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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 1:7

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## Three Fundamental Principles for A Christian Worker

I want to read to you three scripture verses as a basis of a few remarks I wish to make tonight. Matthew 6:22, "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." Luke 16:10, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." 1 Peter 1:16, "Because it is written, Be ye holy: for I am holy."

As it has already been announced, or at least reported, I am to speak to you on the "Three Fundamental Principles for a Christian Worker," and I gather from these three verses three outstanding thoughts. The first, the power of little things. Second, purity of motive, and third, the purpose to be in order to do. Perhaps I might repeat them again. The power of little things; purity of motive; and the purpose to be in order that we might do.

You will notice at once that I am not speaking upon the subject of spiritual devotion so much, and perhaps not dealing on the practical side of the Christian life, but three fundamental truths for our help when we leave the school, already possessing the experiences that are necessary for our Christian service. We need to be regenerated and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We need to live a life of secret prayer, of meditating night and day upon the Word, and witnessing for the Lord. But the thoughts that I want to bring to you tonight are how to preserve our Christian life, and how to preserve it for the Lord.

In the last forty years of my life I have recognized this fact, that it is one thing to enter into a conscious experience of heart purity and a conscious knowledge of the Spirit, but there is something that is even more important and that is how to retain what we have already obtained, and how to continue in that life. And the emphasis I wish to make is on the power of little things. The world is always look-

BACCALAUREATE SERMON, DELIVERED BY  
REV. JACOB HYGEMA

ing for great things. But the test of our life is the test of the little things, and God puts special emphasis upon the little things. While I am sure that God is interested in the infinitely great, He is also, if I may speak this way, interested in the infinitely small. As you run through the Bible, you will find how particularly the little things are emphasized. You remember Abraham recaptured Lot and his family. . . . Later the king wanted to reward him for what he had done, and then we notice what Abraham said, "I have lifted up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet." Now the thread refers to a little band with which the ladies would tie up their hair, and you know the shoelatchet is nothing more than a little shoestring: the very least, why? Lest the king might say, "I have made you rich." You notice that Abraham, the man of faith, emphasized the little things. Then there are little tests. We that have studied the Bible remember that in Gideon's time there were ten thousand left after dismissing twenty-two thousand, and the Lord said, "Bring them down to water and prove them." They didn't seem to be so much different. Some knelt down and drank, but the wide-awake ones dipped some water in their hands and then lapped it just like a dog, at the same time looking about them. "Those seven hundred, you get them away, and I'll win the battle through those three hundred." The other seven hundred went away. I don't know how you feel, but when I read that scripture sometimes it almost makes me tremble because unconsciously I'll be tested somewhere in an unexpected place. "O, Lord, help me to stand the test in the unconscious time, in the time I least expect, and you expect."

Now I come to the text I want, "He that is faithful in that which is least is also faithful in that which is much." After all, the test is whether or not we are going to be faithful. Of course, if we are faithful in little things, we will be in the larger. That is a fundamental principle. The Lord tests character by little things. When character is established and built up on the basis of faith in little things then we notice that the greater things also will find the proper place in our life.

This little piece of poetry came in so nicely.

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand,  
Help to make an ocean, and a wondrous land."

Our life is made up of little things which are like little drops of water, making up the whole of our life. Perhaps I might just suggest this. I find it is a good thing to preach to myself, and by what others think. I heard an evangelist say—John Fleming—"I sit down on a chair, and I put a chair in front of me and just suppose I am sitting on that chair. I begin to question myself, 'John-Fleming, do you pray the way you used to? Do you read your Bible the way you used to? John Fleming, have you compromised on any line?'" He questioned himself on various lines. He did that to help to keep up the real standard of his life.

Let me give you the words of Jesus. "Whosoever will break one of the least of these commandments, will be least in the kingdom of Heaven." D. L. Moody said that some years ago a little girl was converted and went to her pastor and asked if she could do something for the Lord. The pastor said, "You bring your father to Sunday School," and so she started. By persevering, she finally brought her drunken father to the Sunday School, and he kept coming until he was converted. After his conversion

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## Editorials

We enter upon this new year as Editor of the Bulletin with a greater determination than ever to fulfil this trust to the utmost of our ability. However, realizing our own limitation, we earnestly solicit the cooperation of every member of the Fellowship Circle. There is more work connected with a publication of this kind than one would think. With the pressure of secular as well as pastoral duties upon us, we cannot spend the time which should be given to the gathering of suitable material.

For this reason we again appeal to each one of you to come to our help, particularly with news items of interest to members. Just a word as to your whereabouts, your work, or a personal testimony, would mean only a few minutes of your time. Why not do now what you have so long intended to do? "What thou doest, do quickly."

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Fellowship Circle was held on May 22, 1935, in the dining room of the Bible Institute. The meeting opened with a Buffet Luncheon at 5 o'clock, after which we all joined heartily in singing a number of choruses led by Prof. Gerber.

An informal program followed with Mr. Carl Parlee presiding.

