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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 J... 1 John 1:3."

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RETRENCHMENT OR EXTENSION?

The Bible Institute has not escaped the effects of the depression. Along with other schools and business enterprises, adjustments have been necessary to make continued operation possible under prevailing conditions.

These conditions have amounted to an emergency which has been a matter of much prayer and deep concern to those charged with the responsibility of carrying on within the Institute.

The question of the best method of meeting this emergency has been uppermost. Retrenchment of activities or extension of activities. Which shall it be?

A profound conviction that the Fort Wayne Bible Institute is not just another Bible School, but that it is unique and distinctive; a survey of the history of the Institute from its beginning to its present equipment and efficiency; and a review of the contribution it has made in the field of Christian education, i. e., missionaries, ministers, and Christian workers, made the thought of retrenchment intolerable. In the name of our God and by His grace the Fort Wayne Bible Institute must carry on.

It is agreed that the most legitimate and effective way to meet the existing emergency is to increase the student enrollment. In other words, the Institute must be "sold" to the greatest possible number of prospective Bible students. The Atheistic trend in modern education has prepared the way for this task. Scores upon scores of Christians are looking for places where a Christian education may be had without exposure to Atheism. The Bible Institute appeals to them. In seeking to increase the student enrollment the first and

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greatest problem is publicity. What method of advertisement will get the Fort Wayne Bible Institute before the Christian people in the best light?

We of the Institute have determined upon radio as the best answer to this problem. By this medium the Institute would have a direct contact with the public. Its programs, representative of the school, would not only express its character, curriculum, and spirit, but would constitute a real ministry in spiritual things, thus affording the best type of advertising.

Convinced of its possibilities, the Institute has applied to station WOWO for a weekly thirty-minute period and has been assured by the management of the station that this period will be allotted to us as soon as they can adjust their schedule to accommodate us. Expensive? Yes. But a close study of the situation will convince the most skeptical the radio is an asset rather than a liability even in promoting the work of the Lord.

This plan has the hearty support of the faculty and workers of the

Institute and of the committee which represents the School Board. It has also been approved by every student and member of the Fellowship Circle with whom it has been discussed. One member of the present student body voluntarily pledged \$2.00 per month to the support of a radio program and several members of the Fellowship Circle have expressed a desire to contribute to this of their tithe. These hearty and voluntary responses have constrained us to present this radio hour to the Fellowship Circle members as a splendid opportunity for them to do something worth while for the Bible Institute and through it to minister to the multitudes who will listen in on these programs. It has been suggested that if a sufficient number of the members of the "Circle" contribute regularly to this radio hour it will be announced continually that this hour is sponsored by the Alumni of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. What think you of this, members of the Alumni? A subscription blank will be found in this issue of the "Bulletin" for your convenience. Let us hear from you. Yours for a greater Fort Wayne Bible Institute,

THE EXTENSION COMM.

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I want the Bible Institute to have a radio program. I will support it by my prayers. I also hereby pledge my financial support and will pay to the Radio Fund as follows:

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Editorials

OLD PATHS FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?" Luke 24:32.

"Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein." Jeremiah 6:16.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to the whole Fellowship Circle. At a time when expressions of good will are exchanged on every hand, Paul's salutations to the churches are exceedingly interesting. He constantly emphasizes the ties and heavenly bonds by which hearts are united in Christ.

The New Testament is rich in such language of love and fellowship. Paul's relation to his brethren is ever that of tenderness, courtesy, love, commendation and encouragement. Not only do we at once discover the bigness of the heart of the great Apostle, but we find as well a lofty standard for fellowship one with another.

The mutual blessings enjoyed by the early church, all the richness and depths of sympathy and love, are ours in the Fellowship Circle. We should regard these ties as a precious heritage and as a very valuable asset. Furthermore we are peculiarly bound together by our task.

Conditions in the last days will tax to the utmost the strength of every tender and holy tie within the church. Let us seek to live in the Spirit and in humble obedience to the Word that there may be a real basis for fellowship. Let us rise in the love and dignity of Christ above all that is vexing and small, or unworthy of His grace.

The abundant blessings of the old year should call forth praise and thanksgiving from our hearts. Looking forward into the New Year, we naturally think of the path we are to tread and wonder whither it will lead us. The two texts

suggest our walking with each other in closer human fellowship, and following the Lord by treading paths and pursuing the way that insures His nearness and help. These old paths are clearly revealed in His Word and we may do well to ponder them prayerfully, as we step out with Him in the days before us.

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

To the Members of The Fellowship Circle:

Looking back over the past three years, we can say that the editing of the 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 attempted to keep up with the reports of marriages, removals, etc., but after each publication some cards have come from postmasters saying certain parties have moved and left no address so consequently, no Bulletin could be sent them, and their names had to be dropped from the mailing list. The names of all members, however, are kept on file and the addresses can be corrected any time such information reaches the Editor. We have now 605 names on the mailing list. 48 of those are in foreign countries and 16 in our neighboring country, Canada.

