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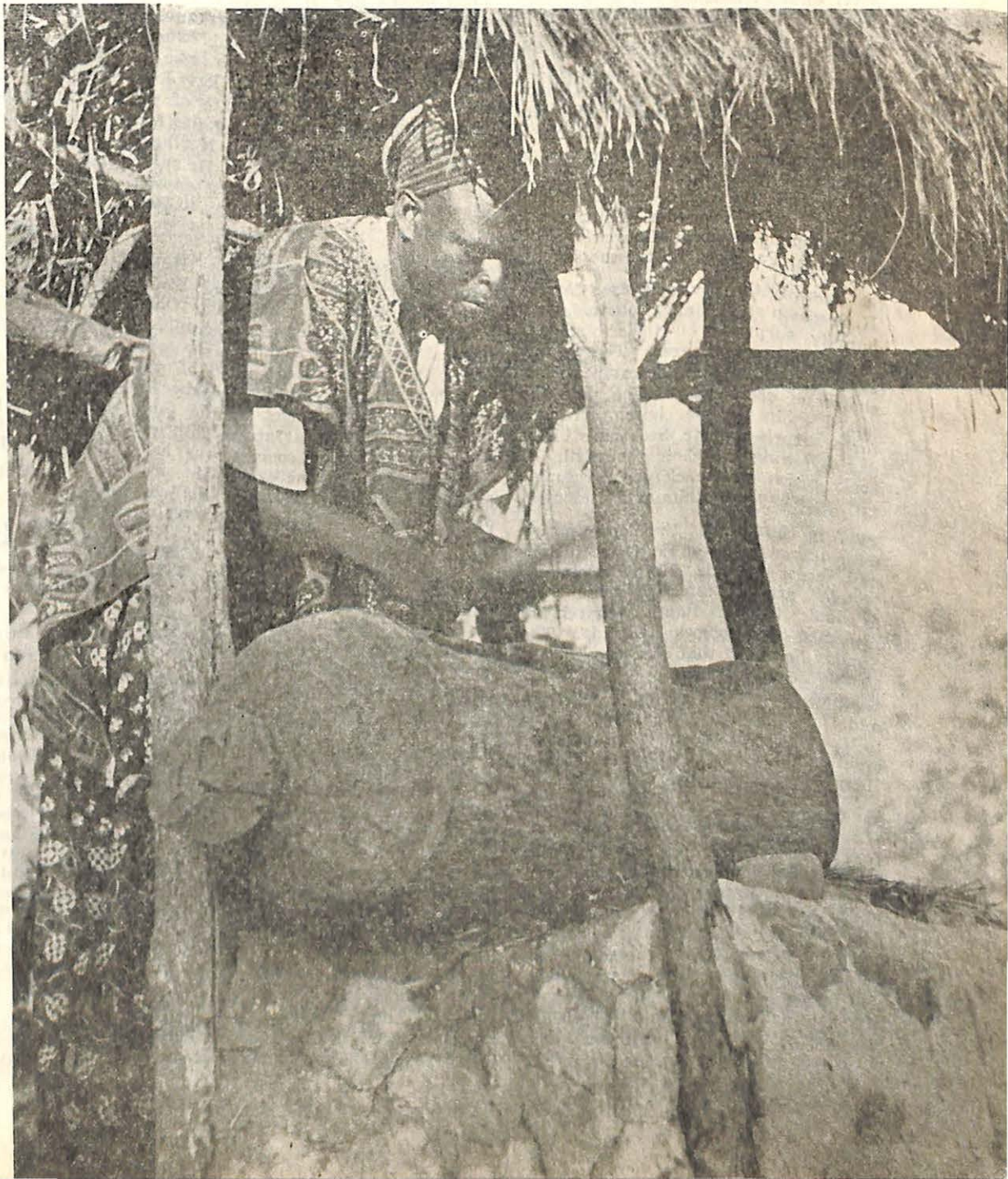
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The Last Call
for Prayer
Being Pounded Out
on a Bat Drum
by Petro Ngang,
a Native Worker
of Kakaland, Africa

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What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., held its annual mission festival on Sunday, October 1. The Rev. Albert Itermann of Wishek, No. Dak., was the guest speaker. Three well attended meetings were held during the day. The offering, which was donated for mission purposes, amounted to \$224.71.

● Evangelistic meetings were conducted in the Baptist Church of Elgin, Ia., from October 23 to November 5. Dr. Peter Smit of Lorraine, Kansas, was the evangelist who spoke with fervent spirit and effective success to the large audiences. The results of the services will be announced in a later issue. The Rev. Paul F. Zoschke is pastor of the church.

● On Tuesday evening, September 26, a consecration rally was held by the young people of the B. Y. P. U.'s of New York and vicinity at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J. A large crowd of young people was in attendance with Mr. Alfred Orthner, president of the Union, in charge. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., brought the message.

● Recently the Rev. and Mrs. Carsten H. Seecamp of La Salle, Colorado, were happily surprised on their birthdays by groups in the church. The Sewing Circle surprised Mrs. Seecamp with a shower of useful gifts. The male and mixed choirs of the church arranged for a surprise on Mr. Seecamp's birthday following the choir rehearsal. A book, which also enclosed a valuable gift, was handed to him as a present.

● Any churches of the denomination with unused copies of the German Sunday School hymnal, "Singvoegelein mit Noten," are requested to make them available to the Baptist church in Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada. The Sunday School of that church could use 50 to 75 copies of that book and would be glad to pay the shipping expenses and, in addition, its heartiest thanks to the senders. Communication or shipment of the books is to be sent to Mr. Henry Fenske, Nokomis, Sask., Canada.

● A new parsonage is being built at Gladwin, Mich., for the Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Gassner and family. The labor is being largely contributed by members of the church. Pledges for \$1500 have been received from the church. The Rev. L. F. Gassner, pastor, reports that the parsonage will be completely modern, even to the heating plant, and will be one of the best smaller parsonages in the denomination. The 35th anniversary of the church was held with a special program in September.

● On Sunday evening, October 1, six young people were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ by the Rev. V. Wolff, pastor of the Lebanon German Church in Wisconsin. The baptismal service was held in the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis. On a similar occasion, held not so long ago, the Rev. G. Wetter of Watertown baptized three ministers' sons, two of whom were his own and the third the son of the Rev. and Mrs. V. Wolff. At that time Mr. Wolff preached the baptismal sermon.

● The pulpit of the Baptist Church at Baileyville, Ill., is now being supplied by the Rev. H. Renkema of Chicago, Ill., since the 15th of October. Mr. Renkema accepted the call extended to him by the church to become its pastor as the successor of the Rev. John F. Meyer. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and has also had several years of training in Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. He spent six years as pastor of a rural church near Hinsdale, Ill., before going to Baileyville.

● On Sunday, October 22, Miss Hulda Otte, the organist of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, reached a memorable milestone in her musical service. At that time she completed 26 years as organist of the church. She also serves as teacher in the primary department of the Sunday School. Last year at the 25th anniversary an organ concert was held with Miss Otte at the organ, the proceeds of which went toward the new organ fund. Miss Otte also serves as choir director at the present time. Her brother-in-law, the Rev. P. C. A. Menard, is pastor of the church.

● The First Vacation Bible School ever held in Franklin, Calif., was held from August 21 to September 1 with an enrollment of 43 scholars and an average attendance of 39. A systematic Bible course was planned, which will be continued from year to year until the course is completed. The Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser composed the faculty of the school. The demonstration program given on Sunday, September 3 before a large audience, brought forth many compliments from the parents. The foundations have been laid for an even larger and better school next year, according to the report of the pastor, Mr. Rauser.

● On Sunday, September 17, the Rev. L. E. Bogle, pastor of the Baptist churches in New Castle and Ellwood City, Pa., baptized 12 persons on con-

fession of their faith in Christ and received 11 into the fellowship of the church. The Reverends Henry Pfeifer of Erie, Pa., and Peter Geissler of Buffalo, N. Y., members of the Eastern Conference Mission Committee, visited the New Castle Church on Thursday evening, Sept. 21, and the Ellwood City Church on Friday evening, September 22. Mr. Bogle reported that "our progress is slower than we desire but we are slowly gaining ground in the Lord's work. The young people's work is very encouraging."

● On Sunday, September 24, the Sunday School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held its annual Rally Day program. A fine attendance of 492 persons with an additional 70 at the Anthony Wayne Mission helped to make the program a rousing success. The Rev. George Lang, pastor of the church, preached on the theme, "Whither Bound?" at the morning service. From October 1 to 8 a Bible Conference was held in the church with the Rev. Leonard Gittings of Chicago, Ill., serving as guest speaker and evangelist. A "Doorstep Campaign" of visitation was conducted by 50 workers in the interest of the Sunday School on Saturday, October 7, with unusually fine results.

● The officers of the Junior B. Y. P. U. of Corona, So. Dak., are elected for quarterly periods. Beginning with Sunday, October 1, the officers of the society are Dorothy De Boer, president;

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EDITORIAL

THE missionary enterprise is God's way of evangelizing the world. It is a divine obligation, lovingly imposed upon every Christian disciple. "Go ye in Victory Belongs to the Lord. to all the world" are marching orders of the Kingdom of God, to which we cannot close our ears and still remain Christians. That love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ and experienced in our hearts, constrains us with irresistible urging to announce to all peoples of the world: "We pray of you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

The Christians of William Carey's day who thought that "God could convert the heathen without you and me" were badly mistaken. They had to read their New Testament with profounder insight. They had to open their eyes to God's plan of bringing the gospel to the world at large through his devoted ambassadors and witnesses. That is the underlying basis for Christian missions. God must depend on his children to spread the light and announce the good tidings in Christ Jesus to all the world.

But the glorious promise addressed to every effort of missionary service is that the victory will always belong to the Lord. It is God's Word, scattered like seed upon the field, which, as "the power unto salvation," will produce spiritual harvests of amazing size. It is God's grace, imparted as a heavenly gift to all who believe in response to the preaching of the gospel, which alone can save men from their sins.

All of this has a profound bearing upon every denominational missionary enterprise. In spite of all of our human efforts as we lay our mission gifts upon God's altar and bring our prayers to the throne of God's grace, we seem to meet with discouraging delays and failures. We long to see the thousands in inspiring hosts brought into the Christian fold, but we have to be content with

the few who actually make their confessions of faith in Christ.

