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OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE INSTITUTE

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

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"That I May Know Him"

IT IS one thing to know about Christ, but it is quite another thing to know Him. You can not know Him by merely reading the brief word-picture given in the Gospels. Neither can you know Him by hearing others talk about Him. You will know Him by walking with Him, by talking with Him in prayer. You will come to know Him as you do a person by spending time in His presence. Paul was even eager to enter into the fellowship of His sufferings that he might know Him. Christ was crucified through perjured testimony and nearly every word that He uttered was misunderstood. That is what it will cost if we are to know Him in the intimate sense.

"The Old Testament tabernacle speaks of varying possibilities and degrees in the Christian life. The first compartment was the outer court, wherein were the brazen altar and the brazen laver. Brass speaks of judgment; here sin was judged. The initial experience of every Christian has to do with the sin question. Sin must be judged and cleansed through the atoning merits of the blood of Jesus Christ. The outer court, however, was the place of intermittent light. Sometimes it was bright, but at other times it was dark. So is the experience of many Christians. Sometimes they walk in the noonday of God's sunshine, and other times they walk in the obscurity of spiritual darkness.

"Now the New Testament epistles of the Apostle Paul help us to enter step by step into the very Holy of Holies. It is significant that the first epistle, Romans, corresponds to the outer court, especially to the brazen altar. The problem of Romans is sin, and the theme is redemption. The letters to the Corinthians correspond to the outer court, particularly to the brazen laver. In Corinth there were Christians, but they were carnal. Some in the Corinthian church needed to be judged, and the believers

Excerpts from the COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

by

DR. H. H. SAVAGE

stood in need of cleansing. There is a provision of grace for holy living.

"Through a door, which represents Jesus Christ, the worshipper entered the holy place in the tabernacle. There are experiences in Jesus Christ which are beyond the judgment of sin, and the articles of furniture in this compartment suggest the marvelous provision of spiritual riches in Christ. There was the table of shewbread, which is a symbol of the Christian's dependence upon Christ for his daily sustenance. The epistle to the Galatians corresponds to the table of shewbread, for in this letter Paul exhorted the Galatian Christians to feed upon the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

"In this compartment was the golden candlestick, which burned continually. At this stage of experience there is no longer intermittent light. It may not always burn brightly, it may even flicker at times, but it burns constantly. It is significant that the seven pronged candlestick is a symbol of the church. As the light in this compartment came solely from the candlestick, so is the light of God today manifested through His church. The book of Ephesians is represented by the candlestick. Ephesians is pre-eminently the 'church epistle.' It is likely that it was originally intended as a circular letter to a number of churches. There is more church doctrine in this epistle than in any other book of the New Testament. The letter deals with the walk of the Christian, which is to be in the light, not in darkness.

"The last article of furniture in the holy place was the golden altar of incense. The aroma rising from the altar is suggestive of the prayers and praises of Christians rising to God in prayer.

The letter of the Apostle Paul which corresponds to this stage of Christian experience is that to the Philippians. The keyword is 'rejoice'. In his letter to the church at Philippi, Paul penned the finest testimonial of Christian experience found in all the literature of the church. It was as if a surgeon would take a scalpel to lay bare the heart of a man. The inner content of his spiritual experience is revealed. Paul declared that he counted all things, education, reputation, social prestige, but refuse that he might win Christ. The supreme passion of his life was given simply in these words, 'That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings being made conformable in his death.'

"Through another door the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies once a year. In this last compartment was found the ark of the covenant. The ark represents the completeness of the believer in Christ, and the New Testament book that shows this is Colossians. Inside the ark were the broken tables of the law. In Christ is perfect safety for those who have broken the moral law of God. 'We are hidden with Christ in God.' There was also manna in the ark, and this speaks of God's providential care through Christ. There was also Aaron's rod, which is a symbol of divine leadership and guidance. It is all found in Christ, as the letter to the Colossians shows.

"Finally, there was in the Holy of Holies the Shekinah presence of God manifested between the cherubim. There was a constant brilliance and glory, no longer a flickering, murky light of a candle. It spoke of the immediate presence of God. The letters to the Thesalonians speak of the glory which shall be revealed when Jesus Christ comes again. The ultimate fulfillment of that symbol awaits the glorious appearing of the Son of God."

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The Editor's Greeting

The new Editor extends greetings to each member of the Fellowship Circle.

With this issue the newly elected Editor takes up the task laid down by our efficient, retiring Editor. We realize our limitations and inability to function in this capacity and ask the hearty co-operation of the alumni, faculty and students. Our aim is to keep the paper up to its former standard and to have it reach each member of the Fellowship Circle.

