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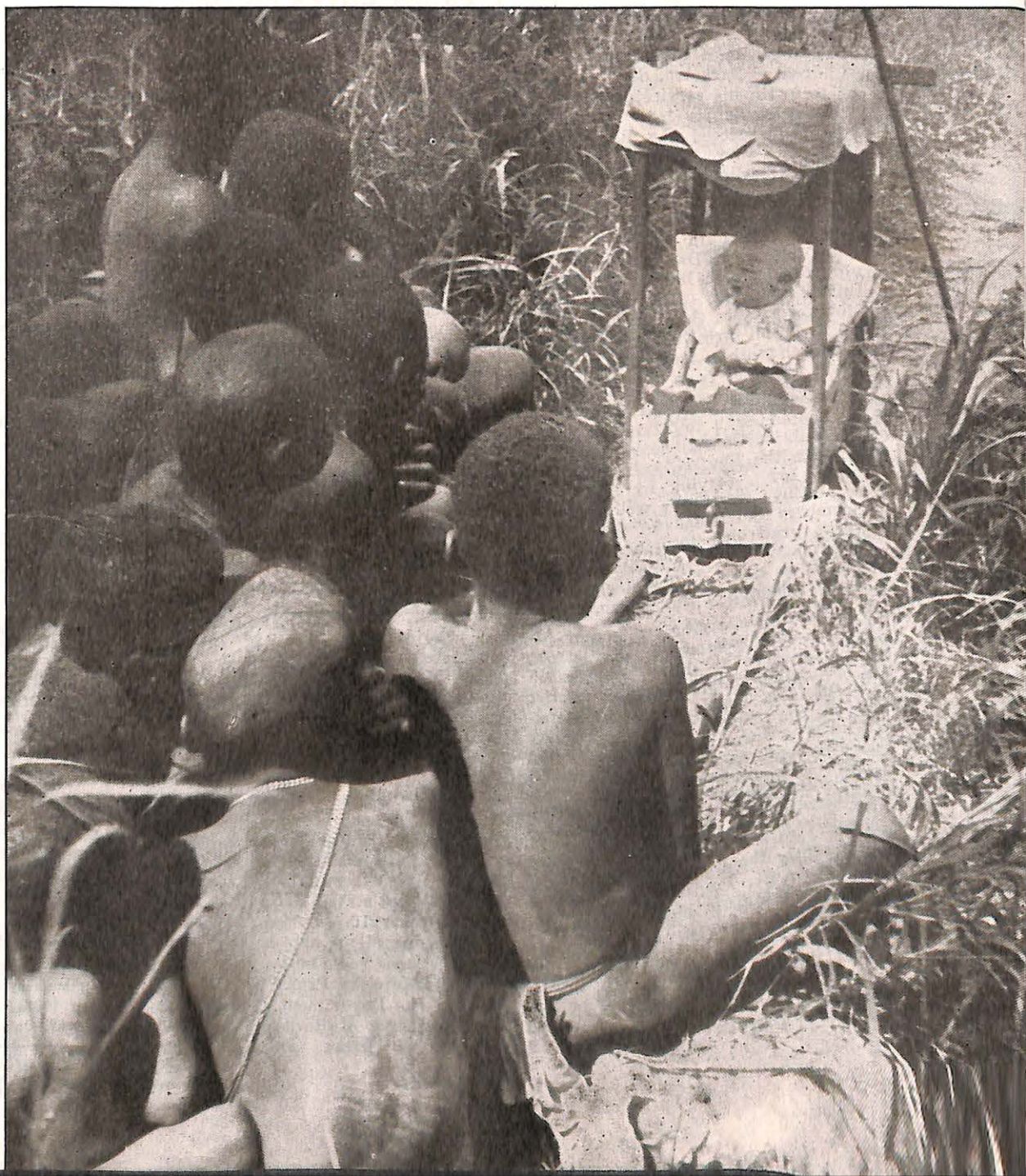


**Special
Missionary
Issue**



Daphne Dunger, "the
White Picaninny"
of Warwar, Mambila,
Gazes With
Open Eyed Wonder
at the Sea
of Dark Faces
of Africa's Children
in Front of Her.

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What's Happening

● The Rev. H. W. Wedel, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wis., has resigned his charge and accepted the call of the Baptist Church in Victor, Iowa. He will soon begin his ministry in the new church, where he will succeed the Rev. John Walkup, now of Sheffield, Iowa.

● The Rev. A. Engel, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., recently presented his resignation to the church which was accepted. Mr. Engel will bring his ministry in the Racine Church to a close on December 31, 1940. As yet, his plans for the future are uncertain.

● The Rev. H. G. Braun of Corona, So. Dak., has recently resigned and has accepted the call of the German Baptist Church of Parkston, So. Dak. He hopes to begin his service on the new field about November 1st. At Parkston he will succeed the Rev. Oscar Bonikowsky, who is continuing his studies at Oberlin, Ohio, at present.

● Since September 1 the Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer, pastor of the German Baptist churches in Anamoose and Lincoln Valley, No. Dak., has also been serving the English Baptist Church at Guthrie, No. Dak. Mr. Bibelheimer conducts a service there from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M. on three Sundays a month. The church with a membership of 70 is about 14 miles from Anamoose.

● Evangelistic meetings were held from September 9 to 22 in the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., with the Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa, serving as evangelist. The meetings were very well attended by members and friends of the church, and the gratifying total of 18 young people made their confession of faith in Christ as Savior. The Rev. Martin DeBoer is pastor of the church.

● Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thoms of Alpena, Mich., have gone to Detroit, Mich., to serve as church workers in the Chandler Park Drive Baptist Church. Mr. Thoms, the superintendent of the Alpena Church's Sunday School was formerly president of the Central Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. His ministry with that of his wife in the Detroit Church will be followed with interest by their many friends.

● Recently the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., installed ear phones for use by those members and friends in the services who are hard of hearing. These ear phones were the gift of Mr. John Zimmerman, treasurer of the church, in loving memory of his wife who passed away last August. The Rev. Emanuel

Wolff, pastor, wrote that "one of our members who seldom misses a service told me that she had not understood a single sentence of the sermons for the past several years and she is now able to understand every word."

● On Sunday evening, September 8, the Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., held a baptismal service that was very well attended in spite of unfavorable weather. The Rev. Alfred Foll had the joy of baptizing 4 Sunday School scholars, who were led to Christ by personal evangelistic efforts

FRONT COVER PICTURE

In a recent letter our Mambila missionary, Rev. George Dunger, wrote about their daughter, Daphne, in a beautifully descriptive and heart stirring paragraph, which follows:

"Daphne is a true gift of God. Her coming brought us much joy. Frequently she becomes the link between some people—perhaps, from distant villages—who shyly walk by the house but cannot afford to miss the opportunity of seeing the "White Child." They approach slowly—haunch some distance away from the veranda—venture closer again. Daphne, sitting in her high-chair, waves her arms and smiles. Now the people sit down. Fear seems dispelled by Daphne's "chatter." They converse. Now they must "salute" the parents, for to leave without a greeting would be very impolite. And—here is our chance to speak to them! Thus, the words of the physician, who attended Daphne's birth, "She will be a great help in your work"—come true!"

and who attended an instruction class, conducted by the pastor. The church clerk, Mr. M. D. Ziemer, wrote: "May those new converts ever remember their vows to God and his Church, and may the church in turn exercise proper oversight, willingly keeping the moral and spiritual welfare of these children in mind."

● The students of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., are again conducting the devotional radio service on Thursday mornings from 7:15 to 7:30 A. M. over the local station WSAY beginning with October 10. Last year the students rendered an appreciated service over the same radio outlet. During the next few weeks Prof. Wm. Appelt, head of the Department of German in the University of Rochester, will give a series of lectures at our seminary

on "Literary Milestones in German Literature." On Thursday, October 3, Prof. A. J. Ramaker of Rochester, N. Y., celebrated his 80th birthday, a report of which appears elsewhere.

● Since September 1, 1940, the Rev. A. J. Milner has been serving as the new pastor of the West Ebenezer and Springside Baptist Churches in Saskatchewan, Canada. For a number of years Mr. Milner was active on a farm at Swan River before beginning his ministry in these two churches. Early in September a reception was held for the minister and his family, at which the Revs. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg, J. J. Wiens of Fenwood, and Walter Stein of Ebenezer East took part besides the representatives of the churches' organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Milner with their 8 children are living in Springside.

● The Rev. Fred W. Benke of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, has received the appointment by the local and general mission committees to become "the district missionary of the Northern Conference." He will spend about 5 or 6 months of each year serving the pastorless churches and neglected fields and will also give special attention to our churches at Valley View, Innisfree, and Lashburn, Alberta. During the winter he will assist as a faculty member at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton and, if possible, assist in a few other Bible Schools in Canada. Mr. Benke has accepted the appointment and will begin his new service as district missionary on December 1st.

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EDITORIAL

EVERY missionary dollar soars into the world on the fleeting wings of Christian service and returns, freighted with blessings, in a hundred fold harvest.

A Missionary Dollar on the Wings of Service. Can the story of the little church around the corner or of the rustic rural church

ever be told with adequate completeness? In such churches, that would have been compelled to have closed their doors unless they had received assistance from others, a young lad by the name of Charles Haddon Spurgeon was converted and a young minister known as William Carey preached his memorable sermon that inspired the modern missionary movement.

Twenty-two cents of every missionary dollar of yours render an incalculable service in strengthening weak churches, opening new fields of endeavor, and repairing the walls of Zion. It is the epic story of "missions at home." It is the brotherly act and Good Samaritan deed toward those with whom we are intimately associated in our denominational fellowship.

Have you ever given any thought as to how a few dollars can go a long way on the foreign mission field? The money, which is the equivalent of one bomb dropped from the skies upon a defenseless city, can pay missionaries' salaries, build chapels and schools, train native workers and help to win hundreds of natives to Christ. What a colossal and abiding ministry is rendered by every eighteen cents of your missionary dollar that is wafted on the wings of service to the Cameroons of Africa and the Danubian lands of southeastern Europe!

We are living in a day when intensive training is a prerequisite to every one of the world's jobs. This should be supremely true of the world's most important profession, that of the Christian ministry. At our Rochester Baptist Seminary

young men are being prepared in a great variety of ways for this task. To be a witness to the remarkable transformation that occurs in a young man, who has gone through the seminary halls over a period of several years, is more than worth the twelve cents of every missionary dollar that is designated for this service.

We would be less than human and far from Christian, if we neglected our aged ministers and the needy. Only heathen tribes kill their aged or let them perish in hunger when they are of no further use to the village. You have the satisfaction of knowing that ten cents of every dollar goes towards this worthy cause with an additional eight cents helping to provide a small pension for the aged and often penniless ministers and their wives.

Young people's activities in the denomination are on the rapid increase. More than a score of young people's assemblies are held each summer. Promotional work among them brings forth big returns. These four cents of your missionary dollar for this cause is money well invested!

A visit to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan, would soon convince any "doubting Thomas" that the six cents of the mission dollar for this ministry are profitably used. How highly Jesus evaluated the little child!

So the story of your missionary dollar continues with unabated glory. Three cents help to support the influential ministry of our Publication Society. One cent apiece is designated for each of the three Homes for the Aged in our denomination. Only seven cents are needed for administration, and seven cents are held in reserve for emergencies that may arise.

Send these mission gifts forth on the strong winds of God's service! Every one will return to you with heart warming blessings, telling the story of work well done and profitably accomplished.

Denominational Loyalists Are At Work

In a strikingly unique manner the general missionary secretary is making his appeal for the support of the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week to be observed from November 17 to 24, 1940, in our churches by letting "the denominational loyalists," as he calls them, tell the story of their gifts in their own words.

By the REV. WILLIAM KUHN, D. D., of Forest Park, Illinois

From a wide and intimate acquaintance with our widely scattered nine conferences, with boldness we can assert that among our membership many deserve to be called DENOMINATIONAL LOYALISTS. This noble company of men and women are known to be the burden bearers. They are those steadfast ones, never moved by every wind that blows.