The consolation and inspiration for the missionary and his supporters and prayer-helpers at home is that ultimately God will bring victory out of defeat, harvests out of times of drought, his Kingdom out of this evil day. The Old and New Testaments are filled with this assurance from God. The history of the Christian Church and of missions indicates these triumphs of God. Almost seven years of arduous labors and painful suffering were required of the missionary, Adoniram Judson, before he rejoiced over the first Christian convert in Burma. He never lived to witness the day, on which 2222 converts were baptized in the Telegu field of India.

As a denomination we are approaching another observance of our THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK to be held from Sunday, November 26, to Sunday, December 3. Some of our people look upon our mission fields in the Cameroons of Africa and in the Balkans of southeastern Europe from the human point of view of what has been accomplished heretofore. Their enthusiasm is dimmed and their giving curtailed by the meager results of the work. Because they think in human terms, they are overwhelmed by their own discouragements.

But many others think of these mission fields of ours as a part of God's work and of his eternal plan. They have caught a vision of the great things God can do through redeemed individuals among the Gypsies of Bulgaria, the Balkan peoples, and the black natives of Africa. They are assured that God's Kingdom is eternal and that his work will rise victoriously over the hordes of sin. That is the key to their ardent prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come!" That is the secret of their ceaseless missionary zeal, as their efforts are linked with the omnipotent and victorious power of God!

Thy Kingdom Come!

This stirring call to the observance of the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week by the general missionary secretary will give every interested reader a clear perspective of our entire denominational enterprise and of the many needs of the present hour for faithful service in establishing God's Kingdom.

By the REV. WILLIAM KUHN, D. D., General Missionary Secretary

During the coming Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, which will be observed this year from Sunday, November 26, to Sunday, December 3, we will not fail to pray as the Lord himself has taught us: "THY KINGDOM COME." During this Thanksgiving Week, "let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name." We shall also be reminded of the sacrifices in time, money and service, which the Lord will demand of us, for the extension of his Kingdom in our own midst and far beyond.

The Kingdom Has Come

It is beyond the knowledge of anyone to know how many hearts have sent

to meet reverses and the opposing forces of evil claim victories.

Nevertheless, with undimmed hope and unshaken confidence we are looking forward to his Coronation Day, when his Kingdom shall be victorious over all. Then we, too, will join that innumerable chorus and sing:

"Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity."

Kingdom Helpers

In the plan of God he has ordained that a multitude of the most diversified helpers shall build, extend and establish his Kingdom on earth. To accomplish

ministries of humble and prominent Christians in the homeland as well as in the most degraded heathenism serve that one high purpose of establishing God's Kingdom.

Our Denominational Societies

Our denominational societies have been honored with an assignment of importance and influence for the bringing in of the Kingdom of God.

Our Missionary Society has received the largest assignment of responsibility and work in our denominational enterprise. To provide for the present needs of our Missionary Society alone, not including the administration and office expense at Forest Park, requires \$5504.55 every month, or \$66,054.60 annually.

1. HOME MISSIONS. In the department of home missions we are privileged to carry on a work in a widely extended area, fundamental to the welfare of our entire denominational enterprise. We cooperate in the support of pastors and women missionaries serving churches which are numerically and financially too weak to be self-supporting. At present we are supporting sixty-five workers in the following states: Massachusetts, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Dakota. In Canada we have workers located in the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Our expenditure for the support of these sixty-five workers amounts to \$2256.05 every month, or \$27,072.60 annually.

2. CHAPEL BUILDING. During many years of our history we have assisted churches in the erection of chapels. During this year we have assisted two churches in North Dakota with modest sums and are now financing the erection of a modest chapel for our church at St. Rose, Saskatchewan, Canada. This church, for more than ten years, has been worshipping and working in a country school house that afforded but very insufficient accommodations.

3. HELPING THE AGED AND NEEDY. Some of the veterans from the ranks of our pastors and pastors' widows as well as those who through some unfavorable circumstances of life find themselves in need are receiving



Worshipful Interior of the Enlarged and Redecorated Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana

this petition, "THY KINGDOM COME," with passionate desire to the throne of God during the past millenniums. Looking out upon our world today, we can assert with rapturous joy and certainty that God has heard those prayers. The Kingdom is here; it is in the midst of us; it has reached the remotest places of this earth, and has been established there.

It is true, that today we cannot see God's Kingdom in all its power and glory. Wherever the Lord has had a triumphal entry into the heart of even a very humble individual and through that individual into some home, wherever God's will is being done even imperfectly in any realm of human society, there his Kingdom has come. Even now we are still in the time of struggle, when God's Kingdom seems

this purpose, "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." When God's Kingdom is established over all, then we will all shout in adoration: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

We will now introduce certain of these well known and beloved "Kingdom Helpers."

Christ's Church is preeminent among all the agencies which he employs in the interest of his Kingdom. During this dispensation he has given to his Church a high and holy mission. The Church is to gather the great host of the redeemed out of every tribe and tongue and clime and station of life. The spiritual temple built with living stones, is to be brought to completion. God's reign is to be established in every part of this wide world. Those many

very modest support from our Missionary Society. At present we are helping these friends of ours with \$432.63 every month, or \$5188.86 annually.

4. MINISTERS' PENSION. At the time of this writing 72 pastors and pastors' widows are receiving pensions amounting to \$1372.88 every month, or \$16,474.56 annually from the Missionary Society.

Foreign Missions

The foreign mission work under our own and direct administration is confined to the Danubian countries, Wolynhia in Poland and Cameroon in Africa. Our contact with our missionaries in these countries has thus far not been affected by the present war, with the exception of Poland which is now occupied by the Russian Red Army. We fear for the future of our churches in Wolynhia.

1. DANUBIAN MISSIONS. In this promising but very difficult missionary field we are at present supporting 38 missionary workers. In Bulgaria we have 14 workers, in Hungary 8, in Jugoslavia 9 and in Rumania 7. In all these mission fields we are facing a wide open door with many adversaries. Our expenditures in the Danubian mission field amount to \$898 every month, or \$10,776 annually.

2. WOLYNHIA IN POLAND. We have eleven workers on our list of supported missionaries in Poland. These together are receiving the very modest sum of \$70 every month, or \$840 annually.

3. CAMEROON IN AFRICA. This mission field is dear to the hearts of our people. Quite a number of men and women from our own churches have spent their lives working for the Kingdom in Cameroon. Some of these lie buried in the land to which they have devoted themselves.

Our present staff at Mbem and Warwar is as follows: Paul and Clara Gebauer, Miss Edith A. Koppin, George and Louise Dunger and Miss Laura E. Reddig. These devoted missionaries of the Lord Jesus Christ are experiencing the hardships of pioneer life without a murmur. For at least a number of years, mission work in the Cameroons will require a considerable outlay of money. All this work must be built from the ground up. Supplying the necessary building equipment at each station and erecting the many "bush chapels" involves extraordinary expense.

The Lord has blessed this work in Cameroon by turning many from the kingdom of darkness and Satan to the Kingdom of light and of his Son.

Our Seminary

To our Seminary has been committed the most responsible task of training men especially fitted to be pastors of our own churches. It is often said: "As goes the Seminary, so goes the denomination." At present the Seminary is working with a reduced faculty. The student body numbers 46 and the new class numbers only six. In this time of

low income, our Seminary must exercise the strictest economy to be able to stay out of the "red."

Our Publications

The mission of our Publication Society is to work quietly and unostentatiously, somewhat like the leaven placed in those measures of meal. Our publications serve a large group of our people as readers every week. These publications doubtlessly nurture our people in their spiritual lives and strengthen them denominationally. In order to

and homes in a Christian atmosphere for girls and women needing these. One of these homes is situated in Chicago and the other in New York City. Both of these homes are self-supporting.

3. HOMES FOR THE AGED. For the sunset years of life about 200 aged men and women find happy homes in Chicago, Philadelphia, and Portland. These Homes are not dependent for their support on their share in our budget, and each of these Homes receives only one per cent.



Pioneers of the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minnesota, Whose Ages Range from Seventy to Eighty-eight Years

help the Publication Society financially, the General Council has recently allotted 3% of the budget to the Publication Society.

Our Young People

We are always exceedingly happy even to think of that great host of our fine young people. They form such a large part of our constituency and assume such a big share of responsibility. It gives us courage to think of them as the CHURCH OF THE FUTURE. Truly it can be said: "Our young people have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." As a denomination we must also account to the Head of the Church for our stewardship in the care of our young people.

Our Benevolences

During all the long years of our history we have endeavored to carry out the will of the Lord, when he says: "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

1. CHILDREN'S HOME. This institution of our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., has found a warm spot in all our hearts. According to the latest report there are about 32 children in the Home. Beside these, about 40 children are being supported, while they are living with their mothers. Our Sunday Schools everywhere delight in designating their Christmas offering for the Children's Home.

2. GIRLS' HOME. We are very fortunate in having two such institutions that aim to provide dormitories

Financing Our Denomination

The bulk of our income is received through the contributions of individual members and of societies connected with our churches. We are grateful for the continued loyalty of these contributors. Our confidence is in God who can put it into the hearts of our brethren to support his work more generously.

During the past years many of our members have remembered the Missionary Society and other denominational societies with a bequest in their last will and testament. Such benefactions have spoken of their Kingdom loyalty and have met the need of God's work even after they have been called to the Father's house. We invite correspondence with the General Secretary in this matter.

The following information concerning our denominational budget, showing the percentages allotted to the different departments, will doubtless be of interest.

Missionary and Benevolent Offering

Apportionment	Percentages
Home Missions	22
Foreign Missions	18
Superannuated Ministers & Relief	10
Ministers' Pension	8
Publication Society	3
Y. P. and S. S. W. Union	4
Seminary	12
Widows and Orphans	6
Chicago Home for the Aged	1
Philadelphia Home for the Aged	1
Portland Home for the Aged	1
Administration	7
Reserve and Special Allocation	7

Our Churches Establishing God's Kingdom

Selected Reports from the Home Mission Churches and Fields of the Denomination

No church lives for itself. Only as a church lives and works for the high purpose of establishing God's Kingdom on earth, has it any right to exist. What a wonderful picture it would be, if we could have a portrayal of the actual ministry of our churches as KINGDOM-HELPERS. The following reports from our mission churches are all included in this glorious picture.