Our mailing list has been corrected, but it is not 100 per cent. We solicit your help in making it so by promptly sending in your change of address—or name.

"He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Psa. 23:3.

Beneath the varied imagery of this beautiful Psalm of David are to be found some of the Christian's sweetest experiences. The blessed Lord is here represented as Shepherd, Guide and Host. In each of these relations, which are vastly more than semblances, there is ample provision for our every need. We follow as sheep and explore as travelers, and then we are led into the blessings of fellowship and home. The picture is kaleidoscopic and as we move through it we can scarcely tell which figure brings to us the deepest message.

We love the prophet's vision of the Lord: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom." Such a glimpse of our Savior can only be surpassed by that found in the Gospels, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." With such a shepherd, "I shall not want—." Every need for my life is supplied by His faithfulness.

We are also pilgrims and travelers. Life is to us an untried way. We need a Guide to lead us, for it is "not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Our Guide has traveled through and He well knows the way. We have simply to place our steps where His own blessed footprints mark the way. He has penetrated life's darkest shadows and knows each hidden danger. Let us keep close to our blessed Guide and we shall know no fear. He will lead in "the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." It is a pilgrim trail, but who could ever be lonely when walking with Jesus!

Here is also the thought of sweetest fellowship. For our Host brings us into His home, where we are rested and anointed with fragrant oil. Surely the cup of blessing overflows as He with His own dear hands spreads a table before us. "I will sup with him and he with me," is His promise. This is fellowship indeed, offered to us as the beautiful climax of all Christian privileges. Let us enter into its fullness and enjoy it as a fixed habit "all the days of our life." As we are drawn to the Lord by these strong cords we shall also experience more and more the sacredness of being bound one to another as brethren.

The President's Message

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle:

There is something strangely suggestive of the passing of time in this unique association known as the Fellowship Circle. The ties that bind us are largely memories of hallowed days spent together in the study of the Word. Especially at this time of the year when members of one more class take their places among the alumni in the world-wide field of service; when one more meeting of the Fellowship Circle has come and gone, is one impressed with the fleetness of time. It seems but days since we ourselves were students, but the calendar hurriedly corrects the impression to say that it is five, ten, twenty, possibly a quarter of a century for some.

Time in another direction is suggested also. While our minds may turn back to reminisce of other days, our hearts leap forward with faith and hope at the prospects of a glad reunion. Together we shall join with the heavenly hosts in a song of worship and praise unto the Lamb that was slain and is worthy of our gratitude and adoration.

Meanwhile we are bound together by

the precious cords of fellowship and the yoke of a common purpose. Quickly passing time, "which steals our years away," adds preciousness to our fellowship and urgency to duty. May our fellowship during the coming year be strengthened, and may it be of the genuine stuff that will eventuate in the sympathizing tear and the sharing of mutual woes. Our beloved brother, the Rev. A. W. Roffe, has aptly said, "If we have not fellowship, we have nothing."

In this day when the church is faltering in her mission of world evangelism, we want to be true to our trust, as "faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God." One immediate, practicable means of doing this is to respond to the appeal to help worthy students of the Institute this coming year. Last year we were eager to see a surplus given above running expenses so that grants could be made to needy students. Not enough was contributed to warrant a disbursement, but we are hoping that there will be a handsome surplus this year. It can well be so, for the treasury is in a better condition than it was a year ago. However, your help is needed, and we are counting on your co-operation. You have appointed us as officers to serve this coming year. With your contributions in monies and news items, and above all, your prayerful support, the constantly enlarging Fellowship Circle can move out to wider fields of service.

Yours in the Master's name,

S. A. WITMER, *President.*

June 15, 1931.

The Secretary's Message

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle:

If there ever was a time that we, as a band of Christian workers should bear the light of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is at this present time. We are living in such a dark and sinful world, with unrest everywhere.

Lights are made for dark places. Christ said that He was the Light of the World. (John 8:12) But since He has gone back to the Father, He has laid it upon His own to bear His light to those who are in sin's darkness.

Whenever you feel that you are in a tight place, and that the suffering is too severe, remember that you are living in a dark world and that the Lord wants you to be a light in that dark corner where He has placed you. There would be no

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Seven Things About Prayer

By J. E. RAMSEYER
CHAPEL MESSAGE

BIBLE INSTITUTE
May 31, 1931

THERE are seven things about prayer I wish to call your attention to this morning before we spend a season in prayer.

1. PRAYER NEED. We have need of prayer, of more prayer, of much prayer, of continual prayer. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to "Pray without ceasing." We might read it in this way—"breathe without ceasing." Just as little as we can live in the physical without breathing, so little can we live in the spiritual without prayer.