The strength or the weakness of a local church is always determined by the number of DENOMINATIONAL LOYALISTS among the membership.

supply of the pamphlet, "For Christ and Our Churches," and the subscription cards for the Centenary Offering. We would urge all our pastors to secure their supply of this helpful material now.

"A Democracy of Intelligence"
710 Gibbs Ave., N. E.,
Canton, Ohio.
September 5, 1940.

Dear Brother Kuhn:—

I am enclosing my preliminary pledge toward the Centenary Offering

for our Centenary Offering and at this time they were making their first payment of \$33.00. At the same time the pastor was making the first payment on his subscription to the Centenary Offering. During all the years of his ministry, the Rev. John Schmidt has secured a prominent place for himself among that select company of our pastors who accomplish much because they are DENOMINATIONAL LOYALISTS.

Another Welcome Visitor

October 10, 1940.

Mr. Otto L. Draeger,
704 Knorr Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Brother Draeger:—

When we opened our afternoon mail, we were delighted to find your letter with that check for \$875.00 from the German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference. You can rest assured that all such visitors here at our Forest Park office receive a most cordial welcome. We never fail to give them an invitation to "Come Again!" We have learned to appreciate the devotion of our young people of the Atlantic Conference to our denominational enterprise. We are delighted to see them marching in the front ranks of this distinguished host of DENOMINATIONAL LOYALISTS. Enclosed I am sending you our receipt.

Very sincerely yours,
William Kuhn.

Winning Church Organizations to Cooperate

From a letter written on September 23, 1940, by Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor of the White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, we quote:

"What of course will concern you most are the following items:

1. We have sold 25 copies of "Bender in the Cameroons." Perhaps, we could sell more.
2. The Sunday School has pledged toward the Centenary Offering of our denomination \$150.00 on the basis of tithing. Every quarter our Sunday School treasurer will send you one-tenth of our gross income. This is above all missionary giving, and excluding that. Our Sunday School budget usually amounts to \$500 per year, so on that basis we subscribe by official vote of our teachers and workers \$150.00.

and I want to ask you, would it be possible for me to obtain 25 copies of the booklet, "For Christ and Our Churches."? I plan to present the objectives in a series of prayer meeting studies, in order to bring about a "democracy of intelligence" regarding them.

Very sincerely,

Benjamin Schimpf,

What an Interested Pastor Can Do

Recently the Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the First Church in Chicago, came to our office with the newly elected president of their own young people's society. Even before these two brethren spoke a word, their faces betrayed the happiness of their hearts. The young people's society of that church was sending its contribution of \$100 for the support of our mission work in the Cameroons.

This same society had pledged \$100

Every pastor and every member can be classified according to the degree of his loyalty. In all honesty, we cannot place every pastor or every church member into this select company of DENOMINATIONAL LOYALISTS. We are hoping and praying that the Holy Spirit may touch every heart, so that many may make a definite advance and find their places of honor and service in this elite company.

Almost at random, we have selected the following reports with the hope that others may be stimulated to "follow in their train."

Observing Denominational Sundays

We are hoping that our pastors everywhere are making the necessary preparations for an impressive observance of the four denominational Sundays during the month of November. About 40 pastors have ordered their



The Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota

Missionary Pictures and Lectures for Our Churches

A new illustrated lecture entitled, "Kakaland As It Really Is," about our Cameroon Mission Field is ready for distribution. The 90 new and interesting pictures are arranged on a continuous still film. The pictures show the Gebauers at work at Mbem and the annual "Field Day" held in conjunction with the mission school. The projector is sent with the written lecture and film. Time of presentation—40 minutes.

Other still film lectures available are as follows:

"Our First Visit to Mambila,"
"Streams of Blessing from Christ's Churches."

Both of these lectures require about 40 minutes. The Mambila pictures show the Dungers and their baby, Daphne, at Warwar. The second lecture describes the home mission enterprise of our denomination. Written lectures accompany all the still pictures.

The following moving picture films with English captions are now available to all our churches:

1. Missionary Bender in Africa.
2. Cameroon Trek into the Interior.
3. A Missionary's Busy Day With His Varied Experiences.
4. Our Missionaries on a Visitation Tour to Neighboring Fields.
5. Native Scenes from the Mission Field.
6. Typical Scenes from Life in Kakaland.
7. Building the Grassland Palace for the Gebauers.
8. Miss Koppin Following in the Footsteps of the Master.
9. Arrival of the Dungers at the Cameroon Coast.
10. Miss Reddig Arriving at Cameroon and Meeting Fellow-Missionaries.
11. Proclaiming Christ's Gospel in Darkest Africa. (Two Reels)
12. Fascinating Strange Sights from

tors of our Old People's Home. I believe he will be a great help to the denomination in his new work. Our problem of filling the vacancy will be a great concern to us all. I believe God will take care of us so we can complete our plans and keep the church together in the future.

Very sincerely yours,
Elmer F. Merz.

From the Love That Has Not Failed

University City, Mo.
October 11, 1940.

I am enclosing a Centenary Offering Pledge for \$50.00 with personal check for fifteen dollars to apply on same.

We have no church in St. Louis affiliated with your mission board any longer and as we have been members of a large English Baptist Church for the past five years, my only informa-

the Everyday Life of Our Missionaries.

13. Our Church at Mbem in Action.
14. A Streamline Trip to Our Young People's Assemblies. (Kodachrome) Two Reels.
15. The Rochester Baptist Seminary in Action. (Kodachrome) Two Reels.
16. Our Gypsy Work in Bulgaria.
17. Travelling Through Picturesque Europe.
18. European Scenes Arrayed in Gorgeous Colors. (Kodachrome).
19. Immigration and Colonization in Canada.

An illustrated lecture about "Our Rochester Baptist Seminary" with 100 colored slides can be secured for use in our churches by writing to Prof. A. A. Schade, 246 Alexander St., Rochester, N. Y. The screen is sent with the slides and written lecture.

Mr. A. D. Schantz, colporter for the Publication Society, has with him an illustrated lecture about the history and ministry of the Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be glad to give this fine lecture in any church that requests it.

All requests for any of the still film programs or moving picture films are to be addressed to the Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. They should be made at least several weeks in advance and with two or three choices in dates indicated, because of the heavy demand for these pictures by the churches.

In naming the selections, mention both the number and title of the film. This will prevent any mistakes being made. All moving picture films are of the 16 mm size. They present admirable material for unique missionary programs. Make arrangements now to show the still pictures or moving pictures about our mission fields in your church.

tion about your work is through "The Baptist Herald" to which we still subscribe.

We drove up to Burlington for the General Conference and spent three days there, meeting a great many of our old friends, hearing some fine talks, and enjoying the young people's banquet immensely.

Yours sincerely,
Charles A. Blatter.

An Acceptable Offering

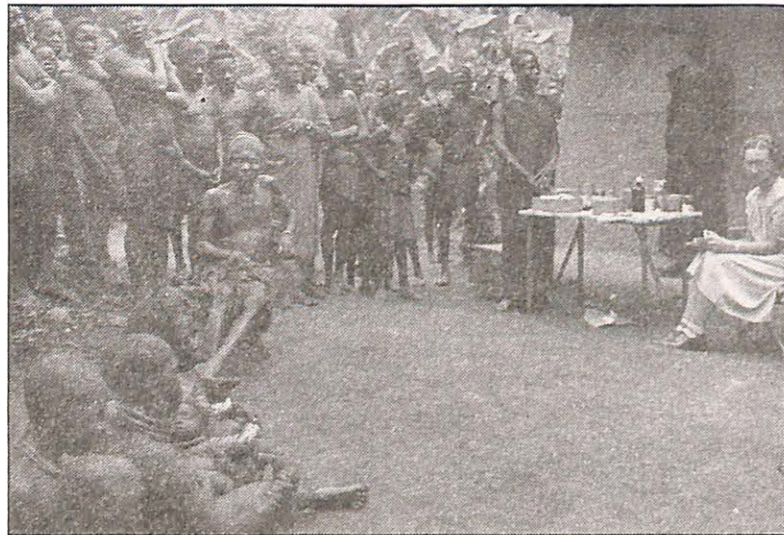
"The News Letter which comes every month is a great joy to me. What an inspiration the Burlington Conference proved to be. It would be such a great pleasure to contribute to the Centenary Offering but the only contribution I can give at present is sincere earnest prayer for the advancement of God's cause throughout our denomination. That is given wholeheartedly and regularly."

Anonymous.

Trails, Towns, Tasks and Treks

By LAURA E. REDDIG, Missionary in Mbem, the Cameroons

Weeks of tramping through the country, in which we are working, cannot help but find us in many places and on many trails. One thing is a certainty when on trek out here. When you get to the top of that hill, you will be sure to see another hill to climb. To conquer some of them, you have to use all the horse and foot power available, and then the hill seems to stretch its height even higher. But with much panting, sweating, and stiff climbing, the top is suddenly before you and as you rejoice in the conquest, you see the next one looming even higher and steeper before you. Trails often wind around hills, but more often just go straight up. One is always quite certain of his footing while ascending, but not so in descending. It makes one think of a roller coaster, with one doing all the rolling and coasting on one's own power.



The Open Air Clinic Conducted by Miss Reddig at a Village With Medicines, Medical Counsel and the Gospel Message Dispensed by the Missionary

Trekking this year was different for me than last year, for I went alone, and did not have the advice and help of another fellow-nurse. This meant that spare time, if such a thing came along, could not be spent in talking, but in reading or writing. But very little time is left to oneself, especially when travelling with a box of medicines and bandages. One becomes suddenly a curiosity, a helper, a friend in need, or even an intruder.

Forty-three Stops!

Forty-three different stops were made at different towns and at isolated quarters of towns. That took as long or longer than my trip across the United States before coming out here. But the distance covered cannot be compared, due to the fact that travel out

here is nothing like it is at home. We still go on our own power, by horse or on the backs of natives. Travel always brings up the problem of hotels or places in which to stay. A greater variety could not be found anywhere than that which is found in the "bush country" of Africa. Go with me into some of the "hotels" which I enjoyed or used while on trek.

Often the only house or building in the whole village, which is free from too many rats and lice, is the little Baptist chapel. This is usually an open affair with plenty of air-conditioning and often without door or window coverings. The "bamboo" benches are piled to one side of the chapel to make room for my belongings. The bed with its mosquito netting tent is placed on the spot which is the most level.

No hardwood floors out here! Grass mats are hung over the doors, or, if

"bill" for one night in some generous chief's drink-hut is usually about twenty-five cents and often a fowl, eggs or bananas are extras.

One chief in a little off-the-way village, took me to "the best house in town." It was nicely decorated with figures of men, snakes, lizzards, birds and horses. It was nicely located near a fine group of big trees. But the house itself left much to be desired. Only one room could be used, for the little room in the back had a bamboo bed in it, and was plentifully occupied. Even in broad daylight the rats would chase themselves around my chair. At night, they must have thought my table and boxes were fine things to play with, for they would be so occupied in chewing at them that they wouldn't even stop when I shone my flashlight on them and "shooed" them away. The town people also decided to have one of their all-night dances, choosing the cleared spot near my house. I slept much better in the next town! Houses would often leak like a sieve, making you wonder where to stand or sit till it stopped raining.

The tent of my fellow-workers also helped to make up for the inadequate hotel services of this land. With a fly over it, it was usually hot enough to make you feel quite roasted after a few hours. But it kept the goats, dogs, rats and insects out. So you see, the hotels of Africa are usually what you make them, and always leave you thankful for a better house and bed at the mission station.

African Visitors

Along with the houses, one must not forget the many visitors which come in the course of the days. Foremost of these are the goats. As goats are a sign of wealth, I've often wished the people were not quite so rich, for it would mean more and sounder sleep at night. One night, having just the grass mat as the door, (I nailed it to the mud walls), a goat wanted to come in out of the rain. He got caught between the mat and the wall, and what a fuss he made! Just one flash of my light was enough to convince him that he ought to find a safer resting place.

