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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, and with the Holy Spirit, and with all brethren who love the truth." 1 John 1:3.

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## Commencement Gleanings

THE twenty-eighth Commencement of the Bible Institute was marked by many interesting changes. Beginning with Sunday, May 15, till the following Thursday each day brought some new phase of Commencement activities.

Owing to the expense of new graduating clothes, the class of 1932 voted for caps and gowns. At first these were regarded with some apprehension, but after their initiation they were greatly appreciated.

On the afternoon of the Baccalaureate day the radio station WOWO kindly gave the school thirty minutes. The time, as all our friends on the air will remember, was given to our talented and consecrated quartets, with exception of one solo by Miss Palma Mathisen.

In the evening our Baccalaureate service was held in the First Missionary church at 8:00 P. M. Our much-beloved young instructor, Rev. S. A. Witmer, gave the address, "The Ministry of Tears". Truly, it reminded us of our own unworthiness, our insufficiency of being burden-bearers in prayer; then, it lifted us to higher heights in Christ Jesus where we, endued with His power, can go out weeping and return rejoicing. The music was furnished by a new trio consisting of the Misses Baumgartner, Mathisen, and Leightner.

A pleasing innovation was the program rendered Monday evening, known as "senior night". True to their motto "To Do Thy Will, O God" they prepared an informal yet edifying program under the leadership of the president, Mr. Cyril Eicher. Wearing the caps and gowns they marched down the center aisle of the chapel to the platform where they were seated in a semi-circle. The soft glow of floor lamps providing the only light in the room made this an impressive scene. Every one participated either in speaking or singing. The speeches were refreshing little gems taken mostly from

their life at the Bible Institute. The last number on the program was the class prophecy given in the form of an aerial message by one of the post-graduates. The lights were then turned on, and to every one's surprise new lights of dazzling brightness illuminated the chapel. These the president presented to the Dean as the gift of the class. In addition to this the class also had new lights installed in the Library. These will not only be appreciated by the faculty, also by students of future years.

After a heavy day of examinations the students participated in the yearly concert under the direction of Prof. Gerber and Miss Keiser. There were many "never-to-be-forgotten numbers". One of them was the men's chorus.

The next morning was set aside by the seniors for their out-door breakfast. The sun shone brightly in the east reflecting to the west, reminding us of Brother Ramseyer's chapel epigram, "Don't look for the sun to rise in the west." Every one helped willingly and cheerfully to make it a pleasant outing. Contrary to previous custom the seniors extended an invitation to the post graduates—a favor gladly accepted as their fellowship and friendship had been without flaw throughout the year. (In return the post graduates served the senior table at Commencement dinner.) The breakfast was closed with a testimony meeting in which hearts melted in gratitude to our Creator and Savior.

Commencement this year was held at 10:30 A. M. The caps and gowns worn by the graduates gave a solemn aspect to the service. Dr. L. S. Keyser, Dean of Hammond Divinity School, of Wittenburg college at Springfield, Ohio, gave the address. The text was "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path," Ps. 119:105. The original word for lamp means a little candle, while the word for light means a big and

radiant light; therefore "The Bible: a Little Candle and a Big Light" was his subject."

Dr. Keyser said in part: "In some respect the Bible is only a little candle—that is, it does not solve and does not claim to solve all our problems in the present life. It lights our way a little distance, so that we safely take the next step or the next few steps, but there is all around us an area of mystery. For example, the Bible does not tell us what is the ultimate essence of matter or of life or of mind or of force or of energy; nor are the wisest scientists or philosophers of today able to solve these problems.

"And why has God given us a Book which leaves so many of our problems unsolved for the present life?" My answer is twofold: first, He wants us to do some thinking and investigating for ourselves, as that is best for our development in every way; second, He wants to refine, discipline and develop our faith.

"Why are we here? is no darksome and daunting problem to the believer in Biblical teaching. The Bible opens and throws wide ajar the gateway of immortality to every believing soul.

"Even the problems that disturb us now and are not clearly solved will some time be made pellucidly clear; 'for now we see through a glass darkly but then we shall see face to face!' We shall look directly into the face of all reality. We shall know what matter is, what mind is, what life is, and best of all what God is. We shall have the vision beatific and beautiful."

The seniors then sang the class song, "To Do Thy Will, O God", after which Mr. Leightner presented the diplomas. Thus has another year of the Bible Institute become history. With the Psalmist we may exclaim, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness."

ALICE C. KRONMANN.

## THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE BULLETIN

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Greetings to the Fellowship Circle, in the Name of Jesus.

Since the lot of being Editor has again fallen to the unworthy writer I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid co-operation given by individuals in the work of publishing the Bulletin and solicit your aid for the coming year.

Our connection with the "Bulletin" has been a pleasure as well as a task. It has given us a greater interest in the work of the Circle and we have come to realize something of the work of the former Corresponding Secretaries and Editors.

We assume this office, doing the work as unto the Lord and request the earnest prayers of all.

Our enrollment is rapidly increasing, 43 members having been added during the past year, making a total of 750 with 592 of these on the mailing list. Some members are deceased and some have united so one copy does for two.