Then again the Apostle says "I exhort therefore that first of all (the first thing in the morning, the last thing at night, and all the way between, for that matter) "supplications, prayers, and intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men."

Prayer is far deeper than breathing out words, it is the attitude of the heart and of the mind. Just as we breathe most of the time without thinking, so prayer and praise rises from the altar of the consecrated heart to God.

2. PRAYER PRIVILEGE. This is for everyone. No matter where we may be, what our need, or what our circumstances, it is our privilege to take everything to Him in prayer. Jesus says in Jno. 14, "Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name, that will I do." Notice how inclusive this promise. He says in another place, "Therefore I say unto you, whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." What a privilege! Most of us live far below this privilege.

3. PRAYER HELPLESSNESS. We will not get far in the prayer life until we wake up to the fact that we are weak, we are helpless. In Romans 8:26 we have these words, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Often I say to God in prayer, "I am so dependent, so weak, so helpless, so insufficient to meet the enemy." No place in our experience will we feel so keenly our utter helplessness, as in the life of prayer: and no where else do we receive such heavenly strength as while we wait on God.

4. PRAYER HELPER. In the same passage from which we have read, we

have these expressions, "the Spirit also helpeth," and "He maketh intercession for us:" when we feel so helpless, He meets us in a very special way—even with groanings which cannot be uttered. So long as we can express the burdens and desires of our hearts, we haven't gotten very far as yet.

When we get beyond that place, we can do nothing but groan. Couple with this Jude 1:20: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost."

Just as we depend upon the Holy Spirit in the reading of the Word of God, in searching the Scriptures, to enable us to understand the richness of the wonderful Book, so let us depend upon the Holy Spirit in our prayer life.

Some people are more concerned about the wording of their prayers than they are about meeting God. It means to be quite thoroughly saved to get away from thinking of what others think of our prayer, our preaching, our testimony.

O we must be lifted above all that.

5. PRAYER HELPERS. The Apostle Paul in II Cor. 1-11 expresses himself in this way, "Ye also helping together by prayer for us." Prayer helps, prayer always helps, prayer helps a great deal more than we think. There is a great need of prayer help. Oh, if we would know the need of the people that we come in touch with, how it would move our hearts, and we would know better what prayer help they need. It is our privilege to help them by prayer. We cannot all be preachers, but we can all be prayer helpers. We can help by prayer those also who are far away from us.

We can touch any place, any person, by the way of the throne of grace. Some people spend all their time in praying for themselves. They are like the old brother who was retired, to whom we said, "you might put us on your prayer list, because you have lots of time to pray now, and we need your prayer

help." He replied, "Oh, no!! I need all my prayers for myself, and I want you to pray for me, that I might be kept to the end." May we always live where the Lord can use us to help others "by prayer."

6. PRAYER MINISTRY. Prayer is not only a privilege but prayer is the greatest ministry. It is a ministry to which we may give ourselves. Not all believers give themselves to a life of prayer. The Apostles in the early history of the church made this statement, "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word." This shows us that they considered the ministry of prayer to have the first place, even before preaching.

If we learn to pray well, we will learn to preach well, and to do every thing well that He has called us unto.

7. PRAYER WARRIORS. We have studied the Word again through another year. God has given us considerable light in addition to what we had a few months ago. We are anxious now to go out and tell others of the things that have become precious to us; but, as we said at the beginning of this school year, "the greatest desire of our heart is, that every student might become strong in the prayer life, that every one might become a prayer warrior." After Paul shows the equipment of the Christian soldier and then gives instructions how to meet the enemy, he closes with the expression, "praying always with all prayer." We have a sample of a prayer warrior in Col. 4:12, 13.

This shows to us that prayer is not play, prayer is work, and lazy folks will not give themselves to prayer. Prayer is a warfare. It is in the realm of prayer, we meet the satanic forces. If we are victorious on this battle field, we will be victorious every where else. If we triumph in the closet, we will triumph in the open.

Do you know of some young man or woman who is contemplating going to some Bible school this fall? Do you know of some one who should attend such a school? Notify the Dean of the Bible Institute, Rev. B. F. Leightner and a catalogue will be sent.

Students' Mission Band News

By ALFRED JACOB

At the close of the school year the students received some timely encouragement through the Mission Band speakers. The last few meetings of the Mission Band were rich in spiritual help and experience.

One of the speakers suggested to the student body the best way to enter the Lord's work. Another told of the dark side and also the bright side of Christian work. A third spoke of the great need of Christian workers in the great Canadian Northwest and made the need more impressive by showing us stereopticon views of this needy country. Our final speaker related how she was led of the Lord to do city mission work and the wonderful way in which God supplied her need.

