

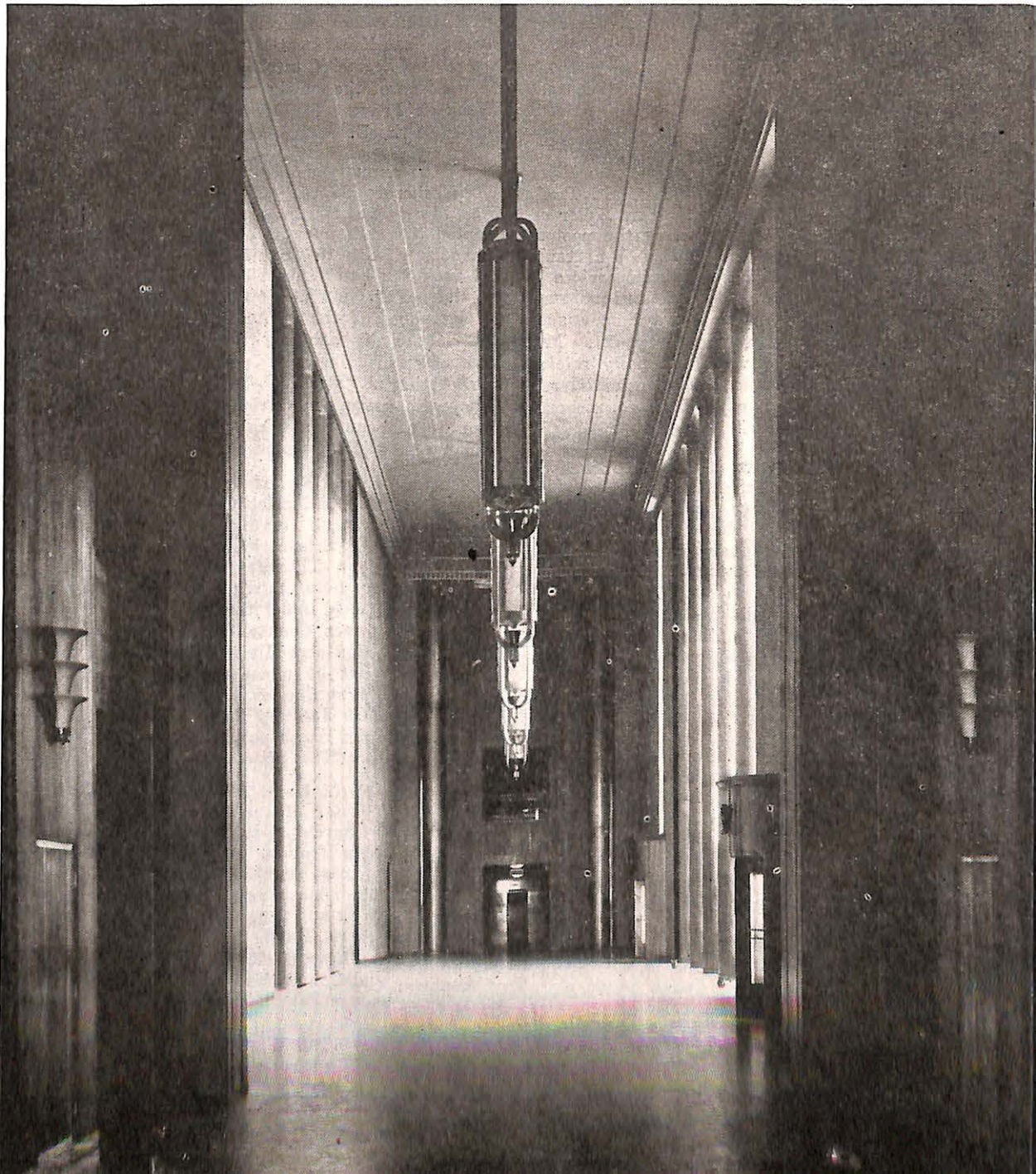
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assurance. Not even death! Everything passes, but love continues. Faith turns to beholding. Hope turns to reality, but Love continues uninterrupted.

2. Victory is Assured

In that same matchless chapter Paul writes, "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37). That is the significance of Easter. How often we are reminded that life is a struggle. For some it is a continuous struggle for mere existence. Others strive against poor health. Then again we have our weaknesses which bring us to fall again and again. There are also moral and spiritual crises in our lives. It would all be meaningless were it not for the fact that, regardless of the strife, we know that with Christ we shall overcome.

The greatest certainty for the Christian lies in the Easter victory. Without it, we would be similar to the disciples walking to Emmaus. Gloom and despair filled their hearts, because as they said, "We trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel." All they lived and hoped for was contained so far as they were concerned in that grave in Joseph of Arimathea's garden. The change from that atmosphere of gloom and despair to joy and new hope and victory is one of the most thrilling experiences in the human soul. The appearance of the living Christ fired their spirits, revived and transfigured their hopes, and in that spirit they faced an antagonistic world and civilization; then to all the parts of the world they carried the banner of the cross and have not stopped marching to this day.

3. The Abiding Presence

At the end of that country wide "Preaching Mission," which deeply influenced many communities, E. Stanley Jones of India made these parting remarks over the radio from New York. "Without Him, not a step over the threshold. With Him, anywhere." Here we find the solution of all our problems, the source of our abiding strength and courage and hope. Christ in us is the hope of glory. That was the inspiration and source of strength and faith for Adoniram Judson in darkest Burma. With that assurance Livingstone explored the heart of Africa and killed the slave traffic.

The Christ, who lives in the hearts of men, may be found among the pots and pans, the noise and din of a modern machine shop, the ringing of the telephone, the hammering of the typewriter in the office. You can find him everywhere if you really want him. "Lo, I am with you always." With that promise let us face life unflinchingly, because we shall conquer through him, and, when the last enemy casts his shadow over us, let us cling to the promise:—"I live and ye shall live also."

Sunday, March 31, 1940

WITH CHRIST AFTER THE RESURRECTION

Scripture Lesson: John 20:21-31; 21:15-18.

Christ's Appearances

"Burning Hearts," Luke 24:13-32.
"A Surprise Visit" Luke 24:33-53.
"From Doubt to Certainty," John 20:24-29.
"The Restoration of Peter," John 21:15-18.
"Our Marching Orders," Matt. 28:16-20.

Easter Echos

Such great occasions as Easter cannot be exploited enough, and often we let them slip away from us too quickly. Ask a number of your group before the meeting for "Easter Echos" or the "Abiding Message of Easter." Again, instead of reading the scripture passages, ask some who are good narrators to tell one or two of the after Easter stories in their own way.

1. "In Another Form"

Mark 16:12 has a striking statement:—"He appeared to them in another form." That characterizes the appearance of Christ after the resurrection in general. Even though he broke bread with them, his body was transformed. He would appear at the most unexpected time and place; yet they recognized him. How often that is true about the living Christian in our very day! He does appear to us in the form of some poor or destitute soul; in the form of some saintly brother or sister; in the form of some outstanding event or experience. Can we recognize him as John did at the Lake of Galilee? "It is the Lord!"

But there were times when they did not recognize their Lord. Luke 24:37 says that they were frightened. In Luke 24:16 we read: "But their eyes were beheld that they should not know him." Think on this! Our Lord may appear to us in a thousand different ways, may teach us a thousand different lessons, and yet, due to fear or misunderstanding or selfish desires, we may not recognize our Master.

2. The Restoration of Peter

If you had the chance to get even with those who have hurt you deeply, how would you go about it? Try and picture to yourself the position of Peter and the many bitter hours he passed through since his denial of his master. Now that he was alive again, what will he do? Poor Peter! But do you realize that this is also the test of the Christ, a test of his divine forgiveness. He could forgive sins. He taught forgiveness and the principle of the second mile. He assured divine forgiveness to the thief on the cross. But would he forgive Peter, who denied him thrice in a most ignominious fashion?

"Lovest thou Me?" There were special reasons why this question was put thrice to Peter. The real reason, after getting an affirmative answer to this question, why Jesus put it a second time was because the first answer was too superficial. And the reason, after receiving an affirmative answer a second time, why Christ put the question a third time, was because he wanted a full surrender of Peter. Nothing less would do! Peter's answer was equivalent to "Lord, with heart and soul, in spite of all limitations, nevertheless, I love thee."

Here is the pathway to perfect love and devotion. When we are ready to surrender all, then Christ will be "All-in-all." You and I may have to pass through trying hours, like Peter and Paul, only to learn that not through our own might can we stand but only in the strength of him who is mighty in the weak.

3. Our Marching Orders

There is a legend, that when Christ arrived at the portals of heaven and while the entire angelic chorus received him with the heavenly "Hallelujah Chorus" the angel Gabriel turned to the Master with the question: "But what about your work on earth, what will happen to your cause?" We are told that Christ turned to him and with a voice of deepest confidence said, "I left it in the hands of my trusted disciples."

We are told that the Duke of Wellington once arose impatiently in a missionary meeting in which the spirit of despair and hesitancy predominated and asked this question: "Brethren, what are our marching orders?" The reply was, "Go ye into all the world." "That's enough for me," the old veteran replied. "I am a soldier and when I receive my orders I try to carry them out according to the best of my ability. What are we waiting for? Let us go forward in the name of our Lord!"

4. New Life, New Values

Even though the disciples tried to return to their former occupation of fishing, they were not happy and content. Once having been with Christ, seeking and winning men, they could not return to material pursuits. Their life had been changed; their work transformed; their values of life transferred. Once they were seeking material possessions; now their eyes were fixed on spiritual values where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Did you ever realize that a Christian must ever and ever look upward? We are a colony of heaven here on earth, says Paul. Our destiny is above. Here is the Easter challenge:—"Risen with Christ—seek the things that are above!" Amid temporary and transitory things, the Christian seeks the eternal and abiding values of the living Christ on high. How earnestly are we seeking them?

Standing on the Promises of God

Exhortations on the Christian Life by Contributors to "The Baptist Herald"

Peace That Passeth Understanding

By Susan Schilling
of Alanson, Michigan

Peace is perhaps the greatest heritage of a true Christian life—"peace that passeth understanding"! With peace, such as this, life goes on serenely and happy in a troubled world. With peace, such as this, the Christian does not worry unduly about the future, what he shall eat and wherewithal he shall clothe himself. With peace, such as this, the Christian is fortified against the malicious gossips, against undeserved accusations of friends and loved ones. With peace, such as this, he can go bravely through life and meet death with a smile, for such peace comes from God.

It is a test of true Christianity. It is not earned by merely attending church services on Sunday and mid-week prayer services, by being active in all church organizations and giving alms freely, for these are not always sure signs of real Christianity. Real Christianity comes from within. It has no room for hidden jealousies, fault-finders, self-pityings, judgment of others, hatreds, no matter how righteous we may appear outwardly.

If we are not truly happy, if we worry and fret needlessly, or are troubled and restless, let us look within ourselves. If we look within honestly and with a keen eye, we will find the cause and then we can proceed to get rid of it promptly. Then only can we live gloriously in the service of the Master. Our earthly reward shall be peace—"peace that passeth all understanding!"

Stewardship in Life

By Miss Joyce Benson
of Jamestown, North Dakota

Stewardship—what an opportunity and what a challenge that word suggests! A steward is one who is entrusted with the management of something that is not his own. What a responsibility that word also connotes! It means that we as stewards have been entrusted with something that is not our own. We find an excellent example in the parable of the talents. Matthew says that each of the three men was given talents "according to his several ability." What a joy it was for the two faithful ones, who used their talents advantageously to hear the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," but how sad for the one who heard, "Thou wicked and slothful servant!"

