Jordon-Kellogg School because they are considered high authorities. I doubt not that there are others more recent and will be another one next year; all of them temporarily scientific.

Read Up

Man
Anthropoids
Old world monkeys
Lemurs
Marsupials (like opossums)
Reptiles (related to 3-eyed lizards)
Amphibians (the frog family)
Lung bearing fish (as the fringefins)
Sharks
Lamprey or Lancet (something like an eel)
Worms
Hydra or Volvox (Hydra is like a piece of macaroni with spaghetti trimmings. Volvox resembles a ball of green jelly with whiskers.)
Amoeba (able to project limbs from the body and withdraw them)

Plasm
By this list it is apparent that we had limbs a plenty and at will in the second chapter and exchanged them for quite other trimmings in the third. On the fourth floor we had worm legs which vanished on the fifth. Fins appeared during the fifth or sixth experiment and went out of style in the eighth. A swimbladder came in style about a mill on years ahead of the fins. We have had four kinds of a tail that has served as propeller, rudder, guy-rope, swing and hitching strap. If they will tell us what we are to get in the next distribution, a million years hence, we may forgive evolution for the mean tricks it has played on us.

Are We Fitter Now?

Once we could live in water or on the land. Once we had cold blood and could winter in the cold mud without food. Once we could leave a case of eggs in the water or sand and let the census-taker do the worrying. Later when warm blooded babies came in style, our marsupial mothers tucked them away in a large vest pocket and never a baby cried. Think of the good old days before handkerchiefs and soap were needed.—Selected.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."—Ecc. 11:1.

PERSONALIAS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamb both of class '16 are engaged in rescue mission work in Seattle, Wash.

Rev. S. S. Gerig and Mrs. Gerig, nee Sadie Gaiman, have charge of a Baptist church in Salda, Colorado.

Esther V. Roth expects to sail for India the latter part of October.

Wm. Schlatter is attending the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Mail for Anna Janzen has been returned. Can any of the readers furnish her present address? Please send information to the corresponding secretary, Lillian J. Roth, Grabill, Ind.

Mae Baucher, class '18, has been engaged in the surgical department of the Memorial Hospital in Martinsville, Ind. She is looking toward China as her field of service.

Rev. C. W. Oyer and Mrs. Oyer are engaged as teachers in the Bible Institute of Washington D. C.

Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Grabill, nee Idella Miller, have taken charge of the Missionary church in Peoria, Ill.

Eleanor Haberling, class '18, is looking toward China for future service.

Rev. Menno Amstutz, class '14, and Mrs. Amstutz, nee Rilla Klopfenstein, have been transferred from Peoria, Ill., to Pettisville, Ohio, to serve in the Missionary Church.

Rev. H. C. Thiessen, class '09, is engaged as teacher in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago.

Amy Applegate from China writes that the condition there is serious and the work at her station has been sadly imperiled. She is expected home this fall due to the uprisings.

Jesse Amstutz, class '14, was ordained to the full Gospel ministry at Berne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bixler, former business manager and housekeeper, respectively, have returned from California where they spent the past two years.

Archie Haller, class '22, and Mrs. Haller have been accepted as missionaries to Congo, Africa, by the M. C. A.

Marie Imbach, class '24, is engaged as cook in the C. & M. A. Bible School just opened this fall at Beulah Beach, Ohio.

Elsworth K. Bethel has taken charge of the Holiness Tabernacle in Philadelphia for an indefinite time.

Harold Browett, class '25, has taken charge of the C. & M. A. church in Monroe, Michigan.

Rev. E. B. Fitch and Mrs. Fitch, nee Ione Reynolds, class '12 have a C. & M. A. charge in Ottawa, Canada.

Jacob Grabill and Mrs. Grabill, nee Sadie Bontrager, both of class '25 will take charge of a mission in Tippencanoe, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Marker, both of class '25, have charge of Hope Mission in Piqua, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Roth, nee Helen Siemans, both of class '18, write from China, August 6. "We are glad to report that all is well with us. Seemingly a revival has broken out in Shanghai, the scene of the beginning

of this trouble, and we are hoping it may spread throughout the land." Let the Circle pray to this end.

Gertrude Angus, class '23, was miraculously healed in August and was spared an expensive operation. She intended to return to the office so that she might give to the Lord the sum of money which would have been used for the operation. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today, and forever."

