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The Fellowship Circle Bulletin

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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Bible Institute Briefs

Another school year at the Bible Institute is in progress under the manifest blessing of God. Our hearts are made to rejoice as we sense His hallowed presence pervading the place which has become endeared to us.

In spite of the much discussed depression we are able to report a total enrollment to date of one hundred seven, a slight increase over last year's enrollment at this time of the school year.

While we do enjoy the blessed fellowship that comes from hearts blended together by the love of God, yet the Lord has not saved us to selfishly enjoy ourselves. He expects us to prove our love and gratitude to Him. How can we better do this than by becoming His faithful love-slaves, willing to go forth gladly at His bidding? A course in the Bible Institute affords many valuable opportunities for practical service. Every week students go out to various churches and surrounding towns and cities to witness in song, testimony, Sunday School teaching, and preaching.

Calls for Sunday School teachers are being supplied in the following churches: Oak Grove, Sunnyside, Northside, Yoder, Wesleyan M. E., Westfield Presbyterian, South Wayne U. B., Westminster Presbyterian, Grace Reformed, and the County Orphanage. A number of students have regular preaching appointments in Valparaiso, Churubusco, Harlan, St. Joe, and Concord.

Recognizing the importance of the ministry of sacred song, groups of musically talented young men and women have been organized to go out as gospel teams. At times these groups are accompanied by a speaker, at other times they assist local pastors and evangelists. This year these teams are five in number, namely: (1) Paul Steiner, Homer Matteson, Lawrence Schoenhals, and Cyril Eicher; (2) Melvin Keller, John Nussbaum, Leonard Dwyer, and Eldon Mitchell; (3)

Russell Witmer, Harold Mongerson, Edgar Schade, and George Hill; (4) Mabel Wittwer, Verda Gerig, Helen Egle, and Faye Opliger; (5) Lucile Lehman, Esther Basinger, and Luella Birkey. That the Lord's favor is upon these consecrated young men and women is evident from their reports of victories won in lives with which they come in contact.

During the past term it was our privilege to have two series of special lectures. We can truthfully say the first series given by Rev. Forman Lincicome of Gary, Indiana, was a series of heart searchings. These lectures given during the extended chapel periods were unique but most practical. The subject of these messages was "The Four D's After Sanctification," namely (1) "Differences of the Sanctified," (2) "Dangers of the Sanctified," (3) "Difficulties of the Sanctified," and (4) "Developments of the Sanctified." May God grant that we may have been moved not only to emotion but to motion. Our speaker for the second series was Rev. Jacob Hygema, a former instructor at the Institute who is dear to the hearts of many of the Circle members. His messages based on the gospel of John were carried home to the hearts of the listeners by the Holy Spirit. His

A YEAR UNTRIED

A year untried before me lies,
What it shall bring of strange surprise,
Of joy, or grief, I cannot tell;
But God, my Father, knoweth well,
I make it no concern of mine,
But leave it all with love Divine.

The sun may shed no light by day,
Nor stars at night illumine my way;
My soul shall still know no affright,
Since God is all my life and light,
Though all the earthly lamps grow dim,
He walks in light who walks with Him.

O Year Untried!—thou hast for me
Naught but my Father's eye can see;
Nor canst thou bring me loss or gain,
Or health or sickness, ease or pain,
But welcome messenger shall prove
From Him, whose name to me is Love.

Selected.

life, as i...trated to us the
blessedness o...elded to the will
of God.

The Lord has often graciously met us in our Friday evening Mission Band services. Our speakers thus far have been Rev. Jacob Hygema; Rev. N. I. S. Astakhoff, a native of Russia; Rev. Joshua Stauffer, a teacher of exposition in the Institute; Mr. Harold Wiswell, of the class of 1931; Rev. Clayton Steiner, our representative to South America; Rev. William Schwab, pastor at Flint, Mich.; Miss Beyerle of China; Rev. Mr. McLaughlin of Taylor University; Miss Constance Brandon, connected with the World Dominion; Rev. Ray Clark of South America; and Rev. Mr. Hoagle of Ann Arbor, Mich.

We are pleased to announce to the friends of the Institute that progress is being made toward the edition of a 1931-32 year book. The appointed staff includes representatives from the entire student body, in this respect differing from that of previous years. Members of the staff are:

- Editor-in-chief, Ola Fusee.
- Assistant Editor-in-chief, Nellie Thum.
- Business Manager, Mark Burgess.
- Ass't. Business Manager, Eleanor Naylor.
- Art Editor, Faye Opliger.
- Photograph Editor, Jesse Neuenschwander.
- Senior Representative, Marjorie Dedels.

