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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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### *What Is Truth?*

Rev. S. A. Witmer

"I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6

"What is truth?" asked Pilate in the presence of Him who said "I am the truth." Yet Pilate failed to wait for the answer. Time is required to drink from the fountain of truth—"He who asks and runs away betrays his fickle insincerity."

What is truth? The answer depends upon whom we question. We might presume that a scientist, versed in modern knowledge, would be qualified to give us an illuminating reply. Note this remarkable answer from Professor Ira Wilson, Ph. D., of Heidelberg University, in a quotation from his lecture on "Science and Religion," which he himself says has gained acceptance among theologians as well as others of his kind: "In the last analysis, of course, nobody knows anything for sure except perhaps the fact that he exists." Whatever truth is to him it is not something which can be indisputably known by man. Was he led to this agnostic conclusion by the ever changeableness of science?

Another college professor said in a discussion of truth. "What is truth? I don't know. I am a Mason. One of the degrees of Masonry is Truth, but the sum and substance of the whole thing is that we don't know what truth is." We are compelled to turn away from the "natural" man in our quest for truth for his agnostic confession disqualifies him to speak.

The Christian on the other hand gives the positive answer that he "knows". He by no means claims no limitations, but he does lay claim to knowledge which gives him assurance, rest and hope. He does not boast of this discovery by virtue of self-effort in a philosophic inquiry, but by the revelation of a Person, Jesus, the Son of God. How decisively Christ

answers the momentous questions that have confronted thinking men of all ages.

Even though we should grant that the "natural" man is acquainted with a considerable body of truth, yet he will readily admit that the field is limited and soon merges into the vast unknown and apparently unknowable. He stands dumb before the great mysteries of origin, destiny, and life itself. Let us notice how Christ answers these important questions.

What light does the person of Christ shed on the problem of origin? The inspired Word reveals clearly that "by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth—all things were created by Him, and for him." It is Christ who spake the **Word** that brought the material universe into being. Mysteries remain, but the supreme question which heart and mind demand is answered.

Again, in Hebrews Christ is revealed as the Creator. "And Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thine hands; they shall perish, but thou remainest; and they shall all wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. Well is it said that Inspiration, "dipping her pen in indelible truth, inscribes the name of Jesus on all we see—on sun and stars, flower and tree, rock and mountain, the unstable waters and the firm land; and also on what we do not see, nor shall, until death has removed the veil—on angels and spirits, on the city and heavens of the eternal world."

The Word reveals the universe is waxing old, like garments which be-

come threadbare from use. Creation is the vesture of Christ, but its decays do not affect Him. Science is concerned with this changing vesture of creation. It pretends to know nothing of the person that wears it. And that is thing of the texture of a garment has little or nothing to do with knowing the person that wears it. And that is the limitation of science in its quest for truth.

Another great mystery that beckons solution is life itself. Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborne, one of the leading evolutionists of the country, said recently that it appears that it will take a thousand years more of research to discover what life is—merely another way of saying that we don't know and aren't likely to find out. Yet life, whether we distinguish between physical and spiritual, temporal or eternal, begins with Jesus, the Life-giver. An inquiry that ignores Him, the source of life, will surely come to naught.

How convincingly Jesus answers the question of the immortality of the soul! By His spoken word, "I am the resurrection and the life," and by His triumphant coming forth from the grave He gives answer that is positive and final.

The person of Jesus, the Son of God, is the center of all truth. Philosophers since pre-Christian times have been attempting to resolve the universe to one ultimate principle. In this day of energy and power that principle is said to be a "force permeating the universe." And here we might suggest that the "natural" man's search for truth is wrong objectively. He is seeking for truth in the abstract. He expects to find a principle which will account for all phenomena in the universe. However truth is not summed up in a principle; it centers in a **Person**, and that is the Person of our Lord. He, Himself, is truth.

Whatever truth is, it cannot inhere in a creation that is waxing old and

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## EDITORIAL

"Workers together with Him." II Cor. 6:1.

Three things impress us here: Christians are workers; Christians are workers together; Christians are workers together with God.

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"Son, go work today in My vineyard."—Matt. 21:28.