The Editor wishes to thank everyone who helped in this work. 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 asking for suitable material. The news-items, so interesting to all, were hard to obtain. We trust each member will realize anew the importance of sending in news-items and articles and all information of interest concerning marriages, births, etc.

We again wish to thank all who have helped in any way during the past three years. We wish our successor God's blessing and ask that every member pledge his support to help make the Bulletin a better paper.

MYRLE GASKILL, *Editor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, May 27, '33	\$46.27
Received from contributors	45.30
Released from frozen bank deposit (Jan. 8)	16.24
Interest received from present bank deposit	.27

Total	\$108.25
Paid publisher for two issues of Bulletin	\$53.50
Paid Miss Gaskill for postage	1.00
Paid L. R. Ringenberg for government post cards	2.75
Paid for M. O., postage, and cards	.50

Total paid	\$57.73
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Balance in treasury	\$50.50
Amount received since Jan. 4, '34, (when soliciting cards were sent)	\$33.20

This amount represents the response that was given to the appeal for funds. Thanks for the hearty response in this time of need.

Names of those who contributed prior to Jan. 4: Elma Schultz, Lois Slagle, Luella Miller, Amy I. Applegate, Lena B. Hossman, Raymond Moser, Russell Sloat, Agnes Sprunger, Mary B. Oyer.

Names of those who contributed since Jan. 4: Rev. H. E. Tropf, Ida M. Locklin, Marie Lohrentz, Harriett VanDyke, Dale Baggs, Gladys Neuenschwander, Esther Frey, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luginbuhl, H. Browett, Mrs. N. E. Crabe, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Schott, Loraine Pipper, Christene Zollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greenwood, J. F. Glock, LaVera Sauder, Edison Welty, S. A. Witmer, Lucille Varns, Mrs. Harold J. Smith, Dersie Quince, Otto Stockman, Mrs. Glifford Hollifield, Elmer Stockman, Earl Cox, G. A. Greider, M. S. Hirschy, J. G. W. Bergland, Mae Smith, Emma Smith, Luella Burley, Salome Schug, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parlee, Iva M. Lehman, and one modest contributor who requested that her name would not be mentioned.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,
RUSSEL SLOAT.

CIRCLE NEWS

Miss Martha Kliever, class of '25, recently passed through the city enroute to Elkton, Virginia, where she is to assist in the St. Barnabas Mission. Miss Kliever has completed a course in nursing in Los Angeles, California, since graduating from B. I.

Mrs. Tom Rodgers (nee Martha Clark class '23) writes that she is busy with her two little girls, Annabel and Constance Dee.

Mrs. Clifford Hollifield (nee Jean Reid, class '27) with her husband is engaged in evangelistic work in the south under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Beginning their work in Montgomery, Alabama, they extended their work to Prattville and Selma, building a tabernacle at each place. At present they have charge of the Alliance work in Memphis, Tennessee.

Rev. Paul Wieland, class of '20, is pastor of the First Baptist church of Ghent, Ky. He reports that the past year has been the best of the five spent in that place with a marked increase in attendance, gifts and missionary endeavor. With his wife and two daughters he sends greetings to the Institute family.

Miss Loraine Ripper, a graduate of '33, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is engaged in evangelistic work. She writes that it is a pleasure to receive the Bulletin.

A belated report comes to us from Honan, China, concerning Miss Amy Aplegate who had been confined to her bed for two months with Bright's Disease. The Lord has graciously quickened her and she requests that we unite with her for complete deliverance.

Mrs. N. E. Crabe (nee Edith Harrison) class of '24, encourages the continuance of the Bulletin as it keeps her in touch with the Institute and former classmates.

Mr. Homer Clauser, class '29, is working among the people in the Kentucky mountains.

Harold Hodgson, Frank Foster and Eldon Mitchell of the class of '33 went west in the fall on an evangelistic trip. They began in Wm. Egle's church and worked out from there continuing over five weeks with very good success. From there they went south to Kansas to Dodge City. After ten days' meeting in Concord Church, Mr. Foster and Mr. Mitchell came to the eastern part of the state. Mr. Hodgson remained to take charge of the work at Concord Church. Mr. Mitchell has now returned to his home in Ohio and Mr. Foster is at present at Elbing, Kansas, in meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nussbaum are now in charge of a work at Selma, Ala.

Although we have received no formal announcement, indirectly word has come to us of the following marriages:

Edith Harrison to N. E. Crabe.

Helen Klingensmith, class '32, to Harold Nash.

Hattie Rose, class '23, to Mr. Evans, Evangelist.

Verda Gerig, class '33, to John Nussbaum, class '32.

Word has been received that Rev. and Mrs. Roy J. Birkey arrived in Shanghai, China, on November 10 after a very enjoyable ocean voyage. Because of the shortage of workers in that field they have been assigned to go direct to Nanking hsiang, Anhwei Province. Enroute to China they were able to spend a day with

the Oyer's and Casterson's at Honolulu.