Our speaker for April 17th was Rev. A. Albro, an evangelist. He emphasized the need of faith in the living God instead of trust in man. He warned young preachers against political wire-pulling to get positions. He said that God would lead us into the work He wants us in and would eliminate those who stand in our way. It isn't where we want to work but where God can use us.

The next speaker was Mr. Forest Kuhn. He related some rather sad incidents that he encountered on his evangelistic tour in the Middle West. The outstanding one was that of a man who was bed-fast for seven years. The flesh was rotting from his bones and the stench in the room was almost unbearable, but sufficient grace was given to enter and pray with this suffering one. There was also a bright side to Mr. Kuhn's experiences. At one place where a meeting was in progress they prayed and labored for some time without any results. When circumstances looked darkest God stepped in and over twenty-five were saved in one service—praise the Lord!

We were privileged to have Mr. Waldo Masters with us May 8th. Mr. Masters attended the Bible Institute the first term of this school year. While at school he felt such a burden for the lost in the Canadian Northwest that he left school and hitch-hiked to the Province of Saskatchewan. There he traveled by dog-sled, snow-mobile and horseback from place to place, telling the people about the Savior. He labored in towns, lumber camps and Indian reservations. He said that in the Province of Saskatchewan

alone there are over 100,000 settlers with no place of worship. There are over 2,000 organized school districts without any religious teaching whatsoever. Many know not the Gospel and to them the name of Jesus Christ is only a curse word. As Mr. Masters made his appeal for workers we could hear again that still, small voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Our final speaker was Miss Helen Hein, a city mission worker from Peoria, Ill. Some years ago she realized that God was calling her to do mission work among the poorer classes of the city. When she began she found it quite difficult to trust

the Lord for \$37.00 for the mission rent but He supplied it and prospered the work. The place being too small, she was led to seek larger quarters. She found a place but the rent was \$75.00 per month. God also supplied this amount. Again the work outgrew the assembly room, so she moved to a larger place where the rent amounted to \$100.00 a month. She said that regardless of what the expenses were, the Lord always supplied the rent money.

As the final meeting was dismissed, we felt that the Lord had sent us His own messengers from time to time, to advise us how to enter the Lord's work; to expect to see a dark side as well as a bright side to His work; to realize that there are yet thousands who have never heard the Gospel and to trust Him to supply all our needs.

Alumni News from Everywhere

By MRS. J. E. RAMSEYER

Miss Virginia White of the class of 1928 graduated from the State Teachers College at Memphis June 5. She has completed a four year course in three years having attended summer school for the past two summers in order to accomplish this. She is now ready for her life's work and we trust she will be able to get it in a Bible School, for that is her heart's desire.

Miss Lucile Allen of the class also of 1928 is working in a civil service office having secured the work after a rigid examination which she passed nicely and got the place among a number of applicants who wanted to get in but had not qualified in time. Miss Allen had taken the examination months ahead and was ready to step in when the time came.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mitchell have been visiting in Illinois with the parents. The "basket of angel food" as they call their wonderful baby girls went to see their grandparents for the first time. These young people are doing well at Sterling, Kansas, where they have been for a year and a half. The work is growing nicely.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Ramseyer expect to hold a few days' meeting at Scranton, Pa., with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weatherly. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly are engaged in Mission work at this place. Mrs. Weatherly was Miss Tena Goosen and was a student teacher at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute in 1905-'06 and 1906-'07.

Mrs. Dessie Myers Preston of the class of 1927 together with her husband visited the school at commencement time. It was good to see them. They are located now at Long Beach, California, where Rev. Preston has a charge as pastor of a Baptist church.

Rev. Norman Hirschy and wife and little son Philip were at the commencement this year. Rev. Hirschy is of the class of 1912 and his wife of 1913. These young people are being made a blessing to the church of which they have charge at Evans City, Pa.

Rev. Arthur Albro of the class of 1916 has been in the evangelistic field this past conference year and has made his home at Grabill, Ind. Mrs. Albro nee Miss Daisy Roth, of class of 1916 has the pleasure of welcoming home her sister from the mission field of India. We refer to Mrs. Bert Siegel who with her husband have just arrived in their Ohio home.

There was a large attendance of former students at the Fellowship Circle meeting on Thursday night of Commencement week. The officers elected are as follows:

President—S. A. Witmer.
Vice President—Carl Parlee.
Secretary—Mardell Niswander
Treasurer—Waldo Schindler.
Editor—Myrle Gaskill.