Many often think that they have not

received any talents and, consequently, are not stewards. Of course, we are not all endowed with the same gifts, but everyone has at least one talent. God does not judge according to the amount we do. He honors all service, great or small. The widow with her two mites gave more than the wealthy Pharisees, who contributed liberally, because she gave all that she had.

We might go on and tell how we could be good stewards of our money, time and talents. We might show how to render service, but I think that our field of stewardship includes even more. We are stewards of our lives. We are not our own, for God made us and, therefore, we are His. We are, however, free moral agents, having the opportunity of becoming either a good and faithful steward or a wicked and slothful one.

If a friend of yours should ask you to manage his business for him while he was away, you would try your best to make it as profitable as possible. The same thought should prevail when we realize that our lives really belong to God and not to us. The "overwhelmingness" of the responsibility stares us in the face, but at the same time what a challenge! Let's accept life as a challenge and make it worth while.

In order to be a successful business man one must know something about the business. The way to start to live a worth while life is to be born again. A sinner could not be an efficient steward, but a sinner saved by grace has a good start.

The man in business finds that he needs special training in order to be successful. As the business man studies to equip himself better, so the Christian steward must study. The Bible, the inspired word of God, is our textbook.

The best manager takes care to keep his shop equipped with the best and most efficient equipment. So a Christian should not stop in preparing himself to be more efficient. Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." Surely, the most abundant life will give the best service. If we will receive the Holy Spirit, we can have the more abundant life. Paul said, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." What qualifications for service would be better than these?

The best equipped life will give the best service. The life that gives the best service must be the one that has been guided by a good steward.

Books of the Bible in Rhyme

By Mrs. Benjamin Engler
of Randolph, Minnesota

(That part of the poem which deals with the Old Testament books appears in this issue. In the next number of "The Baptist Herald" the rest of the poem will be published. Editor.)

- In *Genesis*, God made this world, every big and little thing;
- In *Exodus*, the Israelites were led from bondage by their king;
- In *Leviticus*, God's people were taught the ceremonial law;
- In *Numbers*, many hardships, the tired Israelites saw.
- In *Deuteronomy*, we are taught just how to do and act;
- In *Joshua*, God's people found his Word to be a fact;
- In *Judges*, we are ruled by men, with and without a flaw;
- In *Ruth*, we learn of that sweet love shown toward a mother-in-law.
- In *1st and 2nd Samuel*, we find that David ruled;
- In *1st and 2nd Kings*, many Israelites were schooled;
- In *1st and 2nd Chronicles*, the Hebrew history is revealed;
- In *Ezra*, the temple is rebuilt, and all the bells are pealed.
- In *Nehemiah*, the walls of Jerusalem are again restored;
- In *Esther*, we learn how she saved her people for the Lord;
- In *Job*, we read of one, who suffered ills and trials sore;
- In *Psalms*, we have those beautiful poems, that make us long for more.
- In *Proverbs*, we have "sayings bright," which in our ears do ring;
- In *Ecclesiastes*, we are taught the vanity of every thing;
- In *Solomon's Song*, we have a poem written by the king;
- In *Isaiah*, we must repent and get rid of all our sin.
- In *Jeremiah*, captivity and poverty were often prophesied;
- In *Lamentations*, for old Jerusalem, the people sorely cried;
- In *Ezekiel*, we have visions of future glory and of judgment;
- In *Daniel*, we have things foretold through men whom God had sent.
- In *Hosca, Joel, Amos, and Obadiah*, too,
- In *Jonah, Micah, Nahum*, the one who was so blue,
- In *Habakkuk and Zephaniah and Haggai* still,
- In *Zechariah and Malachi*, in these we find God's will.

Bound for Mission Fields in Distant Lands

Reports of the Departure of Esther Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., for China
and of Florence Wessel of Los Angeles, Calif., for Africa



Miss Esther Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., Missionary-Appointee for China

Going Forth to China

By Esther Salzman
of Kankakee, Illinois

"Why are you going to China?" That is the question which I have been asked so frequently during the last few months. Since I definitely asked the Lord to lead me in the way he wanted me to go and since, according to his promise, he will do those things we ask in his name, I can only praise him for directing me to the mission field!

It was not an easy matter to decide to leave family and friends, and to give up plans for the future for something which seems so unknown. But one night, while thinking rather than sleeping, a portion of 2. Tim. 1:12 came to me as clearly as if someone had stepped into the room and had spoken, "For I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Having committed all to him, he will care for the future.

"Are you not afraid?" In verse seven of the same chapter we read, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of a sound mind." I know conditions are very unsettled in China but can truthfully say I have not had a moment of fear, for he is able to keep me under all conditions.

There will be situations and questions in the future which I shall not be able to meet alone, but

"Wherefore go gladly to the task assigned thee; Having my promise, needing nothing more Than just to know, where'er the future find thee, In all thy journeying I go before."

Miss Salzman of Kankakee and Chicago Appointed as Missionary Nurse to China

Miss Esther Salzman of Chicago, Ill., was recently appointed a missionary nurse at the Pickford Memorial Hospital, Kinwha, China, by the Woman's American Baptist Mission Society. For several years she has been a member of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., but recently she transferred her membership to the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., her home church.

Miss Salzman was born on September 23, 1906, at Kankakee. She was converted under the ministry of the Rev. W. S. Argow and baptized by him on December 31, 1916. She was a member of the Immanuel Church until October, 1937, when she removed her letter to the Chicago Church.

Miss Salzman received her elementary and high school training in Kankakee and then graduated from Wheaton College in 1929 receiving a B. S. degree. She taught school near Kankakee during 1929-1930 and then took a course at the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, graduating as a Registered Nurse in the Spring of 1933. During 1934-35 Miss Salzman was instructor in science and had charge of the Maternity Department at Mt. Pleasant Hospital, Penn. She was an instructor in Sciences and Surgical Teaching Supervisor at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago from 1935 to 1938 and since 1938 has been assistant school nurse at Wheaton College.

A farewell party for her was held by the Dorcas Guild of the First Church of Chicago on Saturday evening, January 6, at the home of Mrs. Walter Pankratz. A large group of women was present to bid her adieu. On Sunday evening, January 14, the Chicago Church held a service in her honor, at which Miss Alethea Kose and the Rev. John Schmidt spoke besides Miss Salzman.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 28, the Kankakee Church held a farewell service in Miss Salzman's honor. She was active in church work whenever she had the time, and she is also a generous contributor to the cause of God's Kingdom.

The January, 1940, number of "Missions" published her picture and a short report about her appointment with these added words: "With the exception of Rev. and Mrs. John P. Davies, her associates and co-workers



Miss Florence Wessel of Los Angeles, California, Missionary-Appointee for Africa

will be Chinese. Her position in an inland mission station, where the danger of an invading army is imminent and where the suffering of war refugees and soldiers is intense, is hazardous. She faces the situation, fully aware of its implications, yet rejoicing that she can go."

GEORGE HENSEL, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Florence Wessel of Los Angeles, Calif., Missionary in Tanganyika, Africa

On Sunday morning, January 28, the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles, Calif., observed an occasion of mingled joy and sorrow. A farewell reception was tendered one of our young women, Miss Florence Wessel, before her departure for Tanganyika, Africa, where she will serve as a missionary. After the usual program had been completed, the choir sang an appropriate anthem, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," with Margaret Stark, a sister of Florence, as alto soloist.

Then the church was represented by a speaker from the board of deacons. The Sunday School, which Florence attended ever since she was two weeks old, brought her its good wishes through its superintendent, Mr. H. Martens. Then followed the Ladies' Mission Society, the B. Y. P. U. and Junior Church.

Then it was Miss Wessel's turn to say something. Very touchingly she spoke of the call of God and the bonds of Christ which are stronger than any home ties with her. The influence of the church may have had something to do with this decision, but her home

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B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Edited by the REV. WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL of Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, March 17, 1940 WITH CHRIST ON TO JERUSALEM

Scripture Lesson: Mark 11:1-25.

Preparation

The events of the last days of Jesus in Jerusalem are not only numerous but the profoundest incidents of his ministry and passion, and only a careful outline of at least one gospel will give one the impression and messages of this period. You will find great help in a study of the great art masterpieces dealing with this period, which are reproduced by the Perry Picture Co., Malden, Mass. Use pictures such as Plockhorst's "Christ's Triumphant Entry"; De Vinci's "The Last Supper"; Munkacsy's "Christ Before Pilate"; and "The Crucifixion," Ruben's "The Descent from the Cross."

1. The Compassionate Christ

Keep this in mind! Christ is facing his cross. Intense agony and immeasurable suffering await him. Any ordinary man would fold up under the terrible strain, but Christ found time, again and again, to help and to strengthen someone in need. He stood amidst the terrific din at Jericho to heal blind Bartimaeus. He picked, out of the pressing crowd, small and submerged Zacchaeus. He protected the woman who was found in adultery. He prayed for his friends that they might be strong and keep the faith, whereas he was in need of prayer and strength. (You must read in this connection John 16 and 17.) He provided for his aged and crushed mother by giving her into the care of his disciple while he was suffering upon the cross. There, in spite of the throes of death hovering over him, he listened to the prayer for mercy of the malefactor crucified with him and assured him forgiveness.

2. The Fearless Christ

From the time that Christ crossed the Jordan at Jericho to go on to Jerusalem he knew he was in the midst of his enemies. If Christ's determination and the carrying out of his plan to go on to Jerusalem had not been an act of faith and courage, then no one ever showed it. Before he ever arrived at Jerusalem, his enemies were plotting to trap him somehow or other, and now he dared to enter their very stronghold. More than that, no man ever possessed more courage than he did, when he entered the temple and cleansed it of all the money changers and the hideous traffic in religion.

Again, picture vividly to yourself the courage he showed, to engage with them in questions and debate as he did on that day of questioning. (Mark 12.) Or study the picture of Munkacsy, "Christ Before Pilate," and behold that majestic figure standing there, serene amidst the outburst of hatred and violence.

3. The Victorious Christ

The reason for his fearlessness was his implicit faith in God, his heavenly Father, and his ultimate victory. His own interpretation of his suffering is the only acceptable one we have: "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto myself." His heroic stand before the high priest and especially before Pilate give one the impression that here, although he was in bonds, he is not being judged but his would be judges are on trial. For many a man, speaking from the human viewpoint only, the cross and the suffering at Jerusalem would have spelled ignominious defeat, but to Christ the cross, which to the Jew became a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, was the crowning event of his earthly ministry and the salvation of God unto eternal life. The secret of all this is his prayer in Gethsemane and the high-priestly prayer recorded in John 17.

4. The Saving Christ

The events that we are studying are not merely historical. It would be a pity if they were. Here we are face to face with the very heart of God's love and compassion. Here we see the degree to which God loved the world. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son unto death." Christ's own love is revealed in these events because he himself said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." What all the ceremonies and sacrifices on the altar in the holiest of holies could not accomplish, Christ accomplished through his suffering upon the cross. When he said, "It is finished," he meant the whole plan of salvation, the task of redemption. Now it is completed! In his life he gave us a lefty example; in his teachings he challenges us with great ideals; but on his cross he saves us from our sins! And now, wherever there is a human soul, be it in any climate or zone, race or nation, wherever the burden of sin and guilt is crushing men into despair, there let us lift up the crucified Christ and call unto men: "Look upon Him and be ye saved!"