*"Ask and ye shall receive."*

We kindly ask that all members of the Circle submit a brief report or news item as to their location, occupation and anything of interest. This may be the means of locating some class-mate who otherwise would be lost sight of and it will also be the means of recalling fond recollections and will stimulate fellowship.

We will be glad to receive material from any of the former or present students to be used in the "Bulletin." Articles of 500 to 1000 words will be welcomed. If the Lord is blessing your ministry—pass it on.

*"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees." Isa. 35:3.*

How, shall we set about it? First by prayer, as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses. "Helping together by

prayer." This reaches all. Who knows how much of the weakness of hands, which distresses or even annoys us, may be laid at our door because we talked about it instead of praying about it? Very likely, names will occur to us now; then take those names to the Mighty One, and ask Him this day to strengthen those weak hands and confirm those feeble knees. Secondly, by personal contact. "Speak ye to the heart of Jerusalem." What comes from the heart goes to the heart. Before we can really lift up other hands, our own must have been lifted up by His Spirit, and our own feeble knees must have been confirmed by much bowing at His footstool. "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." May our record on high be: "Thou hast strengthened the weak hands. Thy words have holden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees." "Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
The wandering and wavering feet;  
And feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

"Oh, strengthen me that while I stand  
Firm on the Rock, and strong in Thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
To wrestlers on a troubled sea."

### GREETINGS

Another year has passed into history for the Fellowship Circle. Perhaps for many of the members of the Circle it has been a momentous year,—one filled with many and varied experiences. Of trials and tests there have been many but the victories also have been many. Such times have a tendency to one of two things,—either we are drawn closer to God or we are driven farther away. We trust we have been brought closer to Him this past year than in any year previous.

Now we are beginning a new year. Let us move ahead with a steady tread claiming the blood of Jesus Christ as our victory. We may be called upon for a greater measure of sacrifice since the needs will become increasingly greater, but with God we are able to overcome. Let us remember that, though all else may change or even fail, the Word of God will not. We need to meditate upon it and we need to let it dwell in us richly so that we may be victorious. The privilege of access to God by prayer is still ours. Let us use it more than ever before. Do not become discouraged, for the future to the children of God, is as bright as the promises of God. Do not let the depression ex-

tend to your spiritual life, but remember that the "joy of the Lord is your strength." God is still on the throne. Count on Him and then so minister that He may dare count on you.

CHRIS J. GERIG,  
President.

### GREETINGS FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings to the many members and friends of the Fellowship Circle. It seems impossible that time has spread three and a half years between me and my enrollment in good old (B. T. S.) Bible Institute.

My heart o'erflows with joy and gratitude to God as I think of what great things He has done for me.

Rev. J. Oatman, Jr. has written the words of the familiar song which have beautiful sentiment, yet for me it is impossible to obey the injunction to:

"Count your blessings, name them one by one;

Count your many blessings, see what God hath done."

God has flooded me with such a host of blessings that perhaps I could weigh them ton by ton, but I could not count them one by one.

In that I did not get to the Fellowship Circle meeting this year may I give you a brief testimony in this way? Isn't it wonderful the way the Lord at times blindfolds and leads one about in such a way that He does not realize what is happening? That was how I arrived at the B. T. S. in 1929. Had I any idea before coming that School was what it proved to be never would I have left Pontiac, Michigan, but the Lord was working in answer to prayer.

Being in an unsaved condition the School did not seem to me (as some have experienced) a little heaven. I'm not going to tell you what happened the first month but you can imagine. I would neither come in nor get out, but the first morning of prayer was too much for me. The more folks prayed the more uncomfortable and out of place I felt. At last I could stand it no longer so crawled out over the fellows and started for my room. (We were then living in the Purfield apartments) As the north porch door slammed behind me I stopped, for Someone was speaking to me. The voice reasoned: "Why go to your room, no one is there? Why not go back into the chapel and watch what is going on?" I obeyed.



After returning I was conscious that a battle was being waged within me. Soon Brother Ramseyer had all stand to sing, but before singing said, "There may be someone here who is in trouble, if you want prayer, come forward as we sing." I do not remember how I got my feet in motion, but I do know I was soon kneeling and weeping at the right side of the platform. As I confessed and asked for mercy the burden rolled away. Praise God!

Later I made the consecration, trusted God, and let the Holy Ghost come in in sanctifying power. Hallelujah!

To make a long story short I will close by saying God has privileged me to be in evangelistic work since being out of School, and I am happy in the fellowship of the Gospel.

All for Jesus,  
HAROLD WISWELL.

#### FROM OUR SECRETARY

The exhortation given to Timothy: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" comes to us in this day when "evil men and seducers—wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

How we are made to praise God from the depth of our hearts for the things which we have learned and have been assured of, and for the faithful men and women of God, who stand firmly for the faith once delivered to the saints, from whom we have learned them.