Mother Lugibihl received a very encouraging and cheery letter from Eleanor Haberling, class '18. Although she has gone through times of severe bodily testing yet she is happy in the thought of serving Him and looking for His return. She remarks that she misses the names of the class of '18 in the Bulletin.

We were all happy to read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Tung from China. Mrs. Tung is better known as Mary Lee. They are now living in a seven room house in Chiaotso, Honan, where Mr. Tung is chief engineer of Chung Fu Administration. They have two Bible women whom they send out on missionary tours. Mrs. Tung speaks

once or more each month in their church and they support a pastor for the work there. Pray for them that the Lord may continue to bless them in their service for Him.

A daughter, Marilyn Grace, was born to Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Ringenberg, missionaries to India, on November 18. Mr. Ringenberg was a graduate of '20.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziemer are the proud parents of a baby girl born Jan. 25. Mrs. Ziemer will be remembered as Mary Kroschell.

Rev. and Mrs. Edison Habegger announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Edison, Jan. 27, in Lima, Ohio. Mrs. Habegger was formerly Florence Thomas of the class of '33.

From Our Mail Bag

Lorain, Ohio,
Jan. 7, 1934

Dear Friends:

Am sending a contribution for the Bulletin. Always have enjoyed the Bulletin and it has been a great blessing in the days trial and test.

We are in a very hard field, work is so difficult. The little Baptist church of which we are members and both active in Sunday School and church work is in the midst of several Catholic churches. The nearest Protestant church is a mile from us and is not a strong light-house as modernism has crept in.

Mr. Greenwood is Supt. of the S. S. I am Supt. of the Primary Dept. and president of the Missionary Society, so we are both very active and find great joy in serving Him, also doing all we can that others may know Him.

As this New Year has started we go forward trusting in Him, ever looking upward for the coming of One we love.

May God richly bless the B. I.

Yours in His Service,

MR. AND MRS. FRANK GREENWOOD.

Mrs. Greenwood was Miss Anna Staehli of the class of 1916.

Leopoldville, Dec. 6, 1933

Dear Friends:

Tomorrow we will arrive at Teneriffe, Canary Islands.

God helped with the final packing and buying in New York and supplied my needs as they came along. Praise His name!

It humbles me to think I am getting to go back now when in the natural it would have been utterly impossible. Some times I wonder if I am worth all it is costing of the Lord's money to send me out. When I came home the fare from Boma to New York was \$297, exclusive of traveling expenses. Now it is \$407.50

because the dollar is so low in value. The same with expenses in Antwerp. They were almost twice what they were coming home. Pray that I may indeed be a help and blessing to many in Congo.

We had a good trip across the Atlantic. We go on a freight boat to save money. The one we were on, the "Jean Jadot" is only a nine thousand ton boat with room for 12 passengers. Fannie Schindler and I were the only two passengers this time and they had only about one-fourth of a cargo.

We were twenty-eight hours late leaving New York owing to election day being a holiday.

God does work things out for His children, Praise His name! Had we left at the regular time we would have been in a terrible storm. We got wireless news that there was a storm. A freighter with twenty-seven men on board was lost with all the men. Another boat was almost demolished, winches gone, life boats gone, the bridge swept away. We were just behind the hurricane and only had some swell. Indeed all the way across it was nice weather.

One day the Chief Engineer and First Mate said, "We certainly are lucky to have such weather at this time." I said, "You may call it 'luck' if you like. I call it 'God.' I have prayed often that we would have good weather. God holds the sea in the hollow of His hand and He can hold it steady when He wants to. Praise His name He did."

In Antwerp, too, God met us. I went to Brussels for one week. Had I stayed in Antwerp the two weeks I would not have had funds enough left to pay customs and eat. So again God made a way where there was no way. I was afraid I might be alone from Antwerp as Miss Schindler remained in Belgium to study

French. There are three English missionaries on the boat and we have fellowship together.

Yours in His service, AFFIE SMOOTZ,
Boma, Congo Belge, Africa
c o c & M A.

Wat Lam, So. China,
Oct. 22, 1933

Dear Ones at Home:

It is already three weeks since we left Wuchos. We had a very fast trip and a good one. There is a good auto bus road now where as many years ago when we came here it took us nine days by boat, now the trip can be made in one day. Surely the auto roads help in forwarding the Gospel. Then, too, bicycles can accomplish what feet require long time to travel. Several of our brethren here in this district have bicycles which we had a share in getting home people interested in supplying and it is really wonderful what these wheels have already accomplished. Dear Timothy Chung, (Pastor Chung) told me the other day how his wheel has enabled him to go into robber infested territory with the Gospel where he would not have dared to go if he had had to walk for he said he would be able to pass a dangerous place quickly and they would not be able to catch up with him. So we praise the Lord they have these wheels, and we surely praise the Lord for the good auto bus which brought us in a day. We had a safe, rather slow driver who was very friendly.