The Rev. J. E. Ramseyer was in charge of devotions and he directed our thoughts to the 4th chapter of Ephesians, verses 15 and 16, reminding us that the word "love" is especially emphasized in this portion of Scripture. He pointed out the four marks that characterize the Spirit-filled, or normal Christian life, namely, (1) Humility, (2) Simplicity, (3) Implicit faith in Jesus Christ and (4) Fullness of

love. Brother Ramseyer also said that the fruit of the Spirit is love and it is not enough to *know* the fruit, but much more important that it be translated into our very experience.

We then were favored with a piano medley of gospel hymns played by Miss Verna Magary.

Rev. Ramseyer led us in prayer.

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor were read and accepted. The following names were submitted and favorably received into membership in the Circle:

J. Pritchard Amstutz, Harold Arman, De Loris Beck, Thelma Baxley, Viola Coffey, Irene Dillender, Howard G. Eicher, Herbert E. Eicher, Edith Ehlke, Myra Erb, Clarence Farmer, Dick Fleck, Romona Felts, Mrs. Earl Guth, Elda Gerber, Lucille Hesselbart, Dorothy Hesselbart, Evelyn Himebaugh, Lillian Hook, Bertha Warner, Elizabeth Kunselman, Helen Logan, Mary E. Lamb, Nobert May, Rosalind Molin, Verna Magary, Rev. H. S. Miller, Dwight Niswander, Eloise Rogers, Melvin Rieser, Myron Rodebaugh, Oran Sigler, Mabel Schindler, Pearl Spittler, Marie Stauffer, Alyce Tullock, Ellis Tolly, Willis Woods, Esther Wind, Cora Wiswell, Dorothy Wiederkehr.

The Editor urged that members send in material for publication in the Fellowship Bulletin, and the President exhorted us to continue on in the work that the Circle had set out to do and also to send in funds to further the work.

The election of officers resulted thus:  
*President* ..... Carl I. Parlee  
*Vice-President* ..... Harvey Mitchell  
*Editor* ..... Cyril H. Eicher  
*Secretary* ..... Betty Baker  
*Treasurer* ..... Paul Steiner  
*Nominating Committee* .. Myrle Gaskill  
 Mrs. Clinton Moser  
 S. S. Gerig

The President called on Rev. Howard Paschal for a short talk and it was very fitting as he gave us a brief sketch of his experiences while attending the Institute many years ago. May we not say, "It was thoroughly enjoyed by all"?

The men's Gospel Chorus of the Institute sang, "Up from the grave He arose."

Mr. Parlee called the roll of all the former graduating classes. Miss Dursey Quince, a member of the first class to be graduated from the Institute was present. Rev. Alvin Becker, of the class of '21, was with us and is home on furlough

from missionary work in Africa. Mrs. Emil Schwab, from northern California, who is carrying the gospel to the Indians, had attended the Institute the first year of its existence, was also present.

Mention was made of Rev. Byron G. Smith, Miss Hattie Musselman and Rev. Clarence Zimmerman, who have gone on to be with the Lord since we last met.

The offering of the evening amounted to \$14.14.

The male quartet sang, "I'm naturalized for Heaven now."

Prayer was offered in behalf of absent members and for other needs of the Circle.

A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Basinger and Mr. P. L. Eicher for their part in making this Fellowship Circle meeting so enjoyable.

In closing we all joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds" and Mr. Parlee led in a word of prayer.

LUELLA MILLER, '33.

Secretary.

## A Message from Our President

Dear Friends in Christ:—

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

For the past few weeks I have been thinking of the members of the Fellowship Circle and wondering how you are getting along in the spiritual warfare. It is sad, but nevertheless true, so many that we meet today who were once on fire for God have lost the vision and have returned to the beggarly elements of the world. If there was ever a time when we needed men and women with a vision who are willing to step into the gap and stretch themselves for God, it is today. Surely the Lord is not pleased with the divisions and strife that have seemingly gripped the church of today. I am not asking for another church nor am I asking for another movement. There are too many now. But I am asking that we as a Fellowship Circle strip ourselves of everything that would hinder us in running the race and fighting the good fight of faith. Let us stand by the colors, come what may.

A few years ago when the call went forth for men to rally to the colors of our country, they responded by the millions. Why? Was it the thrill of adventure? It might have been in some cases, but as a whole it was the love of their country and the thought that another na-

tion might step in and take that which was near and dear to them, that made them willing, if necessary, to lay down their lives that they might enjoy the freedom and liberty that were theirs. If that is true, and it is, how much more should it be in the spiritual warfare against sin. Like the boys who rushed the trenches, in Flanders, to gain their objective, let us rush the strong holds of Satan and lift high the blood stained banner of our Christ that this old world might see that real salvation still meets the need of the hour and sets men free from sin.

Be Faithful.

"Keep the watchword ringing in your souls

Down the line of battle let it roll.

Be faithful, be faithful,

Be faithful in the strife.

Be faithful, be faithful

There waits a crown of life."

—CARL I. PARLEE.

### From Our Vice-President

To the ever-increasing Fellowship Circle, Greetings. It remains to be seen just what the job of a vice-president is. But this is the first of my powers of office — the privilege of saluting every member of the widely scattered family.

We live in many different places; our duties, our burdens, our joys, our needs are varied; there is a wide range in our ages. But there are two things which bind us together. One is the Bible Institute. The other is our service to Christ. The first is history. The second fills all of life. And surely, for everyone, the years spent at Ft. Wayne have done much to encourage, and give assistance to, our working for the Lord.