While we are in sympathy with the one who said that the best new year's resolution is the resolution to make no resolutions, yet we agree with Miss Zeller that the first week in the new year is an ideal time for a Better English Campaign. Such a campaign was very ably launched by our efficient instructors in English, Miss Zeller, Mrs. Smith, and Miss Gaskill. Students and instructors alike are enthusiastically participating in an effort to make it a source of real benefit. We have been entrusted with the greatest of all messages, the message of Life. We believe it is worthy of our sincere endeavor to convey it in the clearest and most effective manner possible. We can have no higher motive for cultivating better

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EDITORIAL

"The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." Psa. 16:6.

Such raptures of soul were the frequent experiences of David and many of his Psalms are very outbursts of ecstasy and joy.

In the rush of our modern life let us not be swept away from the quiet meditations that never fail to bring to us the richest of spiritual revelation and wonder. Let us calmly pause in the hush of our souls to catch the songs of heaven, to inbreathe the atmosphere of the altitudes, for only then with clarified vision can we gaze upon the measuring lines of God's love that bound our inheritance. We need to have cast over us the spell of the eternal to save us from life's humdrum.

We rejoice in the goodness of the Lord. He has been very gracious to us during the past year; and as we look back, we are compelled to reverently adore Him who hath fulfilled the "Thus saith the Lord."

The abundant blessings of the old year should call forth praise and thanksgiving from our hearts. The most practical method whereby we may express our gratitude is by a closer walk with Him. Christ is indeed the Way to fuller, deeper blessing.

Upon entering the New Year, by faith, let us boldly claim a fresh anointing for service and for the fulness of His life for body, soul and spirit and thus manifest a real, living Christ to a needy and distracted world as we daily follow Him who is the Way.

M. G. '23.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your re-

Echoes from Various Graduating Classes

(Continued from the last issue of the Bulletin.)

CLASS OF 1921

WORLD MISSIONARY TOUR

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle: The Gaddis-Moser Evangelistic Party of which I am a member, has just completed a most wonderful "Round the World Missionary Tour."

We embarked from New York Sept. 19 on the "Majestic", the largest ship in the world, and disembarked at Cher-

quests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

Let us pray:

1. That a gracious revival may come down from God upon His Church in every land. (E. B.)

2. That new workers may be thrust forth by the Spirit of God. (A. S.)

3. That abundant means may be sent in to hasten the spread of the gospel. (R. B.)

4. That those who are studying the language in different lands may speedily be able to preach the Word. (E. R.)

5. That the missionaries in the enervating climate may be given the abundant life of the risen Lord. (A. B.)

PRAYING ALWAYS

PRAY for the sorrow-laden;

PRAY for the tempted soul;

PRAY for the saints, the faithful,

Pressing toward the goal.

PRAY for the missionaries

Toiling beyond the deep;

PRAY for the heathen millions,

Over them pray and weep.

BIBLE INSTITUTE BRIEFS

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speaking habits than that of the Psalmist when he prayed, "Let the words of my mouth . . . be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

As another term draws to a close we are happy to be able to look backward to months sealed with the blessing of God. Will you not pray that the students, faculty, and workers may walk before Him in such a way that He shall manifest Himself even in a greater measure than ever before? RHODA ROTH.

bourg, crossed France and Germany to the Bavarian village of Oberammergau, where we witnessed the last performance of the famous "Passion Play" which is presented every ten years. A lasting impression was stamped upon our hearts and minds.

Crossing Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxemburg, Holland, and then on to the British Isles, where God blessed our ministry in the different churches and missions. We witnessed some 500 souls kneeling at the altar of prayer. Scotland is an open field for evangelism. While there we visited the David Livingstone Memorial. This pioneer missionary of Africa went from a spinning mill in Blantyre, to a resting place among the Great in Westminster Abbey. One is made to weep at the uniquely lighted casts portraying his life and works.

A profitable week was spent in London, the grand old city where we visited the House of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, John Wesley's Chapel, and many other interesting places. "Big Ben" the largest striking and most accurate clock in the world, over the House of Parliament, has chimes which some of you perhaps have heard over the radio, set to "Lord through this life, be Thou my guide and by Thy power no foot shall slide."

A short campaign in the Home Mission, London, witnessed a number of souls finding God.