Observe: 1. This is an Exclusive Command,—the "son" is commanded to work in the Father's vineyard. God only calls those who have become "sons" to labor for Him. Unconverted ministers and Sunday School teachers may have been called by a committee, but they have not been called of God. 2. This is an Explicit Command,—**"Go work."** No easy life is promised to the Christian. He must work. God the Father worked in creation. God the Son worked in redemption. His children must now work in evangelization. 3. This is an Earnest Command. It is imperative. **"Go work today."** Delay is costly. The work must be done and it must be done today. Woe to him who idles away his time in the market place! **"Go work today!"** 4. This is an Extensive Command. **"Go work today in my vineyard."** "The field is the world."—"Look ye on the fields." The field is large. The task is great. The time is short. We must work while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Steiner and daughter sailed for South America during the month of Feb. The Students' Mission Band of the School has assumed the full support of Mr. Steiner.

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Mr. and Mrs. Armin Steiner have moved to Clyde, O., to take charge of the church formerly served by Mr. Steiner's brother Clayton, who has gone to South America.

Our hearts have often been encouraged and our faith has been given a mighty impetus by the promise in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Notice: 1. The Challenge to Faith—"Call unto Me." 2. The Response to Faith—"and I will answer thee." 3. The Surprise of Faith—"and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Our name is not Jeremiah and we are not Jews, but we have proved that this promise is true to the praise of Him who gave it.

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### ALIVE FOREVERMORE!

The devotees of certain religious systems make long weary pilgrimages to bow at some shrine or to worship at the tomb of some man whose body has long since been devoured by worms. The Christian, on the other hand, worships a living Christ.

The Christmas season comes, but Christ is not in the manger. The Lenten season comes, but Christ is not in the wilderness. Passion Week comes, but Christ is not in Gethsemane. Good Friday comes, but Christ is not on the cross. Easter eve comes, but Christ is not in the tomb. Easter morn dawns, and lo! the empty tomb still re-echoes the glorious fact that Christ is risen and is alive forevermore. He lives today in the glory. He also lives within our hearts. And because He lives, we too shall live. He is alive forevermore! O blessed hope that thrills our hearts at this Easter season!

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With this issue, the present Editor of the Bulletin lays down his quill. A successor will be chosen from among the three whose names appear elsewhere in this issue. We have indeed enjoyed our work though at no time has it been easy. We regret that the pressure of other duties has made it impossible for us to do justice to the Bulletin. We wish to take this opportunity to thank those who so kindly contributed articles, news items and reports. May we urge every member of the Fellowship Circle to cooperate with the new Editor. We trust that all our readers will take this matter upon their hearts and consciences as many have not done heretofore. Keep the Editor informed of all changes of address if you wish to receive your Bulletin regularly. And do not forget to send news items and reports to the Editor. He can't make bricks without straw!

From the annual report of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in India we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Bert B. Siegel are laboring at the Akola Boys' School. They report a good year in the Lord and request prayer for the coming year.

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From Mr. Olen G. Schlatter's report in the same annual report we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Schlatter are now stationed in the Amraoti District. A daughter, Gladys June, came to bless their home on Sept. 26, 1927.

Mr. J. S. Ringenberg, another former student, who is laboring in India under the C. & M. A. reports a year of blessing in spite of tremendous opposition.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Omen Amstutz (nee Selma Hirschy), of Berne, Ind., on January 4, 1928, a son, Paul Loren.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gerig, a son, James Donovan, on Jan. 7, 1928, at Auburn, Ind.

Miss Elizabeth Klopfenstein, of Grabill, Ind., has returned to Chicago to engage in nursing.

#### A NOTE OF PRAISE

"Call unto Me in the day of trouble and I will answer thee and thou shalt glorify Me." I felt that I should send in a note of praise for the Lord's gracious answer in time of trouble recently. A year ago last July and August I was brought very low in bodily strength. For weeks I had to lie on my bed and for a number of weeks it seemed that I could not get hold of the promise to claim deliverance. The Lord seemed to wait that His power might be manifested not only before the Christians, but also before the heathen. We told them that God is all powerful, but it has been some time since His power had been revealed among the missionaries in bodily healing.