Rats are everywhere, and I often wished I had brought along my cat, Kibbits, for he would have enjoyed them. Lizzards creep up and down the walls, and more than once just missed a hot bath in my tea or soup. But they are not as troublesome as are the flies. Daring creatures these are! One can hardly eat without biting into them, or pour a drink without washing them into the cup.

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Learning the Name of Jesus

By EDITH A. KOPPIN, Missionary-Nurse at Warwar, Mambila

I am now at a village about three hours walking distance from Warwar. At least, it took me three hours to walk here. I am examining all the sick people who have the courage to come. I am also trying to find out the mortality rate.

What I have already learned is appalling. The one discouragement is that all do not come, but the friendliness which now exists makes us hopeful for more exact and complete information on a return trip later on. It will take a long time, yes, even years, to gain all the information we would like to have. I have so far been able to contact just about 70 people at this village and those that came from nearby hamlets. The people live in far scattered hamlets, yet I am glad for this small cooperation after being here such a short time.

"Public Enemies" in Africa

I wish I had pounds and pounds of quinine. I learn that so many children die of malaria. That seems to be Public Enemy No. 1. Dysentery follows as offender No. 2. One woman had 10 children, all of whom died before the age of three and, according to present findings, no doubt malaria, dysentery or some respiratory disease took them.

The people all live on hills, but surrounding them are the swamps where mosquitoes breed, and uncleanness and ignorance do their part. Yet in comparison with other tribes here the Mambilas are cleaner and better farmers, better home builders, more ambitious and progressive.

I am at a rest house, where I have brought essentials for living a few days. That includes a camp bed, folding table and chairs, clothing, and from a box of medical supplies we dispose medicines from the doorway.

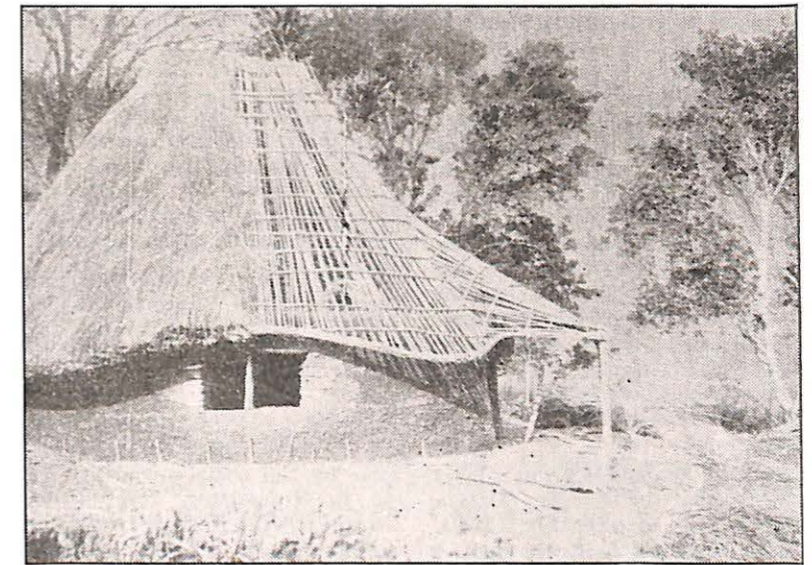
The Missionary's Medicines

It is raining and so for the present the run of people has stopped. It is cold when it rains and to hug the fire is a far more pleasant pastime. Now the people will sit at their fire, roast ears of corn and eat them, talking about "the white lady" and her medicine and the effect of her medicine on their bodies.

Some can be very illustrative and even sing songs in describing the ways in which the medicine passes through their systems. If you were to take the description literally which some give of the way sicknesses affect them, you could easily imagine a brass band passing through their stomachs.

Boys on the Mission Compound

We have a group of young Mambila boys, helping us in our daily menial tasks of the house and compound. Their



The Dispensary at Warwar, Mambila, Under Construction, Which Serves as the Center of Medical Service for Edith Koppin, Our Missionary-Nurse

work is to carry water from the stream, chop wood for the stove, sweep floors and the compound near the house, and make themselves generally useful.

Another reason for this group is to get as close to the Mambilas as possible and to make as many contacts as we can, so that we can learn to know them and they can know us. These boys, no doubt, carry home many a tale of these "strange white people."

They are bright little boys, respectful in their attitude, intelligent in their work, and assuming their respective responsibilities seriously, often amusingly so. Some of them have exceptional personalities. All Mambilas are so—intelligent, thorough, ingenious, ambitious and progressive. We love these boys and are happy to have them with us.

Contacts for Christ

We want to make contacts, I said. We try to teach them in little things along with the day's work and in the day's work. Every morning most of them are here bright and early, attending the morning prayers and there they are learning the morning prayers and there they are learning, word for word, the Lord's prayer in Fulani, and also short songs are being taught them. Some of them are proud when they are asked to repeat what they have learned and when they can remember.

But, I sometimes wonder, just how much of their life does this impress—does it become a part of them? Has the name of Jesus taken on any meaning to them? Are the songs they learn in the morning forgotten as soon as they leave prayers? But wait!!

Every evening, just before dark, the whole band marches off to their respective homes. Each has a spear in his hand (a small one) and over his arm hangs a grass bag in which he has brought his lunch and in it are the "treasures" that are usually found in any normal American boy's pocket. They saunter off, cantering gaily to each other, calling salutations to us, "Until tomorrow! Sleep well!!" And with them goes the childish laughter that has been with us all day. All is quiet.

The Name of Jesus

After they had left, I went down to the garden one evening to see how it was progressing and was slowly returning to the house—when—Hark! What is this that has broken the stillness caused by their departure? There are voices in the distance—children's voices, piercing the atmosphere loud and clear—and they are singing. They have made their way through the valley, have crossed the river and are trudging up the steep hill on the opposite shore. They were singing as they neared their homes. They were singing, "Baba mi Yesu, Hallelujah!"—"My Father is Jesus, Hallelujah!" They were singing the name of Jesus—taking it to their homes, to homes that do not know of the Savior, people who still live in darkness, still in bondage to Satan.

They were taking the name of Jesus to them! Can you wonder that the depth of the meaning of this thrilled my soul? I had the answer to my questioning heart! The Mambilas are learning the name of Jesus.

What's Happening News

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● On Sunday, October 13, the Sunday School of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, took leave of four of its splendid young men who are members of the National Guard and who were ordered for mobilization to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The young men, who will be gone for a year, are Albert Bessel, sergeant in the medical department and president of the local B. Y. P. U.; Horst Joost, medical department; George Schmidt, cornetist in the band and Otho Rowley, infantry. Each one of these men was presented with a New Testament by the superintendent, inscribed with these words:—"Prove thyself a good soldier of your country and of Jesus Christ." All four are members of the church, according to the pastor, Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel.

● On Sunday, September 22, at a brief business session the former German Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, changed its name to the Grace Baptist Church. The Rev. John Walkup, pastor, is now conducting a radio broadcast every Monday morning over station KGLO in Mason City. From Sunday, October 6, to Tuesday, October 8, a "church wide rally" was held with rousing services on Sunday, a B. Y. P. U. program on Monday evening, and an enthusiastic session by the Women's Missionary Society on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The Rev. John Walkup is also the aggressive chairman of the "Iowa B. Y. P. U. Chapel Crusade" with the goal of raising \$1000 before June, 1941, for the building of a mission church in Warwar, the Cameroons.

● Evangelistic meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak., for two weeks from September 23 to October 4. The Rev. Charles Wagner of Linton, No. Dak., served as evangelist bringing chalk talks for the children and German messages. A young couple expressed their desire to follow the Lord during the meetings. On Sunday, October 6, the church held its annual mission festival with Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., serving as guest speaker and addressing large crowds in the morning and afternoon. From October 14 to 25 evangelistic meetings were held at the stations, Johannestal and Jewell, with the Rev. E. Broeckel of Lehr, No. Dak., bringing the messages. The Rev. W. J. Luebeck is pastor of the Ashley Church.

● The Sunday School of the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., held its promotion exercises on Friday evening, October 4, in connection with the showing of missionary pictures of our Cameroon field by Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." The diploma and Bibles were presented to the graduates by the superintendent,

Mr. Earl Wright. Perfect attendance awards were given to the following: Bertha Sayenga, 15th year; Phoebe Hamel, 13th year; Donald Pfeiffer, 8th year; Raymond Pfeiffer, George and William Herfner, 7th year; Edna Mae Wilson, 1st year. On Sunday morning, Mr. Leuschner spoke to a large audience that filled the church and in the evening he addressed the young people's society under the leadership of Mr. Walter Evans. The Rev. L. B. Holzer is pastor of the church.

● On Friday evening, September 27, the North Ave. Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a banquet for all of its choir members and their families. About 40 people enjoyed the dinner and the program that followed. Mr. Kurt R. Adler, toastmaster, introduced the numbers which consisted of a welcome by the choir president, Mr. Harold P. Hofmeister, greetings by Mr. George H. Ahlswede, a reading by Mrs. George Klein, a solo by Mr. Fred Bechteler, and a message by the pastor, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. The organist of the choir is Miss Gertrude Jeske and the director Mr. George H. Ahlswede. On Sunday, October 27, the new pipe organ was formally dedicated with special services and an address by the Rev. George Hensel of Kankakee, Ill.

● The German Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., held its annual Mission Sunday on October 6. The pastor of the nearby church at Washburn, No. Dak., the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, was the guest preacher. A missionary offering of \$52.43 was received. On Tuesday, October 15, the new Home for the Aged for the Dakota Churches at Bismarck was dedicated. The business meeting of the society members was held in the afternoon and a dedication program in the evening. The Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser of Bismarck are serving as superintendent and matron of the Home. Mr. Gieser will discontinue his service as pastor of the Bismarck Church. The address of the Home is 223 First Street, Bismarck, No. Dak.

● The Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., and Miss Frohmut H. Streuber of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, announced their engagement in Milwaukee on August 28. They first met at Burlington, Iowa, and so they could say: "We both agree that this was the best conference we ever attended and we sincerely believe that there was a higher Hand in the matter leading us in making this very important decision for life." Miss Streuber is a very active member of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg. The young couple has set the marriage date for Saturday, November 9. The many General Conference delegates and

readers of "The Baptist Herald" join the editor in extending to both of these fine young people the best wishes for a life of joy and service with the Master's benediction.

● The Rev. Roy R. and Ralph W. Kraft of Wasco, Calif., "the twin evangelists," and their wives are rendering a marvelous service in the Dakotas at meetings being held in several churches. With their winsome message in song and words they have received an enthusiastic response by large crowds and have led many to faith in Christ. From September 29 to October 11 they conducted meetings in the Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., with approximately ten conversions recorded. They served the Baptist Church in Martin, No. Dak., for the ensuing two weeks from October 13 to 25. From Sunday, October 27, to Friday, November 8, they will be in charge of an evangelistic campaign in the German-town Church of North Dakota with the nearby churches of Fessenden and Cathay cooperating with the German-town Church. From November 17 to 29 they will serve the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., in similar meetings.

● On Sunday, September 29, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the BAPTIST HERALD, preached in the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., at its "Mission Sunday" services. A total of \$55 as a missionary offering was brought by the membership, according to its pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, September 30 and October 1, Mr. Leuschner spoke in the German Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., and showed pictures on "Kakaland As It Really Is." The pastor of the church is the Rev. L. F. Gassner. A separate paragraph appears about his visit in the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. From October 9 to 13 Mr. Leuschner participated in the program of the Northern North Dakota Association at Beulah, No. Dak., and of the Central Dakota Sunday School Convention at Herreid, So. Dak. In connection with the latter program the young people's rally of the Central Dakota Union was also held. On Sunday, October 20, Mr. Leuschner preached at the morning service in the Burns Ave. Church in Detroit, Mich., and showed missionary pictures at the Ebenezer Church in the evening in connection with its Harvest and Mission Festival program. During the following week he participated in the program of the Kansas Association of the Bethany Church near Vesper, Kans., and spoke in our churches at Lorraine, Ellinwood and Stafford, Kans. As this issue reaches the reader he will be serving the Pacific Northwest Association at its annual conference to be held in American Falls, Idaho, from October 31 to November 3, and thereafter will participate in the program of the Oregon Association at the Salt Creek Church from November 6 to 10.

