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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 Laying of the Corner Stone

The beautiful fall afternoon of October 27 was ideal for the occasion which the many friends and promoters of the Fort Wayne Bible Training School had been anticipating for some time—the laying of the corner stone of the new building, Bethany Hall. A large congrega-

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that of the past twenty-five, we have reason to be much encouraged. After the Rev. B. G. Smith spoke upon the subject, "Our Privilege in Sharing", he made an appeal to which the congregation liberally responded with an offering in pledges and cash to the amount of eleven hundred

dollars. This was considered especially good, inasmuch as many had given to this fund previously. The Rev. B. F. Leightner, dean of the school, presided throughout the service held in the church and its continuation held at the new building on the school campus, whither the congregation proceeded from the church. After Mr. Leightner spoke of the importance which the laying of a corner stone had had upon many occasions throughout the history of the people of God, as recorded in Holy Writ, Mr. Ramseyer laid the mortar and Messrs. Lehman and Von Gunten put the stone in its place. Then followed two songs by a men's chorus composed of members of the local Missionary Church and of the churches of Berne, Linn Grove, Woodburn, and Grabill. The



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blending of their voices in beautiful song harmonized with the glory of the autumn sunset and left a memory which lingers still. The service closed with a benediction by the Rev. Jacob Hygema. Now that this landmark has been passed in the progress of the erection of the new building, we are looking forward to the next important event—that of the dedication and our entrance into the building for work.

In future years Bethany Hall will stand as a memorial to those who

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EDITORIAL

"The land whither ye go to possess it is a land of hills and valleys and drinketh water of the rain of hea-

have been instrumental either by their contribution of money or of prayer in bringing about this greatly needed addition to the school. We are praying and believing that in the coming years even more young men and women will pass from our doors into definite active Christian work either in the home field or in the foreign, than have gone forth in the years past. We are hoping that the number of students entering the school may be increased in order that more workers may be trained and prepared to enter into the special service of the Lord. May they come with a definite call and purpose of heart, or else receive such a call soon after their entrance. And may they purpose in their hearts to be one of those laborers whom Jesus said are few in comparison with the harvest which is great.

Mrs. B. G. Smith.

"FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

While visiting at a country station in China one Sunday, a Christian man who lived on a small island and made his living by fishing, attended the morning service. He asked permission to say a few words and his request was granted. He told the audience of the desperate condition he was in, and said although he had been toiling from long before daybreak each morning until

late at night, that he hadn't caught any fish for several weeks. He hadn't any rice to eat, nor any salt or oil in the house. He said that his great need and fruitless labor had convinced him that he had sinned, and he wanted to confess his sins. He confessed that he hadn't given his tithe, because he was poor and felt he needed the money, and he had been fishing on Sunday, because he feared he couldn't earn food enough for seven days by working only six days, and he hadn't taken time to read God's Word, nor for prayer, because he had been too busy fishing. He told the Lord that he had exhausted all his efforts and was in desperate need, and that he had been following the Lord "afar off" and had been depending upon his own skill, and like the disciples of old had "caught nothing". He prayed for forgiveness and promised to give to the Lord one tenth of his fish, whether they be many or few, and decided to attend church services each Sunday and take time daily for reading God's Word and for prayer.

Some weeks later I inquired as to how the fisherman was getting along and was glad to hear that he was catching fish and was attending the meetings regularly and bringing his tithe with him.

Sometimes the Lord allows us to fail in our efforts, even of winning

ven; a land which the Lord careth for; the eyes of the Lord are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." (Deut. 11:11, 12.)

Dear Fellowship Circle Family: We have all said FAREWELL to 1929 with all its varied tasks and responsibilities. Whether they have been faithfully rendered or not—the year is now past and we cannot recall it.

We welcome the new year as another opportunity from God to consecrate ourselves and our labors anew, looking to Him who is the author and finisher of our Faith, for a fresh supply of strength, courage, wisdom and guidance.

