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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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### Building Begun at B. T. S.

September 18 was a memorable day at the Bible Training School. Apart from being the opening day of another school year, it was the day on which work was begun on the new building. The groundbreaking service was held on the campus at seven o'clock in the evening at the building site. Several hundred people gathered for this impressive service held in the half light of two white electric bulbs.

Within the building site stood members of the Building Committee, trustees, and several of the faculty. An orchestra under the direction of Prof. Gerber played a few selections. Two of the trustees, Rev. David Roth and Mr. C. C. Welty, prayed invoking God's blessing upon building operations and upon the many friends through whose generous gifts the building is to be realized. Rev. J. E. Ramseyer made some fitting remarks. He said that two days before, when some trees were being felled on the building site, he noted in his diary that twenty-five years before, to the very day, the groundbreaking for the present building occurred. He related how the sainted Isaac Hess, deceased missionary to China, dug the first spade of earth with a borrowed shovel after offering earnest prayer. Rev. Ramseyer read an appropriate passage of Scripture, II Kings 6:1-7. He called attention to the striking parallel between that undertaking and this one, observing four points: 1. A school of the prophets. 2. The need of larger quarters. 3. A willing people. 4. God's seal upon the project.

The Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. S. A. Lehman, and the President of the School, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer then proceeded to break the ground. Each took a spade and dug a few shovelful of

earth while the crowd looked eagerly on. After the orchestra played, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," all sang the doxology. The Dean, Rev. B. F. Leightner, closed the service with prayer.

Another service followed immediately in the chapel, the opening service of the school year.

The new building will face Rudisill Boulevard and will be about fifty feet west of the main building. The original plans have been revised and extended to meet present needs and to allow for a very slight margin of expansion. The building will be 114 feet long and 38 feet wide, with a 9 foot wing in the center. It will be a modern type of building with reinforced concrete and fireproof construction. It is designed to house from fifty-five to sixty students on the first and second floors. There will also be five practice rooms, several rooms for workers and guests, a hospital room, and a linen room. The basement will have three spacious class rooms. The approximate cost is \$50,000.00.

The building is much needed this year, and both workers and students are delighted that construction has begun. The whole of the main building with the exception of two rooms on the lower north wing, is

occupied by lady students. The men are quartered in private homes in the vicinity of the School.

A splendid group of students registered on the opening day, and the present year promises to be one of the best. The School looks forward on this 25th anniversary year with hope, thanksgiving, and confidence. Through God's enabling grace it can be a year of intellectual advance and spiritual conquest.

The Building Committee has announced that Rev. Byron G. Smith, who has been acting in the capacity as field representative during the summer months, will continue that work during the first semester. He has been released from his teaching at the School so that he could devote his entire time to that end. He will resume teaching at the beginning of the second semester in January.

Contributions to the building fund are still being received. Approximately 75 per cent of the estimated cost is subscribed. It is hoped that the remaining 25 per cent will be given during this time when the building is in process of construction. Gifts, subscriptions, and payments on pledges may be sent to Mr. Ruben Roth, First National Bank, Fort Wayne, or to Rev. P. L. Eicher, Bible Training School.

### "Alive Unto God"

"Alive unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 6:11.

It is with a strange thrill that I read these words. My blood tingles, my mind is exhilarated and my spirit grows buoyant. "Alive Unto God."

I am reminded of the psalmist who has gone down into sorrows until the pains of hell have "gath hold" upon him, Then in the dark-

est night of spiritual and mental tribulation a wisper comes breathlessly and hesitatingly from his soul—"Yet—yet." It grows stronger until the darkness rings with his daring challenge and cry of triumph. "Yet will I praise Him."—"Alive unto God."

I think of that magnificent king of all the winged creatures—the eagle. His home is in the heights

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### EDITORIAL

"That in all things He might have the pre-eminence." Col. 1: 18.

Our lives are continually under observation. Our testimonies are not valued very highly unless they correspond with our lives. It is not always the bright, flowery and elegantly arranged testimony that receives the sanction of our Heavenly Father.

God looks upon the heart. "A broken and a contrite heart the Lord will not despise."

The Apostle Paul possessed the ability to appear with the greatest, yet he counted it a joy to witness to the humblest.

