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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." 1 John 1:3.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT

Clyde Bowman

There is a reason why so many believers fail to exemplify the Christ life. We are forced to the conclusion, from outward observance, that man is unwilling to surrender to God and pay the price of the crucifixion of the self life which must take place before the ministry of the Spirit is begun. Therefore the study of the working of the Spirit of God through the believer is of great value and of necessity.

We will consider briefly the working of the Spirit in and through the life of Jesus. He came to the Jordan to be baptized of John, and as He came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from heaven declared that He was the beloved Son of God. This was the submission of the God-man to the will of God for His earthly ministry by the indwelling Spirit, and heaven's approval upon Him.

Although He was so wonderfully equipped He did not plunge immediately into His great work but went silently into the wilderness to meet the enemy of God and man. Satan was glad for this. Methinks I hear him say, "Ah, He has left heaven and has come down into my territory. I shall subdue Him." The supreme test came. He was tempted by all the power of the Devil, but wholly resting in the power of the Holy Spirit glorious victory came, and "The Devil leaveth Him and behold angels came and ministered unto Him."

Then came He forth from the wilderness preaching the glorious message of salvation, "Repent ye and believe the Gospel." Note that the outstanding message of the Spirit was repentance and faith. Great multitudes gathered unto Him. Many believed and were saved. The disciples were called, and we find the compassionate Christ going about teaching and preaching the Gospel unto the multitudes, casting out devils and

healing all manner of sicknesses. How did He do it,—did He depend upon His deity? And if He did, why did the Spirit descend upon Him, and why did He fast forty days and forty nights? Why was He tempted of the Devil, and why did He spend numberless hours day and night praying unto the Father? The answer is that He depended entirely upon the power of the Spirit which wrought the works of God through Him. He said, "I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the Works".

The mind of God for the Christian, since the ascension, is quite different from the usual concept of man. The Church has lost her vision, therefore is content in easing her conscience by believing we are not under the same privileges of grace as the early Church. But Jesus has given us sublime truth much different. Just before His ascension He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall He do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto the Father." Therefore He has declared that His return unto the Father would endue the believer with a greater ministry than He had had.

But the sad thing, which must grieve our Master, is that we are living hand in hand with the world, down in the lowlands of faith, unwilling to be separated wholly unto Christ, and taken apart with Him into the secret place of the Most High with the anointing of the Spirit upon us and the works of God made manifest through us.

Oh, beloved reader, our Lord has given us every privilege of grace, with a wonderful ministry of faith, and a great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,"—and these signs shall follow them that believe: "In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Our equipment for this great ministry comes when we have waited before God until the fulness of the Spirit is come. Then, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." "He shall teach you all things, He shall testify of me, He will reprove the World of sin, He will guide you into all truth, and He will show you things to come." "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

The President's Message

Rev. E. L. Becker

To the Fellowship Circle: Greetings in the Name of Jesus.

By the time the Bulletin reaches every member of the Fellowship Circle, Thanksgiving Day will be in the past. This is a day that is honored throughout the whole nation.

It reminds us of the passing of another year and many past experiences flash through our minds as we meditate thereon. Some of the past memories were not so pleasant at the

moment but still we are privileged to say that "all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." This alone is sufficient reason to render thanks to our God. We are thanking Him for His love shown to us the past year and for His unspeakable Gift, "in whom we have redemption, even the forgiveness of our sins." All the temporal, physical, and spiritual bless-

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EDITORIAL

The Editor wishes every member of the Circle the rich blessings of the Lord for the New Year.

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This is a good time to take a spiritual inventory to enable us to see where we stand. The great question that faces us is, "Have I made progress in my spiritual life this past year?" Of Belshazzar, God said, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting." If our spiritual progress were weighed or measured by the standards of God's Word,—what would there be

revealed? May we check up and go forward with renewed determination to make this year the best in our Christian experience.

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A FAIR QUESTION

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?" We have received many benefits from the Lord's hand this past year. We have enjoyed national prosperity, national liberty and freedom, health, good reason, and spiritual growth. It seems only right that something be returned to God for these blessings. While it is impossible to pay in full for blessings received, it is possible and mandatory that we thank Him. Ingratitude curses and blights a life while thanksgiving and praise enrich it. Let us this New Year praise Him for all blessings, visible and disguised. Trials and tests may be stepping stones to greater victories if we face them patiently and praise God.