The following illustration clearly shows the danger of both deceivers and those deceived by error:

A vessel was caught in a storm at sea. After the wind had died down, the waves subsided, and the stars had again appeared, the weary sailors were dismissed to rest. The exhausted captain, in his extremity, entrusted the vessel to a lad who lacked responsibility. "See that star yonder?" said the captain. "You are to guide by that. Steer straight for it and it will lead us safely home." The captain fell into a dead sleep only to awaken some time later to sense that something was wrong. Hurrying to the wheel he began to correct their course. "What have you done?" he asked of the lad. "You are steering us out till we will be lost at sea! Did I not show you the star?"

The youth replied, "Oh, I lost the star you showed me, but I found another star and I was guiding by that!"

How many a young person has been guided by the wrong star and has suffered shipwreck in the sea of skepticism.

I am certain the members of the Circle join me in thanksgiving to God for the place where we had the blessing of being brought into contact with the truth and into closer fellowship with the One who is the way, the truth, and the light.

As Timothy's responsibility was increased because he was early instructed by those established in the faith, so our responsibility has been enlarged. May God use each one of us to hold forth the Word of Life in its purity, simplicity, and truth.

Personally, I am grateful to the Lord for what I consider the great privilege of being back in the Bible Institute for another year—a year which, under the blessing of the Lord, has been one of the best in the history of the school. Surely the Lord has a divine ministry for our Alma Mater which, with so few others, finds its faith in the entire Revelation of God. This ministry will be fulfilled only as we, individuals scattered "far and near" faithfully "continue" and with living faith lift up Christ to a world lost in darkness. May each one be faithful to his trust.

RHODA ROTH.

#### FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE HELPS NEEDY STUDENTS

An appeal to contribute liberally to the Fellowship Circle so that there might be a surplus to appropriate to worthy students has been kept before the readers of the Bulletin for the past year or two. Through the generous giving of members during April and May, there was a modest surplus in the Treasury at commencement time. The Executive Committee therefore appropriated \$50.00 to needy students. This sum was given to the Institute and credited to the accounts of eight young people. In choosing the beneficiaries the Committee nominated only those who were in definite financial need. It kept in mind too the qualifications previously agreed upon, namely, character, scholarship, and willingness to work.

The students who received help as well as the Institute are grateful to the Fellowship Circle for this assistance.

It is hoped that in taking \$50.00 from the Treasury the new Executive Committee will not find itself financially embarrassed in carrying on its work during the year. It will not if the members of the Circle continue to send in their offerings. It is only too true that times are hard, but this is just the occasion to

stand together in loyally supporting the Institute. And all the people said—Amen!

S. A. WITMER.

#### LIGHT TOWER PUBLICATION A SUCCESS

S. A. WITMER.

When the student body this past school year undertook the publication of a year-book there were some apprehensions as to whether it would be a financial success. In fixing the budget the staff thought only of "coming out even." It found that engraving costs would be just as high as heretofore—considerably over one hundred dollars. Some sayings could be made in printing cost and photography. At any rate, the staff managed to sell enough copies at one dollar each to pay all of the costs, and through some unexpected economies there was even a profit.

The staff decided to turn over the surplus as well as the unsold copies to meet a special need in the Institute. The balance of approximately \$34.00 was given toward the replacement of the Gospel Truck, which "isn't what it used to be." The unsold copies, numbering about one hundred, were turned over to the Fellowship Circle, and anything that might be realized from them was to go to the Practical Work Committee toward the purchase of a new bus. Thirty-five copies were sold during the commencement season. If others of the Circle wish to give a dollar for the replacement of the bus, they too will be given a copy of the Light Tower. This is one means of both giving and getting!

The 1932 Light Tower is an attractive book that reflects credit to the students who worked so faithfully to produce it. The Fellowship Circle should like to realize as much as possible from the extra copies, and shall be glad to mail copies anywhere for one dollar each. Orders may be sent to the Editor, Miss Myrle Gaskill, Bible Institute.

Do you enjoy keeping in touch with the Bible Institute family, past, present and future? Prove that you do by sending in your subscription which will make this possible.

Anything which makes religion its second object, makes religion no object. God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing He will not put up with—a second place.

## A Congo Wedding

Dear Friends:

It is already almost two weeks since the "big affair", the wedding of Mr. Elmer Hutchinson and Miss Virginia Lundwall took place here at our station. We were in the village when we received word from the station that the long looked for official papers had come from the government and that now the wedding would take place as soon as the invitations could get around to all the friends.

Upon our return to the station we immediately called in all the men, women and children who wanted to work to get the station cleaned up for the occasion. The day of the wedding was to be on Wed., March 2, but as we planned on having a prayer conference preceding, some began coming the week before. Mr. Haller went to Mangai on Thursday to get the missionaries who wanted to come from Mbeo, which is near Mangai. Miss Nina Briggs and Miss Beth Mahon came from there. They arrived on Friday evening, then the following day we went to Idiofa where we met the Eichers and Miss DeLang from Barake. On Sunday afternoon we began our prayer conference with 10 missionaries present and Geneva Grace. We had blessed times of fellowship during these prayer services.

March 2 dawned a beautiful, cloudless day with everybody happy, cheerful and busy as Mangungu. Rev. A. Janzen and wife with four others from Kafumba came the evening before with his truck. The morning of the wedding the Mukedi missionaries arrived, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Sprunger, Miss A. Sprunger, and Miss Erma Birkey.