There is no greater work than this; no position more exalted than to be a servant of the King of kings. Are we doing our work well? Do we constantly seek His will, His glory and His approval? "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not to men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

A fellow-laborer,  
HARVEY L. MITCHELL.

### Our Treasurer Says:

As Treasurer for our interesting little bulletin, I want to say that I have been

pleased with the way the members of our family circle have supported our paper the past year, and we thank God for the prayers and contributions. May this new fiscal year of the Fellowship Circle be one of those—as expressed by Malachi 3:10.

I submit herewith a brief report of money on hand at this date:

May 21, 1935, Balance on hand..\$17.74

May 21, 1935, Fellowship Circle

offering ..... 14.14

Up to June 10, Contributions..... 17.20

Total.....\$49.08

—PAUL D. STEINER.

### "ON GUARD"

(Excerpts from the Commencement Address by Dr. Harold C. Mason)

"Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life."

After Michael Angelo had finished his great masterpiece which he formed out of the rock which stood in the public square, he had given the world only cold marble. But God one beautiful day stooped and took the dust of the earth and formed it into man, breathing into it the breath of life and man became a living soul.

The heart is the core of man and bends the mind. When God's wonderful day dawns for those who have followed Him, communism will be just a history of a few godless men.

The heart should be considered as having battle sectors. The heart as a battle front has a sector known as *thought*. Philosophies come out of the human heart. Nietzsche said, "I defy the world" and out of it came the world war. Thomas Edison was so engrossed in his work that he often was wholly unconscious of the fact that his wife had brought him food. The greatest thought of all time has been born in the realms of the heart.

Not only is man's thinking, but also man's willing in the realm of the heart. The great decisions of life are heart decisions, and we should be alert in coming to judgment. These are days in which one needs to will to follow God. We should choose to follow Him.

A psychologist once said that the two greatest things in the world are friends and work. A young man looking at the picture of the Angelus with its worshipful meaning, said, "There are three

great things in life: friends, labor and worship." When Kingsley was asked what was the secret of the success of his life, he said, "I had a friend." Out of the heart comes friendship; out of the heart comes labor; and out of the heart comes worship.

Work is a real blessing. It was the love of God, although the curse of sin, which gave man something to do to save himself from his own moral insanity outside of grace. No generation is so challenged to do the greatest work as this generation which is so disappointed and down. We have been able to come closer to God because there have been less things to block the approach.

Out of the heart comes worship. Life is incomplete with mere human friendship and earthly toil. Man is endowed with a capacity for God. The soul exercises itself most worthily when God touches the heart, making man conscious of Himself and calling forth a lavish response. After the teacher of Helen Keller had accomplished the task of teaching her to realize things, feeling and at last the knowledge of God and love, Helen Keller answered back on her fingers, "I have known Him for all these years, but never knew His name."

We should listen to the wisdom of our hearts when God speaks to them. The Holy Spirit in our hearts will answer when all around us seems cold and faithless. The heart illumines the mind through the Holy Spirit.

We should lay at the feet of Jesus all that we have and all that we hope to be. He should have the supremacy of Command.

All true friendship, worthwhile work, and pure worship come from the heart. Therefore, "keep thy heart with all diligence."

### WATCH AND PRAY

My soul be on thy guard,  
Ten thousand foes arise;  
And hosts of sin are pressing hard,  
To draw thee from the skies.

O watch, and fight and pray,  
The battle ne'er give o'er;  
Renew it boldly every day,  
And help divine implore.

Ne'er think the victory won,  
Nor once at ease sit down;  
Thy arduous work will not be done,  
Till thou hast won thy crown.

## The Thirty-first Annual Commencement

The activities of commencement week began with the baccalaureate service on Sunday evening, May 19th, in the First Missionary Church. With the opening chords of music played by Professor Raymond Weaver, a procession led by the instructors and workers of the Institute and followed by the senior class filed down the two aisles to the front seats of the church. The members of the graduating class were: Lois Slagle, Florence Cavender, Morrison Fuller, Vergil Gerber, Harold Hodgson, Denell Meyers, Randall Rice, Ariel Schoenhals, Betty Scott, and Helen Slagle. In spite of the dignity of caps and gowns, formality was soon forgotten as our beloved Spirit-filled instructor, Reverend Jacob Hygema, told us of "Three Qualities Necessary for a Christian Worker." We were moved as the message penetrated into our hearts. The importance of little things was brought forcibly to our minds. As Bro. Hygema emphasized the point, "To be in order to do," a new determination took hold of us to seek rather to be worthy of a position than to occupy it. We were also exhorted to examine our motives for the least bit of impurity or insincerity. How appropriate were these remarks as we were leaving the warm atmosphere of the Bible Institute and going out into the wintry storm of doubt, unbelief, and ridicule where the tendency will be to let down, to compromise, or to let slip our once firmly-established convictions!