Plevna, A Thriving Mission Church

By Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna, Montana

Our church in Plevna, Montana, is like a lonely outpost of the Dakota Conference, located as it is many miles from the nearest sister church of the denomination. But God has blessed this church with showers of his love.



Two Pioneers and Oldest Members of the Church in Plevna, Montana



Large Sunday School of the German Baptist Church in Plevna, Montana

Last Fall, soon after my arrival as pastor of this church, we held evangelistic meetings, in which 19 adults were converted. At most of the services our church was too small to hold the crowds. The Christmas program with the children lasted for two and a half hours with many people standing inside and outside the church for the entire service.

In Spring of this year soon after the time for seeding, we voted to enlarge our church. We had \$1000 in the building fund, and soon \$600 were added to that sum by our people. Two carpenters supervised the work, which was largely done by members of the church. In six weeks the church had been enlarged with additional space for about a hundred people, and the interior of the edifice had been beautifully decorated. The enlargement project cost us \$2200, but we have paid every cent of this without any aid from the General Missionary Society.

Since the dedication of the new church in July, we have had two baptismal services with 13 baptized in July

Mt. Zion Church True To Its Name

By Rev. Thomas Lutz of Junction City, Kansas

The Mt. Zion Church near Junction City, Kansas, is a beehive of activity with every branch engaged in some work. For the first time in our history we held a Vacation Bible School during the past summer. We have been conducting a Teacher Training Class for the benefit of our aggressive Sunday School. The school was one of five in the Southwestern Conference which recently received the standard of excellence banner for its fine work. The ladies of the church have also been quite busy during the past year and are making plans for great things in the future.

The B. Y. P. U. takes complete charge of the service on the first and second Sunday evening of each month. I feel that we have as fine a group of young people in this church as you can find anywhere. They have remained very loyal. If anyone of them is given a piece of work to do, one can rest assured that it will be done and done well. Five of these young people have left us temporarily to attend the Northwestern of these young people of ours.

Following the New Year's Eve service last year, we observed "the Week of Prayer" as outlined by the General Council of the denomination. Before the week was over, we realized that to stop on Friday evening would do much harm, and so we held another week of meetings. We also observed a day of prayer with a service on Good Friday which proved to be a blessing to all and which we concluded with the Lord's Supper.



Seven of the Eight Candidates Recently Baptized by the Rev. H. G. Braun of Corona, South Dakota, at Wildwood Beach

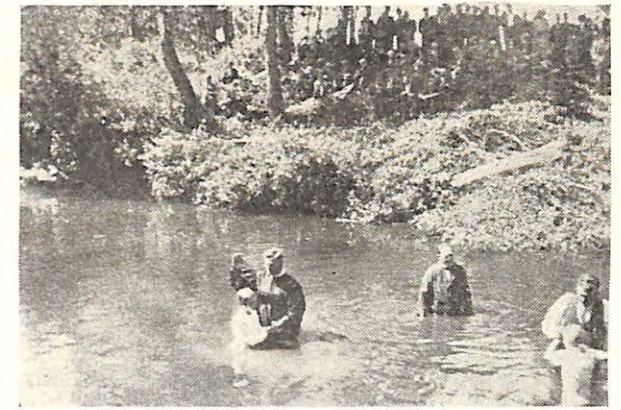
The Mission Church at Corona, South Dakota, is making steady progress forward. The services are well attended, even though there is opposition in the community from other churches. The young people are loyal to their church. Repairs on the church building and a new basement have been made at the cost of \$1000.

Two Unusual Mission Experiences

By Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc, Alberta, Canada

I am serving as missionary pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Leduc and of the church at Rabbit Hill, Alberta, Canada. Recently we had the great joy of baptizing 12 converts on confession of their faith in Christ, two of whom were my own children. A picture of that baptismal scene appears on this page.

One evening, sometime ago, I was at the choir rehearsal in our Rabbit Hill Church. One of the choir members told me that a young man in the hospital at Edmonton had made an urgent request for me. I left the rehearsal at once and drove the 20 miles to the city. Shortly before 11 o'clock that evening I was permitted to see him and to have a prayer with him. On the following morning I drove again to Edmonton and called on him at the hospital. I read from God's Word to

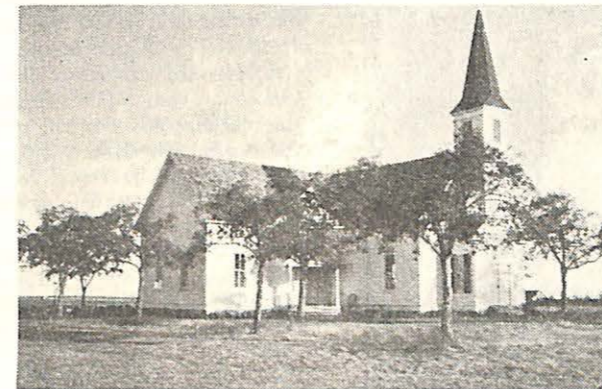


The Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc, Alberta, Baptizing a Convert in an Out-of-Door Baptismal Service

located at Beatrice, Nebraska. The predominance of children may not identify this as a field "ready for the harvest" but it does show a field ready for the seeding. The Master's glorious promise is that where the good seed is

guage problem took its inevitable toll, not so much in the loss of members as in its limiting effects on the work. Now all that is past, but it left very few families in the church to carry on.

But these are not merely carrying on, for the work in Beatrice is moving forward most hopefully. This happy group of children is evidence enough. The challenge is the greater because many of these children come from non-church and often non-Christian homes. Various ones of the maturing young people are already taking their places as faithful church workers for Christ. We dare to hope that in the few years needed to bring these children to physical maturity the gospel seed, which is being sown, will also bear its fruit in lives which will honor God, both in the work here and out to the ends of the earth.



The Bethel Church Near Gatesville, Texas, of Which the Rev. W. H. Buenning is Pastor

During Brother Buenning's pastorate of 5 1/2 years, 49 have been added to the church by baptism and 39 by letter and confession. All branches of the church are active, and the choir renders a splendid service in beautifying the meetings. The church and parsonage have been improved in recent years. It is the aim of the pastor to lead this mission church back into the ranks of the self-supporting churches as soon as possible.

him and showed him the way of salvation. With great joy he has become a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Another unusual experience was mine recently at one o'clock in the morning. I was awakened by loud and repeated knocking at the door. When I opened the door, I found two young men standing there. They announced to me that they had come to rededicate their lives to the Lord. This confession of theirs followed by our prayers together in the parsonage touched me deeply. Thanks be to God to whom we can always go for forgiveness and peace!

To our Lord and Savior be all praise and glory for these showers of blessing upon our home mission fields!

Harvest Fields in Beatrice

By Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Beatrice, Nebraska

"Look on the fields," said Jesus. That is what you are doing while you are looking at the accompanying picture. This is one of your home mission fields

sown the sheaves will, in time, not be wanting.

Somewhat over a decade ago this church had a considerable number of substantial members. Then time took its toll and one after another of them went to their eternal reward. The lan-



Future Harvest Fields of God's Kingdom in this Promising Sunday School of the Baptist Church in Beatrice, Nebraska

Petro Ngang's Call to Prayer

By the REV. PAUL GEBAUER, Our Cameroon Missionary in Kakaland

There he stands in all his glory, our fellow worker, Petro Ngang, viewing the work of God and his own hands. Three years ago this plot of land was covered with trees and heavy undergrowth. One sickly trail traversed the wilderness, and down that trail one day came one of our missionaries. The chief of the village met him. Children fled, women hid behind tree trunks, and men stood at respectful distance.



"There He Stands in All His Glory, Our Fellow Worker, Petro Ngang, Viewing the Work of God and His Own Hands."

(Opening Sentence in Paul Gebauer's Accompanying Thrilling Missionary Story)

That day the wilderness was cleared. Markers were set out for the chapel to be built and the teacher's hut. A fence and a good road were also marked off with the promise by the chief that building material would be there the day the "teacher," our co-worker, would arrive to help the people of the village build a "God House."

The teacher came. Men helped him level the grounds and build a foundation. Trees were cut, palmfronds were carried from long distances. The women brought hundreds of bundles of grass. The youth of the village rushed to find and bring vines to take the place of nails. Local whitewash was carried to the spot by the boys. Before long the chapel rocked with jittery youngsters and a platform set into place. Soon the chapel rocked with jittery youngsters, roaring with their songs and loud words of joy.

The village liked the teacher. Men helped him build his own hut, kitchen, bathhouse and storeroom. Youth was with him in building a real road, in planting beautiful flowers, in putting up a fence against goats and monkeys around it all. Thus, was created this

island of flowers and neatness in the midst of an ocean of palms, birds, monkeys and falling waters. The women of the village made a farm for the teacher, while he was busy making his island.

At the end of it all, he made a feast for his new friends consisting of aging meat, good palm oil with plenty of roots and hot pepper and an abundance of salt. In turn, his guests danced for

mountain stream for baptism. Eight were baptized and all of them were women. The men were honest enough to say openly that they were not ready to pay the price of giving up polygamy for the new faith. Were they not rich from the sale of palmoil? Was it not the ancient right of every man to have at least three wives! They would give up all, but not that!

That was a year ago. Today, while writing this, there is commotion in the far away village and from that island of flowers a handful of men march down to the water for—baptism!

Now in that Kakaland village with the first messengers of the sun filtering through palms and morning fog, our Christian native worker, Ngang, puts his drum to work as can be seen on the front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." It is joy for him to hear the deep roar of his tom-tom, but to the sleepers down in the valley it is awful noise, this first call to prayer. Just one more roll over to have warmth and smoke fortify them against Ngang's second call.

In between sleeping men, dreaming dogs and feeding babies, Catechist Ngang beats his second call for prayers. Deeper, madder, more beseeching roars the drum. Ngang puts his best into this second call and some dusty girls, some sleepy men respond. Others take another turn for another nap. And into those dreams of the lazy ones the drum hollers its third and last call for morning prayer. Ordering, demanding, insisting is this last call. Ngang's young arms beat until they are tired and until the little stream of sleepy Africans trickle into his chapel. Some of Ngang's sheep come as the last call found them. Some have risked one sup of cold water for the clearing of the eyes. Some rush to the water to come to chapel when half the service is over.

Ngang stands at the chapel door to inspect his saints. Those clothed with too much sleepiness or too many odors are awakened in his own way. He scolds the latecomers, arouses them all with lively song, bathes them all in a powerful prayer, pours the Word of God over them in abundance and turns them loose for the problems of the day with his loud "Amen." Out flies the whole gang to settle around the fires until the hour of seven o'clock.