When he found the Savior, his one ambition was to have Him occupy the prominent place in all things.

above the clouds—his heart beats in eager response to the warmth of the sun. Caught in a storm in the valley he flights his way upward. Bravely he battles rain and wind, undanted by the rolling thunder and the flashes of lightening. He is not meant for this place of chaos, so upward he flies. Time and again the wind bears him back, but finally he reaches the clouds and plunges into them. Then out into the light above he wings his way up the golden pathway. "Alive."

Do you glimpse what I mean when I say I read these words with a thrill? "Alive unto God." Warfare is on in the soul. Sins batteries have been unlimbered and the red flashes of fire mingle with the roar of the guns as they spew forth doubt, confusion, chaos; until at last in utter distraction and near defeat comes the cry—"What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace?"

The spiritual sky is darkened, the storm is raging fiercely, imps of evil laugh at the distress of the Christian caught between the old and the new. Then a voice seems to ring out from another world. It sounds clearly above the warning noises:—"Dead unto sin—alive unto God." The eagle soul has fought its way above the dark clouds and is winging its way to the heart of God. "Alive—Alive."

Surely we have no better exponent of this phrase than the Apostle himself. The situation in which he found himself was an utterly impossible one from the human viewpoint. His physical sufferings in beating and shipwrecks, in hunger, cold and thirst, would have sickened most of this type of service—but he was "alive unto God". This attitude had been that of great souls in every century. Had the heroes of the Cross given cognizance to their physical discomforts,

This was not a mere attitude that he took, nor an expression of pleasant words to others for we find his daily life fragrant with the sweetest perfume pervading the atmosphere wherever he went. It was the Rose of Sharon implanted and flourishing in the garden of his heart.

He discovered the secret of an enthroned Christ. He was willing "to suffer loss of all things and count them but dung that he might win Christ."

What a high and noble aspiration he ascended to. This constitutes the true essence of Christianity. The blessed Christ unfolds his marvelous grace and power to such as give him first place in all things. We can never exhaust the riches of His grace. The Flowing Fountain shall never know a dearth. So let us give Him, in all things, the choicest place for the more we do this the greater the goodness He lavishes upon us.

"That in all things He might have the preeminence."

We therefore humbly give this publication to Him as a token of our appreciation for His faithfulness, his love and power, and pray that it may convey a blessing to each one who scans its pages.

#### Notice

Since our enrollment is rapidly increasing we realize that it is rather difficult for an individual to secure interesting news and helpful articles from various alumni members with whom the editor is not acquainted.

We will be delighted to receive material from any one of the former or present students of B. T. S., to be used for the Fellowship Circle Bulletin.

We shall also be grateful to anyone who may kindly inform us of such who could furnish us with interesting contributions.

Christianity would be but a name to-day. The glory trail of these men stretches through the centuries because they were "alive unto God". Adventuring with God; "alive unto God."

Rev. Norman Hall, Patchogue, N. Y.

#### BALKY BULLOCKS

By Rev. J. S. Ringenberg

One chilly January morning in an Indian village we gathered together a group of Hindoos and Mohammedans by singing our gospel hymns. The majority of them were farmers. They sat basking in the morning sun with their scanty cotton clothes wrapped about them. Amidas Jeva one of our Indian evangelists, quoted that wonderful resting in labor text; especially emphasizing the part "take my yoke upon you". "God is asking us to take His yoke upon us, but," said he "we are obstinate and unwilling

to humble ourselves sufficiently to become subjects to His wishes. Now you know how pleased we are when a young bullock readily takes the yoke. But if he refuses we have various means by which we attempt to make him obey. We sometimes starve the bullock for a day or two. If that doesn't work we drive him around in deep sand for some time. And other times we tie hard knots on either side of the nose to take his attention off of the yoke. When he is unwilling to yield he suffers these things and many beatings, doesn't he? But when he submits we treat him kindly and give him special rations of grain and molasses and gently bathe his shoulders. Now, God through Jesus Christ wants to bless and save us, but he cannot so long as we are unwilling to obey and take His yoke upon us. By many sorrows and calamities that come upon us such as crop-failures, sickness, and death God tries to speak to us of our unwill-

ingness to yield to our Master and experience the blessedness of His salvation."

Dear Friends of the "Fellowship Circle" this simple word spoken by an Indian to Indians, and so readily assented to by them, may have in it a word of exhortation for us. In other ways than afflictions, probably through the barrenness of our lives he would speak to us. Peter toiled all night but caught no fish. Jesus used that very barren experience to teach Peter the blessedness of yoking up with Himself, and to go fishing only in the will of Jesus.