The following evening, as the hands of the clock were creeping upon the hour of eight, an eager crowd was gathering in the chapel. Into the semi-lighted room slowly moved the class of ten. Yes, it was Senior Night. Do you ask why there was no more light in the room? Indeed, no more was needed, for, were there not ten "Lightbearers - -" advancing toward the platform? Our light comes not from ourselves but from the "Light of the world" whose radiance far outshines the sun.

Judging from the snatches of conversation and comments overheard we believe the program was both delightful and helpful. The evening was one of happy surprises; the program was filled with the unexpected. Apparently, the audience enjoyed the class prophecy which was in the form of a class letter circulated among the members of the class ten years in the future. Character study and imagination were utilized in

this piece of work. We hope that our bearers now have a deeper conception of the significance of our motto, "Lightbearers to a Dark World," after listening to two talks on that subject. We were told of the qualities and the importance of light and of the privilege of being a bearer of the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ. We were made to shudder at the thought of the dense darkness that is slyly creeping into places that were once filled with light. Voices were calling out of the blackness for help. The appeal for more lightbearers rang through the air. May God grant that someone answered the call that night.

Other features of the program were a piano solo, a quartet, the class will, and a beautifully-harmonized class song. Our dean, Rev. B. F. Leightner, gratefully accepted the practical gift of an electric clock for the center hall in the Administration Building.

The students' recital came all too soon for those who were participating. About eight o'clock on Tuesday evening there was gathering in the basement of the church a group of nervous and excited students, looking at their programs, counting the number of performances until their turn and trying to conceal the fact that their hands were trembling. The inevitable hour came, and the stillness of the auditorium was broken by sweet strains of melody, concertos, spiritual songs, and other numbers skillfully rendered. To be sure, mistakes were made, but these only displayed the fact that we all are still human; they took away the stiffness of the atmosphere, and, in some cases, added spice to the occasion.

This year was a year for originality—even to the Fellowship Circle meeting. A buffet supper was served in the dining room of the Bible Institute on Wednesday evening, May 22nd. The clatter of silverware and the chatter of old friends and school mates made quite an unintelligible sound to anyone who might have been outside, but to us—well, we didn't notice it, so busy were we talking over old times. The hour was one of real fellowship and mutual blessing. Following the meal, which was efficiently served by the men's chorus, the business meeting and program were in order. Under the direction of Prof. Gerber we enjoyed some enthusiastic singing of familiar choruses. Several graduates gave

interesting accounts of happenings during the earlier days of the school. Of special interest was the men's chorus. How refreshing and invigorating was their singing! The business was ably taken care of by the president, Mr. Carl Parlee, and soon another Fellowship Circle meeting was a matter of history.

Following closely upon the heels of the Fellowship Circle meeting came the Annual Concert. At 8:15 the same evening, in the Missionary Church, the curtain rose on about sixty students who comprised the Special Chorus of the Bible Institute. The uniformity of dark suits and white dresses gave a pleasing appearance. Much prayer had gone up to God in behalf of this concert that it might not be the exaltation of human accomplishments, but that through it Christ might be exalted; yes, that He might be lifted so high that sinners would be drawn to Him. We believe these prayers were not in vain. Anthems of praise to God were sung, interspersed with solos, instrumental numbers, and the men's and women's choruses. Thank God for His presence in the service and His peace in our hearts which enabled us to sing in the Spirit and to praise the Lord with our hearts as well as with our lips. The benediction was pronounced in prayer and immediately followed by the chorus singing, "The Lord Bless You." Thus, with the hush of divine blessing upon us we dispersed for the evening.

The event toward which a number of students had been looking forward finally arrived on May 23rd—Commencement Day. Quite a number, for various reasons, had dropped from our ranks since we entered the Bible Institute; but, by the help of God, a handful had reached this milestone. The hour was one of solemnity. The speaker, Dr. Harold C. Mason, President of Huntington College, gave a timely address on the subject, "On Guard." After the class song, Rev. B. F. Leightner presented the diplomas to the class of 1935. As we received our diplomas from his hand, we thought of our own unworthiness and realized that only God's grace had brought us to this point. We also thought of what a debt of gratitude we owe to our instructors who have so ably, under God's hand, guided us through our Bible School career. We shall not forget their kindness, patience, and earnest efforts to help us attain all that the Lord has for us.

With the benediction, another school year and another commencement season

was ended, leaving us with more light, more responsibility, and a deeper Christian experience.

FLORENCE CAVENDER.

Stony Creek, May 14, 1935.  
Members of Fellowship Circle,  
Bible Institute, Ft. Wayne, Ind.  
Christian Greetings from Class of 1921.  
"Not I but Christ."

Fourteen years have sped by since we, (sixteen in number), received our diplomas and said, "Good-bye" as a class to the dear old Bible Training School.

Before separating it was decided to start a Class letter which has been in circulation ever since. It has made 20 round trips, traveling approximately 68,000 miles, pausing in four countries and seven states during its existence.

Our president, Alvin Becker, has found his field of labor with the Congo Inland Mission at Charlesville, Congo Belge. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have two children and at present are home on furlough.

Mrs. F. P. Lindstrom, nee Esther Anderson, was treasurer of our class. She is still singing His praises, having charge of the choir in a church in Beloit, Wis., as well as caring for her children and home.