NOTICE

You will please make note of the treasurer's change of address. It was Pettisville, Ohio, but now it is Mr. Chris. J. Gerig, Woodburn, Indiana.

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You will please turn to another column in this number of the Bulletin and see a likeness of the Gospel Truck which we long had hoped to have and also needed badly for the school. We are much pleased with it both in workmanship and appearance. Don't you think it looks fine? We are sure every penny paid for it has been spent for a worthy cause. We are glad that we do not have any outstanding debts on it, for all the money was in hand or pledged when the deal was made. As yet all the pledges have not been paid which do not amount to a large sum. The amount we lacked was drawn out of the regular treasury so that final settlement could be made. We wish to kindly remind you that we will appreciate to have the pledges paid at your earliest convenience. With clear records we can all go ahead high in spirits and ready to buy up other opportunities to spread the Gospel. Make the remittance to Mr. Chris. J. Gerig, Woodburn, Indiana. Please remember our Circle in prayer and by gifts.

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The corresponding secretary will highly appreciate notices of all changes of addresses. Some of you have observed this. We thank you most heartily. Will others please do likewise?—Lillian J. Roth, Cor. Sec., Grabbill, Indiana.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Geiser, nee Sarah Spengler, class '19, a son, Charles Walter, June 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sprunger, nee Anna Hein, a daughter, Beverly Jean.

To Mr. Emanuel Becker, class '25, and Mrs. Becker, nee Maude Bedford, class '23, a son, Paul Bedford, Aug. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes, nee Rena Leu, class '21, a daughter, Betty Leu, August 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rengenberg in India, a son, Robert Leon, July 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Roth, nee Florence Welty, a son, Kendrick Leeland, Sept. 11.

Superior

In his dying hour, Sir Walter Scott said to his son-in-law, Mr. Lockhart, "Bring me the Book". "Which book?" asked Mr. Lockhart. "There is only one Book," replied Scott, "read to me out of the Bible".

MARRIED

Clara Freehof and James R. Adams, August 5, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Charles Everett and Martha Schutz, class '24, in September at Bremen, Indiana.

YOU CAN'T OUTGROW IT

"Many books in my library are now behind and beneath me. They were good in their way once, and so were the clothes I wore when I was ten years old. Nobody ever outgrows the Scripture. The Book widens and deepens with the years."—C. H. Spurgeon.

THE BIBLE INFLUENCE

Pastor A. Reilly Copeland, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.

The Bible has done more to govern human hearts than all the laws and maxims enacted and devised by legislators and sages. Milton said, "There are no politics like those which the Scriptures teach." As proof, look at Judea when it knew no laws but those which the Bible contains. Her wheels of public justice were smooth and steady, and her flow of natural peace was pure and beautiful.

There are many men who know philosophy, astronomy, geology, geography, and mathematics almost to perfection. Did you ever hear a man say, however, "I was an outcast, a vagabond, a wretched inebriate, a disgrace to my family and a public nuisance to the world, a parasite on my community until I began to study mathematics and then turned my attention to geology got my hammer and knocked pieces off the rocks and studied the earth's formation, and since that time I have been so happy, I feel so like singing all the time; my soul is full of peace and triumph, health and joy, glory and blessings, I have come to the suburbs of Heaven"?

Did you ever hear a man say his redemption and salvation from sin and vice was due to the multiplication table, or the science of mathematics or geology? I can show you men by the thousands who will tell you: "I was wretched; I was lost; I broke my mother's heart; I begged my family; my wife was heartbroken and downcast; my children ran from the sound of my voice; I was ruined, reckless, hapless, homeless, helpless, hopeless, and heartless until I heard the words of the Bible." And he can tell you the very word which fastened upon his soul and wonderfully liberated it.

Since that word entered his heart, he will tell you that hope has dawned upon his horizon, that joy has inspired his heart, that purity has dominated his life, that he has a new vision of the future and that his mouth is filled with grateful song. He will tell you that the bloom of health has come back to his wife's faded cheek; that the old clothes have vanished from the closets of his desolate home; that his tattered garments have been exchanged for a good suit of clothes;

that his children race to meet him when he comes instead of hiding from his footsteps; that there is bread upon his table instead of empty plates, that there is a fire upon his hearth instead of degradation. He will tell you all that and more, and he will tell you that the Bible has wrought the miraculous change.

