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Baby Black Bear
of Yellowstone Looks
Down Quizzically
From His Tree Perch
on Curious Sightseers
to the Park.

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What's Happening

Mr. Robert Schade, the youngest son of Professor and Mrs. A. A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., was graduated from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School with the Bachelor of Divinity degree in May, and soon thereafter became pastor of the Rock Village Community Church near Middleboro, Mass. Early in the Fall Miss Henrietta Wedel, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Wedel of Victor, Iowa, and he will be married.

The Rev. Daniel Klein of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, No. Dak., assisted the Rev. E. Becker of Herreid, So. Dak., in evangelistic meetings from May 5 to 16. One girl accepted Christ as her Savior, and the church was richly blessed by the messages. On Sunday evening, June 1, Mr. Becker baptized 7 persons, among whom were two young couples and three young girls. One of the girls was the youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. Becker.

A very fine Daily Vacation Bible School was held by the Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., early in June with an enrollment of 63 children. There was a great deal of enthusiasm for the school, and the parents especially enjoyed the demonstration program given by the children at the close of the school. The children were asked to bring a penny a day, and this money is to go to the Daphne Dunger Fund. Mrs. David Zimmerman, Mrs. Sam Jans, and the Rev. and Mrs. E. Kary were the teachers.

On Pentecost Sunday morning, June 1, the Rev. Wilfred Helwig, pastor of the Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, baptized a high school graduate and a Junior High student on confession of their faith in Christ. This was the 12th baptismal service in the Ellinwood Church during the pastorate of several years by Mr. Helwig. During the past conference year there have been 18 persons who have been baptized. The attendance at the evening services in the town of Ellinwood is steadily increasing.

The Rev. Paul Wengel, pastor of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., has recently become the president of the Michigan State Baptist Association. He will serve in this important capacity until October of this year when the annual convention will be held. Mr. Wengel was the first vice-president and was elevated to the presidency with the removal from the state of the past incumbent. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Wengel and his church on this influential position and high honor accorded to one of our ministers!

Two young men of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois, who are also students of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, have gone to North Dakota to assume pastorates from June to September. Mr. Roy Anderson will serve as assistant to the Rev. Lester Peck at Powers Lake, No. Dak., visiting the mission stations of the church, conducting a Vacation Bible School, and the like. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson will serve at Stanley, No. Dak., for the summer months, where they will be in full time charge of all the church activities.

One June 1st the Rev. Frank Orthner of Long Island City, N. Y., brought a ministry of 17 months in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, N. J., to a close. His faithful services of this period were deeply appreciated by the church, as is evidenced in the fine report about his pastorate in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." Mr. Orthner is available for other church services wherever requested. Mr. Herber Freeman, a student of the National Bible Institute of New York City, is serving the church at present as pastor from week to week.

The Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, No. Dak., for the past 13 years, resigned as pastor on Sunday, June 1st. He will retire from active pastorate for a few months of rest but after September 1, 1941, he will be available for evangelistic services. A report about his ministry in the Jamestown and previous churches will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald." While serving as pastor in Jamestown, the church became affiliated with the Dakota Conference and our General Conference of German Baptist Churches of North America.

On Sunday morning, June 15, the Rev. Herbert Koch, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized 4 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On Saturday evening, June 14, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zimmermann celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a festive church dinner to which all members of the East Side Church were invited. Mrs. Zimmermann has been church organist for many years, and Mr. Zimmermann is the church treasurer at present. On Sunday morning, June 1, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," was the guest speaker at the church service.

Last Fall the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, decided to try the unified service plan for the Sunday

School and Church worship services. It has proved to be so successful that the church has formally adopted the plan. The attendance in both the church and church school has increased considerably. Two new classrooms have been added to the school. Since the weather has been very favorable, the young people of the church have been holding their Sunday meetings in different parts of the surrounding country. Vesper services are being held in the evening, after they have had their out-of-door supper. The Rev. R. P. Jeschke is pastor of the church.

Evangelistic meetings were held in the Baptist Church of St. Rose, Manitoba, Canada, from May 25 to 30, with the Rev. Walter Stein of Ebenezer, Sask., bringing the messages and assisting the pastor of the church, the Rev. Phil. Daum. Eleven Sunday School scholars confessed their faith in Christ during the meetings. From June 2 to 6 Mr. Daum served as evangelist in the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., of which the Rev. J. J. Wiens is pastor. From June 13 to 20 Mr. Daum visited the churches of Glidden and Leader in western Saskatchewan, strengthening the work in these pastorless churches in that territory.

The Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., held a memorial service on Sunday, May 25, in honor of two devoted members who had passed on to their heavenly reward earlier in the year. Their names are Mr. Charles Nold and Mrs. Lydia Schuster who died at the ages of 82 and 73, respectively. The Rev. Paul G. Schade, pastor of the church, wrote concerning

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EDITORIAL

THE inalienable rights of man are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Let no one dare to minimize or to deny this fact. For these are self-evident truths, as our Declaration of Independence avers. These are the gifts of God with which he has endowed every human being. These ideas, moulded into noble words by Thomas Jefferson, formed the groundwork for our democratic commonwealth, the republic of the United States of America.

On the Fourth of July this country ought to make the reading of the Declaration of Independence obligatory for every American citizen. It was a sobering and enlightening experience for the editor recently to read this document for the first time in several years. A long list of political complaints against the mother country in this Declaration soon swell into damaging accusations to prove its "establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States." Those facts of history of the long ago cannot be erased by the tides of time.

But soon the words lose their dusty drabness of early American history and become luminous with eternal and divine principles. This is when the reading of this old manuscript becomes a stirring and exciting experience. Governments have been instituted by God among men to secure these inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In this respect all men are created equal in that they are endowed with these rights which no one, except God, can take from them. This is the keystone of democracy. It finds ample substantiation in the pages of God's Word.