A Missionary's Day in China

By BERTHA M. LANG of Pingyanghsien, China

While at home on my last furlough, four years ago, the young people were constantly using the word "thrilling." I had never heard it used so much before. They were "thrilled" about one thing after the other, and ever so many things gave them a "thrill." I've been thinking today of the things that have been giving me "thrills" and decided to give you one day's experiences. I wonder how many would agree with me!

One Sunday morning at 5:45 I got up to see if the weather was going to permit my visiting one of our outstations about 4½ miles from here. (Can I hear someone say, "There's nothing 'thrilling' about getting up at that time on a Sunday morning?") The sky was cloudy; occasionally there were showers but I decided to go. A small canal boat had been hired the day before to take me to the little chapel.

To the Iowa Young People's Union

China Inland Mission,
Pingyanghsien, Che., China,
July 17, 1940.

My dear Friends:—

Again a year has passed since a letter was sent off to you. My thoughts were with you especially during your meetings in June, and I want to thank you most sincerely for your continued kindness and thoughtfulness of me. May the Lord reward and bless each one of you!

With loving greetings,
Bertha M. Lang.

We left home at 7 and arrived at our destination a little after 8:30. Where the boat landed, stood a group of perhaps 10 to 15 men, women and children and when they saw I had really come, there was a clapping of the hands by some, not children only, but married women. THAT gave me a "thrill." One of them said, "I almost gave up hopes that you were coming today for we've been waiting such a long time for you and yet I told the group that Miss Lang's words are very dependable."

They relieved me of my bag containing my Bible, hymn book and a small package of rice, which was to be cooked with their rice, for my dinner. At the rickety building (not worthy to be called a chapel) another group of people came out smiling and saying, "It's good of you to come." "Thrill" number two!

Before the church service, they have a time for testimony, reading of Scripture or prayer by different ones. It gave me a "thrill" to see several of the young women, who had been at our Bible Schools, get up and do their part.

At dinner time a special delicacy had been prepared for me—two eggs beaten up and cooked in a watery mixture with a Chinese sauce on it. They knew there were some things that I couldn't eat and so "love" had prepared the extra for me. Would that "thrill" you?

After dinner they grouped around me and said, "Teach us to sing—it's much easier to learn when you are here." Bless their hearts! Many of them don't know one tune from another, but we sang for at least an hour. Then someone asked the question, "Are you coming for a Bible School this year?" I told them that I hoped to come. What a cheering there was!! "How good of you to care for us." "The only thing we are anxious about is that the journey of 9 miles each day will be too much for you and too

expensive." "We didn't dare hope you would come again this year."

The afternoon service was over a little before 4 P. M. Before leaving the chapel one of the men said, "Here's 50 cents to help pay your boat fare." (It might interest you to know that at the present rate of exchange, that 50 cents amounts to about 3 cents of our money at home.) Try as I would to get out of taking it, nothing altered their purpose.

It was 5:30 when I got home. In our guest room sat my fellow worker entertaining one of our former evangelists. Before he left he said, "Some day may I come and can we have prayer together? I feel so starved for real prayer fellowship." That crowned the "thrills" for the day. We long for many who crave for such fellowship. Our guests left us at 6:30. We had our supper—short family prayers and went to bed. Tired? Yes. But my "thrills" for the day caused me to sleep quickly and with thankfulness to the Lord for having given me the privilege of witnessing for him in China.

The Ministry of Your Colporter

By MR. A. D. SCHANTZ, Colporter of Our Publication Society

I want to express my deepest appreciation and profound gratitude to all the pastors, their families, and the members and friends of their churches for the wonderful hospitality in their homes, the welcome and warm reception offered, and for the interest they have shown in the work of our Publication Society in Cleveland.

You have been the success in my work. A great many of you had nothing but deserts about you, as far as earthly things are concerned, but the warmest of love, the spirit of friendship, and the greatest of interest for all causes in the Kingdom of God flowed in streams of beauty out of your hearts and lives to cherish, to bless, and to promote the cause of Christ. We are sure that the most beautiful roses we will find in heaven will have come out of the desert clad lands here on earth from those who have labored most faithfully against all hardships and difficulties. Beautiful roses do not come without the thorns. Your lives have been Christianized and beautified through these trials and hardships. And nothing on earth can shake your faith in God.

I would like to mention some of the churches and pastors especially, but that would not do without hurting the feelings of others who have also been very faithful. All of you have a very warm place in my heart. In the Dakotas we have the largest number of churches where I spent the largest part of my time. Having spent my longest time with them, they became very dear to me. They are really a fine set of people. But that I can also say of all the other churches I have visited. They are all a great people!

I am in this work now 21 months and have not visited all of our churches. I have not been in Canada at all. Neither have I been in the eastern states. If the Lord will make it possible for me, I want to see all of you at some time in the future. I do not know just how soon that will and can be.

At any rate, we as a German Baptist Publication Society covet your deepest interest, your hearty cooperation, and your earnest prayers for the work and the cause for which our Publication Society stands. It is all yours, and "we are Christ's, and Christ is God's." Those of you who saw the fine display and the great selection of Bibles, books and Christian literature at the General Conference in Burlington, will know that through our Book Store in Cleveland you can secure all that your heart can wish for.

That Book Store is a fountain from the throne of God, established for you and every German Baptist of North America through the earnest prayers and great sacrifice of our forefathers. The channel from which these blessings flow is still of the same stream. If we but open our hearts to this stream of blessing, untold treasures and joy will flow for us to our heart's delight.

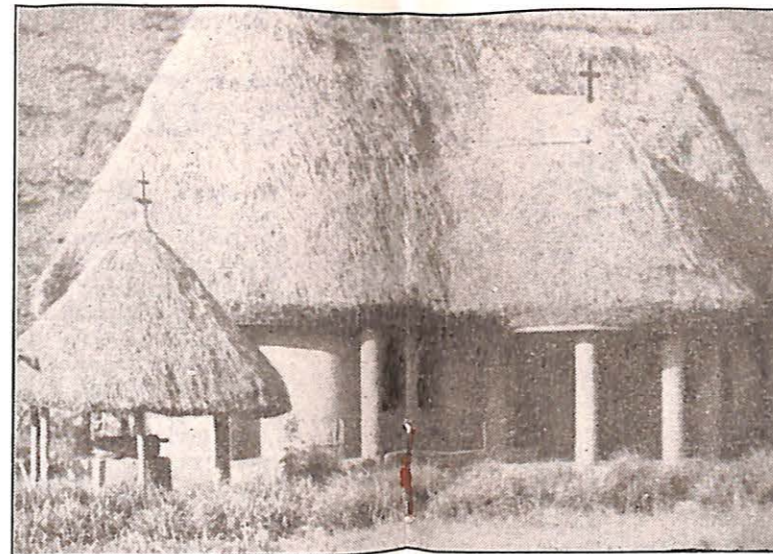
THE COLPORTER'S SCHEDULE

Mr. Schantz' schedule is a busy one. In September and October he visited many of our Wisconsin churches in the interest of our Publication Society. In November and December he plans to visit Elberta, Alabama; Branch, Louisiana; Houston, Brenham, Greenville, Donna, Kyle, Elm Creek, Elgin, Cottonwood, Waco, Crawford, Gatesville, Dallas, and Hurnville, Texas. In January and February, 1941, he will canvass all the churches in Oklahoma.



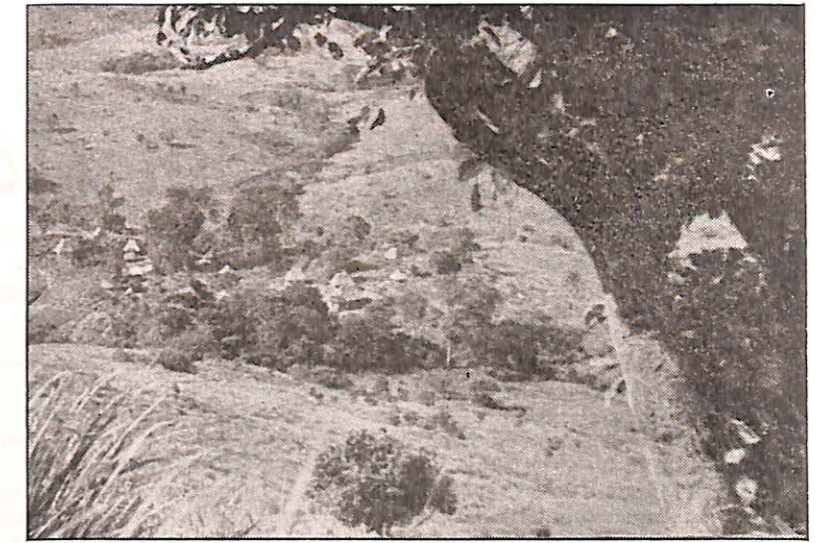
Laura E. Reddig, Our Missionary-Nurse in Kakaland, Picks a Few Flowers to Decorate the Living Room in Her Hut

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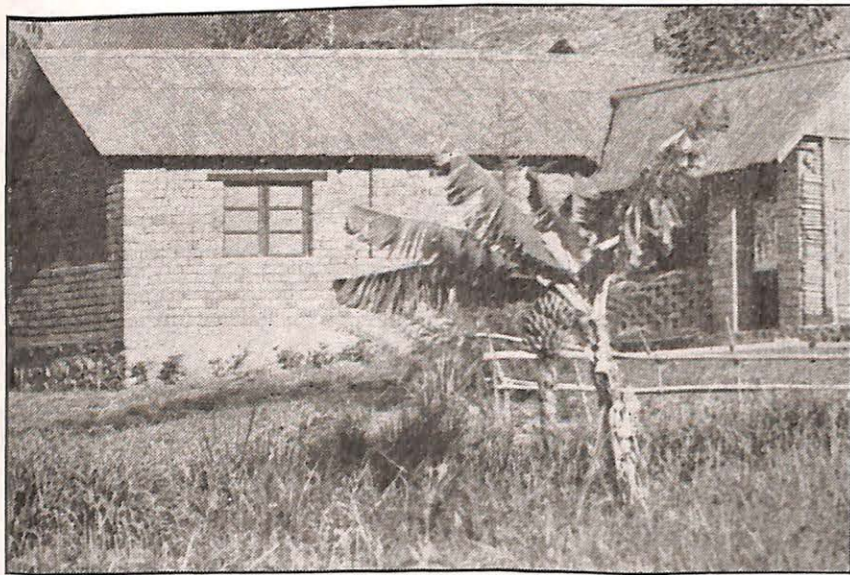


The Baptist Mission Chapel at Mbem in Kakaland With the Drum Hut to the Left and the Bat Drum That Calls the Natives to Worship

"For
God So
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the
World"



From Surrounding Hills the Missionary Can Look Down Upon a Cameroon Village in Which a Mission Chapel is Located