The Bible and Woman

The Bible is working miracles every day. The Bible found woman in subjection and slavery. When the rib was taken from Adam's side and moulded into incarnate beauty and loveliness, the woman was placed by man's side as his beautiful companion and helpmate. This was her mission—to sweeten his cup of existence through life, to throw her delicate mantle of gentle love and winsome graces over his rugged nature, and inspire and encourage him on his journey homeward. What a notable change sin worked. After it entered, instead of woman being man's companion she became his slave to lust, and was in that condition when Jesus Christ came. Where Christ is not known woman is still in slavery.

The Bible Gave Woman Hope

In leaving Jerusalem the tourist will meet husband and wife going to the city for the purpose of trading. The husband will be riding and the wife walking and carrying whatever they may have to trade. What makes the different condition of women over there and here, then and now? The difference is that which has been made by the Gospel of the Son of God as recorded in the Bible. In this land and in this age, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared with love in His heart, pathos in His voice and strength in His arm, and stood above the tomb of womanhood and said, "Come ye forth." And she came forth in all the beauty of Christian hope.

The Bible Broke Woman's Shackles

The influence of the Bible breaks the shackles and raises woman's virtue again to the companionship of man, as she was in the days of original beauty. Someone said: "Woman was not taken from man's head that he should lock up to her and from his feet that he should trample her in the dust; but from under his arm that he should protect her, and from near his heart that he should love her."

What We Owe to the Bible

More than four hundred years ago a little company sailed up alongside the shores of a new continent and landed. Humbly falling upon their knees, they reverently looked up into Jehovah's face and looked out hopefully toward the great unknown land before them and said: "In the name of God, Amen." From that good time, all that we have enjoyed and now have, in the way of laws, protection, educational and remedial institutions which we have counted worthy is the fruit of God's Book, the Holy Bible.

Bible Message Greatly Needed Today

One of the greatest needs today in America is to sound the Bible note of purity, peace and power. May we cry it aloud from the pulpit and spare not. May its note be heralded from the pew, the public platform, the judge's

bench and the professor's chair. Let us cry mightily in stentorian tones the Bible's clear notes of Bible warning against the divorce evil and kindred sins that undermine our nation. May we herald the Bible message of salvation in the streets, lanes and cities, from the housetops and through the public press. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." Deut. 6:4.—The Wonderful Word.

"Would you care if some friend you have met day by day
Should never be told about Jesus?
Are you willing that he in the judgment shall say:
'No one ever told me of Jesus?'"

"Would you care if your crown should be starlessly dim,
Because you led no one to Jesus?
Make it true that some heart shall not answer to Him:
'No one ever told me of Jesus.'"

"'Nobody told me of Jesus,
Nobody told me of Jesus;
So many I have met—but they seem'd to forget
To tell me the story of Jesus.'"

"Then be silent no longer! but earnestly pray
For grace to the telling of Jesus,
So that no one can say on that great judgment day,
No one ever told me of Jesus."
—Mrs. Frank A. Breck.

A PERSON OF PARADOXES

Great mystery surrounds the Person of Christ. His two-fold nature—the divine and the human—is unsolved by us because we are human with the righteousness of God only imputed. But He was, is, and will be righteousness. Here are a few seeming contradictions which are interesting and thought-stimulating. The author is unknown, or credit would be given.

"He was the **Light**, yet He hung in darkness on the Cross

He was **Life**, yet He poured out His soul unto death.

He was the **Rock of Ages**, yet His feet sank in deep waters.

He was the **Son of God**, yet He died a felon's death.

He was **holy, undefiled, separate from sinners**, and knew no sin, yet He was "made sin" when He took the guilty culprit's place, and suffered in his stead.

He bade the weary come to Him for rest, yet not on earth could He find rest until He said, "It is finished," and gave up His life to God.

He was the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, yet He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.

He was the **Root and Offspring of David**, yet He grew as "a root out of dry ground".

He was the **chiefest among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely**, yet it is written, "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him there is no beauty that we should desire Him."

He was the **ancient of days**, yet He was "cut off in the midst" of His days.

