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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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THE WORLD'S ONE AND ONLY HOPE

By REV. L. H. ZIEMER

The supreme message of God's Word to our lost world is the Gospel of man's salvation and the coming glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The hope of the world is the Kingdom of God and His Christ, and there is no other hope. The present unrighteous governments of the world can hold out no hope whatsoever to the people. And God's judgment against them declares that they must go down; but of Christ, the Son of God, it is written: "The government shall be upon his shoulder: * * and of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever."

As matters stand today, the whole civilized and uncivilized world, with all of its domains and principalities, "lieth in the evil one", and is cursed sevenfold by sin. For almost 6,000 years, now, Satan has been the invisible ruler of the world, and what a mess he has made or world-affairs! Politically, conditions are about as bad as they can become; economically the world is bankrupt; moral conditions are shocking and reeking with the filth of iniquity; religiously the nations have forgotten and forsaken God. There is not a ruling power or nation on earth today that feels safe and secure, and all of them together seem quite unable to cope successfully with the perplexing problems that confront them. Crime abounds, and the whole earth is filled with violence and death. Fear and uncertainty grip the people, and scarcely anyone feels secure in home, property or body. Go where you please, everywhere the curse of sin is felt and seen. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until this hour"—and will continue to groan until Jesus comes. And this is the heartbreaking thing of it all: cursed by sin, the whole world is blindly and madly hastening on to the awful

judgment day of the wrath of almighty God. Yes,—

This poor world of ours is a Satan-driven and demon-energized world, and its only hope of deliverance is in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many, of course, are they who will deny this, but "we know that the whole world lieth in the evil one". "Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood," says the inspired writer of God, "but against principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." I have previously called your attention to the Word of God which tells us, that if the ultimate purpose of the Gospel of Christ is hid from those who hear it, "it is hid in them that are perishing; in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not". Satan's aim and business is to blind men's minds to the truth. And in Rev. 12:9 we are plainly told that "Satan is the deceiver of the whole world". With blinding dexterity and devilish mesmerism, "with all power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness", Satan, "as an angel of light" goes about to deceive the whole world, and actually takes men and nations captive according to his will. Poor blind dupes of Satan! Behold, how they follow him to their own hurt and destruction! "Thinking themselves to be wise, they become fools," in that they will not repent and come to Christ and believe in Him. What a tragedy!

Oh, thank God! There shall also come an hour of deliverance for the world from all the satanic oppression, and our world shall become once more a paradise of God. In Rev. 20:1-3 we read about it,—"a mighty angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him

into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished." Praise the Lord! Then for a thousand years shall the Lord our God reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice. "In his days shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace, till the moon be no more. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him" (Ps. 72:7, 8, 11).

NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

ARTICLE VII—Elections

Sec. 3—A ballot containing the nominations for President and Editor shall be prepared by the Editor, and sent to each member of the Fellowship Circle in ample time to allow them to reply before the date of the Annual Meeting. Each member is requested to submit their ballot for the two offices by mail if they cannot be present in person at the Annual Meeting. Only those present at the Annual Meeting shall be entitled to vote on other elections or questions.

President

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CYRIL EICHER _____
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Editorials

"All is well." 2 Sam. 18:28.

"All's well!" is a very familiar phrase. It was, however, in much more common use in former days than it is now; days when the watchman paced his appointed beat. Whether in the calm starlight or amid the storm, the watchman paced on; and should no burglars be at work, or fire raging, the assuring cry might be heard, from time to time, as the night wore on, "All's well! All's well!" And it is always "All's well!" with the child of God, as he lives rightly, according to God's will whatever the character of the night may be. He knows the "night is far spent, the day is at hand"; he expects to see the "Bright and Morning Star" presently, but for awhile the night yet lasts, and is characterized by darkness, and wild storms of trial and distress. Yet the Watchman's voice may ever be heard above the fury of the fiercest storm, "All's well!" It is always so with the child of God, whatever the providential incidents of his onward course may be. Don't be afraid. Rest in His safekeeping. The Watchman may be trusted. He is on His beat guarding His own all through the long-lasting night. Listen, and you will never fail to hear His voice assuring you "All's well!"

Looking back over the past year we can say that the editing of the Fellowship Circle Bulletin has been a joy in that we realize that we have had a little part in the work of the Circle. Although the work has been a joy yet the collecting and arrangement of material has been quite a task. We hope the Bulletin has proved to be both interesting and helpful to each member.

Many hours have been spent on the mailing list. We have conscientiously at-

tempted to keep up with the reports of marriages, removals, etc., but after each publication some cards have come from postmasters saying that certain parties had moved and left no address. The Editor had received no notice of change of address so consequently no Bulletin could be sent them, and their names had to be dropped from the mailing list. However, all names are kept on file and the addresses can be corrected any time such information reaches the Editor.

The Bulletin was published only three times this year as the funds were insufficient when the October issue should have gone to the printer. Each of the three issues contained approximately 8,000 words.