It is our blessed privilege to meet and have fellowship with our dear friends in the homeland once again. We rejoice to meet old acquaintances of the "Circle" and to find such a goodly number of young people in the circle whose lives are consecrated to Jesus for the fulfilling of His glorious "soul saving" program in all the earth.

### *The Glory of Obscure Discipleship*

"As unknown, and yet well known."  
II Cor. 6: 9.

It is significant that, of the twelve disciples chosen by Jesus, there are two who are mentioned only by name. Their names are included in the list of the disciples: otherwise their lives pass without personal recognition in the New Testament. From the silence of Scripture and from their very names we learn that those two men—Thaddeus, or "Judas not Iscariot," and James "the less,"—though apostles, were yet overshadowed by apostolic stars of a higher magnitude. Peter, James and John were continually in the foreground and enjoyed a place of distinct privilege. Andrew, Philip, Thomas, and others appeared on the scene occasionally and thus gained personal recognition, but not so Thaddeus and James the less, who, though numbered among "the twelve," never once appeared in the role of individual achievement. Let no man, however, despise these humble disciples. They are representatives of that great class to

which the majority of God's children belong, the class that is "unknown" to men and yet "well known" to God.

There are to-day, as then, men who, by virtue of superior endowment and endowment, occupy honored places in the front ranks of Christian service. Their names are a household word in almost every Christian home. They receive special recognition in the leading religious periodicals. Even the secular newspapers condescend at times to give them a headline. They enjoy unique positions of trust and privilege in the Master's Kingdom and it is certainly no part of our purpose to reflect upon those whom God has thus honored. But the fact remains that a far greater majority of Christians laymen, students, missionaries and ministers are unknown except in their own small sphere of service. Their names seldom, if ever, appear in religious magazines. The daily papers treat them as non-entities, except, indeed, when one falls from his lofty estate, they seize upon his disgrace as an occasion for a flashy headline or a sensational writeup.

Thaddeus and James were the heroes of obscurity. Though "unknown" to the world, they were well known to God. They were doubtless, as we would say today, one talent men, that is, men of very ordinary ability and limited learning. They are remembered chiefly for their negative virtues. For instance: Thaddeus was also named Judas, a name that is still synonymous with infamy. He bore the name of the wretch who betrayed the Lord, and yet he was distinguished from him by the significant title, "Judas, not Iscariot." From this negative compliment we learn that Thaddeus was everything that Judas Iscariot was not. And this man James must have been very humble indeed to endure the name, "James the less," in the presence of his more illustrious namesake, "James the greater."

This leads us to observe that, as there was a place in "the glorious company of the apostles" for these one talent men, so to-day, God has a place for ordinary men and women who will humbly and earnestly serve Him according to the measure of their ability and opportunity. In fact, the history of the Church glows with the ministry of obscure disciples. It was an unknown Augustinian monk who first inspired Girolamo Savonarola to forsake the world and become a preacher of righteousness. William Carry is honored as the morning star of modern missions. We wonder how many people know anything about John Warr, the humble shoemaker's apprentice, who led Carrey into the full Gospel light. It was a lowly Scottish preacher who encouraged Robert Moffatt to become a missionary to Africa. It was an unknown layman, who, in the absence of the regular pastor, on a stormy New Year's day delivered the broken message that led Charles H. Spurgeon to Christ. The world remembers and the Church honors the memory of D. L. Moody, the lay evangelist of the last century; but who ever thinks of Edward Kimball, the faithful Sunday School teacher who led Moody to Christ in the rear of a Boston shoe store? The great David Livingstone was honored for

his labors by lords and kings and today lies buried among the world's mighty men in Westminster Abbey. His wife lies buried in some lonely spot in Africa. There are but a few of the

"Millions who, humble and nameless, The straight, hard pathway trod."

The pages of church history are red with the blood of martyrs, the majority of whom are nameless. Let it not be forgotten that many of our present blessings are the fruit of their suffering and sacrifice. And then, let us not forget to pay tribute to that great multitude which no man can number, the godly fathers, mothers, teachers, pastors, and missionaries whose faithful labors have been unheralded and unhonored. They were "unknown" to men, because men always look at outward appearances and judge by visible signs of success. They were "well known" to God because God looks at the largeness of heart and always rewards His servants and hand maidens according to their faithfulness. In the day when the saints of God will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, to sit down together in His kingdom, these obscure disciples will come into their own and share with their more illustrious brethren in the glories of eternal redemption. To every member of the Fellowship Circle there comes this word: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."

Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein.

## NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leonard of classes '27 and '26 respectively are taking further training at Gordon College, Boston, in view of going to Arabia as Missionaries.

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Naomi Roth, a graduate of class '29 has been employed to assist in the office at the Bible School.

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Mrs. Bertha Lugibihl, matron of the school left for Peoria, Ill., to meet her (step) daughter and her husband, Rev. and Mrs. Philip Henkey who are just returning from China.

## Christ's Appreciation of the Scriptures

Rev. Reginald Shepley. Granville, O.

The Scriptures are the most beloved and at the same time the most criticized of writings. Some people regard them with indifference and even contempt. Others ignore them completely while the sole aim of a few is to discredit and repudiate them altogether. But this attitude of hate and contempt is by no means shared by all. There are young people who search their pages for intellectual enlightenment and spiritual edification. Statesmen consult them for guidance when perplexed and the old look to them for comfort and cheer. As our Criterion and Standard, Christ's estimate of the Scriptures and His attitude toward them is worthy of our careful consideration. He appreciated the Scriptures.

### Christ appreciated the Scriptures

Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Gloch have moved to Fort Wayne, where he has accepted the position of assistant Pastor to Rev. B. F. Rediger.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jared Gerig of class '29 and '28 are in charge of a new work at Auburn Junction, Ind.

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Rev. B. G. Smith has been relieved from his teaching at B. T. S. for the first term to devote his time to the interest of the new building, i.e. to continue to collect funds.

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Miss Judith Bixler, a former student is taking up the work Mrs. Chant laid down.

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Prof. C. A. Gerber spent most of the summer in Detroit, Mich. He had charge of the music in the union meetings conducted under the auspices of the confederated churches of Detroit. Rev. Bob. Ingersol was the evangelist.

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Miss Minnie Hilty, class of '19 has returned from China for furlough.

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Rev. Jess Ringenberg, class of '20, is at home from India.

as **DIVINE** in their origin. He conceived them to be the just product of God and man. He did not ignore the human element but the utterances of Moses and Samuel, David and Daniel, Christ attributed to the Holy Scriptures. He was the Author, these men were scribes who recorded by inspiration what the Holy Spirit gave them by revelation. Like David all could say: "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me and His word was in my tongue". Christ in this belief confirmed the utterances of the writers themselves.

Christ appreciated the Scriptures as a **WEAPON** for defence. The first use we find Christ making of the Scriptures is a defence against Satan. When the Devil sorely tempted Him in the wilderness, He answered His every suggestion with:

Rev. Clarence I. Birkey of '23, is now in France taking up language study before he returns to Africa for a second term of service.

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Miss Ada Beckhart, class '26, is booked to sail for Chili as a missionary for C. M. A.

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Miss Edna Figg sailed Sept. 6 for Ecuador as a Missionary.

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Mr. Oliver Steiner, class '26 is teaching classes in music and history at New Bremen, Ohio.

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Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Shant of class '23 have taken up a charge at Knightstown, Ind. Mrs. Chant has been an assistant in the Bible School for a number of years, having had charge of the work in the dining room.

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### New Arrivals

To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rich, class of '27 and '24, a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wagler (Mrs. Wagler formerly known as Marguerite Ogden, class of '28) a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Canen, class of '27 and '28, a girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stockman, class of '26, a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Martens, class of '28 a girl.

"It is written". The Scripture was the armory out of which He brought forth ammunition to repel and victoriously vanquish the Adversary. He turned with its edge the onslaughts of the Enemy because the Word was in His hands the Sword of the Spirit.

He also defends Himself with Scripture against assaults of wicked men. When they lay in wait for Him and tried to entangle Him in His utterances, He foiled them with the Word of God. On the great day of controversy when all His enemies sat upon Him and the champions of various parties did their utmost to confuse and confound Him, He repelled their attacks with answers drawn from the Scriptures and finally silenced them and put them to shame in the eyes of the people by showing their ignorance of the Scriptures of which they were the professed interpreters. Christ plainly told them: "Ye do err not knowing the Scriptures".