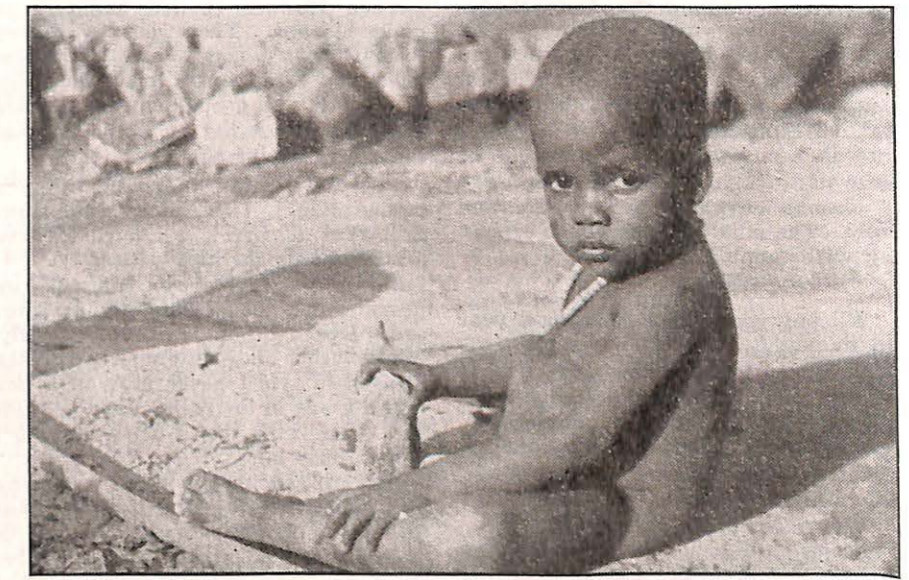
The New Brick Dispensary at Mbem is in the Nature of a Christian Hospital, Ministering to the Diseased Bodies of the Natives in the Spirit of Christ



Grotesque Fetishes, the Idols of Heathen Africa



The Reverberating Call to Prayer for the Christians



A Remarkable Picture of an African Picaninny, to Whom the Story of Jesus Christ is Being Brought by Our Missionaries in the Cameroons



On the Open African Road the Native Evangelist, Robert Jam, Preaches the Gospel to Curious Men and Women



Young People Line the Pathway and Enthusiastically Welcome the Missionary or Native Evangelist by the Clapping of Their Hands and Singing



So the Missionary Goes from One Village to Another, Preaching the Tidings of Christ as Redeemer and Savior

The Boy from Hogan's Alley

By Eleanor Kees

SYNOPSIS

A cold and stormy night was the beginning of a long string of adventures for Jimmy, an orphan boy from Hogan's Alley, and his dog, Toby. While stealing a dinner in a fashionable house, they were caught by the master of the place, Mr. Howard Ormsby, who took a peculiar fancy to the boy. In spite of the protest of his invalid wife and the cook, Kathleen, Mr. Ormsby gave the boy and his dog a place to sleep and decided to take care of them. Jimmy received an outfit of new clothes and was given a new name by Mr. Ormsby, which was to be James Crandall. But the maid of the house, Kathleen, didn't like the boy and tried to make life miserable for him. She sent him on many errands, and on one of these to a drug store he spent five cents of change on candy for himself and Toby. The maid threatened the orphan boy with terrible punishment.

CHAPTER FIVE

"I'll pay you back. I don't want your old money!" declared James.

"Go down to the bathroom and wash yourself!" demanded Kathleen. "If Mr. Ormsby sees you all daubed up, like as not he'll send you on again!"

Howard Ormsby came into the kitchen while the boy was in the bathroom.

"Where is James?" he asked.

Oh, so he was to be called by a new name, also! A street urchin, suddenly elevated from a beggar to an inmate of a gentleman's home, and too nice to be called by a common name! Kathleen wanted to turn upon her employer and give him a piece of her mind, but she only answered calmly, "He's in the bathroom, Mr. Ormsby."

"I'll wait here for him," said Howard, seating himself. James came up almost immediately.

"Are you ready to go with me?," asked Howard.

"Yes," answered James.

They went outside, and up to the room over the garage.

"This room is going to be pretty cold for the winter," said Howard, "but there is a room in the basement of the house where you can sit and study. There is no way of heating this, but after you become accustomed to it I don't think you will suffer. The blankets will keep you warm while you are in bed."

"Oh, this ain't cold," said James. "Why, it's lots warmer than my room at Hank's. Gee, I purty nigh froze there. Sometimes they was snow on my bed when the wind blowed it in."

Howard laid his hand tenderly on the boy's head.

"Well, there'll be no snow in here," he said. "Now let me show you how to put away your clothes."

They unwrapped the new articles of clothing, and carefully Howard showed the lad just where and how to place them in the dresser drawers. He even "scrambled" them all up after they were in place, and had James rearrange them. The lad enjoyed the lesson. It was a new experience to him.

Then Howard showed him how to make his bed. That was not so easy to learn, but James was a willing student, and after three trials succeeded in doing it well enough so that Howard was quite sure that he would not lose the covers during the night.

"Toby will have to sleep with you again tonight, I presume," said Howard, "but tomorrow I'll have to have a box sent up for him to sleep in."

James straightened himself up proudly, and looked squarely at Howard. "I been thinkin'," he said soberly, "that mebber he better sleep in the basement. He'd never stay in a box long's I was in the room. He'd be right back here with me. I know he won't like it, but—but—"

Howard saw that a battle was going on in the little breast. He knew that the lad would probably cry himself to sleep for several nights because his beloved pet was howling away in the basement beneath him, but he knew the best thing that could be done would be to encourage the manly spirit that prompted him to make the sacrifice because he knew his idol did not think it proper for a dog to sleep with a boy. So he said calmly, "I believe you are right, James. There is a big comforter in the basement that will be just the thing for Toby. Shall we take him down now?"

James nodded, and they went down to the basement.

What Howard Ormsby had thought was true. Toby sat at the head of the basement stairs and howled every night for a week, and upstairs a broken-hearted little master sobbed himself to sleep in pity for his beloved pet. But, just as he was going to have to learn. And after a time Toby learned to like his basement bed, and James became thoroughly reconciled to being separated from him.

James was placed in the first grade at school along with children of six and seven years of age. He had to have a separate class all of his own,

but Miss Rainer, his teacher, was very kind, and saw the need of the lad who had been denied the privileges which other children had had. So she put in extra time on James, who took to study like a duck takes to water and learned with remarkable speed.

In the basement of the Ormsby home was a large recreation room, and James was given free access to it where he might spend his evenings and study, and by the first of February he had caught up with the first graders and was reading ahead of them.

Miss Rainer did not try to hold him back, but interviewed the second grade teacher, who received him into her class. She soon saw that he would easily finish the grade with her pupils, so gave him lengthy lessons in order to push him ahead.

Howard Ormsby found it interesting to go to the recreation room almost every evening for a few minutes to hear James go over his lessons. Little Jean sometimes asked to go along, but Julia always objected, and because Howard had promised that he would not allow Jean to come in contact with the lad he always refused her. So all that Jean and James saw of each other were fleeting glances as they met at school. Jean was in the kindergarten, and had shorter hours than James, so they seldom saw each other.

Kathleen saw to it that James was kept busy whenever she could. She manufactured various excuses for him to run errands for her. She made a practice of leaving things out of her order for groceries just so she could send the boy after something as soon as he came from school. And finally she laid down a law that he was to wash his own dishes, and saw to it that the task was performed three times a day.

The first thaw in February brought mud. Black, sticky mud that stuck to James' rubbers, and made it exceedingly hard for him to please Kathleen! Moreover, it was very hard for him to remember to carefully clean his rubbers, or slip them off outside. One day, when the mud seemed to stick worse than ever he forgot to clean his shoes, and made ugly spots on Kathleen's clean floor.

"Jimmy Crandall!," she cried. She never called him James. "I want you to clean your shoes! Get out, you little heathen! You track mud in my kitchen again, and I'll rub your nose in it!"

James retreated to the back porch. There, she had called him that name again! He had tried many times to

think of it but had been unable. A heathen—what was a heathen? He must remember it. If he could spell it, he would set it down. A heathen! A heathen! Once she had said he was worse than a heathen. Well, he must be improving a little. The first time he had been worse than a heathen—now he was just a heathen. He wished he might improve a great deal so Kathleen wouldn't scold him so much.

The next morning he had not forgotten the word. He had said it over many times after he had gone to bed, and it was the first thing he thought of when he awoke. A heathen! A heathen! He must find out today what it was. He would ask Eddie Miller. At recess he sought Eddie out.

"Eddie," he asked, "what is a heathen?"

"A heathen?," said Eddie. "Why, haven't you ever heard about them?"

"No," answered James.

"Why, heathen are folks who don't know anything about God."

"What's God?," asked James.

"Well, I guess you are a heathen," declared Eddie. "Haven't you never heard about God?" James confessed he hadn't.

"Don't you never go to church or Sunday School?"

"What school is that?"

"Well, you know where the church is on the corner down by Billy Jackson's house."

"Yes."

"Well, they teach you there about God."

"But what is God?"

"Say, where you been livin' all the time?"

James turned away. He couldn't bear the scorn in Eddie's voice.

"Hey, come back," called Eddie, but just then the gong sounded and they had to go in, so the matter had to be dropped.

James was far from satisfied, however. The mystery was deepening. He had found out a little about what a heathen was — had found out that he was one—but what actually constituted one was still a mystery. What was God? The name was familiar to him. Hank, Barb, and all their associates used the name freely, but he had never imagined it was something real. Was it some living thing, or was it something that had been made? It might be something that grew on the earth. Well, he would ask Mr. Ormsby to explain it to him. He just must find out about it that night.

But when he reached home after school, he was doomed to disappointment. Kathleen informed him Mr. Ormsby was to be out of the city for a week on business. Moreover, Kathleen was in a very bad frame of mind. James did not know what was the trouble, but it must be something serious because part of the time she was weeping.

"What's the matter, Kathleen?," he ventured to ask. He had a vain hope that he might be able to help just a

little. "Want me to do something for you?"

"Aw, shut up, you little brat!," snapped Kathleen, dabbing at her red eyes. "Here, sit down and eat your dinner! Now hurry! I want you out of here in ten minutes!"

"Where's Toby's dinner?," asked James.

"I haven't anything for Toby tonight," she answered decidedly. Now that Mr. Ormsby was not at home she could do as she pleased.

"But—but—Toby's hungry," ventured James.

"I don't care if he starves! He's nothing but a worthless cur, anyway. Eat your dinner and get out!"

James marched resolutely to the cupboard and looked in.

"What are you up to?," cried Kathleen.

"I want something for Toby," answered James.

Kathleen flew at him like a wild woman.

"You get out!," she cried, striking him on the cheek. "I'll teach you to snoop, you beggar!"

James backed off, his eyes blazing. "I'll tell Mr. Ormsby on you if you don't behave!," he cried.

"You tell Howard Ormsby a word about this, or anything else that happens, and I'll—I'll—I'll," she paused, trying to think of something dire with which to threaten him, "I'll poison your dog!," she finished triumphantly.

James' entire world tumbled about his ears. His precious Toby poisoned—killed. All he had in his life taken away from him! Of course, he loved Mr. Ormsby, and he liked his books and his comfortable room, and appreciated the wonderful privileges that had come to him, but Toby was still his life—his idol—his all!

He knew that Kathleen would do as she said if he disobeyed her. He knew that she had every opportunity to do it. He would simply come home from school some day and find his little pet cold in death.

He went over to the table and sat down. Toby followed him, and taking part of the food from his plate he handed it to the dog. He was determined that Toby should have something. Kathleen discovered almost immediately what he was doing.

"You feed up your dinner to that wretch an' you'll go hungry yourself," she declared. "All you get tonight is what is on your plate!"

James did not answer, but hastened to finish his meal, wash his dishes, and get out of her way.

He went down to the recreation room to study, and had been there almost an hour when he remembered that he had left his pencil on the table. He would need it in a few minutes to work his arithmetic with, so started upstairs to get it.

The door leading to the basement steps was partly open, and when he was part way up he heard voices. On

the landing he stopped and peered through the opening.

Kathleen was standing by the cupboard, her eyes red with weeping. Sitting calmly at the table was her young man, and it was evident that a quarrel was going on between them.

"It ain't enough that I've seen you with three different girls lately, but there I finds a love letter to a fourth. You didn't plan to drop it when you came to see me last night, didja?," she sneered.

The young man extracted a cigarette from his pocket, lighted it, elevated his head, and blew smoke high into the room.

"I'll have you to know I'm twenty-one, and I ain't married to you yet," he said coldly.

"But you're engaged to me!," she cried.

"That ain't married. I expect, when I am married to you, to stay by you, but until then I reserve the right to go about with who I please," he replied, blowing more smoke above his head.