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE PRESENT CRISIS

Esther 4:14.

1. A Challenge to Faith.
2. A Challenge to Courage.
3. A Challenge to Purpose.
4. A Challenge to Sacrifice and Suffering.

It is only through faith in God and the endowment of the Holy Spirit that we will be enabled to meet the challenge which the present crisis is throwing out to us.

God Cares

Rev. J. Frank Glock

During the World War, I was stationed in the Base Hospital at Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, Ohio.

It was in early September, 1918, that the Sandusky Conference of the United Brethren Church was held at Fostoria, Ohio. Being a member of that Conference, I thought it would be a splendid retreat from Army life. Remembering also, that the Jewish boys in the Base Hospital had been given the privilege of attending their religious gatherings in various parts of the U. S., which necessitated a prolonged pass for some of the boys, I decided to make application for a pass.

After depositing the application at the Hospital Post Office early in the morning, I speculated as to the outcome. Later in the morning, as I was on the way to get the mail, one of the boys who was stationed at the Post Office, met me at a corridor intersection. He called me aside and informed me that he had handled my

application, but had not given it to the proper official, who was the top Sergeant in the Detachment Office. He explained that in all probability, the Sergeant would reduce the number of days requested in the application, before handing it to the officer in charge, the Captain. His advice to me was, that I present the application in person to the Captain.

Thanking him for the advice, I took the coveted document and again made my way to the Detachment Office. Since the officer in charge was a Jew, I felt rather doubtful as to getting the pass. However I presented the request only to hear the Captain say in a harsh tone, "Did Miss Culberson sign this?" I replied in the affirmative. Then he said, "I cannot accept her signature,—I must have Captain Wyeth sign it." Miss Culberson was the head nurse of the "Head House, or Head Surgery" where I was stationed and had been signing all of the requests for ap-

plications that had been honored by the Captain previously. Captain Wyeth was the Captain of the "Head Surgery."

Feeling somewhat defeated, but not altogether outdone, I took the application back to Miss Culberson and related the incident to her. Miss Culberson was humiliated by the procedure and said, "I'll show him." So she took the application to Major Holmes of the Head Surgery and secured his signature on the application. Handing it to me she said, "Now see what he will do with that." Since the Major's signature was on the application, the Captain was compelled to grant the request, since he was lower in rank than the Major. When I arrived at the Detachment Office again, the Captain looked at the application and said sharply, "Did Major Holmes sign that?" I replied, "He did, Sir." A look of defeat stole over his face as he said, "I presume you would die if you could not attend that meeting." I said, "No I think not." Then he said, with a frown, "I guess you may go."

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"Ebenezer"

Rev. William Hygema

At this writing we find the Fellowship Circle Family quite widely scattered. Varied have been our experiences. Opposing forces have been met and defeated. Numerous victories have been won, which resulted in new courage and outstanding hope. Stepping stones of victory have marked the way to the extent that we love to ponder over them. They are sweet to us yet. Never can they be erased from our minds. With Samuel of old, we can truthfully say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Samuel had just seen a demonstration of the Supernatural. So great was the impression that he planted a stone as a memorial of God's blessing.

The Scripture mentioned invites us to take an inventory of our past favors from the hand of the Almighty. Isn't it the pleasant commemoration of the past victories that stimulates one? Where the old gray stone (Ebenezer) stands no man knows to-day, but its name lives forever. The "stone of help" is the only name it bears. Its message has echoed throughout the past generations. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Since we passed over the threshold into the B. T. S. how many times have we planted an Ebenezer, a stone of help, which reminded us of past support spiritually. When study was a bit difficult, when there was a strong homeward pull, when the necessary and helpful rules of the School were seemingly a little close, when the dollar did not seem to reach all the on coming bills, and when the enemy whispered that you had better plow corn or help your aged mother,—wasn't it consoling to have an Ebenezer to remind one of God's help in the past? Wasn't it comforting to remember the stake that was driven? Hasn't it been our past experiences that put new spring in our heels? Not every thing that came across our pathway has been pleasant. Sometimes that unseen hand seemed to lead strangely. He has helped us by griefs and losses, by disappointments and defeats until we have felt His strength-giving aid beyond all other help. Often have we planted that gray stone (Ebenezer) of remembrance, which sweetly

spoke to us. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

This Scripture invites us to look forward as well as backward. It helps us to see the future as well as the past. Memory of the past helps us to reach out into the misty and unknown future with increased hope and zeal. The radiance in the sky beyond throws light on our path ahead. God's help in the past assures us of His help in the future. Man has often failed to carry out this truth, but with the Almighty it is concrete. With childlike confidence in the Supreme One we can say with John Newton,

"Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review

Confirms His good pleasure to help me quite through."