My case was one that is often fatal. The Christians were praying earnestly. One of the sweetest experiences of that time was the music as different groups met for evening devotions and I knew that I was being remembered before the throne of grace. After six weeks the Lord granted faith and assurance to claim the promises to take Him at His word. In the twilight hours the healing touch came. I never will forget it. At first it seemed as if the room was filled with the fragrance of flowers and it seemed as if something was descending upon my body. Just then His word, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk," came to me. Although I was alone in the room at the time, I arose and stood up. For some reason I did not receive full strength then, but some time later I was led to claim the promises again and I was soon able to walk about. I was soon able to help a little with the fall work and later helped with the opening of the spring term of school.

One of the most precious things about this experience has been the way the promises fitted into every need.

Yours in His glad service,

Mary DeGarmo.

Wauneta, Nebr.

#### BIBLE SUNDAY

In response to your appeal for news from the field for publishing in the F. C. Bulletin it occurred to me that a short account of a recent special Sunday we observed, which we called **Bible Sunday**, might be of interest.

Announcement of the special Sunday was made a number of weeks in advance of the day, which was last December 11th. One of the important things in these announcements was concerning the display of unique Bibles which we hoped to have. We promised that special recognition would be given to the oldest Bible brought; the largest Bible; the smallest Bible; the most used Bible and the best marked Bible. A committee of 3 judges was appointed to make a report at the end of the day. The response went far beyond our expectations. Instead of being a mere display it came more nearly being a little museum of Bibles. In the membership of any church there are enough curios, in Bibles, to make an interesting collection for a day. We also asked for Bibles in as many languages as possible. Bibles or Testaments in seven languages were brought. I announced in advance that I would preach sermons, both morning and evening, on the Bible. It was the finest atmosphere for the preaching of such sermons I have known. The various societies, or organizations conducting Sunday meetings shared in the day's observance, in some way or other. The idea was to put the Bible at the heart of everything. Tracts and pamphlets on the Bible were distributed at the doors at both services. The day's observance attracted the attention of the local daily paper which gave some fine space the following day for a write-up. Any church could do something like this, with results assured beforehand, if it is worked up, and attention given to details.

Our work is going well. Wishing you and your church a good year we remain,

Your Christian friends,

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roth.

Corry, Pa.

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY GHOST

Rev. Jacob Hygema.

"Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them." Num. 11:29.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

"He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Acts 19:3.

1. What would the Holy Ghost do if He were given the **place** that belongs to Him? He would do all that He has done, under similar circumstances and conditions. What has He done? Infinitely more than I can describe. In creation, He produced order and beauty out of confusion and darkness. During the Anti-diluvian Age he strove with that wicked generation until He was compelled to drown them with a flood.

He anointed Joseph, enabling him to interpret dreams, and rule the Egyptian world. He equipped Moses to smite Egypt with plagues, deliver Israel from their cruel bondage, open the Red Sea, give the law of God to Israel, give the pattern of the tabernacle to the workman, stand in the gap and save Israel from destruction through his unselfish and effectual intercession, and bear Israel as a babe in his bosom until they reached the land of Moab.

He gave skill and wisdom to Bezalel and Aholiab to construct the tabernacle and make its furniture in preparation for the indwelling of the shekinah glory. He clothed Caleb with courage and power to destroy the giants and Anakims, and to take the best of Canaan for his inheritance. He endowed Joshua to follow the "Man with a drawn sword," to conquer seven great nations and thirty-one kings and divide the land to the twelve tribes.

He furnished Samuel with wisdom and power to anoint Saul and David as kings; to intercede for self-willed Israel who wanted a king to be "like the nations," and enabled him to live so righteously that

he challenged Israel to indict him with a single act of dishonesty. And what shall we say of David? The Spirit comes upon him and he slays the bear and the lion, kills Goliath with a pebble, stands upon him and beheads him with his own sword, the Lord being with him during his years of suffering at the hands of Saul, reigning seven years at Hebron and thirty-three years at Jerusalem, wins victories in defensive and offensive warfare, writes most of the Psalms, "as the sweet psalmist of Israel" and his life has blessed the world for about three thousand years.

