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## APRIL

How many million Aprils came Before I ever knew
How white a cherry bough could be, A bed of squills how blue!

And many a light-foot April, When life is done with me, Will lift the blue flame of the flower And the white flame of the tree.

Oh burn me with your beauty then, Oh hurt me, tree and flower, Lest in the end death try to take Even this glistening hour.

O shaken flowers, 0 shimmering trees, 0 sunlit white and blue, Wound me, that I through endless sleep May bear the scar of you!
-Sara Teasdale
The March number of the monthly announced that Bethel College had made formal application for membership in the North central Association of Colleges. At its annual meeting, held in Chicago, Friday, March 20, the executive committee of that organization decided to defer action on the application until its meeting next year, though it "practically gave its assurance" that Bethel will be accepted for membership in 1932, if immediate plans for the college are carried out. While we regret this postponement, both President Kliewer and Dean Goertz, who attended the meeting,
are satisfied with the consideration accorded our school.

The Kansas State Board of education has not yet taken formal action regarding our status for next year, but we may say again we have "assurance" that our work will be honored as heretofore. But if Bethel is admitted to the North Central Assocation next March, the work for 1931'32 will be accredited with that body also.

While the administration faces some positive difficulties in making the necessary adjustments to meet requirements, there are sufficient reasons to believe our ends will be attained. We may well take courage from the fact that Bethel has had a steady normal growth rather than a rapid spectacular development. We are confident she will continue to move forward to greater things. The faith and loyalty of her alumni and friends must largely determine her future.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 1931.

We are glad to report that in spite of the continued Financial Depression friends are still making contributions to our various funds. E. R. Riesen, a former student and teacher sent a gift of $\$ 10.00$ for the Li brary Fund. Another ex-student gave a $\$ 50.00$ pledge for the Science Hall Fund.

Meanwhile Rev. Riesen was visiting friends in the western part of the state and received a number of generous contributions for the Current Fund, which are listed below.

Current Expense Fund.





Lehigh Mennonite Church_--------- 3.00




Total
$\$ 1,203.50$
Gratefully acknowledged,
J. F. Moyer, Business Manager.

## ALUMNI DEBATE COACHES

Bethel had four graduates and one exstudent whose debate teams this year won their district contests and were entitled to attend the contest at Kansas University. The graduates are Marvin Linscheid who teaches at Montrose, Kansas, Gerald Pearson at Stafford, Anton Richert at Plains and Curt Siemens at Moundridge. Ardith Williams who attended Bethel two years and, who graduated from Emporia State Teachers' college, is the ex-student. He teaches at Ashland, Kansas.
This is very good proof that the training they received at Bethel college has aided them in their work.-Collegian.

## Y. W. C. A. ELECTS NEW CABINET

The annual Y. W. Cabinet Retreat was held Saturday, March 28, in the Kansan Good Will room. The meeting began at 8:45 in the morning and lasted until about two o'clock in the afternoon. The morning was spent in instructing the new cabinet members in their work for the coming year.

At noon the old cabinet members treated the new members to a dinner.

Plans for next year's work were made during the afternoon, and the purpose of the Y. W. C. A. and various other topics were discussed and explained to the new cabinet.

Last year's cabinet members are: President, Elizabeth Haury; vice president, Emma Unruh; secretary, Hilda Ediger; treasurer, Martha Quiring; Social Service chairman, Frances Goerz; finance chairman, Edna Kliewer; program, Alma Walt-
ner; social, Glenna Williams; publicity, Edna Regier; rooms, Wilhelmine Friesen; undergraduate representative, Elizabeth Vaughan; religious meetings, Elma Rutschman; international, Edna Schroeder.

The new cabinet members are: president, Frances Goerz; vice president, Hilda Ediger; secretary, Amelia Mueller; treasurer, Edna Becker; social service, Wilhelmine Friesen; finance, Elizabeth Haury; program, Anna Goering; social, Linda Balzer; publicity, Mary Pierce; rooms, Berneil Corfman; undergraduate representative, Alma Ortman; religious meetings, Ruth Hiebert; international, Elma Rutschman.

Mrs. J. W. Kliewer, Mrs. R. A. Goerz, and Mrs. Phillips were also present at this meeting.

Installation services for the new cabinet were held Monday evening at the college chapel, when Mrs. Ferdinand Isaac gave a highly inspirational talk on the subject, "Fixed Stars." She stressed especially the need of such qualities as courage and dependability for those in positions of Christian leadership.

## ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENTS

Herman O. Miller has been elected superintendent of schools at Coldwater, Kansas. He is now completing his sixth year as supervisor of schools at Preston, Kansas.

A daughter, Gertrude Frances, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Penner of Taftville, Connecticutt, March 5.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Unruh of Anthony will be interested to know that Mr. Unruh has accepted the position as principal of the Pratt senior high school and the junior high school for next year. Mr. Unruh has been in Anthony for the past eight years, having been the high school principal for the past seven years.

Miss Esther Evans of Halstead, Kansas, who is this year attending Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma, sang with the Phillip's Girls' Glee Club in a Newton concert, March 21.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Voth, who have been engaged in farming near Hereford, Texas during the past year, have organized a community Sunday School in a country school house. Mr. Voth is acting as superintendent and Mrs. Voth as organist.

Miss Sadie Ratziaff, instructor in the high school at Monument, Kansas, spent several days early in March visiting home folks, her school having been closed because of an epidemic of scarlet fever.

John W. Enns, a junior in electrical engineering at the Kansas State Agricultural College, is one of twelve students at his school to be elected to a membership in Sigma Tau, a national honorary engineering fraternity.

Mrs. G. A. Haury and family have gone to Tulsa, Oklahoma to join Mr. Haury, who has made Tulsa the center of his business activities during the past three months. The Haurys will make Tulsa their home tem-- porarily. Dean P. D. Goertz and family will occupy their campus residence during the remainder of the school year.

A daughter, Mary Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Neufeld of Meno, Oklahoma, March 22.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Harder of Whitewater, Kansas, March 23.

Miss Edna Krehbiel, instructor in the high school at Alexander, Kansas, was one of the soloists for the Easter cantata given at the Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church, April 5.

Miss Clara Latschar has given up the operation of the Owl Cafe in Newton, and is at present visiting at her home in Deer Creek, Okla.

Missionary and Mrs. Ferdinand Isaac are spending the first two weeks of April visiting churches in Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Penner of Champa, India are sailing for America early in April.

Mrs. Edgar P. Schowalter of Kansas City and Mrs. S. T. Evans of Havana, Cuba spent the Easter season visiting friends in Newton, Moundridge and Wichita. Mrs. Schowalter was formerly Miss Neva Dunkelberger and Mrs. Evans, her sister, Miss Melba Dunkelberger. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are engaged in religious education work in Cuba.

Harold Boggess accompanied the Southwestern College string choir as soloist, on a week's tour after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Linscheid, Helen and Elizabeth Penner, and Miss Clara Schmutz
heard "The Messiah" at Lindsborg on April 5.

Herman Janzen, for several years Principal of the Goessel High School, is planning to study next year.

In a recent number of the Bethel College Monthly announcement was made that Dr. E. E. Leisy, a former instructor in the department of English at Bethel College and now a member of the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, is to teach at Oxford University, Oxford, England during the coming summer. A leaflet has reached us explaining the nature of the courses he is to teach.

Southern Methodist University of Dallas, Texas "is inaugurating a new feature that will make a strong appeal to those desirous of getting at first hand material that cannot be obtained from books and lectures. Intelligent travel and study combined are the most effective means of securing broad scholarship and culture. The three courses offered, English literature, government and international relationships, and art, will be studied at appropriate centers under the direction of skilled and experienced specialists . . ." It seems that Oxford, Geneva, and Paris will be the chief centers from which side trips may be made in order to get the proper setting for the subject matter taught in the literature, government, and art courses.

Professor Leisy will teach a course in "The Background of English Poetry." The leaflet has the following description of the course:
"Who has not cherished the thought of studying literature at England's oldest seat of learning? Who has not aspired to read it in connection with the various places where it originated? Stratford, Stoke Poges, the English Lakes, Ayr, the Trossachs, Canterbury, and many other names recorded in song and story-how little of their atmosphere have we with only the printed page before us! Indeed, may not our connotations be wholly wrong?

Now, however, it will be possible for even those with modest purse really to know these places, to study literature where it originated, to be addressed by Oxford dons, to borrow books from age old libra-
ries, and in general to spend a most memorable and delightful summer. It is the opportunity of a lifetime:

Here is the plan: You may register with the Southern Methodist University Extension Department for six hours of credit in "Backgrounds of English Poetry." This is an advanced course and is open to graduate students. It will be taught by Ernest E. Leisy, Ph. D., Professor of English. Besides having an extensive teaching experience and being the outhor of a number of books, Professor Leisy is especially qualified to teach this course by reason of having visited the various places of literary intere.t in England and on the Continent.