The veranda was beautifully decorated with flowers, palms, and plants. A platform was arranged with an arch above it made of palm branches and white cheese-cloth with bunches of flowers. Rows of chairs were arranged for the spectators, while the natives sat on mats on the side veranda. Our little piano was quite an important feature in the program. It was placed near the platform. Our large sitting room was prepared and ready for the wedding feast. The tables were placed to form a large T. The room was decorated with palm branches, flowers, and ferns.

At 12 noon, Mrs. A. Haller began playing an instrumental piece on the piano, whereupon all the guests both black and white marched in and were seated. Then Mendelssohn's Wedding March was

played and Rev. A. Janzen, the preacher who was to marry them, came walking slowly down the veranda and took his place on the platform, then Mr. Victor Buck, the best man, and following him the bridegroom. Miss Beth Mahon, the bridesmaid, came next, after whom appeared the bride in beautiful white dress and veil which was carried by little Edzil, Geneva's little black play-mate. The bride joyfully took her place beside the bridegroom and the ceremony took place, after which all came forward for congratulations. Both the missionaries and the natives shook hands as they all filed out.

Before going to the dinner pictures were taken, while the native guests were each given a tin of sardines as their part of the feast. This was a real treat to them and all went away happy and the missionaries gathered in the dining room. The bride, bridegroom, preacher, toastmaster (Mr. Haller), best man, and the bridesmaid sat at the front table. Then all the others were seated at the long table with Mrs. Haller at the end. Geneva Grace and little Edzil had a little table of their own. We began the meal with an appetizer of lettuce, little bits of meat, and pickles. I neglected to mention that the place cards of tea roses were attached to tiny blue boxes containing salted peanuts and mints. Also the bride's bouquet was made of a flower we have here which is similar to yellow roses, with beautiful fine soft ferns from the forest. The table was decked with these yellow flowers, roses, and ferns.

The next course we had fried chicken, Irish potatoes (a real treat for us), creamed onions, cold sliced goat meat, and baked beans. For drinks we had lemonade and grape juice. We then served mincemeat pie and coffee, after which the bride cut the nice large wedding cake, which all enjoyed with fruit salad.

After the meal was served we had the program, of which Mr. Haller was in charge. He began by giving a reading of the bride and bridegroom making reference to Christ and His bride, the church; then Miss Beth Mahon gave us a hymn after which different ones of the guests were called upon to give a little speech. Rev. Janzen being the first, then Mr. Sprunger from Mukedi, after which the best man spoke, then Mr. Eicher, and last the bridegroom. As quite

a number had brought gifts for the new couple we finished our program by presenting them. Then we again had some music while we enjoyed each other's fellowship waiting for the storm to pass over. During the meal a heavy thunderstorm had arisen.

The Hutchinsons remained here with us until the following Monday when we took them to Idiofa, for the official marriage before the administrateur. On Tuesday Mr. Haller took them to Mukedi en route to their field of labor.

Yours in His service,  
A. HALLER AND FAMILY.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARIZED REPORT, 1931-1932

#### Receipt:

Balance on hand, May 21, 1932 ..\$31.30  
Annual offering, May 21, 1932 .... 22.62  
Received from Donors ..... 88.06  
Received from Bible Institute for  
Ad to Light Tower in Bulletin...5.00

Total Receipts .....\$146.98

#### Disbursement:

Cost of Publication of 3 Bulletins \$83.06  
Cards, Ballots and Postage ..... 5.10  
Dues on Toronto, Ontario, Check .30

Total Disbursements .....\$88.46

Balance in Treasury May 18, 1932, \$58.52

WALDO SCHINDLER, Treas.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We gratefully wish to acknowledge the contributions made toward the financial support of the Bulletin. A good response came to the appeal for funds in the January issue.

#### "SAYINGS OF MEMBERS"

"Enclosed you will find remittance for the Fellowship Circle Bulletin which we are glad to receive from time to time to hear about the former B. T. S. students."

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"I just received the last number of the Bulletin. It gives me pleasure to read the interesting articles and reports of the many B. T. S. schoolmates."

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"The Fellowship Circle Bulletin comes to me regularly and I enjoy its pages."

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"Enjoy the Bulletin immensely."

"A thousand blessings Lord, to us  
Thou dost impart;  
We ask one blessing more, O Lord—  
A thankful heart."



## Visiting the Indians with the Gospel

This trip was started on Friday, March 22, in the Name and Strength of the Lord. At noon we took the train for an hour's ride to shorten the distance on horse-back. Before we were able to mount our waiting horses it began to rain, which was a bit discomfoting but the God who notes the sparrow's fall and clothes the flowers of the field also looked down upon us with blessing and caused the rain to stop.

"My trip on horse-back began." We followed a path through brush and weeds which seemed to be leading off into no-man's-land with our rain cape wrapped around us. I followed in the rear as my horse knew that his rider was not experienced. With all my nudging in his ribs he insisted in keeping a certain distance behind. How characteristic of many people Always following others. But what a blessed example of following Jesus—In step with Him.