Throughout the land of palms and falling waters drums call at the same hour. Men like Ngang do as he does in his chapel. And throughout Kakaland saints and sinners come to praise their God. On the windswept highlands high above palm groves and fog more

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New Mission Fields in Bosnia

By SISTER MINNA SCHULZ, Deaconess in Jugoslavia

Introduction

"Geographically, Jugoslavia with its 96,000 square miles, is slightly larger than Great Britain. It has a land frontier abutting on seven different countries, and a thousand miles of fantastically indented sea coast. It is often called "the land of the boy King," since Jugoslavia's king is a lad of 16 years, whose duties of state are being performed by a regency of three until 1941. The country is populated by a complex of chiefly southern Slavic people numbering some 15,630,000. The minorities include Germans, Magyars, Albanians and others." (National Geographic Magazine—June, 1933).

In this colorful country of the Balkans we as a denomination are supporting eight missionaries, all of whom are gifted and aggressive evangelists of Jesus Christ. (See "Baptist Herald"—Nov. 1, 1938, Pages 404-6). In view of many opportunities to bring the gospel message to women and children in the Jugoslavian villages, a Baptist deaconess from Germany, named Sister Minna Schulz, was appointed. (See "Baptist Herald"—Dec. 15, 1938, Page 466). Her missionary letters, like the following written about her experiences in Bosnia, a province of Jugoslavia, are the thrilling recitals of God's miracles of grace in the lives of people who live in agonizing spiritual needs.

Sister Minna's Letter

Late in June I started on a missionary journey with Brother Sepper through the province of Bosnia near the Adriatic shores of Jugoslavia. This trip of several weeks took us, first of all, to Petrowopolje. From that village, in company with several converts who were ready for baptism, we walked for an hour and a half down a dusty road to the Drina River. Most of the members of the little mission station there arrived in the early afternoon hours. At the same time, we saw the first signs of a severe rain storm.

Just as the four baptismal candidates stepped into the water, the rain began to fall from the clouds like a symbol of the showers of blessing from above. With the accompaniment of songs of shout and praise by the audience on the shore, Brother Sepper baptized the converts. In the evening all of the church assembled for the observance of the Lord's Supper. Such a scene of a celebrating church on a Friday afternoon and evening in the midst of the busy farm season "is the Lord's doing, and is marvelous in our eyes!"

Baptismal Services

At daybreak on the following day we hurried to the railroad station to board a train for Dubrawa. In that village we have had a little band of five Bap-



A Mohammedan Mosque With Its Tall Minaret in Sarajevo, Jugoslavia

tists and a group of three other children of God who were awaiting baptism. When we arrived at our destination at seven o'clock that evening, we learned that these few Christians had worked hard to announce our coming. Late that same evening we held a service. Some of the men, even with their



Young People of Neu Passova, Jugoslavia, With the Deaconess, Sister Minna Schulz

calloused hands, played their guitars and sang songs of praise with an enthusiasm that literally bubbled over from their hearts. At the midnight hour we were still assembled, at which time we brought our petitions unitedly to God in prayer.

On the following evening another service was held in preparation for the festivities on Sunday. When several of

us gathered for prayer early on the Sabbath day, we saw a long caravan of wagons, with a good sprinkling of bicycles alongside the wagons, on their way to the river, several miles away, for the baptismal service. When we were still some distance from the river, we heard the blare of trumpets. We were amazed at the large crowds that had gathered at the river banks. A young couple, named Hoffmann, with their aged mother was ready to give its public testimony of faith in Christ by baptism. This was especially impressive with Mr. Hoffmann since he holds a public office in the village.

Joys and Sorrows

It seemed to us as if the large stateley trees at the river formed a cathedral dome through which we caught glimpses of the bright blue heaven. "God is Present Now" was the message in song by the redeemed. Brother Sepper spoke in the German and Serbian languages and I also brought a brief testimony. The baptism of the converts deeply touched the hearts of the people who watched and who then returned home with reverent spirit. We returned to one of the homes to observe the Lord's Supper in sacred commemoration of Christ's death and resurrection.

On that same Sunday afternoon, since many of the people of the village

came together in the courtyard where we were staying, another service of testimony and song had to be held. That was repeated in the evening. But the Enemy of God did not leave us unmolested. A mob of wild boys and girls disturbed our meeting with their raucous noises, and several of them even threw buckets of dirty water over the

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The Harvest

By Frances Rex of Aberdeen, Washington

SYNOPSIS

With the mysterious arrival of Mr. Dexter Brown as a patient in the Jordan home, the plot of this story deepens. Royal Jordan, a cousin of Lin Jordan, both of whom lived in the big wealthy house, thought that Mr. Brown was virtually being kept a prisoner by his uncle. A seminary student, Paul Taylor, was hired for a few weeks to read to Mr. Brown, and he used every opportunity to teach him Bible truths. His preaching in the little country church even affected Lin and Royal who had come to hear him. On the day that Dexter Brown suddenly died, a neighbor boy, Bill Huston, saw him open his window and throw out a letter that fluttered in the breeze before falling to the grass. He picked it up and later read it with its amazing disclosures. He wanted to tell Royal and Lin what he had discovered, but both had left town for different destinations. In the meantime, Bill developed an increasing fondness for his rabbits, since the letter had been buried like a valuable treasure under the rabbit hatch.

CHAPTER FOUR

Finally Lin came home. Mrs. Huston was telling her husband about it. Bill, seemingly engrossed with a jigsaw puzzle, was all ears, nevertheless. "Yes, sir, Jim, it sure has done that girl good to go away. I declare I'd hardly a known her. She's picked up in weight some—you know she was just like a slat—and she's different, too—sweet and kind like. Doesn't act so spoiled and uppish any more. You know she was so flippy. And would you believe it this morning, I heard her humming one of them gospel songs—something about a rugged cross. I guess she's glad Royal's gone, though for the life of me I never could see anything so bad about him. Seemed like a right, good hearted fellow.

"Well, maybe old Jordan will brighten up again, now that she's home. He was downright gay after Brown died. Honest, I thought it was positively indecent how glad and relieved he seemed to be. But it didn't last. Something happened down to the office. I guess he's lost a lot of money 'cause he called me and the cook in and asked us to cut down on the expenses—"

Bill replaced the half finished puzzle in its box. If Jordan was losing money, he'd better get over there and name his price before it was too late.

He heard Lin's voice as he crossed the lawn. A few chance words caused him to stop beside the french doors to listen.

"But father—"

"Can you blame me for wanting to see you provided for?"

"God will take care of me."

"This new religion you got down to Helen's!"

"Father! Please! It isn't just 'religion' as you call it. I've been born again. I'm saved. Helen is too. It was Paul Taylor's sermon—oh, don't you see I just couldn't marry Ted for his money now, Besides—"

"Besides what?"

"Ted Blaine isn't a Christian."

Jordan snorted and Bill clapped his hands over his ears at the words that followed.

"Dad!" Lin's voice was frightened now.

"I tell you, you don't care how you worry me, so why should I try to shield you from bad news? We're broke, Lin. The business is just a shell. We're broke, I tell you. Maybe when you find that I can't pay for any more finery you'll realize what I'm saying. There's a mere pittance—just enough to give you a proper wedding—"

"Is Royal's fortune gone, too? Is that why you are talking Ted to me now?"

"Everything's gone. Wiped out. Blaine is your only hope."

"But dad, I don't care about money any more. I'm different. I'm changed. And if I wouldn't marry Royal a while ago, I simply couldn't think of marrying Ted now. I don't want to marry anybody! I want to study to be a missionary and go to Africa—"

Dexter Jordan slumped back in his chair as though he had been shot. "You—you want to what? Never!"

"God has called me. I must go." Lin spoke with quiet conviction.

"Never! I'll never permit you to go there! What on earth put that into your head? Don't you know that there are lions and leopards, snakes, disease—"

"And God. I'm going, Father. I shall start school this fall. The tuition is free and I can work for my board and room—"

Never had Lin seen her father so angry. He bellowed with rage and through it all, the tears streamed down his cheeks.

Outside the window Bill quaked in

fear until at last, he recalled that he possessed the power to quiet this mad man's ravings. He yanked open the door and strutted into the room. With a dramatic gesture he commanded:

"You shut up, you! Miss Lin can do just as she doggone pleases! I know why you wanted her to marry Royal! I know he ain't her cousin, too! I know why you don't want her to go to Africa an' why you kept Plattson shut up an' how you got so rich—"

At mention of Plattson, Jordan recoiled into a chair and stared at Bill as that youngster continued tauntingly:

"An' all about that huntin' trip! You thought you could keep Plattson from telling but—awk!"

Jordan's big hand came down on Bill's collar and he shook him as a dog would a mouse.

"You young upstart!" he panted between shakes, "how dare you tell such a pack of lies! Where did you hear that? Answer me!"

"Tain't a lie and you're 'fraid, 'ats all!" cried Bill, nothing daunted. He squirmed in Jordan's grasp and brought his crooked teeth down on the man's wrist. For a painful instant Jordan relaxed his hold and Bill jerked away and fled.

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Royal sat in his deck chair, staring moodily out at sea. He was feeling uncommonly cast down. Paul was on a distant steamer, Africa bound, and Royal missed his merry companionship. Then too, there had been no word from Lin. Royal had not meant to keep his home folks informed as to his whereabouts, but a last minute hope that Lin might relent and write prompted him to wire Jordan the name of his home coming steamer. His Uncle's message, informing him of his new financial status, had been his only reward.

Royal reflected dully that it didn't matter. It was just one more barrier that separated him from Lin. She'd marry that Blaine fellow now. Blaine had the money to set her father up in business again.

Well, he wouldn't go home now. He'd stay in the east and hunt a job. He still had a thousand dollars. That ought to last him until he found something to do. It would be novel to earn his own living. Just how he would accomplish it, however, he did not know. First, he'd have to forget Lin. "Forget—forget—", he repeated the word

over and over trying to persuade himself that it could be done. He sighed wearily and shifting in his chair, encountered a pair of blue eyes that were staring at him with fixed intensity.

They belonged to a thin, old gentleman who occupied the chair next to Royal. Royal had noticed him the first day out. Indeed, it had been impossible not to notice him for the old gentleman made repeated efforts to strike up an acquaintance and Royal had even overheard him bribing a passenger to exchange chairs with him for the one next to Royal.