We are confident the Fellowship Circle Family wishes the B. T. S. the happiest and most prosperous year, granting them the privilege to reach out into greater fields of activity. Then too each one wishes their fellow member a "God-blest" year.

souls, to prove to us how futile our best service is, if we are not following Him and obeying His Command. It is **He** who makes successful fishers of men.

Since returning home it has been my privilege to visit several of my classmates and also to meet many friends of the Fellowship Circle. I am happy to be a member of this growing family that is extending its influence for Christ unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Minnie Hilty.

NEWS FROM ECUADOR

Our party of three set sail on the **Santa Cruz** September 6th, in company with a small number of other passengers. As we felt the motion of the ship and saw the company at the pier becoming smaller and smaller, we realized in a deeper sense the fact that a final goodbye had been said to all near and dear to us in the land of the "free and the brave". Sailing was smooth for the most part, and the monotony of the trip was broken by three stop-overs—one at Cristobal, and two in Colombia. Our passage through the canal zone where our steamer was raised to the level of the canal and then lowered again at the exit was the most interesting and beautiful part of our ocean voyage.

On Saturday, Sept. 21st, about 6:00 p. m. our ship anchored in

sight of Ecuador's shores. Here again the Lord's blessing and pleasure which has been so evident in all my preparation was manifest. Conference had just convened and all our missionaries from this republic were gathered at Guayaquil. A large launch with about 25 of them aboard came out to extend us a most hearty greeting. Their fellowship meant much those first days particularly, when strangers in a strange land! I have been stationed at Quito, the chairman's headquarters for language study.

Our two-day trip north to Quito—one by train and the other by auto,—was filled with interest. But, Oh, the poverty—extreme poverty. Over and over again I have chided myself for even thinking I have ever known want or real need, and again and again have thanked Him for America—America because of the Gospel!

But I am writing mainly to solicit your prayer interest and help. My heart has been thrilled as I hear the native church sing, with their dark faces aglow, "There is Sunshine in My Heart Today", etc., but with our small company in comparison to the thousand priests, their churches, schools, convents, etc., in Quito alone, it seems impossible to penetrate the thick wall of CATHOLICISM. To them are thronging poor darkened, burdened humanity, seeking rest but finding only the bodies of "saints" preserved in golden caskets, images, etc. BUT GOD!!!

We are counting on those of you who really want to help in spreading the Gospel to intercede for us spiritually and bodily, and also for those of us who are new on the field that we may speedily acquire the language—all so vital to a fruit-bearing ministry. We are just a bit closer to the firing line perhaps, but we are in the same battle, and some day, THAT DAY — VICTORIOUS DAY—if faithful—we will share the eternal glory! Praise His Name!

I shall always remember with joy my days at Ft. Wayne. I am remembering your needs too. May this year be the best in your history as a school, and some of you soon

join the "11th hour" laborers!

Yours, happy in His place and plan,
Edna W. Figg.

"My album is a savage breast,
Where tempests brood and shadows rest,

Without one ray of light;

To write the name of JESUS there,
And see that savage bow in prayer,
And point to worlds more bright and fair,

This is MY soul's delight."

"WE MODERNS"

Much has been said and much can be said of the great progress which is manifesting itself in the many branches of present-day civilization. Our quests for an understanding of hidden things are continually being rewarded by new discoveries, and we marvel at the accomplishments.

Medical science is today saving the lives of millions, who, in ages past, had to submit to the ravages of simple diseases and disorders. Engineering, in all its branches, has made giant strides of progress. The great science of Education is enabling men to lift themselves and their fellow-men from the dark expanses of ignorance. Truly, that which has been accomplished is great! But I wonder if, while we are gazing at the accomplishments, we are not forgetting those who have paved the way for us, and instead, are patting ourselves on the back, as much as to say, "see, what we are doing!"