Miss Elda Amstutz, a missionary stationed at Ramabai Muskte mission, India, finds great joy in serving her master in that dark corner of His vineyard.

Miss Marie Bartel is active in church work and cares for the bodily as well as the spiritual needs of the sick and suffering, having taken a nurse's training course. Her address is Fairview, Okla.

Miss Lydia Burkholder is busy in gospel work in a mission in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. A. S. Dodgson, nee Ruth Roth, finds plenty to keep her occupied with her numerous duties as a pastor's wife, Sunday school teacher, and mother of three fine boys and one girl.

Rev. A. S. Dodgson, pastor of the Baptist work at Fairbury, Nebr., reports the blessing of the Lord in spite of drought in that section.

Miss Nettie Johnston recently passed through a very severe illness. Doctors despaired of her recovery but she is praising the Lord for His goodness.

Mrs. Geo. Barnes, (Rena Lue) writes, "We are always at home on the farm and working for our Master in our own little corner." She and Geo. have three daughters of whom they are justly proud.

Miss Rachel Moser recently changed her name to Mrs. (Rev.) Gaddis. She is a member of the Gaddis-Moser Evangelistic party. The Lord is blessing their work in Canada as well as U. S. They made a tour around the world some time since which proved very fruitful in precious souls won for the Savior.

Alvin Oyer has charge of the Conference grounds of the Mission Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii. He and his wife are also engaged in Christian service. They have two children—a boy and girl.

Rosina Ramseyer Parlee, still living in Ft. Wayne, assists her husband in evangelistic services in surrounding districts and also devotes much time to broadcasting, so tune in on WOWO Sunday mornings. Rosina has one daughter.

Our old friend Dan Ramseyer is pastor of the Federated Church in Creighton, Nebr. In July, 1933, the stork dropped a "Model" baby boy in his home. His daughter is seven years old.

Miss Margaret Seimens added Wilson to her name October 7th, 1933, and like some of the rest of us thinks she has found "The Only Man." They live in Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Christina Stauffer works in Ft. Wayne and finds much joy in teaching her class of girls at the Harvester Missionary Sunday School.

And last on the list let me add a word concerning your humble servant. I want to thank the Lord for the time I was permitted to spend in the dear old Bible Training School. At present we are busy getting the farm in shape, planting, etc. I still enjoy teaching my class of Young Ladies (over 40 on roll) in Delta Tabernacle, Hamilton. I have been teaching Young Ladies ever since leaving school, with the exception of a little over a year when Ralph, who is past five, was born. We are still looking for a great Revival in the body of Christ before "He Comes."

Yours in His service,

EDNA SAYRES HEWINS.

### "HO, EVERY ONE THAT THIRSTETH"

"When the poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water,

and the dry land springs of water." Isa. 41:17, 18.

The above Scripture was made a blessed reality to us recently. For almost a year we hauled our water. Hauling it was just half the job; the other half was to carry it up a hill. A neighbor offered to drill a well. His apparatus was a home-made affair which required man-power. It was laborious work. Nevertheless, with high hopes we drilled. After four days we struck a rock and water at 31½ feet. The vein was small, so we endeavored to get through the rock which we felt was holding back the water. Twice we dynamited, but without success.

We were tired, discouraged, and at a loss to know what to do next, when the Holy Spirit impressed Mrs. Jacob with the above verses. Since drilling, the water supply has greatly increased and is now piped into the house.

ALFRED JACOB, Route 5, Midland, Mich.

### A MISSIONARY TRAVEL LETTER

Woodburn, Indiana,

June 5, 1935.

Dear Readers of the Fellowship Circle:

Greetings in the Name of Him who so loved us that He gave Himself for us.

As you no doubt have been praying for us and wondering just how we found things on our way home from Kalamba, Africa, we shall herein endeavor to give you a brief account of our trip which took us just two months to complete.

My family, Miss Birky and myself left Kalamba station on the 19th of February, 1935. During the morning we completed our packing and having finished, we had an enjoyable noonday meal with the Moser family who had come to Kalamba to stay until the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Sutton. After our meal was finished, we gathered around the car which was to take us 1200 miles to the coast town, Matadi, where we were to embark on the steamer for New York. In this gathering there were about five hundred natives, boys and girls from the compound, Christians from the village and other villagers who came to say "good-bye" and to see us off. After our final words of admonition, one of our native leaders led in prayer, committing us as well as themselves to the Lord who is able to keep, and amid many tears, waving of hands and handkerchiefs, we were off on our long, long journey.

The second day out, we crossed the Angola border and for the next 15 days, were to be in Portuguese territory. In the first part of this country were vast plains so that we very seldom met natives and therefore in any difficulties which we encountered on the road, we received no help at all. Thus it was that the second night we could not reach our destination and were obliged to sleep in a native village which we reached after dark, amid a fine drizzle, the dampness and coolness adding much to our discomfort. Not being able to find a suitable house, we spent the night in the car which you can imagine was not too comfortable as we three grown people had to sleep in a sitting posture on the front seat of the car, while for our two children we managed to make some kind of sleeping quarters among all our baggage in the rear.