He was the **father of eternity**, yet He became the Babe in the manger at Bethlehem

He was the **mighty God**, yet He became a man, and "was crucified through weakness".

He **upholds all things by the Word of His power**, yet in Gethsemane an angel came to strengthen Him.

He was the image of the invisible God, yet His visage was "marred more than any man".

All the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Him, yet He took on on Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men.

"**He spake** and it was done. **He commanded** and it stood fast, yet He humbled Himself and became obedient—obedient unto death."

He was the **desire of all nations**, yet He was despised and rejected of men.

His person, His sayings, His deeds were marvelous. He is still marvelous and wonderful. His glory and beauty are such that we will not behold another. May our hearts rise to God with thanks for His unspeakable Gift!

L. J. R.

ANECDOTES FOR THE BUSY WORKER

Miss Havergal's Lost Opportunity

"I ought to have been yours," said a bright, happy girl to Miss Havergal. "What do you mean?" was the reply. "When I was seeking the Saviour, I put myself in your way several times, hoping that you would speak to me about this matter, but you did not speak to me, and another led me to the Saviour." Miss Havergal never forgot that lesson.

The Old Black Cat

When I was a mechanic some years ago in one of the great railway shops of the West, I received instruction from the superintendent to take a few mechanics and helpers and to install some new electric motors. After two weeks of hard work the installation was accomplished. The machines were running in good order, everything seemed to be in first class shape, until the telephone began to ring. The report over the telephone announced there was "no power"—no power for street railway, no power for other machine shops. Investigation proved seemingly that nothing was the matter with the machines. The chief engineer of that power plant had a big black cat of which he was very fond. Investigation back of the switch board revealed the fact that this black cat had gotten too close to one of the connecting coppers and had been electrocuted. All of the electricity being generated by this great dynamo, was going into the charred carcass of this old dead cat.—Pastor Britton Ross.

Daniel Not Good Eating

It was Mr. Spurgeon, we believe, who discovered a new and extra-Scriptural reason for the safety of Daniel while temporarily abiding in the den of lions. According to his conclusions it was absolutely impossible for the lions to eat Daniel because "the most of him was backbone and the rest grit."

Christian Earnestness

The story is told, in a helpful little book written by Mr. F. A. Atkins, of a certain earnest Christian who one day spoke to a fashionable lady about religion, to the apparent disgust of her husband. Airing his dislike of the whole thing, he said that if only he had been there when the man called he would have sent him about his business. "If you had seen him," his wife replied, "you'd have thought it was his business."

Men Not Saved in Masses

Some one relates that Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," once wrote to an eminent Senator of the United States in behalf of a man who was suffering great injustice. He replied, "I am so much taken up with plans for the benefit of the race that I have no time for individuals." She pasted this into her album, with this comment: "When last heard from, our Maker had not reached this altitude." That person who has no interest in individuals, and who never tries to rescue even one lost soul, has a spirit different from that of the Master, whose personal words and work made up the bulk of his life record. "He who waits until he can save many souls will never save one."

Sentiment

Some Sunday school children were singing, "I want to be an angel". One little boy did not sing. The teacher asked him why he didn't sing. The boy replied, "I sang as hard as I felt."

Preparedness

An Irishman built a stone wall 4 feet wide and 3 feet high. When asked why he built it wider than its height, he replied, "When the wind blows it over it will be higher than it was before."

A Difference

A German allegory tells of two little girls. They had been playing together in a strange garden, and soon one ran in to her mother full of disappointment. "The garden's a sad place, mother." "Why, my child?" "I've been all around, and every rose-tree has cruel, long thorns upon it!" Then the second child came in breathless. "O mother, the garden's a beautiful place!" "How so, my child?" "Why, I've been all around, and every thorn-bush has lovely roses growing on it!" And the mother wondered at the difference in the two children.

Personal Work in Earnest

The Rev. Dyson Hague, in his "Ways to Win", tells of a rather timid young member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who for some time tried in vain to induce a friend of his to attend the church services and Bible classes. He used to call for him every Sunday, but it was of no use. Finally, however, he won him, and when asked how he did it, replied, "Well, I got tired of calling on him so often, so at last I decided to go and board at the same house with him!" That was personal effort in dead earnest. No wonder he got his man!