Leaving England with a pleasant channel crossing and having a few hours between trains in Paris, we were led to "Notre Dame" with its great organ of 6200 pipes. Its most wonderful windows, one of the Old Testament characters and one of the New Testament and the front one of Blue and Red glass, which through reflection multiplies to many colors. This is the most beautiful in the world. Much could be said of Paris, but we must hurry on to Rome, the "Eternal City", where we visited the ruined Colosseum, one of the 43 Catacombs, the Appian Way, where Paul traveled, the Vatican City, (four and a half miles in circumference) now an independent State. With the Pope's palace of 11,000 rooms and 20 courts, St. Peter's Cathedral, the largest church in the world, so massive that it

heats naturally. World famous Mosaics adorn the masterpiece of Michael Angelo the famous sculptor, artist and architect.

After visiting Naples, Pompeii, we circled the Mediterranean Sea for 15 days, on the "Theophile Gautier" stopping at Athens, Constantinople, Smyrna, Alexandretta, disembarking at Beirut, Syria. From there we motored via ruins of Baalbek, to Damascus, the oldest city in the world, and over the train of the Patriarchs, by 1,000's of sheep, past the Mt. of Transfiguration and Caesarea Phillipi, the head waters of Jordan, to the bridge of Jacob's Daughters, over which we crossed and on to the Holy City, Jerusalem.

The Holy Land which is a 5th Gospel to the Bible is so small a country and so much happening on each spot, that every rock and hill is covered with a hallowed memory. To once see it makes the Bible a new Book and it grows in one.

Besides visiting Mt. Zion, Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane and other inspiring places in Jerusalem, the Lord gave us a good campaign here, ministering to Jews, Arabs, Syrians and Armenians. Many were brought to Christ.

Then through the Samson country, and Arabian desert to Cairo, Egypt, where the Pyramids and Sphinx, the Virgin Tree, etc., were visited and we had our first experience of Camel riding, which reminded us of Rebecca's journey.

Leaving Suez on the "Tuscania" we arrived at Bombay, and to our great surprise were met by Elda Amstutz, who so kindly helped us with our arrangements, then took us to the C. M. A. Rest Home at Lonavia for a few days as we were a bit weak from the effects of vaccination. Here we met Mr. and Mrs. Bert Siegel, who were resting and getting ready to leave for their furlough. We visited Elda's station, Ramabai Mukti at Kedeon, about 150 miles out of Bombay. Elda is doing a great work among the girls.

Then on to China where we had a great revival at Hongkong. Leaving Hongkong we stopped at Shanghai for a service with the O. M. S., then to Kobe, Nara, Osaka and Tokyo, Japan. Sailing from Yokohama, God gave us a safe journey across the Pacific in 11 days. We disembarked at Vancouver, then boardine the Empire Builder, the famous train of the West, reached home the middle of May.

We visited 30 different countries and traveled 35,000 miles and did enjoy it, but above all our hearts have been made

sad, because of the fact that so many know not Christ. Surely it is true as the Savior said, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." There are hungry souls everywhere we go. Oh, that many more of God's people would catch the vision and bring the story to a lost and dying world.

Let us all keep the vision of souls upon us; the time is short and Jesus is coming soon.

Since back in the States, we have been busily engaged in evangelistic work and are praising God for the victory He gives us.

I look back to the time I attended the dear old B. T. S. and what precious memories are still lingering with me. The times of refreshing and rejoicing I will never forget.

Am glad for the Bulletin, which helps to keep us in touch with each of the "Big Family" and helps us to know how to pray for each other.

All for Jesus,
RACHEL MOSER, '21

1921

I am getting the Bulletin regularly, which is always very much enjoyed.

The Lord is very near and is blessing the work abundantly. We are very happy in His blessed service, but not without much trial and discouragement. The work is hard, the laborers are few and much is to be done. Pray for us.

Yours very sincerely,
A. G. BECKER,
Charlesville, Congo Belge,
W. C. Africa.

CLASS OF 1922

Catarina, Texas,
Jan. 4, 1932.

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle:

This summer it was our pleasure to visit with some of our 1922 classmates, to hear from most of them, and about the rest. We find our number scattered far and wide, from Jerusalem (Fort Wayne) . . . and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Rev. Archie Haller and wife are reporting fruitful labors in East Africa.

Sylvan Hausser and his wife are enjoying their work among the superstitious Indians in that part of the vineyard called Venezuela, S. A.

Emma E. Richert returned from Africa because of ill health. She has since gained physically and is at present attending Bethany College, Bethany, Okla.

Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein is serving as student pastor for the First Baptist Church of Buda, Ill., in addition to his seminary work at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago.

Rev. Albert Hager tells us he is pastor of the Archbold, Ohio, Missionary Church. Since he says nothing of a wife to help him, we take for granted that he is too wise to heed the words, "It is not good for man to be alone."