We often think of our former students out in the far west, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Greider of the class of 1917 and

now in charge of the Phoenix church and Rev. J. E. Lauby of the class of 1915 and who is in charge of the Van Nuys church and Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Amstutz who were in school in 1906 (if we are correct) and are in charge of the Missionary church at Denair, California. This church has two of our boys working in the Hawaiian Islands. We refer to Mr. William Oyer of the class of 1919 and Mr. Alvin Oyer of the class of 1921. These two young men with their families and their co-worker, Mr. Wm. Castison are doing a noble work among the needy around them. As we said, we often think of them and many others when the Fellowship Circle meets and would so much enjoy their fellowship also.

Miss Mary Oyer of the class of 1918 left Fort Wayne after her graduation and went to her home in Fresno, California, where she immediately engaged in missionary work with her brother, B. M. Oyer, and is still engaged in helping in this work. Her faithful Christian life has been a blessing to many young people who have been fortunate to come under her influence.

Miss Mary Funk of the class of 1914 has been at home for a number of years caring for her aged parents. We were permitted to stop with her a few hours last fall and give her a word of encouragement. When she hears of others out in the work it calls loudly to her but when she realizes the need at home she is content.

thus closed that chapter in each life as we turned back to the Institute to begin a new one.

Thursday night was the B. I. "Family" reunion, in the form of the Fellowship Circle. We had a happy time together under the leadership of Safara A. Witmer, president of the organization.

COMMENCEMENT! At last that day arrived with all its excitement and sobriety. Rev. H. H. Savage, from Pontiac, Michigan, a well-known radio speaker, delivered the message. Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, president of the Institute, presided at this service.

After the Class Song, "Our Passion-Souls", written by Arveda Habegger, our beloved Dean, Rev. B. F. Leightner, presented the diplomas—carried by Evangeline Witmer—to the Class of '31. Our hearts were touched as Mr. Leightner spoke to us, for we were beginning to realize that Commencement is rightly named—as we are about to begin a new part of our lives.

As sorry as we were to leave school, we realized that we could not always remain in the beautiful Christian atmosphere of the Institute, for souls were perishing all about us for the lack of Jesus Christ in their lives. God bless the Class of '31. May each member always be true to the Class Motto—"Our Passion Souls and Our Field the World"; and God grant that none may fall by the wayside but that each will remain true to his vision.

CLASS OF 1931

Bible Course—Elsie Ackerman, Frances Augsburg, Luella Burley, Artamee Church, Albert C. Eicher, Clarence Giencke, Catherine Gratz, Grace M. Holdeman, M. Marguerite Howard, Alfred R. Jacob, Jasper D. Lehman, Orville Miller, Gladys Neuenschwander, Fanny A. Schmallenberger, Emma Vinkemulder, Harold Wiswell, William Zuercher.

Bible Music Course—Arveda Habegger, Nettie Mullican, Marguerite Steiner.

Post Graduate Course—Joseph J. Klopfenstein.

We met "Dan Cupid" recently and asked him about the business depression, but he said he had heard nothing about it and was not interested. Evidence of this has been noticed around the B. I.

The subscription price of the Fellowship Circle Bulletin is 35c per year or three years for one dollar.

Commencement Week

By M. MARGUERITE HOWARD, '31

Commencement activities this year, as in the past, began with a recital Saturday night, May 16. It was given by the music department of the Institute, made up of some of the voice pupils of Prof. Gerber and the piano pupils of Mrs. Carl Parlee. The music was very interesting and inspiring, even though the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled in competition outside.

During the Sunday afternoon and late broadcasts of the Gospel Temple, Rev. Rediger generously permitted the Gospel Team to furnish the music; at which times the Institute was advertised by Mr. B. G. Smith. May the Gospel teams of the dear old B. I. keep giving out the Gospel story and be as successful, and even more so than the teams of this year.

Sunday night the Baccalaureate Service for this year's Class was held. Rev. Byron G. Smith was the speaker. He gave us a very inspirational message upon the subject, "Ministerial Imperatives". The Class of '31 will never forget its Baccalaureate message and speaker. May God bless our instructor and may he continue to be the blessing to the classes of the coming years that he has been to us, is our prayer!

On Wednesday evening the annual concert was given by the Institute students under the direction of our patient and competent Professor, Mr. C. A. Gerber. Mrs. Carl Parlee, piano instructor, and Miss Frieda Van 't Hooft, of last

year's class, did the accompanying on two pianos.

"Brrrrr"—5 o'clock! Time to get up for the Senior Breakfast! The Senior Class of this year had its last outing May 21 at Foster Park. Realizing that this was the last time that the entire Senior Class would be together in just this manner, we tried to make the best of every moment.

While the girls stood shivering about the oven trying to absorb some of the heat, Mr. Miller vigorously chopped some wood to make more fire. After the oven had reached a sufficient degree of heat, and Mr. Jacob, the Class Chaplain, asked the blessing, Mr. Everett Schumaker of next year's Class, acting as Chef, proceeded to fry the bacon and eggs.