We were next to experience the inconvenience of staying in Portuguese hotels in Africa, if one can term them as such; yet with all the inconveniences and discomfort, we were always glad when we found some sort of shelter when night came. Several times we found that we were compelled to go on to the next place ahead in order to reach a hotel and you will better realize what predicament that put us in when I tell you that the distance between stopping places in Africa is not like between tourist camps in America. On two occasions when the day was far spent and the roads ahead were bad and we found no hotel, the good citizens of that country opened up their homes to us for the night which only we knew how to appreciate and be thankful to our Heavenly Father for caring for his own.

We spent the second week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kemp of the Methodist Mission, at Malange. Upon reaching this place, we decided to rest a day and then go on, but this was not to be, as Lois, our little girl, took sick that evening and was very sick for almost a week, but praise the Lord, he heard and answered prayer. We often felt that it was Providential that she did not take ill at one of these Portuguese places but at a Mission station where it was possible to give her the best care and help of an American doctor. After staying there one week, we resumed our journey with Lois almost too weak to travel but we were compelled to go on in order not to miss connection with our steamer, and the Lord wonderfully undertook for her.

Another four days travel with the car brought us to Matadi and back into

Congo Belge where we awaited the arrival of our ocean steamer. It was several days late so while we had to wait, we had the privilege of staying at the Swedish Mission, a mission being always so much more preferable than a hotel. Here we had nice rooms and good food but Matadi seems to us the hottest place in Africa, so it was difficult to get rested up from the strenuous auto trip of the last 15 days.

The steamship "West Otho" came in ahead of the steamer on which were the Sutton and Yoder party, so we left Matadi on the 16th of March, much to our disappointment of not having had the pleasure of meeting the outcoming party.

After two days on the Congo River, we were out on the deep. Our ship stopped at five different ports on the way to New York, four of which were on the west coast of Africa, and the fifth one was at Cape Verde Islands where we took on some oil. We then took a southerly route and just missed Bermuda by 100 miles and then we took a straight course to New York. The sea while not too rough for most of the time always kept the boat rocking as it was a small one and not heavily loaded. We experienced some rough weather the last few days out of New York where we got into some gales. One night we were awakened by dishes, chairs and everything that was loose, flying around the dining room. On another occasion, while at the supper table, one of the ladies sitting at our table, was thrown right back on the floor and finding that she was not hurt, we all enjoyed a good laugh with her. However, we all avoided her predicament after that by holding on to the table (which was fast to the floor) for dear life while at meals. We arrived in New York late in the evening of April 18th, and during our entire trip, we were made so conscious of the Lord's presence with us. We reached our folks at Woodburn on the morning of April 20th, just in time to celebrate with them the Blessed Easter Day.

We feel very much indebted to you for your many prayers in our behalf and hope to have the opportunity to express same personally but until such a time, will take this privilege to thank you for your many remembrances of us. May the Good Lord richly bless and reward each one of you.

Yours in His Glad Service,

ALVIN BECKER AND FAMILY.

## NEWS ITEMS

Among those who bring good news for this issue of the Bulletin is Dan Cupit who reports several of our Circle having engaged in matrimonial affairs. Of interest, especially to those having attended school this past year, will be the news of the marriage of Rev. Loyal Ringenberg to Miss Rhoda Roth which took place in a pretty ceremony at the Missionary Church in Grabill, June 2nd, with Rev. Jonas Ringenberg, brother of the groom, performing the ceremony. Rev. and Mrs. Ringenberg are at this time visiting the former's parents in Brinsmade, N. D.

And, again, to those who were in school this past year and learned to know Miss Dorothy Hygema, we bring you word of her marriage to Mr. Ray Pannebecker on June 16th.

Now to those who graduated in the class of '32 you will indeed, welcome the new member added to your class circle, Mr. H. R. Ebersole, who on Saturday evening of June 15th took as his bride, Miss Lavinia Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Ebersole have been members of The Messenger Evangelistic Party for the past four years and for the present expect to continue their active Christian work with the Messengers.

Just yesterday, July 4th, the editor heard that another member of the class of '32 was married this summer — Mr. Lawrence Schoenhals from Brown City, Michigan, and who has been attending college at Greenville, Ohio. — But Lawrence will have to tell us who she is!!!

More news!!! From the stork this time. Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller, Warsaw, Indiana, announce the arrival of Lael Laverne on June 2nd. Mr. Miller is a graduate of the class of '28 and also spent several years as a missionary in Africa.

A quartet composed of Dwight Niswander, Curtis Lehman, Guilford Coselman, and Harold Hodgson and accompanied by the business manager, Rev. P. L. Eicher just recently concluded a three weeks tour, ministering in approximately twenty-five churches in the state of Michigan. At present this team with Virgil Gerber taking the place of Curtis Lehman and accompanied by Prof. C. A. Gerber is engaged in extension work for the Institute in Northwestern Ohio.

Miss Lillian Zeller is spending a month's vacation with friends in New Jersey and New Hampshire.

Miss Lucille Varns, '33, has been engaged during the past year in Junior Bible School work in the Nazarene Church at Wooster, Ohio. Very favorable reports have been received concerning her good work there.