Miss Mary Hartsel is living with her mother at Haviland, Ohio, and is the teacher of the Bible Class at the Baptist church. This past summer she had charge of two daily vacation Bible Schools in which no less than 40 children were saved. Surely the Lord is blessing her.

Rev. S. A. Witmer is a professor at the Bible Institute as well as an officer of the M. C. A.

Mrs. Frank Ritthaler, nee Jennie Moser, and Mrs. Reuben Ackerman, nee Lydia Zimmerman, are living near Groveland, Ill., occupied with domestic duties.

Mrs. C. L. Byrode, nee Esther Becker, Misses Agnes Thiess and Edith Squires and Mr. Paul Stauffer are living in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mr. Stauffer is in charge of the Prairie Grove church a few miles southwest of the city. Miss Squires is laboring with the people of the Philley School District, near Fort Wayne.

As for ourselves, we are living in southwest Texas, near the Mexican border. It is my honor to be the teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the Community Presbyterian church, the only church in Catarina, Tex. Mrs. Seitz has charge of the women's work and both of us help with the Young People's Work.

We are glad to know that the majority of the fine class of '22 is striving for "the righteousness which is of God by faith," as did Paul when he said, "That I may know Him."

Yours in Him,
MR. AND MRS. E. E. SEITZ.

CLASS OF 1923

"I wish to sound a note of praise for God's blessing and goodness to us since leaving the B. T. S. After serving as pastor of the Pettisville Missionary Church for a year and two months, we came to Woodburn, Indiana, in September, 1925, to take charge of the Missionary Church here. We have been here since that time and are glad to report victory. The work has made some real progress for which we are grateful to the Lord. About two years ago I had a start of tuberculosis

and was on the down grade fast but God graciously undertook and raised me up again to good health. We are determined to "preach the Word" and we have the confidence that God will give the increase."

Sincerely in Him,
CHRIS J. GERIG.

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Classmates of 1923—Greetings in the Name of our Lord Who loved us and gave Himself for us. How swiftly the years have passed by since we dwelt in the halls of what we knew as the B. T. S.—now the B. I.

How blessed it is to know that through the passing of the years, and amidst many changes in this old world our Heavenly Father has been the same unchangeable One. The plan of the Lord for my life has not been service in the battle's front along with others of our class, but I have learned that it takes utter dependence upon the Lord and His promises to perform the humble task of keeping house and rearing two girls in a way that will be pleasing to our Lord.

The Lord has been so faithful and has definitely answered prayer many, many times. I am rejoicing in Him and feel so unworthy of all He has done for me. The marvelous grace of God has been more than sufficient for every need along the way. "O what wonderful grace." The years of training still linger as very precious memories because of what they meant to me spiritually.

EDITH (MCLEAN) WITMER.

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Dear Classmates: I am reminded of our class motto "Thy will, not mine."

Just a few short words but what a depth of meaning. In these words we may find the secret of continuous victory and joy. What a blessed thing to know personally that we are in God's will. This assurance brings us peace in spite of circumstances. I can say this desire has been intensified in my own life throughout the past years. I often recall the happy days spent at the B. T. S. and praise God for what that training has meant in the establishing of my life.

The past six years we have spent at Berne, Indiana. At present we are at Woodburn, Indiana.

Praying that God will keep us all faithful until He comes,

MAUDE (BEDFORD) BECKER.

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As a member of the class of 1923, I am rejoicing in the Lord. In these days when we see hundreds who were rejoic-

ing in the material things of life, such as stocks and bonds, bank accounts, etc., but who today are grumbling and complaining for their course of happiness has vanished, I praise the Lord that He is my happiness and my all. He has promised to supply our every need, and that if we "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness all these things (raiment, food, and shelter) would be added unto us."

The faith I have in Him today, as I hope everyone of our dear class has, was rooted and grounded in the good old B. T. S. I praise Him for every trial and triumph while there. Though it has been my lot to stay at home, I am praying that I may be an empty channel fit for the Master's service. I praise Him for the privilege. "His will, not mine." May the Lord keep every one of our class in the hollow of His hand. Let us remember each other daily at the throne.

MARTHA (CLARK) RODGER.

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Word of Ina Birkey Bartel comes through her parents. She returned in February, 1930, to China and was stationed in Wuchang as acting secretary to Rev. E. F. Stewart, chairman of the C. and M. A. Central Field.

Since her return she was married to Mr. Paul H. Bartel, and their latest interest is centered in little Robert James who came to them Nov. 10, 1931. After the baby became a month old they were to start on a river trip to their new station in the western part of this field. Their address will be Sinshan, Szechven Province, via Changteh, Hunan c o C. and M. A.