Our first days were spent at Pak Lau where they had baptismal service and the re-dedication of the chapel. Twenty some years ago Mr. Hinkey, with one of the young preachers, opened this city to the Gospel. There was GREAT opposition especially from one man who was in with the official and they surely made us pray hard those days. They made complaints to Washington. All repairs had to stop during that time but the Lord turned the wrath of man into a greater opportunity of preaching the Gospel in that district through the opposition than we would have had otherwise. When the answer came from Washington it was in our favor and gave us not only permission but also protection. The carpenters went to work again and in a few days the place was ready for dedication. The whole city knew about this and looked on in the greatest interest. The place was more than crowded and there have been open hearts for the Gospel there ever since. The work has grown beautifully and they have a nice company of Christians there now.

The following Sunday was the beginning of the District conference in Wat Lam where we lived and labored for

years. How I wish you could have been here and seen and heard for yourself for I can never tell you the sights we saw. The Christians came walking miles and miles and carrying with them the rice they needed to eat while here. There is a kitchen where they cook it. At night a bed was not the question, rather a church bench was. The benches though many were not enough and some had to sleep on the brick floor which is hard to say nothing of the dampness and the lack of bedding. But not a word of complaint.

How these simple hearted people listened to the Gospel! Talk of a good convention at home—you are not in it! You have too many comforts which rob you of the simplicity of enjoying a Chinese conference. It stirs our souls to hear them tell of how the Lord has answered their prayers and how they are going back to tell others.

It is a great joy to see how the work is spreading and taking root in this district. Pray for us in our work.

Yours in Him,
RHODA L. HINKEY.

Mangungu, Idiofa, Congo Belge,
December 22nd, 1933

Dear Fellowship Circle Friends:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name; Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not *all his benefits.*" Truly we join in these words of the Psalmist from the depth of our hearts. He has been very good to us these three years on the field for which we praise Him.

Just now we are rejoicing in a Christmas gift which the Lord brought us yesterday in the person of an elderly missionary, Miss M. R. Kolochny, who has been especially used of God in the prayer ministry. She has been in Africa now 14 years without a furlough, and does not intend to take any until Jesus comes.

When on our way home last term we met her at Tsheme station for the first time and at that time she mentioned that the Lord was putting on her heart a burden to pray for a Prayer-Center and Rest-Home for the missionaries, little did we realize then that Mangungu would be the place. But now He has so graciously brought it about and already supplied so many of the needs for this Rest-Home that we cannot help but praise Him.

Then, too, we are engaged in a real warfare "not against flesh and blood, but with the despotisms, the empires, the forces that control and govern this dark world—the spiritual hosts of evil arrayed against us in the heavenly warfare." So we are thankful for this uniting of forces in prayer and faith at this place

for this tribe and for our fellow believers. Yes, the devil knows his time is short but praises be unto our God he is a defeated foe, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is Victor and we are more than conquerors through Him. Then, too, we can have the assurance as we sow the seed, give forth the Good News that, "God's message is full of life and power and is keener than the sharpest two-edged sword. It pierces even to the severance of soul from spirit and penetrates between the joints and the marrow and it can discern the secret thoughts and purposes of the heart." Heb. 4:12 Weymouth.

With Christian Greetings to all and coveting your prayers,

Yours sincerely in Him,
ARCHIE, ELLA AND GENEVA GRACE
HALLER.

An Exmple of Faith

When on Mar. 13, a cyclone wind blew over the 50-year-old church structure that was being used by the Missionary Church Congregation at Yoder, Ind., the pastor, Rev. Clinton Moser refused to admit defeat. He called his people together and four months later a finer structure stood on the site of the old one, while at the same time the congregation's debt was reduced from \$500 to \$150.

Mr. Moser was a member of the class of 1932.

1602 W. Burnett St., Long Beach, Calif.,
Feb. 23, 1934

Dear Editor:

We are still in City Mission Work in Long Beach, caring for two mission churches. Neither one is organized, but we hope to organize this spring in one field, and have plans to go ahead and build a building. The Lord is hearing and answering prayer. We give Him the praise for the progress we have made under His guiding hand, and for the souls won to Him the past year. The progress is rather slow, but we trust it is sure. We want to build a spiritual work for God in the neighborhood.

May God's blessing be upon the Bible Institute Family in the various parts of the world as they labor for Him.

Yours in His Service,
MRS. DESSIE M. PRESTON.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice is hereby given that at the annual meeting of the Fellowship Circle in May a recommendation from the Executive Staff will be made for the revision of the Constitution. The best possible attendance will be important in view of this important part of the annual meeting. EXECUTIVE STAFF.

The A. O. G. F.

By H. S. MILLER

When I was a young Christian worker, it was quite the fashion for men to wear a button or badge containing the initials of the lodge or society, secret or otherwise, to which they belonged. There were the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., the K. P., the A. O. F., the A. O. H., the F. & A. M., and so on, and so on. Some Christian workers conceived the idea of using a similar button as a point of contact in personal work, and they formed a society called the A. O. G. F.