### THREE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR A CHRISTIAN WORKER

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he planted 1180 Sabbath schools throughout the western states. A young man who was accustomed to using tobacco, smoking cigars, visited a friend. They went into a room where he saw a nice library. He said to his friend, "How can you afford a library like that? I can't see how you do that." "Well, you remember that before I started my apprenticeship, which was six years ago, you asked me to be a man and smoke one cigar a day, and I decided I would, but later decided I'd count up how much that would amount to." In one year he could save \$18.25 not smoking that cigar. He had now laid aside 5 cents a day for six years and because of that he had the library. Just by denying himself one thing that was injurious to his body and his mind, he used that money and invested it in books. The other didn't have any books, but smoked cigars. This shows how little things will help us to save and do things for the glory of God.

Next, purity of motive. Charles Spurgeon has an illustration on motives. There was a certain large spring which he visited at one time. It was beautiful and clear, and as he looked down, there seemed to be scores of little geysers shooting up through the sand. He said those little geysers that were shooting up in this spring represented motives that prompt us to do things. There are a score or more motives that prompt us to do things, but I figured this out myself. When building a church in a community, a good Christian man says, "I'll give a hundred dollars toward building it." Also a politician says, "I'll give a hundred dollars for your church too." Why? To get votes to be elected. But there is a real estate man in the community who knows that it will raise the real estate in the community and he says, "I'll give a hundred dollars toward that church." He does it simply to raise the price of property. You can see the various motives. Now what we want is this. "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." We must always be watching over our motives. I think I am

safe to say we'll never get where we do not need to safeguard our motives—the reason why we do things. We might be influenced by the money; we might be influenced by popularity, but all these things are so cheap. These things are so cheap. "If thine eye is single." John Wesley puts it—*pure intention*. We put it now, *purity of motive*. Live with a pure motive to the glory of God. When we do that we'll feel the gentle dews of Divine grace settle down upon us. Divine approval is worth more than anything else in the world.

You see how we might do charity work, feed the poor; how we might train the orphans and others and have the wrong motive? Regardless of all these things, our motive should be to glorify God. Jenny Lind, the Swedish singer, in her own country of Sweden, on a particular occasion was asked by the king to sing on a Sunday. But it was a secular gathering of some kind. I do not know just exactly what it was, but anyway, he asked her to sing and she sent word that she could not sing on that day. The king called her to himself, and with the authority of a king, he said, "I command you to sing next Sabbath day," and this is what she said, "There is a higher King to whom I owe my allegiance." Though he was her sovereign and ruler, she made that noble statement that she was responsible to a Higher authority. A minister once said they were having a camp meeting, and of course they wanted to have an influential speaker, some doctor of Divinity... remember we are not reflecting on education... It was a ten day meeting. They started on Thursday night and went on to the next Thursday, with no souls at the altar. But God hadn't set His seal upon it. There was a man on the camp ground who had revival fires burning everywhere he went. He always had revivals. They asked him, "Would you preach for us?" He said, "If you desire me to." "You preach today, then." So he went out in the woods. It's a great thing to have a woods to talk to. I went many a time when I needed help. He prayed, and this was the substance of his prayer. "Oh, Lord, give me souls. Lord, give me souls." He wasn't seeking honor. He wanted souls. He arose to speak to win souls, and the result was, an altar full of penitents seeking God. What was the difference? The educated people depended on scholarship and good messages, but they didn't depend on the Lord, and the Spirit couldn't work.

For eighteen years Dr. Pierson was hungry for the baptism of the Holy Ghost,

but He didn't come. He became very hungry, and at length he prayed very earnestly. The Lord said, "If you will give up your desire for literary glory and give yourself to the saving of souls, I'll give you the Holy Ghost," and he said, "Lord, I'll do it." He gave up his desire for literary glory for he evidently was seeking honor through his writing. He set it aside, and then said, "I'll give myself to the saving of souls." When he did that the Spirit descended upon him. He won more souls in 18 months than in the 18 years before. Oh, beloved, we must have pure motives if we expect the blessing of the Lord. We must keep the honor of God in view. Be respectable to everyone. "Honor all men," but when it comes to the matter of a message, we must "obey God rather than men." God will stand by us. Now just a few moments more.

The purpose to be in order to do. Now that must not be only at the beginning but it must go on through our life if we expect the blessing of the Lord in our hearts. We must always be concerned how we are, or what we are in reality. We are more concerned to be than we are to do. Always. You know sometimes people start in that way but they forget, or they drift away from that. Be right with God, and then prepare a good message. That's the great thing. I like to think of a man that is outstanding, Dr. Cuyler. His motto was "To be like God wants us to be and then work."

Seth Rees over at Toronto, one of the brethren, told me, "You never can really estimate a preacher by the way he preaches. You can't decide what kind of a man I am by the way I preach." Then he said, "I have known preachers that preach like angels and live like devils." That was an awful thing to say, wasn't it? After all, the vital thing is that we be what we ought to be.

May the Lord help us to appreciate the little things, to appreciate the great fact of having pure motives in all we do, whether anybody else does or not. Make it a purpose or a practice in your life to do it all along the way, by seeking to be. I will close with what A. B. Simpson said. "It is better to be worthy of a position than to occupy the position." It is more important to be worthy of a place than to have it. Let's seek to be worthy. God's on the lookout for those He can trust. May He help us so that we can really be trusted. Paul said, "The Lord counted on me" and He counts on us. May we not disappoint Him.