Sunday, March 24, 1940

"LOVE INVINCIBLE"

Scripture Lesson: 1. Cor. 15:50-58 and Romans 8:37-39.

The Leader's Preparation

Easter is a joyous occasion, and the entire meeting should spread an atmosphere of joy and victory. Easter flowers help greatly in creating such an atmosphere. The songs we sing, such as "Crown Him With Many Crowns," "All Hail the Pow'r," "Low in the Grave He Lay," "Jerusalem the Golden," and "Sunrise," also help. Many young people's groups have the fine custom of holding an Easter sunrise service. This is a most excellent manner of ushering in Easter Sunday.

Use poems to express the Easter spirit and hope. May we suggest that every society secure such helpful books for constant consultation as the following:—"1000 Quotable Poems"; Hill's "The World's Great Religious Poetry" and Lawson's, "The World's Best Loved Poems." For German use I cannot think of a better one than Gerok's "Palmblaetter." For those who like the use and help of pictures we suggest Plockhorst's "He is Risen"; Enders "Holy Women at the Tomb"; and Von Uhde's "Easter Morning." For a fine Easter play we recommend "Simon the Leper," by Dorothy Clarke Wilson.

1. Love Never Fails

Death usually ends everything. Everything tangible and concrete ends with the grave, except one and the most precious spiritual value:—"Love abides." Study, for instance, Jesus' relationship after the resurrection toward his disciples. No difference at all is shown but a deeper affection is discovered. One of the most tender and heart touching episodes of the risen Christ is his appearance to Mary on Easter morning (John 20). The tone of his voice and his love for his friend were expressed in her name only, "Mary!" but that word and the manner of expression spoke of eternal love. Or take that other episode of Jesus appearing to his disciples at Lake Galilee (John 21). The restoration of Peter was on the basis of love. "Peter, lovest thou me more than these?"

Nothing can separate us from the love of God, says Paul in Romans 8:39. Paul could not have written that before his conversion. He had no proof for it. Only in the light of Easter morning is this wonderful comfort and

God's Imperishable Word

This is the first of a series of articles on the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith presented in a practical light with a heart-to-heart intimacy by the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan.

By the REV. GEORGE LANG of Detroit, Michigan

HAVE MANY BOOKS," Newton declared, "that I cannot sit down to read. They are, indeed, good and sound, but, like a half-pence, there goes a great quantity to a small amount. There are silver books and a very few golden ones. But I have one book worth more than all, called the Bible."

A Library of Books

This book of books is a library of books. Written for the most part in either Hebrew or Greek, these sixty-six books, comprising the Bible, were written by about forty men of the Jewish nation to whom the oracles or revelations of God were committed. "Holy men of God spake as they



were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2. Peter 1:21). From the writing of Genesis by Moses to the writing of the book of Revelation by the saintly John nearly 1600 years had rolled across the pages of time. The writers came from almost all walks of life. Some were kings, statesmen, lawyers, farmers, shepherds, fishermen, politicians, men of great learning and men of meager learning. But it is all authoritative, for it is God-breathed (2. Tim. 3:16, 17).

Not everything written in the Bible was spoken by God himself. Words spoken by man, by demons and even by the devil are reported. God had these words, as well as those which he himself uttered, accurately recorded for our instruction and warning.

The Bible, Its Own Defense

The Bible need not be defended by man, for it is its own defense. It has stood the test of hos-

tile criticism and thorough investigation down through the centuries, and still stands unscathed and unbroken—the Word of God and the Light for the feet of men. The Bible is God's message to man in his need. It is God's love-letter to a lost world. It is God's plan of salvation for men and women who are in the meshes of Satan's snare and in the mire of sin's sticky mess.

As we make our wishes and plans known to our friends by letter, telephone or radio, so God used the Bible to make his will known to the creatures whom he so dearly loves. It is logical and reasonable to expect that the Master-mind who created the universe should also reveal his

will to his creatures who, likewise, have mind and will.

Answering the Sceptic

But is not the Bible old-fashioned and out-of-date?, some may ask. Is it not too old for our enlightened age and do we not have need of a new divine revelation? In facing these questions we must consider other questions. Is not the law of gravitation old-fashioned and out-of-date? It has been in existence even before the Word of God was written, in fact, ever since the world was. Furthermore, do we not fly today, which shows that this law is antiquated and no longer in operation? In reply, we state, "How foolish!" The law of gravitation, though old, will operate so long as this earth exists.

Flying has not changed the law of gravitation in any way. If a person jumps out of a twenty-two story window (as happened in Detroit the

other day) he will not soar upward into the ethereal blue, but his remains will be picked up as a broken clump on old "terra firma" to which gravity still draws. We fly, however, because we have discovered other laws—those of speed and wind forces. When the airplane acquires a certain speed and has its wings and other mechanisms set right, the force of the wind generated, plus the natural wind, will cause the heavier-than-air craft to rise from the earth. These laws also are ages old, although only comparatively recently have they been brought to our attention and use.

Eternal Spiritual Laws

So the Bible contains spiritual laws which will remain so long as the world stands and longer. Note this common law: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Has this law changed? Does not hate still produce hate, and selfishness produce selfishness? Does not love produce love? Yet some seem to think that sowing greed, filthy thoughts and murderous purposes will produce a harvest of unselfishness, purity and peace. Is not the financial, moral and international confusion sufficient evidence that the Bible is right? What we sow we will reap!

Again, let us look at the law of receiving, given by the Lord Jesus. "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." Has this changed? Some people complain that they have no peace and that they have lost the joy of living. Have they asked God for these blessings? Have they prayed in Christ's name and in his spirit? Or are they living their lives as they please? Thousands—yes, millions—have and are demonstrating daily that the secret of receiving is to observe God's law of prayer.

Living Triumphantly By Its Truths

We might continue our study of the spiritual laws revealed in the Bible. If, as the scientist studies the earth and its laws, we diligently study God's precious book and use the spiritual light that we obtain, we will discover that the Bible has laws which cannot be shaken. Although the truths are old, they are not old-fashioned. Although they have been in operation before the birth of Methuselah, they are not out-of-date. They will never be out-of-date. For further conscientious study and obedience to these truths will cause us to discover new and untried spiritual laws which will enable us to soar heavenward toward God. Thus, the Bible need not be discarded and replaced by productions of "experimenters," but our greatest need is to study the Bible in the light of this mechanized age and apply its principles in our experiences here and now.

One further question remains. Are there not many things in the Bible hard to understand? Therefore, is it not impossible for a scientific and

intelligent person to accept its teachings and to live by it? Let us view this also in the light of every day experiences. Do we understand everything about electricity, radio or even our own digestion? Just because I cannot understand how the bread, oranges, roast beef, potatoes and ice cream that I eat are changed into blood, flesh, muscle, hair, nails, etc., must I refuse to eat in order to remain intelligent and scientific? Surely not! We eat regardless of our knowledge or lack of it, and show our intelligence therein. Yes, we enjoy the food, (if we are healthy), and so are able to do our work in the strength we have gained therefrom.



The Light of the Bible

The Bible's Constant Ministry

So through the process of regeneration we are made children of God. We then call God, our Father, and Jesus Christ our Savior. He walks with us and talks with us as we journey life together. His Word gives us light in all of our experiences and comfort in the hours of sorrow. It even assures us of dying grace in touring death's dark valley. Although there are many things which we cannot understand, the Bible is, nevertheless, food for our soul and equips us for every good and necessary work. His Word will still feed us after our work here is done.

"Thy Word is like a garden, Lord,
With flowers bright and fair:
And everyone who seeks may pluck
A lovely cluster there.
Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there."

What's Happening

● The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, for the past 3 years pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., resigned his charge on Sunday, January 14, in order to accept the call extended to him by the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla. He began his service in Okeene on February 4, where he succeeded the Rev. Charles W. Wagner, now at Linton, No. Dak.

● The Rev. William Swyter, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., recently resigned and brought his ministry to a close on January 27. That same day was Mr. Swyter's birthday on which he reached his 70th milestone. He was pastor of the Second Church of Union City for 26 years. He is quite sick at present, but it is hoped that a period of rest will bring him back to health again.

● From January 3 to 14 evangelistic meetings were conducted in the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., with the Rev. Herbert Hiller of Milwaukee, Wis., assisting the pastor, the Rev. Emanuel Wolff. As a result of the fine influence of these services, 2 persons confessed their faith in Christ, and 3 others came forward on a succeeding Sunday, January 21. Mr. Wolff wrote that "I especially rejoice over the fact that the entire church came forward as a body to reconsecrate their lives."

● The Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., held revival meetings for two weeks following the observance of the annual week of prayer from January 2 to 5. The Rev. W. Hoover of Detroit, Mich., served as the evangelist. About 25 persons confessed their faith in Christ as a result of the meetings. The pastor, the Rev. Erich Gutsche, has organized a young people's choir and is conducting a Bible study group for all who are interested.

● On the last 3 Sunday evenings of January, from January 14 to 28, the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, brought several striking messages on "Simple Talks on Personal Themes." Mr. Bender spoke on "How I Became a Christian," "Why I Am a Baptist" and "My Call to the Ministry." The services were well attended by members and friends of the church.

● The Rev. Stanley Johnson, pastor of the Bellwood Baptist Chapel of Bellwood, Ill., a mission of the Oak Park German Baptist Church, resigned on

Sunday, January 21. He has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of La Porte, Ind., a church of the Northern Baptist Convention, where he will begin his services on Sunday, February 18. He baptized a number of converts of the Bellwood Mission in the Oak Park Church on February 4.

● At the Watch Night service held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., the pastor, Rev. George A. Lang, baptized 6 converts. On the following Sunday 9 persons were received into the fellowship of the church. Recently the Rev. and Mrs. E. Kliese and their daughter, Helen, were received into the membership of the church. Mr. Kliese was formerly pastor of the Second Church of Detroit. He was one of the speakers during the "Week of Prayer" held from January 8 to 12 in the Ebenezer Church.

● At the annual business meeting of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington, So. Dak., the church adopted the club plan of the publication society with 15 "Baptist Herald" and one "Sendbote" subscribers won to the list. The church is still enjoying the blessings of the revival meetings held last Fall with the Rev. J. E. Kraenzler assisting the pastor, the Rev. Arthur J. Fischer. Three decisions were made for Christ. At the close of the church's fiscal year, the treasury showed a surplus of \$200.

● The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, is serving as dean of the annual "School of Religion" which is held on Thursday evenings from February 1 to March 7. The school is being held under the auspices of the Des Moines County Sunday School Association and Ministerial Association. About 30 members of the Oak Street Baptist Church are expected to enroll. On January 7 Mr. Bernadt spoke at the young people's meeting on the topic, "The Snow Said So."

● The Rev. F. L. Hahn of Chicago, Ill., formerly pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of that city, is slowly recovering from a critical illness during the past few months. He is still confined to his bed, but is able to have visitors at any time. On January 22 Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., and the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., called on him. His is in a Convalescent Home at the address, 6346 Winthrop Ave., No., Chicago, Ill., where any letters or messages will reach him.

● Bible Day is being observed by most of the churches on Sunday, February 11, or Sunday, February 18. The offerings at these Sunday School and church programs are to be used for the colportage work, tract and Bible distribution and other mission activities of the Publication Society. The Bible Day material sent out to the churches included recitations and dialogues edited by the Rev. Reuben Jeschke of Dayton, Ohio, appropriate songs in English and German text composed by Professor Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, and the Rev. Paul Wengel of Detroit, Mich., and a brief reading on the Bible prepared by the Rev. E. Umbach of Cleveland, Ohio.