The course will require six hours of recitation and lectures during each of the three days of each of the six weeks we shall be at Oxford, allowing three days each week for visits to the various places studied in the course. These excursions will be under the direct supervision of the instructor. If, after the conclusion of the course, there is a desire to visit Paris or other places on the Continent, the student is free to do so.

Books to be used as texts: Page: British Poets of the Nineteenth Century; Reynolds, English Literature in Fact and Story; Various references from libraries.

If any readers should be interested in taking such a combination of study and travel trip this summer they may communicate with Dr. Leisy at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. While the classes will be limited to fifteen, there may still be a chance to join if $y \sim u$ write soon.

## THE WORK OF STUDENT COUNCIL IN COLLEGE (Continued)

At Marietta College athletics are handled by an athletic board or council created by the council and the head of physical education. A member of the faculty acts as treasurer of this council. An auditor is appointed who audits books of every student organization. The president of the College is ex-officio member of the Student Council. Dean D. J. Schoonover states that such organizations need the supervision and direction of a faculty member, since the personnel of the students is changing too often to secure any continuity of policy. He
states "If a faculty member can be found who will give direction and yet not appear to do so but leave the impression with the students that they are doing the whole thing it will work very well."

The only feature of interest to us in the Student Council of Grinnell College of Grinnell. Iowa is that it creates special committees which are functioning in the particular field which the name indicates.

1. Finance Committee
2. Publicity Committee
3. Recreation Committee
4. College Dance Committee
5. Pep Committeee
6. Hospitality Committee
7. Tradition Committee

The work of each is not very definitly set down and perhaps we would question the necessity of some. In addition to the student Council, a Council of House Chairmen is in existence to act on all interbuilding policies. In passing, let me say that the work of the council done by special committees, instead of by the whole group, is commendable.

Bluffton College has a student senate instead of a student council. This senate devises rules of conduct at the beginning of the school year. Parallel with the senate a Student Tribunal is maintained which interprets the rules and otherwise acts as a court. Any person found guilty may appeal to the president of the school but must do so within twenty-four hours after punishment is declared. The court may secure faculty cooperation in carrying out the decision of the court. This plan of student government seems very questionable since neither the senate nor the court have any faculty supervision. Student government in time may here become student control.

I must mention Kansas Wesleyan, since their council works the larger activities separately as departments but still under the jurisdiction of the Council. The athletic activities are managed by an athletic council with a faculty member acting as treasurer. Equipment and finance are handled by this council. In forensics practically all power is vested with the debate coach, with the understanding that the council shall have final authority. In case of a deficit in the treasury of the Council it shall be in the
hands of the board to overcome this deficit. The faculty reserves the right to veto any action of the council.

The Ottowa Student Council has authority over campus organizations. Here the editor and business manager of the school annual get a scholarship of sixty dollars and are held responsible for any deficit or may divide the profits. Of special interest is the action of the Council in regard to the following freshmen rules, which are enforced by paddling with leather belts:

1. Freshmen must attend pep chapel.
2. They must not show any overbearing attitude towards upper classmen.
3. They must show school spirit.
4. They must salute upper classmen upon request by touching the bill of the freshmen cap with the right hand.
5. Anyone bringing false accusation must himself suffer paddling at the hands of the freshmen.
A committee appointed by the student council must vote on the list of names handed to the council for punishment. The Freshmen girls are required to wear green hose at least five inches above the shoe on days of intercollegiate foot-ball games. Such reulations set down in the constitution of the Student Council seem comical to us.

I believe I have mentioned enough facts from diffirent councils so that I can now present a few things that a student council of Bethel College should include. The purpose of this council should be threefold: 1. To promote the highest interest and wellbeing of Bethel College.
2. To act in cooperation with governing bodies of the school.
3. To regulate activities of the students.

An organization that is to carry out such a purpose will present many difficulties, and many details will have to be worked out. I shall not stop to discuss them but shall touch only the high spots of a proposed form and its work.

Members to the council should be elected by the classes, each choosing its representatives. Organization should occur within the council as soon as possible after election, and regular meetings should be established.

Purpose number one would be carried out by all measures or actions taken by the council at these regular meetings.

Purpose number two needs explanation. By this I mean not a democratic form of government like the United States has, but simply a voice in affairs. The faculty would have final authority. However, students can best realize situations or campus problems that relate to behavior when they are put face to face with them and experience the real situations. Purpose number two I would have realized in the form of Student Council-Faculty Conference. The student sentiment along any line would be expressed through the council. Certainly such a form of government is more wholesome to faculty and students than one where students have to swallow everything wholesale that is produced by the faculty machinery of government. (No criticism intended of faculty actions.)

Purpose number three I would have realized by working the different activities, as departments in a school are worked. There would be an athletic department that has to worry about finance and equipments of athletics.

For this department I would have a council with a member of the Board of Directors on it, the head of the athletic department of the school, and a student representave. The rest of this council might be elected or appointed by the. Council or its president. Forensics would be worked similarly. Here I would leave matters more or less to the debate coach with the unany of his proposels. Other activities derstanding that the council may reject which might arise I would have managed in the same way.

By setting aside portions of the student fees for each department-athletic, forensic etc.,-it would become possible to hold debts within bounds, since each department would be held responsible for any sum that it had spent beyond the allowed sum. I would give each department power to devise means to raise funds, subject to the approval of the Council. The general treasury of the council I would put into the hands of a faculty member (elected by the faculty) other than the business manager of the school. To work with him I would have a treasurer elected by the student council. Books should be open for inspection by anyone at all times. The Council

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should appoint an auditor or have the books audited at the end of each semester and a report should be given of the financial standing of the organization at the close of each semester, or oftener if demanded by the student body.

These seem to me to be the issues of major importance to which the details must be worked out. New difficulties will arise which we cannot now see. Then, we should not be discouraged if a newly devised plan does not work to perfection from the start, but we should first strive to make it as nearly perfect as it is humanly possible to do.

## SUNSHINE AND SHADOW (A freshman theme)

It had been very warm and bright but now the sun, that had caused more than one to seek relief in some shade during the day, as if reluctant to lose sight of the country, cast its last rays of light on the peaceful town of Lamar and sank behind the surrounding hills. Its disappearance gave the whole scene a still more hushed atmosphere. The beautiful colors in the sky seemed a living rainbow, changing from a bright red to a dark crimson and finally fading entirely.

Most of its inhabitants had gone during: the day to a neighboring city to attend the annual county fair, which was the event of the season. Soon they would be coming home and disturbing the peace that had settled on the town, and Lucy, standing in the kitchen door of her new, cozy home, in which she always took so much pride, was waiting anxiously for her family to come. John Darlow, who had taken Junior for the first time, had been reluctant in leaving her at home alone with Maribeth. But she insisted on his going, telling them her headache would be better if she rested all day, "and I'm sure it would only get worse with two such noisy men around all day," she added playfully at parting.

Mrs. Darlow, a woman of twenty-five, didn't look any older than on the day of her marriage. She was a beautiful tall woman with lovely dark hair that set off the almost perfect features of her face. Her dark eyes had a soft glow in them that made her a friend to everyone. Her complexion, al-
though not very light, was clear and showed a healthy glow that enhanced her appearance greatly. She had a small, finely shaped mouth; she had a charming smile and a pleasant, taking manner that made her universally loved by young and old. Children adored her, and before her marriage she was often to be seen sitting on the grass out of doors with a group of children about her, listening to the stories she was telling them.

That evening, after the supper dishes had been cleared away, the whole fair was lived over again because Junior would not be content until he had told Mother everything he had seen. And he liked to see Maribeth's eyes open wide when he told about the tight rope walker he had seen.
"Mother, do you think you could go on a rope way up in the air without ever holding on to nothing? And 'Beth, I had three ice-cream cones. Daddy brought you something too but you can't have it till tomorrow 'cause it makes you get sick to eat just before going to bed. But Daddy, Orval always eats all he wants and he had four icecream cones today," and Junior had to stop for breath.

Maribeth, curled up cozily on her mother's lap, put her chubby arms around Lucy's neck and said sleepily," Mother, when tan I go to the fair and have some ice-tweam? You take me_-"
"Aw, you're too little," interrúpted Junior, feeling very important and superior.
"If you children are going to fuss, you'll have to go to bed. It is time anyway," said Mother, and taking Maribeth by the hand, she led the way to the nursery. Soon both children were fast asleep and probably eating ice-cream cones to their heart's content.

After the children had been put to bed Lucy and John Darlow sat before the fire in perfect peace and happiness. Since their wedding day, in spite of hard work and minor sicknesses, no dark cloud had ever crossed their path. The people had always loved and respected Lucy Elliot, but especially so when she married John Darlow. He was a fine young man, not wealthy, but he had a neat homelike place ready for his wife, and his office in town was the result of many years of hard labor.
"That couple's goin' to be happy and

God bless 'em, they deserve it," old Mrs. Bowers had said at the time. Never a day had passed but Lucy would take her some flowers or a dish of something good to eat. And the old woman, who had been in bed the last three years, had prophesied correctly. For seven years happiness had reigned supreme and their hard work had not been in vain. Three years after their marriage they had built a wonderful new bungalow, their "Dreamhouse" they had called it.