**Christ appreciated the Scriptures as a CHART for guidance.** The doing of God's will was the constant aim of Christ's life. During the thirty preparatory years, during which He was a thoughtful, reverent, and diligent student of the Scriptures, He faced the outstanding crises of His subsequent career. So thorough was His mastery of the Scriptures that at Nazareth when He began His ministry, He immediately knew where to turn, what pertinent passage to read, and how to read it. It was in the Scriptures that He learned that a familiar friend, one who did eat of His bread, should betray Him. The Jew' hatred of Him without a cause, the scattering of the sheep, the smiting of the Shepherd, the parting of His garment by lot—all of these were known to Him in advance. But having accepted the Scriptures as

the chart of His life, He went steadily onward with a triumphant faith in God, living a life in accordance with the Word of God. Nothing could turn Him away from the things which were written.

**Christ appreciated the Scriptures as the object of His meditation and the source of His comfort during His sufferings.** Christ could truthfully say: "Thy testimonies are my meditation all the day". They were His delight and His food. He searched the Scriptures, compared them, meditated upon them, believed them, and lived them. This was particularly true during the time of His deep agony and grief. When His grief was deeper than words can tell, when His loneliness was such as our hearts can never understand, when the world reeled and hid itself in the kindly dark, unequal to the task of looking upon the dying agonies of its Creator and Sustainer, then it was that the Scriptures gave Him words of comfort. Scripture was in His heart, in His mind, and on His lips, both in the garden and on the cross. His last utterance from His lips, were words of Scripture. He lived through all the experiences of the Twenty-Second Psalm until triumphantly He cried: "I thirst", "It is finished".

**Christ appreciated the Scriptures as historically accurate.** He set His seal to the Scriptures that they were true, and in so doing He did not "accept the current mistaken notions of His day". He refers to almost every period of Biblical history, briefly embracing its important personages and outstanding events: the days of Noah, the history of Abraham, the appearance and call of God to Moses in the burning bush, and the irrefutable sign of Jonah. Christ accepted the miracles of the Old Testament as facts beyond question. Man was

immediately created by God, manna descended from heaven for forty years, and Naaman was cured of his leprosy.

**Christ appreciated the Scriptures as the only and all sufficient message of God to man.** They are complete in themselves and do not need to be supplemented either by the return of the patriarchs of the appearance of heavenly visitors. If man reject its message and disregard its warning, they would not believe through Gabriel himself appeared. Christ represents Abraham as answering the one who requested the re-appearance of Lazarus from the dead: "They have Moses and the prophets let them hear them". When the excuse was presented that: "If one went unto them from the dead they would repent" the reply was immediate and final: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead". The Scriptures, then, are God's final message and revelation to man.

**Christ appreciated the Scriptures as eternal in duration.** They like God are unchanging and eternal. The heavens and the earth shall perish, they shall wax old as a garment, they shall be changed as a vesture, but the Scriptures shall outlast physical creation. Christ said of His own teaching: "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away". This is likewise true of all Scripture. They fill a place in time but are eternal; they are old but not antiquated; they are venerable on account of their age and replete in never failing youth and vigor. They shall survive time itself. They shall run their course through all time and through all eternity bearing within them hope and joy and comfort and life unto all humanity.

#### UPON RETURNING TO B. T. S.

Back home, at good old B. T. S. and how happy we all are! Truly God has been good in permitting us to gather once again to study His cherished Word and to have the fellowship one with another that only true Christians can have.

I think it altogether proper to

express at this time our heartfelt longing for those dear familiar faces that blessed our corridors and class rooms during the past, but who at the close of the 1928-'29 school year were graduated from this sanctuary into larger and greater fields of training for His service. We do not regret, however, that they have left the school with God's

great plan and purpose before them to be fulfilled by their wholly yielded and devoted lives to His blessed service. Our prayers for them are that, although they have graduated from Bible Training School, they will continue in God's great training school until the day when Jesus comes. May God richly bless them and keep them in the

center of His will that their lives may be a blessing to many, many souls who, as yet, have never heard the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

We have heartily welcomed into our midst many new students; in fact, we are praising the Lord for the wonders He has done. We have, at the opening of this school year, a larger enrollment than at any time in the history of the school. We hope that the new students feel at home and that they have found the school to be everything they expected of it and more also. Although the former students are missed, we feel that we have a wealth of new material that God is going to use in making this the best year the B. T. S. has ever known.