After riding about four hours we camped for the night. We were glad for shelter and protection and after our coffee next morning we continued our journey. This was the beginning of new sights, the grandeur of which is hard to describe. Besides the beauty and majesty of it there was a lot of reality for we were actually climbing mountains. The north west of Old Ohio is quite a level plain so you can imagine what an impression it made on my mind. When we reached the top of the range there was another thrill of going down which seemed even more dangerous. In many of the teacherous places we walked down until we became too tired to go on and were glad to find our horses waiting for us. After we reached the valley we had to cross the Cauca River. Only one horse could cross at a time so each waited his turn crossing over, being poll-taxed on the other side, after which we with our horses drank, from a fountain and stopped to rest a bit. As we looked back over the zigzag trail we had crossed we wondered who guided the feet of those first trail-blazers.

After going up and down several more knolls and crossing several streams we finally came in sight of a grassroofed house about 1:30 which Mr. Langeloh pointed out as the house of our host. Oh, what a location! Countless mountain peaks and valleys at every turn. We wonder how many thatch roofs one could find nestled among the hills hidden from the human eye by the dense growth of plantains, trees and shrubs and how many of

the inhabitants ever heard of Jesus.

Oh, the warm welcome we received from the bright-faced pure Indian. I am sure you cannot realize how simply one can live. We found them weaving their cloth, making their hats, bags and practically everything they use. Here we were in a large one-roomed hut with a part partitioned off by banana leaves for the kitchen. I think the only utensils that could be found were several kettles, bowls, coffee grinder and wooden spoons. They cooked with their fire built over the mud floor later passing a bowl to the different ones as they sat about the fire, the children taking their turn with the wooden spoon in the same bowl.

As the meetings were announced several months before, the people from the mountain sides began coming in one by one, some from one and a half days journey in, each with the expectation of staying until the meetings were over. Although I could speak very little, what a joy it was to see those eager faces drinking in the Bible truths. Oh, how they did like to sing. Mrs. Langeloh talked, sang, and talked more until she scarcely had any voice left and yet they were not tired.

The next day being Sunday we had services morning, afternoon and evening, attended by about 75 people intently listening and waiting for an opportunity to privately ask some question that had been troubling them. Quite a number of women and girls had come with expectation of giving themselves to the Lord, wondering just what they had to do. One young lady had confessed that she was the worst sinner. Quite a thing for our people. Dear ones, think what it means for these dear people who have had the opportunity for the first, second or third time, going back to their campfires without anyone to lead them on, many of them not able to read. From the depths of my soul I cried out to God that He by His Spirit would shield and keep these precious lambs of His fold from the roaring lions lurking about seeking whom they may devour.

In this home in which we visited the mother and several daughters gave themselves to God. The oldest son, a very bright lad, was formerly very much interested in the Gospel but later was deceived and led into Communism and now says it is impossible to give it up. We know God can set him free.

We intended leaving this place on Monday but the people prevailed upon us

until we stayed until Tuesday morning when we went about an hour's ride to another point for meetings. About a dozen or more followed us on foot to hear more.

The woman of this home had been closed to the Gospel but received us graciously and we pray that His blessed Word will grip and soften her heart. In the afternoon a lad of fourteen gave himself to the Lord.

In the evening we gathered by candle light for our last service. Again others came to find Him. We said farewell next morning with rejoicing, and yet sad, thinking of those who were not willing to give all to Him.

Many of these dear ones will not hear the Word again for three months when someone can make another trip. Can the Lord use you to pray a representative of the Cross into these untouched regions?

*Oh, Lord of the Harvest*—send forth laborers into this great harvest field. We must march on and on possessing new territory for our King.

Yours in His service,

ELSIE RUPP.

Popayan, Colombia, S. A., Apt. 79.

### HEALING OF A JUNGLE INDIAN

*"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."*

We were speaking one Sunday from the above text to a group of Jungle Indians who had gathered together for the regular morning service. We emphasized the fact that God hears and answers our prayers when we pray in the Name of Jesus and in faith. There was present that morning an Indian with a very sore arm. It was swollen much above its natural size and had been so for more than two weeks. He was suffering untold pain and we knew unless it would rupture soon the man would not live. We prayed very definitely for him that morning and explained that our Lord could heal the arm. After the service we continued applying hot compresses as we had done for many days before. The application in the forenoon showed no signs of any results. Our own faith was being tested for we knew the man could not continue long in that state. Our very being cried out to God for His intervention. That afternoon when his arm was treated again two little openings formed and an abundance of pus drained out. The man at once felt greatly relieved and he too was certain it was the working of the Lord. This incident spoke very forcibly to the Indians who knew

of this man's affliction and deliverance.

Sometime later this same Indian passed through another severe testing for which he felt himself largely to blame. A few days previous while visiting his home we noticed a good sized trough filled with "Mazoto" (This intoxicant is made from yuca, a starchy vegetable put through the process of fermentation.) In our services and in daily contact with the Indians we had spoken to them of the sin of drunkenness and urged them to forsake this evil. This Indian did not need to be told it was evil, he fully realized it. While there we again emphasized God's displeasure with such things. After urging him to obey God he agreed to destroy the Mazoto. With ax in his hand he split the trough to pieces and completely destroyed all its contents. This being done, he himself, though greatly humiliated, felt he had done what was right in the sight of God. The very next day he took very ill and relief failed to come for four or five days. While there attending to his needs he stated, "Perhaps God is punishing me for the evil I have done." He referred to the Mazoto of a short while before. Briefly I told him that disobedience to God always brings sorrow but that our Lord was merciful and tender, ready to forgive when we are willing to turn from our evil ways. We then prayed for pardon and deliverance. He himself cried to God for mercy and help. The Lord graciously intervened for him. To Him be all the praise and glory.