But a small cloud, a mere speck to be sure, marred their happiness the next day when they received the evening paper.

THE UNITED STATES ENTERS WAR glared at them from the front page. The look that Lucy saw in John's eyes frightened her. John didn't say much the following days but he always waited for the mail. In the evenings he would brood over the papers instead of talk to the rest of the family as they had used to do.

The next week Junior started to school. Things began to be like they used to and Lucy and John helped Junior with his lessons. Lucy had never said anything to John but she had lived in constant dread lest he might enlist.

But that cloud seemed to have passed too and, although work kept him at the office several nights a week, those days he was home were like old times.

Lucy stepped out of the house that morning feeling as happy as a lark. John had just gone to the office taking Junior to school first, and Maribeth was still asleep. This gave her a chance to tidy up the front yard before the cold weather started.

The sun shone a bit intense for that part of November and there was certain heaviness in the air. Seeing some clouds in the western horizon she said to herself, "There is bound to be some change. I hope bad weather won't set in till John gets back from his trip to the city. I wonder what business should take him there at this time of year. Rosie's husband went last week and when he came back he had enlisted. Poor Rosie. I feel so sorry for her, and they just married four months too."

Lucy was just getting Junior's coaster to put some tin cans in when she was hailed by her next door neighbor, Mrs. Jermain.
"Good morning, Mrs. Darlow. So John has finally decided to enlist. I thought he wouldn't be able to leave you alone here with the children, but of course you are going to your mother while he is gone?"

Lucy stood glued to the spot where she was. Everything went black before her eyes. She felt sick and cold__she stared at Mrs. Jermain, her face drained of all color. Then she heard a rushing sound, the house, the trees, everything seemed to swing round before her eyes. Then gathering all the strength left she said quietly, "Yes. I suppose that is where we'll go," and went into the house.
"Muvver, $\tan$ I det up? I'm so hundry."
As if in a trance she went and dressed Maribeth, gave her her breakfast and started the dinner.
"John hasn't done that or he would have told me. But he has been acting different since yesterday."

All the little things came to her now that she hadn't noticed before. His trip to the city was explained; but why, why had he not told her first?
"What'sa matter, Muvver, are you sick?"
"No dear, I'm just tired. Do you want some more bread?"

She didn't see, or if she did see, she did not notice that Maribeth still had a piece of bread uneaten, lying on her plate.
"Why no, tan't you see I still have some?" and she looked up laughingly into Lucy's face.

How she ever got through that morning Lucy never could tell, but she had the dinner ready when John came in at noon. He came into the door, flung a greeting at Maribeth, and came and kissed Lucy. He noticed her heavy eyes and pale face, and his grew grave immediately.
"So you know?" he asked quietly.
Lucy had been hoping against hopes that Mrs. Jermain had heard wrong, but now all her hopes crumbled.

They got through the dinner, acting as if nothing had happened. Junior went back to school and John went to the office without a word of explanation.

That evening after the children had been put to bed, Lucy said to John,
"Why did you go and do it?"
"Lucy, I had to. Our country needs
men, and I just couldn't stand seeing everybody go but me. It made me a coward, don't you see?"
"Then why did you not tell me? 1 thought I couldn't bear it when Mrs. Jermain told me this morning."
"I've been trying to all day but whenever I started the subject my nerve failed me."
"And when are you_-when will the_-"
"I'm leaving just exactly a week from today. But you have to be brave. Just remember you are doing as much for the country in giving up your men as we in going. So won't you try for my sake, dear, to be a brave little soldier?"

Lucy buried her face in John's shoulder and burst into tears; but after a while she grew quiet.

During the rest of the week everything was a bustle and stir to get off to Kent where Lucy's mother lived. There she wouldn't be alone and Junior could continue school there.

On Saturday they all left, Lucy and the children for Kent, and John to San Diego, from where he would leave for France in a month or two.

Although Lucy felt like screaming when they parted, she smiled until the car turned a corner and John's face was gone.
"When is Daddy coming back?" queried Junior.
"I don't know when, dear, but he will surely come back."

For eight weeks Lucy had not heard a word from John, and he had written so regularly at first. She scanned the papers anxiously every day, and with fear clutching at her heart would read the "Dead" and "Missing" columns. Then finally one evening, at the very end of the line she read "John Darlow, Missing."

The weeks that followed were as a horrible nightmare to her, out of which she would presently awaken. It was not indifference, like the neighbors said, that allowed her to remain so calm. The news had cut her to the heart and often at night she would cry out,
"Oh, if only I knew if he were dead or not, but this horrible uncertainty is unbearable. Oh, God, please bring him safe home to me."

Junior, who was nine years old by now, would often come to his mother and try to comfort her, and the way he took care of his sister was touching to see. Maribeth, a beautiful little girl of six, a perfect picture of her mother, was in the house all the time Lucy would let her. She liked to help mother wash the dishes or tidy the house and her unceasing chatter was as sunshine to the dreary household.

She came home from school one day flushed, and with a burning fever.
"What is the matter, child? Are you sick?" asked Lucy concernedly.
"I don't know, but my throat hurts and I have such a headache, Mother."
"I knew she would catch a cold going without her rubbers last night," thought Lucy, "but I did not have ambition to hunt them. I don't feel like anything these days."

She hurriedly put Maribeth to bed and sent for the doctor. He came and stayed for an hour. When he came away he said that with care she might get better soon. However, he said it was best to keep Junior away from her for the time being.
"But it isn't serious, is it Doctor Halloway?" asked Lucy in a frightened voice.
"Not yet, no. We'll do the best we can," and he left.

> (To be continued)

Toil, feel, think, hope; you will be sure to dream enough before you die, without arranging for it.
-J. Sterling.
Men best show their character in trifles, where they are not on their guard. It is in insignificant matters, and in the simplest habits, that we often see the boundless egotism which pays no regard to the feelings of others and denies nothing to itself.
-Schopenhauer.
It is an indiscreet and troublesome ambition that cares so much about fame; about what the world says of us; to be always looking in the faces of others for approval; to be always anxious about the effect of what we do or say; to be always shouting to hear the echoes of our own voices.
-Longfellow.

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Wir merden alle zugeben，dáb dies jehr midftige Refren find，und dáb die sirche und bie 2Belt heute biel befier Daran icin mutroe， sem bieje Befren allgemeine Sherfemmug Gaben mürben．Dhne uns at überheben，mol＝ Ien wir zur Cybre Gbottes befennen，Daß er un马 in biejen Exfentnispunften ein ipezielles （5nnabenpium gegeben hat．Das miro Geute aud）bon andern（semeinichaften in zutelymen＝ Dex Weife anerfannt．Scton oor 100 Jahren
 Gemeiniciaft folgendes Beugnis：＂Der Serr Hat bafiir gejorgt，da $\mathfrak{B}$ menigitens in einer，
 Der Sirche in einemt ganz biblijden Befenntnis fum $\mathfrak{t u s b r u t d}$ fommt，nämlidy bei Den Memno＝ niter．＂

Sr．R．Sdneller bom Enxiidjen Waijen＝ baus in Balajtina jagte bet feinem Beiude in
unieremt Sanue：＂§if bin zrar sutheraner und als Sind getauft，aber Dariuber ift fein Bueifel， Dab Eure Taufe bie biblijdye ift．＂

Wenn wir mun foldhe Grfentniほpfunde empfangen faben，bie anbre nidft jo baben，fo mith Der Sacrr uns ficherlict）Dereinit fragen， was wix mit biefen Bfunden gemuchert kaben． lind es ift in Drbmung，dab wir uns affen Ernites jebt ichon diefe ærage felber ftellen，zut §rifung．Was baben wir getan，um unjer Erfemutniswfun zu bermelyren，indent wir es andern loringen？

On furzen Worten gejagt，baben wix bireft min intematiod leider fehr foenig getan．Sin＝ Direft，freilid，bürfen wir wohl fagen，haben wir rectyt biel getan，vielleid）t verbältnimmäßig melyr als dic meiften andern（semeinidaften． Wenigitens hat ea uns mehr gefoitet．Und daß． Dice indirefte 彐erbreiten unferer Ennerlehren reichlich（fundat gebracht hat，iit Daran zu fe＝ Gen，daß diefelben heute toie nie zuwor fater＝ teigartig mirfen und zum $\mathfrak{z e i l}$ bon weltge＝ icfichtlicher Nebeutung gemorben iins，who zum groben Ieil won ambern（5emeinidaften ange＝ nommen morben find．