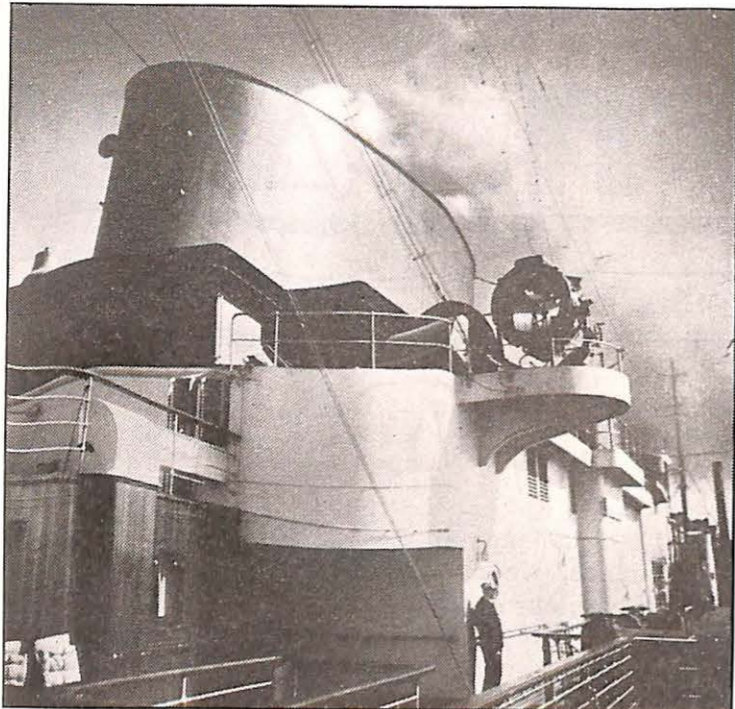
The devotion of the signers of the Declaration of Independence to these principles is shown with amazing courage in the closing words. "With a

firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." They had a clear vision of what needed to be done in conformity to God's will. They understood the hour of crisis in which they lived. They trumpeted the words of a free and noble people, who were driven by high and inspiring principles, to "a candid world."

These principles are still at stake in the world of today. Our lot in interpreting them for ourselves and our age would be a great deal easier if only we had the same Christian passion and faith which the founders of this republic had. All governments, whatever the form or system, which have pigeonholed God and have turned from his ways, are bound to be tyrannical.

Only as Christ and his teachings become "the Way of Life," only as the truths of God make us free indeed, only as we find our happiness in the pursuit to do good to all men in the spirit of Christ will we be able to lay the foundation stones for a greater and nobler democratic commonwealth in the days to come. This Christian emphasis must undergird our thinking and counselling and acting if the structure of our democracy is to survive the storms of today. Such a faith, centered on God and his revelation in Christ, would give fervent enthusiasm for the day's tasks and unity of purpose to every action.

What we are trying to say is simply this. As never before we need men and women of Christian faith and devotion who will earnestly pray for God's guidance in this critical hour and who will help to interpret God's way for this land in the light of his truth and with the keen powers of his gifts with which they are endowed. Christian people, to the fore! With the Declaration of Independence in one hand and the Bible in the other, go forth to light the way upon which God wants us to walk!



The Shrill Blasts of the Steamship's Horn Disturbs the Peaceful Quietness of the Ocean Voyage

Everything seemed to be very quiet in the little village of Gadara. The people lived in an atmosphere of contentment and self-satisfaction. There seemed to be nothing in the world that disturbed their minds.

A few days ago the village had been somewhat disturbed by a madman, who had caused considerable excitement. But the citizens soon caught him and tried to tie him down. Somehow he tore himself away from them, however, and ran down to the lakeshore and hid among the tombstones in a graveyard. That is all the excitement there was. As soon as this madman had left the village limits, no one ever thought of him again. Everyone went back to his respective place, and everything seemed to be perfectly quiet. Business seemed to be going good, and everybody was quite satisfied.

One day, however, Jesus came to that village, and the first thing he saw was that madman in the graveyard. And the first thing he did was to help that poor unfortunate man.

According to the story as we find it in the gospel of Mark, we are informed that the cure of that man's soul proved to be quite costly. It cost quite a bit to cure him. It cost the hog-farmer the sacrifice of some of his hogs. It cost the butcher the sacrifice of some of his work. It cost the businessman the sacrifice of some of his business.

Yes, it cost considerable to cure that soul. But to Jesus all these sacrifices were secondary. The main thing at stake was the welfare of a human soul, and to Jesus that human soul had more value than all the pigs and all the business of that entire community. That was the lesson those Gadarenes had to learn.

Have you ever overturned a rotten log or a stone that had been lying at a place for some time? You will have noticed various kinds of bugs, worms and insects under such an object. The moment you lifted the stone, you saw the insects scam and scurry for shelter. They could not stand the light.

That is what happened when Jesus came to that quiet, complacent, little village of Gadara. The moment Jesus entered that community the placid calm of those people gave way to a fever of excitement. They were being subjected to a new light, and it made them terribly uncomfortable. Their complacency was being disturbed, and they did not like it. And so we read in Mark 5:17—"They began to pray him to depart out of their coasts." They begged him to leave. "Won't you please go away? We were so complacent and satisfied before you came, and now we are all disturbed; we are all upset."

Jesus always has been the disturber of our complacency and our self-satisfaction. He still is the most disturbing personality we know. All through his ministry we find that he did the same thing as he did in this village of Gadara. Yes, he promised people peace, but generally first he had to disturb their peace in order to give them real peace.

At the trial before Pilate, Jesus was accused of a good many things that were not true. But one thing of which the Pharisees accused him was true. They said that the people of the entire land had been aroused and disturbed by his influence. They accused him of being a disturber; and that accusation was true. And Jesus is still disturbing us. The impact of his personality has disturbed peoples and nations in cen-

turies gone by, and it will continue to be a disturbing factor.

How is our complacency disturbed? We are disturbed by the process of life in a world in which we are placed to live. We are living in a world of continuous change, and are consequently obliged constantly to give up the old for something more advanced. We used to ride in oxcarts and navigate in sailboats; now we have airplanes and powerful ocean liners. A man with lantern and ladder used to light our street lamps every evening; now we have electric lights and beautiful neon signs of every description.

We exchange old methods of education for more advanced methods. In spite of the fact that we cannot change theological truth, we exchange our old theological statements for such that fit the need of our times. God's truth is permanent, (we will never change it), but our statements with reference to that truth are relative, and thus subject to revision as God gives us light through his Holy Spirit.

So we find that the process of change is going on, whether we like it or not. And some of us do not like it. We do not like to be disturbed. We are like those Gadarenes—we are perfectly satisfied with the way things are. "Please do not disturb us with any change. Our fathers and grandfathers were satisfied with the way things are going, and why should not we be?" But life just does not work that way. Life compels us to change. The passing years compel us to make new adventures. And if we refuse to make the necessary adjustments, we will be discarded by the roadside, and time marches on.

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, as the swift seasons roll;

Disturbing Our Complacency

By the REV. DANIEL FUCHS,

Pastor of the Andrews St. Baptist Church

of Rochester, New York

leave thy low vaulted past; let each new temple be nobler than the last."