"Oh, you do, do you?," cried Kathleen. "Well, if that's the way you feel about it then I'm done! Take your cheap diamond and go!" And pulling a ring from her finger she flung it wickedly at him. It struck the wall, bounced back, and rolled over near the stove. The young man arose, picked it up, put on his overcoat, deliberately drew on his gloves, picked up his hat, and turned to Kathleen.

"Thanks for the information," he said coldly. "I believe I'm lucky to be free from such a high-tempered wild cat, anyway." And he left the house.

Kathleen threw herself into a chair and sobbed aloud, mostly because her pride was hurt, and James tiptoed back to the recreation room. He would rather go back to school the next day without his arithmetic lesson worked out than intrude upon Kathleen in her present state of mind.

Kathleen was still red-eyed the next morning, but she set out James' breakfast for him, fed Toby, and worked silently about the kitchen while they ate. James washed his dishes when he was through, swept a light fall of snow from the walks, tidied up his room and made his bed, and carried out the ashes from the basement. When he had finished, it was time for him to go to school.

He went to the recreation room to get his books, then stopped in the kitchen to look for his pencil. He was afraid to ask Kathleen about it, so began looking in places he thought it might be.

"What you lookin' for?," asked Kathleen sharply.

"I forgot and left my pencil on the table last night," he answered timidly.

"Well, why don't you take care of your things?," she snapped. "Are you going to school now?" And she looked at the clock.

"Yes."

"Well, here's your pencil," she said, opening a drawer and taking out his

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B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Edited by the REV. RUDOLPH WOYKE of Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, December 1, 1940

A CHRISTIAN'S PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Scripture References: 1. Samuel 7:3; Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1-4.

One of the major teachings of Scripture is that preparation always precedes blessings. Naaman experienced no healing until he had washed seven times in the Jordan. There can be no harvest unless the land is broken up and the seed sown. There was no Messiah until the way was prepared for him. The celebration of the Messiah's birth is no exception to this principle. Here, also, preparation must be made.

1. Preparation Through Study

We are told that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If our thinking is of such tremendous importance, we must surely exercise much care in preparing our minds for a truly "Merry Christmas."

Many approach Christmas without having read even three short chapters in the Bible concerning that marvelous event. Reading the Bible is the first means of preparing the mind for Christmas. The Christian should study everything the Bible has to say on that subject. Diligent study of Matthew 2 and Luke 1 and 2 is essential. We should have a clear mental picture of the nativity proceedings. We must learn the story so thoroughly that we can be called upon to tell it at a Christmas party without mistaking the shepherds for the wise men. Our minds need to be kept occupied with the Christmas message of the Bible.

A study of the history or development of the celebration of the nativity will also prepare us mentally for a sane observance of the holiday. It is well to know how far back the celebration goes. Historians tell us that it began, not at the time of Christ's birth, but several centuries later. In this historical study we can learn that originally the purpose of hanging a wreath with a lighted candle in the center of the window was to guide the Savior to the house. An understanding of this will help us correctly to spiritualize our Christmas customs. All too often we use them, not knowing what the purpose is. It is also interesting to know something about our use of Christmas trees. What induced men to employ their use? Was it simply to beautify the home? No, the evergreen trees came to be set up in the homes and churches because of the ancient people's reverence of all natural phenomena.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- (1) What can we learn from our many Christmas customs?
- (2) How can we keep Christmas from developing into an entirely commercial celebration?

2. Preparation Through Surrender

Thus far we have emphasized mainly the accumulation of facts relating to Christmas, but the next step calls for a surrender of the will to the knowledge acquired. We must make preparation for a spiritual experience brought about by contact with the Christmas message. We need to know what this message has to do with our lives.

For the accomplishment of this end, prayer and meditation must be sought. Prayer can bend our will toward and meditation create a hunger for the transforming power of him whose birthday we celebrate. In quiet meditation we can hear a voice, saying:

"No room in the inn!
Is there room in your heart?"

On our knees in prayer, we answer:

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

The preparation of our wills requires a devotional consideration of all that Christ represents. It calls for meditation on the higher and nobler things of life that Christ so strongly stressed in his teaching and preaching. The Christian, in preparing himself for Christmas, must surrender his will to Christ to be controlled by him. Our surrender will help to bring others to Christ. When we speak from the heart of the living Christ and what he means to us, others will want to follow him too. Devotion to Christ may arouse the desire in others to give themselves for lifelong, full-time Christian service.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- (1) What influence does Christmas have upon a person who is not fully surrendered to Christ?
- (2) Name some of the things to which Christians should surrender their wills. The leader should be prepared to name several.

3. Preparation Through Witnessing

Our Christian behavior must give the world sufficient evidence of the surrender of our wills to Christ. What is more, the best preparation for a joyful Christmas celebration is a life lived in the spirit of Christmas, which is the spirit of good will. The angel spoke these words at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This good will must be demonstrated by the actual deeds of all who hope to be prepared for a really merry Christmas.

The one who seeks unselfish ways of

expressing the Christian life is ready when the celebration comes. Opportunities for the expression of Christian love are legion. We should urge upon all the obligation and joy for forsaking all else to bring happiness to each other. It is a mistake for a person to spend his time in happy anticipation of the gifts he hopes to unwrap on Christmas Eve. His joy will be far greater if he has spent the past months in preparing something for others. Preparation can be made by arranging various age-groups for caroling, or by engaging in some form of White Gift Service. Young people will always find much joy in preparing and distributing Christmas baskets, and in collecting and repairing toys for poverty-stricken children.

The rich young ruler of the New Testament would have had a much better time on the 25th of December, had he obeyed the command of Christ to sell all that he had and had given it to the poor. May God help us all to live in such a way that when Christmas comes we shall have shown enough love to enable us to appreciate more fully the meaning of the love of God in the gift of his only begotten Son!

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- (1) What can be done for those who come to church only at Christmas time?
- (2) When should we begin to prepare for Christmas?

Sunday, December 8, 1940

CHRISTMAS PROPHECIES

Scripture References: Isaiah 9:1-6; Micah 5:2.

The striking thing about Jesus Christ is that his appearance was foretold centuries before his coming. We still believe that his earthly life of thirty-three years was not a mere "incident of history," but a direct fulfillment of God's plan for "in the fulness of time God sent forth his Son." It is generally believed by Christians that the Old Testament entertains the hope of seeing God break through the clouds of heaven with a revelation of himself in the form of human flesh. This hope deserves our careful attention and consideration.

1. The Conditions Creating These Prophecies

Whenever God acts, we can be sure there is a reason for it. God is a God of order and reason. We recognize that God planned, even before laying the foundation of the universe, to send Jesus Christ into the world, but he planned that for a definite purpose. He knew that the need for his Son would be there and men would be longing for the Incarnation of God. It is

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this need and desire that accounts for the presence of the "Messianic Hope" in the Old Testament. Israel finally came to realize the necessity of a divine King, after their earthly leaders failed to bring satisfaction. They had seen burdens multiply as king after king directed the affairs of the nation. First came the sad division of the kingdom and later the overthrow of both, making the Jews aliens in a strange land. It was in such a deplorable time as this that the prophecies concerning the Son of God came as thunder from the lips of the prophets. Man's extremity again proved to be God's opportunity to reveal what he had in store for a helpless and hopeless humanity.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- (1) What conditions today call for an emphasis of certain prophecies?
- (2) What influence do predictions of future happenings have upon our lives? Is there a practical value in prophecies?

2. The Prophets Proclaiming These Prophecies

We want next to introduce the names of the men who preached and popularized the predictions pertaining to the coming Messiah. Theirs was the task of rousing the slumbering Jews from their sleep and making them wide awake and ready for the advent of God's Son. They were men who refused to be pessimistic in spite of the desperate state of affairs.

Many of the prophets speak of the kingdom and work of the Messiah. Among these are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Since we are here thinking mainly of Christ's birth, we shall confine our comments to those who deal specifically with that. In this field Isaiah stands as the leading messenger. In chapter 7, verse 14, he proclaims the granting of a pledge from the Lord in the form of a son, whose name shall be Immanuel. This name, meaning "God with us," suggests the revelation of God through this Son. In chapter 9, verse 6, the prophet declares the same message, giving these additional names: "Wonderful, Everlasting Father, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Prince of Peace." Isaiah claims that the people groping around in the darkness will see a great light when "a child has been born to us, a son has been given to us." He paints a picture of the world that will ultimately emerge as a result of the birth of Christ. Men are to be free from all oppression and under the rule of Christ.

Micah also gives us a remarkable Christmas prophecy, naming the very town in which Christ was to be born. The seemingly insignificant town of Bethlehem was decreed by God to be honored with the birthday of the Christ Child. In chapter 5, verse 2, he says: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come

TRAILS, TOWNS, TASKS AND TREKS

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Ants have a mysterious way of getting into every box they happen to find. Big ones, often an inch in length, will walk over the table to see if the fare is worth calling his family for. Spiders build houses over clothes as they await morning. While eating, they can often get a web across the cup before the tea is cool enough to drink.

Miss Reddig, Dentist

Had I had a dentist's chair along with me, I could have made good use of it. Being a dentist is just another part of my day's work. One town gave me ten patients, and their only loss were ten teeth. One woman had so much tartar on her teeth that they were an inch in diameter on the biting edge. After pulling one of the top ones, I saw that the one just below was also decayed and very loose. She did not want to lose that one, for how should she eat? But when we told her that without the top one, this tooth helps very little, she consented. Some want to keep their teeth and take them home. Others are glad to be rid of them.

One woman, who had come to me at Mbem about a year ago, and whom I recommended to go to the nearest doctor, came again. She wanted me to pull her two lower front teeth. Her face was all distorted and misshapen, and she had four draining sinuses along her cheek and jaw. She couldn't get her mouth open more than half an inch. She put in a stick to pry it open enough so that I could get my forcep on the tooth. The first tooth all but fell out when I touched it. Not so with the second one. It wasn't a tooth at all, but a piece of bone. Not being able to see it very well, I had begun to pull it. All at once the sinuses along the jaw and cheek began to bleed. But I knew then I could not stop, but had to continue and remove that bone.

Have any of you ever removed a decayed bone? Then you will have an idea what the terrific odor was like,

forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel. . . ."

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- (1) What gave certain men the power to prophecy?
- (2) Have we any prophets in our day? Who are they?

3. The Scriptures Confirming the Prophecies

What a disappointment the Old Testament would be to many if there were nothing to substantiate the truthfulness of its predictions. We need, however, not fear for the New Testament gives sufficient evidence of the genuineness of the prophecies relating to Christ. In describing the manner of Jesus' birth, Matthew tells us in chapter one of his gospel that all incidents relative to the nativity were a direct fulfillment of prophecies spoken by men of old (Matthew 1:22-23). When

which came from this woman's mouth. I finally got the bone out, and it measured 3 inches with 1½ inches at its widest. That came out of her mouth. Her entire lower jawbone! No wonder her face had had draining sinuses all these years! She was as brave as could be, and did not cry or even moan after it was out. The next morning she reported a bad night, but was feeling better, and could open her mouth and talk as she hadn't been able to for over a year.

A Missionary's Day

Walking up and down hills, lancing abscesses, pulling teeth, dressing ulcers which often cover 6 by 8 inches of foot, giving worm medicines, cleaning out infected eyes and ears, giving medicine to rub, drink and smell. In each town we hold short instructions and talk to the people about how they can help to bring down the terrific death rate. Then we have the privilege of telling of the love of God for all people, and how he wants them, wherever they are, to follow him. After a short service in one of the towns, the chief asked the people to follow him to the place where they would soon build a chapel, and where they could hear more of the "good news."

Thus, the trails covered, the towns visited, the task begun, continued or finished, all help to make the days of trekking go all too fast. New friends are made. Chiefs, who were formerly antagonistic, are slowly becoming helpful and friendly. Towns in which the people were always running away are staying to see and hear what we can bring to them. Yes, time marches on, even out in this far-from-nowhere place. The time which brings with it trekking also makes you feel proud to have a share in the Kingdom's work, and in doing "unto the least of these" our utmost to help, inspire, elevate, instruct, befriend, encourage, and even criticize.