● Recently the Women's Missionary Society of the German Baptist Church at Avon, So. Dak., observed its 40th anniversary with a fitting program. Three of the original nine members are still active in the society. The present membership is 39. Although the oldest member is 83 years of age, and the youngest is only 26, and both languages, German and English, are used in the meetings, all work together in the finest harmony and cooperation. On December 20, at the close of the regular monthly meeting, the older members were remembered with Christmas gifts or golden fruit. The president, Mrs. John Juicht, was presented with a love gift, and the pastor's wife, Mrs. F. W. Bartel, was pleasantly surprised with a towel shower.

● At the Watch Night service on Sunday evening, December 31, the Rev.

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I AM THE BIBLE. I am known as the holy book of the Christians, the sacred Scriptures, the inspired Word of God. I am the book of great contrasts, for at the same

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time that I am the cheapest book in price, the largest sum of money was paid for me that has ever been expended for any book or collection of books. I can be secured for a few pennies in the book store, and yet the great sum of 120,000 dollars was spent for an old historical copy of my message. I am called "the best seller" of the day, and that I truly am, for more than eleven million copies were printed and published last year. Unfortunately, it is not true that I am the most popular book in the reading and study of most people. I have been translated into almost every language and dialect of the world, numbering more than a thousand, so that I ought to be called the most universal book of today.

I am to be found everywhere. I used to be chained to the pulpits of churches and placed under glass cages, because there were not enough copies to go around, but now I am free in churches and libraries and homes. I love to be used frequently. I do not like to rest quietly and forgotten under a pile of magazines and other books or under the table collecting dust until the minister comes, when I am dusted and cleaned and made to look presentable. People have used me for many purposes; some, as a family history, writing on a blank page within me the names and dates of family births and deaths; others, as a bank, hiding a five dollar bill within my pages. Still others think that I am good for pressing pansies, sweet peas and forget-me-nots. But I love to be read most of all and studied by someone who loves me for what I am.

My greatest joy is to be given as a present to a child who writes his name on my flyleaf, watches

over me, takes me to church every Sunday and memorizes verses and chapters from my messages. I am thrilled by the boat trips across the ocean and by the journeys on land into the heart and jungle-growth of well-nigh unknown continents of the world, where I see all kinds of strange sights and where the missionary distributes me among the people.

Many tears fall onto my pages. I know then that people have great need for me. When black crepe is hung on the front door of the house, then I am read most frequently in some homes. I am used often in the hospitals. I am to be found in all the rooms of many hotels, but people seemingly neglect me there. I am thrown into the bureau drawers or put under the writing desk or merely left on the table. Children and old people know and love me best, but my message is for all who hear and understand it.

I was the first printed book. The first words sent over the telephone and across the Atlantic cable were messages from my pages. Generals have used me as advice for their military maneuvers. I was misunderstood as a witness to send so-called heretics and witches to their death at the stake and by drowning. I have been responsible for reformations and revolutions. I have even stopped bullets, that whizzing across "No Man's Land" were meant for a young man's heart, for which reason I have received his undying gratitude.

People read me too hastily and too seldom to understand me fully. I am used as proof for all kinds of conflicting creeds and rivalling denominations. Some people memorize long passages of mine. I have more hearers than doers. I wish that I could be given more opportunities to show people how much I can help them. But God's light still shines from my pages to illumine my friends, who use me, love me, and find guidance within my pages.

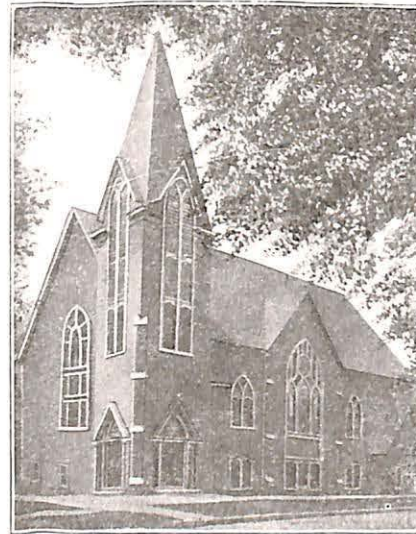
Golden Jubilee of the Oak Park Baptist Church

Reported by Martin L. Leuschner, Editor of THE BAPTIST HERALD

With spiritual eloquence and high pitched fervor the Oak Park German Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., celebrated its Golden Jubilee from Sunday, January 21, to Wednesday, January 24.

The exquisitely beautiful decorations transformed the church auditorium into a temple of glory. Two large wreaths with the figures "50" at their center, which were composed of 1150 golden leaves imported from Germany and which hung from scroll brackets, symbolized the spirit of victory of the church through its historical five decades. On both sides of the pulpit were baskets of superb "Souvenir Claudius Pernet" roses, with 50 yellow roses in each basket. Garlands of gold foil decorated the walls with chaste simplicity and grandeur. The members of the decorating committee, the Misses Florence Zuegel and Lydia Mihm and Mr. Harold Johns, were congratulated again and again upon the commendable success of their efforts.

Equally outstanding was the inspiring music rendered during the program. The large church choir of 40 voices under the direction of Mr. William J. Krogman contributed greatly to the joy of the festivities. From the opening number on Sunday morning, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" to the rendition of Haendel's "Hallelujah Chorus," the choir lifted the audience to heights of inspiration. Soloists on the program were Mrs. Carrie Gnass who sang Schubert's "Ave Maria," and



The Oak Park German Baptist Church

Miss Lydia Mihm who rendered Buck's "My Redeemer and My Lord." The young people's choir directed by Mr. Harold Johns beautified the Tuesday evening service with several selections. The Sunday School orchestra under Mr. C. F. Granzow's direction was applauded after its number, "Providence," and the West Suburban Male Quartet and the chorus of the "Maennerverein" contributed their selections at the closing service.

The printed souvenir programs received a great deal of praise from church members and friends in attend-

ance. The 30 page booklets, beautifully bound in a blue and gold cover, are printed in English and German. A complete history of the church and its respective organizations is recorded therein, besides the publication of 23 fine illustrations, some of them covering a full page. Anyone desiring one of these souvenir programs can secure such by writing to the Rev. Theodore W. Dons, 7208 Dixon Street, Forest Park, Ill., and enclosing 25 cents for the booklet. Please state whether an English or German copy is desired.

Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., beloved throughout the denomination, was the guest speaker of the Golden Jubilee program. Although approaching 80 years of age and for several years retired from the active teaching ministry, Prof. Kaiser was at his best in spiritual fervor and surprised everyone by his physical vigor as he delivered awe inspiring and challenging addresses on "Forward with God" on Sunday morning, January 21, "Paying the Price" at the young people's service on Sunday evening, and "The Productive Christian Life" on Monday evening, January 22.

Other speakers also rendered an appreciated ministry by their jubilee messages. The Rev. C. B. Nordland, director of Public Relations for the Moody Bible Institute and teacher of the Men's Baraca Class, spoke on Sunday morning at the early English service on the text from Nehemiah, "So We Built the Wall." That same emphasis and forward look were brought by Dr. Wm. Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary, in another memorable message on Sunday evening on the theme, "Building Christ's Church." At the same service the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., a former pastor of the church, stressed the need of the Holy Spirit's power in the church's successful life. The same challenge was interpreted for the youth of the church by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the BAPTIST HERALD, on the theme, "The Unfurled Banners of Youth," at the Tuesday evening service.

Monday evening, January 22, was "Community and Denominational Night." All the pastors of the Chicago churches were introduced to the large audience, that taxed the seating capacity of the church, and the Rev. John Mueller, president of the Ministerial Association, spoke a few words. The greetings of the Chicago Baptist Association were brought by Dr. A. M. McDonald, executive secretary. Tuesday evening was set apart as "Sunday School and Young People's Night" and was in charge of Mr. Walter Grosser, Sunday School superintendent. The Primary department recited Psalm 100,



Speakers at the Golden Jubilee of the Oak Park German Baptist Church of Illinois

(Left to Right: Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif.; Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Theo. W. Dons, Pastor of the Church; Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill.; and Rev. M. Leuschner. The Rev. C. B. Nordland of Chicago, another speaker, is missing in this group picture.)

THE COTTONWOOD CHURCH

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our conference. The intermediates presented two plays: "The Years Ahead," and "The Light of the Cross." The latter play was also presented at the North Texas Associational meeting. "The Silver Trumpet" was given for our anniversary program, a play which we can recommend highly.

The various departments of the B. T. U. took part in a study course, of which the main theme was "Soul Winning." The Rev. H. G. Ekrut, Mrs.

Adolph Guderian, Ernest Gummelt, and Mrs. Edwin Gummelt served in a most efficient manner as teachers for this study course. It was our joy, together with three other churches of our conference, to provide a Sunday dinner for our Seminary students.

Our pastor, the Rev. H. G. Ekrut, is a lover of young people and is a true blessing to us in our work. His advice and counsel are always valuable to us. We are also very thankful for our faithful and sincere director, Miss Viola Hansen.

HERBERT EKRUT, Reporter.

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and the Junior choir sang Adam Geibel's beautiful number, "Seek His Courts." Greetings from the "Lehrerbund" of Chicago were extended by Mr. A. Siemund and greetings from the "Chicago Jugendbund" by its president, Victor Loewen. Wednesday evening was known as the "Jubilee Prayer and Praise Service. Opportunity was given to the members of the church to testify of God's leading in the church's history and to bring reminiscences of past years before observance of the communion service.

The church's history can be briefly summarized from the records. "Back in 1859 church work was started by a German Baptist family that had settled in the neighborhood, in conjunction with members of the First Baptist Church of Chicago. Activities were conducted as a mission of the First German Baptist church of Chicago, and meetings were held in homes until 1867, when a chapel was built.

"The church lagged for several years until 1878, when the Rev. Jacob Meier, pastor of the First German Baptist church of Chicago, revived activities. Since then the organization has developed steadily. In 1888 a church was built at Harlem Ave. and Dixon St., to be replaced in 1903 by the present structure.

"Pastors since the time of organization were the Rev. J. F. Hoefflin, 1890 to '93; the Rev. Jacob Fellmann, 1894 to 1900; the Rev. August Pistor, 1900 to '11; the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, 1911 to '16; the Rev. Samuel Blum, 1917 to '19; and the Rev. Herman Kaaz, 1919-'26. Since 1927 the church has been under the leadership of the Rev. Theo. W. Dons.

"The church has conducted mission work on Cicero Avenue in Chicago in the neighborhood once called Moorland, and in Brookfield. Mission work now is carried on by the church in Cicero and Bellwood. The mission in Bellwood has its own building and is directed by the Rev. Stanley Johnson."

Under Brother Dons' ministry of the past 12½ years the church has grown from about 400 to 562 members, the remaining church debt of \$14,000 has been paid off so that the church is now free from debt, a program of religious education in connection with the public school system of Forest Park has been established, and the church has undertaken many increased activities even through the depression years. Miss Victoria A. Orthner has served as the missionary of the church during the past eleven years.

In the words of the pastor, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, "as the second half of the century dawns, we implore our heavenly Father to endow us with joy and a holy determination to go forward, to send upon us the spirit of prayer, and to grant us a passion for souls."

Wiesenthal B. Y. P. U. Makes its Annual Report

The year 1939 has been a prosperous and successful one for the Wiesenthal B. Y. P. U. of Alberta, Canada. Throughout the year 18 meetings were held. Some of the various programs were prayer meetings, mission discussions, lantern slide lectures, Bible contests and studies. Besides these, a New Year's, Easter and Mother's Day programs were rendered.