The Editor wishes to thank each one who helped in the publication. We believe that if each member of the Circle would know the work there is attached to this office there would be a greater co-operation in furnishing material for the Bulletin. The amount of material contributed voluntarily was very small but we are grateful for the ready response to our personal letters for suitable material. The news items, so interesting to all, are

hard to obtain. We trust each member will realize anew the importance of sending in news items and articles and all information of interest.

We again wish to thank all who helped us in this work. We wish our successor God's blessing and ask that every member pledge his support to help make the Bulletin a better paper. EDITOR.

FINANCIAL EMERGENCY

Just as the Editor's material goes to the press we have at hand the statement of the insolvent condition of the bank in which the funds of the Fellowship Circle are kept. Fortunately there is a cash reserve on hand to the extent of about half of the cost of the current issue of the Bulletin. This number is therefore being published on the strength of your loyalty in helping make up the amount needed to pay the bill from the publisher when it arrives.

May we count upon you?

Treasurer.

Christ and the Bible

By REV. H. E. TROFF

The Bible is being attacked and ridiculed by many today. Everywhere men are questioning whether the Bible is really God's revelation to man. This, of course, is nothing new; for in the very beginning of God's dealings with man, the old serpent said, "Yea, should God have said?" And ever since then there have been men who chose to believe the devil's lie concerning the Scriptures, rather than the truth of God.

There is only one who can be considered an absolute authority on the Holy Scriptures, and that is our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we inquire, What did Jesus think of the Scriptures? And what was His attitude toward the Book?

In the first place, even a cursory reading of the Gospels reveals the fact that Jesus claimed to be the fulfiller of Scripture. He said, "I am not come to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17). He saw Himself in the Scriptures—"In the volume of the Book it is written of me" (Heb. 10:7). He is the seed of the woman who was to bruise the serpent's head (Gen. 3:15); He is the One in whom the promise of God to

Abraham should be verified, namely, that in Him all the families of the earth should be blessed; He is the paschal lamb whose blood saved and sheltered Israel from judgment; He is the Servant of Jehovah whose humiliation should lead to Divine exaltation (Isa. 53); He is the King who shall reign in righteousness, and whose Kingdom is everlasting (Dan. 7:14).

Jesus Christ was the central theme of all the Law and the prophets. He is seen there in type and shadow. Every road in the prophetic Word points to Him and leads to Him. He is the one great theme of all the writers of Scripture.

In the second place, Jesus claimed that every word He spake was the Word of God. "I have not spoken of myself, the Father which sent me, he gave me commandment what I should say, and what I should speak" (Jno. 12:49). In the spoken words of Jesus, therefore, we have the very words of God.

Jesus spake of the Scriptures as being inviolable and as permanent as the heavens. "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from

the law until all be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18). In spite of the fact that men have throughout the centuries endeavored to dislodge this Rock, it still stands today as the inerrant and inviolable Word of the living God. "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall never pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

Our Lord never spake as a judge or critic of Scripture, sifting true from false, or fact from fiction; but as an expounder of a Revelation which has come from God. "It is written," and therefore true! To our Lord the Old Testament characters were real, not "phantom heroes of early myth and national idealism". He quoted from Leviticus, thus recognizing the book as the Word of God. Evidently He did not believe that it was "the work of some unknown priest of post-exilic times". Jonah, our Lord treated as a book of facts, not fables, for according to Him, "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and condemn it" (Luke 11:32). And Daniel is recognized, not as a mythical book, half legend, and half fantastic vision; but as the prophet whose prophecies shall be fulfilled (Matt. 24:15).

From this it is evident that to our Lord the Bible was not "a tentative chart whose soundings must be checked, corrected, or accepted with reserve"; but a Book that can be trusted for its safety and accuracy. Our Lord Himself stood firmly upon this Rock, and witnessed to the fact of its Divine origin. Even after His resurrection He said, "All things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and in the prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me" (Luke 24:44).

Let us, as members of the Fellowship Circle, stand firmly upon the old Book, and let us contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints. If there is no retreat, there will be no regret.

"GOD WILL PROVIDE HIMSELF A LAMB"

By REV. JOSHUA STAUFFER

Son: "Where is the Lamb?" Gen. 22:7.

Father: "God will provide Himself a Lamb." Gen. 22:8.

Genesis is full of the gospel. It is the foundation book of the Bible. All doctrines are taught or developed in type in Genesis. Types are prophecies. These point forward to Him in Whom most types culminate and around Whom the fulfillment of prophecy clusters—the Lord Jesus Christ.

The historical events in Genesis are re-

corded in an interesting manner and at the same time they portray Christ and Christian experience. Paul says, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come" (I Cor. 10:11). And again, " whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

Especially does the life of Abraham and his experiences with those of Isaac beautifully foreshadow many glorious gospel pictures. These types are far from being perfect. There are many failures and defects in their lives, yet the Substance of these shadows, the Lord Jesus, is faultless and in Him is absolute perfection.