When I see an older person, I sometimes like to meditate on his life. That man or that woman has lived before there was such a thing as a telephone, telegraph, electricity, radio, automobile, or airplane. All these things came about during his or her lifetime. Think of the many adjustments and changes that person had to make in order to keep up with the times. What would have happened to our parents had they not been willing to make the necessary adjustments? We are living on an incline where we cannot stand still. We must either go forward and upward, or we will slide backwards. So the good Lord is constantly disturbing us by having us live in a changing world.

The Example of the Noble

Our complacency is also disturbed by the example of the high, the good and the noble in life. Against the background of that which is best in life we see our lives. And there in the background we have the perfect personality of the Lord Jesus Christ. In his presence we see ourselves.

A missionary sat at the bedside of an outcast woman, a woman of the street, who was ill. The missionary was just paying a friendly visit. As she sat at the bedside, that woman of the street began to cry. The missionary asked for the reason. The sick woman pointed with her thin finger to some white flowers which the missionary held in her hand. "I am not like that," said the sick woman. "I used to be white and pure, but not any more." In the presence of those flowers this woman saw her own life.

So also in the presence and against the background of the pure personality of Christ we see ourselves and are disturbed. Was it not Isaiah who called out, "Unclean, unclean!"? Was it not Peter who cried, "Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord."? Yes, we are disturbed when we begin to see ourselves against the background of the pure and perfect personality of Jesus.

We not only see what we are, but we see what we can and should be. I know I am not like Christ as much as I ought to be, but I want to be more like him. "More like the Master I would ever be." That is the way men felt who saw him long ago, and that is the way men feel who see him today.

In the Presence of Jesus

Our complacency is disturbed by God's Spirit working in our lives. God's spirit speaks to our hearts. We know that we are to become better Christians. We know that we are to take a definite stand for Christ, accept him as the Lord of our lives, become active members of his church, and serve his cause to the glory of God and the salvation of human kind. God's spirit ever urges us onward and upward and our self-satisfied complacency is disturbed.



Rev. Daniel Fuchs
of Rochester, New York

The call of human need also disturbs us. When Paul was in Troas he had a vision one night. He saw the face of a man of Macedonia. It was a face in need. And that face haunted Paul day and night. It seemed as though it was calling to him: "Won't you come over into Macedonia and help us?" Paul couldn't sleep any more. It upset all his plans. It compelled him to go and offer his help. The call of human need has always disturbed men. Men have dared to brave all sorts of sacrifices in order to lend a helping hand to their fellow-men in need.

But what is the purpose of disturbing our complacency? Did not Jesus come to bring peace to the world? At one time Jesus said he came not to bring peace, but a sword. Oh, yes, he is the Prince of peace, but he did not come to bring us the wrong kind of peace. There is such a thing. There is a peace, a complacency, a self-satisfaction that comes out of stagnation and death. Jesus came to disturb that kind of peace in order that he might establish real peace. He sometimes has to use sharp methods to bring us into wakefulness and into the realization of our better possibilities.

There is a certain species of the eagle that has its nest way up on a cliff. When the little eaglets are hatched, the mother feeds them there until they reach a certain age. Then one day she will tear the nest into pieces and kick the eaglets out over the cliff. As the eaglets fall towards the rocky bottom, they will flutter and flutter, trying to keep themselves in the air. The mother eagle watches very carefully, and when she thinks the eaglets are just about exhausted and ready to drop she will swoop down underneath them and allow them to land on her strong wing and thus she carries them back to safety.

Why does the mother eagle do that? She wants those eaglets to learn that for which they were born. They were not born to sit complacently in a nest all their life. They were born to use their wings and to soar out over the clouds.

The Purpose of Life

Why do we live in a disturbing world? Why is our complacency disturbed? In order that we too might learn to know the purpose of our being. We too must learn to know the best that is within us. We are disturbed in order that we might learn to fly sunward and godward. The purpose of our existence is to serve to the glory of God and the salvation of men, and in so serving, to realize our better possibilities.

The big question for us remains: When our complacency is disturbed, what are we going to do about it? It is not so much for us to decide whether we shall be disturbed or not. That is God's part in the program. It is, however, for us to decide what we shall do about it once we are disturbed. That is our part in the program.

If your alarm clock goes off in the morning it will disturb you into wakefulness, whether you like it or not. But that is all it can do. You may then do one of two things. You may get up, or you may turn over and go back to sleep. That depends entirely upon you. Our complacency is being disturbed. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to continue in the old rut, or are we ready to make new adventures in serving our Master?

May God give us grace, strength and willingness to yield to his awakenings, for that is the secret of spiritual growth and victory.

THE DAY SPRING

Luke 1:18

By Ethel L. Rennison
of Elgin, Iowa

The Day Spring from on high has come—

Not like a meteor swift and bright,
That gleams an instant, then is gone—
He brings the dawn's increasing light.

The Day Spring from on high has come—

As prophecies of old proclaim,
"The Sun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing for those who fear my name."

The Day Spring from on high has come—

With saving and transforming power;
Before the sunshine of his love
Darkness of sin and doubt must cower.

The Day Spring from on high has come—

His light dispels all earthly gloom;
By him our fading hopes are raised
To radiant and eternal bloom.



A Striking Picture of Paul Gebauer, One of Our African Missionaries, Conversing With a Cameroons Native While on a Trek Through the Kaka Hills on His Favorite Horse

Mission Projects for 1941-1942

A Complete List of Missionary Projects for Consideration by Young People's Groups and Churches

Giving for missionary causes is much easier and more exciting if it is known that those gifts will be used to build a church or to equip a dispensary or to support some native evangelist whose name and ministry are familiar to us through the pages of "The Baptist Herald." For this reason 25 mission projects have been prepared by the Rev. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, and Paul Gebauer, one of our Cameroons missionaries, which are listed on this page.

Any one of these projects can be adopted by a young people's assembly group or union, a conference, or by local Sunday Schools, young people's societies or churches. If individuals would like to adopt these projects, they, too, are invited to make this known. Only one group or individual will be permitted to adopt a certain project, so that several choices in their order of preference ought to be given in writing to Dr. Kuhn.

Any special news or pictures regarding these definite projects will be sent to those groups or individuals who are supporting this work. It is understood, however, that these projects are largely promotional in character and are not to be regarded as "over and above gifts." They are rather "designated

missionary gifts" which are used exclusively for definite missionary tasks.