She writes: "We hope to get started west around the 10th of Dec. I know you are praying and will pray that God will give us a good journey, help us through the bad rapids and protect us from bandits, also that God will keep baby well in the cold."

"Conditions in China are not very hopeful but we still feel that God is on the throne and that He will work out every thing to His good. There seem to be such wonderful opportunities for service and the people seem willing to listen and show a desire to be saved."

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Classmates: As a member of the class of 1923 we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the then B. T. S. and for the invaluable impact it made upon our lives. We are glad to say that we have gone on with the Lord in our study, ex-

perience and service. It was our privilege to spend three blessed years (Aug. 1928-Aug. 1931) with the Elkton Missionary Church, which our Brother Ramseyer founded in his earlier ministry. Many of our dear friends asked us to stay longer and though we were reluctant in leaving them, we felt the Divine urge to again set our faces Chinaward.

After the annual Convention, we spent two months in Missionary conventions and revival work in the mid west district. At present we are filling a temporary vacancy in the Gospel Tabernacle at Sioux City, Iowa. This is a branch of the C. and M. A. under the leadership of the Rev. R. R. Brown of Omaha, Nebr. While we work we pray that He will speed us forth in His good time. Pray for us!

ROY BIRKEY.

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"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psa. 34:1. We are at present serving the Missionary Church at Clyde, Ohio. We find much joy in ministering to the people of this place and we are glad to report some visible results. There are many hungry and needy hearts to be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Often we are reminded of the days of fellowship and blessing enjoyed at the Bible Institute. They were days of opportunity and preparation for the work of the Lord. It is indeed a place where God's blessings are poured out upon His people. Pray for us and the salvation of many precious souls.

REV. C. H. WIEDERKEHR.

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Classmates and Friends: For the tender mercies and loving kindness of God toward us through another year we are humbly grateful. We are happy to be "workers together with Him" in the place where we find hungry hearts and devoted Christian lives. Our town is near Toledo, Ohio, and also near a state college where Mr. Schlatter is continuing his studies, besides his pastoral duties. We wish you all God's choicest blessings in this New Year.

JOSEPHINE ROTH SCHLATTER,

Haskins, Ohio.

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Since we left the Bible Institute as graduates, we appreciate the school more and more. The emphasis which it places not only upon the spiritual, but upon the cultural phase of life, has proven to be an invaluable source of help in making contacts with people of other faiths and interpretations. The clarity of spiritual vision and purpose which the ministry

of the Institute incorporated into our own comprehension of divine truth has helped us to keep our anchor fixed. And, it has also enabled us to be of some help to those who were confused.

Last September, we moved to 3810 Harmon St., Marion, Ind., from Knightstown, Ind., where Mr. Chant had been pastor. Now, he is attending Marion College and is pastor of two rural churches. The writer is trying to be faithful to discharge the home duties and supervise the music department in the two churches.

On the 3rd of January we closed a successful revival campaign in one of the pastorates. Several were converted, others were reclaimed and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was a refreshing time for the Christians and served to establish them in the Word of God.

We'll be glad to receive any correspondence from any who find time to write.

REV. FRANKLIN AND LILLIAN ROTI CHANT.

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It pleases me to include my testimony with the others of the class of '23.

Greetings in His Name:

What would we do in these perilous days if we did not know Him. So often I am persuaded by the Spirit to thank our Heavenly Father for the time which He led me to spend in the good old B. T. S., and for the fellowship of those who knew Him.

I would say again with David the Psalmist—"For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory and no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

G. ANGUS.

CLASS OF 1924

BLAZED OUT FOR THEE

Rutherford, shortly before passing away, exclaimed: "Now let me blaze out for God."

Upon these words one has written these lines:

When I am dying how glad I shall be
That the lamp of my life has been blazed
out for Thee.

I shall be glad in whatever I gave,
Labour or money, one sinner to save:
I shall not mind that the path has been
rough.

That Thy dear feet led the way is enough,
When I am dying how glad I shall be,
That the lamp of my life has been blazed
out for Thee.

CLASS OF 1925

309 Elias Ave.,
Peterboro, Ont., Can.,
Jan. 4, 1932.

Dear Brethren and Sisters
of the Fellowship Circle:

I wish I could give a report for the class of 1925, but since it is almost a year since I heard from them, that would be almost impossible.

However, for myself I can say that the Lord has dealt very graciously.

In our work here as Pastor of Christian and Missionary All. of Peterboro, Ontario, we have as many difficulties and trials as you might find anywhere.

This is one of the oldest Alliance Branches, the first in Canada, I understand, being established about thirty-five years ago. During this period it has seen the rise and fall of congregations a number of times. This present time finds it in rather poor condition.