Just before returning to the Institute, we went to a beautiful green spot on the river bank. As the sun shone through the trees, the "God of all creation" seemed preciously near to each of us.

As we stood there, we became very conscious of the fact, that we were soon leaving the dear old Bible Institute, where we had learned to know and love our Blessed Lord better than all else, to labor in our master's vineyard. How inadequately prepared we felt to give forth the "Word of Life"!

After each had given a short testimony and told what he expected to do this summer, D. V., our President, Mr. Harold Wiswell, prayed for God's blessing to rest upon the class of '31. And

Class Song

Words and Music by MISS ARVEDA HABEGGER, '31

OUR PASSION—SOULS

In this world of sin and darkness,
There are souls lost in the night —
We must tell them of the Savior,
We must point them to the light.
Jesus died that He might save them,
On the cross His life He gave;
We will spread the joyful tidings,
Every dying soul to save.

Chorus:

Our Passion souls, our field the world:
We'll tell the story from shore to shore;
Until in glory we'll sing His praises
Through endless ages forever more.

In this good old Bible Institute
We've sat at Jesus' feet,
Daily learning precious lessons
From His blessed Word so sweet;
But the time has come for parting
From this hallowed place to-day,
For the field invites to harvest,
We no longer can delay.

Our prayer is that God will use
This class of nineteen thirty-one,
In His whitened fields of harvest,
Where He leads we'll follow on:
Some may labor in the homeland,
Others on the foreign field;
Anywhere the Master chooses,
We shall willing service yield.

Missionary News

Zuru Zungeru, via Lagos,
Nigeria, W. Africa.
April 12, 1931.

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

For some time I have been trying to get caught up in my correspondence, but it is rather a task during the hot season. One just feels like not moving until the rains come. One of our down country co-workers wrote something like this not long ago, "How are you folk? Down here we are just steaming." As the rains approach it gets more sultry and consequently more uncomfortable and we always welcome the rains with open arms. In about another month the rains will be beginning, I suppose.

The middle of last month we went 120 miles south to our nearest station to attend our annual meeting on the field. This is always a time of soul refreshment and encouragement, especially to us who seldom if ever through the year see those religiously inclined except at that time.

The latter part of last month we returned here to Zuru, and a day after we returned our Field Superintendent and wife, Brother and Sister Sherk arrived here. Their five days spent here were enjoyed greatly by us, and by them also, for Mrs. Sherk had never been in this part of the country before.

Since I wrote last I have been busy at two tasks. One is the formulating of a

grammar of this Dakkakari language. First I took a good many notes and samples of the language, then I started to combine, classify, and analyze them. In this way I could draw up fairly satisfactory rules which seem to govern the language. In this way I found I got hold of the language more quickly; also if anything should happen to us, our hard work at this language would not be lost or wasted. I am still working at this grammar, for from time to time, I discover other rules governing the language.

The second task is the writing of a primer in the Dakkakari language. I feel this was very necessary, for it won't be long until Paul will have his translation of the book of Mark ready for the printers. Of course, the translation will be of inestimable worth to us in preaching, but for it to be of use to them they must first know how to read their language—thus the necessity for a primer. The writing of this primer was not an easy task, but one full of problems. One wishes he knew all there was to know of pedagogy and philology in working at such a task. One doesn't feel competent, yet it is to be done, so he goes ahead and does the best he can.

I thank the Lord for His special guidance in these things.

Also, I have now finished translating eight hymns.

Paul has finished the translating of Mark, but is going over and correcting it again, with a much better teacher. He will soon have that finished also.

Since October or November of last year we have been holding a Sunday School at Dabai, a large pagan town about 3½ miles north of us. This is when the motorcycle is indispensable. The Sunday School there is held wholly in the Dakkakari language, so we feel it is a definite step forward.

Each afternoon I am busy in school. The school work has its joys and sorrows, but there is a satisfaction in seeing at least a few who learn to read God's Word. The Hansas (Moslems) tell their children not to come because they will surely spend a time in hell for it. Just the same, some come. The "Daks" say they don't want their children to come because they will leave off their fetish worship and their customs if they come to us. Thus Satan has his forces in array, but we are going forward, knowing that we are on the strong side. We are asking God to speak to some of these hearts plainly that they will no longer be in

darkness and doubt as to which is the right way. We would sincerely appreciate every prayer offered for the work here in this respect,—or for any other phase of the work as far as that is concerned.