These Indians who have not heard the Gospel Story have no God to pray to, no one to bear their burdens. Though sun and moon worshippers they live day by day in their materialistic way as though there was no God. May we speedily hasten to them the blessed tidings of this full salvation!

CLAYTON D. STEINER.

Rev. Clayton Steiner, missionary to Peru, South America, is being supported by the Student's Mission Band of the Bible Institute.

The Steiner family are sailing for Peru, S. A., on July 7, on the S. S. Santa Inez.

Excerpt of a letter received by Paul Steiner from Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Bowman:

Shiekh, Mandah,  
Baluchistan, India,  
Jan. 13, 1932.

"The work for the most part that has been done in Baluchistan has been educa-

tional, and medical. The effects on the Pateans (Patoans are the Afghanies and local people of this section of Baluchistan, who are of Afghan descent) spiritually that is, toward Christianity has been very little. As far as I know there have been only four converts in this part of the country. Three were natives of Baluchistan and converted in the Methodist mission and one, an Afghanie, converted a year ago in our mission. We are doing only evangelistic work. There are many obstacles in the way but Our Lord goeth before. The people are very fanatical and carry out their ideas even if it means murder. A man accepting Christ is forced to leave his home and go into another part of the country. Even we are not safe when camping out. We can do no preaching, therefore all our work is purely evangelistic in the manner of personal work. We can enter no villages only by consent of the headman, and if we tell the Gospel story to them they will never ask us again and close the doors of the village to us. So our efforts are personal work, and there is a great field for this. There are thousands of Afghanie Nomads living in our field throughout the year. We have the best of opportunities of telling them the Good Old Story of The Cross.

Our field is divided into two sections. From Quetta north Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have charge of the work and from Quetta south Mrs. Bowman and I. Our field is more than 20 miles long and 100 miles wide. If I would mention the sparsely populated desert lands I would say 400 miles wide and 500 miles long. The more thickly populated area I mentioned. Some parts are very rugged mountains, from 2000 feet to 10,000 above sea level. The people live in the villages.

Day after tomorrow I leave our home and Mrs. Bowman and go about 100 miles from here and then travel over the desert by camel doing itinerating. Will make my headquarters at Sibi, a small place where we have an outstation and a native worker who will travel with me. When this letter reaches you *pray for us in this work. Pray for three men whom I am dealing with. One seems much interested. Pray for the many Afghanies that we meet continually. Pray for the native workers.*

Give regards to the B. T. S. family.

Yours sincerely,

CLYDE BOWMAN.

"Business First" is a good motto if it is Christ's business as well as yours. What firm do you represent?

Excerpt of a letter from Miss Agnes Sprunger from Mukedi, Africa:

"Three afternoons a week I have a Bible class with our prospective teachers. Some of them have already been out teaching. At present we are studying the Book of Acts. There are 28 attending the class now. We had more, but sad to say, some have fallen. On Saturdays some of them go to neighboring villages to preach the Gospel. My special burden these days is that our Christian boys and girls may be fully consecrated to the Lord that they may hear the Lord's call and go where He may send them, and also that the Word they speak from week to week may reach many hearts in the villages. Others go to the villages during the noon hour every day to teach.

Another part of my work is to translate Scripture into Kipende. I am not alone in this, but the final usually is left to me. The American Bible Society is going to print our Gospels and any other books we may be able to get ready. So far I have sent Matthew, Luke, John and Acts. We have Mark translated too but it has to be rewritten before we can send it to the printers. We also do some duplicating of books of the Bible on our duplicator. Two boys have learned to set the type and do quite well.

It seems that the devil is putting forth simultaneous efforts all over the world to prepare the way for the Anti-Christ. Recently there have been some cases of real demon possession and demon worship not many days distance from here. In our district there seems to be no danger so far.

Much love to all the dear Fellowship Circle members. Pray for us.

Yours in our soon coming Lord,

AGNES SPRUNGER.

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Altoona, Pa.,

May 1, 1932.

Excerpt from a letter from Mardell Niswander en route to New York:

"Four of us left Monday from Detroit and are traveling towards New York. We are holding open air meetings along the way and selling "Heralds" to meet expenses. It will take us about two weeks to get there. The Lord has been blessing us. In Brooklyn we expect to have some open air meetings and to help in the Mission there."

Miss Niswander is working with the Gospel Workers of Detroit. Miss Margaret Howard of the class of '31 also belongs to this group and is located at present in Brooklyn, N. Y. Pray for these workers.



Bethel Hospital,  
Newton, Kans.,  
May 10, 1932.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find one dollar to pay for the Fellowship Circle Bulletin.

