WHAT SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SCHOOL MEANT TO ME

By HALLIE STOCKTON—From Christ's Ambassadors Monthly for September

Words can never express what Southwestern Bible School means to me. For years I had set my heart on attending Bible School, but financial affairs would not permit me to go.

At last I felt such a pull toward Southwestern Bible School that I could no longer resist. I realized I had no money to take me through, yet I was persuaded to believe that God was able to supply all my needs.

After burning all the bridges behind me, I went to Enid, where I was taken to a large brick building.

Upon entering the building, I heard joyous voices filling the large front hall, the stairway, dormitories, the dining room and even the kitchen. From the east end room came a deep voice which said, "Praise the Lord." Who could that be. It was Brother Nelson, the President and father of the school. What a heavenly welcome he gives to his children as they gather from east and west, north and south.

I noticed the girls, who were all dressed alike and whose skirts came within inches of the floor. This was a trying thing to me for a moment for I knew that this girl had to take one more step on the pathway of consecration. Then it dawned upon me that they were not there to show their beautiful clothes, but for the glory of God.

I ran up the stairs and rapped on Mother Bamford's door.

"Come," said a sweet voice from within.

While conversing with her, she told me of the rules of the school. I decided then that I as well as the others had some lessons to learn. It meant a complete dying out to the pride of our hearts and lives.

When I purposed in my heart to go through regardless of the cost, the regulations of the school were no longer hard to keep.

Eagerly the students waited in the mornings for the eight o'clock bugle to blow. Then, as soldiers marching out to battle, we marched for our King into the chapel. Thirty minutes were spent in songs of praise, and one of the faculty or students had something fresh from God to give out, after which we spent fifteen minutes in prayer. The glory of the Lord came down. Sometimes it came so gloriously upon us that we stayed upon our faces before the Lord in prayer the whole morning.

After getting a new drink at the fountain we entered our classes shouting the victory. How interesting Sister Campbell made the Old Testament class. Mother Bamford taught the New Testament and Personal Work. How appealing were her admonitions. "Students, let us be soul winners." She also had charge of the "family meeting" on Wednesday afternoon. Sister Thompson, our English teacher, made the class very attractive. She stirred up a profound interest in missions, for her whole heart was in that work. Brother McClellan gave us a wonderful light on Dispensational Truths, Prophecy, and Eschatology.

Day by day passed in this manner until at last the closing day came. Our hearts praise God for the fact that the school was closed with a glorious victory. Each student went away with a vision of lost souls, and established in the Word of Truth.

Where are they now? Out facing the conflicts of life, somewhere. But one thing we know, the memories of the days spent in dear old Southwestern can never fade from our hearts and minds. Young people, we extend an invitation to you to come and join us in the study of the Word this year.

MISSIONARY REPORT

As we are entering the third year of Southwestern Bible School, we would encourage those who have not paid their pledge to do so as soon as possible.

A new pledge will be made in the near future and I am sure that every one wants in on this, to help promote the Gospel cause. Let us then pray that we may know the will of God in the matter of giving of our substance on the new pledge.

All of us cannot go to the field but we can go with our prayers and purses.

The following is a financial statement from Nov. 14, 1928 to Oct. 1, 1929.

Amount received .......................... $487.94
Amount paid out .......................... 131.00
Amount in treasury ........................ $356.94

May the Lord richly bless you one and all.

Mr. W. E. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE NEW BUILDING

The roofing has been placed on the new men's dormitory and school dining hall and kitchen being erected on the northeast corner of the Bible school campus.

A large force of workmen are laboring hard to finish the building in a short time. The building is to be of one story and is of hollow tile. Perhaps you would like to help equip a room or help on the dining room or kitchen furnishings. There is an urgent need for funds at once for this purpose. Those who can help should write the President, P. C. Nelson, Box 1132, Enid, Oklahoma.
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EDITORIAL

No issue of the Bugler was published last month, partly because the
news out to the mountains of Colorado not to spend a vacation but
and to gain inspiration for the Bugler.

Through the courtesy of my father and
Rev. S. H. Patterson of Denver,
the trip was made possible. We spent
more than a week near the heart of
mountains, climbing some of
them alone and chopping trees for
our fuel in the little mountain cabin.

We returned near the end of
season, refreshed in the spirit and body,
for which we thank the Lord.

Bro. Patterson has purchased a
site for a Pentecostal camp in a high
valley surrounded by mountains about
forty miles west of Denver. He plans to
have a Pentecostal and Christ's
Ambassadors camp there for two
weeks every year.

Any interested should write to
the editor of the Bugler at the above
address.

Now is the time to subscribe for

THE BUGLER

At the beginning of the school year
we want to urge all students, new
and old, and friends of the school to
subscribe for the Bugler.

This paper will contain the latest
news about the personnel and affairs of
the school. You will want to send
it to your friends or keep it as a
record of your school activities.

The Bugler boosts Southwestern
Bible School. Interesting articles will
appear from time to time and
pictures of school life.

A SONG ON THE ROAD

We were driving along on our way
back from Colorado. We stopped for
a moment on the outskirts of a little
western town.

Suddenly from a house nearby we
heard the strains of a song we knew,
"O, I want to see Him, look upon His
face". The woman who sang that
song never knew how much she had
cheered our hearts. Neither did the
one who taught her that song.