Would it not be profitable for us to engrave this inscription on every field of life's conflict. Let us keep in memory the Divine help that has been demonstrated in our lives. Although we may stumble, for a while, among the Ebenezers of our lives, yet our memories shall serve us correctly in relating past experiences that shall give us a new grip in life's career. It is satisfying to remember, and see God's help on every side. In conclusion I shall quote Paul, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

God's Ford And The Driver

Ora Schott

The Driver of God's Ford was requested by the Editor to write an account of his trip through the Rocky Mountains this past summer. He believes that the Lord called him into this work and that God led in the preparation.

They left Fresno, California, on June 14 and headed for the Mountains. The second day the Driver had the privilege of giving his testimony and speaking to some men who were resting at the noon hour. One day in a little mining town in Northern California, he came to a home in which there were nine children and no Bible. He sold a cheap Testament here and the mother seemed so glad to get it. The same day, the Driver was in another town distributing literature. Coming to the edge of this town, he saw a small creek on the one side of the road and beyond the creek a few old houses. He was impressed to go over to these houses. The creek had cut a little ravine so that the Driver had some difficulty in getting across, but by climbing over rocks and a stone wall, he got through and landed in a small truck garden. He went through the garden and between some old sheds and came to an old house where he found an Italian girl, about fourteen years old, and her grandmother. The girl was real eager for

the Word of God but the grandmother was afraid that she would get something contrary to their church. The girl bought a Testament.

In a lumber town in Southern Oregon, the Driver was invited into a room of the camp's rooming house, and there had the privilege of talking to some men for several hours. They seemed very hungry for the Gospel. In a logging camp a little farther on, after the Driver had given out his literature, he met a young man of the camp who was out for a walk. The Driver picked him up and spoke to him, also prayed with him. This man said that he once was saved but had backslidden, but now wanted to come back to the Lord.

In Western Oregon, the Driver had the experience of riding on a logging train from one camp to another. Even though he had to walk four miles back, he enjoyed this trip very much.

The Driver gave literature to people of several different nationalities. The Mexicans received the Gospel gladly. Several times he had the privilege of giving Gospels to Indians. In Eastern Oregon, along the Columbia River, he came to an Indian village and gave out the precious Word to all who could read English. We would not put our cattle or hogs in many of the sheds that these people live in. In Montana, the Driver

Bible Training School News

Naomi and Rhoda Roth

met about fifteen Filipinos, who were living in one building. The Word was given to these also. On this trip many Bibles and Testaments were put in homes where there were none and God has promised it shall not be in vain (Isa. 55:11).

The Driver's experience in Rescue Mission work was very helpful to him on this trip. He picked up men on the road, gave them a ride and quite often something to eat. He always took the opportunity of witnessing to them of Christ and of giving them some literature. One Saturday evening he picked up a young man, took him quite a distance, gave him his supper and also breakfast the next morning. Another hungry man came along while the Driver was ready to go to church, so he got his handy camp stove and cooked him some breakfast. He also gave him the Bread of Life.

Though the Driver picked up quite a few men on his trip, he was never harmed. He had the privilege of giving a lift to a man whom he met at the Rescue Mission at Lima, Ohio. This man had given the workers at the Mission some trouble, but the Lord helped the Driver to show him a kindness and to speak to him about his soul. The Lord protected the Driver from all these men, though He let some of them sleep close by.

The Driver wishes to request the prayers of the readers that the Lord would bless the seed that was sown to the salvation of precious souls. He also wishes to say, that if any young man, or couple, cannot find a place to minister, let them go to the Mountains. There are many vacant churches out there. There may not be any one or two thousand dollars a year churches, but there are thousands of hundred billion dollar souls to be won to Christ.

God's Ford and the Driver arrived home in Kansas about September fifteenth. The Driver is at home working and expects to stay for the winter. If the Lord so leads, he is ready to go out again in the spring.