When Abraham was old a son was born unto him. In Isaac, promises God made unto Abraham were to be fulfilled. Abraham counted much on Isaac, and so did God. When the lad was grown into manhood, the Lord called upon Abraham to offer up his son. Abraham had many trials but this was the greatest one. This was harder than death itself, but he obeyed promptly and willingly. He did not withhold his only son Isaac.

The father and son started for the mount of offering. On the third day, they came to the place. The two young men who came with him were told to remain at the foot of the mountain. The father and son alone were able to go through the ordeal. The young men might have hindered and prevented the father in offering the son.

THE SON CARRIED THE WOOD

The wood for the burnt offering was laid on the son to carry. This is figurative of Christ, the Son of God carrying His cross. In the days of Roman authority, it is said that outside the judgment hall was a pile of rugged crosses. After the trial the criminal had to pick out the cross he wished to die on and carry it to the hill of execution.

THE FATHER, KNIFE AND FIRE

The knife to kill the offering and the fire to consume it were in the father's hands. These looked cruel and painful. The knife and fire symbolize wrath and justice. While Christ was hanging on the cross, the Father laid on Him the iniquity of us all. It pleased the Father to bruise Him instead of us. Sin made the death of Christ a necessity. It was what God the Father did unto Christ while He was hanging on the cross that atones for sin.

GOD PROVIDED A LAMB

Isaac had seen his father sacrifice many times. Each time he took an ox, sheep or goat. On this occasion he did not take any animal. As they were going up the mountain, the son said, "Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" The answer of the father to the son is very significant: "God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering." Whether Abraham fully realized all that was implied in his answer we do not know. Nevertheless, there is much in it for our consideration. In the first instance, it refers to Isaac. Isaac was a gift and given by God. Abraham could not yet say, "It is you my son, I am going to offer." The son was not yet ready for this and the reaction then might have frightened the lad and caused him to run back to the young men. The Lord did provide Isaac but He provided more. Abraham did not yet know a ram would be substituted in the place of his son. The time had not yet come for him to know this, for had he known, there would have been no trial in it nor could he get any blessing out of it. After Abraham went clear through with the Lord, he was restrained and the son set aside. It was then again, God provided a lamb. It was God who caused a ram to wander up the mount and be caught in the thicket and be there at this instant. All this is but typical of a deeper meaning. God must provide the Lamb for the great offering that is to make atonement for sin. Man cannot provide a lamb that can take away sin. Man is helpless and undone. He can do nothing to save himself. God must do it all or He will not do it at all. Truly it was God who provided Christ His only Son. It was God the Father who freely gave Christ. It was God the Holy Spirit who constructed a human and sinless body of flesh and blood in which God the Son could live, die and rise again as the Substitute for all men.

Again, "God will provide Himself a Lamb", that is, this Lamb which He provides, will be for Himself. Sin strikes at God. Sin is injustice to God. Atonement must be made unto God. God could not accept an animal in atonement for the sins of man. It must be that of His own dear Son. His Son was the accepted One. This offering forever satisfied the Father.

Not only did God provide this Lamb, and provide this Lamb for Himself, but He provided Himself to be this Lamb. That is, God must be this Lamb and this Lamb must be God. This is God's Lamb.

All the blood of all the lambs of all time could not atone for one sin but the blood of One Lamb (God's Lamb) can atone for all sins of all time.

This is good news, that should rejoice every sinner and cause every believer to shout—God provided Himself a Lamb. We all have sinned—God provided Himself a Lamb. We were all lost and deserved hell—God provided Himself a Lamb. There is forgiveness of sin and cleansing from inbred sin — God provided Himself a Lamb. There is eternal life — God provided Himself a Lamb. There is room in heaven for you—God provided Himself a Lamb. There is room in heaven for your father, mother, children, your relatives and neighbors—God provided Himself a Lamb. We were not created for sin and hell, we were created for heaven and heaven is being prepared for us—God provided Himself a Lamb for our redemption.

"IN THIS PLACE WILL I GIVE PEACE"

A REMINISCENCE

It is a glorious privilege to know that as children of God we may have peace. Not a faculty numbing inertia, but an active life-principle—peace; not a mere cessation of warrings without, but a complete release from within. Small wonder the poet sang:

"Peace, peace, wonderful peace,
Peace, peace, glorious peace."

We're not told that we must seek elsewhere for it; not other places, other times, other occupations or companions, for *here*—now, "in this place will I give peace". The promise is as steadfast for us as it was when Haggai gave it to the hearts of those rebuilding the wall.

Curiously enough, however, most of us look back to definite times and places where peace came to us; there, in memory, we build monuments.

Some of us who have been at the Bible Institute have erected little "monuments of peace" in the most logical place for a monument—Foster Park. They are not marked with the usual symbols, nor could curious eyes discover them, but God and the owner know where each one lies and just what it cost.

My first excursion into Foster Park was during the usual fall picnic for new students. Besides the beauty of the place three things stand out distinctly in my memory: a long talk with Mrs. Smith—later my patient and much-tried Greek instructor, Mr. Witmer's "first aid" to his little daughter and the un-nameable feel-

ing that most of the folks there had a quiet something or other in their lives I did not have. The only word that expressed it was—peace.