And we would not have time to recount the righteous, as well as merciful, deeds of the good kings of Judah, the "holy prophets" of the southern and northern kingdoms, "to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin." They saw visions of the "sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow," including the millennial "King in His beauty."

"Take off thy shoes," for we are about to walk on hallowed ground. John the Baptist is "filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb," going before the Messiah in "the spirit and power of Elias" announcing the fact that "he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." And after Jesus was baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended upon him in the form of a dove and "remained" upon him, making his pure body his temple.

In that power he triumphed during the forty days of temptation; defeated the prince of this world and then proceeded to destroy his works; casting demons out of every believing person, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 61:1; "preaching the Gospel to the poor, healing the broken-hearted, preaching deliverance to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind and set at liberty them that are bruised and preaching the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18, 19. At length, "through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God to purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Heb. 9:14.

After His ascension, He "received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost" and shed Him forth to sanctify the consecrated believers. (Rom. 15:16), and to baptize them into one body. (I Cor. 12:13). And now He fills with the "fruit" of the Spirit and equips with the "gifts" of the Spirit, and wherever He dwells, He leads, guides, teaches, brings truth to remembrance, calls workers to labor in every land, guides missionaries to their respective fields (Acts 16:6, 7); inspired the apostles to write the New Testament books, "quickenings" our mortal bodies now, and, if we die, will raise them from the dead. What has been said but introduces us into the kindergarten of this "School of Divinity." One is obliged to restrain himself from reviewing some of the missionary activities of the last nineteen centuries. And what does it mean to us as individual Christians? The writer well remembers the day, August 10, 1891, when the Holy Ghost came to abide.

"O I never shall forget how the fire fell, when the Lord sanctified me."

2. How shall we receive Him? By relating these experiences, others may be enabled to receive Him.

#### A Definite Purpose

A minister testified at a camp meeting, that before he had the blessing of holiness, he had often thought of how much he wanted it. One day, taking up Law's "Call to a Holy Life," his eyes rested on these words, "Men are not holy because they never really purpose to be holy." He thought, "Surely here is my case; I have never really brought the matter to a point, with a fixed purpose to be holy." He then made the resolve, and if I remember rightly, in a few hours afterward was made a happy witness of full salvation." (Phebe Palmer.)

Entire Consecration. Rom. 12:1

Martin Wells Knapp said, "Consecration means taking your hands off that which belongs unto God." Oswald Chambers said, "Consecration is giving up my right to myself."

Consecration is **deeding yourself** over to God. It is not sufficient that we **desire** to do it, or, are **willing** to do so. Resolutely sit up to the desk and "sign over". Stop debating, quit fooling, and do it **now**.

#### Entire Separation

A man who had intended to sell some corn to the distiller was praying for a clean heart. He heard the Lord say, "Give Me a clean business and I will give you a clean heart."

We heard a minister testify that while he was praying for sanctification, the Lord said, "If you give up your lodge, I will give you a clean heart." He did it and God met him.

#### Heart Purity

Mary Story was clerking in a store. She often prayed about her **unsatisfactory** experience, The Lord would say, "The trouble is in your heart." While kneeling in prayer, behind the counter, the Lord asked her two questions, "Will you give up **all**?" "Will you **tell** it?" Ten days after, when attending a prayer meeting she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the Spirit whispered, "This is sanctification."

#### "Stop Lying to God"

"Charles G. Finney was conducting a revival at a certain church, and a Presbyterian Elder came across the country to the meeting to see him and get advice. This man had been seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but thus far had failed to receive Him. Mr. Finney was being entertained in the home of an elder who had received the Spirit, and the visiting elder was also a guest in the same house. As they sat down at the table for dinner the visiting elder was so full of the desire, that he could not wait, but immediately asked the elder, his host, "How did you receive the Holy Ghost?" And back came the answer, "I stopped lying to God." At once the man rose from the table went to his room and came back in five minutes, his face all aglow, and said, "I told God I had told Him my last lie, on my knees or off."

**By Faith**

Rev. A. M. Hills said, "Once in our hearing an old lady eighty years of age arose and testified as follows: 'I was converted when I was ten years of age. For sixty-nine years I tried to grow into sanctification and never came any nearer to it than when I started. I became weary of seeking it by the growth method, and last year I went to that altar and obtained it by faith in half an hour.'"