## Surrender or Death--Which?

By Rev. Tillman Habegger

We hear much said from the pulpit today about surrendering our lives to the Lord. The word "surrender" is a word like the word "filling." They leave many people in a beclouded condition. Most all people want to be filled and will come to the altar for a filling, but they do not understand that before there can be a filling there must first be a killing, an emptying. The Holy Ghost comes into a sanctified vessel.

Surrender is a word that sounds good but does not go far enough. In the first place if you cause someone to surrender, they give up or yield because they have to. There is a danger of him turning on you if the proper circumstance presents itself. In the second place a surrendered person is still alive and can cause lots of trouble. The Bible speaks of the death of the old man, not the surrender of him.

We have a good illustration of the difference between death and surrender in the 15th chapter of First Samuel. Amalek was the first enemy Israel had when they left Egypt. God gave Israel the victory over them by faith in answer to prayer. As long as Moses held his hands up in prayer Israel prevailed. When his hands came down Amalek prevailed. So Aaron and Hur held the hands of Moses up until they had the victory over Amalek. God then commanded Moses to write this victory in a book and gave him the promise that He would some day utterly destroy Amalek from off the face of the earth.

Now Amalek is a type of the carnal nature. The flesh that Paul speaks of in Gal. 5:17 lusts against the Spirit. There is victory for every person that is saved. The victory comes through prayer and by others helping us in prayer, as Aaron and Hur helped Moses. Here is where many people lose out. God gave the children of Israel many experiences to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by faith and trust in Him. Many fail to pray and take every test and trial definitely to God in prayer, and pray until they have obtained the victory. Others have not learned the help there is by definitely fellowshiping with God's people in view of receiving spiritual help and encouragement.

There is a difference between the en-

emy attacking us and we attacking the enemy. God did not lead the children of Israel into Canaan by the shortest way but led them by the way of the Red Sea, a longer way. He did this because He knew that they were not strong enough in faith to drive out the enemies in the promised land. While they were in this longer way God gave them experiences and instructions which would make them able to enter and possess the land when they came to it. It was in this way, the way of the Red Sea, that Amalek attacked them.

But there came a time after that they had entered the land of Canaan that God told Israel to attack Amalek. God instructed king Saul by the mouth of the prophet Samuel to utterly destroy Amalek. God was now fulfilling the promise He made unto Moses. Saul went out and attacked Amalek and won the victory but failed to utterly destroy them. He spared King Agag and some of the sheep and oxen. He got King Agag, that great enemy, to surrender instead of putting him to death.

When Samuel, the prophet of God, came on the scene he said, God has not commanded that you should get the enemy to surrender but that you should put them to death. Surrendered Agag could do much harm to them, but dead Agag could do Israel no harm. So Samuel hewed Agag in pieces that day.

Every believer is sooner or later and more or less attacked by the flesh which lusts against the Spirit. The old man strives for favor, recognition and comes against us at times with sweeping power. As we said before, the victory lies in prayer and faith. But just as surely as God promised Israel that He would utterly destroy Amalek He will destroy the old man and crucify him in sanctification.

The time comes to every believer when God says now you attack this enemy and destroy him by the power of the Spirit that has been attacking you. God has made full provision to deliver us from carnality and crucify, put to death, the old man.

It is not hard to get folks to surrender but when it comes to get folks to die you run into a great struggle.

How many folks surrender their time, their talents, their money, but will not die. Saul said he spared what he did for sacrifice. Samuel said, "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice." God isn't asking for money, time or talent. He has all of that He needs. What He wants is you. He can have no part with the old man. He must be slain. Once He has you then He will truly have all your time, talents and money.

There is great danger that we as preachers are satisfied with Saul just to see folks surrender. A surrendered person often becomes quite active again and you can never be restfully assured of him. He may be yielded and submissive at the time but when certain things present themselves he still will please himself. Let us experience death that we may truly live the life in which the Holy Ghost is within outliving every phase of our life. Let us preach death until folks not only surrender but are slain. Paul in Gal 2:20 said he was crucified but yet lived. Christ was living his life for him. Paul was dead.

Paul gives us an illustration of the deliverance that is ours in the death of the old man, in Rom. 6:9-11. He says that Christ died once but is alive now and will never die again. When He died He burst asunder the bars and power of death and is alive for evermore. Then he says just as Christ spoiled death and is now alive for evermore our old man can be put to death, spoiled and we be forever free from him and victorious over him. Therefore let us reckon God can do it, and reckon He does do it, and be set free to live a holy and clean life.

Some folks give the word reckon such a meager meaning. They would give it the meaning of hope or guess or consider but never to realize the finished work. Now to reckon means to come to a conclusion because of some prevailing circumstances. We see a cloud in the west and reckon that it will soon rain. If it is in the fall of the year and there are no clouds in the sky and no wind we reckon that it will frost. If we rely upon these natural conclusions should we not much more reckon and rely upon this illustration given by God? As Christ arose victor over death and spoiled its power let us trust God through the working of the Spirit to spoil and crucify the old man in a definite experience and live the victorious delivered, holy life.