Let us sing more songs about the
Lord. They will comfort others even
when we do not know it. Thus we can
cheer weary travelers on life's
highway.

Elzie Templeton has been holding
some meetings in the city hall in
Garber.

STILL ROOM FOR STUDENTS

Although 113 students have come
to Enid to begin the third school year
at Southwestern Bible School which
began October 1st, there is still room
for a few more students in the building.

The majority of these students are
here for the first time but there are
also a large number of students who
are entering the second and
third classes.

If you made your application but
did not come, or if you are just now
thinking you would like to go to Bible
school this year, it is not too late.
Apply at once to the President,
box 1131, Enid, Oklahoma.

ECHOES

Mr. Charles Hart has secured a
large refrigerator which will be used
in the new building.

Some of the second-year students
who arrived after the first day of
school were Miss Camille Bishop
of Woodward, Mrs. Isabella Shaeil of
Cushing, and Miss Willie Conrad
of Pawhuska. Miss Edna Smith also
came late as some friends were driv-
ing from that place in their car.

Miss Edna Smith of Amarillo, Tex.,
sang "The Man of Galilee," Sunday
morning in the Tabernacle. Miss
Helen Harding and Miss Esta Hard-
ing sang at the evening service.

Miss Edna L. Watson of Alton, Ill.,
also sung several special numbers
both for the Bible School and for the
Tabernacle services.

Those who were present Friday
night at the student's meeting report
a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit.
Three received the Baptism of the
Holy Spirit at that time.

There was a record attendance at
the Sunday School in the Enid Gospel
Tabernacle Sunday School of 258.

The students are helping in the
orchestra, and in the choir and in other
ways in the Assembly services.

A large crowd listened to the testi-
omies of the students from the
various states at the recent meeting
on Grand Avenue, near Main Street,
Saturday night. The weekly evangel-
istic service which is conducted on
Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. in the
Tabernacle during the cold weather
was held in Government Springs
Park.

Richard K. Thompson, a first-year
student brought the message. He
also spoke at the Christ's Ambassa-
dors meeting Sunday evening in the
Tabernacle.

The President, and wife and son,
Merrill, went to Oklahoma City
Friday, Oct. 4, to attend the Raymond
T. Richey Revival. Two students,
Miss Irene Stree and Miss Beatrice
Grindstaff returned with them to com-
plete their work this year in the third
year class.

John and Roy Campbell, brothers
and their sister, Margaret, have the
record for distance away from home
of any students in the school. They
came from Husum, Washington.
MISSIONARY LETTER

Here is a letter from a C. B. I. missionary in Palestine. Recent classes between the Arabs and Jews have focused attention on that land. Jews and Gentiles should be interested in this:

P. O. Box 823
Jerusalem, Palestine

Dear Praying Friends at Home:

Greetings in the Name of Jesus. It is hard for us to realize that it has been so long since we wrote to you last and we realize that we should apologize for our long delay, but with the apology we ask you to be lenient with us for we have been overly busy for the most part. Now we have a wee bit of vacation from attendance at school but have to in a measure keep up our study that we will not lose what we have gained.

We have much to thank the Lord for and we have much to pray for. We want you to share in our praise as well as share in our prayers. Praise God for sending the women from week to week to hear the Word, and for answering prayer for the healing of some of them. Many are seeking healing from eye trouble that is so prevalent here. So few know what it is to have good eye-sight. Pray for them.

God has given us an increase in the attendance at the Sunday School for which we are thankful and we ask you to help us win these boys and girls for Him.

Regarding the Sunday School in the Church we are sorry to say that the part of the work is at a standstill. Miss Brown is in need of a pastor from home and of a native evangelist to help in this work. We are doing what we can but we are handicapped by the Eastern mind that does not think that women should do all of the church work. And we might if it is God's best plan. Surely God has some one to help us here. Will you help us pray until they are sent?

Since her return from America Miss Brown has been going around to the various prisons as often as her strength will allow, but in this too she is in need of an evangelist to take the part that is too heavy for her to carry alone. Pray for this need.

Thank God that this door is open. Through it many are reached from various villages who could not be reached in any other way. For instance one prison district has 99 villages under its control and this is only one of the many districts.

We are asking God for a real spiritual awakening in Jerusalem. We feel if the nominal Christians are aroused, the Jews and Moslems will be easier to reach. This has proved true in Es Salt across the Jordan. We want to see it here in Jerusalem.

Perhaps some of you have heard of the outpouring in Es Salt. This last spring over one hundred souls have been saved through the ministry of Mr. Whitman and the blessing is spreading to other places. New doors are opening over there and there is no one to step in. Miss Radford could place four more young men now if they were here with the language. Is there not some one to come out and get ready?

What is true of Trans Jordon is also true of Palestine. There are doors open to us now that we cannot enter because we are too few. Is some one failing God in staying at home? This land is a HARD place to work in but it is a needy one. It is a land bound up in religions. The people do not realize that they need something more than they have from a religious standpoint. God can make them realize it if we are true to Him in prayer. Do help us pray. The enemy is quite well entrenched and his power is not unconquerable. God has honored His Word here in times past and we would like to see Him honor it again with the signs following. He has sent us here to preach the Word and has promised to be with us.

Pray for us and for those with whom we work.

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