We were very busy with the new work and the new surroundings, but for the first two weeks I recall that we had Scripture, dealing with the Deeper Life, for breakfast, dinner, and supper; in all classes and conversations besides the regular schedule. It made me miserable, indignant and so heart-hungry but I was unable to escape.

We made frequent visits to Foster Park. Not only did we find beauty there, but ash heaps. As days passed these dismal spots came to represent to hungry students what the Mount of Sacrifice did to Abraham. Here were brought the Isaacs of our will, our plans, our vanities; and after real surrender we returned to school not our own but His.

One night one of the girls returned to supper and worship looking as if all the candlepower of Glory lighted the lamps of her soul and shone out through her tear-stained face. I can't recall her testimony, but one sentence struck a responsive chord—I felt exactly as she did. "I knew I'd rather go to a burial than to go to the table again with this thing unsettled." Then she went on, "and the Lord said, 'that's exactly it. You're going to die.'" She had found the place of peace beside the ash heap and God had made it a Bethel. The glory is still in her soul though the ash heap may be gone. It was too much for the rest of us and by the following Monday several more had found the place of Peace, the God of Peace, and the Peace of God.

Faithful ministry, faithful Holy Spirit, and faithful prayers of students brought this heart-hungry, self-righteous girl to the place of peace in Room 53 on September 29, 1931. Not many days later one of the girls walked down and stood by while I raised my little monument of peace.

The beauty of Foster Park is sanctified in those tiny monuments of peace that speak of Him who gave peace to so many there. His peace, His joy, His victory. "In this place will I give peace." Hag. 2:9. Myra I. Martin, R. N.

LET US DIE WITH HIM

By REV. ALBERT HAGER

In Judea the tide of public opinion had been steadily rising against Jesus. His kind and sympathetic deeds, instead of mitigating the wrath of the Scribes and

Pharisees, but added to their frenzy and made them more determined than ever to rid themselves of this new threat to their ecclesiastical control.

Jesus thought it best to leave the country for the time being. He and the disciples crossed the Jordan. After they had been in that country a little while, Mary and Martha sent Jesus a message saying that Lazarus, their brother, was sick. Two days later Jesus told the disciples that He intended to return to Judea. His disciples warned Him of the danger. But they could not change His mind.

When they saw that Jesus was determined to go, Thomas said to the other disciples, "Let us also go that we may die with him."

We usually think of Thomas as the doubter of Christ's resurrection. But he proves himself more than that. He had allied himself with a cause for which he was ready to suffer. He had found a leader for whom he was willing to shed the blood which flowed through his veins. He had met a friend for whom he was prepared to make the supreme sacrifice.

A soldier unwilling to lay down his life is not fit to enter a battle. Like Gideon's twenty-two thousand fearful and fainthearted men they had better go back home and save the army's morale.

Jesus did not for a moment concern Himself with His own security. The fact that needy souls in Bethany asked for help was far more to be considered than life. To refuse them at a time like this, to forget those in sorrow who had been kind to Him, no, He could not do that. What though He would be killed? That was a matter of small consequence. But one thing He could not do. He could not leave His loved ones to suffer alone.

The disciples caught their Master's spirit. If He would face the danger, they would face it with Him. If He was to be killed, they were ready to share His fate.

We like Jno. 3:16, but I Jno. 3:16 not quite so well. We rejoice in the Savior who died for us, but are we anxious to die for one another? And are we as willing as Thomas was to die with our Lord?

It seems to me that this sacrificial spirit is one of the principal requirements for membership in the Bride of Christ. We pat ourselves on the back and complacently say to ourselves that since we have accepted Christ as our Savior we belong to that body. Perhaps. Perhaps not. Does not the bride have some obligations to perform as well as the bridegroom? Must she not suffer as well as He?

Can she live a life of comparative ease and enjoyment here, enter heaven without an abundant entrance and then hope to reign as queen with the king upon His throne? Would we be that magnanimous? Will God be? If we want to reign with Him we must also suffer with Him.

How much do we love our Lord? Would we gladly die for Him? We quickly answer, "Yes." But how can God tell that we mean what we say? What proof will convince Him of our fealty? He can only know when He beholds in us the spirit that constrains us to die for one another. The way we treat each other is an evidence of the way we treat God. Thomas had the right spirit toward His Master. He preferred death to failure in the discharge of duty. He was ready to follow the Lamb to the bitter end. May that determination possess us. Let us also go that we may die with Him.

I AM READY

There are three notable suggestions referring to the life of one of God's great men, and we do well in regard to these points, to look, learn, and do.

I am ready to heed is another way of saying what Saul really meant after he met the Lord on the Damascus road. The recorded words are "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This meeting was characterized by a supernatural blinding light, which is comparable to the aroused conscience of the unsaved. Truly how startling and revealing is the light by which the Lord shows the rebel his smallness, sinfulness and folly, and the divine grace which causes the most daring sinners to tremble, stop in his career of wickedness, and makes him concerned, resigned and obedient to the will of Christ. It gave Saul a heart to pray, turned this furious persecutor into a zealous preacher of the faith which he had once destroyed. No wonder that both saints and sinners were amazed at the marvelous change.