I．Direft kaben wir folgendes getan：
Wix Gaben in faft allen chrittlidyen Rän＝ bern bie Dbrigfeiten mit unjern Samutionder＝ Yeliren befannt gemadft，beionders mit ber Ref＝ re bon ber $\mathfrak{B e r w e i g e r u n g ~ D e s ~ ת r i e g ~}$ Des eitidmures．Wir maren eben bazu ge＝ zhungen，einesteils unt uns in Beiten ber Nerfolgung zut verteibigen，und andernteils， um unjer miedergoltes શuswanbern aus einem Zano ins anore zu erflären uno möglič zu $\mathfrak{m a =}$ chen．So mandees Bittgefuch um（夭sefeßesän＝ Denung betreffa des Maffendienftes ift an die nexidifedenen Regierungen gemadst monden， nobei es nidft gut anders ging als unier Be＝ femutnis zu proflamieren．Bei joldefen Gele＝ genbeiten haben nidyt mur bie Obrigfeiten ba＝ bon erfahben，fondern audd bie politifath und fincthlichen Beitiduriften Gaben Rotiz babon neb） men muifien．Weil bies aber mur gelegentlidy geidath，fo find Doch bie meiten Burger foldter Bänder nidf）t recht befannt mit ung geworben． Wix baben zu menig birefte Propaganba getrie＝ ben wie z． $\mathfrak{B}$ ．Die Kbventiften oder bie ఇuäfer oder bie Mormonen．

Quch bei ben Berfören in Berfolguagzzei＝ ten Gahen Tauiende ein idänes Befenntnis vor
ihren Richtern unt oft auch bor bem Bolf ab＝ gelegt．Jil uniernt groß̃en Märtureripiegel Ga＝ ben wir wohl an fiebentumbert folctier Märth＝ rerbefenntniffe．

Ferner baken wir mandife bon unjern （5laubenほbefenntnifien veröffentlicht，wenn autdy mur ntefor für ben eignen Bebarf，io waren fie boch ergältlich für trgeno jemand，Der banady fragte．Bejonders bie Gelegrtenwelt ift zu allen Beiten genötigt geweien bavon Motiz 3u nelmen，wenn auth lange nidit in genii＝ gender Weije．Eryit in lekter Beit fangen bie Safulmämer und Geidfidteforidfer mebr an， unfer Befenntnis aus unierer（6xidfictite zu ftubieren．N1f bem Jubiläumfeit in ber Safimeiz i．§． 1927 maren bejonders zwei $\mathfrak{D O}=$ toren bertreten，die verfuthen，＂bas ßer＝ fäumte nactzatholen，nämlič $\mathfrak{D x}$ ．হoicrth bon weiterreidi und $\mathfrak{D r}$ ．תoefler bon ber Safiveiz． Dr．Sojerth hat fich fayn viexig Jahre mit bie＝ ien ভtubien ber Täufer beiduaftigt，und ift jekzt baran，ein bergefienes und fait berlomes Schriftftiitf von ßilgrim Marbecf Gerautzuge＝ Gen，was boppelt widftig iit，weil Dies Werf unter bent Iitel＂Merantwortung＂bei Den ఇäufern vor 400 §atren zur Beit ber（6xün＝ bung und ber Berfolgung allgemeine Atner＝ fenmung fand．Die meiften unierer Sonder＝ Yebren werben barin eingehend．bebandelt，be＝ jonders bie đ夭flaubenstaufe．

厄゙ら mag einerieits auffallend exideinen， dás die Täufer jo grobes Gémidft auf bie （flaubenstaufe Yegten，und jo viel bariuber ge＝ fabieben haben．Weun wix aber bedenfen， wie bas ßrinzip ber đ大laubenstaufe eine gan＝ ze Reibe anderer Somberlehren im Seime ent＝
 Gervifinen，bie Ixemunty von Staat umb תir＝ che，unt bie IUngeredftigł̌eit Des äußeren Bman＝ ges in dslaubensiactien，io it bas nidit zum Berwutbern．Dieje ©fundjäbe Gaben lang， famt wie ein Sauterteig fait bie ganze prote＝ itantifiche תixcle burchorungen und find beion＝ Ders auth füt unjer sand ber Jreitheit bon $\mathfrak{Y n f a n g}$ grumblegent geweien．Denfen tix $z$ ． F．an die Religionsfreibeit in Ryode §̧land， als ringhum diejelbe noch nicut bejtand．Wso Ger fam bas？Jin Myode Jiland waren bie Baptiften，D．h．Die englifden Sinder ber hol＝ Yändifan Memnoniten，in der Mehrheit，umo Die ftanden ein für weniffenßfreifeit．Diejer＝ Ge ift bann won meltgeidictitiction Bebeutung geimorbent burch einverleibung in bic תonjtitu＝ tion ber Bereinigten ©taaten．

Der Æejpeft ber てäufex bor ber periönli＝ den Wirbe in ©flaubensjacten und Gewifiens＝ facten erzeugte zugleidf audh Reipeft bor ber periönlidjen శrciheit itberbaupt．Das erflärt wobll zunt Teil，bā̉ bie Mennoniten ulo §uä＝ fer ben eriten Wroteit gegen bie Sflaverei in Den $\mathfrak{B e r e m i g t e n ~ S t a a t e n ~ e i n g e r e i d i t ~} \mathfrak{H a b e n}$ ．Uno es ift mobl nidat zut biel gefagt，Dá aud bies von weltgeidficatlicher Bebeutung geworben iit．

शutif auf bem poziaten Gebiet ift ber ein＝ fluß unjerer ©semeinictaft weitgehend geweien． Die jogenannten Seeilanitalten in Deuticiland berbanfen ibre Entifefing ben Detweiler Briibern in ©iibdeutidilano，aljo einer Menno＝ nitenfamilie．Das Wiedererwachen ber $\mathfrak{D i} \alpha=$ fonte ift zum grozen reil auf ben Cinflub Der Goluandifalen Einrichtung Der Gemtindediafonie
 Diejer Diafonifienmutterhäufer，fano feinen er＝ ften $\mathfrak{A n i t o j}$ bazu bei ben Memnoniten in Şol＝ lamb．

Solange umire Gemeinidaft beiteht，iit bie Bergpresigt mit ihrem prafticald ©hriitentum bejonders betont worden．Der itrenge Biblizis＝ muts in ben mennonitifolen Befenntnifien Gat babei nidyt nux zux Webyrlofigfeit gefiuhrt，fon＝ bern auch zu einer fo fleißigen，freimilligen \％ür＝ jorge für bie $\mathfrak{H r m e n}$ und Sranfen，Daß einige G6ejctictitiddreiber alle Täufer als fommuniften geidulten Kaben．Ebin 3reig Der Mennoniten， Die Šuttericten，Kaben freilict die（suiterge＝ meinidaft eingefïhrt，aber alle andern Bweige Gaken biefe Beiduldigung nidet verbient．

Dieje unire Betommg bes praftifichen Chri＝ fientume ift audi nidit ofne（Einflut nady aufen geblieben．Sawon zeugen biele idföne Beug＝ nifie bon aみвeritebenden，sie wiederyolt auf Die Rechtictaffenheit，Den Æ̌leiß und bie Trute Der Täufer Gingemiejen haben．Whf joziatem Gebiet find fie wiederholt als Mufter für ant＝ bre Gingeftellt morden．

Bor mehrexen Sahren hat ein Frofelior in unjerer $\mathfrak{A}$ anias $\mathfrak{H}$ niberfität in Der Sozialogie＝ flafie fict twie folgt ausgeiprocten：＂WBix haben in ber Mitte bon תanias eine Nrifedhug，too es feine joziale $\mathfrak{J}$ rage gibt，und bas fino bie Memnoniten．Sie baben bie joziale frage un＝ ter fitch jelbit gelöt．＂．

Dic Röfung Dicicr Jrage foar freilich bor 10 Jahren biel leidfter．Sceute Gaben wir auth fidion etioas bon bem joziayen Broblem unter mierm Bolf．Şie und ba bört man fockon bon Memoniten，bie wom ©ounty Hnterititłung er＝ balten．Das war frïther etmas Uneryörtes．

2tber aud beute ift es，Gottlob，etroas jeltenes． Eins ber beiten Mittel zur Berbreitung un＝ jerer．©fundiäbe fitio umire Colleges gewejer． Duxd Saeranbildung mennonitifcher ¿ebree iit $\mathfrak{u n j e r}$ ©influß Ginausgetragen morben wie nie borber．Wenn wir beobachten，wie meitgebeno Der Einflua ber Şochiduuffehrer ift，Dann mollen foix bies Mrittel nif）t unteridgäken．

Weiter ift zu nemen bie Mifition，joroohl bie Stabtmifion toie bie secibenmifiion．Jn fait allen beibnifiden Ränbern beitehen Geute flei＝ mere ober größere memmonitiade Mifitonen．

Was ben zweiten Teil unferer frage betrifft，nämlict，was follten wix in ber Bufunft tun？io fanm bie Bergangenbeit uns bariber mandees Yehren．

1．Sollten wix fortfahren miern indixetten （Einflut geltens zu mactien burch praftiodues ©riftentum auf allen Gebieten？Wix haben biel Urache，Datin emen neten $\mathfrak{A n}$（auf zu neh） men，weil es in biefem Stüct oft ichon recft ntangelt，indem bie Wertjeligfeit zu oft bie Heberband geminnt über bie Gottjeligfeit．Wir jollten in jedem sanuie，in jeder Salute und je＝ Der Situcle bie Mabrung Pauli an bie Wand fichreiben：

Hebe bich felbit in ber Grottjeligfeit．Denn Die leibliche $\mathfrak{H e b u n g}$ itt－wenig nüte；aber bie Gottieligfeit ift zu allen Dingen nüke umo hat bie Berbeißung biefes umb bes zufiunftigen $\mathfrak{Z c}=$ bens．．．Éei ein Sorbild int Wort，im Want bel，in ber Riebe，int Geift，int Gfauben，in Der §euicificit．＂1．Zim． $4,7,8,10$.