It won't be too long now until we will be thinking of going home, if the Lord tarries. We'll probably be leaving the first part of next year. I wish we could stay in this land more than three years for it is expensive this way and then, too, one seemingly just gets well started in missionary work and then has to leave it. You know they used to call the West Coast of Africa (the south strip of coast of West Africa as far as Calabar) the white man's grave-yard. The government officials used to stay only one year, and now they stay eighteen months and think that is plenty long enough. However, they get only six months furlough.

Yes, we do feel the effects of the economic depression of the States, for three workers of our group have been indefinitely detained at home on account of lack of funds, and next time we get our allowance it will be for only three months. We usually receive it every six months. I hate to see the slump in missions giving in the church. I'm afraid many are not as interested as they should be in that phase of God's work.

I'm so glad to hear of the spirituality of the school. Spirituality in such a school results in both positive and negative good. The positive good is in the higher spiritual tone manifest in all work, practical and otherwise, and a better grade of school work in general. The negative good is that it eases the tasks of the Dean.

So the school is no more the B. T. S. but B. I.? Evidently our class pins are out of date.

In Christ's Name, MRS. PAUL UMMEL.

Be sure to notify the Editor of your change of address—or name.

FROM A FORMER STUDENT IN AFRICA

Kankan via Conakry,
French Guinea,
French W. Africa.
March 14, 1931.

Dear friends:

Greetings in Jesus' Name! "Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given

by many on our behalf." II Cor. 1-11. *Helpers* together by prayer calls for Thankers together by many who have prayed. What a bond of fellowship!

We do praise the Lord for His faithfulness to us during the past year. As we met in conference from Jan. 28 to Feb. 5, we heard many notes of praise coming from the four corners of this large field. How good it seemed to hear the Gospel messages and songs in our own language once more! From every station there came reports of God's faithfulness in dealing with darkened heathen hearts. A shout of praise welled up in our hearts as we heard the report that the translation of the entire New Testament in manuscript form was ready for the printers. Parts of the New Testament have been translated into four other languages. We are looking forward to the day when every one of these tribes shall have the Word in their own language.

Our attention was again called to the tribes round about us who are still without a ray of Gospel light. Three of these tribes were assigned workers this year. They are the Haubes, the Tomas, and the Touregs. The Haubes are a heathen cannibal tribe who have thus far withstood Mohammedanism. Several visits have been made there and we feel that the time is ripe for entering.

The Toma tribe is located south of us here. They are very open to all the white man has to offer. They are fetish worshippers. Kova, a young man from here was converted here at Kankan several years ago. He has stood faithful and now is glad to go back to his own people with the missionary to tell them of the Savior he has found. Pray for him: that God will use him among his own people.

The third tribe is the wandering Toureg of the desert. This missionary will have to make his headquarters at Gau or Timbuctou and wander from there into the desert with this nomad tribe. His task is not an easy one and he needs prayer as he goes forth.

But every advance step takes funds. We felt that it would be pleasing to the Lord to lay a love offering at His feet the last evening of the conference. A shout of praise went up when the cash and pledges were counted and found to be 1200 dollars.

I am here in the mountains this month for a much needed rest. This is a beautiful spot on the side of the mountain overlooking a large valley. On every

side we can see the mountains dotted with little villages peopled with souls steeped in Mohammedanism and sin. May He give more grace and strength this coming year to reach them, is our prayer. Only three days of vacation left and then we shall go back into the fight for another year if the Lord tarries.

The conference stationed me at Bobo for the ensuing year. The Bobos are one of the most backward tribes. The women wear nothing but Eve's dress, an apron of leaves. In the lower lip they wear a large white stone. They are by no means beautiful to look at but they are needy souls waiting for the Gospel.

Won't you join us in prayer that this year may be one of ingathering. We are workers together by prayer; let us also be thankers together.

Yours in His glad service,

CLARA KLINT.

Have you subscribed for the Fellowship Circle Bulletin? Put your good intentions into action.

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER FROM RUTH EICHER IN INDIA, WRITTEN APRIL 9

"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psa. 27:13. Praise the Lord for all His goodness and faithfulness!

Although I was unconscious for the greater part of two weeks from Feb. 26 to March 11, and did not know until afterward that cables were sent home for prayer, I was so conscious of a great wall of prayer about my bed that I actually heard your voices and sweet odors of incense filled my room. The Lord was so near and His smile was over me. I should not have believed all this to be possible had I not experienced it.

I began this week to go out visiting in the village here and D. V. I expect to continue working in the surrounding villages this month. I enjoy the work and love the people. So I am very glad that my strength has come back. What strength I lack He will daily provide.

Next month it will be quite hot and walking to villages will be more difficult, so I am anxious to do as much as possible during this month."

Time Passes Quickly—Send your news items and articles for publication to the Editor NOW.