Our pastor, the Rev. F. W. Benke, assisted by members of the society, held mission services in the neighboring districts of Sunnysbrook and Breton. During the year two new members were added to our list, and now there is an enrollment of 65.

On December 11 we held our annual business meeting. The elections were as follows: Arthur Smith, president; Walter Meyers, vice-president; Lydia Tiede, secretary; Leona Scheeler, assistant secretary; Ralph Smith, treasurer.

Trusting in Christ we look to another year of blessings throughout our meetings.

LEONA R. SCHEELER, Reporter.

The Edenwold Church of Saskatchewan Reports Good News from 1939

The past year has been very successful for our German Baptist Church at Edenwold, Sask., Canada. We thank God for the many blessings we have received, and we look into the future with great hopes.

Since the Rev. and Mrs. A. Weisser have come to our church, new enthusiasm has been aroused. They have been working with the young people, choir and Sunday School, besides the regular Sunday services. Everybody shows great interest.

A short program, "The Wayfaring Pilgrim," under the direction of Mrs. Weisser was successfully given in our own church and also in the Baptist Church at Southey. This was a song sermon.

At Christmas the Sunday School gave its annual program on December 17, and on December 24 the choir gave an adoration pageant, "White Gifts for the King." The singing of carols in the play was conducted by Mrs. Weisser, while Mr. Weisser took a leading role. The church was filled to the last seat for the occasion, and a blessing was received by all who attended.

Our Watch Night service was a candlelight service and prayer meeting for the new year. The choir and the young people's society supported our minister in this evening's service. The communion service was also observed. Our young people's society takes an active part every other Sunday in the evening services.

MRS. FRANK BRUCKER, Reporter.

Eastern Conference Buffalo's Two Oldest German Baptist Churches Merge to Form the Temple Baptist Church

Buffalo's two oldest German Baptist churches opened a new chapter in their religious history on Sunday, December 31, when they officially merged to form a congregation of 400 members. Uniting to stimulate their spiritual life and to increase their effectiveness in the community, the 91-year-old Spruce Street Church and the 64-year-old High Street Church became the new Temple Baptist Church.

Temple Church, named because of its Biblical association with the worship of God, opened its books free of debt. The merger was consummated on Sunday morning, December 31, by Prof. O. E. Krueger of the seminary in Rochester, N. Y. The co-pastors of Temple Church, the Rev. Henry W. Habel of Spruce Street Church, and the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer of High Street Church, assisted him.

At the supper in the evening the speakers included Dr. Paul Trudel, Mr. Judson Beuerman and Mrs. Henry Terschlieson of the former Spruce Street Church and William F. Godfring, Walter Schmidt and Mrs. George Hartman of the High Street Church. A Watch Night service was held after the supper at which Prof. Krueger was the guest speaker.

The week of prayer was observed by the church from January 2 to 7, during which services were held every evening with the Messrs. Walter Stein and Richard Grenz, senior students at the seminary, bringing the messages.

The new church has acquired some of the furnishings of the Spruce Street Church, including the \$7500 electric organ. The congregation is meeting in the edifice of the High

Street Church. Mr. Habel and Mr. Kannwischer will serve as co-pastors until April 1, 1940, when both will resign and the congregation will call a regular pastor.

The amalgamation is working out splendidly. Everybody seems to have caught the right spirit of the new venture and is giving his or her best in cooperation. We trust the Temple Church of Buffalo may be a great blessing to the denomination in every way.

HENRY W. HABEL,
ARTHUR KANNWISCHER, Pastors.

Northwestern Conference Twenty Converts Baptized in the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota

The First Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., held special meetings at the church from December 3 to 17 with the Rev. R. P. Bronleewe of Estherville, Iowa, as evangelist. His aim is to bring men and women, boys and girls, everywhere, in all walks of life, to the saving knowledge through Jesus Christ, to reclaim drifting Christians and to strengthen active Christians in Bible doctrine and principles of Christian living.

God's spirit, was surely made manifest in these meetings and, as a result, there were more than twenty persons who accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Many also rededicated and re-consecrated their lives to the work of the Lord.

The meetings which started each evening at 7:00 o'clock were to three different groups: the B. Y. P. U. with Mr. Bronleewe at the parsonage considering the meaning of the Christian life; the juniors under the capable direction of Mrs. Bronleewe who not only assisted in playing the piano for all the meetings but also aided in personal work; the adults, who met in the main auditorium for prayer under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. Wm. Schobert. The neighboring town of Jeffers was snowed under with copies of the gospel of John for each home. During the day many house visitations were made by the evangelist and the pastor.

On Sunday, January 7, baptismal services were held at the Baptist Church of Windom since we have no baptistry of our own. Besides three from the Windom Church, our church had twenty baptisms. The Rev. Wayne Williams, pastor of the Windom Church, assisted in the baptismal service. In the evening the right hand of fellowship was given to these baptized, and this was followed by the Lord's supper.

God is good, and we are so glad to see his work going ahead during these trying times.

MRS. ABEL COURTS, Reporter.

Central Conference Seminary and Returned College Students Share the Christmas Season with the Beaver Young People

As young people of the Baptist Church of Beaver, Mich., we enjoyed a very merry Christmas season. We were happy to have Miss Alma Kayser, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Kayser, and Miss Ruth Majeske, who is spending her first year at Wheaton College, home for the holidays.

Then, too, there were three students from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., who accepted our invitation to spend Christmas here. We were greatly blessed through them.

On Thursday evening, December 28, the young people had their Christmas banquet. It was an occasion to be well remembered. We enjoyed hearing fine addresses from Adam Huber, Melvin Pekrul and Hugo Zepik. We were fortunate to have had the privilege of seeing some interesting moving pictures, shown by Hugo Zepik, of the city of Rochester, the seminary, pictures of Canada, Niagara Falls and Palestine.

The young people also rendered a cantata on Sunday, December 31, entitled, "The Life of Christ in Scripture and Song." Mrs. Martha Schmidt was in charge. The "Watch Night" service followed this program.

MISS ELLA RINAS, Reporter.

Southern Conference Holiday Festivities at the Bethel Church Near Gatesville, Texas

The young people of the German Bethel Baptist Church of Gatesville, Tex., have been permitted and glad to present a number of programs during the past several months. On Thursday evening, November 16, we presented our anniversary program. A play was given, entitled "The Sacrifice." The play had a good meaning and everyone received a blessing from it. We had visitors from Kyle, Waco, and Crawford.

Under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. W. H. Buenning, the choir presented a cantata telling about the birth of Christ on December 17. It was entitled "Wonderful," and it was wonderful!

On Sunday night, December 24, the Sunday School presented its Christmas program. Mrs. Buenning directed the Junior department's program. After the program the young people went carol singing.

On Sunday evening, December 31, we met at the church for our Watch Night service. At the conclusion of the program, the choir presented a very impressive candle-light service. This was under Mrs. G. Schaub's direction.

MINNIE CLARA MCCURRY, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Missionary Society in Donna, Texas

As the missionary society of the German Baptist Church in Donna, Texas, we have many reasons to be thankful. As we gathered from time to time in the different homes during the past year, we were conscious of our heavenly Father's presence and were abundantly blessed. The programs were of a varied nature. Special occasions such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Father's and Mother's Day were commemorated with fitting programs. In the other meetings we had Bible studies, led by our pastor and pastor's wife, the Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoeffner, which proved very helpful to us in our Christian life.

We are only a small group, but every member is active and all do their share. Two new members were received during the year. A mission offering is taken at every meeting. We also used the mission banks provided by our denomination, and after the Thanksgiving program they were opened. To our surprise they gave us over 30 dollars, which were sent to missionary headquarters.

We are also active in giving to other missionary causes at home and abroad. In December we had our yearly business meeting. The new officers are Mrs. Hoeffner, president; Mrs. Dick Terveen, secretary; and Mrs. Bert Schroeder, treasurer. May our heavenly Father help us to grow and bear much fruit in this new year!

MRS. D. TERVEEN, Secretary.

The Cottonwood Church of Texas is Proud of Its Aggressive Baptist Training Union

At the beginning of the new year we are glad to present the annual report of the B. T. U. work of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas. The following officers have faithfully served us during the past year: Viola Hansen, general director; Arthur Hansen, secretary and treasurer; Herbert Ekzut, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Herbert Ekzut, pianist; Ernest Gummelt, chorister; Edwin Gummelt, intermediate leader; Mrs. Edwin Gummelt, junior leader; Mrs. Louis Wedemeyer, primary leader.

Our B. T. U. meets every Sunday evening, and has an enrollment of 118 members. Our young people's work is divided into five departments, namely, adult, senior, intermediate, junior, and primary. Our intermediate department made the highest average grade for the past year.

Each Sunday evening, we have a program in the individual unions which is based on the B. T. U. quarterly as issued by the Southern Baptist Convention. On the first Sunday of each month following the quarterly program in the respective unions we have a general devotional program. On the second and fourth Sunday a sermon is brought by our pastor. On the third Sunday a general program is held and a "Baptist Herald" program on the fifth Sunday.

In the early part of the year the seniors gave the play, "Standing By," at the Kyle and Gatesville churches of

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Mission Program of the McClusky Ladies' Aid

On Sunday evening, December 3, the Ladies' Mission Society of McClusky, No. Dak., held its mission program before a large visiting audience. Our program consisted of three well presented dialogues, two readings, several songs and a short talk by our pastor, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser.

In keeping with our mission program the women answered the roll call with Bible verses of thanksgiving and presented their mission boxes. We open these mission boxes twice a year and they always bring us a good offering. The amount of the freewill offering and the mission boxes at our program was \$37.71.

Our society has 24 members at present. We meet every second Thursday of the month in the house of one of our members.

The Lord has blessed our society in the past year and our aim is to try to do more for our Lord and Master in the future.

MRS. AUG. R. LANG, Secretary.

have added three new members to our membership list and now have a group of 43 fine Christian young people. Our age limits are from 12 to 40 years old.

We have divided our members into six groups, each group having its own leader. Every month one group gives a short program. We intend to have a Bible Verse Contest once every three months, in which all members will take part.

On November 26, 1939, our young people presented their annual program, both in English and German, consisting of recitations, several dialogues, and musical numbers before an interesting capacity crowd in the church.

Our society has been very active during the past year. We donated the largest sum for a piano and for a number of other things for our church. We also have many good books in our library to read. Not everything which we aimed to accomplish for our Lord and Master was fulfilled, but the Lord has blessed us in everything we could do for him.

MRS. ENOCH BERTSCH, Secretary.



Rev. J. C. Kraenzler (Center) and Members of the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota Who Shingled the Roof of the Church

Activities of the B. Y. P. U. of the Johannestal Church in North Dakota

With the past year, 1939, again in the background, we as members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Johannestal German Baptist Church near Ashley, No. Dak., are looking forward to new blessings and the guiding hand of our Lord and Savior.

In our annual meeting on December 8 new officers were installed for the coming year. They are as follows: president, Carl Schauer; vice-president, Jake J. Bertsch; treasurer, Oscar Bertsch; librarian, Emil Bertsch; and secretary, Mrs. Enoch Bertsch.

Our society meets on the first Friday in the month in our church. We

A Review of the Blessings of the Plum Creek Church

The Christmas season was a blessed one for the Plum Creek Church near Emery, So. Dak. The program on Sunday evening, December 24, consisted of recitations, dialogues, singing, musical numbers and a Christmas message by the pastor. The offering, which was sent to our Orphan's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., amounted to \$29. The pastor and his wife were also remembered with generous gifts. On Friday evening, December 29, we were favored with a Christmas cantata, rendered by the combined choirs of the Baptist Church and Swedish Mission Church of Unityville, with the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn directing.