It would be a great pleasure to me, could I attend your annual meeting. Would also like to visit the school and see the beautiful surroundings. It was beautiful in 1911, when I was a student and I understand it is much more so now since the church is there.

I am back at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital since my mother went to be with Our Lord in December.

SISTER MARIE LOHRENTZ.

Love for the Master translated into service—that is the kind of Christianity that will conquer the world.

#### THE CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MAN

"Not slothful in business." Rom. 12:11.

Good business consists in more than the successful accumulation of wealth. The miser accumulates money, but is not a good business man. He owes his wealth to a policy of niggardly holding what comes within the clutches of his hands. He lives his life realizing none of the good that his wealth might obtain or do. Many multi-millionaires of recent years have been misers on a large scale, and the whole country has been impoverished through them. Stocks, savings accounts, real estate, etc., are not forms of investment, in the true sense. They are but the agencies for the creation of wealth. But it is obvious that the man who continually turns all of the dividends of his stocks, the interest from his accounts, or the profits from his land, into more stocks, more accounts and more land, is going on in a vicious circle. He is not a good, certainly not a Christian business man.

The scriptures speak of the impossibility of a rich man entering the Kingdom of God. This is necessarily true, from the fact that the rich man's life has no outlet. What Jesus means is that the rich man must get out of his vicious circle and invest in securities that are worth while in themselves. After Jesus had spoken of the impossibility of the rich man entering the Kingdom of God, He followed with the explanation that "with God all things are possible." God doesn't lay any premium on poverty. Some people's affections are more firmly set on a few dollars than others' are upon their thousands. Others feel that there is a special virtue in their poverty, when the

cause of their lack is in sheer laziness. Some people have low aims, are satisfied with life so long as they can fill their stomachs to satisfaction. God expects every man to be diligent in business, and diligence will always bring prosperity and wealth, but God holds every man accountable further for the proper distribution of his wealth. The rich man in the worldly sense is like a large bucket. The rich man who is admitted to the kingdom becomes a great channel.

The Christian, regardless of the extent of his means, is a steward. As such he is responsible, according to his calling, for the creation, the conservation, and the distribution of his means. If every Christian would get this principle of divine economy imbedded in his life, it may be safely predicted that an unparalleled state of spiritual health and vigor would be produced in the Church of Christ, and instead of its chronic feebleness, would ensue a power impelling it onward to every unevangelized corner of the earth.

LOYAL R. RINGENBERG,  
Auburn, Ind., R 3.

#### FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE REPORT

The annual meeting of the Fellowship Circle was held at the First Missionary Church, May 18, 1932. Friends and graduates of former years had returned to their Alma Mater, which renewed those "Mounted Days" of fellowship and consecration which brought them to the more abundant life.

Rev. S. A. Witmer, the president, presided. The service was to be carried out in a very informal manner, thus bondage soon gave way to freedom. Mr. Safara Gerig presented to the Alumni the new school song, written by our friend, Prof. C. A. Gerber. Copies had been printed and distributed, the chord was given and voices blended in harmony to singing:

"Eternal is the Word of God,  
A Counselor and Guide sublime,  
A Pilot true when billows roll  
A Rock and Refuge for the soul,  
Tho' heaven and earth shall pass away,  
The Word of God shall stand for aye."

Then followed a chorus of salutation to Dear Old Bible Institute, of honor and love with a message or prayer that its sons and daughters march on fulfilling our Savior's command of "Go ye" until He returns to receive us.

A season of prayer followed on bended knee, especially remembering those in dire need of our prayer support, various earnest petitions were presented to our Divine Father in behalf of those across the seas,

in the front ranks of battle, facing situations of crisis. This period of intercession was closed very reverently by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

A ladies' quartette from the Institute, composed of Misses Lehman, Thomas, Basinger and Swartz, sang very beautifully "Redeemed".

Various reports from our secretary and editor were presented and received. A brief report was given of the past year and the names of new candidates of the Fellowship Circle were read and acted upon, and received into membership.

Liberal contributions were lifted, while Miss Myrtle Good favored us with a marimbaphone selection, accompanied by Miss Vera Baumgartner at the piano.

At this time the "Light Tower Staff" upon representation, presented our chairman a gift of one hundred twenty-five copies of the "Light Tower" and thirty-four dollars in cash to be used toward the purchasing of a new Gospel Bus for the Bible Institute. Mr. Witmer also announced that two hundred dollars had already been placed in reserve for this needy project.

Rev. Chris Gerig of Woodburn, Ind., brought a short and inspiring message, based upon the book of Esther (4:14).

A men's quartette composed of Matesson, Steiner, Schoenhals, and Eicher sang by request, very joyously, "O Happy Day."

As a final or closing message the Rev. Joshua Stauffer, a member of the Institute faculty, gave us a common message in a very uncommon way. Truly the words came from anointed lips, freighted with the power of the Holy Ghost, and our hearts were caused to burn within us.

Brief words of testimony were given us by Miss Arvilla Dammann and Mr. Forest Kuhn. The former is under appointment to the Philippines, while the latter is looking forward to the dark continent of Africa, both expecting to sail to their field of labor within a short time. Let us remember them in prayer.