As soon as possible, send your choice of mission projects to the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Mission Projects for 1941-1942

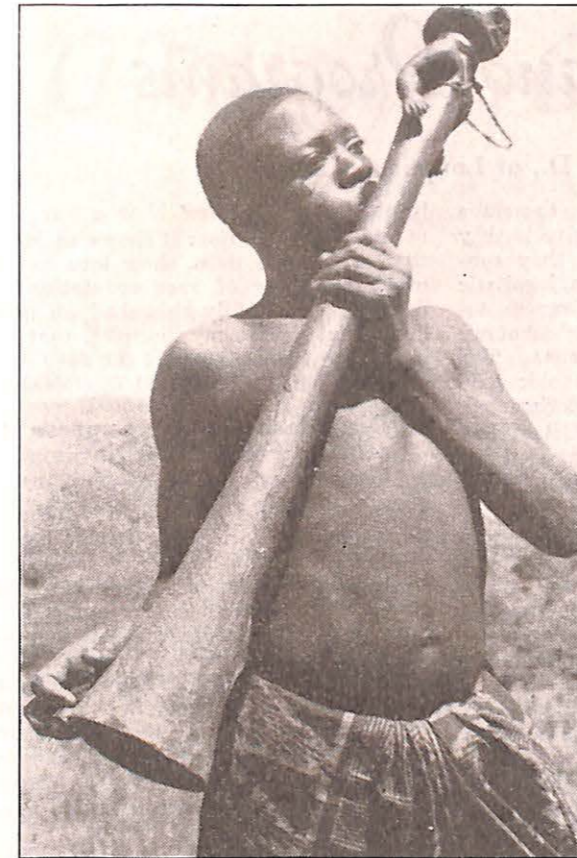
1. Building Hospital at Mbem, to be known as the Laura Reddig Hospital. (Adopted by the Iowa Y. P. and S. S. W. Union) \$1000.00
2. Building Home for Nurse Laura Reddig 500.00
3. Maintenance of Mbem Mission Station 100.00
4. Building of Brick Huts for In-patients (10 huts at \$25 each) 250.00
5. Support of 3 Native Evangelists (Evangelists are Robert Jam, Johannes Tonton and Peter Ngang) Each 75.00
6. Support of Christian Catechists for Missionary Service (Total of 10 catechists at \$30 each) 300.00
7. Interior Furnishing of Missionary Home at Mbem 250.00
8. Maintenance of Mbem Dispensary and Hospital 250.00

9. Salary of Miss Laura E. Reddig (Adopted by the Dakota Conference as the Bender Memorial Trek) 900.00
10. Monthly Evangelistic Tours of Missionaries of Kakaland to Outstations (Annual Cost) 300.00
11. Two Additional School Houses to be Built in Kakaland—Each 250.00
12. Maintenance of Warwar Mission Station in Mambila 100.00
13. Salary of the Mambila Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Dunger (Adopted by the Atlantic Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union for 1941-1942) 1400.00
14. Support of Native Helpers in Mambila (Total of 10 catechists at \$30 each) 300.00
15. Monthly Evangelistic Tours of Mambila Missionaries to Outstations (Annual Cost) 300.00
16. Maintenance of Mambila Dispensary 250.00

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The Warwar Baptist Sunday School

Report of Mambila's First Sunday School by MISS EDITH KOPPIN, Missionary-Nurse



This Wooden Trumpet, Beautifully Carved, Is Used to Herald the Beginning of All Kinds of Festivals and Meetings in the Cameroons

Let me announce the birth of the Warwar Baptist Sunday School. It came into being on the last Sunday in June, 1940, and it has been with us every Sunday since then. To me was given the responsibility of the school and the pleasure that goes with it.

Our Sunday School started off with a goodly number of 22 boys and girls. I thought that was very good for the first session and for such backward timid people as the Mambilas are. But our boys took to it at once and we have had Sunday School ever since.

For the most, and at first, they were the boys who worked for us throughout the week and since they were not given any other responsibility at home for that time, they had opportunity to come on Sunday also. It must be remembered that our Mambila boys at definite seasons are very busy.

One of their responsibilities is to sit up on perches situated on their farms and watch and chase away marauding birds who have come to eat the young grain shoots or the grains when they are ripening. Since there is always some grain in the process of ripening, this work takes up much of their days.

They must be out on the farms early in the morning and also in the late afternoons and evenings, for it is at that time that the birds are searching for food. The way they do it and what they do is an interesting story in itself. But I mention this fact in relation to the attendance at the Sunday School.

it now stays around 18 in number. They have been mostly boys who have come but lately a few girls have ventured to attend and I realize that to be almost a miracle because the girls of Warwar are very shy and timid. The leader of this group of girls has come to know us through attending the dispensary and learned that we are not to be feared. She has also brought a few girls with her.

At first the powers that be were curious and concerned about what we were teaching their children. What kind of a meeting was this that only the children were to come! Who ever heard of just catering to the children! For in their own system everything is built around the older people and the children fit into that pattern. And so for the first few weeks there was always some one delegated, it seemed, to investigate what this strange thing might be. Sometimes the chief would listen in or the headman,—at another time some quarterhead came to see and to hear.

But I believe they were satisfied that what we were teaching them was not contrary to anything they held in their own thinking and principles, and of late they seem to be content that we carry on even if they are not there. Every Sunday sees some who stay after the church service out of interest and they seem to enjoy it as much as the children.

We have had many an amusing and edifying hour and it is a real pleasure

Then, too, it is not easy for them to remember when Sunday comes around as the Mambilas have a ten day week and thus it follows their first day of the week. Consequently, we have a different group of children from time to time so that it was not possible to keep records or a roll call, but with the last few weeks there have been a small number who come regularly and we now have roll call and keep record of those who come.

We began with 22, and have had as many as 35 on one Sunday,—and as low as 6, but

and satisfaction to teach these Mambila children. They are keen listeners, alert and eager to learn and to take part. They are learning of Jesus.

The responsibility of the Sunday School is mine but the teaching of the children is actually in charge of Langa and his wife, Bubiya. These two are Christians from Mbem. Langa was cook for the Dungers when they first came to Warwar and, of course, his wife followed him here. I teach these two several times during the week or whenever time is available for it is the native who must take the leadership.

These two have applied themselves to this task and I believe they enjoy it, too. I teach them and in our meetings we learn the Bible stories and methods of teaching. Pray for these two, as they have a great task in Mambila and they need your prayers in all their temptations and experiences.

I bring to you this Baby Baptist Sunday School and its leaders for your help and prayers.

MISSION PROJECTS

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17. Building of a Permanent Missionary Home for the Dungers 500.00
18. Building of a Permanent Home for Nurse Edith Koppin 500.00
19. Medical Supplies for the Mambila Hospital Plant 250.00
20. Maintenance of Mbem Catechist School 150.00
21. Building of Mission School at Warwar, Mambila (Adopted by the Western New York and Pennsylvania Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, 1941-1942) 250.00
22. Maintenance of Elementary Schools at Mbem, Kakaland 250.00
23. Expenses of Trip of Missionaries Paul and Clara Gebauer to Africa, 1941 500.00
24. Salary of Nurse Edith Koppin 900.00
25. Salary of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer (Adopted by the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J.) 1400.00

B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Edited by the REV. PIETER SMIT, D. D., of Lorraine, Kansas

Sunday, August 3, 1941

YOUTH LOOKS AT SIN!