**Receiving the Baptism**

When Bishop Oldham reached India, and saw "the colossal need—and almost utter helplessness" he announced that he would give a series of addresses on "The Higher Christian Life." After preaching the fourth Tuesday evening, he closed his Bible, and stepped to

the side of the pulpit and said to the missionaries, and the rest of the crowd assembled, "Your Bishop has not the experience that he has preached about tonight, but I am going to have it before these lights go out, and I want to have every missionary who is desirous of the same experience to meet me at the altar of prayer."

Then he said, "I do not know all that happened in the next hour, but when I got through shouting and walking up and down the aisles, sixty missionaries, besides myself, had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

Remember that the subscription price of the Bulletin is 35c per year or three years for one dollar.

It stands for truth, and power, and grace,  
Of God in heaven above."

Our world-wide fellowship, that knows no bounds and admits of no divisive line, whether denominational, racial or national, is but an outcome of that God-imparted vision to the founders.

The institution we love can be continued and extended only through vision. Not a new school, but an enlarged usefulness is the goal. Not a foolish mimicking of higher educational methods and schemes, but a closer adherence to God's world-wide purpose should be our passionate desire. To extend its service in teaching the Word of God, moulding Christian character, inculcating Scriptural principles, and the fostering of vital spirituality should be the content of that vision. In a day when the eyes of the church are turned upon itself; when the globe-encircling missionary enterprise is faltering in its stride; when Christianity is challenged to prove its worth and justify its very existence—may God grant each of us a larger, deeper, more fervent vision of Christ and a lost world.

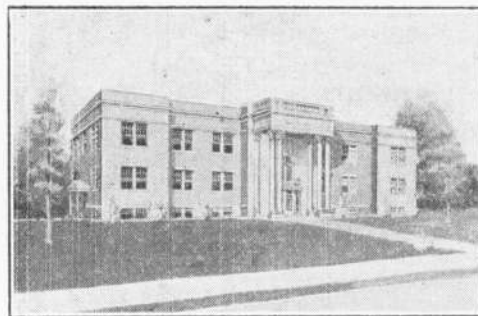
## The Bible Training School Annex

A dream or a vision is the intangible stuff from which empires have been built and by which continents have been discovered. Without it we would have no trains, steamships, telephones, radios, automobiles, nor any modern convenience. We would be without literature and books, without museums and art. In truth, we would be physically and spiritually impoverished; our race would pass away, for the wisest man of all time perpetuated in Holy Writ that "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Vision! What an endowment to mortal man! It takes the common bricks of human experience fitted to a plan from inspiration and fashions, creates and builds monuments of achievement. And what possibilities for good or evil! Vision has given birth to the poet's lyric and the conqueror's ruin; to a martyr's cause and a swindler's hoax. Every earthly project and undertaking, whether good or bad, has been born in the heart and mind of man.

Admittedly true in things human, it is certainly an axiom in things divine that nothing worthwhile is accomplished without vision. It is generative, living, active, dynamic.

The life of the church is vision. From the upper room of Pentecost to the bridal chamber of the marriage supper the church treads the alternating steps of vision and realization.



THE PROPOSED BUILDING

Our alma mater came into being through vision. It was vision that moved its founders to sacrifice and labor that we might sing: "There is a sacred hallowed place, Which we have learned to love.

And perchance, with that vision He may speak to us of our alma mater, its possibilities and its needs. It is gratifying to report that a commendable response has already come to the appeal for funds for

the erection of the proposed building. A little more than one-fourth of the forty-eight thousand dollars that is needed has been paid or subscribed. Paul Rader enthusiastically supported the project at the inauguration of the campaign in February. He not only gave it his hearty endorsement by word but also by deed, refusing to accept a bit of remuneration even for expenses and giving Principal Leightner the names of thirty-five young men to be solicited as prospective students.

To the Fellowship Circle was allotted one-sixth or \$8,000 of the total. To date there is credited to this quota in contributions and subscriptions the sum of \$2,600.00; of this amount \$800 has been given since February. Much rather than being goaded by human appeal will be the response that comes from the divine urge. Let us speak to Him about it. Subscriptions may be sent to Rev. P. L. Eicher, Bible Training School, or to Mr. R. E. Roth, First National Bank, Fort Wayne, Ind.