Again this year the church held a Watch Night service. The first part of the program consisted of various numbers by the different branches of the church. After a lunch in the church basement a consecration service, including the observance of communion, was held as the old year came to a close. The church also voted to use the English language exclusively in our evening services.

We are especially grateful to our heavenly Father for the many blessings of the past year. Last Fall, from October 23 to November 3, we conducted evangelistic meetings, which were well attended. The Rev. A. Fischer from Wessington, So. Dak., helped us and preached the gospel with joy and simplicity and not without results, for quite a few persons gave their hearts to Christ. We are grateful to Brother Fischer and his church for this service. We would have liked to have had a baptism shortly after the meetings but, since we do not have the necessary facilities in our church, we shall wait until later. Nevertheless, we were able to baptize 11 persons on Easter at Parkston and 2 others at Lake Hanson on September 17.

The different organizations of the church have all worked faithfully. Our Sunday School is growing and is a blessing to the church. Mr. Ed. Jucht, who has now stepped back, has been its faithful superintendent for 20 years. The school has appreciated his wholehearted support. A very successful Bible School was held last summer. A group of loyal pupils and a staff of consecrated and well qualified teachers cooperated. Our Senior and Junior Young People's Societies show much interest in weekly Bible studies, led by the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, respectively. They also have edifying inspirational and missionary programs. Our Ladies' Missionary Society is busy in the vineyard of our Lord. Their faithful work is very apparent and effective in the church. Habitually they have remembered our orphans at St. Joseph and our theological students in Rochester with boxes of cookies and chickens, in which all the ladies of the church have a share. Their missionary contributions are most generous.

With the help of God, we were able to decorate the interior of the church, paint the outside and shingle the roof. The labor was furnished gratis by the brethren of the church. Everyone had a will to work. This was a big venture, since the corn crop was rather poor. Our people also brought sacrifices in supporting our mission.

We are grateful to our brethren of our general work, Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, the editor of "The Baptist Herald," for their visits and inspiring messages. J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

The Active Program of the B. Y. P. U. in the Second German Church of Brooklyn, New York

Every Sunday evening at about 7 o'clock from forty to fifty young people gather in our meeting place at the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. We are having an attendance contest, and, as we file in, we take a link bearing our name and attach it to the chain of our own group. Each group has a different color and in that way we can tell at a glance who has the best attendance on that Sunday.

This year we are trying what we call "the alternate plan." One month we use the "group system" and the next month the "study-course." Each group has its own name and song, and on the Sunday on which it has charge it has the right to call on any other group to sing.

Some of the topics for our study course are "Christianity and Racial Prejudice," "Youth and the Homes of Tomorrow," and "A Study of Paul." These courses on alternate months are under the direct leadership of one or two capable young people. Debates and round-table discussions are included to give everyone an opportunity to take part.

We were very happy to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Appel and their children, John, Paul, Helen, Sam and Grace into our church in April, 1939. They are all members of our society, except Sam and Grace who aren't quite old enough. The Appels are a musical family and we certainly appreciate their talents. Mr. and Mrs. Appel, as well as the children, are always ready to do more than their share without being asked to do it. That is the real spirit of service!

We have a large budget of \$400, over half of which goes to our Children's Fresh Air Home of the Young People's Baptist Union of Brooklyn and Long Island. This year we are trying to make every member of the society sacrifice a little by saving two dollars in a dime gleaner instead of depending too much upon the sale of play tickets, etc.

A picture of our group, taken especially for "The Baptist Herald" by Walter Marklein, accompanies this report. In the center of the picture is the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Appel. To his left are Ruth Tipton, president; and Evelyn Kaaser, secretary. At the extreme right is Lawrence Orthner, financial chairman. To his right are Julia Veninga, treasurer; and Alfred Orthner, vice-president.

Forgetting the things which are past, we press on toward the goal, hoping to do better in the new year, for the glory of God and his Kingdom. RUTH TIPTON, President.



Young People's Society of the Second Church of Brooklyn, New York, With the Pastor, the Rev. W. J. Appel, in the Center (Front Row).

Candle Light Service Held by the World Wide Guild of Brooklyn's Ridgewood Church

On Sunday evening, December 10, the Laura Reddig Chapter of the World Wide Guild of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, New York, held its first public meeting in the form of a candle-light service. The entire chapter, consisting of 21 girls, took part. The service was called "Star Trails" and the church was very appropriately and beautifully decorated with silver stars, candles and evergreens.

As Mrs. Ross, the organist, played "Evening Star," the first two girls lit all the candles in the church. The others then came down the aisle, two by two, and lit their candles, each one reciting an appropriate selection as she lit her candle. The climax came as the members, dressed in white robes, formed a complete circle of lighted candles around the congregation seated in the pews and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." They then marched to the back of the church where "Taps" were softly sung. Special music was rendered by a quartet, consisting of Mrs. G. Beck, Mrs. R. Lotz, Mr. E. Lepke and Mr. H. Ross. The members of the chapter worked very hard to invite friends and relatives, which resulted in an attendance of almost 300 people.

Mrs. D. S. McAlpine, the leader of the chapter, was presented with a corsage of white roses by the girls to show their appreciation for all the work that she has done for them.

BERTHA M. KOSIK, president.

Pacific Conference Recent Programs and Festivities of the First Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho

The Sunday School of the German Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho, held an interesting Christmas program on the evening of December 23rd.

The recitations by the primary scholars, the dialogues by our Junior and young girls' classes, and the musical numbers proclaimed the blessed tidings of our Savior's birth.

On New Year's Day we had our annual church membership meeting. Mr. A. Vollmer was again elected as our church secretary and Mr. A. Kramer as treasurer. Mr. Fred Mayer will serve as our new Sunday School superintendent for the coming year.

We have decided to change the name of the church to the First Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho. We are using the English language more than in the past.

Our pastor, the Rev. A. Stelter, is bringing an English and a German sermon each Sunday for the benefit of both our young people and the older adults. We pray that the Lord will help us to bear much fruit and to win souls for his Kingdom.

MRS. JOHN NEUMAN, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

New Year's Program of the B. Y. P. U. in Olds, Alberta

We, as members of the B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Canada, feel that by the help of God we are moving steadily onward. At the present time we have a total membership of 43.

On Sunday evening, November 26, the election of officers for the coming year took place. The new officers are as follows: president, Vernon Link; vice-president, Bill Warm; secretary, Frida Edel; treasurer, August Weiss; pianists, Ruth Unger and Ruth Haerle; special personal workers, Francis Link and Erica Kruger.

On Thursday evening, December 21, our society rendered a New Year's program, the feature of which was the play, "The Unlighted Cross." There was also a talk given by Erica Kruger, a recitation by Herbert Link, and several songs by our church choir.

FRIDA EDEL, Reporter.

the sunlight seemed lonely. The clock on the mantelpiece over the fireplace was silent, its hands pointing to eleven-thirty. Eleven-thirty in the morning, he wondered, or at night? It didn't matter. He had forgotten to wind it and it had run down. Life was like that, physical life at any rate. There came a time when God forgot to wind it. Ah, no, not God! life ran down of itself—with God's permission.

Loneliness! It glowered at him from the silent clock; it reflected in his face from the mirror; it emanated from the pictures on the walls and oozed in with the breezes from the open window. It rose up about him like a mist from the chair in which he sat. It screamed at him from everything until he could stand it no longer, until he sprang up and ran to the stairs and up to her room.

On the way up he halted—was halted! "Unless you are born again, we shall never meet again!" a voice within him cried. But this time he was not afraid of the voice. Only lonely. He entered her room, saw the open Bible lying on the table where he had left it. He stood thinking, listening, for out of the silence he seemed to hear something, feel something, Someone! He set his spirit, adjusted the controls, moved the dial slowly, thinking, listening, feeling. There was music somewhere, a program he was yearning to hear.

There! He had it now. He could hear it as clearly as he had this morning. The hearing and the feeling were the same. But it was not music to which he was listening, rather it was a piercing question: "For what purpose were you born, Dale Mars? Why have I allowed this great loneliness and heartache to come into your life?"

The voice faded away. He realized suddenly what was happening to him. It was his mother's God trying to talk with him, trying to comfort him, to give him direction in a world that was a tangle of conflicting beliefs and cross purposes. Again he was in Maria Louverne's apartment listening to the kindly old voice explaining to him how to be saved—how to appropriate the Savior into his own heart by faith; he was listening to the playing of Nova Louverne, gospel music dripping sweeter than honey from her fingers—the overflow of her heart of love. How she loved her Savior!

"Speak in reply, Dale Mars! If God is talking to you, it is time you were talking to God!" The impression became irresistible. He whirled quickly, closed the door that the interview might seem more private, and fell upon his knees beside the bed . . .

"Unless you are born again, we shall never . . ."

His lips formed their first audible prayer since his childhood days. His voice was a half sob as he cried, "Oh God, I don't know whether I have ever

been born again. If not, I want to be, right now!"

Maria Louverne's words interrupted his prayer, "You need the Lord Jesus Christ. 'For as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.' When you truly receive Him, that very moment you are born again."

It was not an outward rite, then, but an inward righteousness, implanted by the Spirit of God! Not an outward form, but an inward transformation—that was what Maria Louverne had taught him in one unforgettable lesson. It was not "a cloak to put on but a life put in."

His eyes were closed. Once more he spoke. Last night he had found this new transmitting station for the first time and he had listened gladly. Tonight he was transmitting his first reply: "Oh Father God, I do receive Thy Son into my heart. Oh, I do not know how to do it, but I believe He died for me, that He lives, that He is waiting to save me now . . .!"

When he arose from his knees he was at peace, the Spirit bearing witness within. Sunlit peace and contentment. He laughed. He cried. And out of the overflow of peace within he exclaimed, "Oh Father, I thank Thee! This is what I have been yearning for—and running away from. This! Oh Mother! Mother! I've found Him!"

He ran out of the room and down the hall to his own room. If only there were someone to tell! He thought of Jerry and Bill Langley and Harry Crozier and Dorry. They would laugh at him just as the five of them, including himself, had laughed at poor Lyle Petersen at college, who used to testify so enthusiastically at "Y" meetings.

Dale thought of Adalene and realized with a pang that she would not understand, she who was all for sports and business and the theater. And Mrs. Waring? He shuddered when he thought of how she would snort her disapproval.

And then he thought of Nova and of her wizened little mother. In fact he had been thinking of them all the time, knowing that at the very earliest opportunity he would go tell them. They would be glad to hear, and they would understand.

In the midst of his rejoicing he remembered the little scene in the park this afternoon: a tennis ball sizzling across the net, striking the wire back-stop behind him. He saw it go bouncing across the park, glance against a tree and roll down the hill, saw himself hurtling after it like a planet chasing a runaway satellite. Then he had seen Dr. Remsen: neatly dressed, red-brown hair lying in rich soft waves, perfect complexion, deep dimples playing in his cheeks, blue eyes aflame with a lover's fire!

Violet eyes and brown ones had met at that moment also. What had Nova tried to tell him in that intimate, pleading glance? That she did not love Dr. Remsen, and to please, please believe it?

Did Dale Mars love Nova Louverne? Of that, he decided as he faced his mirror, he was not sure. He had known her less than twenty-four hours, although for two weeks he had been in love with her handwriting, and with his mental concept of her ever since he had received her first letter.