Scripture: Romans 11:13-36.

Introduction:

Do young people need a reinterpretation of sin? Or, is sin the same as it always has been?

One of the greatest fallacies of the modern Church is to discover the greatest sin. Each generation has some moral code by which to determine the greatest or blackest sin. Yet the Church at one time blessed warfare to further her cause. Again, the Church has tortured and killed those who expressed a desire for liberty of thought.

How shall we determine the sinfulness of things? Only by the declaration of the Word of God. The Word separates sins and deals much with them. Here are a few:

1. The Sin of Unbelief

This is the sin that has a lasting reward of souls, being forever lost. What must men believe? How must men believe? They must believe the Word of God. This is to be believed two ways. First, by the written Word and, secondly, by the testimony of men. Only too often the testimony of men is shaded by an inconsistent life. Men are often led into unbelief because of inconsistent Christians. However, let no one think he can be saved by looking upon the mistakes of others. Christ could not do great works because of unbelief. (Matt. 13:38.) How often Jesus is near at hand to do great things for us and we will not believe, and so we miss God's best.

2. The Sin of Pride

Here is the great sin of Lucifer. (Read Isaiah 14:12-17.) Jesus warned the disciples about this when they sought the highest seats. Pride is what keeps us in the spirit contrary to humility. "When pride cometh, then cometh shame." (Proverbs 11:2.) See the consequences. Note the present work carried on by Satan's pride. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." The pride of the heart deceives human beings.

3. The Sin of Disobedience

Herein is the first sin of the human race. (Story of Adam and Eve.) Satan is more subtle than we. He even fortifies himself with the word of God and comes to us as an angel of light. Many of us are afflicted with unconscious disobedience. This shows our lack of surrender to Christ. He and he alone can overcome the great arch deceiver.

4. The Sin of Unforgiveness

This was the sin among the Pharisees. They had a legalistic viewpoint.

Many Christians are holding the same today. They say, "I will forgive if they do." Or, "I'll forgive when they confess." This then becomes a legalistic bargain-counter. Our forgiveness toward others is on the basis of what we have been forgiven by Christ. The New Testament Church is told: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, FORGIVEN ONE ANOTHER. (How and on what basis?) "Even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

5. The Sin of Self-Righteousness

1) Simon was totally mistaken about Christ. (See Luke 7:36-50.) He thought this a strange perversion of justice. For Jesus made no distinction of her flagrant sin.

2) Simon was greatly mistaken about this woman. He was right in thinking her a great sinner, for she was a town woman; but "all have sinned and come short . . ." He, too, was a sinner, even though respected. Then again he took no recognition of her penitence. Dearer than all the rabble, chanting, talk of the Pharisee is the cry of a returning prodigal.

3) Simon was mistaken about himself. He believed himself a righteous man. He fasted, paid tithes, he was orthodox, observed the ceremonial law, and attended the synagogue regularly. But all this was lip service. No sin is more offensive to Jesus than self-righteousness. Rather a penitent publican than one who parades his own worthiness.

Sunday, August 10, 1941

YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture: 1. John 3:1-14.

Introduction:

There is a vast difference in the spiritual stature of Christians. There are many Christians who have never become disciples. To be a Christian one must be born again. To be a disciple, a Christian must follow Christ. He must be one who disciplines himself for Christ, one who takes up his cross daily. He is one who is in the inner circle of fellowship. So if you genuinely love you will follow, you will be a disciple, and you will unconsciously fulfill all the law.

1. Love is a Sign of Union (Discipleship) With Christ

The evidence of the love is expressed in our attitude toward our fellowmen. "He that loveth not his brother, abideth in death." Here is the outward working of an inner faith and devotion. "If a man say, He loves God and hateth his

brother, he is a liar." Now a liar has no union with Christ; it shows no identity. A disciple must show love to all men, regardless of race or station in life or society. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye love one another." This is the first step to the mind of Christ and discipleship.

2. Discipleship Must Express Itself in Friendliness and Courtesy

"Be ye kindly affectionate one toward another with brotherly love." Love has a good temper. It is not easily provoked. It is patient. Love is guilelessness; thinketh no evil. How often we can see only the bad in people. Let us get down on someone, and nothing else matters. They are bad, and need to be judged. We are told, "Owe no man anything but love." How we are indebted to others with this in mind. Have we really loved as Christians should love? Discipleship is generous. "Love envieth not."

3. Discipleship Knows No Difference Between People

In this world of war we need to be reminded that we know no difference between people in spite of their nationality. There are no race or clan lines drawn by the disciple. "Ye have heard it said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." This is the philosophy of war propaganda. The sad thing is that many Christians are applying it, not only to other nationalities but right within the Church. "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have you? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute the brethren only, what do ye more than others? Be ye therefore perfect . . ."

4. Discipleship is the Supreme Possession of the Christian

Prophecies shall fail, tongues shall fail, knowledge shall pass away, but never love—the mark of discipleship! Can you know anything that will last? Money, fortune, fame? The delightful and beautiful things of life in the world, these are all great and engrossing, but none have permanent, abiding value. So hold to things in their proportion. Let the first great object of your life be achieved and the character defended in these words, and it is the character of a disciple of Christ, "that ye love." Unbiased, unrestrained, and the greatest possession of the Christian is this love.

The Authorized Version says, "We love him, because he first loved us." The original Greek says, "We love, because he first loved us." If we are to be true disciples, our lives must be entirely governed by love.

A Missionary Among China's Millions

The Last Report of Missionary Bruno H. Luebeck of Ungkung, China,
Written Less Than a Month Before His Death on March 25
Caused by a Sudden Heart Attack

March 1, 1941.

Our dear Friends in the Homeland:

With world conditions rapidly deteriorating, we should have written you more frequently. We composed many a mental letter to you, but emergency calls crowded in on us to such an extent that we did not even find the time to write our nearest relatives.

Today we want to let you know that in spite of all talk and plans for evacuation we are still at our post in Ungkung. When mothers with their children were ordered to return home, our mission interpreted it to mean only those whose leaving would not spell a complete breakdown of the work they are carrying on. Mrs. Giedt and Mrs. Hobart with their children did evacuate, but this was partly determined by health conditions and the welfare of their children. We live in unoccupied territory and think it fairly safe to stay on, at least for the time being.