Nie ift ber תampf zwifden Sbotijeligfeit und Weltieligfeit jo gro $\mathfrak{B}$ geweien wie Keute， Denn bie Welt hat nie io wiel geboten wie Geute． Mon wielen Sdfriftatelegern toirb bie Gemein＝ be zu Sarbes angefeben ala ein Bild ber Re＝ formationsgemeinden，zu benen auch mir gefjö＝ ren．Das Mort Jeiu an biefe Gemeinde flingt febr fonderbar：＂Du hait den Namen，ban bu Yebit und bitit tot；werbe wacter und färle bas anore，bas jterben mill．Das ift einerieits ein fehr trauriges Wort，aber andrerieits ein jebr Yoffumgsuolles Wort；Denn Der Serr erwar＝ tet bon biejer Gfemeinde eine Rettung ber an＝ bern Gemtinden bom Tobe．

Wemn umixe Gemeirifictaft，bie bon jeher bie Gottjeligfeit betont kat，und Berfeugmung Der Weltieligfeit，heute aufivachen witroe，io fönte burch fie erfiulit werben bas Wort an bie （Semeinde zu Sarbes：„Merbe wacter umi itär＝ fe das andre，bas fterben will．＂Das erite al＝ jo，bas fir in ber Bufimft tum follen，ift wat＝
ferer zut werben ays bis jebst，umt bas anore子u foärfen，bas fterben swill．

Weiter iollten wir uns merfen bas wort

 $\mathfrak{B}$ ．Gente jeben，wie andre ©sememididaften an＝ fangen， $\operatorname{bffentfict~burch~Wort~und~©dgrift~ge=~}$ gen ben frieg zu zeugen，io mutifen wir uns idaümen，bá bie Zetbten anfangen bie Eriten zu fein umb Die Eriten die Rekten．Wir jollten auch nod biel mebr birefte Berbreitung unie＝ reer Sonderlebren anftreben．Wir haben z． $\mathfrak{B}$ ． eine ganze Reihe von 坔ofefioren heute，bie fïnten $\mathfrak{Y}$ rtifel idfreiben für bie groß̉en Beit＝ iffififten und Magazine $\ddot{\text { über }}$ unire Eonderleth＝ ren．Zaß̉t ite cinmal anfangen mit ber $\mathfrak{B e h r}=$ loiigfeit．W3ix，die wir icfon vierbundert Jahre dieje $\mathfrak{F r}$ rage itubiert und erprobt Gaben，follten itaferlid fäbig iein，beiferes und edferes bar＝ über zu ichreiben als $\mathfrak{E n f a ̈ n g e r}$ in bicjer Sadfe． Ěs jollte z．B．jemano einen Magazinartifel idfreiben über ben grozen Innterictied zwifden
 Yid）auf humanitären（6xumdjäb̨en beruht． und biblifacer Webrlofigleit，bie auf religiöjen Ghumbjảzen berubt．Wenn biejer Unteridited nidgt den Mafien des 彐offes flar gemadet wer＝ ben fann und mirb，dann wird es felb bato eine furcditbare Enttärichung geben－cine iol＝ dee Enttäuidyulg wie fie Der Frophet ausjoricht in Den Worten：„Wenn fie jagen werben \％rie＝ be，Jriebe，es yat feine Gefahy，io wird fie bas Berberben ichnell übereilen．＂

Dabei muitifen mix freificit nidgt unterlafien， umicr Befemtnis int eignen Zager noch mehr zubefeftigen．M以 bor eintgen §abren cine Sionferenz aller mebrlojen（6ememichaften in Bhufton itattfand，fagte ber Borfitenbe，ein Suafer，ban biele von uns beute febr itiumiidy forbern，bab wir follten mefor Bropagania madien für unfere ©telfung gegen Den תrieg， aber fie vergeijen，dan wir uns jelber nidft einig gerug fint，um mit genïgend Sraft $\mathfrak{B r o}=$ paganba zu treiben．Bropaganba treiben be＝ Deutet תrieg，und srieg braudit angemögnlich ivicl Sraft．

Weiter jollten wir fähige Mämer emnti＝ gen，foldte Bücher zu ichreiben，in populärer． Thorm，bie uniere Eonberfegren baritelfen．だ马 follten Buictifer fein，bie auf ben Weltmarft ge＝ worfen merben fomaten．Qejulidi io wie Ex．
 fanft hat．Wemu jentand nidgt weib，wie ber Zitcl io cines Buctues，bas ex icturiben mödfte，
beigen follte，io mürbe iff folgenden voridyla $=$ gen：
，＂Wastutigr Somberlides？＂
Die Welt ift keute mie nie zubor Darauf aug，etmas Sonderlidues zut fehen ober zut gö＝ ren．Wix Gaben etwas Sonderlidjes，und ichä＝ men uns nur zut oft，weil wir nidgt Sonder＝ linge fein mollen．Wix bergeifen，báb bie Welt gerabe bie Sonderlinge int guten Sinne am meifen brauddt．Das müfifen wix uniern jun＝ gen Reuten noch biel mehr einictärfen，bá̉ ein edfter Mennonit，o． $\mathfrak{h}$ ．ein ecffer ©fyrift，inmer ein Sonderling jein mird，biz ber Şerr jein Əriedensreid）auf Erben aufrid．ten miro．Ein Mennonit，ber fein Sonderling im guten ©in＝ ne fein will，Dex mein nidgt，foas unier Be＝ fenntuis ift，and hat fein Recrit ein Mennonit zut heizen．

Weiter glaube ich，dañ es Beit ift，dá̉ wix hier in Amerifa cine ähnliche Manzberwegung ine Zeben rufen follten，wie fie in Curopa fifon biele sahre beftanden hat．Das ift nämlicid ei＝ ne Bereinigung bon erniten Ebriften，bie feine Denominationellen Scheibewände femen，fon＝ Dern mur edftes Yebendiges ©briftentum femnen und pflegen，Dabei aber in inrer（bemeinidaft （blieder bleiben．Sa，fie geben to meit，fonfe＝ renzen zu Galten，ify eigenes Blatt heraugge＝ ben，gemeinidgaftlide 2fbenomahlsfeient futha ben uifin．

3 ermähnen wäre autd bie revibierte תon＝ ititution bes Mennonitijden sehrervereins，wo $=$
 folder Rehrer aus andern Gemeinidaften，bie uniern Beitrebungen inmpathifich find，indem fie nidat Rogenglieder find uim．Dieier Berein fonn aud biel helfen，unire Sonderlebren ben 2れвenitehenden nate zu bringen．

Bum Saflib fei nodh einmal Kingemieien auf ben uripriunglicfen itrengen Biblizismut． Benn wir heute an all bie Berwirrung Denfen auf Dem jozialen，politifchen，öfonomitchen und religiöjen Gebiet，fo idgeint mur cine 『öfung al＝ Yer bieice æragen möglich zu fein：Der ftrenge， Yebendige Biblizismus，der ©hrifus ernit nimmt in allen feinen Worten，jeien es bogma＝ tifche oder joziale oder politifaje oder öfonomi＝ fithe Boridyriften．Man denfe an foldhe Worte wie：＂©ammelt die übrigen $\mathfrak{B r o c f e n , ~ D a \tilde { B }}$ nidats นufiomme，＂ober：Gfebt Dem Saifer，was Des Saijers ift，und Gott，was Gottes ift，＂ober： ＂Wer bir ben Rocf nimmt，bem mehre nicht auct Den Mantel＂ujw．

gabe barin beitefe，bas Ridgt bes ftrengen， $\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{e}}=$ bendigen Biblizismus hodzuthalten，fo hodt，bás die Welt es fehen mutb，ob fie will ober nidyt． Dies gilt fomothl Den Gemeinden wie ben Sdfu＝ Yen mo familien．Solange wie wix bas tun werben，haben wix genug Entidulbigung，als ieparate Gemeinidaft zu beitehen，fonit nidat． Sie nteiften unierer Sonderlehren bon bor 400 Onfigen werben zwar heute idgon mehr ober we＝ niger audd bon andern（5emeinidfaften betont， aber noch nidft alle．2HMes in ber Weltlage brängt heute mie nie zuvor Dazu，fait mit ©be＝ mait，báb umier ibeales Befentris non ber ganzen firctye angenommen werbe，wenn bie sirche überhaupt nodh weiter beitegen joll． Rach Sffenbarung 13：10 wird in ber Yebten Beit gerade bie Wehrlofigfeit von größerer Be＝ beutung fein als jemala vorber，wie aut dent