News from the Bible Institute

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Wishart announce the arrival of Pauline Grace on April 11, 1931. (Mrs. Wishart was formerly known as Myrtle Bradley, class '26.)

Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Becker are the proud parents of a girl, Ruth Rosalin born April 26, 1931. (Mrs. Becker nee Maud Bedford was of the class of '23 and Mr. Becker of class of '25.)

Miss Melvina Basinger, who has served so efficiently as cook at the Bible Institute during the year is now enjoying a two months' vacation at her home in Pandora, Ohio.

Mr. Harvey Winkler has returned to the Institute to take up the duties of janitor. Mr. Ores Hadsell, a faithful worker during the winter months, has returned to his home in Lima.

Miss Luella Burley of the class of '31 is now presiding in the culinary department of the B. I.

Miss Thelma Haller, who has been taking some Post Graduate work at the school this year, and Miss Margareth Lundwall of the class of '32 are engaged in missionary work in the Canadian Northwest.

Miss Vivian Brunner and Miss Juanita Burkholder are spending the summer months in the mountains of Kentucky, working with Miss Lelia McConnell who is overseer of a large district there.

Rev. and Mrs. Clayton D. Steiner of Peru, are on their way home for their furlough. They hope to arrive in New York about June 30. Mr. Steiner is supported by the Mission Band of the Bible Institute.

On May 30-31 the Gospel Messengers conference was held in Fort Wayne. About 30 young people from Muskegon spent Sat. night at the Institute. They were entertained in the reception room of Bethany Hall, and Rev. P. L. Eicher, Business Manager of the school had the privilege of telling them about the school, especially the course of study offered and the privileges of practical work in the city and near-by towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wagler of Prestonburg, Ky., stopped at the school on their way to Peoria, Ill. They are busily engaged in work among the people of Eastern Ky. They call their field "The Land of Do-without."

*"Forget not all His benefits."
Please don't forget that subscription to the Fellowship Circle Bulletin.*

The Fellowship Circle Meeting

The annual meeting of the Fellowship Circle was held on the evening of May 21, in the First Missionary Church of Fort Wayne. The Gospel teams furnished the special vocal numbers. A piano selection was given by Miss Esther Pohlman, a former teacher of piano in the School. The offertory was a violin selection by Mr. Dwyer. The brass quartet from the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple also played a number. The whole program was preceded by a half hour of splendid band music by the combined bands of the First Missionary Church and the Gospel Temple, under the able direction of Mr. William Dillon. A good testimony meeting was enjoyed by all. After a brief business session Rev. Otto Stockman, of New Carlisle, Ohio, a member of the graduating class of 1926, gave a message in which the keynote of the meeting was struck. He emphasized the need of a manifestation of God in our ministry through a more intimate fellowship with Him. Outgoing missionaries, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klopfenstein and Miss Elsie Rupp, gave short talks. The President of the class of 1931, Mr. Harold Wiswell, also gave a few words in behalf of the outgoing class. There was a fine spirit of fellowship throughout the meeting.

THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (Continued from page 2)

need of a light, if the place you live would be light.

The place where you are living and working may be the hardest place you know of to be a true Christian. But that is why the Lord put you there; He gave you a dark place in which to shine for Him. It is possible, by His grace, to keep sweet and calm and trustful in the midst

of the most trying circumstances, when the Lord places you in them.

The Lord may not require great deeds of us. He may expect only that we shine for Him in the darkest place. A light does not make any noise. It only gives illumination. It uncovers and discovers that which is hidden and it dispels darkness. So can our lives be quiet, illuminating lives, humbly rebuking sin, so that the light of God in us will convince and convict sinners of their sins and bring them to the True Light.

May each member be more determined than ever to shine for Him as He commands us in Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

MARDELL NISWANDER, Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report

FOR YEAR 1930-1931

Receipts:

Balance on hand, May 22, '30	\$ 5.40
Annual offering, May 22, '30	24.45
Contributions	103.00

Total Receipts\$132.85

Disbursements:

Traveling expenses of committee members	\$ 9.15
Publishing 3 Bulletins	91.15
Postage	1.25

Total Disbursements\$101.55

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Bal. on hand, May 21, '31 \$ 31.30

We wish to thank all the members for the financial support that was given during the past year. May God richly bless and enable many more to respond this year.

WALDO SCHINDLER, Treas.
Berne, Ind.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Busy men and women, who have no time for God, will, by and by, have time to be sick. Many of them will have time to seek for health over land and sea without discovering it; and, if the Lord tarry, all will take time to be coffined and buried. Who gives us time? Has the One who gives us all the time we are to enjoy a claim on any portion of it? If we are not acquainted with Him, will we get on successfully in what we do undertake?