Let us notice a few outstanding accomplishments of the past: The ancient Egyptians of 2700 B. C. have left a testimony of their skill and modern architects can only theorize upon the methods used in the construction of these monuments of the ages in which some single blocks of stone weigh as much as sixteen tons; the rich Mesopotamian

valley, 2000 B. C., had an irrigation and reservoir system operated upon the same plans by which present-day irrigation systems are operated; but the greatest marvel of all ancient accomplishments is the great structure known as the "Hanging Gardens" of Nebuchadnezzar. It may be described as a series of balconies raised the one above another, which comprised a series of wide, stone terraces, supported by arches, and rose, like a giant stairway, to a height of 350 feet. On each of the terraces was a layer of soil so deep as to make it possible not only for plants and flowering shrubs to be grown, but fruit-bearing trees as well. They were irrigated by means of hydraulic pumps, which raised water to a reservoir on the highest terrace and from which the water was released through stone conductors into the numerous pools and fountains dotting the entire structure on its various levels. On top of the numerous arches the builders laid thick sheets of lead, so that moisture might not leak through into the spacious and superbly decorated apartments constructed in the vaulted spaces between the arches below.

Picture these lofty terraces, their many arches festooned with flowering creepers, and all the platforms ablaze with the most gorgeously scented and colored flowers which the then known world could produce, shaded from the too hot sun by trees laden in their seasons with rich and luscious fruits, and then you will be able to appreciate something of the glory of the "Hanging Gardens" of Nebuchadnezzar.

Are not these achievements of the past a real challenge to us? Do they not remind one of the words of the preacher in Ecclesiastes 1: 9—"there is no new thing under the sun"? H. A. Ackerman, '26.

The Young People's Gospel League Conference

By A. C. Eicher.

The Travelling Secretary of the Young People's Gospel League, Miss Hyde, visited our Bible Training School and made an announcement concerning the League Conference

which was to be held at Taylor University, November 22-24, 1929. Miss Hyde invited the school to send a delegation to the Conference. The invitation was accepted, and on Fri-

day afternoon, November 22, a group of thirteen delegates was on its way to Taylor.

For some time previous to the organization of the League there was a feeling of unrest among many consecrated Christian young people owing to alleged modernistic tendencies in the National Student Volunteer Movement. Some of the dissatisfied members remained within the parent organization in an attempt to retain as deep a spiritual tone as possible within it; others, despairing of success in this method, felt divinely led to organize a completely new body whose aim would be evangelism. The outcome of this agitation was a Conference, held last year at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute. Many spiritual colleges, Bible Schools and camp meeting groups sent their representatives to the meeting, and the Young People's Gospel League was organized; its constitution written; by-laws formulated; and plans laid for active Christian work. Membership in the League is restricted to born-again young people, under thirty years of age. The aim of the League is to promote deep spirituality and scriptural holiness among young people, to have a systematized scheme of supervised personal work, and a lively, concerted, missionary effort in foreign lands.

The first League Conference meeting was brought before the B. T. S. students by Miss Hyde in 1928. Representatives were sent to the Conference and a B. T. S. chapter was organized, but, on account of a multiplicity of duties among the students, the matter was not urged forward. The question naturally rises, "Has Fort Wayne a real need for such an affiliation?" We wonder.

Miss Hyde, on learning of the condition of our Chapter, gave us the kind invitation which has been noted in the first paragraph of this article. It was decided that school representatives should attend the Conference, consider carefully whether such an activity would be an asset to our institution, and return with a report.

The thirteen delegates, and I had

the privilege of being among them, were cordially received at Taylor. It will not be necessary or possible to give a detailed description of every activity while at the Conference. Suffice it to say that we were most hospitably entertained at the school, free of charge; and were not only permitted but requested to inspect the entire institution. This we did; from the kitchen and central heating plant to the office of the President—Dr. John Paul.

A Conference of Christian young men and women cannot fail to be of an inspirational nature to those who attend it. Each day of carefully planned program was filled with activity. The first daily feature was the prayer hour from 6:00 to 7:00 A. M. It was a blessed time of fellowship and keynoting of the whole day. The mornings were occupied with business meetings and Bible readings; the afternoons by discussion groups; and the evenings by fire-side circle praise meetings which were held in the spacious parlors; and addresses by Rev. T. C. Henderson, in the Chapel. Little more need be said concerning the program of the Conference for I am writing, not a report of the meetings, but rather attempting to find out what place such a movement might have in the extra curricular work of the B. T. S.