Saul was completely subdued and in the few days before his sight was restored, that revealing light and its accompanying message caused in him a reversal of values. Before it was "threatenings and persecution" of Christ's followers, but now a different attitude—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Now it was humility and self-abasement, before it was arrogance and pride of attainment and birth; now he was penitent at the feet of Jesus where before he persecuted Christ and all who were of that way; now there was meek submission in the place of proud rejection; a clinging faith took the place of a wicked suspicion

and a deep-seated love replaced passionate hatred. Ready to kill and destroy a short time before, this new creature in Christ Jesus was now ready to heed and obey. This attitude was an outstanding characteristic of Paul's whole life.

I am ready to serve is a general meaning of these words, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." Paul was eagerly ready to give this message in the proud world metropolis, among heathen or Jews; ready to labor with his hands so as to burden no one; ready to bear all things in order to win some for Christ. He was intellectually ready to write and preach to the world's most learned of his day and ours. Yet how humbly he used the gigantic intellect intrusted to him. For though he could have, with excellence of speech and wisdom, preached with enticing words, he chose rather that the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit should be the ground on which his hearers based their faith in the crucified Savior.

But more important still is the fact that he was ready spiritually. In every place, in every phase of his ministry he was ready for the Spirit, to speak to him, and through him to others. Over emphasis on this point is impossible. Throughout his Christian life Paul lived and moved in the Spirit and was promptly ready

for the opportunities given him for furthering the Kingdom of God.

I am ready to die. This point may seem rather bluntly stated, but doubtless this is the meaning of II Tim. 4:6, "I am ready to be offered," though the R. V. gives it, "I am already being offered." Paul was ready and perfectly willing that God should permit his career to come to a close. It was the one step that separated him from God's immediate presence. A heart longing of years was about to be realized. He was not afraid to die. It was no vague step into the dark for this man. His spirit-guided utterances on this subject have inspired and blessed millions. And unlike the man who, on his deathbed, said, that he was not afraid to die but that he was ashamed to—Paul certainly was not ashamed to die because of his past record and that he might stand before God empty-handed. He had fought valiantly, a true soldier; he had run victoriously to the end of his course having held to the way through all the trials, labors and difficulties that confronted him; he kept, faithfully and untarnished, the *faith*, lived by it, professed it, published it, defended it and was now happily and unashamed dying in it. In life and in death he was God's ready minute-man.

JOS. J. KLOPFENSTEIN, '27.

Greetings from Far and Near

Van Nuys, Calif.,
Dec. 13, 1932.

Dear Friends:

We have just had an old-fashioned revival meeting. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon us and folks got saved in almost every meeting. Rev. Mr. Lawrence Meade of Detroit, Mich., was the evangelist. He carries on his meetings in the old-fashioned way and preaches the old-time doctrines of repentance and faith.

I had the joy of baptizing 12 last Sunday night and will receive into the church 16 new members next Sunday. We are in the center of the San Fernando valley, one of the finest valleys in the state. We have a congregation of 225 splendid Christian people.

May God bless each member of the Circle. Yours in Him,

JOHN E. LAUBY.

* * *

340 West 55th St.,
New York City,
Jan. 24, 1933.

Dear Editor:

To you, and the entire family of faith,

as a poor sinner saved by grace, I extend greetings in His all-conquering Name.

By wondrous grace,

J. G. W. BERGLUND.

* * *

1505 S. Sawyer Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.,
Dec. 5, 1932.

Dear Friends:

I am a worker among the Jewish people, God's ancient chosen people, Israel, from whom we have the Word of God. I am trying to give them the Gospel but do not always find them willing to hear it. Some are and invite me back, others are indifferent, some even say they do not believe in any God.

I also go to the county infirmary every Tuesday. There I find Jews and Gentiles both need the Savior and praise God some have found Him and are rejoicing in Him. There I can work among the sick and tell them of Him who can always help and is always ready to help His children who trust Him and there we always find a welcome but there are so many there and so many who tell us

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The annual meeting of the Fellowship Circle of which you are a member, will be held Wednesday evening, May 24. This is an extraordinary service, as here you will have the privilege of fellowship with many of your former class-mates and fellow-students. The annual meeting is always a service of great blessing and inspiration. We are expecting you to attend this year.

The program of Commencement will begin Sunday evening, May 21, with the Baccalaureate service. Rev. B. F. Leightner, Dean, has been chosen by the class to preach the sermon.

On Tuesday, May 23, the annual musical recital will be given under the direction of Prof. C. A. Gerber, assisted by Mr. H. M. Skinner.

Rev. W. R. Hotchkiss, a peerless missionary who has spent 37 years in Africa, will deliver the Commencement address, Thursday morning, May 25 at 10:30.