Doubtless a temperamental old codger taking the voyage for his health, thought Royal, noting the stranger's well cut clothes and the voluminous coats and rugs that enveloped him. Royal had avoided his advances, preferring to dwell upon his gloomy thought in solitude. But now it suddenly occurred to him that the stranger might own a big business, might need an enterprising young man in one of his offices. Enterprising! Royal smiled to himself. Well, he'd be enterprising now. He had to be!

"Bit rough today, isn't it?" he said, turning and meeting the man's eyes squarely.

"Very rough and I don't enjoy it, either."

Royal wondered why he did not keep below deck then. Aloud he said, "Is this your first crossing?"

"The first since twenty years. You are an American?"

"On my way home in search of a job." Royal smiled.

"What is your line?"

"Ah—office work. Managing," said Royal vaguely.

There was a flicker of disappointment in the stranger's eyes. Royal saw it and added hastily,

"I took B. A. in college. You see I've never taken myself very seriously because things have been easy for me; but I've just received a message from my Uncle telling me everything's wiped out. I've a lot to learn about earning my own living but I'm not afraid of work and I'm willing to learn."

The old gentleman nodded. "That's better. That's the spirit. I began all over at forty. What's your name, young man?"

"Royal Jordan."

The man jerked upright so suddenly that his rugs tumbled in confusion to the floor.

"He knows Uncle Dex," thought Royal with a premonition of evil. He leaned over and secured the rugs, replacing them about the old gentleman who was now trembling violently.

"You had better let me assist you to your stateroom, sir."

"It was nothing, nothing. Just a—pain. It's gone now. My name is Roy-pain. It's gone now. My name is Roy-pain, too. Royal Sand." He looked searchingly at Royal. "Have you, by any

chance, heard of Dexter Jordan of New York?"

"I'm from the Pacific coast," answered Royal noncommittally.

"I am on my way to America in the hope of learning some news concerning him. We were in business together many years ago. An accident separated us and I don't know that he is even alive."

Royal crossed his legs and flicked a bit of dust from his sleeve. "Been living in Europe since then?"

"In Africa."

"Africa!" There was no mistaking the interest in Royal's tone.

"Yes," said the man, his blue eyes now looking far out to sea. "Dexter Jordan and George Plattson and I were hunting. I became lost from the party, including my small son."

"You didn't find your way back to camp?"

"Never."

"And yet you escaped alive!"

"It was one of the Lord's miracles."

"I should think you would have wanted to get away from Africa after such an experience. Didn't you ever locate your child?"

Sand shook his head and shuddered. "For days and nights I wandered in the jungle, searching, calling, screaming. Then I knew no more until one day I found myself sitting in a native hut, naked, dirty and utterly wild looking. How I got there I never knew until months afterwards when I had learned the language sufficiently to enable me to discover that at least five years had passed since the natives had found me, a raving maniac, wandering in the jungle. They brought me to their village and practically worshipped me as a sort of witch doctor. Needless to say, I remembered nothing about all this. Their language I had learned during my amnesia was forgotten in my recovery and I had to learn it all over again. The natives were first puzzled and then angry at the change in me and I had to flee for my life.

"Penniless and alone, I came to know God who had preserved me. From that day to this I have never ceased to pray that God would bring me tidings of my lost family. I worked to gain money to continue my search for my family. All my investigations proved fruitless. I now own a small business near the coast which has enabled me to make this trip in search of information concerning my lost ones."

Royal kept his eyes fastened on the ship's rail and not by word or action did he betray the chaos of his mind. If what this man said was true, and Royal was convinced that it was, Paul's identity was about to be solved. Surely there couldn't be two cases with such similar circumstances. "Was your wife in Africa with you?" he asked.

"Yes. I was the junior partner of the firm, Jordan, Plattson and Sand, and went to Africa to investigate some mines in which we were interested. My wife and small son accompanied me. I found things even better than I had expected and sent a report back to the office. Jordan and Plattson decided to join me. Several days before their expected arrival I set out to meet them in a native 'push,' taking my son along for the trip. Plattson took a sudden desire to spend a week in hunting before going on with the business. I objected as I was anxious to get back to my camp. My wife was in a delicate state of health and I was anxious to take her to the coast where she could have the proper care. But they prevailed, the guides were eager for the sport and I was outruled.

"We got separated the second day. I've never seen, or heard from them again. My little son! My wife in camp among those black folk, waiting for me to come home—oh! I cannot bear to think of it!" He sprang to his feet and walked quickly away.

Paul's father without a doubt. Why not tell the old gentleman what he knew and put an end to his torture? Royal decided to wait and give Sand a chance to recover his composure. He was a fine old fellow. Royal liked him. Paul would be proud to have him for a father. But why had his Uncle never mentioned the tragedy? Royal was not even aware of the Jordan, Plattson, Sand partnership. As far back as he could remember his Uncle had owned the big mills that made the town of Nestor. Had the three men been friendly? Business partnerships sometimes resulted in broken friendships. And what about Plattson, and Sand's other little boy?

Royal thought of the mysterious Mr. Brown and his evident power over his Uncle. Brown's peculiar actions when first meeting Paul and, yes, himself. He did not, Royal reflected, know much about his Uncle. Perhaps Sand could tell him some things. He would ask him. Why keep his relation to Jordan a secret? It was liable to come out at any moment, once they landed in New York. But first he would relieve Sand's mind in regard to Paul.

He got up and went in search of him. He found him at the far end of the deck, leaning against the rail. Royal approached and slapped him on the shoulder with gentle cheerfulness.

"You left so suddenly back there—I meant to tell you—this summer I met a young fellow whose story tallies with yours. He doesn't know his real name, and his father was lost in the jungle—!"

Sand turned quickly. "A young man—father lost in the jungle, yes?—Oh!" he clutched Royal's arm, "go on, go on! Tell me! Is it possible after all these years—oh, dear God—"

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B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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Sunday, December 3, 1939

"INTO ALL THE WORLD"

Scripture Reference: Mark 16:14-20.

1. Lack of Faith

Jesus sent out the disciples with practically no faith. In the verses just prior to this passage, we are informed of the disbelief of the disciples in the story of Jesus' resurrection. Mary Magdalene had come to them first and had related finding the stone rolled away from the door of the tomb and having a "young man arrayed in a white robe" tell her that Jesus, the Nazarene, had arisen from the dead. Later came the two disciples who were joined on their way to Emmaus by a "stranger," whom they recognized as the Christ as they sat at supper, to relate to the rest of the disciples their marvelous experience. Verse 13 of our chapter tells us: "neither believed they them." "And afterward he was manifested unto the eleven themselves as they sat at meat; and he upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

How much faith in the deeds and person of Jesus is necessary to undertake great things for him? We are told here that the disciples had no faith in the resurrection story of Jesus after they had been told several times he must rise again. The testimony of three witnesses to the fact that they did not believe. And yet Jesus recognized them and honored them with a tremendous task. Whenever our faith is shattered to pieces, Jesus gives us positive proof of his presence and assigns us a colossal commission.

2. The Whole World Our Field

People who feel themselves gripped with certain truths generally have a world wide vision of the realization of their dreams. Perhaps they do not express it in these words, but they definitely feel that any one who does not share their views has not come up to their attainments. Communism strives for a world revolution; naziism hopes for a national-socialistic rule in every nation; fascism is of the same aspiration. We believe every nation ought to be a democracy. World wide vision is natural to one who has been gripped by some ideal or truth.

Jesus, who came as the Savior of every human soul, yearns for every soul to be informed of his saving power and his ability to reinstate such into

the fellowship of the Father. He came to the Jews first, but he also said: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd."

3. Lack of Interest.

The lack of interest so often expressed by some Christians is merely a confession of superficiality in Christian living. They certainly want to be recognized as confessing Christ as their Savior. Any one who infers they might be insincere in their confession is met with an outburst of indignation. Christ is their Savior from sin, and their manner of life is proof thereof, as they affirm.

But let us think a little more seriously about the matter. If you have even been on the road to certain destruction, whether it be to death by serious illness or legal condemnation, or in any other manner, and you have discovered a way of being saved from that destruction, you will certainly want to inform others in the same plight of your discovery. If your body and soul have been saved from the ravages of sin by the power of Christ, and if you realize that others are reaping the fruits of their evil deeds, you cannot stand idly by and witness their ruination.

These Christians who express their lack of interest in missions, hasten, however, to declare that they have plenty of pagans in their own community that need to be saved. Let us be quick to admit the truth of this declaration, for we all know it. But if the pagans in their community and ours need to be saved by Christ, so do those in the uttermost parts of the world. Interest is not a matter of miles, or the reconstruction of a community, but rather a concern for the eternal well-being of an immortal soul. What matters it then, whether the pagan is in America or Africa?

Sunday, December 10, 1939

"TEACHING, PREACHING, HEALING"

Scripture Reference: Matt. 4:23-25.

This passage gives us the three main activities of Jesus during his earthly life: teaching, preaching, healing. These three were fundamental in his program, if we interpret healing broadly enough to include all his acts of goodness to mankind. We believe that you will agree to this broad interpretation, for it is common agreement that the great Physician administered spiritual healing in everything he did.

1. Teaching

Let us remember that teaching is not merely the transmission of knowledge from one to another. According to Webster's dictionary teaching means "to show, guide, direct; to train or accustom to." The emphasis, then, is not on the imparting of knowledge, but rather enabling some one to do himself what we have learned to do. Christian education has as its aim to show others how they can better embody and manifest the spirit and teachings of Christ in their lives. Robert Seneca Smith of Yale Divinity School says in his book, "New Trails for the Christian Teacher": "Learning is not just the memorizing of materials in a textbook, and the test of learning is not merely the ability to reproduce in oral or written form what has thus been memorized. The evidence of real learning . . . is to be found in the changes or modifications of behavior that occur in the life of the learner. In other words, has the teaching-learning process made a difference in the pupil?" Certainly the great Teacher was the first master of the art of teaching so as to guide men into new ways of living.

