

WORK OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY OUTLINED BY REV. W. F. JOURDAN.

Last Sunday evening in the college chapel, Rev. W. F. Jourdan gave an interesting and instructive address on the work of the American Bible Society. His discourse was based on verses 36-38 of the 4th chapter of John. The speaker declared that the work of the American Bible Society is fundamental, basical, and has more to do than anything else with Christian propaganda. The history of the organization was traced back to its origin more than a century ago when the movement was inspired by a Welsh girl's intense desire to own a Bible which, spurred her pastor to go to London and make provision whereby such desires might be gratified. Through the united efforts of the British and American Bible Societies, the Bible today has been translated into over six hundred tongues. The purpose of the Society is to put the Bible within the reach of all. Its work is three-fold: (1) Translation requiring constant revision; (2) Printing and (3) Distribution of Bible. In the work of distribution, it has been found that free distribution is inadvisable for the books are often destroyed. On the other hand if purchased, they are prized, although often the agent must use his own discretion in the method pursued. Every legitimate means is employed to create a desire for the Bible. In lands where missionaries have never been, people have been found who have been led to God through the distribution of the Bible alone, and these converts have accomplished much. The American Bible Society realizes the desired end not only when the Bible is placed in the hand but also when there is an earnest desire in the heart to read and follow its teachings.

In our own land last year, Bibles were distributed in eighty-seven different languages. Millions were distributed among the soldiers. Truly great and far-reaching is the work of the American Bible Society in our own country and over all the globe.

"THE BY-PRODUCTS OF LIFE."

Topic Discussed by Y. W. C. A.

Our regular meeting of Y. W. C. A. was held in the college chapel on Thursday evening. The leaders were Miss Eunice Rich and Miss Vada McMurry. The Scripture lesson was taken from Galatians 5:14-26. The topic for

consideration was "The By-Products of Life."

Some of the by-products of life are joy, happiness, peace, liberty, good-will and service. The only way we can obtain happiness is by seeking to be of service to others. Kindness is also a by-product. We as college students have so many opportunities to show kindness. Do we make use of them? We cannot have lasting joy except through suffering. It takes a great many hard knocks to get along in this life. Joy is partially the foundation of life, and we are hungering and thirsting for joy. Can we imagine a life without joy? Many people think they have to get away from God to have joy. But sooner or later the time will come when worldly joys will not satisfy us. What then? We will need the joy that can come only through fellowship with the Heavenly Father.

Love is a great by-product. So is friendship. One great by-product is the spirit to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The attendance at the meeting was not very good. We are hoping the girls will take more interest and come out to these discussions of the vital problems of life.

SIGMA PHI BETA MEETING HAS PROGRESSIVE FEATURES.

New Men Elected to Organization.

The last regular meeting of Sigma Phi Beta was one of unusual interest and importance. It marked the turning point in the intended record of achievement for the college year, not only because of the actual transaction of necessary business matters, but also because of the consideration and adoption of resolutions outlining the standard of social and moral attainments for the organization. A co-operative spirit among the fellow-members of the organization in their literary work and their general college duties was also urged as a helpful factor in the life of Sigma Phi Beta.

Mr. S. Rhodes Moffit, who was an active charter member of the organization last year, was present at the meeting. He gave the gathering a splendid speech in which several topics of progressive work were clearly impressed upon the minds of those who heard them.

Following this came the election of five new members to the organization to fill the vacancies caused by the absences of some of the members of last year. It is not, however, the intention of

Sigma Phi Beta to have as many members this year as it had last, the maximum membership being set at twenty. Two of these new men came from the junior class and three from the sophomore class.

With a full membership and a year of splendid opportunity Sigma Phi Beta hopes to make its intended achievement a reality.

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