I trust that we all, whether returned students or new students, have come in the spirit and mind of Christ, with such potentiality as lies in the lives and hearts of enthusiastic young people, thus dedicated and consecrated to the One through whom all things are possible and melted together in the one bond of love, the love of Jesus Christ.

As I meditate upon the marvels that God has wrought through similarly consecrated young people and the possibilities hidden in our lives as children of God, "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord", I wonder how we can ever be satisfied with anything less than God's very best, not only for ourselves but for those with whom we shall come in contact.

We have come from all walks of life and from various parts of the country, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Canada being represented. We have all come to fulfill the calling of our Heavenly Father; so, as Paul beseeches us in Ephesians 4:1, "Let us walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called." We have been called into definite training for Christian service. God has prepared for us, men and women who love Him to teach us the infallible Word as He has opened it to them. We also have the opportunity of serving Him while in training.

God has not only blessed us with what we believe to be the begin-

ning of the greatest year in the history of good old B. T. S.; but as the classes of 1930 and '31, we have had the privilege of attending the ground-breaking service for our new building. We lift our hearts in praise and thankfulness to our wonderful Provider who is supplying our needs as a school in a material way. As the board members, faculty, workers, students, and friends gathered together, a spirit of reverence and devotion was prevalent that is only expressed by the hearts of those who feel that God is truly pouring out His blessings upon His faithful few.

With these blessings He has bestowed upon us, with the privilege of being called out to be a separate people, with the opportunity of winning souls to Him, and with the hope of an eternity with Jesus as our King, let us place our lives in His care and guidance, willingly yielding to His will and partaking of His grace, to fight the good fight of faith, that He might say at that blessed day of His returning, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many".

We have been considering the student body as a group, but it is the individuals that make up the group. We cannot depend on each other to make this year a success; but we must as individuals put ourselves in soul and body, in dependence upon God, to get all there is in it for us, that we might in turn be made a blessing to hungry souls.

I believe that I am expressing the sentiment of every old student and new student as well, that we desire a deep spiritual atmosphere to pervade the building. This is possible only by giving God His rightful place, through constant prayer, and by daily taking up our cross and walking hand in hand with Jesus. Our spiritual food is already prepared for us. We need only to ask and God will open the windows of Heaven and pour us out such blessings, that there shall not be room enough to receive them.

May God have His way and receive all the glory.

Virginia Lundwall

## WESTERN CANADA

Western Canada! What a tremendous weight of meaning these words convey! What various scenes they portray!

To many, these two words suggest a great field of snow and ice, and rightly so for when Winter takes the throne, he covers our vast rolling prairie with a blanket of glistening snow. Across this the cold winds chase each other merrily at a temperature anywhere from 40 to 60 degrees below zero.

The scene changes when winter is dethroned and His chilling work accomplished. After a delightful spring and summer, our vast prairie land is transformed into an ocean of gold. As the breezes gently blow over our harvest fields one is thrilled and awed to silence with the grandeur of the scene.

But these scenes, the fields of snow and ice, the bending, waving ripened grain, are the themes of the artist, novelist, lecturer, and ordinary traveler, but as servants of the True and Living God let us to the Master Teaching. Let us get to Him acclaimed by Nicodemus to be a "Teacher sent by God" for His picture of our beloved country.

His eye, wet with tears of deep sorrow, sees beyond the natural beauty of the land before us, and pointing with nail pierced hand, He exclaims, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

Dear members of the Fellowship Circle, let us look with the Master on this field so white unto Harvest and where the laborers are so few! In South Saskatchewan, the district to which the Lord has called us, and over which my dear husband has been appointed Sectional Superintendent, there are 300 school districts in which no Gospel service had been held in over 13 years. In this very same province there are over 100,000 who can not attend a Gospel service if they so desired. In that section of the Dominion called Western Canada there are 2,000 school districts in which there has never been a Gospel service. The children have never heard of Jesus; Christ, many thus ignorant being past high school age. One of our

missionaries spoke to a group in one of these neglected districts and was accused by the listeners of cursing.

In addition to these poor neglected souls there are 31,304 Indians scattered through these provinces. How can these precious souls believe on Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear if we fail to tell them? We have the great privilege and joy of leading many of these precious souls from darkness to Light. Praise God! We are not only concerned about their souls salvation, but deeply desirous that every believer be sanctified wholly.