Here is a great, big THANK YOU to all those who sent contributions and subscriptions for the Fellowship Circle; and the same words for those who are going to respond now—THANK YOU.

The "good old B. T. S." again is sheltering within its walls students who feel that here indeed they have found a second home and a place of spiritual blessings. Surely the blessing of the Lord and His presence are felt by the students as the new school year unfolds.

The members of the Bible School family have come from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Wisconsin, Iowa, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada. They represent many church homes, those of the United Brethren, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, Disciple, Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Brethren, Nazarene, Fort Wayne Tabernacle, Holiness Association, Evangelical, Friends, Baptist, I. H. A. Mission, Free Baptist, U. B. Radical, Pilgrim Holiness, Reformed, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Defenseless Mennonite, General Conference Mennonite, Central Mennonite and Missionary.

Several of the students this year were influenced to come to the School by hearing of it through Rev. Paul Rader. The radio proved a helpful means of advertising the School.

The beginning of the school term was made especially helpful by the coming of Rev. Joseph Smith of Redlands, California, who delivered inspirational messages from September 25 to 30, both in the chapel and in the First Missionary Church.

The Mission Band services have again been a source of quickening the interest of the students of the B. T. S. in missionary work. The speakers this year have been Miss Stechley and Mr. Zuckau from India, Mr. and Mrs. Ummel, Mr. Becker, Mr. Birkey, Miss Jones, and Mrs. Ellenberger from Africa, Dr. London, Rev. Chris Gerig, and Rev. S. J. Grabill.

The mornings spent in prayer this term have been the means of drawing the students nearer to their Lord. Two seasons of prayer have thus been spent, one in charge of Rev. Ramseyer and the other conducted by Rev. Hygema. The family worship in the dining room is also looked forward to by the students and there have been times of great blessing there.

The practical work has taken on greater proportions than in previous years. Practically every student has one or two special assignments. There have been more calls for S. S. teachers this year than in any other year. There are now over thirty students teaching S. S. classes. The B. T. S. has full charge of the S. S. at the Orphanage, at the Anthony Wayne School and at Sunnyside. Teachers also go out to different churches in the city. The number of calls for speakers to go out to the different churches has also increased over that of other years. The students give their help every week at three services at the Rediger Tabernacle of this city. The practical work department of the school has charge of the Salvation Army service every Saturday evening. Two male quartettes and a ladies' quartette have been doing faithful service. Other talent is also used in the Gospel Team work. There are an unusual number this year who play musical instruments. The use of these has added to the interest of street meetings, Mission Band services, and Gospel Team work.

Twenty-eight of the B. T. S. students have joined a new organization, the "Young People's Gospel League." The purpose of the league is threefold: fellowship, salvation, and service. Young people from Asbury College, John Fletcher College, Taylor University, Cleveland Bible Institute, Chicago Evangelistic Institute, Romeo Camp, Michigan, and Camp Sychar, Ohio, have joined this league. A short time ago several of the B. T. S. students attended the first convention of the "Young People's Gospel League" which was held at Chicago, Illinois. Clifford Grabill was elected treasurer and Harvey Mitchell was chosen to be one of a committee to draw up a permanent constitution for the league. Both of these young men are students of the B. T. S.

The president of the school, Rev. Ramseyer, and Mrs. Ramseyer are at present at Van Nuys, Calif. They have been visiting the churches and will be welcomed back to the school by the student body the first of the new year.

Quite a number of new students are expected for the opening of the new term. The school will be glad to receive these new members and make them a part of the B. T. S. family. They, with those who already are a part of this family, will doubtless never regret the days and years spent in the study of God's Word.

"The Bible, that's the Book, the Book indeed;

The Book of books,
On which who looks,

As he should do, aright, shall never need

Wish for a better light
To guide him in the night."

Dec. 10, 1928.

PERSONAL MENTION

After having completed the Post Graduate course given at the B. T. S., Herbert Diller worked a few months in Peoria, Ill., and then returned to Phoenix, Ariz., where he is at present occupied.

Miss Ina Birkey has been engaged in missionary convention work throughout the summer and fall and is at present at Chicago where she is to take up nurse's training.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hausser are also at Phoenix, Ariz., where they are preparing to leave for Venezuela, South America, this coming year.

Rev. and Mrs. William Schlatter reside at Stryker, Ohio, where they have charge of the Baptist church.