150 Japanese Bombs

Ungkung has had its share of severe bombing during the past months. We had visitors from the air on December 22, 24, and 31, and January 14. Ungkung has no air raid shelters. On December 22nd the planes first circled around the town before dropping their missiles, which gave the population ample time to run into the fields. On the second day they took us by surprise and unloaded their packages as soon as they arrived. Thus, the casualties were many. On the third day nine bombers rained their terror with countless numbers of explosions.

In all, our little town got over 150 bombs. Two hundred houses were destroyed, fifty people killed, and over one hundred wounded. The planes circled low over our house and hospital, but our mission property was spared destruction, for which we are so grateful to God. For over a month the population was so panicky that the larger part of them evacuated to the nearby villages, while the remainder stampeded into the fields as soon as the sound of a plane was heard. Needless to say that on such days our house was always crowded with friends who for physical limitations could not make for farther points. Several times we had to serve them "free lunch" on a large scale.

Always More Work!

As for the hospital, we would have felt easier had we had a bigger staff. With only one doctor and one nurse, besides Katherine, to care for some fifty

cases of fractured bones, split faces, and mutilated bodies, all pouring in at the same time, is no small job. Unlike at other times, though, these cases were much easier to treat. Not nearly as much blood poisoning as before. Maybe the powder was a little cleaner this time.

The past half year the hospital and clinic had a rush of those horrible, deep, huge, sloughing tropical leg ulcers, that are caused from malnutrition and low resistance due to chronic malaria. We had some miraculous success with proper treatment, quinine and good food. But we are grateful beyond words that we had just gotten a new shipment of bandages and supplies through the White Cross. Without them it would have been unthinkable to do the daily dressing of cases where one needs rolls and rolls of bandages, and pounds of cotton each day.

While Katherine took care of the wounded, I had my hands full with the relief kitchens in three places. To help those who are affected by the present crisis, we admitted one hundred at Chaochowfu, fifty at Hai-Sua, and ninety at Ungkung, serving them one satisfying meal per day, and giving them at the same time such daily instruction for two hours, that could help them to forget their misery, learn something useful, and get readjusted in their lives to present day conditions. Thus we teach them reading, singing, sanitation and hygiene, Christian home life, and general worship.

Across the Battle Line

The initial funds for this work came to us through the National Christian Council of China. These we augmented with occasional gifts received from you, Friends. The teaching staff is voluntary, partly recruited from the ranks of the destitute. This project is a great success. Even though it is only one meal a day, one can easily distinguish by their faces those, who have just come in, from those who have been eating for some time. The clothes we gave to each have helped also to change the appearance.

Sorry, we had to interrupt the work here at Ungkung. During the severe bombing our church was not considered safe enough as a relief center. But the other two places are still carrying on, and we are planning to open a new one at Tsing-Lim, where we have both many destitute cases, and a strong church to carry out the program.

Besides all this extra service we are privileged to render, our work with the

twenty-seven churches goes on in its regular way. Eight of them are in occupied territory, which complicated communication with them and their work. Going there means sometimes to cross the actual battle line. I have a special travel pass, but stray bullets may not heed it always. Yet, I have been out with the churches a lot this year. The only route open now to Swatow is the water way along the sea coast.

The Future With God

Speaking in general, I must say that the many dangers and all the present difficulties are bringing us still nearer to God. One has to pray more and to rely more completely on his guidance than in ordinary times, and this makes his indwelling presence so sweet, that one almost does not mind the causes and problems that draw us near to the Master.

Thus, God has graciously watched over us in the past. Sometimes, we worried about our little Jackie. He is now five years old and is so susceptible to all impressions. He naturally hates the planes. When he saw them, heard the explosions, and saw some of the destruction, we were afraid it would cut deep ruts in his child mind. But the day following the biggest bombing, being his birthday, (January 1), he talked in his dreams at night not of the devastation of warfare, but of the color of the frosting and the nice trimmings he wanted on his birthday cake. We felt so relieved and grateful to God for it. Be sure, he got his desire fulfilled.

We don't know what the future holds in store for us, neither do any of you, with the international war hysteria paralyzing the whole world. Our thoughts and prayers are more concerned with the opportunities of today. Therefore, we would join Eben Rexford in his song as he pleads for

"Strength for each trial and each task,
What more, my Father, should I ask?
Just as I need it, day by day,
Strength for my weakness,—this I pray."

With this we greet you, sending our thoughts to you, as so often, knowing that you are bearing us up to the Throne of grace in your prayers. For this we want to thank you and remain

One with you in Christ Jesus,
though ten thousand miles
away,

Bruno and Katherine Luebeck,
and Jackie.



The Vision



By Paul Hutchens

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SYNOPSIS

A few weeks before Christmas Rodney Deland, the son of a famous Christian song leader, received an invitation to direct the cantata in the Riverview Memorial Church. Although he had lost almost all faith in God in his studies at school, he needed the money and accepted the invitation. There he became acquainted with Dr. Webber, the minister, and his family, especially the daughter, La Vera. During the day she was assistant to the dentist, Dr. Beade Thorwald, the father of Rodney's school flame, Shera. But La Vera was the one who helped Rodney to see the waywardness of his ways and to lead him to accept the Word of God as divine guidance for his life. She also inspired him to record the song, "The Ninety and Nine," on a phonograph record, which he played one evening in his dormitory room on Gael Schillman's phonograph. In the midst of the song, Gael came thundering into the room saying, "Shut off that crying old woman." Even though Rodney tried to impress on him that he was lost without Christ, Gael scorned his words and ran down the hall for a wild date with the world.

CHAPTER TEN

With Gael's footsteps receding down the hall, Rodney closed and locked his door once more. He was alone again. His eyes took in the contents of the room—the drawn blind at the window, the white lavatory in the corner, the blotter-topped study desk, the single bed with its "sway-back" springs, the little library of books, the Book itself, whose teachings had been so cobwebbed in his mind.

He lifted the record from the turntable and held it in his hands, the first stanza of the song galloping along in the undercurrent of his thoughts:

"There are ninety and nine that safely lie
In the shelter of the fold,
While millions are left outside to die,
Because the ninety and nine are cold"—because
Rodney Deland is cold.

His thoughts appendaged the last phase. He knew it was true, and was ashamed of it. He tried to recapture the emotion that had been his before Gael had broken in upon him, but he could not. If only Gael had not come, he might have entered into an experience that would have burned from his

heart all coldness, and blasted every remaining doubt into nothingness.