(Central Daylight Saving Time)

they are never without pain. I am so glad to tell them of the One who is willing and able even though everything else fails and to tell them of the place where sickness and sorrow cannot enter and all tears shall be wiped away forever, where those washed in the blood of the Lamb will rejoice always and be with Him. Glory to His Name!

In our meetings we had several young couples, Jewish, who told us they were believers. How we rejoice to find such. The Lord is at work but the devil is busy also. Pray for us here.

Some are very ignorant. I asked one woman if she was washed in the blood of the Lamb. She said she did not have her bath yet and said she was so unlearned. How sad that the Bible is read so little. She finally seemed to understand some. We left a New Testament and she told us she was reading it. May the Spirit of God quicken her dark understanding and bring her into the Light.

The past summer we were out in the street meeting. Often had blessed experiences there. Some ridiculed, others tried to disturb, but there were always some that would listen. The seed was sown. May God grant a rich harvest for His own glory.

Pray for us here in this work.

JUDITH LEHMAN.

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Banner, Ky.,
Dec. 10, 1932.

To the Members of the Fellowship Circle:

I am at Banner, Ky. Banner proper consists of one store which is also railway station and postoffice. Near Banner along the river front are several houses and a saw mill. Prater Creek which empties

into the river near, leads back about six miles in the hills. On this creek near Banner is a three-room schoolhouse in which we have Sunday school in the afternoon and about four miles up creek is another three-room brick school which we may use.

I am with a Mr. Ladd, a young man from Western Kentucky who is a Moody graduate. We reside in a little two-room plank cabin on the side of a hill right near Banner. This cabin along with about an acre of hillside is the property of Mr. Ladd who came here late in August. I came here about the 20th of October.

Our Sunday school is not all we might hope for it to be due largely to the fact that most of the natives being the old order of Baptists are opposed to Sunday school but we believe God is going to prosper our efforts and get glory to His Name. There are many children and young people and sound gospel teaching is much needed.

Our fondest hopes concerning the upper school have just about been surpassed. We went there to introduce the School Bag Gospel League and interest the children in reading and memorizing Scripture, and as an outcome received an invitation to return every Friday from two-thirty on to teach them some songs and whatever else we wanted. So each time they will get a gospel chalk talk or object lesson or story. The teachers and school board are very co-operative and we feel we are laying the foundation for a real work for the Lord there. Mr. Stauffer from Ft. Wayne was here yesterday and gave them a very good object lesson.

God has been supplying our every need and we are trusting Him for the future.

The School Bag Gospel League supplies

New Testaments, but as several have already earned these we intend to have them memorize 100 verses for a Bible, and are trusting God through His children to supply the Bibles.

We covet the earnest prayers of God's people in behalf of our work for, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." One of His servants,

CLARENCE H. FURMAN.

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1520 W. Burnett St.,
Long Beach, Calif.,
Dec. 6, 1932.

Dear Friends:

At present we are in City Mission work for the Baptist denomination in this city. We have charge of two small Mission churches and Sunday schools. There is more than enough to keep us both busy. We have our discouragements, but the Lord has been faithful. It is my desire to be faithful to Him. Yours in His service,

MRS. DESSIE M. PRESTON.

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East Freedom, Pa.,
Dec. 14, 1932.

Dear Friends:

Since leaving the Bible Institute the Lord has seen fit to use us in His service in a country community near East Freedom, Pa.

The work of our church has been progressing for which we praise God. Souls have been saved since we began our ministry in a mountain mission among the hills of Pennsylvania. To God be all the honor and all the glory.

This fall our church experienced a most gracious revival under the leadership of Brother Edison Habegger, a Bible Institute graduate. In this revival Christians have been refreshed and awakened to a new sense of duty; some were led to a life of power and victory through the crisis experience of sanctification. In addition to this, backsliders have been reclaimed, and once more enjoy the peace of God in their soul.

Many throughout the countryside have experienced the forgiveness of sins through real heart repentance, and appropriating by faith the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. The entire community has been stirred to a new realization of the power of Jesus who is mighty to save and strong to deliver from the fetters of sin.

We are enjoying the blessing of God in the home as well as in the ministry.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

SYLVAN LEHMAN, '29.

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Lexington, Ky.,
Dec. 13, 1932.

Dear Friends:

At the present we are in a revival meeting in Lexington. Many souls are being saved.

We are kept busy in evangelistic work. The last year up to now we held meetings in ten different states and held three meetings in Ont., Canada. During that time we have seen between 1600 and 1700 souls bow at the altar of prayer.

The Lord has been so good to me, and has kept me in health, and has supplied all my needs for which I praise Him. I get tired in body at times, but when the Lord gives souls, I forget all about tiredness. I still love the work and want to continue to work for Him till He comes, for He is soon coming, and what we want to do for Him we must do quickly.

Yours in Him, RACHEL MOSER.

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109 Pioneer Ave.,
Turlock, Calif.,
Dec. 6, 1932.

Dear Friends:

We always read the Bulletin with interest.

We have been located at Turlock, Cal., since July, 1931. Turlock is located in a beautiful and very productive valley, which in normal times is an ideal place to live. So far we like the climate, country and people. We have many friends here and have found a large number of really devoted Christian people.