Christian traveling men, especially, liked this A. O. G. F. button; it opened the way for personal work. The Christian "drummer" would meet another drummer at a hotel or on the train; the two would compare notes as to the house and goods represented; then the other agent would notice the button. "Oh, I see that you belong to a lodge. So do I; I am an I. O. O. F. man. What is your lodge?" "I belong to the A. O. G. F." "The A. O. G. F., what is that? Never heard of it. Is it a secret society?" "No, not secret; its Founder said that He did nothing in secret" "Strange I never heard of it; something new?" "No, it is very old; it was started in the first century, when Christ was upon earth; in fact, the Lord Jesus was the Founder." "Well, I am curious to know what A. O. G. F. stands for." "The A. O. G. F. is the Ancient Order of Gospel Fishermen." And this would open the way for a heart-to-heart talk on the great subject of salvation.

Jesus had already called Andrew and, through him, Peter to salvation (John 1:35-42). One day He was walking by the Sea of Galilee, and He saw these two men fishing; that was their business (Matt. 4:18).

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19).

This was their call to service. They obeyed, left their nets, and followed Him (verse 20). From fishers of fish they became fishers of men.

Now notice the condition: "Follow Me." Who is "Me"? The Lord Jesus Christ.

Note the result. "I will make you fishers of men." Who will make? "I." Who is "I"? The Lord Jesus Christ. What will He do? He "will make." HE will make. I very well understand, and teach, and emphasize the fact that a call to service is always a call to preparation; that this preparation should not be made in a hurry, but should be extensive and thorough; that He uses all

that we have and know, and could use a whole lot more if only we had it to use; yet it must be understood that no Bible institute, college, or theological seminary can *make* one a fisher of men; that is HIS job.

There are some fishers of fish who do not catch much. I have known men to sit on the bank one-half day, sometimes all day, and not catch a thing. Sometimes they would pull in one or two little ones. Sometimes one would buy a string of fish rather than to go home without any. Hence one may be a "fisher of fish" without catching anything. So there are "fishers of men," so-called, would-be Christian workers, who do not seem to be catching much. These are man-made rather than Christ-made fishers. When Christ makes one a fisher, he will not be merely a "fisher of men;" he will "catch men," (Luke 5:10).

Going back to the condition, "Follow Me," that is *if* ye follow Me. What does it mean, in these days, especially, to follow Him?

1. His supernatural birth, His incarnation (John 1:1, 14). He was born of the Spirit. The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the Power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy Child which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35; see also Matt. 1:18-20). I object to the translation "thing" here. The Greek word for "holy" (hagios) is neuter here (hagion), and a neuter noun must be understood; but the word for "child" (teknon) is neuter, and that is just what the angel is talking about, "that holy child." The worker must be "born again," "born from above," made a new creature, and this is a supernatural birth, the work of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-7; Titus 3:5).

2. Jesus was, and is, the promised Baptizer with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16), and this was promised to and required of God's children, not to make them His children, but to purify and empower for service. This is, as we understand it, the initial filling (compare Acts 1:5 with 2:4). We must follow Him in this important work.

3. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit, and as such He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil (Luke 4:1, 2). He returned victorious in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14). He was enabled to offer Himself without spot to God, not through His deity but, through the power of "the Eternal Spirit" (Heb. 9:14). Father can trust the Spirit-filled child, even in the hands of the devil. Will you follow Him into the Spirit-filled life?

4. Jesus sanctified Himself, separated Himself to a definite service, in order that we might be sanctified (John 17:17, 19). Will you follow Him in this sanctification?

5. We must follow Him as *Lord*. That is a part of His name (Acts 16:31; compare John 1:12). We must receive Him as *Lord* (Master) as well as Jesus (Saviour, Matt. 1:21) and as Christ. For this cause He died, that He might be *Lord* (Rom. 14:9). We received Him as *Lord*; we must walk in Him as *Lord* (Col. 2:6). We must walk worthily of Him as *Lord* (Col. 1:10). He is our Lord, whom we obey (Rom. 6:16). "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?" (Luke 6:46). Here again the power of the Holy Spirit is needed, for it is He who enthrones Jesus as Lord and enables us to truthfully say that He is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3). Is He Lord?

6. What is that you have just been singing? "Where He leads me I will follow; I'll go with Him *all the way*." "I'll go with Him through the garden; I'll go with Him all the way." Did you mean that, or were you just singing? Have you studied the garden scene (Matt. 26:36-4; Luke 22:39-49)? Will you follow Him in this?

7. From the garden He went to the cross, and there He was crucified, nailed to the cross, with all the agonies of a crucifixion. Will you follow Him there? The process is far from easy and pleasant, and self rebels against the reality and likes to play possum and express himself in empty phrases; but Paul could exclaim truthfully, "I am crucified with Christ; I do not live; Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20). He could also triumphantly and truthfully rejoice in that double crucifixion: the world crucified to him

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But It Will Mean Much to
The Fellowship Circle
 To Have An Up-to-Date
 Mailing List!

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Send names and addresses of prospective students.

and he to the world, in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 6:14).