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 eridfien，in Bamphletform in beioen Spracthen gedruckt uno verbreitet werben möge．

##  Biblathefer．

Ein Exuropäer，Der atmerifa bejutht hatte， murbe gefragt，mas mährend feines 2hfenthalt in ber neuten Welt ben größten Eindrudf auf ihn gemarbt habe．＂Einen barfüßigen Jumgen Dic Marmortreppe Der Boton Bolfsbibriothef emporiteigen iehen，＂jagte er．Die belegen＝ Geit，gute siteratur umionit zu Yeien，ob man reid）ober arm，gelelyrt oder meniger geidult， jung oder alt ift，iit gewiós in $\mathfrak{F n t e r i f a}$ reidflit＝ cher borbanden als in Europa．

Wix Gaben auf unierer Europareife im Som＝ mex wn 1929 etroa zwölf beridienene Biffin＝ thefen bejucht．Dáb man in Europa nidft fo wiele freie，b̈ffentlidge Biblinthefen für Das all＝ gemeine Wolf hat，merft man bals．Wiele der Wiblinthefen find ben Befucbern nidd jo zugäng＝ Yidh wie uniere amerifaniiden．Manches Mal foitet es Eintrittegeld，ein anderes Mal mut man beiondere Grlaubnis baben eine Bücter＝ janminng zu gebraucfen，bie mur gelefreten Frovidjern zuteil zutwerben icheint．Dann gibt es aud $\mathfrak{x}$ eifbibliothefen in Europa，mo man jedes Mal eine fleine Summe bezaflent mut， mem man ein Buch borgt．Eg gibt jeroch auth ichon freie bffentliche Biblinthefen Dort，wie子． $\mathfrak{B}$ ．Die Stadtbibliothef in $\mathfrak{B e r l i n}$ ，Die fruither
eine poldefe Reifgibliothef soar，jebt aber ihre Büctuer umionit brautçen läß̄t．

Eine ber erften Bibliothefien，bie wir in Europa antrafen，war bie nette Earnegie Bib＝ liothef in Shafepeare＇s Stait，Stratfors． Wix waren ganz überraicht，plöblict bie Wörter ＂E゙arnegie Ribrary＂an einem Scauie zu iehen． Der eintritt fier ichien frei zu fein．Efs fam unt aber bock etroas jonderbar vor，dab bie Biiduer ganz bebout waren unto Surch eine fleine Seffruitg ben Reuten，die banady fragten，ge＝ reidht wurben．

In bem StäDtchen feswide in Eng fand moll＝ tent wir bie nette，fleine Stabtbibliothef betre＝ ten，als mix nod gerabe zur Beit eine תarte neben ber Tür faben：＂Eintritt：ein ßenny＂． Swei Eents in amerifanifafem（Selo mar feine grobe Summe，wir bezablen fie gern uno gin＝ gen Ginein．Wir machten uns bald mit ber Bibliothefarin befannt und baten um Erlaub＝ nie，uns alles anjehen zu bürfen．Diefes er＝ lanbte fic ums icheinbar gerne．Wix bejahen ihre Bücherianntung und Gielten uns eine Weile im Refezinmer auf．ひ1马 bie Biblio＝ thefarin um bie $\mathfrak{A b e n o b r o t z e i t ~ b i e ~ B i b l i o n h e f ~}$ verliej，fagte fie uns，wir follten ans mur hei＝ milid machest，ifre（sebilfin jei noch nidft ba， Folle aber bato fommen．Da bie anberen Rejer much）gerabe alfe fortgegangen waren，fanden mir uns zu umierer Heberraidung ganz allein in bieier englifeten Bibliothef．Da bie Gsehil＝ fin noct eine Beitlang verzog，fo mar wäbrend etwa einer halben Stunde die einzige Biblio＝ thefarin in ber fesmide Public Ribrary bie be＝
 Tpäter nach Ronbon famen und in bas Britifche Mulieumt（welderes ja befamtlich bie Mational＝ bibliothef ©inglands enthält）gingen，ba trat＝ te man uns nidat ganz io biel！

Und es ift eigentlidy fein Wunder，dáB man Wächter anitellt in einer Buicheriammlung io grof und io toertboll twie bie im Britijden Muleum，weldye ia bie zweitgrößte Bücher＝ iamminua ber Welt iit．Sas Britiche whicum enthält $3,200,000$ Bïcher und 56,000 Manu＝ ifripte．©̌s nimmt 55 Meilen von Büctuerre＝ galent bieie Schäţe unterzubringert．Man er＝ laubt nidgt freien 3 3utritt zu all biejem Reid）$=$ tum，nut zu etwa 20,000 Bänoen auf bem un＝ teren Stocf．शuth barf man bie Gerrlichen it＝ Yuitrierten Mamifiripte beiehen．Ratïrlich〒ind biele Mamifripte unter ©たfas，autd pafien

getajtet werben，oder bab bie Bejuctuer nicht et＝ soa in ein berbotenes Binmer geraten．Das Binmer in bem bie illuitrierten Manuifripte zur $\mathfrak{B e j u f}$ tigung ausgeitellt find，veriäßt man höcfit ungern，oder man plant iogleidid einen子weiten Befuch．Die alten Sümitler，die biefe Büdfer bergeitell haben，mus man bewumbern． Soldje affurate handgebrudite ভcifift mit foldg herrlichen ふarbenverzierungen！Unt bie Sectel ber Bücher mit §utwelen unb mit Gols und Sitber und gepreßten Berzienugen veriejen！Wern man an biefe bor ジabryun＝ Deçten angefertigten Biixther Denft，bam fant man nidat gemug itaumen．

Eine Bibliothef ganz anberex art entoecten wir als wir in Dem groben © Seichäft WiBertheim in Berlin，weldfes dem Marigall＝ Frield छfeidfäft in efticago äbnlich ift，unther＝ manderten．Suf einmal waren wir mitten in einer grozen Bücheriammilung．Sobl Dachte， Gier jei ein grober Büdjerlaben，boch merfte idy bald，bie Büdfer murben nidat verfouft，mur auggeliehen．Sch bat eine ber angeitellten $\mathfrak{D a}=$ men um eine Erflärung．Sie fagte，diefes jei cine Reibbibliothef，too irgend ein Æumbe gegen Bahlung von etroa einer Marf pro $\mathfrak{B a n d} \mathfrak{B u}=$ cher auf einen Monat borgen fönne．Sie Gätten menig witienidaftlicfe æerfe，mehr Bücher． von $\mathfrak{I n t e r e f i l e}$ für ben allgemeinen Refer．

Sch futhte in Berlin auch bie ©tadtbiblio＝ theef cuf，bie fich in Den gewejenen תaijerlithen FFifordeällen befindet．Şier mußte idif in ber Borballe meinen ©airm umb einige fleine $\mathfrak{B a ̈ d}=$ den，bie ich gerabe bei mir hatte，abgeben． Sam burite ich den Rejefarl betreten．Sabe Gei ber Tür，finter einem etroas ergöhten fathe＝ derartigen Ziíd，fáb ein etwas älterer Mamn． Wenn idf richtig behalten babe，hatte er einen Sout auf．Sid fellte mich ifm bor und bat um Errlaubnis，mich etwas umieben zu Dürfen．Exr gab bie Grlaubniz gern，aber ich mubte zuerit meinen Ramen ins Regiter eintragen．Er fragte midy bam：＂Sie jind aber Deutich？Jdy jagte：＂Mon Deuticher ફerfimit．＂Dann jagte er：＂Das hört man ja auth an ber શusipracte．＂ Sarauf fagte ex，ats ob er ifre Biicferfammt＝ hing entichulsigeno erroätnen jollte：＂Wix ha＝ ben nidft io biel ©selo wie man in Amterifa bat， oa hat man io biel mie man brauctit．＂Jidh fagte， fo fei es nidft；aber ob ex meinen wsorten glaubte，weib iaf midyt．Das Rejezimmer mar nidft grade beridieden bon amerifanijiden ，＂Re＝ ferance Rooms．＂ $\mathfrak{I}$ iefe Berliner ©taitbiblintget
murbe in 1906 gegriundet und enthält 260 ，$=$ 000 Bände außer bejonderen ©ammlungen，wie子．B．eine Sammlung von Büchern iuber beut＝ iche Siteratur bom 16．bis zum 19．※akntun＝ bert und einer（Ernit bon Wilbenbrud）ธamm＝ ling．Die Biblinthef ift im jebigen Winter neut eingeridytet porben imb murbe nur fürz＝ lid）mieder geöffnet．