Since last December Mr. Gerig has been pastor of a church near Turlock. This work started with a Sunday school and to the present time the services are held in the assembly room of a public school. The school board is in sympathy with our work and pays for the light and fuel that we use. We have a group of loyal workers with whom we have enjoyed blessed Christian fellowship. Prayers have been answered in the saving of souls and believers have been led on to the deeper Christian truths and life. Our boys, Robert and Marion, have been saved and are going on with Jesus. We are

praying that the Bible Institute may continue to grow in usefulness and power.

With best wishes,

MRS. S. S. GERIG.

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Dear "Fellowship Circle" Friends:

It has just been my happy privilege to make a missionary convention tour in connection with the Missionary Church Association, and it made possible the meeting again of several of the Ft. Wayne Bible Institute students who attended during my two years of student life within its halls. It indeed seemed good to see them again and engage in fellowship over the days that have passed into eternity, as well as to meet later graduates of the school who are now out in the Master's service.

In Bluffton, O., I took supper with Mrs. Geiser, nee Miss Clara Gratz, who graduated in 1910, the year before our class. She is bravely fighting the battle of life for herself and two children alone, so far as a human companion is concerned, her dear husband, a preacher of the Gospel, having passed on to be with the Lord not many years after their marriage. God has been good to her as she has leaned upon Him for comfort, strength and wisdom.

The Dilgart home became my "resting place" for part of my stay in Clyde, O. They were in Ft. Wayne for a few months during my residence there. They have two fine daughters blossoming into young womanhood. May the Lord make them His very own.

Rev. Menno Amstutz holds the pastorate at Pettisville, O. There was a double joy in being in their home for a few hours' visit, owing to the fact that our brother had been in school with us, and his dear wife is a returned missionary and this always means a closer tie than ordinary acquaintance. They have a happy family of three boys, besides a foster daughter, the child of a cousin of Bro. Amstutz.

Miss Bertha Canfield, who was one of the first graduates of the Bible School, in the days of its beginnings, opened her hospitable home to the traveling missionary and many delightful seasons of fellowship were enjoyed together. She has taken into her home a dear young girl in the "teen" age whom she is seeking to raise for God.

While still on the district tour I received a letter from the niece of one of

our 1911 graduates, Minnie Bowen. Many will remember her as the sister of dear Nellie Bowen, who died in China. The niece writes: "There have been many things happening since I wrote you last. I think the worst thing was that grandmother's pretty house burned down to the ground, June 2, 1932; smoke-house and buggy-shed. They didn't save but very little. * * It burned at five in the afternoon. * * Aunt Minnie is sick all the time. They moved the little house up there—four rooms—and that is what they live in. * * Aunt Minnie's Bible burned." The Lord comfort our dear sister and her aged mother in their sorrow.

This great loss and similar ones which God's children are suffering all about these days makes one feel that God is loosening the hands and hearts of His little ones from their earthly possessions in preparation for translation. His coming is near. My own heart is stirred with deep desire for a complete readiness for the great change. And He is showing me, I believe, that that readiness consists in a holy life *utterly abandoned to Him for service, sacrifice or suffering*, as the case may be. May He find a ready response in all of our hearts and a hearty "Amen" to all of His will.

Yours looking for Him,

EDITH M. BEYERLE, '11.
Beulah Beach, Ohio.

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Greetings to All Our Fellowship Friends:

Praise God for the Ft. W. B. I. and all its co-laborers, truly it has meant much to me while in the institution, and means much to me each time I am privileged to go there and come in contact in any way with any one of the workers and students. My life was enriched for having been in the B. I. but I could not always stay there.

How uncomfortable we are after having been constantly in Christian environments to go out among the ungodly and yet there are those of us whom it seems the Lord wants to witness unto them in particular. Unless you are definitely led by the Spirit of God I would warn any one not to step out, unless you are baptized with the Holy Ghost and sealed for God, you will not be able to stand your ground among the people of this world.

We must have a vision from God Himself. How many sad failures we made before we learned that precious lesson that

just as far as we are yielded and pliable in His all-wise hand can He use us to His glory and honor.

I for one was very rebellious at first when called to unpleasant places until God gave me a vision and helped me to become willing to go to the unsaved, careless and those who are too proud to attend a full Gospel Message. God is doing all He can to give such an opportunity to be saved. Praise the Lord for true Christian mothers and fathers, preachers and teachers.

Only in the center of God's will are we able to praise Him when the fiery trials are upon us.

Truly no two people are just alike as no two leaves on a tree are alike, yet God has a peculiar work and plan for every one of His children. Are we absolutely yielded and wholly dominated by the power of the Holy Ghost? Then we can not help but be happy. Praise God for the privilege of being able to witness for Him in a girls' Bible class at the Ft. Wayne Gospel Temple, my life has also been greatly enriched through Bro. and Sister Rediger.

Let us all be workers together in the interest that souls be saved, and we be occupied, for Jesus is coming soon, the need is great. I need your prayers. Wishing you all God's blessing.