Canada is so conservative. I have rarely seen anything in Canada that approximates the frank, spiritual fervency enjoyed in the gatherings of folk in parts of the U. S.

Canada has never had an outstanding revival, such as almost every other country in Christendom has had in its history.

Leaders of spiritual work feel the deadening effect of this prolonged coldness. To move these people to anything like spiritual fervency seems almost contrary to nature. The burden of prayer here is that Canada might be given a real revival.

But strange to say that in the last four or five years, the Tongues' Movement has covered almost every city, town and village in this part of Canada. How that pursuit was ever worked on conservative Canadians is hard to understand. This was responsible for the last split in the church, just prior to my coming, and has left us rather lean.

We have had a good Young People's Meeting with about forty in attendance, but it taxes one to keep them together. There are always the few who are a constant encouragement, among the greater number who find a grievance at every turn. We have a great opportunity for active workers in the Society all summer long, in a circuit of places to which we can minister within fifty miles of our city. There are a number of 'backwoods' places, and in these distances we do not seem to touch what lies ever farther beyond. There are small communities and an Indian encampment (a Government grant) that we do not reach very often,

but are always welcome when ever we do go. Am praying that the Young People will soon see the opportunity and devote time and talent to it.

Would like to extend a word of greeting to all my friends of the years I was in Fort Wayne and would be glad to hear from them at any time, and in this Mrs. Browett joins me. The address is 309 Elias Ave., Peterboro, Ont., Can.,

Yours in Jesus,
HAROLD BROWETT.

CLASS OF 1926

ECHOES FROM ECUADOR

Casilla 11,
Riobamba,
Ecuador, S. A.

Dear Fellowship Circle:

"Protestants!" "Masons!" "Evangelists!" These are some of the shouts that greet and follow us, together with depreciating and blasphemous remarks, sometimes accompanied by a stone, a pitcher of water, or an attempt to snatch away and destroy our gospel portions, as we go from door to door endeavoring to find an entrance and uplift our Lord. What a contrast to the reception and welcome we witnessed only a few days ago, when the "obispo" (Bishop) arrived to take up his abode among us! Every thoroughfare was crowded with "whites", Indians, soldiers, autos, bands and parades, as homage was rendered to this most honored personage. To this people, "Protestants," "Masons" and "Evangelicals" are one and the same, and mean nothing short of heretics who have entered the land of S. A. to oppose the teachings and practices of the "true Catholic Church." Thus it is that we are learning just a wee bit of what it meant to Him who was "despised and rejected of men." Yet as here and there, because of his unhappy, empty heart, one ventures—despite his fears and misgivings of what he will suffer at the hands of this same "true church"—to receive the Word, then steal away to the services, and finally, changed inside and out, we hear their voices blend with ours in His praises, we gladly go on realizing too something of the "joy that was set before Him."

This little glimpse of our work here in Riobamba, one of the largest cities of Ecuador, is typical of the entire Republic—more particularly of the mountains, which section for so long was shut off from contact even with the only port city, until difficulties were finally mastered and a railroad connection establish-

ed. The three great snow peaks which we see from our windows (Chimborazo towering over 20,000 ft.) seem to stand as a testimony of the cold, hardened souls, hoary with superstition and Romanism. Not far from us some few months ago, a priest had a crude image of the virgin made and painted, and carried it to a place in the woods. He then proclaimed to his village that he had had a vision, and told the people that it had been revealed to him to go to that particular spot where he would find a virgin just sent down from heaven. Crowds flocked and money filled his pockets, until some became suspicious and he fled! This is one of many similar happenings, and yet—the people follow blindly on!

Our little station here in the midst of such fanaticism is a challenge to faith and prayer, to those who are interested in "other sheep." We rejoice for the little group which meets with us for Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, for prayer on Thursdays, and for Sunday School and service again on the Lord's Day. In recent months the Lord sent our way two evangelists for a few days of services. Numbers of curiosity seekers, fearful souls, and "Nicodemuses" heard for the first time the old story and God is working in the hearts of some.

We have recently been privileged to attend the closing exercises of our Bible School and our first native convention, both of which stirred our souls and encouraged and gladdened our hearts. We are now about to enter into our D. V. B. S. here in the sierra (mountains). Then in September off we go to our annual conference, D. V., when another year's work will be planned—if Jesus tarries!

Oftentimes I look back and thank God for the Bible Institute—for the spiritual benefits; for the faithful faculty; for the practical work; for the friendships formed; for the dear old class of '26. It must be about time that chain letter should be reaching this part of the world again! What a joy it is to read of your activities. I am looking forward to that grand reunion in His presence. 'Till then

Yours in labors of love,

EDNA W. FIGG.