A luminous-dialed alarm clock on his desk said "seven-forty-five." There was studying to be done tonight. He was in no mood to study. He wanted to sing, not to himself, to be heard of Rodney Deland—like the Pharisees of old, praying in the streets to be seen of men,—but to be heard by someone who was lost and who, through the singing might hear and believe. Instantly he knew what he was going to do. There was a little rescue mission one block from Dr. Thorwald's dental suite. He had passed there many times, had stopped in on one occasion and listened. The singing had been abominable, the raucous voices of the congregation, grating in his ears; he had been repulsed by the dissonance of untrained voices. . . . He was ashamed of that attitude tonight.

At testimony time, as was the custom in rescue missions, when opportunities for testimony were given, he would stand and sing his own testimony, the same song he had sung last night at Fayette.

He took with him his solo books containing many of the songs selected and sung by his father, and a little later he was in the street, pushing against the wind toward the mission.

That was it! He had been going with the wind—Shera's wind, which was also the wind of the world.

In the street across from Dr. Thorwald's office, Rodney stopped and looked up at the darkened windows. Behind him a new building would soon be going up, John Nystrom, designer and architect seemed to be very much interested in Le Vera Webber—and also in Rodney. Nystrom had known Douglas Deland—had loved him more than any man. Why had he not heard of him before?

In the mission, Rodney was ushered to a seat near the front. A young man with excellent platform manner, was leading the singing, which as usual, was a bedlam of on- and off-key voices—symbol of a world of people in and out of tune with God.

The speaker of the evening was—Rodney gasped when he saw him arise from behind the pulpit desk and face the audience. His letter to Norda next day carried news of unusual interest, for the speaker was not an ordained minister, but a layman, a Christian business man whose wealth, talent and influence were wholly given over to the service of Christ.

The letter to Norda ran:

"Here I come, Norda, with another letter, my second this week. I keep thinking of that last night at home and the things we talked about—you and I—under the grape arbor. You're the grandest sister a fellow could ever have, Norda, little pal. You can't know how I've been feeling about things, how I suffered for you, knowing there wasn't a thing in the world I could do to help—and you know why.

"I have the answer though, now, I know what has been wrong, and I know what to do about it. Last night I had the most unusual experience. After singing my testimony at a rescue mission, and after the meeting was over, I was invited out to lunch with a millionaire architect, a wonderful man named John Nystrom. He took me to his positively beautiful apartment and were served by a Japanese house boy. He seems to be all alone in the world, and a bit lonely and sad at times, but a more likeable, more sweet-spirited Christian I have never met. He is responsible, I think, for getting me the position at Riverview . . .

"It is marvelous, the way the Lord is leading, Norda, and the way He is making His presence felt. Maybe you can catch a little of the spirit of what is going on in my mind when you hear the record I am mailing you, which we made day before yesterday.

"Listen, Norda, here's what came to me a few minutes ago. I am wondering if you can come down for the weekend preceding Christmas and stay over Monday night for the cantata. We're using "Chimes of the Holy Night," which we sang last year in the home church. I need another alto, and since you know the whole cantata almost from memory, you won't have to do any rehearsing . . .

"Besides, I think I need your very valuable advice on an important matter, and you can't give it without seeing her first . . ."

The pathetic scene under the grape arbor that night came back to him now, as he wrote the letter:

Never had the moon seemed more beautiful than on that night, nor Norda herself more grown up and womanly, her dark hair brushing his shoulder. He had thought of Shera with her golden hair.

He had been thinking of the two letters in his pocket when Norda had

asked the startling question, "Tell me, Rod,—How can a person know whether he is saved? You and mother seem to be so sure and to have such unquestioning faith, and I—I'm just a tangle of doubt . . ."

This, from Norda, whom he had always considered a grand little Christian! And he, in his own bewilderment and darkness had blurted out, ". . . I'm a heathen myself!"

If Norda should come to Hampton and hear Dr. Webber preach, meet Le Vera and John Nystrom, and come to know that HE LIVES, she too would be sure of her salvation . . .

The letter continued: "Don't get the idea, Norda, that I'm desperately in love or anything like that, but I've found the girl I ought to love and I'd like to have your o. k. before I go any further. So, hurry up with your answer, and be sure to come. I know Mother will let you under the circumstances—also I need you badly in the alto section of the choir . . ."

If Norda is truly concerned about her soul's salvation—if she is all a-tangle, she needs to hear Dr. Webber preach, Rodney thought.

He dropped the letter into the slot at the post office and turned toward the exit. Tomorrow morning, which would be Saturday, when the rural mail carrier stopped in a whirl of snow at the old tin mail box in front of the Deland home, the letter and the record would be there. Gay little Norda, hooded and sweated and booted, would run down the freshly shovelled path to the box.

The paragraph about Le Vera would give them a surprise. He had not planned to write it, but after writing it he knew that it was the truth. It was true also that he was not yet in love—of course I'm not!—That would come later. Everything he knew about Le Vera he liked. She was the girl of whom he had dreamed from the earliest moments of his awakening manhood. He would set about winning her respect and admiration and eventually her love, and while he was doing that, his own love would be born. As a Christian—a Christian worker—the wearer of his father's mantle, it would be folly to marry a girl like Shera. Blind, blind, blind! How blind he had been—how blinded by Satan . . .

He was beginning to understand now how it had come about—a mystery which could be explained only by the Bible itself.

In his room, after mailing the letter and the record, Rodney turned once more to his neglected Bible and read the passage Le Vera had indicated to him yesterday morning in the office—which she would have explained, if Shera had not interrupted . . . Luke 22:31-34. Many a time, on the old rock stage, he had, as a little boy, acted out in his imagination the stories in the books he had read.

So now, after reading the story of the prediction of Peter's denial of Christ, and its fulfillment in the verses

that followed, his thoughts carried him to the playground of his boyhood, and he re-enacted in his mind, what he believed may have happened to himself. There were only three characters in the scene: Satan, the Lord, and Rodney.

SATAN: See that young man, Rodney Deland, with his beautiful voice and personality. See how much he loves himself, how proud he is, how he loves applause. If only I can break through the hedge that the Lord God has placed about him. If I can get into his mind and heart and make him doubt, as I did Eve in the Garden of Eden . . . If I can only break through the hedge—I will touch his faith, and it will turn to unbelief; I will dim his vision of service, and his life will curse the Lord God . . .

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: He is proud. He does love himself. And I have planned for him a life of humility and love, and of mighty soul winning service. But he is like Peter of old. I cannot use him as he is because there is too much chaff. He must come to the end of himself. I will allow Satan to have him that he may sift him as wheat, as I allowed him to have Peter, and Job. . . . I will let Rodney have his own way, which he desires so much. . . . But I will pray the Father for him, and he will be kept from eternal loss—and he will lose only the chaff. In his extremity, he will call upon me and I will deliver him . . .