8. It is a delight to follow Him into the resurrection life, but we must remember that only buried folks can rise and only dead folks are buried, and that the cause of death is crucifixion. Crucifixion has the nail prints in the hand as the evidence of it, and these appear after resurrection. The world is looking for the nailprints, and rightfully, too. "If ye then be risen with Christ," produce the evidence, show the nailprints (Col. 3:1-17). And you cannot "catch men" until you do.

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to make real in your life each and every one of these eight points.

Now do not forget the text. Weigh each word separately. "Follow—ME and I—will make—YOU—fishers—of men;" yes, and successful fishers, too, fishers who "shall catch men."

BIBLE INSTITUTE BRIEFS

The Bible Institute held its formal opening for the year 1933-34 on the evening of Sept. 20. In addressing us, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer placed special emphasis on the importance of heart preparation as a pre-requisite to successful scholarship.

The Lord has seen fit to bless the work of the Institute. We are grateful to Him for enabling us to go onward in these days when many time-tested institutions are closing their doors.

It has been our privilege to enjoy the ministry of many messengers from home and foreign lands. Among these were: Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Troxel, Evangelist Bert Williams, Rev. H. A. Dickman, Miss Mattie Perry, Miss Agnes Sprunger, Miss Cora Murdock, Rev. Paul Billheimer, Rev. J. M. Haimes, Rev. O. J. Smith, Rev. C. I. Birkey, Rev. H. E. Ramseyer, Rev. Arthur Lewis, Rev. Delane Pierce, Rev. C. W. Ruth, Miss Alice Day, Rev. Mr. Mills, Mrs. Elmer Wagler, and the Missionary Workers of Detroit.

Rev. H. S. Miller, nationally known Bible teacher, gave us a series of very helpful instructions regarding the place of the Holy Spirit in the church. Publications from his pen are available at the Bible Institute.

Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Rupp, of French West Africa, made their home at the Institute for a few weeks. Their presence proved to be a source of buoyancy and inspiration. Their messages and lives exemplify a true spirit of willingness to serve.

The Misses Agnes Sprunger, Affie Smootz, and Clara Klint visited us en-

route to their respective missionary posts in Africa.

Bible Institute alumni guests of recent days have been: Russell Witmer, Rev. J. J. Klopfenstein, Rev. Otto Stockman, Sam Hara, Esther Ringenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dwyer, Rev. and Mrs. Edison Habegger, Rev. John Nussbaum, Ruth Naylor, Ernest Dupius, Richard Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steiner, William Baker, Rev. and Mrs. Adam Ackerman, Martha Kliever, Marguerite Howard, Hormie Halsey, Rev. and Mrs. Tillman Habegger, Elizabeth Baker, Arveda Habegger, Mabel Wittwer, Helen Keller, Elizabeth Wise, Elda Amstutz, Martha Amstutz, George Moss, Rev. and Mrs. Jared Gerig, Rev. C. I. Birkey, Ida Kneuss, Gladys Neuenschwander, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Wagler, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Harrold, and Salome Schug.

Miss Lillian Zeller, dean of women, has had as a guest for the past week, Miss Helen Keller.

The Institute was privileged to furnish entertainment to Dr. J. A. Huffman and Dr. Robert Lee Stuart during their period of ministry at the First Missionary Church. The fellowship with these representatives of sister institutions was most pleasant.

We were brought face to face with facts concerning the wave of atheism flooding the world by an address given by Rev. Ralph Underwood, converted atheist of Portland, Oregon. Among these was the appalling fact that organized atheists in the world today number between 15 and 20 million. We were warned of the danger of harboring the smallest doubts. "There is no middle ground," said Mr. Underwood, "it is logical to believe all or none of the Bible." Praise the Lord for an institution such as ours which believes with him in the old fashioned type of Christianity.

We were privileged to have as a recent Mission Band speaker Rev. Joshua Stauffer of Westfield Seminary, formerly a member of the Bible Institute faculty. He

told us that God's promises are inexhaustible. "You could as easily reach your arms around the world at the equator as to exhaust the promises of God." The message was closed with this exhortation: "Be a worker, a weeper, and a winner of souls. A winner of souls must first be a weeper for souls."

Rev. Paul Freleigh, a returned missionary from French West Africa, addressed us on Friday evening, Feb. 9. Among the helpful advice given us was "Learn to keep low; do not seek a place for yourself. Any kind of service which attracts attention to yourself is dangerous."

After traveling some 75,000 miles among various nations, races, and tongues, Rev. J. Byron Krause of the Oriental Missionary Society came back convinced of one thing. In a chapel address he told us that this one thing is that the gospel only brings peace to the human heart.

The activities of the gospel teams, Sunday School teachers, and other workers have been accentuated by frequent testimonies of souls won to Christ and of others definitely helped. These successes in ministries serve as a wholesome stimulus to faithful application in study and are an encouraging indication of the Holy Spirit's presence in our midst.

We shall appreciate the prayer help of the Bible Institute family everywhere that channels of blessing may continue to flow forth from our beloved school, even unto the uttermost parts of the world.

WHY NOT?

In order to make the Bulletin as effective as possible, we need the co-operation of EVERY ONE.