S. A. W.

#### ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOT

Every member of the Fellowship Circle is constitutionally entitled to cast a vote for President and Editor, whether present or not. Those who will not be able to attend the annual meeting of the Circle, will please place an X after their choice for each office, and mail the same to the present Editor, W. O. Klopfenstein, 3929 S. Wayne Avenue, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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#### THE BASIS AND BOND OF FELLOWSHIP

Rev. D. R. Plunkett.

This is the voice of a sheep who was found on the mountains of sin by the Lord Jesus Christ, who was brought back into the fold, and is now "going in and out and finding pasture." "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." I John 1:3.

The Basis of Fellowship is the Word of the Cross. The Bond of Fellowship is Love. This fellowship is not a movement after the similitude of other movements. It is but a channel for the life-giving stream under the "throne of God and the Lamb." It flows through innumerable broken vessels who have caught the vision and became "baptized" in reality, experimentally, into the death of Christ. Fellowship is a flowing of the "river of God" which cannot be organized, for this outflowing of His Spirit is underground, a river flowing from "under the threshold," and penetrating with peaceful penetration all kinds and classes of believers. It is independent of externalities of all kinds. It needs no elaborate machinery, for it is a quickening stream which God alone can trace and tell "from whence it cometh and whither it goeth."

Fellowship exists to give and not to get. It is an outflow of quickened life. "He that believeth on me, out of His innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." If we consent to be led deeper and deeper into the death of Christ, His life will flow out to others. And all who drink of this life-giving stream become channels of the life-giving message. There is no fabric to break in this fellowship, and most assuredly there is no wonderful work that can be attributed to any human instrument or leader. The Word of the Cross as the Basis of Fellowship is the full-orbed Calvary message. This fellowship is not an outward organization, but an inward revelation born by the Holy Spirit of God through faith in the Word. The Word of the Cross is the instrument God uses and He is never defeated.

The great need of the church today is two-fold: The preaching of the crucifixion of the flesh and the ap-

propriation of victory over Satan by prayer. This is the message that the Devil hates, for through it the believer escapes his power and becomes an "overcomer". The flesh is the Devil's workshop and needs to be dealt with in a deeper measure at the cross of Calvary. The Holy Spirit does this by our choice and consent. "Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it."

I know that this is true, for He is working it in me just now, praise God. On the twelfth of this past November I was thirteen years old spiritually. It is just thirteen years ago since I rolled out of a box car at Lima, O., a drunken sot, and demoralized. It was at the Lima Rescue Home that I heard of this Saviour Who is able to deliver. It was there and then that I passed out of death into life. The old things passed away, tobacco, booze, cards, race horses and all. Hallelujah! The third day after I was saved I pledged five dollars for foreign missions, though I did not have an overcoat or a job, not even a place to eat and sleep, but God enabled me to support myself during that panic year, and in February the pledge was paid.

The following September I entered the Bible Training School, at Fort Wayne, and God took me through with a general average of ninety-eight per cent. He has been keeping me on the firing line ever since and gives me His victory. When the battle gets hard and the burden heavy, you just crawl off and die with Him. There is one thing I can always do, that is, I can die. That is real suicide. When you die with Christ, you can't stay dead, for He brings you out to fellowship in the divine nature, with the Father, Son and members of His Body. Pray for me. May God keep us all under the anointing "till He comes". I will meet you in the morning.

Lomita, Calif.

#### WHAT IS TRUTH?

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that one day will be replaced by the new heaven and the new earth. What men apart from revelation have denoted by the term truth has merely been a changing concept of the mind. Jesus Christ alone meets the acid test of truth, which is unchangeableness. In a universe of flux there remains the

"Rock of Ages," who is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Opposed to truth is error. It is in this very realm of the apparently unknowable—origin, life, destiny—that error flourishes. Error is not merely different from truth, it is antagonistic to it. And being antagonistic, it is opposed to Christ, the center of truth. Just as truth centers in the person of Christ, so does error center in the person of Anti-Christ. The chief aim of error is the denial of Christ's deity. In his first epistle, John repeatedly links truth with the divinity of Christ, and the denial of the incarnation with the spirit of Anti-Christ. John makes the divinity of Christ the criterion by which truth and error are to be distinguished. And rightly so, a system of thought which denies that, denies at once the center and pole of truth, and is therefore incurably wrong.