2. Preaching

T. Harwood Pattison, an outstanding authority on preaching, offers this definition: "Preaching is the spoken communication of divine truth with a view to persuasion." There are many kinds of communication: teaching is communication with guidance as its aim; the printed age is communication for the purpose of information. Dr. Pattison says: "Christian preaching is limited to the proclamation and enforcement of the truth of God." The Christian preacher has a message given him by God to be delivered to man in the hope that man will live according to God's will. The apostle Paul says: "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." (2. Cor. 5:20)

Naturally, we understand that the greater part of this persuasion is on the part of the Holy Spirit. Eloquence and oratory have their place in Christian preaching, but a subordinate place. No preacher has a right to indulge in oratory to the extent that his hearers fail to understand his message. People must not only understand God's message, but also feel his power attracting them. Characteristic of all Christian preaching must be the words of the prophet Zechariah: (4:6) "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

3. Healing

Healing is perhaps the most effective key to the heart's door. It permits the Christian to offer a convincing demonstration of the Spirit he is advocating. When we are sick we are prone to pity ourselves and expect everybody to sympathize with us. With low physical vitality comes slow emotional control. The person who does us a favor then without getting more in return than he offers is certainly our friend. We open our hearts to him immediately and completely. We listen attentively as he, the Christian, tells us of One who did such acts of goodness to so many people that thousands followed him wherever he went.

We usually think of healing in the sense of curing our physical diseases. There are also diseases of personality which can be cured by some one who knows how to banish our fears and release our pent-up energies. The greatest healing of all is that of the soul by the only great Physician. This physician is ever near all of us to heal all our soul's diseases.

Sunday, December 17, 1939

OUR PART IN THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

Scripture Reference: Romans 10:8-15.

When we think of our part in the missionary enterprise, we think of these three: witnessing, giving, praying. There is no question as to which of these three things is the most important because all three are vital parts of the whole. Neither can one be delegated to one individual or group, and another to another; all three to one individual or group, and another to another; all three depend upon each one of us.

1. Witnessing

The location of missionary tasks is not primarily in a foreign nation, but wherever we can make our influence felt. Rev. W. G. Coltman said: "The great commission, 'Go ye into all the world' does not apply exclusively to foreign missions, for the world begins where your front yard ends. When you leave your doorstep you are in the world." The United States of America are far from being thoroughly Christian. Let us just take a moment to think of how many people in our community we know who do not go to church. (Pause a moment.) Somebody once estimated that only 60% of the people in the United States are on the church roll and only 40% attend with any degree of regularity. It is clearly seen, then, that our task begins at our door and reaches out to the uttermost part of the world.

2. Giving

Giving is perhaps one of the most painful words in any language. This, of course, always means money, and we hate to part with money which we

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and Phyllis Miller, secretary. Mrs. H. G. Braun serves as leader and is bringing a series of brief talks to the group on the parables of Jesus. The Senior B. Y. P. U., of which Elmer Schulte is president, has pledged an annual mission offering of \$25. Recently the Corona Church finished its renovation program of painting the church, building a church tower and new basement, installing a new furnace, decorating the interior, purchasing new hymnals and chairs for the Sunday School rooms at a total cost of more than \$1000. The Rev. H. G. Braun is pastor of the church.

● Revival meetings were held in the German Baptist Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., from October 5 to 15 with the Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Mich., serving as evangelist. The meetings were very successful with large crowds filling the church every evening and with a number of persons responding to the invitation of the evangelist to accept Christ as Savior. The South Dakota Association met with the Chancellor Church from October 1 to 5. Mrs. John Borchers, the wife of the pastor, is at present confined to a sanitarium in the Black Hills of South Dakota where she is recuperating from a critical illness. She can be addressed at South Dakota State Sanitarium, Sanator, So. Dak. Mr. Borchers reported a fine Vacation Bible School held for the first time in Chancellor from October 2 to 11 with an average attendance of 33 children.

● The Sunday School of the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, held its rally day program on Sunday evening, September 24. The superintendent, Mr. B. Meyer, was in charge of the program which included songs by the various departments, a violin solo by Norman Mashner and offertory by

have earned by the sweat of our brow. We have so many things we would rather do with it with returns for ourselves. We are after the satisfaction of our own desires. Desire is a powerful urge with us.

This matter of desire enters into our support of our local church. The more we desire the services and fellowship of the church, the more we are ready to pay cash for it. Many people pay a high price for it. If the Church of Christ is of such inestimable value and service to us, it can and should mean the same to those who live on the opposite side of the world. If the Church has brought you the gospel of salvation, and by it you have been reinstated into the fellowship of the heavenly Father, everybody else whom he has created to be his child needs to hear the same gospel.

Esther Pfaff and a message by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." On that same Sunday morning the Rev. C. P. Cierpke of Germany was the guest speaker. On Monday evening, September 25, the World Wide Guild girls of the church won the first prize banner at the city wide rally held in the Lakewood Baptist Church. This guild was organized by Mrs. T. W. Bender a year ago and is the pride of the church. Mrs. Alberta Bergen is the president of the guild and Mrs. T. W. Bender the leader. From October 16 to 27 evangelistic meetings were held with the Rev. George A. Lang of Detroit, Mich., serving as the able evangelist. The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender is pastor of the church.

● The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," has recently visited all the South Dakota churches in our extended itinerary. From October 2 to 4 he participated in the program of the South Dakota Association at Chancellor. On Thursday evening, October 6, he spoke to a large gathering in the Corona Church. At a young people's rally in Parkston on Friday evening, October 13, Mr. Leuschner brought the main address. On Sunday, October 15, he preached in the Tyndall and Danzig stations of the Emanuel's Creek Church and in Avon. During the week that followed he spoke at services in Wessington Springs, the Plum Creek Church, Emery, Madison and Spring Valley. On Sunday morning, October 22, he was the guest speaker in the Unityville Church. From Wednesday, October 25, to Sunday, October 29, he participated in the program of the Pacific Northwest Conference held in Startup, Washington, addressing several evening sessions, the women's missionary gathering and two young people's meetings.

3. Praying

Witnessing and giving do not discharge our whole obligation to Christ and the world. Our witnessing is confined to a comparatively small area, usually with our physical presence. Only a few people can extend their field by witnessing through the printed page. Our giving is determined by our income, and though our money may be sent far, yet this field has its definite limits also. But no one really knows where the limits to his prayer activity are. When we pray for God's work we are doing God's work.

Here are some excerpts from the chapter, "Prayer as Work," in Dr. Halesby's book on "Prayer":

"Prayer is the most important work in the kingdom of God. It is our Lord's will that we should enter into this work as soon as we have been won for God."

Reports from the Field

Dakota Conference

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Appel in American Falls, Idaho

On Sunday evening, September 24, the German Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho, gathered to honor Mrs. and Mr. Albert Appel at their silver wedding anniversary. Short talks were given in their honor by Mr. Kraemer and Mr. Fred Mayer. A poem was read by Mr. Hornbacher.

In response Mr. Appel gave a talk telling about his conversion and also about some of their trials through life, but always stressing the fact that the Lord had always been their strength and joy. Mr. and Mrs. Appel were presented with a beautiful set of silverware by the church.

Mr. Appel has been the agent for our church papers for many years. He is also our church sexton and is at present serving as our Sunday School superintendent.

MRS. JOHN NEUMAN, Reporter.

Junior B. Y. P. U. Organized in the Jamestown Church

The members and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, No. Dak., have felt a great need for a Junior B. Y. P. U. organization for some time. This was realized when, on the afternoon of August 11, 16 Juniors met at the Klaus Park for a picnic and at which time an organization was formed. Our pastor, the Rev. W. A. Weyrauch, appointed the undersigned as president, and she in turn appointed Mrs. J. Seiboldt, first vice-president, and Mrs. R. Treibwasser, second vice-president.

Four groups were organized among the Juniors with an able leader for each group, which then has charge of a program every fourth Sunday. Our membership has increased to 30, and the average attendance each Sunday evening is 16. We have been studying about that great country of Palestine, and we find it very interesting. Our aim is to become strong in the work, so that later we will become fine Senior workers, and also that our faith in Christ Jesus will not diminish but increase.

MRS. A. D. KREIN, President.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. August Rosner, by the Turtle Lake and Tabor Churches

On Sunday evening, October 1, a reception was held at the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. August

Rosner, formerly of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada.

The Rev. Karl Gieser of the Bismarck Baptist Church brought the sermon of the evening. The program consisted of a selection by the male quartet and two numbers by the choir. Welcome messages to our new pastor and his wife in behalf of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church were given by the Sunday School superintendent, Christ Franke; the president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Andrew Mehrer; and the president of the B. Y. P. U., Mr. Herbert Wolitarsky.

Welcome speeches representing the Tabor Church, were given by the Sunday School superintendent, Sam Rust; the president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Ed Rauser; the president of the B. Y. P. U., Mr. Ben Littke; and the deacon of the church, Mr. Ed Rauser.

Refreshments were served in the church parlor by the Ladies' Aids of Tabor and Turtle Lake. Approximately 200 people were in attendance.

S. ALYCE WAGNER, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Young People's Session of the Atlantic Conference and Retreat at Sunshine Acres Attended by Many

The young people's session in connection with the Atlantic Conference was held on Sunday afternoon, September 17, at the Evangel Church in Newark, N. J. Miss Margaret Macoskey, the retiring president, was in charge of the meeting. The Clinton Hill church choir rendered fine music and an instrumental trio of the Evangel Church accompanied the organ for the song service which was led by Mr.

A new devotional book!

Springs in the Valley

By Mrs. Chas. E. Cowman

This is a successor and a companion volume to "Streams in the Desert," which is now in its nineteenth edition and which has to date had a circulation of nearly three hundred thousand copies. This new volume seems to be of the same deeply spiritual type and every reader may expect refreshing from its daily reading.

A devotion for each day of the year, all contained in an attractively bound book of 377 pages. The book appears just in time for the holiday season upon which we are about to enter.

The Price also \$1.50

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Edwin Marklein, our national Y. P. and S. S. W. Union president.

The Rev. Adolph Kannwischer of the Ridgewood Church very fittingly installed the new officers with Mr. Milton Frahme, the new president, responding. The other new officers are: Miss Clara Berger, vice-president; Miss Carol Sheffig, secretary; Mr. Otto Draeger, treasurer; Mrs. Josephine Rauscher, mission secretary.

We were very happy to hear that our budget of \$1350 had been surpassed, the first time in several years. Of that amount \$1000 is to be used for our Rochester Seminary, which was our mission project for the year.

The speaker of the afternoon was the dean of the seminary, Prof. Albert Bretschneider. His inspiring message had these thoughts: "Christ depends on you. Apart from Christ we can do nothing, but with him we can conquer the world. We must abide with him to have the abundant life."