Wix faken auf unjerer Reife audd einige Sribatbibliothefen beriuthmer Männer，bie ge＝ rabe fo ergarten werben，wie fie zu ben Zeb＝ zeiten ber eigentïmer außahen．Sn 2fbbota＝ forb，in Schottland，fahen wir no Der Gexïthm＝ te Sir Walter ©cott unter feinen bielen $\mathfrak{B u}=$ dern gearbeitet bat．Das bohe Bimmer war vom Boden bis zut Decfe an allen Wänden ganz mit Büdjern angefüllt．Später als mix in
 jahen，fanden wix eine ähnlidge Samminng， $\mathrm{ob}=$ noofl nidut bem Snhalte nady．Friebridy ber Groize hatte jehr biele franzäitiole Bücher in feiner Sammlung，bie jein Freumb Boltaire， Der stel Beit bet ifm in Sans Souci zubrachte， mogl audi gebrautat hat．Prber mogl bie inte＝
 wir als mix inas grobe Givethelyats in Weinar beinchten．Gobethes Sammlung bon etwa 4000 Bänden ift gerabe wie er fie berlajien hat，umb Darf jegt won Bejuctuen burch die fonit offene， aher mit Eijen bergitterte Tür bejehen merben． Wo bitier grobé ©feijt einjt gearbeitet hat，ift
 te mur，balb rubeit $\mathfrak{D u}$ auth．＂
 Gaben wir nur einen fegr furzen Befud）ge＝ mactit．©5：ichien mix ber grō̉e Saal，no Etubenten arbeiteten，fah umieren amerifani＝ idjen Zejezinmern ähnlider als ingent eine en＝ ropäifcte Bibliothef，bie wir biz babin gefehen hatten．Diejes war auffallens，Denn bie תlaj＝ fenzinumer in ihrem 1 nniverfitätsgebäude fahen fegr altertümlidy aus und waren Göctift einfact möbiliert．Die Bibliothef muß ein neueres બૅebäuฉe jein．

In einem fleinen Dorf am 刃ecfarfuib，nid）t meit bun Seetolberg gelegen，too twir Raffee unter ben Bäumen getrunfen Gatten，entbecfte idif eine ganz fleine Reifgibliothef．（idh ging Ginein．Inm finteren Teil des Binmers jás eine Deutidje Familie am NGendefien．Die zrraut tand auf und fam，um midh zu bedienen． － $\mathfrak{c c h}$ fagte，idh fei eine Bibliothefarin aus $\mathfrak{A m e}=$ rifa und jei aus reiner Reugierde Kereinge $=$
 Yiothef Bücher für 50 Bfennig pro $\mathfrak{x a g}$ aubge＝ Yieken werben．श्राร bie なrau außfand，baß̉ mant in Stmerifa freie bffentlide Bibliothefen Gabe，munderte fie jith fehr，wie biefes möglid） ¡ei．Эch erflärte，Dás uniere Bibliothefent Durd Steuern unterhalten merben．Sif mar froh， Diefe fleine Büdherjamminng in Rectiartal ge＝ funderi zu haben，benn es bar nodh wieder eine をrafatung metr．

Injere größte enttäuiodung auf ber gan＝ zen $\Re$ eije，was $\mathfrak{B i b l i o t h e b e f u c h e ~ a n b e t r i f f t , ~ e r = ~}$ tartete miner als mix eine Reife nadf ben Schladetfelbern aufgaben，um bie Bibfiothefen in ßaxis zut bejuchen．Jif wollte bodi nidft zuriud nadf）2merifa fommen，ohne bie größte Bibliothef ber Welt aufgefudt zut haben．Nack mandent ভudien fanden meine チreumbin uno idij ridftig bie Bibliotheque Rationale．In ber Borballe muEten wir unjeren Sajum abgeben． Wix mollten in ben Rejejaal gefen，jebodf bie Same，bie uns ben．Sdirm abgenommen bat＝ te，jagte，＂，Non！Non！＂Wix fornten uns nidit gentg mit ifir beritändigen，ba fie weder Seutich noch（Englifict forach，unis wir mur weni＝ ge Worte æranzöitid．Feboch bas eine war
 So fonnten wix benn mur burch bie cslastür in ben beritifmen Refefaal ichauen．WBir fahen，wie an ber さur int Refe＝ faal ein Mann in Uniform und Sappe โã unb Bettel entgegennahm，wenn bie Refer bas Bimmer betraten oder berließen．Wix gin＝ gen noč）auf ben zweiten 豸̌ur bie $\mathfrak{y}$ allen ent＝ lang und iaken in einem Manuffriptenzimmer viele Reute fleißig beim Rejen．©5马 fatienen biele ärtere Männer barunter zu fein．Mit biejen allzu oberffädfliduen Beobadytungen nuß̉ten wir uns begnügen und fagen：＂Das ift alles，was uns erlaubt ift，alfo geht man wei＝ ter．＂Şätten wir mehr Beit gehabt，wir Gätten uns ipäter vielfeidy irgendwie ほryaubniz erminfen fömen，bie Bibliotheque Rationale griundlicher zu bejudfen，aber uniere Beit war abgelaufen und io mubten wir enttäuidet $D a=$ vongeljen，umt bie nädfite Bibliotfet aufzuiu＝ den．

Diejes Mar gayt mier Bejud）Der，，2Ymeri＝ can Ribrary in ßaris．＂©5 war wie cin ©rnk won Dafeim，als mix biele Bibliothet betraten． צates idfien offen und einlabent zu jein．J $e=$
 xung in Der Bibliotheque Rationale，fragte id
 bürfe．＂Yout may go toferever you preaie！＂ jagte ite．Das war wie bafeim！Eminladeno， frei，offen bis in bie Yetzte ©duel Wie twofl bas tat！Unis sie befannten Buicfferl æait Gätte idd Dicje Yeeben befannten oreunbe ftreidfeln mïgent，benn ict hatte facion uiber zwei Monate feine amerifaniodjen Büdfer gefefen．§̧ier svirr＝ De fiad getwiß audd ein barfüßiger ※unge bin＝ einvagen dirifer．Utno mirtlidy！Bats fanden svix auth das sinberzimmer，foeldfés ipezaiell mit Riteratur fiir bie jüngeren Refer berjehen ift．Man fagt，biefes binumer werbe befonder马 biel gebraucfat．

Diele Bibliothef murbe mäfrent ber Siriegふ̉eit gegriinDet．©päter wurrbe fie mit eincm linterifaltung fons bedaçit，um ats ein Europäicdes Зentrum für §uformation iiber Sie $\mathfrak{B e r e i n i g t e n ~ S t a a t e n ~ z u ~ b i e n e n . ~ S i e ~ f o l l ~}$
 naliiten und ©druititeller beifer mit Ymerifa befant iveroen．J̌rgend ein gutes $\mathfrak{B u c t ~ i b f e r ~}$ Die Bercinigten Staaten wird an irgend je＝ mand in Europa frei ausgeliefen．Wis jebt iit Die Sammlung nidat fehr grō̄．Sie enthält etiva 50,000 Bänbe，twurbe uns gefagt．©ら
 internationales ßeritänonis herbeizufiürren， menn die ßibliothef noch mehr erweitert wer＝ Den farn．

Diejer Yekte Befuci in den Bibliothefen Guropas trug dazu bei，uns zu zeigen，bá̉ Ymerifa bielleifft in mander ફ̧ifiidet Europa §̧ingerzeige geben fann，bejonbers in Der Ein＝ xidftung won $\mathfrak{f r e i e n ~ B u i c f e r i a m m l u n g e n , ~ t o ~}$
 nte und Reidfe，ber gutgefleidete $\mathfrak{B r o f e f i f o r ~ u n d ~}$ Der barfiiikige Sunge gleidy willfommen iuib． Wher Dodf twerien $\mathfrak{U l}$ merifaner nody lange bie Bibliotheefen Ěuropas aufiucten，um iffe foit＝
 Dort getrib auct nidft ibber nefmen，wemu fie ifre ভçäke mit 彐oriidyt berfoactien．

ほelene ঞiejen．

## Dic Rorelci．

（ 2 人ufiakarbeit bon 凡uth §iebert．）
Ein icbes Bolf hat mogl feine Sagen und Gejajid）ten，bie won einer（seneration zur an＝ Dern weiter erzäflt und gejungen werien．Doch finbet man faum ein sand mit einem reidferen Schaty foldjer Märctyen und Exzäblungen alz Deutidaland：Die beutiden Sagen und Mär＝
ďen find reizeno，man finbet fith won ifrem 3auber ganz gefefielt．©ine biejer beriithnten Erräbliungen ift，＂Die Rorelei，＂melche heute in Ried und（fedidutform borbanden ift．

In ber Mbendfiifle ipringt ein junger ভdiffer in feinen תabn，um bie făjöne Däm＝ merfunde rufig auf Dem 丹frein zu berleben． ※n ber ferne Gört er bab feierlidite 2henolet＝ ten bom Dorfficdflein und De马 ভcä̈fers शbendlied．In ben Bäumen am lifer zwit＝