There is yet a third component to each of these opposites. The trinity of right includes righteousness, as well as Christ and truth; the trinity of evil includes sin besides error and Anti-Christ. And here it might be suggested that the "natural" man's search for truth is at fault subjectively. He is out of moral and spiritual adjustment with Christ, the center and pole of truth, and is said to be unable to come to a knowledge of the truth. As harsh as it may sound it is nevertheless true by virtue of experience and revelation that he is morally disqualified. The first condition, therefore, to knowing truth is purity of heart. David exclaimed, "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts." A right heart is the prerequisite to a right "head".

The business of the Christian is to become saturated with truth. The only guarantee of safety from poisonous error is to be firmly established in the Word of God and linked up in an inseparable union with Jesus Christ. Several years ago the writer saw a man confess Christ at an altar in Alberta. He testified that 30 years before he had been saved in Chicago; that subsequently he began an "honest" investigation of spiritualism and later became wrapped up in its meshes. He became a medium and author of spiritualistic literature. The important feature of his testimony to us is that his downward career began with an "honest investigation" of error. Our primary business is not to

know error in order to combat it, but to know truth, and to know truth means to be acquainted with Him who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

One of the most sublime things in this mundane world occurs in a storm at mid ocean. While the wind is raging furiously to drive the distressed vessel from its course, there remains one small piece of steel that remains firm and true. No matter how terrifically the vessel is lashed by the angry winds and tossing waves, the compass needle remains constant and steady. A compass needle is a magnet that has been converted from an ordinary piece of metal by being brought into contact with a magnetic force. The miscellaneous and disarranged molecules which constitute its mass are brought into alignment with the pole of the larger magnet, and the small piece of metal becomes "saturated" by its magnetic force. Christ is the great magnet that transforms our lives. Through sanctification and the anointing of the Holy Spirit He brings us into a correspondence with truth. This is the only sure defence. No matter how terrifically the tempests of error rage, our hearts respond to the great pole of truth as the needle of the tiny compass.

Knowledge of truth should humble one. Like a sphere whose volume represents the sum of one's knowledge and the surface, the unknown, so the more we know the more we should realize how little we know in comparison to the unknown. Sir Isaac Newton, the great Christian philosopher and mathematician, whom many concede to have been the greatest thinker of all times, expressed his unaffected opinion upon being congratulated for having discovered the law of gravity: "I do not know what I may appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself now and then in finding a prettier shell than ordinary, while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

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## VISION! EMOTION! ACTION!

Our Lord was exceedingly busy. Great throngs attended His ministry. Wherever He went He destroyed the works of the devil. It was while He was engaged in the three-fold ministry of teaching, preaching and healing, that Matthew says, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion." (9:35-36.) Poor sin-sick humanity had at last found a Saviour who loved and cared!

Vision! "He saw the multitudes." In that heterogeneous mass of humanity He saw every known type of physical infirmity and deformity. Cripples, paralytics, blind, dumb, and demon possessed,—all were there. He saw them all. But our Lord saw beneath the physical need a still greater need. Those poor unfortunates had souls that were famishing for a satisfying portion. The cold, empty religion of the Pharisees did not satisfy those aching hearts. Many of them were conscious of a hunger and thirst for something better. When Jesus saw the multitudes He saw that. But not all who followed were sincere in their motives. Curiosity brought some of them there. Our Lord saw that also. He saw more than the disciples who on another occasion said, "Send them away." Our Lord saw that that needy multitude was typical of all mankind,—poor, sin-sick humanity needed a Saviour. What breadth of vision! He saw more than a narrow Jewish fold. He saw the "other sheep". He saw the whitened harvest of the world. He saw the fewness of the laborers.

Emotion! "He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." When was He moved with compassion? "When He saw the multitudes." Who could look at that needy multitude and remain unmoved? The vision reacted upon Him. The depths of His soul were moved and He yearned over the multitude as He later wept over the city that had rejected Him. Unless vision makes some impression upon our consciousness, we see in vain. Why was He moved with compassion?