Meetings such as were held at C. E. I. last year; this year at Taylor; and next year at John Fletcher College, University Park, Iowa, can produce but one effect on all Christian Young People—a cementing of efforts for Christ; and a warm fellowship between those who love Him. Are such ends worthy? Certainly.

A further benefit to be received from membership in the Y. P. G. L. is a united missionary appeal, for there is uniformity of organization between the different chapters of the League. A third reason for working through this group is its effort in building its members into a force of systematic personal workers. The value of three hundred young people, each one doing personal work for His kingdom, is inestimable.

With all of these advantages, plus the ties which would bind after school days are over, it would seem clannish and narrow-souled to remain outside such an organization. But let us look beneath the surface for we are neither hermits who desire to live in holes of self-sufficiency dug for ourselves, nor unthinking mimics who join an organization merely for the sake of joining. An unneeded bargain is expensive at any price.

While the Conferences last year and this year were comparatively near to Fort Wayne, next year the meeting will be held almost five hundred miles away. A very few, if any, could go because of the expense and loss in time. In this, one of the chief benefits of the League, the inspirational blessing, would be greatly lessened.

Further, the present organization of the Bible Training School is a highly efficient one and as far as I could ascertain from comparison with other schools at the Conference, we have no occasion to hang our heads with shame. To join the missionary activities of the League would require an almost complete change in the present regime, for uniformity of organization is one of the requisites of membership. This would require every member of our Mission Band to be a League Member. We could not entertain such a thought, for some students could not join the League.

The last major benefit of the new organization would be its systematized personal work. This feature of training is handled prayerfully and in detail, by a faculty committee on personal work. To change the present order would afford little more than a piece of reconstruction entailing unnecessary mechanical details.

After having discussed these few points in favor of or against forming a B. T. S. League chapter, I might add that in my own opinion, if it were possible to have a chapter which would possess unity of the Spirit with the League, but not necessarily uniformity of organizations in personal work and missions in the League, this Bible School would afford fertile soil for such a plant;

but if the present regime could not continue along with the chapter, there would be such a dearth of sufficient reason for its existence as to make its planting inadvisable.

The League has a wide scope of activity in many colleges and camp meeting groups and is undoubtedly doing an excellent work. We rep-

resentatives at the Taylor Conference were deeply impressed with the value of the organization and its deep spirituality, but this does not alter the fact that most of the benefits derived from League membership are incorporated and successfully operating in our present School system.

ren in Christ; Rev. S. B. Shaw, a minister for fifty years and author of the book, "Remarkable Incidents and Answers to Prayer"; Miss Pohnert, a missionary who has labored in that region of China in which Mary Lee Tung lives.

The visit of Rev. and Mrs. Philip Hinkey from November 3 to November 26 will be a long remembered one. Mr. Hinkey, an instructor in the Chinese Bible Training School at Wuchow, demonstrated his great ability as a teacher in his wonderful chapel talks to the students. Several of these talks drew their very practical lessons from the life of David. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hinkey's talks were made a great blessing to the B. T. S. family.

Rev. W. H. Oldfield addressed the School November 25. He has been a missionary in China for twenty-five years where he labored in the same mission station as did the Hinkes. He presented a picture of China's real condition in a way that was never before brought before the students. He was well able to portray conditions as they really are because of the many fearful scenes he witnessed and dangerous experiences through which he had recently passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wagler (Mrs. Wagler was formerly Miss Marguerite Ogden of the class of 1928) with their little son, Robert, were visitors at the School for a short time. Hearts were touched by the accounts which they related in two chapel periods, of their experiences among the needy mountaineers of Kentucky.