Results of the election were read:

President—C. J. Gerig.

Vice President—Harold Wiswell.

Secretary—Rhoda Roth.

Treasurer—Loyal Ringenberg.

Editor—Myrtle Gaskill.

Nominating Committee:

Paul Stauffer, Jasper Lehman, Emanuel Becker.

A large circle was formed about the church, and all united in the singing of choruses of praise, after which we were dismissed.

PAUL STEINER.



## INTERESTING NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wishart who are now engaged in evangelistic work visited the Institute in April. During evening worship in the dining room Mr. Wishart gave a very interesting and helpful discourse on the subject, "That the ministry be not blamed." Mrs. Wishart (nee Myrtle Bradley) also told the students of her days spent at school and of the Lord's tender dealing with her since leaving school. Our hearts were touched as she told of the Lord taking their infant daughter, Pauline Grace, unto Himself.

Miss Tamar Wright, missionary to India, returned to the States in April. She went to her home in Toledo.

Mr. Raymond Moser, '23, attended the Mission Band service on the evening of May 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shott spent a few days at the school enroute to their home at Peoples, Ohio.

Mr. Sylvan Honderich of Kansas called at the Institute one evening during this term.

Our President and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Ramseyer are now on an extensive tour of the west, visiting Missionary churches and encouraging believers along the way.

Rev. C. I. Birkey, '23 and Miss Mary Franz were united in marriage on April 27, 1932, in Congo, Africa.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Rev. Elmer J. Hutchinson and Virginia Lundwall in Congo Belge, West Central Africa. Miss Lundwall was a student at the Institute in 1930.

Herbert and Marie Diller of Glendale, Arizona, announce the arrival of a daughter, Pauline Marie on January 29, 1932.

Miss Hannah Bracey, who has been in the homeland for a furlough, returned to Africa in January.

Since the close of the school term many of the students are engaged in active service for the Master. The work at North side, a Mission located at the corner of Goshen Road and St. Mary's Ave., is progressing nicely. This Mission has been under the supervision of Miss Martha Amstutz and now Mr. Cyril Eicher is assisting for the summer months. Mr. John Nussbaum has been secured for a two weeks' evangelistic service.

Mr. Edison Habegger is the evangelist in the Harvester District on the East side of the city.

A new work has been opened in the Hobson school house at the end of State Street. Mr. Frank Albright is in charge there with Mr. Edgar Schade as evangelist for a series of special meetings. Pray for these meetings. There is much opposition but God is faithful and will bless every effort put forth in His Name.

Mother Lugibihl has faithfully completed another year's work at the Institute and is now spending a week with her brother in Bluffton. She expects to go to Peoria for a few weeks and if the Lord tarries she will be back to welcome the students at the beginning of school.

Dale Baggs has again resumed work at the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple. If you have a radio, you may hear his "Good morning radio friends" occasionally from station WOWO.

The Misses Mary Hoke, Vivian Brunner and Lewellya Nolsheim of the class of '32 and Miss Ida Kneuss, a special student of the past year are expecting to take up work in the Kentucky mountains this summer under the leadership of Miss L. McConnell.

Mr. Paul D. Steiner '32, is teaching in Summer Bible School at the First Missionary church in Fort Wayne.

The Bible Institute has established the custom of a special day of prayer each month. At these meetings much help is secured and many blessings received from the Heavenly Father. Victories are won and testimonies are given of the Lord's tender dealings. It is always a time of spiritual refreshing and blessed fellowship with the Lord. The service in May was in charge of the Dean, Rev. B. F. Leightner. He gave some helpful comments on "Helpless, yet helping others." He made it clear to all that God will give grace and help in every time of need and will answer our petitions "exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think".

Mr. Homer K. Clauser, an accepted candidate of the Africa Inland Mission, who is continuing his work in preparation for service in French Equatorial Africa by the study of French, sailed for France in March, to spend a year there in getting the language.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Smith (nee Golda Hughes '26) are the happy parents of a baby girl, Verla Elizabeth, born April 25, 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Smith now have charge of the M. B. C. Mission in

Hillcrest, Springfield, Ohio.

Little Miss Ruth Naomi arrived on June 3, 1932 to brighten the home Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrold of Grabbill, Indiana. (Mrs. Harrold was formerly Naomi Roth).

Miss Mary Krosschell, a student of 31-32, was married to Mr. Paul Ziemer on June 7, at the Toledo Gospel Tabernacle.

If you have a friend or an acquaintance who is interested in a Bible School, kindly send their name and address to the Registrar, Bible Institute, Fort Wayne, Ind.

### LOOK OVER THIS LIST:

We have no address for these members. If you know their address, please send it to the Editor. Thanks.

Mrs. James R. Adams (Clara Freehoff)

Edna Amstutz

Jas. F. Ayers

Mrs. S. M. Baergen

Mrs. A. F. Bartels

Mrs. P. J. Brennan

Jacob Bergen

Wm. Buesching

Mrs. B. H. Clarke

Geo. W. Cooke

Mrs. Cecil Cooke

Bertha Dye

Marion Dye

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Lawrence Givens

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Treva Marshall

Bessie Meiser

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