"Because they had fainted," they were in need of the life that He came to bestow more abundantly. "And were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." They were in need of a center. They were scattered by wolves. The Jewish under-shepherds were faithless to their trusts and the sheep were scattered. "Sheep without a shepherd,"—what a tragic metaphor! The helplessness of poor scattered, sin-driven humanity is here pictured in flaming letters. Our Lord saw all that and His heart was moved with compassion.

**Action!** Vision and emotion must ripen into action. What He saw and what He felt caused Him to do something. What was it? He pictured before the disciples most touchingly the need as He saw it? He sought to help them to see the need as He saw it. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Our Lord would share that vision with us today. He would move our own hearts to feel as He felt when He saw the multitude. But He not only pictured the need, He also stated in a word the solution to the whole situation. "PRAY YE THEREFORE the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." The problem of world evangelism is therefore essentially a problem of prayer. And the difficulty with which our Lord succeeds in getting His people to pray convinces us that it is a problem indeed. He did not tell them to organize, but to agonize. He did not tell them to preach, but to pray. After all, vision and emotion ripen into the highest type of action when they cultivate a spirit of intercessory prayer. Is not this the need today? When men begin to pray they will also begin to give and go. Evangelism is still essentially a problem of prayer.

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### "THE JOB IS TOO LITTLE"

A committee representing the Standard Oil Company had an all-night session. The main task was to secure a manager for a new division of operation which the company hoped to open in China. The

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chairman insisted that the manager must have four qualifications: he must be under thirty years old; he must be thoroughly trained; he must have proved generalship; he must be able to speak the Chinese language. Many good men had been considered; but each was found to be lacking.

It appeared that the meeting would fail of its object. But finally a young man arose, addressed the chairman, and declared that he knew one man who could meet all the requirements. He added that the man was at that time in China, living in the very city where the company was planning to establish headquarters. He was twenty-eight years old; had degrees from three colleges, had three years' study and practice in the Chinese language; and had the full confidence of the Chinese people, among whom he was widely known. Moreover he had been valedictorian of his class in college and was a natural leader.

Someone asked how much salary this young man was getting, and his friend startled the committee by answering, "Six hundred dollars a year."

The chairman said, "There is something wrong."

The young man's friend replied; "I know there is. But the wrong is not with my friend; it is with the system that employs him. He works for a mission board."

After thorough questioning regarding the missionary, the chairman said to the committeeman, "You go to China and offer him the place." The committeeman was to offer ten thousand dollars a year. If that failed to secure him, he was to offer twelve thousand or even fifteen thousand.

The young agent crossed the ocean and half of China, found his friend, and offered him the situation at ten thousand a year. The young missionary declined. The offer was raised to twelve thousand, then to fifteen, but was rejected.

Finally the agent asked, "What will you take?"

The missionary replied: "It is not a question of salary. The sal-

ary is magnificent. The trouble is not with the salary; it is with the job. The job is too little. You offer me a big salary but a small job; and I would rather have a big job with a small salary than a small job with a big salary. I thank you for the confidence expressed in your offer; but I feel that I should be a fool to quit winning souls to sell oil."—W. B. Phipps in "Wings".

### OTHERS

Lord, help me to live from day to day

In such a self forgetful way,  
That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer shall be for—OTHERS.

Help me in all the work I do  
To ever be sincere and true  
And know that all I's do for you,  
Must needs be done for—OTHERS.

Let "Self" be crucified and slain  
And buried deep; and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again,  
Unless to live for—OTHERS.

And when my work on earth is done  
And my new work in Heaven's begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won,  
While thinking still of—OTHERS.

Others, Lord, yes Others,  
Let this my motto be,  
Help me to live for others,  
That I may live like THEE.

C. D. Meigs.

Don't look for the flaws, as you go through life;

And even if you find them: it is often wise to be somewhat blind,  
And look for the virtue behind them.

For what do we know what hearts have vilest sin?

What do we know? many like sepulchres are decayed within,

Whose garb is white as the purest snow;

And many are pure we think not so.

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