Rev. and Mrs. Reginald Shepley have moved to Granville, Ohio, where Mr. Shepley is continuing his college work at Dennison University.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Kuhnle welcomed a baby boy, named Donald Edwin, into their home Sept. 5, 1928.

Mrs. Fred Linstrom (Esther Anderson), formerly of Peoria, Ill., now living at Beloit, Wis., is the mother of a fine baby boy, Paul Richard, born in September.

A belated report tells us that a baby girl, Faith Margaret, has come to

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bixler at Elkton, Mich. Mrs. Bixler was formerly Melvina Eicher.

An incomplete report informs us of the marriage of Mr. Boyd Furlong and a Miss Dittmar of Ohio. The Circle extends congratulations.

Mrs. David Johnson (Nora Anderson), formerly of Peoria, Ill., has for several years been a busy farmer's wife, residing at Altoona, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rich, who were compelled to return home from Africa on account of Mr. Rich's physical condition, are living with his parents at Weeping Water, Neb. Melvin is gaining strength slowly, is able to do some work and on Sundays has charge of a country church in the community.

Earl Leonard and Gladys Amstutz were married at Berne, Ind., in September, by Rev. William Egle. They are now residing at Peoria, Ill., where Mr. Leonard is at present employed. He is Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Mt. Olive Missionary Church in that city.

Miss Dessie Meyer and Miss Alice Kronmann are now taking nurse's training at the Bethany Hospital in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Wagler are happy in their work in the Kentucky Mountains. Mrs. Wagler will be remembered as Marguerite E. Ogden. Mr. Wagler graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in 1927. They wish to say that any of their friends who would like to receive a regular news letter from them, telling of their work, should send their names and addresses to them, c/o Mountain Faith Mission, Press, Ky.

A condensed report of the Class of 1920 reveals the following: Miss Olga Steiner assisted the past summer in the Grace and Hope Mission of Philadelphia. James Houston is pastor of a Baptist church some where in Ark. Paul Wieland was pastor of a Baptist church in Louisville, Ky., when last report was given of him. Jess Ringenberg is a mission-

ary in India. Clayton Steiner is in South America. Hannah Bracy and Clara Klint are in Africa. Ruth Rediger is engaged in Mission work in Peoria, Ill. Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Roth are serving a Baptist church in Corry, Pa. Emmanuel Stauffer is a colporteur and Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Glock are serving the Pandora Missionary Church. Amy Applegate, also of that class, is a missionary to China, now home on furlough.

Miss Mae Loun has been working in a Chinese Mission in Pennsylvania the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Geiser announce the arrival of twin girls, Luella Ann and Luetta Sara, born Oct. 17. Mrs. Geiser was formerly Miss Sarah Spengler. The Bulletin extends a double portion of congratulations.

Miss Lydia Seitz ('25) was married to Mr. Elmer Greiner of Morton, Ill., on Dec. 8, 1928. They are at home in Morton, Ill. We extend congratulations.

Mr. Spencer Brooks is at home and is assisting in the work of the Alliance Tabernacle, especially among the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parlee are the proud parents of a baby girl, Florence Marie, born on Nov. 7. The Circle extends congratulations.

We are just informed of the marriage of Mr. Jared Gerig and Miss Mildred Eicher, both of Fort Wayne, which occurred on Sat. Dec. 22. We extend congratulations and wish them the blessing of the Lord for the future.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Hirschy have charge of a Baptist church at Evans City, Pa. They also conduct a Sunday School at Harmony Junction, Pa.

Mr. Clarence Zimmerman is assisting Rev. H. E. Tropsf, in a new work at Detroit, Mich.

Rev. C. A. Sando is now pastor of the M. B. C. work at Tippecanoe City and Charleston, Ohio.

Letters

Nov. 2, 1928

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle:—

It is indeed a privilege to witness for Jesus. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8.

When only a child Jesus called me to be a missionary. We can't all be preachers, evangelists and foreign missionaries, but we can all be witnesses.

How faithfully Jesus has led me out during my years of preparation! First, He asked me to be true to Him in my own home and church, then He led me to many hungry hearts while working at the Detroit Tuberculosis Sanitarium. There he called me into Bible Training and I went to the dear old B. T. S. where I learned to know Jesus better. After my graduation at the B. T. S. I spent nearly a year on the farm. In 1925, the Lord led me to take up nurse's training at Peoria, Ill. While there I had many opportunities to speak a word for Jesus. I was definitely led to stay through the full three years' course by His Word: "Set your heart—unto all which I command you this day, For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it." Deut. 32:46,47.