He laughed a low confession to himself. His conjured-up image of Maria Louverne had been a true image of her own daughter. It had been a simple matter for him to accept the change in names. And now that he thought of it, he had been in love with Nova Louverne all his life—ever since the awakening of his manhood. She was the embodiment of all that his nature cried out for in a woman. Somehow he felt certain that this wonderful thing that he was experiencing was of God.

Remembering the folder which she had given him last night he found it and studied it once more. It was the announcement of a ten day Bible conference at the Interdenominational Camp at Lake Crystal. Something within him responded gladly as he read. Whatever might be his plans for later on, this was on his schedule for next week!

This, he reflected grimly, and Mrs. Brownstone Waring and her daughter Adalene!

He was dressed for the evening and went out to his car. The sun was playing a game of light and shadows across the garden, lighting up the whole in a thousand flaming colors.

He went through the latticed gate, followed the stone path into the garden, and stood looking with unbelieving eyes at the wide border of phlox along the garden's edge. There was a new one there, one he had never before seen, standing regally among its fellows.

His lips formed a low familiar whistle, his eyes searched the garden anticipatively, but there was no blue bonnet, no gay little mother bending low ministering to the needs of her many flowering children.

"But we shall meet again, Mother, for I too am His child!"

He turned back to the gate and stopped near the border of phlox. Stately, exquisite, pyramidal—arbor vitae, blue spruce, tombstones, phlox. He laughed triumphantly. There were flowers blooming beyond the "mournful marbles." The row of words did not end with tombstones.

"Help me to truly love Thee!" he murmured to the man of Galilee. He climbed into his car and drove down to the cafeteria. After dinner he would call at the Orriston.

(To be continued)

Reports from the Field

Southwestern Conference Impressive Watch Night Service Held by the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas

At the annual business meeting of the Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., on Wednesday evening, December 27, we revised our church constitution, making several important changes. First of all, we changed our name to the First Baptist Church of Durham. Then, instead of electing deacons for life, we now have a rotation of deacons.

On New Year's Eve we had a Watch Night service. The first part of the evening was taken over by the young people, who presented to us the "Life of Jesus in Story and Song." A fellowship hour followed, after which we reassembled for a special communion service. We thought this a very fitting way to close the old year and begin the new.

The service consisted of songs and special music pertaining to the suffering of our Lord and Savior. We then had a dedication for our two newly-elected deacons, Messrs. Jake Zimmerman and Solomon Geis, who later served us in the communion service. It was a blessed evening for all who ventured to come out, in spite of the unfavorable weather.

EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

Spiritual Blessings Enjoyed by the Ebenezer Church of Kansas

We, as the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kans., rejoice with the Psalmist as we look back over the past year. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God when we recall the blessings of the year.

Because of low prices last summer, when most of our people had to sell their grains, we noticed the hardships also in the church. But with these difficulties God has also given us spiritual blessings. Our young people presented several programs during the year, and the Ladies' Aid does what it can for God's glory. Our Sunday School is doing what it can for our children, remembering that what one learns as a child always abides. Last Fall it was our privilege to entertain the Kansas Association.

Early in December we had two weeks of evangelistic meetings, which were conducted by the Rev. Pat Malone, who preached God's word with power to a packed house each evening. Quite a number of persons reconsecrated their lives and others professed peace with God for the first time. As a result we

The Children's Page

The Children's Page, which should have appeared in this issue of "The Baptist Herald," will be presented in the next number and regularly thereafter on the fifteenth of the month. EDITOR.

hope to have a baptismal service soon. The severe winter weather during January hindered the attendance at the services very much.

However, we are looking to God with confidence for his promised blessings in this year, since we know he can help and save to the uttermost.

JOHN BROEDER, Pastor.

Review of the Past Year by the Ladies' Missionary Society of Lorraine, Kansas

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Lorraine, Kans., has recently closed its 49th year of service. We are the oldest of the three missionary societies in our church, each having its specific work. We hold a joint meeting on the WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER.

Our theme centered around "The Crossing of Bridges." Such topics as Toll Bridges, Suspension Bridge, Bridge of Burdens, Bridge of Sharing, Swinging Bridge and others were given, as well as poems on each. Very timely discussions by the different leaders each month created greater interest and variety in the programs. Mrs. Reka Splitter, our president, is a charter member of our society, and very ably leads our group.

Our membership numbers 32. At the close of each meeting an offering is taken, which amounted to \$163.45 for the year. We contribute to the benevolent organizations of our denomination and our Kansas City Theological Seminary and support a Bible woman in India. We sent two cases of eggs to the Old People's Home and one to the Orphan's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., one barrel of canned fruit and vegetables to Sunset Home, our Kansas Baptist Home for the Aged at Concordia, and gathered old clothes for the needy. A committee is chosen at each meeting to visit the aged and sick, a new group being appointed each month.

We no longer use our "Martha" hands, or the consecrated needle of Dorcas in serving the Lord, but we would be Marys, sitting at Jesus' feet, learning and worshipping him with prayer, gifts and personal service. May the Lord bless our humble efforts and use them to his own honor and glory.

MRS. LOUIS B. SPLITTER, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Wishek Community Choir Renders Christmas Program

The Community Choir of Wishek, No. Dak., which was organized in May of the past year under the direction of the Rev. A. Ittermann, rendered a Christmas program on December 13 in the high school auditorium.

The program consisted of a solo, selections by a mixed quartet, a ladies' chorus, a men's octet and a ladies' trio, readings, and choir numbers. Pastors of the various denominations of the city took part in different ways. The program was very well attended and a free will offering was taken.

There are about 50 members in the organization, with the Rev. H. E. Wilske as assistant director. The chorus still practices every Monday evening at the school auditorium.

CINCHONA HERR, Reporter.

New B. Y. P. U. Officers at Anamoose, North Dakota

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church in Anamoose, No. Dak., is very active in the work of the Lord. We have adopted the commission plan and also find that it is very favorable to our B. Y. P. U. We have 32 members.

Our society meets every other Sunday evening, so that we have held 32 meetings in the past year. Eight of these were mission programs besides special programs, including Palm Sunday, Mother's Day, Easter, B. Y. P. U. prayer week service, Thanksgiving, Christmas, program on hymns, a Bible Quiz contest, four socials and two business meetings. We have gained the first level of this commission plan, and for this year we have taken the first level again, but have chosen different goals.

At the annual business meeting the following officers were elected: Gottfried Kurzweg, president; Emma Kessler, vice-president; Twila Bartz, secretary; and Ruth Kurzweg, treasurer. The commission directors are as follows: Devotional Commission, Walter Kessler; Service Commission, Anna Kurzweg; Stewardship and Missions, Gilbert Derman; and Fellowship Commission, Mrs. E. O. Waydeman. On a recent Sunday, the Rev. A. W. Heimer, our pastor, conducted an installation service for the new officers and the commissioners.

We are trusting the Lord to guide us so that we may serve him better in the coming year.

TWILA BARTZ, Secretary.

Blaze Star

By Paul Hutchens

SYNOPSIS

Dale Mars, a popular radio announcer, became deeply interested in Nova Louverne, whose acquaintance he had made on a visit to one of his radio fans. Nova was serving as nurse and companion to her invalid mother. At the same time, he began to neglect Adalene Waring, a stenographer in the radio office, who was trying hard to be attractive to him. It was a fateful day in all their lives when a former rejected suitor of Nova's, named Dr. Remsen, a young surgeon, came to call on her. He persuaded Nova to go riding with him into one of the city's parks where they unexpectedly encountered Dale Mars, who was running after a disappearing tennis ball. After a frigid introduction, Dale returned to the tennis court to finish the game with his friend, Jerry.

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After that the game was wild and in less than five minutes Jerry had taken the set.

"Better luck next time," Jerry told him when they were in the dressing room at the "Y".

"Sorry I went to pieces there at the last. I seemed to get the jitters or something after you knocked that home run."

"That couldn't by any chance be interpreted to mean an alibi, I don't suppose?" Jerry chided good-naturedly. "That reminds me of the story of the judge and of the negro who was up for breaking into a store. The judge asked, 'Ringer, do you have an alibi?' And Ringer rolled his eyes hopefully and said, 'I don't know, 'les you mean the alley by which I tried to get away!'"

Ordinarily Dale would have laughed as he always did at Jerry's stories. This time he merely grunted, and Jerry, tying a shoe lace, looked up at his friend, saw the disconsolate expression on his face and decided not to try to be funny.

A little later when they parted at the studio door, he slipped his arm through Dale's and said, "It's none of my business, old Pal, but if I can be of any help—"

"Thanks." Dale pushed open the door and went in. Adalene was absorbed at the typewriter. When he passed her desk, she stopped typing and asked perfunctorily, "Did you find your fountain pen?"

He looked at her absently, stabbed by the thoughts her simple question had provoked.

"Here's mine," she said.

"I—no, thank you, I—" He accepted the pen, a dainty little green gold one with her initials on it. "Thank you." He passed on into the teletype room.

At three he took his place in the operator's booth. The first program was electrically transcribed. He made the proper adjustment and the announcement, started the transcription machine and sat watching the spinning record, hearing and yet not hearing the stormy love drama that came in through the loud speaker above his head. One thing he did hear, and it awakened an echo in his mind. "I have been a fool," the disappointed lover was saying.

The fifteen minutes passed and Dale's voice spoke into the microphone, "Listen in at this same time tomorrow for another thrilling chapter in the story, 'The Way of a Man with a Maid,' starring Jeanne Faris and Wally Crane."

The word "starring" twirled the indicator on his mental dial all the way round to Nova Louverne again. In the studio the Serenaders were in their places, waiting for the gong, whereupon they would pounce madly upon the very first scheduled number and wrestle, kick, beat, screech, cry and wail, all in syncopated rhythm, until the final note should be subdued. After that there would be other numbers with Dale Mars making brief urgent appeals between them, for listeners to see and hear in person "twenty glorious, glamorous girls in a gorgeous vaudeville, tonight at the World Theater. Get hot at the hottest show in town!" Blah-blah—! Radio announcing could become such an empty unsatisfying thing—such a sickening thing. It was not all like this, of course. It had been thrilling at first, after he had won the state oratorical contest at college and when this position had been suddenly opened to him, to know that his voice was going out all over the country, being heard in a potential one hundred thousand homes at the very same moment. But there were so many programs with objectionable features, which he must announce with enthusiasm, urging listeners to buy things harmful to their well-being. Could a man continue stifling the voice of his conscience and

retain his self respect? Was not he accountable to the One Who had given him the voice?

Adalene's pen in his hand reminded him continually of his own. It reminded him also, to his dismay, that he had a date with her for tonight. But then, what did it matter after this afternoon. Anyone with eyes to see could have interpreted Dr. Remsen's feelings toward Nova Louverne. He might have guessed that a girl so attractive as she would have plenty of suitors.

At six he drove Adalene to her home. "Adalene," he said too abruptly. "If you won't misunderstand me, I'd like to cancel our little date for tonight. Somehow I don't feel up to par and I think maybe if I stay home and rest, get a good night's sleep . . ."

They were parked in the driveway of the Brownstone Waring residence. She looked across at him anxiously. "You and Jerry play too hard," she told him.

He did not reply. He was waiting for her to release him. He knew he would be in no mood to enjoy the evening, certainly not to help her enjoy it. "You won't be too disappointed?" he asked. She looked crestfallen, he thought.

"If you're not well—Mother doesn't like to have you staying alone in that big house. If anything should happen . . ."