Christ was born in Bethlehem reference was made to the prediction concerning the place of his birth (Matt. 2:5-6). The return to Palestine after the flight into Egypt was credited to the prophecy of Hosea, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

These Biblical references of the fulfillment of prophecies have attracted the attention of men in all ages. Men have spent years of research in an attempt to investigate and establish the validity of the Scriptures presenting the fulfillment of ancient utterances.

"Blessed be the Lord Jehovah,
Who by prophets spake of old,
And hath now fulfilled his promise
Of unto our fathers told"

(1) Is it necessary to study the New Testament in order to understand the Old Testament?

(2) What would be the state of Christianity today without the writings of the New Testament?

Reports from the Field

Northwestern Conference

Recent Activities in the Grace Church of Racine, Wisconsin

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., held a rededication service on a recent Sunday morning as the congregation returned to its newly decorated auditorium. Throughout the month of September the pastor, the Rev. A. Engel, preached on the Church. The morning sermon themes were as follows: "What the Spirit Saith Unto the Churches," "Thou Hast a Name," "The Church, the Lamb's Bride," "Christ at Church," and "The Church in Thy House."

The cost of redecoration was raised by voluntary envelope offerings without any drive or special promotion. The offerings exceeded the actual needs. This, the oldest of our Wisconsin churches, will entertain the Northwestern Conference next year.

The King's Daughters Society, a younger women's missionary society of the church, is now fourteen years of age. The anniversary was marked with a special program presented in the church before a large audience. A similar group in a neighboring Baptist Church was invited as guests of the evening.

A sketch written for and originally presented by radio, entitled "The Stranger of Galilee," was presented in story and song. The anniversary offering was designated for the Cameroons. The society has about twenty-five members and contributes several hundred dollars annually to various missionary projects.

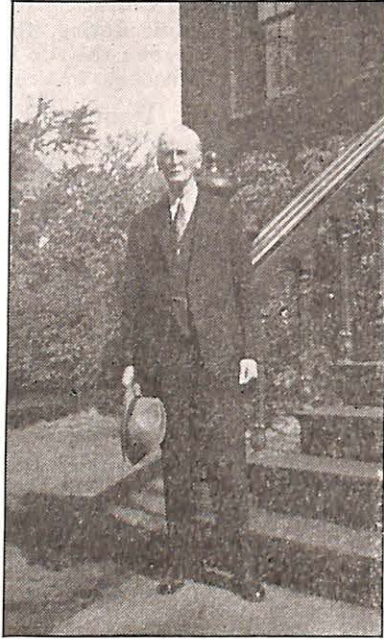
Northern Conference

Young People of the Whitemouth Church Enjoy an Active Program

In looking back over a full year of work, we as young people of the German Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada, can truly say that God has been with us. Our meetings have been inspiring and interesting. The mission evenings were most successful. Upon request we received interesting maps and material about our mission fields and missionaries. The illustrated lectures about our work in the Cameroons were enjoyed by all. Our offering of \$8.00 was taken at the time and was sent for our Bible School work at Edmonton.

We have also had the new addition of very good books to our library. We would like to do a lot more along this line, so that we can train clean and upright members to lead the Church of tomorrow.

The theme of one of our monthly



Prof. A. J. Ramaker of Rochester, N. Y., at the Seminary on His 80th Birthday

programs was "Our Lord's Return." The dialogue, which was given, showed us God's children waiting for his coming. The program was arranged by our president, Miss Linda Rempel.

The social evenings must not be forgotten. The first was a "Pie Social" with 40 couples present. The proceeds of the evening will be used to buy more books for the library. The second evening was a "Wiener Roast," with all the young people present, including our new minister, the Rev. Cornelius Rempel. This took place on the beautiful shores of the Whitemouth River Falls. The greatest part of the evening was spent in sitting around the camp fire, singing all the old choruses.

MRS. TILLIE KNOPF, Reporter.

Eastern Conference Professor Ramaker of Rochester, N. Y., Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday on October 3

On a scheduled visit to Rochester, N. Y., on Thursday, October 3, it was the editor's good fortune to be privileged with others to celebrate the 80th birthday of Prof. A. J. Ramaker, former dean of the seminary and teacher in our school for more than 50 years. A few of the highlights of that informal celebration must be shared with the many friends and former students of the professor.

In his eightieth year Prof. Ramaker reveals an amazing vigor in physical health and mental keenness. He is still

as straight and slender as an arrow. He can still cross swords with the ablest minds in a theological or historical discussion. He is still intensely interested in all denominational news and in every one of his "boys," now serving as pastors of our churches. He still loves to visit the seminary halls and chapel, which will always be associated with his benign person and teaching ministry.

In addition, Prof. Ramaker at 80 years of age is revealing a warm winsomeness that might be termed "an emotional heart fervor" that in earlier years seemed to be hidden behind the more critical intellectual acumen of his brilliant mind. It was a thrilling experience to sit across the table from the professor at dinner in "the Students Home" and to feel his passionate concern about the religious life of our churches and people. The students through Elmer Buenning expressed their heartiest congratulations to the professor on his birthday. The seminary chorus sang an anthem especially in his honor.

Prof. Ramaker then proceeded to recall four eventful milestones in his life, which have meant a great deal to him, and to add this occasion as the fifth. In 1914 the seminary celebrated his 25th anniversary as professor. In 1925 before going to Europe the student body through Mr. G. C. Schwandt presented him with an engraved plaque on which were the names of 54 students. In 1929 at the Central Conference in Detroit he was honored for 40 years of service in that conference. In 1935 the Philomathean Society presented him with a plaque, for it had been Prof. Ramaker who had selected this name for the group. He paid his tribute to "the pietistic spirit" in the early history of the denomination and challenged the students to keep the glow of that spirit ever burning in their hearts.

In the evening a dinner for the members and close friends of the Ramaker family was held at the Monroe Club of Rochester. At the informal program of felicitations and congratulations a poem was also read by Prof. F. W. C. Meyer which had been especially written for the occasion.

One cannot spend a few moments or several hours in company with the professor in his 80th year and not feel the burning truth expressed originally by a mystic and saint of God: "When a noble life has prepared old age, it is not the decline that it reveals, but the first days of immortality." That glory of God is abundantly in evidence in the sunset years of this beloved teacher in our denomination!

MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

Welcome for the Rev. and Mrs. George Zinz, Sr., at Munson, Pennsylvania

Sunday, September 22, was, indeed, a "Red Letter Day" for the Baptist Church in Munson, Pa., for it was upon this day that the church welcomed back as its pastor the Rev. George Zinz, Sr., who had left the Munson church many years ago.

A special welcome service was held in the afternoon of that day, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Zinz were given an official welcome by representatives of the church, Sunday School, and Ladies' Aid. The Rev. B. Strehler of the Cross Road English Baptist Church welcomed Mr. Zinz and his family into the community. The Rev. I. L. Clark of the First Baptist Church of Philipsburg, Pa., gave the sermon for the afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Cramer of Arnold, Pa., arrived during the service, much to the surprise of practically every one present. Mr. Cramer was then the "surprise guest speaker."

Special music was furnished by the Young Women's Sunday School class and by the little brass band from one of the neighboring churches. The service was brought to a close by a short response from Mr. and Mrs. Zinz.

After the service a delicious meal was served to all the church guests by the Ladies' Aid at the home of the president, Mrs. Gust Janke.

The German Baptist Church at Munson is, indeed, thankful that once again it has a full time pastor in its midst. May God bless Mr. and Mrs. Zinz and may our church be a great blessing to the community because they are with us!

MARTHA LITKE, Reporter.

The First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, is Enjoying A Prosperous Year

We, as the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, rejoice as we look over the past year. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God when we recall the blessings of the year. The Rev. Edgar Klatt, pastor of our church, preaches the gospel with joy and simplicity. We recently enjoyed a series of sermons on the "Ten Commandments."

On Wednesday evenings we gather for prayer services led by our pastor. These meetings have been a blessing to all present. The main topic has been taken from Revelation 3 and 4.

As a church we are making plans to enlarge the cellar in our church into a basement, the labor to be furnished by the men. This is a big venture but every one has a will to work, and the different organizations have already promised to do their part.

We, as a Sunday School, thank God for the blessings he has showered upon us. We are thankful for our consecrated and loyal superintendent, Mr. Paul Weber, for teachers and officers, who so faithfully performed their tasks. Above all we rejoice that a number of our scholars have accepted our Lord and Master. A picture of



Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

our Sunday School, taken especially for the "Baptist Herald," accompanies this report.

The Ladies' Missionary Society held its annual business meeting on August 4th. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Andrew Hartwick; vice-president, Mrs. John W. Kuehl; secretary, Mrs. L. Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. Percy Getz; and pianist, Mrs. Edgar Klatt. Mrs. J. W. Kuehl and Mrs. L. Wilson were appointed as a committee to visit the sick.

We had a committee to arrange a program for each month and each member was responsible for one of these programs. This created greater interest and variety in the meetings. We have donated money to missions, promised \$50 to the work of the basement of our church, and have done many other things for God's work.

The officers who guided the B. Y. P. U. through the year are: Mr. Clair Wilson, president; Mrs. Percy Getz, vice-president; Mrs. Andrew Hartwick, collector; Mr. Gordon Schleen, treasurer; and Mrs. Gordon Schleen, pianist. Our B. Y. P. U. is active even though we do not hold meetings throughout the year. We contributed \$25 to the church fund and helped in various other ways.

By the grace of God we hope to grow in knowledge, spirit, influence and numbers.

MRS. P. GETZ, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference The Second Church of Union City, N. J., Ordains Its Pastor

The Second German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., was decorated on Thursday, Sept. 12, for the occasion of the ordination of its new minister, Mr. Wm. Kahlert, who is serving the church since June 1. A girls' choir and a male chorus did their part on this festive evening. The Rev. A. S. Westneat, moderator of the council of ordination, had charge of the program. The Rev. V. H. Prendinger read the recommendations of the council to the church to proceed with the ordination.

After reading of Scripture and prayer by the Rev. F. Orthner, the Rev. J.

Grygo brought the ordination sermon. He spoke clearly of the high aims and the great privileges of the Christian ministry. Prof. A. B. Fowler of the National Bible Institute of New York, where Mr. Kahlert has studied, gave the charge to the church, basing his remarks on the seven churches in Revelation. The Rev. R. Schade gave the charge to the candidate in a very original manner. The ordination prayer by the Rev. J. Neubr was accompanied by the laying on of hands by all the ministers present.

The Rev. Wm. Kahlert dismissed the congregation with the benediction. We wish for pastor and congregation the Lord's richest blessings and success in the upbuilding of his Kingdom.

V. H. PRENDINGER, Reporter.

Central Conference Ordination of the Rev. Frank Armbruster, Pastor of the Linden St. Church of Detroit

An ordination council was called by the Linden Street Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., on September 26 to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. Frank Armbruster to the gospel ministry. Forty-nine delegates were present. The Rev. F. R. Vine opened the sessions, and the Rev. C. W. Biastock led in prayer. The Rev. Gerhard Neumann was the choice as moderator for the occasion, and the Rev. H. P. Kayser acted as clerk.

After the resolution of the church regarding the ordination had been read and the candidate presented, the council proceeded with the examination of the candidate. In the first place he related his Christian experience. Then he stated his call to the ministry, and finally he made his statement about Christian doctrines. After the council had thoroughly questioned and examined the candidate about all these various points, it expressed its satisfaction with Mr. Armbruster, and recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination.

A special committee arranged the following program for the ordination service: Rev. F. R. Vine, moderator of the service; opening prayer by Rev.

F. R. Fehlberg; reading of the minutes by the clerk; ordination sermon by Rev. Gerhard Neuman; charge to the church by Rev. H. P. Kayser; charge to the candidate by Rev. Archie Graham; hand of fellowship by Rev. F. R. Vine; ordination prayer by Dr. George Barnard; and the benediction by Rev. Frank Armbruster.