And now Jesus is leading me forth to the land of India, "for when he putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them." Praise His dear name! I am going forward in His will.

Dear young people, to you who are preparing for service, be true to the Lord in performing faithfully the little every day tasks. For when we are faithful in the little things, He will give us greater tasks. Do remember that obedience to God is the secret of power for service.

Yours for Dark India,

Ruth V. Eicher.

Hoopa, California.

Nov. 27, 1928.

To the readers of the Fellowship Circle and dear ones in the Lord:—

We have often felt that we should write from our field of labor to our many friends through the columns of the Fellowship Circle Bulletin. I am, therefore, through the request of Bro. Chris J. Gerig, making special efforts that our aim may materialize at this time. Through many pressing matters I have often been compelled to delay our desire from one issue of the paper to another.

Early in 1909 a call came from the Navajo mission field while still at the dear Bible Training School to take up work among the Navajo Indians. This call was accepted and early in November of the same year we entered our life's work among the Navajos at Tolchaco, Ariz. Soon after arriving at the mission station at the above named place a call came from the National Indian Association to open up a new station for that organization in a district now known as Indian Wells (Ariz.) Mission Station under the Presbyterian Board. This station is 40 miles from the main line of the Santa Fe R. R. In passing it might be well to say that the National Indian Association is an interdenominational organization composed primarily of women of the official class in Washington D. C., whose headquarters are in New York and whose object it is to establish mission stations in needy places among the Indians. They maintain the work until it is well established and then they move on to some other needy field. The old station is turned over to some church board providing they promise to carry on the work permanently.

We were privileged to labor for five years among the Navajo Indians sowing the Gospel seed but seeing little or no results in return for our labors. But thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ His Word does not return void but it does accomplish to the end that God has purposed and that is to save to the uttermost: praise His name.

In Aug. 1915, we were sent to the Western Shoshones in northern Nevada, 110 miles from the R. R., where we were permitted to labor for over 13 years and where most of our service has been. The Lord permitted us to see many turn from darkness to light. In the early part of our min-

istry with the Shoshones, we encountered much opposition. It took us three years to live down much prejudice. Little by little we began to gain the people's confidence and one by one turned to the Lord and were saved by believing in the old Gospel story. There is now a well established church with 54 members and an enrollment of 136 in the Sunday School: praise His name. I wish you might have the opportunity to see some of the bright cheery faces of those who have turned from darkness to light. It would cause you to rejoice in the fullness of the Word of God.

At this writing we are located in the northern part of Calif., with the Hoopa Indians, having been here just a little over a month. We find this people a more or less mixed tribe as there are but few full blood Indians among them. They speak the English language very fluently and all our teaching and preaching is done in the English tongue. They number a little more than 500 and live in a little valley along the Trinity river, surrounded by a low range of mountains which are covered with a heavy growth of forest. This is one of the most beautiful spots we have seen, giving forth the beauty of nature as God has created it. As far as we can learn, this station was established in 1901 or rather turned over to the Presbyterian Church by the National Indian Association. Brother Howard Patterson labored on this field for several years until his death. They are a very lovable people but are steeped in trespasses and sins, needing the transforming power of Jesus that they might turn from darkness to light. We are however happy in our work, for to this end are we devoting our lives.

There are 57 Indian languages in the United States and quite often different tribes use the same language in different parts of the country. Very often missionaries must acquire the language of the people with whom they labor but in our case this need not be done.