Have YOU done your part in sending in news?

Have YOU notified us of a change of address?

IF NOT, WHY NOT? Let us hear from you, please.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the Fellowship Circle of which you are a member, will be held Wednesday evening, May 23. 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 blessing and inspiration. We are expecting you to attend this year.

The program for Commencement will begin on Sunday evening, May 20, with the Baccalaureate service.

On Tuesday evening, May 22, 8:15 P. M., the annual musical recital will be given.

The graduation exercises will be held on Thursday morning, May 24, at 10:30.

Hidden Things for Hidden Ones

In 1st Kings 18:13 we have a very brief account of how Obadiah, a servant of King Ahab, the king of Israel, took one hundred prophets and hid them in a cave where he fed them with bread and water, keeping them alive thus thwarting the plans of the wicked queen Jezebel who had ordered them put to death.

With this incident as a background, we turn to Col. 3:3, where we have these words, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Here we see a class of people who are hidden today in a far greater sense than were the prophets of old. Paul is not referring to folk who are physically dead; but to those who have died TO something. In Eph. 2:1 the Apostle speaks of those who are "dead in trespasses and sins." This is a condition of heart in which each of us have been at some time in the past. Then he speaks of being "dead" and hidden with Christ. These are they who have died to sin and self, and to all the allurements of the world and are "hidden with Christ in God." Precious hiding place! Oh, how secure they are who have hidden in Him! In Rom. 8:35-39 Paul enumerates a long list of things, covering seemingly all the possible trials of the Christian experience, and then he asks "Shall these separate us from the love of God?" "Nay, but in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." What a blessed thought that there are not enough devils in the universe to take us out of the secret place where God has hidden us. But we must not forget this: We can take ourselves out through disobedience and unfaithfulness to God. I can imagine those prophets, whose heads Jezebel was hunting, stayed close to that cave where they were hidden. Had they gone out and roamed about to see what was going on they no doubt would have lost their lives. And we need to take heed that we do not get out of our hiding place and have our Christian experience killed by the enemy of souls.

The wicked queen hated the prophets. She did not want any one in the land who talked about the God of Israel. Just so does Satan hate us for our testimony to the saving and keeping power of our Lord. But praise be to our God! "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Continuing, the Psalmist said: "Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler." The word "fowler" means a hunter and the devil is a hunter of souls for the two-fold purpose: To thwart the plan of God and cause us to miss what He has for us. What assurance it is to our souls in this

day when the enemy is seeking by so many different methods to dislodge us from our faith in the Word of God, to know that we are safe under His wings. Although there are many false teachings about us, and great confusion in the world of men, yet the Psalmist says of those who know their God: (Ps. 31:19) "They are hidden from the pride of men, and from the strife of tongues." There is no confusion to the ones who are hidden in Christ. They feed on His Word, heed the whisperings of His Spirit and rest securely in their hiding place, hidden from the confusion and unrest of the present hour and from the coming judgments of God on a Christ-rejecting world. How that should make us rejoice and praise Him anew in these perilous times!

And not only are they hidden from the confusion in the world, but they have so many precious privileges in their hiding place. Paul speaks in 1 Cor. 2:7 of the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the foundation of the world. Beyond a doubt this is the Lord Jesus Christ who was made wisdom for us. Then come these familiar words: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of men, the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him; but (note these words) God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." Unto whom? Those who are in the secret place. This thought is again clearly set forth in the words of David, Psa. 25:14, "The secrets of the Lord are with them that fear him."

Now every love affair, in the natural sense, has its secrets. Just so does every heart hidden in Christ have secret things whispered to it by the great lover of souls, bringing needed grace and guidance for each new experience.

The Lord said to His people by the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, "I will give you hidden riches in secret places." Paul says that the riches of Christ are unsearchable. This means that these finite minds of ours will never be able to grasp but a little of the riches of His grace, love, power, and glory. But if we are hidden in Him, we will, like the prophets of old, be supplied with these things, and fed on the bread and water of life—Jesus Himself—until the danger is past and we are taken from time into eternity. Even then this glorious truth of hidden things for hidden ones will not end, for we read in Eph. 2:7, "That in the ages to come he might show forth the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." What those new riches will be that He will reveal in that glo-

rious age is not made known to us now; but the very thought of them should quicken our faith, cause us to strive the more earnestly to walk worthily of Him who has called us out of darkness into the marvelous light of His grace.

How near we may be to that hour no one knows; but the fact that He is coming soon, and that at His appearing we shall be made like Him and appear with Him in the glory, ought to stir our hearts to abide in the secret place, to remain hidden in Him where we can enjoy the hidden things He has for those who love Him.

Precious hiding place, precious hiding place,
In the shelter of His love;
Not a doubt or fear, since my Lord is near,
And I'm sheltered in His love."