Mr. Eli Steiner has been acting president of the Mission Band this term. The following speakers have been used of the Lord to increase the missionary zeal in members and friends of the organization: Rev. B. G. Smith, member of the School faculty; Mr. and Mrs. G. Phillippe, outgoing missionaries to China; Mr. Floyd and Mr. Clyde Bowman, who have since left for Africa and the Afghan border; Mrs. S. S. Turley, wife of the evangelist Rev. S. S. Turley; Rev. Jesse Ringenberg, from India; Miss Shram from Detroit, a

Bible Training School News

The School at present numbers one hundred fourteen. Among the students the following church homes are represented: Christian and Missionary Alliance, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, United Brethren, Disciple, Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Defenseless Mennonite, General Conference Mennonite, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Wesleyan Methodist, Baptist, Swedish Baptist, Ft. Wayne Gospel Tabernacle, Evangelical, Nazarene, Brethren, Swedish Mission, Church of God, Interdenominational Holiness Assembly, Christian, Reformed, and Friends. A spirit of unity pervades the School and there is one great bond of fellowship. Students and teachers feel the great reality of Gal. 3:28, "For ye are all one in Christ."

The fall term of school began with a quiet spirit of reverence and worship throughout the school. As the semester nears its close the blessing of the Lord is still felt in a marked way.

During the two weeks from Oct 6-20, the students were privileged to attend the revival meetings which were held in the First Missionary Church. Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Turley were the evangelists. About one hundred fifty souls sought the Lord for help and approximately fifty souls were converted. The B. T. S. family felt that they had a common interest with the Missionary Church in this revival.

Rev. B. G. Smith is not teaching in the B. T. S. this first term, but is spending his time as Field Agent in the interests of the New Building. At present he is working in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. His classes are being conducted by Dean Leightner

and S. A. Witmer. Mr. Smith expects to resume his teaching the second semester.

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Our President, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, is in charge of an evening class in "Joshua" this school year. This class has taken the place of his special lecture period.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramseyer have been absent from the School for several weeks. They have been engaged in meetings at Crystal, Michigan.

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The students of this year have had the special privilege of seeing the ground breaking and corner stone laying of the new building, Bethany Hall. The B. T. S. girls are now looking forward to occupying it at the beginning of the new term. At that time the boys, who are now rooming in homes near the school, will move into their B. T. S. home. One day is to be set aside for moving, an event which undoubtedly will be enjoyed by all.

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One opportunity that members of the Bible Training School appreciate is that of hearing visiting speakers. This first semester has brought many inspirational and interesting speakers to the School. In addition to Mission Band speakers, the following addressed the student body: Rev. Weldon Klopfenstein, pastor of the First Missionary Church of Fort Wayne; Rev. P. R. Schroeder, former pastor of the large Mennonite Church of Berne; Rev. Mr. Cohen, a native of Jamaica; Miss D. Willia Caffray, evangelist, who spent two years in India and one in South America; Rev. J. S. Wood, a presiding elder of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ; Rev. W. H. Johnson, an evangelist of the Mennonite Breth-

missionary to Africa; Rev. David C. Stucky and family, representing city mission work in Detroit; Rev. and Mrs. Philip Hinkey from China; Rev. R. K. Mills, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Lima; and Rev. A. E. Fiddler, missionary among the lepers of India.

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Under the supervision of the practical work department of the School the students are again going out in service for their Master. As they go out to teach, to preach, to sing, to visit, and to distribute tracts, souls are being won for the Lord.

The street meetings this fall were blessed of the Lord. Young men could be seen kneeling on the cold pavement praying unsaved men thru to God.

The Sunday School work is also progressing. A new Sunday School has been started in the Bullard School House which is about eight miles from Fort Wayne. The new Sunday School is called the Oak-Grove Sunday School. The little group there is growing in numbers. Sunday morning services are also conducted, and it is expected that night services will soon be held.

Five quartets have been organized to go out in Gospel Team work. Speakers for this purpose have also been chosen. In the ten weeks of school Gospel Teams have gone out from Fort Wayne to the following places: Kendallville, Linn Grove, Berne, Garrett, Ridgeville, Decatur, Elkhart, Angola, Scipio, Logansport, Antioch, all in Indiana. Pontiac, Detroit, Brown City, in Michigan, and New Carlisle, in Ohio. Fifty-nine services have been participated in by Gospel Teams. In these meetings two hundred sixteen songs were sung, twenty-three addresses given, and forty-three conversions reported by the students.