Our fifth retreat of the Atlantic Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held at Sunshine Acres at Commack, Long Island, from September 29 to October 1. Most of the sunshine was in our hearts, because the heavenly sun was hidden by clouds most of the time. Those who were able to arrive Friday night enjoyed the Christian fellowship at a "Barn Party" under the leadership of Miss Margaret Macoskey.

The Saturday meetings were in charge of our new president, Mr. Milton Frahme, with Mr. George Steinbronn acting as song leader. Devotions were led by the Rev. Gustav Friedenberg, who brought a message about pressing on and holding fast to worthwhile things.

The Rev. William Appel was the competent leader of the first course, "Why We Are Baptists." Time did not permit more discussion of the vital points of this interesting topic. Mrs. Josephine Rauscher presented a fine paper on Martin Luther's life by Mr. Appel's request. The second course was "How to Prepare and Teach a Sunday School Lesson Effectively" and was very capably led by Miss Wilhelmina Feist.

The evening inspirational message was brought by the Rev. G. Friedenberg, and it was a challenging one for the young people in the world of today. The evening's fellowship was enjoyed around the bonfire with Vincent Nold in charge. On Sunday morning the group attended a nearby church, and the retreat came to an end on Sunday afternoon.

ALICE KAAZ, Reporter.

Central Conference Annual Session of the Publication Board

The annual meeting of the publication board was called to order by the vice-president, the Rev. E. Umbach, on September 26, at the Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio. It was a strenuously busy and delightfully happy day with the hours passing quickly from nine o'clock in the morning until nine in the evening at the close of an inspiring service held in the Erin Avenue Church.

All of the members of the board without exception were present. Mr. H. Wobig of Buffalo, N. Y., was the new member succeeding the late Prof. G. H. Schneck. The Rev. T. W. Bender of Cleveland was elected to membership in the board following the resignation of the Rev. H. Dymmel of Anaheim, Calif. The Rev. E. Umbach was elected as president, and Rev. P. Wengel as vice-president of the board.

The reports of the general business manager, Mr. H. P. Donner, and of the editors of our publications, the Revs. Samuel Blum and M. L. Leuschner, gave a comprehensive picture of the work of the publication society. The members of the board unanimously passed a resolution expressing their gratitude to the manager for the efficient and business-like manner in which he conducted the affairs of the publication society and likewise to the editors for their able services.

Business transactions included the reappointment of Mr. A. D. Schantz as denominational colporter, whose ministry is a blessing to our churches wherever he goes; the reappointment of the Rev. B. Schlipf as editor of the "Lektionsblaetter" and the Rev. W. Luebeck to prepare the Sunday School page for "Der Sendbote"; the designation of Sunday, December 10, as "Publication Sunday" for our denomination and the making of preparations to promote that day in our churches; the choice of Sunday, February 25, 1940, as the next Bible Day for our Sunday Schools; and the adoption of a revised Club Plan for our publications, the detailed terms of which were announced on page 400 in the October 15 issue of "The Baptist Herald" by the business manager.

An enjoyable hour was spent during the luncheon recess at the hospitable home of Mrs. A. Weeber. Another hour of delightful fellowship was experienced at the Erin Avenue Church, prior to the union service for the Cleveland churches held in the evening. In a friendly and congenial atmosphere the members of the board were introduced to the audience and brief inspiring addresses about the ministry of the publication society in such critical times as these were brought by the Rev. P. Wengel of Detroit and Prof. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio.

WM. L. SCHOEFFEL, Secretary.

Southern Conference Farewell Programs for the Rev. and Mrs. A. Becker in Waco, Texas

It was with deep regret that the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Tex., was forced to accept the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. A. Becker, after he had faithfully served the church for the past 14 years. Mr. Becker has retired from the active ministry after 43 years of service in Texas, and closed his ministry at the Waco church on September 24, 1939. To honor Mr. Becker and his family the church entertained them with a social at the Municipal Club House, prior to their removal to their future home in Denton, at which time more than 70 members and friends called to express their love and good wishes.



A Lovely Picture of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Becker of Texas Who Have Recently Retired Following a Memorable Service of 43 Years in Our Churches and of 14 Years in the Waco Church

On Sunday evening, September 24, the church again showed its appreciation and love to them by presenting a farewell program. The meeting was in charge of R. E. Engelbrecht, a deacon of the church. Messages of praise and farewell were conveyed to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Becker from the Women's Missionary Union by Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz and from the Sunday School by Miss Marie Heusi. The Baptist Training Union was represented by Marie Stobbe, who also presented a large picture of Mr. and Mrs. Becker to the church to be hung in the Sunday School annex.

Mr. J. N. Kittlitz, church clerk, speaking in behalf of the church pointed out three characteristics in brother Becker's life which became evident. First, his messages involved the great and true story of "Jesus Christ, our Savior" and revealed that his preparatory work included much prayer and guidance by the Holy Spirit. Second, he was willing to serve with his talents in any capacity. Third, in brother Becker's life we have seen and still see how God fulfills his promises, for his life, which has been dedicated to the Lord's service has been prolonged to a ripe old age; he was privileged to witness the acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ by all his children and has enjoyed the untiring love and care

of his beloved wife and the continued friendship and high esteem of all those who came in contact with him. At the conclusion Mr. Becker was presented with a leather bound book containing personal testimonies of the members of the church. He expressed his thanks to the church and spoke briefly on Rev. 2:10—"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

During the years prior to Mr. Becker's ministry, our church received financial support from the Mission Board. Through the examples set by him, we saw the possibility of becoming self-supporting which fact was realized. During recent years we have seen a constant increase in our contributions for our missionary enterprises and we were also privileged to build a Sunday School annex.

MR. R. E. ENGELBRECHT, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Rally and Promotion Sunday at the Bethany Church of Oregon

The Sunday School of the Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., observed Rally and Promotion Day on Sunday, October 1. The attendance was over 160.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Friesen of the Western Baptist Seminary were our guests and served with music and singing. Mr. Friesen also brought the message in the service that followed. The church had designated this Sunday as "Home Coming Day." Before a large congregation the pastor had the joy of baptizing 5 adults and to receive them with two others by letter into the fellowship of the church during the communion service at the close of the morning. The church is looking forward to the evangelistic meetings to be held with the "Kraft Party" from October 29 to November 10.

The church's 60th anniversary will be observed over the week-end of Sunday, November 26. We have set for ourselves high ideals of attainment and service, realizing that only through God's help and guidance can they be achieved.

JOHN SCHWEITZER, Pastor.

Promotion Day of the Laurelhurst Sunday School in Portland, Oregon

The Sunday School of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., observed "Promotion Day" on Sunday, September 24. Our pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Mueller, brought an appropriate promotion day address. Special music was rendered by Victor Dyck.

The two large third year primary classes were promoted to the main Sunday School. The children's division marched into the auditorium while the congregation was singing, "We're Marching to Zion." After a prayer song, they recited the Lord's prayer.



Children of the Primary Department of the Laurelhurst Sunday School in Portland, Oregon, With Bibles Received on Promotion Day

The third year primary classes then recited Psalms 23 and 100, the ten commandments and the beatitudes, which they had learned during the past year. Mrs. Alice Pohl, superintendent of the primary department, awarded them lovely Bibles for their efforts. The teachers presented them with diplomas.

Three new Sunday School classes were formed and Mr. Emil Henkelman, superintendent of the Sunday School, is very happy over the progress and growth of the school.

ANNA WARDIN, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference Ordination of the Rev. John Walkup at Victor, Iowa

Following a request of the German Baptist Church at Victor, Iowa, a group of representatives of various Baptist churches in Iowa gathered at the church on Friday, September 15, to serve as a council for the purpose of examining Mr. John Walkup as a candidate for ordination to the gospel ministry.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Torry Johnson of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., with Scripture reading and prayer, after which the resolutions of the church regarding the request for this council were read by the deacon of the church, Mr. Jacob Langhein. The council was then organized in the usual manner. The Rev. A. Bernadt of Burlington was appointed chairman, and the Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg as clerk of the council. The candidate was asked to give his testimony regarding his conversion,

call to the ministry, and his doctrinal convictions. After these had been heard and discussed, the council unanimously recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination.

In the evening a large number of friends and members of the church were present to witness the ordination service. After the singing of a number of hymns, the minutes of the council were read. Dr. Johnson read a Scripture passage and led in prayer. The Rev. C. F. Lehr, pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church, preached an inspiring ordination sermon. Dr. Johnson gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. H. Palfenier of Steamboat Rock

gave the charge to the church. The ordination prayer, with the laying on of hands, was spoken by the Rev. C. F. Lehr, and the Rev. Emil Gruen of Des Moines welcomed the candidate into the fellowship of the ministers, after which the meeting was closed with the benediction by the Rev. John Walkup.

Mr. Walkup has been serving the Victor Church for a number of months and has made a good impression on all with whom he has come in contact, not only within the church but also in the community. He is quite a gifted young man and has been a blessing to many with his singing. May the Lord use him and his testimony and give him many souls for his hire!

H. LOHR, Clerk of the Council.

Southwestern Conference Sessions of the Nebraska Fall Association at the Shell Creek Church

The Nebraska Association opened its Fall sessions in the Shell Creek Baptist Church on Thursday night, September 28, and brought them to a close on Sunday evening, October 1.

After the Rev. M. De Boer of the presiding church had extended a hearty welcome to the delegates and visitors, the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Beatrice brought the opening sermon in the German language, basing it on Matthew 17:8—"And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one save Jesus only."

On Friday morning Mr. W. Niemann of Beatrice led the devotions from

Psalm 8:6, after which a report of the three churches, which comprise our association, followed. Then Mr. De Boer brought his work in German on the theme, "Die rechte Stellung des Christen zur Schrift."

After a sumptuous dinner Mr. Wm. Brunken of Creston led a short devotional period and a short business session followed. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago brought us a message in German on "Missionary and Denominational Problems in Times of War" through which we were shown the effects of this present war on our work in general at home and abroad. Then Mr. De Boer gave a message in German and the Rev. Theodore Frey of Creston followed with a message on "The Right Attitude of a Christian Towards All Services in the Church." In the evening Mr. Leuschner gave a message on Luke 19:10.