REV. H. P. KAYSER, Clerk.

proved to be a great blessing to the entire church.

Recently the women of the church painted the woodwork of the inside of our church and varnished the pews, while the young people gave the entire basement a new white coat. Both our Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. societies are active in furthering the cause of Christ. J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.



Sixteen Young People Recently Baptized by the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church Near Emery, South Dakota

Dakota Conference

The Plum Creek Church of South Dakota Reviews Recent Events

"The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous." We rejoice for the blessings in the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota. On Sunday morning, August 11, a great multitude gathered at Lake Hanson to attend a very inspiring baptismal service.

After a rousing song service and devotional period led by the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, the Rev. John Olthoff of Salem, Ore., who was vacationing in Emery, brought a clear scriptural baptismal sermon. Then amidst a host of witnesses the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor, baptized 16 young people upon their confession of faith in their Lord and Savior.

Some of the baptismal candidates were converted at our evangelistic meetings held some time ago, in which the Rev. A. Fischer helped us. Others came to a decision through personal work by the pastor. One was won in our Vacation Bible School and a married woman came to us from another denomination. In the evening at the communion service, the right hand of fellowship was extended to the 16 new members.

Another pleasant surprise was enjoyed when the Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl and the famous singers of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Canada, visited us on their way to the Conference at Burlington, Iowa.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School, which was again held during the month of June with 6 able teachers instructing the 36 enrolled children in Bible truths, missionary stories, and the memorizing of Scripture passages and the singing of many beautiful choruses

Pacific Conference

The Lodi B. Y. P. U. Renders an Impressive Program on Sunday Evening, September 8

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif., started its Fall activities with a Sunday evening church program on September 8th. Mr. Calvin Lohr, president of the society, led the congregational singing with Elton Burgstahler accompanying. Miss Bertha Meyers read the scripture lesson. The male chorus under the direction of Dr. J. J. Seibel sang two numbers entitled, "Beloved, Now Are We the Sons of God," and "Lean on His Arms."

Prayers were offered by Miss Aimee Goehring and Mr. Reuben Goehring. Miss Goehring then presented an organ solo for the offertory, and a trio composed of Mrs. Dan Kosanki, Mrs. Edward Neubauer of Portland, Ore., and Miss Laura Seibel sang.

Very interesting summaries were given of the young people's convention held in July at Camp Thousand Pines. The speakers were Virginia Schmiedt, Irene Weigum, Verne Howen and Milton Grieser. Ruth Grieser, Virginia Schmiedt and Irene Weigum sang "Beautiful Savior."

A short time previous to that assembly our society, in order to create interest and enthusiasm, had held a contest. The contestants had to speak on "Stewardship," and the winners were to receive as their prizes all convention expenses. The final winners were Ruth and Milton Grieser. So many requests were made to have these messages repeated, and so at this time Ruth, Milton and Margaret Schenk presented their talks again. They were most impressive and spiritually uplifting.

Miss Frieda Burgstahler sweetly sang, "Consider and Hear Me." The Rev. A. Felberg, our pastor, also gave a short talk. The B. Y. P. U. ushers were Levring Pfeiffer, Victor Goehring, Arthur Schneider and Arthur Fandrich.

BERTHA E. MEYERS, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Thirteen Converts Are Baptized at Crawford, Texas

A series of revival meetings were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Seible of Kremlin, Okla., from August 4 to 14 at the Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, and once more the Lord proved himself a merciful and wonderful Savior in that thirteen souls experienced that "there's power in the blood." Wonderful messages of truth brought conviction to sinners and edification to Christians.

It was on Sunday afternoon, September 1, that these thirteen happy converts entered the baptismal waters and were baptized on confession of their faith by our devoted pastor, the Rev. C. C. Gossen. In the evening service, Mr. Gossen gave an inspirational talk, after which the hand of fellowship was given to the group, followed by the Lord's Supper.

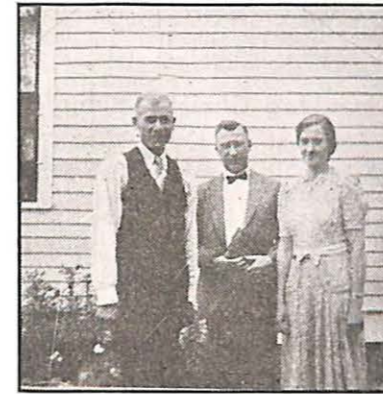
TILLIE MAE SPROSS, Reporter.



Rev. C. C. Gossen (Right), Pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas, and 13 Converts Whom He Recently Baptized

Days of Joy in the Odessa Baptist Church of Washington

It gives us great joy to report that our labor in the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., is not in vain and brings its fruit in due season. In June we had one week of a Daily Vacation Bible School. Thirty-six children and young people received their daily Bible instruction under the supervision of three teachers, the pastor, Rev. J. G. Rott, and two young ladies, who were associated with the American Sunday School Union. The school was greatly enjoyed by the pupils as well as by the teachers. On Sunday, June 23, we reached the climax of our Bible School when our children rendered a fine Children's Day program followed by our annual Sunday School picnic. A mission offering was taken for our chapel building fund.



Rev. J. G. Rott of Odessa, Wash., (Center) and Two Recent Baptismal Candidates

On Sunday, July 21, we had the great joy of baptizing a young couple upon the confession of their faith in Christ. Again on Sunday, August 4, a lady, who came to us out of the Spiritualistic Church, was also baptized upon the confession of her faith in Christ as her Lord. Many hours of prayer and Bible discussions were spent with her until she was brought from darkness to God's wonderful light. Certainly, the Lord can do marvelous things! This is the first time in the history of our church that there were three baptismal services in a period of four months' time. May the Lord continue to bless our church, and his name shall be praised for all his goodness towards us. J. G. ROTT, Pastor.

Program of the Oregon Association from November 7 to 10 at the Salt Creek Baptist Church

Theme: "Seeking the Kingdom of God."

Key Verse:

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." Matt. 6:33.

THURSDAY, November 7:

7:45 P. M.: Opening Service. Welcome, Rev. O. Nallinger. Sermon, Rev. F. Friesen.

FRIDAY, November 8:

9:00-9:30 A. M.: Devotions led by Rev. T. A. Leger.

9:30-11:00 A. M.: Organization and Reports.

11:00-11:30 A. M.: "Characteristics and Privileges of the Followers of Christ," Matt. 5:3-12. Rev. F. W. Mueller.

11:30-12:00 A. M.: "Prayer as Taught by Christ," Matt. 6:1-15. Rev. F. B. Friesen

2:00-2:30 P. M.: Devotions led by Dr. J. Kratt.

2:30-3:45 P. M.: Ladies' Missionary Program. Speaker, Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

3:45 P. M. Missionary Lecture with missionary Pictures.

7:45 P. M.: Evening Service. Sermon, "Responsibilities of the Followers of Christ," Matt. 5:13-16. Rev. John C. Schweitzer.

SATURDAY, November 9:

9:00-9:30 A. M. Devotions led by Rev. J. J. Lucas.

9:30-10:00 A. M.: Unfinished Business. Report from Old People's Home, Rev. R. Roth, President.

10:00-10:40 A. M.: "Report and Re-Empphasis of our General Conference." Dr. J. Leyppoldt.

10:40-11:15 A. M. "Giving as Taught by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount." Rev. Otto Roth.

11:15-12:00 A. M.: "Conquering Fear as Taught by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount." Dr. J. F. Olthoff.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

No sessions.

SUNDAY, November 10:

9:45 A. M.: Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.: Morning Service. Sermon by Rev. F. W. Mueller.

3:00 A. M.: Program under auspices of Oregon B. Y. P. U. Speaker: Dr. Wm. Everson of Linfield College.

7:45 P. M.: Closing service. Sermon by Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of the "Baptist Herald."

The Committee.

The 1941 Subscription Period

The season is rapidly approaching and so this advance notice is being sent out. It should serve as an encouragement to our Boosters and Periodical Agents.

Any new subscription entered now becomes effective immediately. That means that all such subscriptions secured for 1941 will run for a period of fourteen months. That's a worthwhile inducement.

Churches adopting the splendid Club Plan for next year can book new subscribers right now and enjoy the lower rate.

We are hoping that 1941 will become the banner year. Why not!

The Publishers.

The Boy from Hogan's Alley

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lost property. "And," she added, holding out a paper sack to him, "you're takin' your lunch to school from now on. I haven't got time to be bothered with you."

"Did—did Mr. Ormsby say I was to do that?," faltered James.

"Mr. Ormsby has nothing to say about this!," she retorted. "I'm the one who has to wait on you—not him. You take this an' go to school. Remember what I told you about Toby!"

James took the paper bag and went outside where he stopped and peered into it. It contained one very small sandwich and a cookie—just about one-fourth enough lunch for a growing boy to eat. His heart sank. Was this to be his portion for lunch from now on? It probably would be, and he would have to endure it for Toby's sake. He went to school with a heavy heart.

Eddie overtook him on the way, and saw at once that something was wrong.

"What's the matter, Jim?," he asked. The boys could not be bothered by saying "James."

"Oh, I dunno," answered James gloomily. "I guess it's purty hard fer a feller who ain't got no folks of his own."

"Ain't they good to you?" "Oh, Mr. Ormsby's good as gold to me, but it's that Kathleen," answered James.

"Who's she?" "She's the girl that works there. Mr. Ormsby calls her a maid."

"What did she do to you?"

James had found a sympathetic ear, so he poured all his troubles into it, ending by telling Eddie about her threats to poison Toby, and showing him the scant lunch she had provided him.

(To be continued)

General Conference Echoes

The snapshot contest announced during the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, brought quite a number of interesting pictures to the editorial offices of "The Baptist Herald." The following persons, who submitted pictures, have received prize money for their entries:

- Walter Dingfield of Tacoma, Wash.
- Irma Giegler of Forest Park, Ill.
- Earl Traver of Forest Park, Ill.
- Rev. Frederick Alf of Carbon, Alberta, Canada.
- Herman Siemund of Chicago, Ill.
- Frederick Grosser of Forest Park, Ill.

The prize money of the young people's posters that were submitted and exhibited at the conference has been forwarded to the respective societies and exhibitors.

The October 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" showed a picture of a young Burlington couple (Page 365) that should have had the caption, "Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Kohrs." Mrs. Henry Kohrs is the pianist and director of the fine choir of the Oak Street Church of Burlington.

What Will Be Your Observance

of the

Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, to SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1940

In Your Church, Home, Sunday School, Young People's Society and Women's Missionary Union Give This Week the Prayerful Attention That It Deserves to Have.

Christmas Material for the Christmas Program

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These are complete programs sufficient for an entire evening with songs and recitations.

Substitutes or supplemental material can be woven in.

We only list this year's productions. Either one 10 cts. each, Dozen \$1.00, Hundred \$6.00

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- The Story of the Christmas Bells. (A Lorenz publication).
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- Peace, Good Will. (A Judefind publication).

Recitations

Christmas Recitations and Dialogs. Various packages of former years are available. Nothing new this year.

Any package 75 cts.

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By Dr. William Kuhn,
General Missionary Secretary.

(From pamphlet,
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Financing Christ's Kingdom

To say that the giving of money for the Lord's work is less spiritual than rendering any other service, is a serious error. Only that church will be strongly spiritual that has grown in the grace of giving. All of us can share in the world-wide kingdom victories through our prayers and our money contributions.

With patience and tact we should seek to enlist every church member as a proportionate contributor to the expenses of the local church and to our denominational enterprise.

Enlisting many of our members as conscientious TITHERS will bring a flood-tide of much needed money to all our denominational coffers.

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We should solemnly resolve that during this coming triennium we will do our utmost to reach the sum set for our Missionary and Benevolent Budget. In order to succeed, we will have to surpass anything that we have done since the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING. Our success will be for every department of our denominational enterprise like a copious shower on dry land.

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