In recent years we have been privileged to visit our former station at Indian Wells, Ariz. I can not refrain from writing of the transformation that has taken place since the time of our early labors among the Navajo people. You know that this is the largest tribe of Indians in

America and in great heathen darkness. The Gospel is, however, making inroads into the old heathen religion I recall one old medicine man (Many Goats) for whom we have a share in leading him to the Lord Jesus. This is his testimony: "The first time I had any knowledge of a God, it came about in this way. I saw a white man going through our country with two burros. One he was riding and on the other he had his camp outfit. I saw that he was going to camp for the night so I decided to visit him for I knew that I would get something to eat. I watched him get supper and after every thing was cooked he handed me a plate, knife and fork. I was going to start eating when the man stopped me and motioned, pointing up,—then he talked. This made me feel that there was some one in heaven that I could not forget. I could not forget the effect of the talk of the white man until many months then I finally forgot all about it or until a light-haired missionary came and lived with us. He told me about God and that same feeling came over me that there was a God in heaven who we must serve. This missionary went away but another one came when I finally gave up my old ways and now I am walking in God's way." I may say that this medicine man is the first man of his profession to accept the Gospel. He was 70 years old when he found the Saviour but he was not too old to go to the mission school to learn to read the Bible in his own language. He is now preaching this blessed old story to his people. I could write of others of the Western Shoshones who have been brought out of darkness into the light but space perhaps will not allow me to do so at this time. But in closing would say that Christ changes things, lives and homes. It is the Christ of the cross, the Christ of the resurrection, the Christ of the ascension, yea, the Christ that shall some day return, praise His name. I rejoice and follow where He leads.

Yours in the Master,
E. A. Schwab.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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ings of the past year invite us to thanksgiving and praise.

The souls, which were led to Christ through our humble ministry during the past year, create within us a spirit of thanksgiving. We thank Him for all the failures, disappointments and reverses of the past, which are for us but stepping stones to greater victory in the future. Our Pilgrim Fathers set apart a special day in the year and brought an offering to the Lord, thus expressing their thankfulness.

We thank God as we enter the New Year for all the opportunities and privileges which shall present themselves to us. We are glad, too, that we will not need to meet the hard things alone, for He has promised never to leave us nor to forsake us. He has promised to be with us unto the end of the age. We thank Him for the glorious privilege of being a witness for Him,—an ambassador for the King of Kings. We thank Him for the promise of His soon return. The signs of the times point in that direction. In fact everywhere we look we can see the signs of the coming of the Lord. Surely it is not far hence,—we can hear His footsteps at our back doors. What a day it will be when all the saints get home. The change that that day will bring is simply indescribable. How this should call forth thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father.

We thank Him for the privilege of encouraging every member of the Fellowship Circle to renewed faithfulness. Whatever our sphere of service may be, whether in the home, the factory, the shop, the school room, on the farm, in active service in the homeland or in the foreign field,—let us be faithful, for it is required of a steward to be faithful. We know that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." "He that goeth forth weeping shall doubtless come again bringing his sheaves with him." The crown is not received at the beginning of the race, nor in the middle of it, but at the end. Let us all strip ourselves for the race and "let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith."

Once more we thank God for the exalted privilege of bringing every one to the throne of grace daily and pray that not one of His own shall ever fall by the way, but that all will enter the haven of rest.

GOD CARES

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Had I not met Keller at the corridor intersection, I would not have seen him again that day, because he was out of the Post Office when I went for the mail. The thing I want you to see is the over ruling hand of God over the indignant Captain, who had tried to find a way to keep me from Conference. If he would have accepted Miss Culberson's signature, he could have refused the pass. But, by not accepting her signature, Major Holmes signed it and made it mandatory.

How wonderfully God works when we commit ourselves to Him and ask His omnipotent hand to see us through the strange and difficult tests that seem so numerous along life's pathway!

When Madame Guyon was imprisoned in the Castle of Vincennes, in 1695, she not only sang, but wrote songs of praise to God. "It sometimes seems to me," she said, "as if I were a little bird whom the Lord has placed in a cage, and that I had nothing now to do but sing. The joy of my heart gave a brightness to the objects around me. My heart was full of that joy which Thou givest to them that love Thee in the midst of their greatest crosses."—Suggestive Illus.

Are you as much interested in heeding God's demands as you are in having Him heed yours?—M.

To be anxious for souls and yet not impatient, to be patient and yet not indifferent, to bear the infirmities of the weak without fostering them, to testify against sin, and unfaithfulness and the low standard of spiritual life and yet to keep the stream of love free and full and open, to have the mind of a faithful, loving shepherd, a hopeful physician, a tender nurse, a skilful teacher, requires the continual renewal of the Lord's Grace.—Publisher Unknown.

USE THIS IN MAKING OUT YOUR
SPIRITUAL INVENTORY
ERNEST ZEHR

How would you know how tall you are if you had no measuring rod; or how much you weigh if there were no scales? Some scales have an attachment so that when you stand on the platform to be weighed, your height can be measured at the same operation. Then by means of a table of correct proportions of height and weight you can tell at a glance whether or not you come up to the standard.