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The Senior class has organized. Officers of the Class of 1930 are: president, Dale Mitchel; secretary, Rhoda Roth; treasurer, Norman Zimmerman. The class has decided to edit a year book and has chosen

Miss Virginia Lundwall as editor-in-chief.

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A "Better English" campaign was launched by the B. T. S. during the chapel period of December 4. Miss Zellar was in charge of the meeting. Miss Elizabeth Baker, an English student, briefly spoke on the subject "American Slanguage", Mr. Bert Eicher followed with the subject "The Relation of Good English to Christian Ministry", and Rev. S. A. Witmer's timely talk was "Practical Suggestions".

After the campaign was launched errors were handed into the office by a committee privately appointed for that purpose. These were typed and placed with corrections upon the bulletin board. "Better English" posters were placed in the halls and library. Improvement in the use of English was immediately perceptible, for a watch was set upon the careless flow of language.

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On December 6 Dean Leightner left for Pennsylvania where he participated in services on the following Sunday at Allentown. From there he went on to New York City to be present at a conference held by the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

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Mr. Bert Eicher, who has majored in English work in college, is now teaching English VI.

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Several of the students have been forced to leave school because of home conditions. We ask the prayers of the Fellowship Circle for them that the Lord may open the way for their return if that be His will.

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Former Students

Miss Dessie Meyer was married to Rev. Harvey E. Preston on September 30. They are now living at Long Beach, Calif.

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Mr. Sylvan Lehman of the class of 1929 was married on October 20 to Miss Selma Yoder, also a former B. T. S. student. They are now in charge of two churches in East Freedom, Pennsylvania. Before leaving

for Pennsylvania they visited the School.

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Mr. Jonas Miller left for Africa last fall and is now laboring as a missionary there.

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Among visits paid the B. T. S. by former students were those of the following: Mr. Clifford Grabill, Mr. and Mrs. Quinten Everest, Miss Arveda Wulliman, Mr. Tillman Habegger, and Miss Ina Birkey.

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A little son, John Charles, came to the home of Rev. Tillman Amstutz, on September 2.

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Mr. John Schlenker of the 1929 class is in charge of a little Mission Hall in Morton, Ill. Services, in which children's meetings are also held, are conducted Thursday and Sunday evenings of each week.

—Naomi Roth.

DEDICATION OF BETHANY HALL AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Of special interest to the members of the Fellowship Circle are the dedicatory exercises of Bethany Hall and the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the School, which have been announced to take place in the near future. The new dormitory and class-room building, which has been named Bethany Hall in honor of the parent institution at Bluffton, Ohio, is steadily nearing completion. Although building operations have been retarded to some extent by unusual weather conditions, it will be ready for occupancy in the earlier part of February. The new building will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, February 16th.

The dedicatory service will be followed by a week of special services in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Bible Training School. This week, from February 16 to the 23rd, will be in the nature of a Bible conference, with varying emphasis on the fundamentals of the faith, missions, and evangelism. Several speakers have been invited to the

conference. Rev. Oswald Smith is definitely announced to be present for the week. Rev. L. H. Ziemer of Toledo, Ohio, and Rev. A. C. Snead, Foreign Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, have also been invited.

It is quite singular that the building of Bethany Hall follows so closely the quarter-century birthday of the founding of the School. The main building was begun in Sept., 1904; Bethany Hall was begun in the same month of 1929. The main building was completed and dedicated in February of 1905, just twenty-five years earlier than the predicted completion and dedication of Bethany Hall. It is fitting, therefore, to merge the dedication and the anniversary celebration. It is hoped that many members of the Fellowship Circle may be able to attend the whole or a part of this week of special services. Arrangements are being made to entertain out-of-town guests at reasonable rates. Those who desire to make reservations or who want further details, should address their communications to the Entertainment Committee, Bible Training School.