CLASS OF 1927

"But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong." Joshua 17:18.

During the past summer it has been my privilege and joy to work among some of the neglected people of the extreme rural sections of Kentucky. I shall not attempt to describe the living conditions of these people but we were often amazed to see how many of them get along with so little of this world's goods. However, it did seem good to see people who were really hungry for the Word so that they put forth effort to hear the old Gospel story. We were in charge of two stations: Green Briar and Rose Fork, neither of which had any Sunday School nor regular services heretofore. It seemed pitiful to hear some of them tell of their loved ones who died the previous winter without as much as a funeral service because there was no one to conduct it.

There were three of us for the two stations and we had our headquarters at Rose Fork, in a shanty quite similar to that of the mountaineers of that section. We soon found that the place was already inhabited. There were nests of all kinds—mice, wasps, snakes, fleas, roaches, lizards and what not? By the use of hammer and saw we made our furniture and with lime and a brush we made our quarters inhabitable. Yes, rather comfortable it was! We enjoyed seeing the twinkling stars at night through the big cracks in the wall. But when the rains trickled through at night it was not quite so interesting.

We had Sunday School and preaching services at each place every Sunday and besides that had midweek prayer meeting, a children's meeting with another service on Saturday night. As we had only a few Christians our services were nearly all evangelistic. The attendance was usually good and especially was there great interest among the children. Although the parents would not all attend the children would be sent and we were glad for this means of reaching the homes through them.

Some of the people could only be reached by house visitation so we spent most of our time during the week calling on them. We found practically all of the people open-hearted and very hospitable. In one little cabin we found a most saintly old grandmother who was so hungry for Christian fellowship. The tears would stream down her cheeks when we sang some of the old hymns and read and prayed with her. She is longing for the salvation of her son, who is living with her. We were glad for at least a few who knew the Lord as their personal Savior and were burdened for their own people.

The Lord gave us some very definite conversions at our midweek prayer services. One young man who had been given to much drinking and profanity was deeply convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit. He was so miserable and wretched during the service that he soon found his way to the Lord and was gloriously saved. The miraculous change in this man's life and habits at once became the talk of the neighborhood. We believe this has spoken more loudly than many a sermon. The man is illiterate, as many of them are, but we are trusting that he will soon learn enough so that he can at least read the Word.

As in other places, many expressed a desire to be Christians but were not ready to turn from their sin. Then we met some fine young mountain people who found the Lord the previous year and were preparing themselves for the Lord's service. Many of them sacrifice a great deal for the cause of the Lord. Pray that the continued blessing of the Lord may be upon this work among these needy and neglected people. Sincerely,

JUANITA E. BURKHOLDER.

CLASS OF 1928

Memphis on the Mississippi.

Dear Friends:

It is our blessed privilege to encircle the globe by way of our Father's throne and so deepen the ties of friendship formed at the School and include all the members of our Fellowship Circle, for we are to pray "one for another." Surely in these closing days we need to pray more—"without ceasing." I was greatly impressed by the little quotation which Mrs. Hinkey used in a recent letter—"Who prays most, helps most." Thus our service is not dependent upon our circumstances, is it?

In thinking of the class of '28 we can truly say that the Lord has been good to us. Unless someone has moved very recently we find our twenty-eight young people scattered from Canada to Dixie and from the west coast to Indiana and Ohio and even "to the regions beyond" where two of our group are telling the story in dark Africa. May God keep us true to our vision as "Servants of Christ, in word and deed."

Away down here in Memphis the Lord is blessing and definitely answering prayer for which we praise Him. We have just finished a two-weeks' meeting at the Alliance Church. The Lord used our evan-

gelist, Rev. T. G. Mangham of Asheville, North Carolina, to speak to the young people especially, but his ministry has truly been a blessing to every one. Our work is small, but God can use even a few and do great things if the few are *faithful*. The young people are looking forward to hospital work this fall, and we do covet your prayers as we enter these open doors. The Lord's return is close upon us and we must be about our "Father's business," for the night cometh quickly when no man can work."

"The Tennessee girls" send greetings to all. May God bless each one richly.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA WHITE.

CLASS OF 1929

"TEACH ME THY WAY"

As we read the great lessons that Christ taught and remember that there is none that can teach like Him, we feel the desire of our hearts, "Teach me Thy way" is what we need. With a willingness to be taught the feeblest child can understand His lessons because of their simplicity, yet it is at the same time the highest and noblest thing to be taught of God.