On Saturday the Rev. M. L. Leuschner had charge of the institute work. A Bible class was also arranged for the older people in charge of the Rev. T. Frey. In the evening Mr. Leuschner showed us interesting pictures of our missionary work in Africa and at home.

The church was well filled on Sunday morning and we had the pleasure of hearing a missionary address by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner based on "The Rich Young Ruler" according to Matt. 19. The offering was taken after this message which amounted to \$54. During the Sunday School period we listened to speakers from the different churches. Sunday afternoon was given over to the program of the young people of the different churches, which consisted of numbers by duets, a sextet, male quartet, male chorus and the church choir. Mr. Leuschner followed this with a splendid message to the young people. The offering in the afternoon amounted to \$19, making a total of \$73 for the day.

The inspiring message of Mr. Rietdorf on Sunday evening brought the sessions to a close. His message was on following Jesus according to Hebrews 5. Everyone was happier for having attended the meetings, for they imparted new courage and strength, inspiring each one to do his part in the upbuilding of the glorious Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The ladies of the presiding church served bountiful and delicious meals to all in the church basement. Although such good preparations had been made for the body, we didn't forget that the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

The church of Creston is looking forward to serving the association in the spring of 1940, if the Lord wills.

ELIZABETH JONESCHEIT, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Inspiring Sessions of the Eastern Conference Held at Killaloe, Ontario

A very fine group of delegates, friends and visitors, filled with great expectations, attended the thoroughly planned and well prepared sessions of the Eastern Conference from August 23 to 27 at Killaloe, Ontario, Canada. The Calvary Baptist Church with its aggressive pastor, the Rev. Edgar Klatt, and its most hospitable people not only said they were glad to have us, but also proved it by their splendid hospitality. The entire conference may be considered as one of the finest and most inspirational held for a long time.

On the opening evening, August 23, the message by Prof. A. A. Schade entitled, "Christ and His Evangel," gave us the assurance that the Lord was with us to bless. The message, which was also the theme of the conference, was based upon the commission of our Lord and Master. On Thursday morning a very fine group attended the first devotional service led by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer.

Mrs. I. E. Domes then presented a very fine message entitled, "Youth and Evangelism." Our young people are needed, especially in a time like this for a purpose so noble and worthy as evangelism. The Rev. John Heer led the devotion in the afternoon. The rest of the afternoon will long be remembered and cherished since it was devoted to a thorough discussion of the continuance of the Eastern Conference. How thrilling it was to find our place, to see our opportunity, to recognize our heritage, and to hear the joyous assurance everywhere that many years of progressive enterprise with much vigor and vitality are ours. The discussion left no doubt in our minds as to the continuance of the Eastern conference with flying colors.

No better evidence of these expressed convictions could have been given than that presented at the evening service. The church was filled to capacity and the jubilant singing of both the congregation and the combined chairs gave us the assurance of devotion and allegiance to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. The message of the Rev. L. B. Holzner entitled, "The Church and Evangelism," proved, indeed, the message needed for courage and strength to do our best.

The morning devotion on Friday led by George Zinz, Jr., Prof. A. A. Schade gave a very vivid and interesting report of our Seminary at Rochester. Reports of other institutions were also received. The Rev. H. W. Habel then spoke on "Bible and Evangelism." After the devotion for the afternoon led by the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer a very encouraging report from our untiring mission secretary of the Eastern Conference, the Rev. Peter Geissler, was given. The rest of the afternoon

was devoted to the program of the Ladies' Missionary Societies.

The evening service was again the greatest of the day. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Gordon H. Baker, whose message, "True Motive in Evangelism," was definite, precise and to the point. As president of the International Evangelistic Association he spoke with certainty, convictions and assurance from God.

The Rev. Daniel Fuchs led the devotions on Saturday. After all business items were settled, we elected officers for the coming year. The Rev. L. B. Holzner was elected as moderator, and the next Eastern Conference will be held on the opening day of the General Conference in Winnipeg. Mr. Geissler beautifully led an impressive memorial service. Many have gone home and we miss them, especially our beloved brother, the late Rev. David Hamel.

Saturday evening had been set aside for the banquet of the young people. In the beautiful renovated and decorated dining room, where we had enjoyed so many delicious meals, we again enjoyed a great feast. The program, full of good things and presented colorfully, will long be cherished by all who attended.

Sunday brought the conference to a close. Under the leadership of Mr. Gordon Weber the Sunday School hour swiftly passed. Superintendents from various churches read the lesson and the Rev. Henry Pfeifer spoke briefly. Prof. A. A. Schade brought the morning message on "Evangelism and Christian Education."

Another great crowd listened intently in the afternoon to Dr. Gordon H. Baker as he spoke on "The Supreme Need of the Christian Church Today." At the close of that service we observed the Lord's Supper. This closing service in the evening was held outside the church on the hill.

REV. HENRY PFEIFER, Reporter.

NEW MISSION FIELDS IN BOSNIA

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fence upon the assembled group. But Christ won the victory! After the close of the service we were able to speak earnest words to these young people who had disturbed us.

Several of the village are now awaiting baptism. The Spirit of God is at work in this place. As we left the village, we agreed that this is a mission field, the soil of which has been wonderfully prepared for a large harvest. Our most pressing duty is to cultivate and watch over such a field. Oh, how large are the mission fields of the Lord and how few the laborers!

Adventures Along the Way

Our journey to the village of Bozinze was accompanied by many trying adventures. After our arrival at the nearest railroad station, we still had to journey on foot for four hours before

reaching Bozinze. Unfortunately, it also started to rain and we made very slow progress. When these roads become wet, the mud sticks like gumbo to one's shoes until one feels as if the entire countryside were being taken along with one's feet.

Occasionally we sought refuge in little huts along the road and sang to keep up our courage. A young stalwart Bosnian guided us for part of the way and we spoke to him about the saving love of God in Christ. After a while, the road stopped, and we found ourselves on a narrow path which took us over hills and into valleys and through all kinds of smaller and larger streams, over none of which there was a bridge. Well, we arrived safely in the village late that evening but drenched to the skin by the rain and the streams. However, we forgot all these discomforts on the following day as we visited the Christian families there, talked to the children and held several services for the people. This mission field is also "white to harvest," and these lonesome Christians, who have no minister to serve them regularly, need our prayers.

Sarajevo's Open Doors

Again on the following morning at dawn we were off for the distant city of Sarajevo, our last visit in Bosnia. The train puffed its way through the picturesque Bosnian mountains with their wildly romantic peaks and precipices. Towards evening we arrived at Sarajevo, which has come to mean "the Castle in a Valley." The skyline is punctured by the 120 minarets that rise proudly over the Mohammedan mosques.

In this city of Jugoslavia, where in 1914 the shot was fired that killed the Austrian archduke and set off the powder keg of the last World War, we were received by the good-sized group of our Baptist brethren. It has been said that Sarajevo is like an Elim in the desert for tired, worn out messengers of God. That statement is not exaggerated. We spent ten days here, during which we worked and rested. Here, too, we heard the Macedonian call: "Come over and help us!" This is another mission field, which is not served regularly by any Christian missionary and which is too far distant for frequent visits by us.

Our Privilege

How the world, especially here in Jugoslavia, at the gateway into the Balkans, needs Jesus Christ, the Savior! How grateful the people are when the gospel of God's love and redeeming grace is brought to them! How we need to plant God's Word into the hearts of these people and gather in the sheaves of the wonderful harvest! Do not cease to pray and to give for this great work. It is God's Kingdom, which is coming gloriously in light and truth even here in Jugoslavia. Our prayer must always be: "Thy Kingdom come, O God, for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever."

An Imperative Call!

The shades of night fell quietly upon one of the large cities in war in Europe and unbroken silence reigned everywhere. With fearful hearts the people had retired for rest and sleep, when the siren's shriek pierced the stillness of that night, warning of the approach of the enemy aircraft. Fearful of what might now happen, no one hesitated, but snatching the gas mask, everyone fled to the shelter. That siren's shriek was an **IMPERATIVE CALL** demanding obedience.

Mobilization has been ordered in many countries of Europe. Men are leaving their factories and farms and offices for the nearest armory. In the quiet retirement of the family home, fathers and husbands and sons are taking their tearful farewells. At the railroad station amidst the hurrahs of enthusiastic patriotism, off they go to camp. Mobilization is always an **IMPERATIVE CALL** demanding obedience.

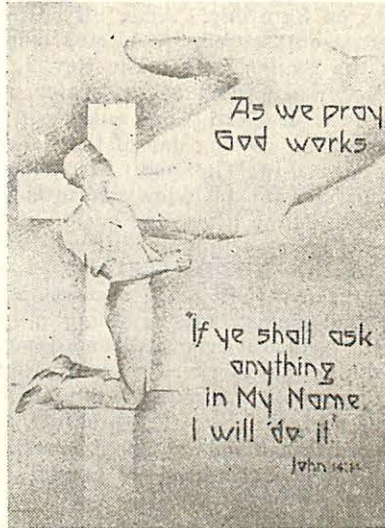
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and

SACRIFICE WEEK

from Sunday, November 26,
to Sunday, December 3.



God's Promise to All Believers

This, too, is an **IMPERATIVE CALL**. Our own grateful hearts prompt us and the Holy Spirit urges us to observe this week. Let us "count our many blessings and see what God hath done" for us individually, as families, as churches, as a denomination and as a country. Let us think of the less favored people, especially of those living in war-torn Europe and China.

We are happy to report that the European War has not affected our relationship with our Danubian mission work in Rumania, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Hungary. We gladly join that great host of intercessors, coming

from many lands and petitioning the throne of God direct that he speedily remove the curse of war from us and again establish a lasting peace among the brotherhood of man. Only as we acknowledge this call for thanksgiving as "imperative," will the incense of praise rise from our hearts to the throne of God in a volume worthy of ourselves and well pleasing to him.

This **IMPERATIVE CALL** demands of us also "sacrifice." We owe to God not only the crumbs that fall from our tables but our all. "The mercies of God," which we have received in such rich measure, demand of us "that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which alone is our reasonable service." Our country needs us; Christ needs us; our churches need us; our denomination needs us; the world needs us! Therefore, during this week we should all consecrate ourselves anew and, withholding nothing, bring our gifts for sacrificial service for Christ and that exalted Kingdom service in connection with his church.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL

William Kuhn,

Executive Secretary

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR SHARE IN THE DENOMINATIONAL
THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK**

from Sunday, November 26, to Sunday, December 3?