In one school district, we held just one service, after which the people came with tears in their eyes pleading for us to remain or send some one else with the Gospel. This was over a year ago and to our knowledge no one else has been there, and we could not remain. To come to Western Canada is to receive a burden for it. I tried hard to resist

the burden the Lord was seeking to impose upon me, but when I could no longer kick against the pricks, I went alone on the prairies and wrestled with God. How clearly, how definitely He spoke. My child, will you give yourself to me for Western Canada? When I said "Yes", He flooded my soul with inexpressible joy. Hallelujah!

We do not need nor do want mere volunteers for Western Canada, but oh, we do need wholly sanctified young people who will sell out to God for this great task.

Many have come out here only to return when the battle waxed hot, but we need those who will go through with God regardless of the cost. It will cost something, yes, but oh, the returns; were I to go you just a few you would see that the returns are far greater than any cost it has been or is to ourselves. May God lead some of you readers to leave all and follow His to Western Canada.

Myrtle E. (Bradley) Wishart.

## Laboring Amongst Hungry Hearts

My sister and I were in Mission work in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky during the summer. We secured a little cabin for a home and then did Gospel work in the districts around there.

Services were held in school-houses. Many of the young folks of these localities had never been in Sunday School before. We held 41 services during the first two months of our work, so you see we were busy. We had night meetings in various homes to which we were invited.

Schools began here on July 15. They begin early so they can have their six month's school term before the bad weather in January and February when the roads become almost impassible. We were given a period each week in three of the schools, in which to teach the children songs, and tell them Bible stories. Fifty pupils attended one of these schools. It was indeed a privilege to tell them about Jesus and to relate the wonderful stories which we find in the Bible; for most of the children had never heard the Bible stories. We had calls from

other schools to come and give Bible lessons to the children, but could not take them all in.

Joshua Stauffer of Westfield, Indiana was here with us a week to hold meetings. In a Sunday morning service a lady prayed through to victory.

I believe Elmer Wagler's have a Mission at Press, Kentucky. If so they are located in the country just south of the one in which we were laboring.

One morning about 2:00 someone come to our door and called out, "Open the door." Then after a pause, "Let us in." I feared that someone had come with evil intentions to do us harm. I asked, "Who is there? and What is it?" They said they wanted us to go over to a home and pray with a lady who was dying. The woman had requested that we come and of course we hurriedly went to the home. There we found a lady groaning and carrying on in agony. She said she was once a Christian but had backslidden and wanted to go right because she feared to die in that condition. We gave her some scripture

for instruction and prayed and she prayed and soon got through because the case was urgent and she really meant business. Her son broke down and in a little while had prayed to victory. Then the father said that while we were all praying he also had gotten in touch with the Lord and been restored. So we had a good meeting there in that home at an early morning hour. Before we left the lady was sitting upon the edge of the bed and feeling so well in her soul that she must have forgotten about her bodily affliction.

People here are very hospitable. When they invite one to their homes for a meal they have one sit down to the table with one or two members of their family and then three or four of the others will serve you with fried chicken, real Kentucky-wonder beans and hot biscuits such as no one but a Kentucky cook can make. If you want to experience how it must feel to be the Prince of Wales or Queen Marie then go to Kentucky and enjoy the Southern Hospitality.

People of the community were very kind in giving us vegetables and all kinds of food supplies to help us along. There were plenty of blackberries available as the mountain sides were just full of brambles.

During one of our Sunday morning meetings just as we were singing the first song, the roar of an airplane was heard. In a minute the men, women and children had all dropped their song books and were outside gazing up at the plane. For many of them that was the first time they had ever seen an airplane, so it was a curiosity and wonder to them. This occurrence was rather amusing to us Hoosiers who were so familiar with the roar of airplanes.

We thank God for His blessing upon the seed which was sown and are grateful for His protecting hand over us in the dangers, seen and unseen, through which we passed.

It would make a long story to tell about all the unpleasant things, opposition, and bewildering problems that came during the summer. But through it all I can say, "I count it a privilege here, His cross to bear. If Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere." Ernest R. Zehr.



## Among the Indians

Cahuapanas, Via. Pto. Bermudexy,  
Lima, Peru.  
Aug. 16, 1929.