 Der ©caiffer fitzt rufig，ganz in Gebanten ver＝ funfer．Da fieft er plötlidy im efbendidein Den Roreleifelfen in all feiner झradyt vor fiid．
 Siefent malerifiden Bitbe ruhen．Der ganze Fielfen blizt unv funfelt，als ob ex mit cfors unv ©berfiteinen belegt toäre．Da oben auf ber Spita fichit ber ভdijiffer eine $\mathfrak{y} u n g f r a u$ ．Sie ift eine lidgte tseftalt，bie mit ifrem Yojen，gol＝ Denen $\mathfrak{y}$ aare und ifrent Gell funfeltnen $\mathfrak{Q u g e n}$ einen $\mathfrak{l i e f l i d i d e n ~} \mathfrak{Z}$ Hbblict auf bem zelfen bietet． Nit gleidfä̈ßigen Bervegungen fämmt fie ifir 5axar und jingt dabei．

Diefes holde Bild zieft den jungen ©djif＝ fer ganz in feinen Bam．Hnd als er bas Ried Hört，ift er böllig gefeifelt．Erx fieft nidfts alz
 Yäß̆́t bie Ruber ruffig finfen uns iuberläīt ben Safn ieinem Raufe．Eine idimere Webmut fommt ïber ign，aber er träunt bezaubert wor fiid $\mathfrak{G i n}$ ，toährend ber＂ $\mathfrak{S a G h}$ ifn immer näfer an bie gefäfrrictyen ঞrippen Des ミoreteifectiens trägt．

Der ভduiffer afnt feine（befahr，bis die

 merei int fieft feine furditbare \＆age ein．Er ergreift bie Æuber，aber feine fräftigen Yrme wermögen bas Sdifft nidgt meffr zu Ienfen． Er ruft，body niemamb fört ifn．Won allen Seiten ertönt mur ber ifureectliche Wiberhall，
 töfe ber berniddtenben ©trömung．Heberall Gin ichaut fein bon ©dyrecten eritartee 2uge nadf ફ̧ilfe aus，bod bergebens．
$\mathfrak{D a}$ wirt bas ভdyiff bon einer mädtigen Woge hod in die §ob＇gefober．Dann wirb es mit einem germartigen תradif auf bie ferfigen תlippen gemorfen，tworan es zeriçellt，umb mit einem lebten ভdirectiensfinitei finft ber ভdiffer mit Den হxümmern in bie graulige $\mathfrak{L i e f e}$ ．

Eitte Colfege Bilbung rofint fidf．
Die grobe Schar von Exyitudenten und （6xabuterten bon Bethel College und mit ifnen bie Jreunde uno Unterituizer ber Schule wifien und fönten es bezeugen，dá fich eine College Birbung lohnt，befonders für bie，bie einen bollen Æurfus beendigen fönnen．§indet man fie boch uiberall im Sande in werantwortlichen Stelfungen werichiedener $\mathfrak{H}$ rt．Sie bienen un＝ iern（femtemben und Sonferenzen als Wrediger， Mififionare und Reiter in ber Sonntagichule． $\mathfrak{I n}$ Den öffentlichen Sdutlen bewähren fie fitd ala Reyrer，Brinzipale und Superintendenten und in Colleges und andern Göheren Sduten als Brofefionen．Manche find erfolgreid）als
 ©hemifer，efleftrifer，autch als，tüchtige zarmer und fogar Monofaten，umb anderes mefr．
$\mathfrak{I n t e r e f i a n t ~ i f t ~ e s , ~ d a ́ ß ~ b i e ~ R e i t e r ~ g r o b e r ~} \mathfrak{y n}=$ Duftrieztoeige unt forporationen immer mefy zu ber Heberzeugung gelangen，dáß bie College （5rabuierten Fähigfeiten von befinitivem Wert Gefizent．Ein foldfer＂Slapitän ber Induitite＂ fagt bariiber folgendes：
＂Wir haben gemib in den letzen Jahren bor bem Eoflege Grabuierten fapituliert．Bor noch nidat ianger Beit war fein Mangel an Er＝ folg im ஞfeidäft ein Stüuf ber orthodoren ロ̈f＝ fentliden Meinung，ber Gegenitano ipaberre＝ gender farifaturem．Wemn Der College ©hra＝ butierte Eintritt in bie बseidfäftewelt fuchte，io verbarg er befliffentlich jein Diploma，wäfrend er mit unteroxï̈ften Gefiühlen won einem（6e＝ fääfteburem zum andern manberte．Febt Gatereine foldue $\mathfrak{F a n d e r u n g u t c h t ~}$ ntefrätig．Int ©begenteil，wir nehmen uns die Muithe und fuchen itn auf．
， $\mathfrak{y n}$ lebter ßeit haben foir angefangen，bie Eolleges als $\mathfrak{A n j t e l f u g}$ bureaus criten Ranges anzufehen und wix unterbalten birefte Berbin＝ bungen mit bielberiprechenden Stubenten，burch Die Gollege Bureaus，oder idjided unfre ßer＝ treter auf bie Suche nacti foldien aus．Mefr als zweifundert foldjer Repräfentanten follen untängit cin öftlicfes College bejucht baben，um bie netie Grnte bon Grabutaten in augenidyein out nebmen umb iid）um ifre Dienfle zut bewer＝ ben．
＂Damit mill idf nidgt geiagt baben，baß ein junger Mam，wenn ers Sollege verläbt，icine Wabl unter zweihumbert ©tellen Kaben fann， mit einem Salär，bas feinen Erbartungen ent＝ fipridet．Das Durcficdnittagefalt，bas man for＝ chen bietet，foll etroa $\$ 28.00$ bie Wocte fein．

Und bie meiften unter benen，bie bieie Sfferte womüglidy mit rofigen Sepfinungen für bie $\mathfrak{Z u}=$ funft annefmen，werden fidf bald in einer Sact＝ gafie befinden，falls nidft außerorbentliche $\mathfrak{F} \ddot{\text { ä }}=$ Gigfeit，rare Berjönlidffeit oder ein glüffider Bufall ihnen aut ihrer Rage heraubbelfen．厄゙ら
 welt jebt eine zunefmende Nadyfage nact Col： lege ©sabuierten ift．＂

Das Sa aupt einer grozen forporation madfe unlängit in einem Jinterbiew folgende Yeube＝ rung：„Wix toollen junge ©ollege Seute umb be＝ nuilhen uns auf jebe Weife，ihter Kabhaft zut werben．Wix futhen fie，nidft tweil wir glau＝ ben，fie werben uns iogleid beionbers wertboll fein，jondern wetl une bie Erfahnung Yehrt，Dā fie biesmitber Beitwerben．Wir mif＝ โеn，дай es uns geraume Beit umo ein iffönes Stincef ©felo foitet，bis wir fie gut gebrauthen fönnen．Wix miutifen fie uns in unfrer Degani＝ fation erziefon，grabe wie bie תnaben und Mïdo dien，bie fein College befuth haben．Hnter bie＝ fen Umitänden fömen wir ifnen aut nidyt bie＝ felben Röhne bezablen，wie ben תnaben und Mädchen，Die，offcton fie weniger Bücherfent＝ niz Kaben，boch lange genug in imirem Ge＝ ichäft geweien find，bañ fie ifre 3 rbeit zufrie＝ Denftelfend verriçten fömen．Яuch mïfien diefe junen College Reute nidat mit ber Sbee in umier Geichäft eintreten，dab fie alles ihren College＝ theorien gemä̃ revolutionteren mollen．だふ fommt aber für die meiften die Beit，wo ifyr größerer Wert fich Demnodf Definitio erweift．＂

Šeder junge êmerifaner fennt bie $\mathfrak{z r a b i}=$ tion，dáß es einen $\mathfrak{B e g}$ ，，bon ber Blocffiutte zum Weißen 5aus＂gegeben hat．Seantzutag ift aber Der Weg zu hober Stellung ein ganz anderer． Mit $\mathfrak{H u}$ nahme bon ßräfibent $\mathfrak{B}$ ．（6）．Scarding ift in biejem Sahrbumbert jeber $\mathfrak{B r a ̈ j i b e n t ~ u m = ~}$ jeres Randes ein ©ollege ©fradutierter getweien． Wierzig Brozent ber Gfiteder umieres Sherge＝ ridats unt unirer Staatgiefretäre，in Den Yebeten

 Beta Sappa cyrrenverbandes．Ěs ift ebenfallz itatiitiich nachgewicien，ba $\mathfrak{B}$ e in ßrozent un＝ ierer Bevöfferung，die bas Eollege befuctit $\mathfrak{K a}=$ ben，uns $36 \%$ unfrer Songrébmänner $55 \%$ umirer Sabinetbeanten und $87 \%$ unierer Dber＝ ridfter gibt．Man hat ferner berechnet，DáB ein Eollege Grabuent tauienimal mehr Nusicat
 nen，ats ber Junge，ber mur eine eftementar＝ ichulbildung hat．

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