The Anniversary Week should be a time of vision and inspiration from above, delightful fellowship among the members of the B. T. S. family, and blessing radiating to others far and near. If it is impossible to come, there can be a renewed interest in one another and in our Alma Mater, expressing itself in greater intercession at the "common mercy seat". All can join in special prayer for the wide circle of interests represented by the Fellowship Circle and the Bible Training School.

S. A. W.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA

El Callao, Venezuela,
S. A., Nov. 28, 1929.

Dear Friends in Him:

We feel that at last we have settled down and are ready to begin our work in earnest. So I will endeavor to keep some promises and write a little of our trip to El Callao.

First of all, we found we could

get around very well in N. Y. City with the aid of a map, and although we did no sightseeing, we saw a great deal of the city. However, N. Y. City did not appeal to us, and we were glad when 2:30 of the 25th arrived, and the Matura set sail. We were interested in the New York skyline which from the distance appears as a huge fairy castle with its many towering spires. To our right we passed the Statue of Liberty, and gradually the shores of New York faded from our view.

The first night of our trip proved to be rather rough, and for several days we passed through choppy waters. My seasickness lasted only several hours, while Mr. Hausser was fortunate enough not to be seasick. We do praise God for answering prayer in this respect. Many were sick due to rough weather. We passed on the edge of a hurricane, that as far as we heard hit Florida, to what extent we do not know.

We felt it a relief to have nothing to do, after our strenuous days of packing, visiting, etc. We had a very enjoyable voyage, finding our fellow passengers for the most part, quiet and respectful. We were glad to give our testimony to His glory there.

On the 7th day we stopped at the island of Grenada, one of the West Indian Islands. Here passengers could go ashore in small rowboats. Such an excitement in the boats, as the uncouth, half-dressed men bargained for passengers. Each one was screaming at the top of his voice, in a language supposed to be English but not understood by us. Finally we got ashore. The island was all hills, very lovely from a distance, but very dirty and smelly in the section in which we roamed. No doubt there were many beautiful spots to be found, but we had neither time nor money to hire a "taxi". Yes, they have taxis. Every auto one sees there is a taxi, I believe.

The next day, Thursday, October 3, our boat anchored near the island of Trinidad, a British possession. Here we had to have our passports vised, and find a boat going up the Orinoca River. We had our pass-

ports vised without any difficulty, but we experienced a little trouble in finding a boat. The passenger boat was not due for a week, and we did not care to stay in Trinidad that length of time as the expenses would be quite heavy. We had prayer, believing that God would provide a way for us. On Friday morning a negro, who had been trailing us every where we went, trying to earn a few shillings, told us of a boat sailing that same day to Ciudad Bolivar. We immediately inquired, and found they would accommodate us, even though not a passenger boat. How we praised God that further expense at Trinidad was thus saved. And not only this, but we found we had saved more than \$30 freight charges, as on the regular passenger boat and also the freight boats (which sometimes take passengers) we would have been allowed only 200 lbs. baggage, and we had over 1000 lbs. God indeed looks after His own.

Our trip up the Orinoca was interesting, as we passed the dense jungle. Here and there we saw signs of life, but for the most part the shores were uninhabited. We passed only a few little villages. But we were told there were many Indians living near the River. Sunday evening we reached Ciudad Bolivar where we were to go through the dreaded Customs. Here we met Bro. Covault, who had come to meet us from El Callao. (Mrs. Covault also came with us from N. Y.) We had to remain on the boat all night, as Customs was not open till Monday, and passengers were not allowed ashore with any baggage.

On Monday morning we again had evidence of the Hand of God watching over us. Our baggage was scarcely looked into, and we had no duty to pay.

On Tuesday, October 8, we went down the river to San Felix, from there making the remainder of our journey by truck. How thankful we were when El Callao came into view. The trip from San Felix was very trying. Mrs. Covault and I sat on a springless seat with the driver. Mr. Covault, Mr. Hausser, the truck

owner, and a Venezuelan boy rode on top of the baggage. The so-called roads were in bad condition because of recent rains. Several times we almost turned over, but again we felt the care of our God. How we did praise Him for caring for us and bringing us safely to our journey's end.