Yours in Christ, one who loves the Lord,
L. B. H.

BIRTHS

To Mr. E. J. Hutchison and Mrs. Hutchison (Virginia Lundwall, '30), a daughter, Shirley Mae, Feb. 6, Muskegon, Mich.

To Melvin Rich, '27, and Mrs. Rich (Esther Wagler, '24), a daughter, Eleanor Mae, Feb. 20, Weeping Water, Nebr.

To Mr. Elmer Wagler, and Mrs. Wagler (Margaret Ogden, '28), a daughter, Ruth Bernice, Dec. 31, 1932, Emma, Ky.

BIBLE INSTITUTE BRIEFS

God's blessing has continued to be upon us this year at the Institute. The enrollment is normal and a sense of His presence is sweetly evident. To Him be all the praise!

One of the special advantages enjoyed at the Institute is the contact afforded with Christian workers from many parts of the world.

Rev. Thomas Wood, a missionary to central India under the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Board, presented the work of their mission by an illustrated lecture on Friday evening, Oct. 14.

Rev. Isaac Lehman, a pioneer missionary for thirty-five years in South Africa, spent several days at the Institute. His visit was followed by that of his son, Louis. Their messages presented a crying need and a clear challenge to prayer and service.

Miss Eunice Wells who for several years has been in charge of the Ramabai Mukti Mission in India, made her home at the Bible Institute for a few days. Her messages created in all a real interest in the most unusual orphanage and girls' school founded by Pandita Ramabai.

Miss Clara Klint of French West Africa visited us for several days. Her messages in chapel, at the evening worship hour, and in one Mission Band service have shown us the gracious hand of God in opening up the Niger valley. We have been impressed with the fact that the present time is a strategic moment for the evangelization of this field.

Rev. S. J. Grabill addressed the Mission Band service of December 16. By means of stereopticon pictures he featured the work of home missions carried on in the Missionary Church Association. We were greatly impressed with the fact that there is real missionary work to be done at our very door and that there is no such thing as an unemployment problem for the person who loves God and lost men. Most of the workers in this homeland pioneer service are graduates from the Institute.

Miss Cora Murdock, who is on furlough from her missionary post in Ecuador, spoke at the chapel service of November 9. A personal item relating the remarkable intervention of God in restoring her from what seemed to be a fatal case of malaria fever was a real tribute to God's care over His children.

Rev. B. R. Opper, missionary from India, under the Ceylon and India General Mission, spoke in the chapel hour. He gave a helpful discussion upon principles basic to missionary work.

Dr. Harry Rimmer, noted scientist and Bible teacher of Los Angeles, brought a very inspiring address to the student body on the subject: "The Harmony Between the Natural and Supernatural Revelations." Dr. Rimmer showed through a

number of demonstrations from the Bible that its revelations are not only consistent with true science, but as in advance of it.

Rev. Forman Lincicome of Gary, Ind., lectured at the Institute during the first week of the new year. While his stay was short, his characteristic aptness in saying much in a short time made his ministry a very impressive one.

The Institute has had an unusual privilege in having Rev. W. R. Hotchkiss, pioneer missionary of Africa, and Miss Della Brandenburg of China, address the student body on several occasions recently. Hearts were inspired anew to go forward at the command of the One who said, "And, lo, I am with you always".

The school has been enriched through the ministry of various other visiting friends. Among these are: Rev. N. M. Crossman of French Indo-China; Rev. Edward Pfund of Lima, O.; Rev. Harry Lucas of Detroit, Mich.; Miss Wiedener of the Mino Mission in Japan; Rev. Joseph Lantz of Great Falls, Mont.; Rev. J. W. Miller of the South Wayne United Brethren Church of Fort Wayne; Rev. K. A. Hawkins, superintendent of the City Mission, Ft. Wayne; Rev. T. P. Potts, minister of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Ft. Wayne; Rev. Otto Stockman, pastor of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, Carlisle, O.; Rev. H. C. Stimmel of Bowling Green, O.; Rev. E. A. Cutler of the Free Methodist Church, Ft. Wayne; Dr. R. I. Butler of San Diego, Cal.; Rev. Jacob Hygema, former instructor at the Institute; Rev. W. T. Bandeen of Jackson, Mich.; Rev. W. C. Mahr, pastor of the Westfield Presbyterian Church of Ft. Wayne; Miss Fannie Schindler, missionary to Africa; Miss Lela G. McConnel of the Mt. Carmel Bible Institute of Kentucky; Rev. Edison Habegger, a last year's graduate of the Institute; and Rev. Jared Gerig of the class of 1929 and pastor at Cleveland, Ohio.

From March 14-17 Rev. Oswald Smith, pastor of the Toronto Gospel Tabernacle, will give a series of special lectures. Mr. Smith has recently completed a world missionary tour and promises to have an inspirational message for us.

Rev. and Mrs. Ramseyer, who have made an extended trip in the Sunny South are expected to return within a week.

Remember to pray for the work of the Bible Institute.