Dear Co-Laborers:

Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

By the heading of this letter you will notice that we have changed locations. Practically three months have elapsed since we arrived at Cahuapanas, our Jungle Mission Station. Our little clearing consisting of less than twenty five acres is completely surrounded by scores of miles of dense jungle forests, which are inhabited by beautifully colored birds, tigers, monkeys, and other wild animals and last but not least, the lowland forest by Indian his cushma, corona and feathers, and highly colored face. These redmen make their living by hunting and fishing and up to this time the bow and arrow is practically their deadliest weapon. These they use with the greatest accuracy and skill.

Though we are practically shut off from the rest of the world and are subjected to such isolation yet we praise our Savior for leading us to this place. We have been conscious of His divine presence ever since we came here. The hand of God is over us; of that we have no doubt. "Where Jesus is 'tis heaven there," is a wondrous reality to us from day to day.

To reach the Campa Indians of this jungle region our Mission Station has been established on the banks of the Pichis River, at a point where the latter is joined by the Apurukiali River. So to speak this is on the border of Campa territory but it is proving to be a suitable location for a Mission. The Jungle Indians live in the dark forests which are so dense as to make their dwelling almost inaccessible to the white man. They are sparsely populated, (never found in villages) that one might travel miles and miles before finding any of their homes. Yes, one might encounter real difficulty in finding any home for their palm roof (made of a few

palm leaves on upright sticks) are so well concealed. As a people, I really believe they are the hardest to reach for their aim is to keep themselves utterly aloof from the white man. In view of all these difficulties the Mission has established a store to attract them to this place. Quite a few are coming from time to time to trade their rubber for looking-glasses, bright colored cloth, red handkerchiefs, axes and such like things. This is the means of our first contact with them and having once gained their confidence they ask to work on our territory. (The Mission owns five hundred acres of land which were purchased for twenty cents an acre.) Hence we can always offer them work in clearing land and planting yuca, cotton or bananas. If they wish we give them a tract of land so they can start a plantation for themselves. Up to this time a number of families totaling about forty Indians have established their homes on our property. That they make their homes here is our chief desire for then we really are offered opportunities of bringing them the Gospel Light. Thus far our plan has been successful in attracting Indians of two tribes. About half of our Indians are Amuexias. These people are all anxious to learn Spanish and we feel these desires are God-given. The languages of the two tribes differ greatly, thus it does not impose upon us the necessity of learning their languages.

A Sunday School has been started for these people who have been Sun and Moon Worshipers ever since childhood. Never had they heard of our God nor of our Christ. Within the last year they have been hearing the Truth and learning some Gospel choruses. I wish you could hear them sing, "Yes, Jesus loves Me." Oh, how sweetly it sounds to our ears and how it must please our Lord to hear such sweet words from the mouths of people who had all their life-time been deprived of the Gospel! They love to come to Sunday School and on Sunday mornings before we have finished our breakfast they are assembled on our porch waiting for the service. Thus

at seven thirty we all march to our palmwood schoolhouse for our Sunday School. The Gospel is given them in a very simple form. Everything must be illustrated. Last Sunday we used a little booklet made of a black page, then red, white and gold ones to tell of God's cleansing blood as the means of washing the black heart white and of finally receiving us into his presence in the City of Gold. All were very attentive and those who understood the best would often break into the message to explain, what was being said, to those who do not understand Spanish so well. When we told them we could wash our faces and hands clean but never the heart and that God alone could cleanse that with the blood of Jesus, how we rejoiced to see them nod their heads, thus assenting that it was true. So we praise God that the Holy Spirit is enlightening them through the Word. They do not understand much but they are believing and receiving what they do comprehend, and we believe "God is counting it unto them for righteousness!" There are a few whom we believe are really trusting in the blood of Jesus as their hope of eternal life.

Two hours of the first three days of the week are devoted to school work. Both young and old attend and all go through the same contortions and distortions in learning to pronounce the phonic sounds. The interest in the school is splendid and we are earnestly praying that they may learn to read. For though saved, how could they "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior" when they cannot read the Word? Though willing to serve Christ how can they tell others of Salvation's Story when they do not know the Scriptures? importance for we desire to put the Word of God into their hands.

So when you pray for the lost of the dark regions of the world do not forget the Campa and Amuexia Indians. Especially remember those at Cahaupanes that they may really be "born from above" and may become witnesses to their own people, so concealed in the heart of the dark and dense forest.

Yours in Jesus, Clayton D. Steiner.