Try this measure and scale to find your spiritual stature and weight: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15. This gives us a positive command and a positive standard of judgment. By placing any individual upon this scale one can tell if he loves God or not. He is not sitting on the judgment seat of condemnation either when he measures a man by this standard, but merely reads the weight and measure of the life.

Some men by their elegant testimony are able to make themselves appear to others as Christians of full stature. But no matter what the testimony may be,—“If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” If he loves the world his life will not have the standard weight and his testimony will soon be discredited because the testimony is out of proportion to the weight of the life. Let your profession be about 10 per cent and possession 90 per cent; or practice about 9 times as much holiness as you preach. This is a safe rule to follow for there is little danger of going to the extreme in this direction.

The heart is so made that it can not contain both the love of God and love of the world at the same time. "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Luke 16:13.

Man becomes like the things he loves, so it is important to have his love guided in the right direction. Close friends unconsciously become like each other and annex traits one

from the other. If one begins to love the things of the world,—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life; he becomes like the people who are following the vain things of the world. Loving the wrong things,—following the fads, freaks, fashions, frills and fancies of the world, is what is ruining our churches today. The church is in the world for the purpose of giving out the Gospel, but if the world gets into the church this purpose is frustrated and finally annihilated. To have the ship in the water is good; but if the water enters the ship, it will sink. How large a hole must there be to cause the boat to sink? How much worldlikeness in a church will it take to drown out its spiritual mission of giving the Gospel to a lost world? In each case it is only a matter of time—a small leak, and a little worldliness will eventually cause the boat or church to go down. In most churches there is such an inflow of the world that the majority must dip water and only a few are left to row the boat. In many churches there is no one to do the rowing; all are asleep to the fact that worldliness is flooding in and so no one is even dipping water to prevent capsizing.

It is up to the Christian to be different from the world. The Christian should set the standard and not follow the standards of worldly minded professing Christians. Let the Christian set the standard and uphold it according to God's Word.

If you enjoy to look upon the same things the world enjoys, such as movies: then beware. If you are using your eyes to read the literature, novels, books or magazines which are enjoyed by the masses: beware. If you love the praise, approval and honor of men: beware. If you use your tongue in prating, evil speaking and gossiping like the worldly person does: beware. If your ears love to hear much of the radio broadcasting, the greater part of which is of the world: beware. If more time is spent in the parlor listening to the loud speaker, than in the closet listening to the still small voice: then beware. If your feet love to walk in the ways of worldly pleasure: beware. If your best thoughts and energies are bent toward getting money: beware. If you

love to follow the fashions of the world in dress and manner: beware.

How shall the love of the world be taken from the heart, and the love of God implanted? Shall the woman of fashion add a half inch to her dress at each end, every year until it reaches the place where it can truthfully be labeled modest? Shall the man who has the love of money aim to grab one hundred dollars less each year until he loses his passion for the dollar? Shall the pleasure seeker indulge less in pleasure until he can finally swing over to the side of the Lord and love Him supremely? This will never work. A certain man invented a plan by which he hoped to overcome his taste for liquor. Each day he would put a shot or bullet into his liquor glass and thus each day he would drink less liquor, as the shot added each day would displace a small amount of his draught. He would gradually lose his appetite for strong drink. His theory was good, but in actual practice it failed. The only remedy for the worldly church or individual lies in turning resolutely from the world and whole-heartedly to God.

Lord show us what is meant by the things of the world; burn this Word into our ears—"If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Lord help us who are called Christians, not to be ashamed to differ with the world, but to live as real pilgrims and strangers worthy of our calling.

A good testimony for the Lord is like a life-line thrown to a man struggling in the water. Do not refuse to cast your life-line testimony to those souls struggling in the death-dealing elements of sin. It might be that some one can and will grasp its truth and behold they are lifted from the depths of sin.—T. H. Atkinson.

One business man criticized another for wearing a flower in his buttonhole, as not being businesslike. The other replied: "My business in the world is to glorify God, and I can do it by appreciating the beauty He has put into a flower. I buy a flower and wear it. You buy a weed and smoke it. Which is more businesslike?"—The Record of Christian Work.