We have lived temporarily in a large room that Bro. Covault had vacant in his house. Last week we moved, together with Mr. and Mrs. Covault, into a larger home in the Savannah, or country, about 15 min. walk to town, and the mission.

Our work has begun in earnest. Mr. Hausser preaches twice a week, teaches a Sunday School class. Next Sunday he with a native Christian will go to some of the neighboring towns to preach and sing the Gospel message. I am planning to teach in a day school. The children here have no opportunity for an education, and run in the streets all day. At present one of the Native women has the school, but she is in poor health, and cannot keep up the work as she would like to. We see in this a great opportunity to give the Gospel to these little children, while teaching them to read and write.

We can see much work to be done, but we must first have the language. Will the ones at home please pray that we may soon grasp the language, that we too may give forth the gospel in Spanish. There are many opportunities in the neighboring towns, many which have been calling Bro. Covault to bring the message to them, but being alone, was not able to do this as he would have liked.

Dear friends, remember us to the throne of Grace. We have One who

is mighty to save, mighty to help, who is near in times of discouragement, One who shelters us in His love. "There hath not failed one word of all His good promises." Praise His name.

We will be glad for a letter from any who care to write.

Yours in His Service,
Eunice and Silvan Hausser.

An eminent Christian worker tells of his mother who was a very anxious and troubled Christian. He would talk with her by the hour trying to convince her of the sinfulness of fretting, to no avail. She was like the old lady who once said she had suffered so much, especially from troubles that never came.

But one morning the mother came down to breakfast wreathed in smiles. He asked her what happened and she told him that in the night she had a dream.

She was walking along a highway with a great crowd of people who seemed so tired and burdened. They were nearly all carrying little black bundles and she noticed that there were numerous repulsive looking beings which she thought were demons dropping these black bundles for the people to pick up and carry.

Like the rest, she had her needless load, and was weighted down with the devil's bundles. Looking up, after a while, she saw a man with a bright and loving face, passing hither and thither through the crowd, and comforting the people.

At last He came near her, and she saw that it was her Savior. She looked up and told Him how tired she was, and He smiled sadly and said: "My dear child, I did not give you these loads; you have no need of them. They are the devil's burdens and they are wearing out your life. Just drop them; refuse to touch them with one of your fingers and you will find the path easy and you will be as one borne on eagles' wings."

He touched her hand, and, lo, peace and joy thrilled her and, flinging down her burden, she was about to throw herself at His feet in joy-

ful thanksgiving, when suddenly she awoke and found that all her cares were gone. From that day to the close of her life, she was the most cheerful and happy member of the household.

And the night shall be filled with music,

And the cares that infest the day,
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.

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A SHIP OF CORPSES

Some years ago a whaler in the Arctic region was hemmed in by ice. Sighting another ship near, the captain hailed her, but got no answer. After a time, as no signal was given, they formed a boarding party, and, seeing a man seated with his log-book through the port-hole, hailed him. Receiving no reply, they got on board, and found all the crew frozen to death! By the log-book the vessel had been wandering among the ice for thirteen years! The ship had been carrying a cargo of corpses, well preserved in the frozen state. (May it not be that in many churches today a similar fact is present?) Outwardly alive, busy at life's duties, and even at Christian activities, there are whole companies who have never really been "born again"—the devil's well preserved crews of frozen corpses. (Rev. 3:3)—Selected.

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CHINESE LIVING AT 252

A man, who, at the age of 252 years, has survived twenty-three wives and is now living with his twenty-fourth, has been discovered in Kaihsien, Southern China, it is said.

The man, Li Ching-Fung, was found by Professor Wu Chang-Chian, of Minkuo University. Dynastic records verify to the professor's satisfaction Li was born in 1677.

Dr. Wu is urging the patriarch to visit the university so the secret of his longevity can be studied. It is believed Li owes his long life to medicinal plants growing on the hills of Yunnan and Kweichow.

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