G. C. CONDIT, '34.

Quoting From "Gold Cord" By Miss Amy W. Carmichael

"Do not be so busy with work for Christ that you have no strength left for praying," said Hudson Taylor once. "True prayer requires strength." . . . "No master is responsible for uncommanded work. We find it necessary constantly to ask for a spirit of wisdom and penetration through an intimate knowledge of Him, so that the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may know what we ought to do, and never, through carelessness in waiting upon Him, to do what He did not intend should be done. 'Depend upon it, God's work, done in God's way, will never lack supplies,'" said Hudson Taylor. . . . "He hath spoken plain words, and the devil never forgives plainness of speech". . . . "There is always something more in your nature which He wills to mark with the cross."

RIGHT

Two little boys sat listening eagerly while their grandmother was telling them the Bible story of Elijah going to Heaven in a whirlwind, with a chariot of fire, when little Willie interrupted her with, "O Sammy, wouldn't you have been afraid?"

Sammy hesitated a moment, and then replied, "No, not if I had the Lord to drive."—Unknown.

Why complain? "For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake."—Sel.

The Christian's Supreme Need

By REV. WILLIAM EGLE

As I seat myself to write a few lines concerning the supreme need of the Christian, I am reminded of what the Apostle Paul writes to the Church at Philippi: "To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe." When we come to meditate on our supreme need, our minds are directed to the book of Acts, often called the Acts of the Holy Ghost, for there, as in no other place in God's Word is recorded the transforming power that comes to believers, who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The earthly Christians recognized the gift of the Holy Spirit as an essential part of the Christian experience. We can see clearly that when Philip preached in Samaria, "And the people believed the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women. Now when the Apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they came down, prayed for

them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost . . . then laid they their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost." Did we ever read in the history of the modern church that a delegation of Spirit-filled men was sent to a place where a revival was being held, to pray for the young converts that they might receive the Holy Spirit? Is the Church today forgetting this supreme need?

To appreciate this primitive clearness of the blessing above mentioned, let us note this three-fold truth. First, the Gift of the Holy Spirit as a distinct and real blessing, instantaneously given subsequent to the work of regeneration. Second, this gift was generally bestowed upon the disciples of the early Church. Third, the same gift of the Holy Spirit is the privilege of every believer today and is absolutely essential for the fullest accomplishment of true Christian living and service.

Coming back again to this triple blessing, let us affirm that the Gift of the Holy Spirit is a distinct and real blessing, instantaneously given subsequent to the work of regeneration. Whether we like the term "second blessing" or not, the fact remains that this Gift of the Holy Spirit is a second definite work of grace. Andrew Murray said, "The transition has been called the Second Blessing. Many have objected to this phrase as being unscriptural . . . I have indicated my belief that, if rightly understood, the words express a scriptural truth, and may be a help to believers in putting clearly before them what they may expect from God." (From the Two Covenants). In this Gift lies the real power for fruitful service and for vigorous growth.

A person may be converted or regenerated and yet know nothing of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The experience of heart purity is a tangible fact, an experience of which the believer is as conscious as he is of his own existence. Let it be understood that this experience is no mere exaltation of feeling, or a deep stirring of the emotions, or simply a blessing, but it is a distinct work of Grace, an actual Gift of power from above. The popular notion that a believer may grow into this experience is without foundation in the Scriptures. One may grow in grace but not into grace. Growth in grace is quite distinct from the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have no record of when the Holy Spirit came as a result of gradual growth, but those who received the Gift were presented with unmistakable tokens, evidencing its reception at the day of Pentecost and

also the record, "They of the circumcision which believed were amazed as many as came with Peter because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit for they heard them speak with other tongues and magnify God."

This same Gift of the Holy Spirit is the privilege of every believer today and is absolutely essential for holy living and fruitful service. What could be more general or far-reaching than the promise, "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" And Peter declared positively the perpetuity of this gift when he said to the multitude assembled at Jerusalem, "To you is this promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even unto as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him."

It is very sad, that at the present time a large portion of the Christian Church has taken the Pentecostal story, embalmed it and placed it among the dead. While in almost every church there is once in a while a prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit, or less frequently for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, yet even while the prayers are made these simple conditions that would bring about such an answer are utterly ignored.

How then shall we obtain this priceless power? SELF SURRENDER must come first. Let us remember the command, "Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye receive power," and they obeyed. Obedience is the key-word to every victorious life. It involves a great deal in the way of personal consecration, self-sacrifice. It is not simply an ecstasy to be enjoyed. It is power to be used; this may mean persecution and suffering. It may upset our most cherished plans. Are we ready for it? For everthing worthwhile, an adequate price must be paid. What will you say? Will you say it costs too much, or all to Jesus I surrender—which?

ALUMNI NEWS DESIRED

The Editor will appreciate news of the alumni for the next edition of the Bulletin. It is not too early to send them in now.

"Be a good forgetter. Forget the things that are behind; forget injuries, slights, unkind words; be too big to be hurt; be too great to be unkind; be too busy to quarrel; too wise to engage in unseemly gossip; too strong to permit little annoyances to turn you from life's big road; too clean to stain your character with any kind of muck-raking."

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 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.

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- LOYAL RINGENBERG
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Place an X before your choice.