There it was again! Her possessive attitude, looking after him, worrying about him—she and her mother. Next week at the lake he'd have to tell her the truth. Better for her to learn of it then, than now, for it might hinder her efficiency at the office. Further, this business of breaking a heart was not to be done hurriedly or ruthlessly. He should have told her long ago when it would have been easier for her. He shrugged. He was toying with the steering wheel, saying nothing, unable to think of anything he wanted to say. In fact, he did not wish to talk at all, but to think, to get alone somewhere and think everything through, to face this new thing that had come into his life, to discover what was the meaning of the strange awakening. And he wanted to analyze his feeling toward Nova Louverne. Furthermore, he was determined to see her as soon as possible. Something in her eyes this afternoon had given him hope.

"Thank you for lending me your fountain pen," he said remembering it, remembering also his own.

She pushed open the car door. "You haven't found yours yet? You haven't any idea where you lost it?"

"Oh, I suppose it'll turn up."

When he had gone, she consoled herself by thinking of next week, when she could have him all to herself. There would be sailboating, fishing, quiet moonlit nights on the wide veranda facing the lake. On one of those nights, perhaps, down along the dock, with lazy waves lapping against the shore and with the park concessions droning in the distance—in some such atmosphere, Dale Mars would ask her to marry him. She sighed and went into the house.

Mrs. Brownstone Waring had returned from her call at the Orriston. She greeted her daughter with, "Adalene, I think I know where your fountain pen was lost. I want you to go to the telephone and call Maria Louverne's apartment and ask if it is there. I'm sure I saw it this afternoon."

"But—"

"Never mind! That fountain pen cost you fifteen dollars. Dale was there last night, I found out. That woman is making a nuisance of herself writing to everybody and then when they come to see her, talking to them about religion.—Here, I'll get the number for you."

Adalene remembered the number from having called last night, but she waited patiently for her mother to find it in the telephone book. Decidedly she did not wish to make this call, but it was do it or have a scene.

"Maria Louverne's apartment," a low, woman's voice answered.

"Hello! This is Miss Waring of the KEL studios. We are looking for a lost fountain pen, belonging to Mr. Mars. We are wondering if he may have left it in your apartment last night. His name was on it, I believe." She recalled how very careful she had been last Christmas that the jeweler should get the name spelled exactly right.

The low, controlled voice responded with a little gasp, then said sweetly, "Yes, Miss Waring, the pen is here. I believe Mr. Mars intends to call for it."

And who, Adalene asked herself, was the possessor of that voice? Certainly not the middle-aged nurse, Mrs. Blanch, nor Maria Louverne herself. Mental television flashed an image on Adalene's mind instantaneous with that carefully modulated voice—a beautiful young woman, perhaps a daughter of Maria Louverne! So Dale was going to call for the pen in person! He had known, then, where he had lost it!

"Oh, I see," she said into the telephone, and hung up.

In her room a little later she went again to her bureau as she had done last night, drew from a drawer a small

photograph and studied it carefully, then put it away again. Again there were tears in her eyes, and a lonely heart that ached.

Nova heard the emphatic click of the telephone receiver on the other end of the line and hung up slowly, puzzled over the unusual interest the Waring's were taking in Dale Mars. Less than two hours ago the be-jewelled, buxom Mrs. Brownstone Waring had sat in this same room and talked volubly, possessively and confidentially to them about him. Sitting very straight and regal in her expensive gown, fanning furiously because it had indeed been a very hot afternoon, she had said, "Yes, they're as good as engaged, he and Adalene. Everybody knows it but we're just waiting to make formal announcement in the fall at the beginning of the social season. He's spending a week with us at our summer home at the lake, you know. Their vacations begin at the same, his and Adalene's. I said to him one day last week, 'Dale,' I said,—I always use his first name—'You're the darlinest boy!' And he just frowned in the delightful way he has of frowning and said, 'Thank you.' Just as if I hadn't said anything complimentary at all. He's just smothered in compliments, you know, lionized by everybody."

"And he's so alone in the world now too. Dear Mrs. Mars—she found comfort in her religion too, Mrs. Louverne. That's another reason why he spends so much time at our house."

Mrs. Brownstone Waring had sighed, her large heavily-lidded eyes had circled the room with evident approval of the furnishings: the smart Lawson style overstuffed sofa, with carved wood trim, the walnut lamp table beside the green crash-covered, overstuffed chair in which she was sitting, the radio table with the streamlined desk radio, the flaming oleander in its setting of potted plants of many varieties.

"I simply must be going!" she exclaimed suddenly, after a moment of silence. She rose peremptorily and marched with an air of finality into Maria Louverne's room. "Thank you so much, my dear, for asking me to come. I know I should call on the sick more than I do, but we are so busy with our clubs, and it has been such a busy summer, what with getting ready to go to the lake. One should not neglect doing religious things, it is so essential to one's personality development."

"And your daughter plays so beautifully. Really, my dear," she smiled fondly upon Nova who stood in the doorway. "you could go on the concert stage, with talent like that. I'm sure I don't know what I could do to help, but I might see Professor Bernhoeffer at the College. He and Mr. Waring were such intimate friends."

Nova smiled to herself now as she

recalled how the light had gone out of Mrs. Waring's eyes at her reply: "Thank you, Mrs. Waring. I appreciate your compliment very much but I have recently dedicated my whole life to the Lord Jesus Christ and He seems to be leading me into definite soul-winning work. Whatever talent one has is His gift, you know, and He asks us to present our bodies unto Him, a living sacrifice."

Mrs. Waring had given her a blank stare followed by a very evident expression of disapproval. Then she had said, "I've tried to teach Adalene from the very beginning not to forget her religion. Sometimes I think she takes things almost too seriously. Naturally she gives regularly to the church and to charities; she's generous-hearted that way. Last Christmas when she was selecting a gift for Dale—they exchange gifts you know,—have for two years now—What was I saying? Oh yes, I did enjoy your interpretation of the hymns. I think it adds to one's popularity to be accomplished and to do religious things."

After she had gone, Nova stepped quietly into her mother's room and kissed the smooth white forehead and said, "Never mind, Mumzie dear, I know it seemed like throwing your pearls before swine, but once when you were telling her how precious the Lord Jesus is to you, I saw her fighting to keep back the tears. You've sown the gospel seed even if most of it did seem to fall on thorny ground."

Dear little withered mother, lying there, so utterly helpless in body, so alert mentally and spiritually, so adorable, so appreciative of little things. If Mrs. Waring had only known to whom she was speaking, the once famous Maria Louverne, concert pianist, she would have preened her social feathers in still more lofty manner.

Nova gave the telephone a final sober look, arose and returned to her room, opened her bureau drawer and drew out a beautiful pearl-barreled fountain pen with the name "Dale Mars" engraved on the gold band encircling it. "Her Christmas present to him," she mused. "They are engaged to be married!"

Dale let himself into the lonely house, closed the door after him and went into the living room. Everywhere he was greeted by cold, lonely silence, loneliness that was as real as life, as dreary as death. It reached out clutching fingers and laid hold upon him like sharp briar fingers in a garden after the first hard frost had killed its flowers.

Death! the silence seemed to say. This is the house of death! Everywhere he looked there were little things that reminded him of his mother. He sat for some moments in her favorite chair by the west window where the sunlight streamed in. Even

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Philip Potzner, pastor of the Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., baptized 4 converts on confession of their faith. The communion service was observed during the last hour of the old year, at which 5 persons were given the hand of fellowship. On Sunday evening, December 17, the church's combined choirs rendered the Christmas cantata, "The Song and the Star." Mrs. Jonah Seifert was the able director, with Miss Emma Schlotthauer at the organ and Mrs. Fred Batt at the piano. The fine Christmas program was in charge of Mrs. E. M. Popp. The White Christmas gifts for our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., amounted to more than \$10. During the past year, Mr. Potzner has received 41 new members into the church, 27 of whom were received by baptism.

● The Christian Institute of Alberta, Can., our Bible School in Edmonton, Alta., opened its doors on January 2 with 24 students. By the middle of the month the student body numbered 32 students. This represents almost the present capacity of the school building. The Rev. E. P. Wahl is the director of the school. The faculty members are pastors of our Alberta churches, who are serving for limited periods. They are the Reverends F. W. Benke, H. Schatz, A. Kraemer, H. Waltereit, C. B. Thole, and O. Fiesel. Miss Ella Katzberg of West Ebenezer, Sask., is serving as teacher for the entire school period of three months. The Reverends

Carlson and McDormand of the English Baptist denomination are teaching adolescent psychology and young people's work.

● Some of our churches seem to be in great haste to change their names and to drop every vestige of "German." During the past few weeks the editor has learned of the following churches which have changed their names. In January at its annual business meeting the German Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., changed its name to the Pioneer Baptist Church. The pastor, the Rev. Herman Bothner, wrote about the change as follows: "We traced the history of the church and learned that one of its founders, Mr. Ludwig Adam, began the Baptist work in Pound. He was the first person to be baptized in the nearby Little River and began to hold services in his little log cabin. Out of that work the German Polish Church grew, and later the German group withdrew to begin a work of its own. Having discovered that we were 'the pioneers,' it is our purpose and aim again to pioneer for Jesus Christ." The church in Durham, Kans., is now called the First Baptist Church, and the former German Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho, is the First Baptist Church of that city. The former Spruce Street and High Street Churches of Buffalo have merged and have become the Temple Baptist Church. (See Report Page for these announcements.) The former German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., recently changed its name to the Calvary Baptist Church.

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training deserves the greater credit. Her saintly mother, now with the Lord, was the daughter of one of our pioneer pastors in Kansas, the Rev. Mr. Homfeld. The soul saving urge is strong with her, for ever since she herself confessed Christ as her personal Savior it was her wish to tell others of Him. Various Sunday School classes have had her as teacher, and the B. Y. P. U. has prospered under her leadership. Everywhere she could be used, she was ready, and did not turn down any opportunity to serve.

Her pastor, the Rev. B. W. Krentz, spoke briefly on "So Send I You," putting the emphasis on the great "I" in the words of Christ and the small "you" with the opportunity to grow under his gracious guidance. The young people and the young people's class in Sunday School gathered in the basement of the church after the service, where they partook of a "pot-luck" dinner. Even though we shall miss her from our midst for at least 7 years, the young people seemed to conquer that by the thought of Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world," and there was much feeling of mingled pride in our hearts that God should deem us worthy to call one from our midst.

Owing to the long ocean journey on the "S. S. President Coolidge," that sailed from San Francisco on February 9, the B. Y. P. U. thought kindly of her and presented her with a warm "steamer robe." Due to the war, her route will be, with eleven others from the Los Angeles Bible Institute, by way of Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe and Ceylon. She expects to reach the shores of Africa on or about the 24th of March and her destination, the African Inland Mission Station, some time in April. There she will labor among the needy natives in Uzinza, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, on beautiful Lake Victoria, with the same fervor that she has shown here.

In Perris Valley, Cal., during her three years of school training, she would go and gather a group of children, holding Sunday School under the open sky and conducting Junior Church services on a pile of rocks because space in the tiny building there was not sufficient for her and the children. A year ago she served our California Y. P. and S. S. W. Union as secretary and treasurer.

Hers is a life dedicated to service for Christ, and it is no wonder that he wants her to go to far-off Africa. Our prayers will follow her. We solicit the prayers of other young people, not alone for Florence's sake but for the Kingdom of which we all are citizens.

B. W. KRENTZ, Reporter.



Grave of the Late Rev. Carl J. Bender, Beloved Missionary at Soppo, the Cameroons

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