Since Jesus has opened a school, for His redeemed ones, who specially desire it, shall we not enter and be taught of the Lord some much needed lessons?

One of the first things He would have us know is that "God is love." With a better understanding of this love, I am sure our hearts would burn within us for Him and others. The "way" of love—so few people are really following it. Peter's Teacher was about to depart before he learned the lesson of love. Jesus said, "Simon Peter, lovest thou me more than these?" Jesus was wondering if he cared more about catching fish than about the souls of men. We, too, often are so concerned about our personal interests, that we fail to feed His sheep. Shall we not seek God's best? It is not power for service, but the *first* fruit of the Spirit, which is *love*.

Perhaps the second thing the Lord would teach us, is the "way" of obedience. Two things are required of a Christian. "He requires a knowledge of duty and a conscientious practice of duty." Just as "faith without works is dead," so love without obedience is impossible. An aged Scot told his pastor that he was going to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and while there he was going to read the Ten Commandments aloud from the top of Mount Sinai. The minister, who

had some knowledge of the life of his brother, replied: "Sandy, take my advice, stay at home and keep them." Obedience to God's requirements is to spring from a heart filled with love. "If ye love me keep my commandments." If you feel that the Commandments of God are hard to keep, "let your soul be comforted by the thought that the commandments of the Prince of Darkness are harder to keep."

If we have been faithful in following His teaching in regard to our love and obedience, it is certain He will lead us in "ways" of service. A good way to illustrate my point is how God is so graciously using the class of '29. To Him be given all the glory. To my knowledge, out of the twenty-one members of the class of '29, fifteen are in active service. Of these seven are pastors, one assistant pastor, five pastor's wives, one mission worker and one under appointment for foreign work. Some, if not all of the remaining six, are active in their local churches. Though the "way" of service often means sacrifice and trials, yet because of our love we gladly obey for "His name's sake." CLIFFORD GRABILL.

CLASS OF 1930

Mangungu Station,
Idiofa, via Mangai Etat,
September 2, 1931.
Congo Belge, W. C. Africa.

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle and Friends in Him:

Greetings to you, one and all, in the precious name of Jesus. I wish to sound a note of praise to Him for His grace to be wafted on the wings of the Spirit for His glory. He is a wonderful Savior to me and as precious as His blood through which we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins and a glorious hope of eternal life with Him who has conquered for us death, Hell, and the grave and has given us glorious victory over the Enemy of our souls.

I am happy to be writing to the members of our family of the Fellowship Circle. The Bulletin has been a source of joy and blessing and especially as I realize that through it we are kept in contact with one another, sharing the blessings that God is pouring out upon His faithful and true servants in His harvest field—the world. One feels a spirit of Unity in Christ and the fulfillment of His law as we share one another's burdens and meet around the throne.

We are often encouraged by accounts

given by missionaries of God's working among the natives of the various divisions of the field. We rejoice over souls born into the Kingdom and glory in the hope of the soon return of our King—the blessed Christ—because of the reports of the rapid expansion in the proclamation of the Gospel and the apparent rapid approach of the completion of the evangelization of the world. Yet, while waiting upon the Lord for His words in sending this little message to you, I was struck with the need of praying for and holding up the saints in this hour. An account of our work here on the field would, no doubt, be interesting to all of you and bring anew to your minds the need of the lost souls yet sitting in heathen darkness, but may I just remind you of the need of intercession for the saints in their labors and in the resistance of the Enemy and his hosts?

The Lord has been wonderfully blessing our work here. Especially do I praise Him for blessing in the language study. It is such a joy to be able to go into the villages and carry to them in their native tongue the message He has intrusted into our care. I have already been privileged to make two trips into the villages of about three weeks each and will be leaving again next week, the Lord willing. This direct contact with the natives helps so much in learning the native customs and consequently methods of approaching these heathen hearts.

Perhaps a little general information will be of interest to you and a help in your ministry of intercession for the saints and the lost. We are laboring in the Ambunda tribe in central Congo Belge. The tribe has an estimated population of 165,000 and, except for a very small area, as yet untouched by the Gospel. The Catholics are, as in all of Congo, occupying many of the villages by their native teachers and as we have contact with natives converted to the Catholic faith from their heathenism, our hearts are made sore by the superficiality of their religion in the name of Christianity. Pray for the work among the Catholics.

Praise God! He is still on the throne; Jesus, our Life, is in His presence interceding for us; the Holy Spirit is with us, yea, in us, to give us power over sin and power for service. He has made every provision for successful service—we cannot fail while we abide in Him.

"Ye are my witnesses." "Preach the Word."

Your servant for Christ,
VIRGINIA LUNDWALL.

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