RODNEY: Oh God, where are you? Oh Christ! They have taken you away! No fellowship. No peace. No happiness. Only emptiness within and a terrible sense of the futility of living. Oh God, deliver me from this hell in which I live—and die!

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

Rodney knew now that it was the intercession of the Lord Jesus which had kept him from continuing in Satan's employ, which had delivered him, sifted as wheat, humbled and chastened, with the vision full restored. There was only one thing now that he felt he must do before he was fully right with God. Oh, he knew his sins were forgiven. Knew also that he himself, and his sins, had made it necessary for the Lord to permit the chastening, but he felt that there should be a climactic moment when he should surrender all of Rodney Deland in a contract of spoken words. After that, there would be a continuous yielding.

It was the definite act of presenting himself wholly and unreservedly, that he shrank from, even now.

Time moved on. In the book, so neglected in the past, he read, and meditated and saw new things, and felt the wooing of the Spirit. There was a Sunday service at Riverview on which day he heard two stirring addresses by

Dr. Webber, and at the close of each, saw men and women yielding themselves to Christ. In the afternoon he went with Nystrom to a rescue mission and taught a Sunday School class of rough boys, sang at the service which followed, and marvelled at the man Nystrom that he should be so humble and so full of faith.

On the Monday night following, there was a cantata rehearsal, with Le Vera lifting her eyes unto the hills. A luncheon in the Webber home afterward made him more sure than ever that some day, when love should come, this lovely girl would be his own. He knew now that what he had thought was love for Shera was only infatuation, which would, if he had allowed it to, have yoked him for life with an unbeliever. Mercifully, he had been spared that.

Another week passed, and he had not yet arrived at the place where he could honestly say, in the words of a solo he had recently discovered, "None of self, but all of Thee." He was still restless, still reaching up, still missing the perfect peace he knew he ought to possess. He wanted to solve certain spiritual problems first; he was still troubled by certain things in the Old Testament which he could not understand . . .

It was Nystrom who helped him to a right understanding.

"Bible problems?" They were in Nystrom's car at the time, driving toward the conservatory. "I have plenty of them—don't expect to have them all settled in this life. There are many of them that I have simply laid on the shelf until the time comes for the Lord to reveal His meaning and purpose in them. After all, John Nystrom is the biggest problem. It's my business, by the Spirit, to keep Nystrom fully yielded to the Lordship of Christ. I think I know what you are facing, Rodney, for I faced it myself years ago, but I don't worry any more about being able to place every detail of prophecy into its own little pigeon hole.

"Remember the disciples standing, gazing up into heaven after the Lord had ascended? Just standing and gazing? God doesn't want us to do that. Not just gazing and puzzled and wondering what He's going to do about the Kingdom of Israel, or why He doesn't explain everything He caused to be written in His Book. A man can waste a lot of time trying to figure out puzzling theological problems—most of which have already been solved by our great men of God, and are explained for us in their books. That's not our job, Rodney, but witnessing. Ye shall be witnesses unto me, Jesus said. And we know Him, don't we? I never do except to know all the what, but I do know WHOM, and that's enough."

It was now Monday of the last week preceding Christmas week. Tonight, Rodney thought, he would retire to his room, get quiet before the Lord, and make a definite once-for-all surrender

of himself, past, present and future—problems, doubts, Shera—withholding nothing.

His mind made up, he allowed himself to meditate on the prospect. It was afternoon now. He had just posted another letter to Norda and was on his way back to his room.

When he should have made the complete presentation of himself, would he enter into a beautiful new experience, as the biographers claimed had been true in the cases of so many spiritual giants of old? Would there be a rushing whirl of emotion that would carry him on wings of joy?

Would there be a writing on the wall of his room as there had been on the wall at Belshazzar's feast—"MENE MENE TEKEL UPHARSIN"?—Shera had been weighed in the balances and found wanting . . .

If there should be no angel, no rushing whirlwind of joy and tears, but only the simple peace of joy and faith, no holy fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice, how then would he know that he had been accepted? He was not troubled by these thoughts, only wondering. He must be sure of one thing—and that is, that I make an unreserved surrender.

In his walk from the post office, he passed the building on whose fourth floor was Dr. Thorwald's dental suite. He stopped and looked unto the hills. Somewhere up there in one of those rooms, she was busy, taking case histories, greeting patients in the reception room, assisting at the operating chair, answering the telephone, sterilizing instruments.

For a moment he was in the chair again, under the pendulous, elbowed arm of the unit, and she was doing little things at the cabinet, adjusting the apron under his chin, raising or lowering the head-rest . . .

He went back to his room, his face set in one fixed purpose. Tonight was the night—"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice . . ."

There was a sudden collision of bodies as he rounded the corner of Drexel Hall, a colliding of sheep and squirrel.

"Rodney!" Shera gasped. "I've been looking everywhere for you! I simply have to see you—just a minute. Can you come into the girl's reception room?"

He hesitated. There was a pathetic look in her eyes. Both yesterday and today, in fact, for a week now, he had been deliberately avoiding her. A dozen times today in various classrooms, he had caught her looking in his direction, then looking away quickly, when she knew he had seen her. Once she had waited for him at the exit after class, but he had given his attention to his notebook as he passed by. It seemed to him now that he had been discourteous. The fact that their lives were pitched in different keys did not give him the right to be other than gentlemanly.

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She clung to his arm now. "It's really important that I see you," she urged, "and it'll take only a minute."

It would be an augmented minute, he knew, but she seemed so distressed.

He followed her inside, holding the glass-pannelled door open for her. He had visited with her here before, in fact, it was here that he had first thought he was in love with her. Girl students on duty at the desk, or entertaining their own friends, were accustomed to seeing him here. Now, when he glanced in their direction, they nodded and smiled. Shera was well liked by the other students.

They sat facing each other in white, chintz covered easy chairs. Shera came straight to the point. "I wish to apologize," she said, "for my rudeness—for my fireworks display in front of the city hall in Fayette that night. I—I'm sorry I acted so—haughty. I heard every word of Dr. Webber's sermon and I liked it. I cried nearly all the way through."

"You—what?"

"And I want you to forgive me, especially for coming into the office the next morning. I knew you and she were there, and—well, I guess I was jealous. I think she is nice and I've told her so. I think her accompaniment for your solo in Fayette was—beautiful."

He looked at her quivering lips.

"After all, Rodney, I really don't have any claim upon you, and I—we don't see things alike at all, not religiously, and that is the most important thing in life. You have a right to

believe what you wish, and so does Le Vera."

He felt a tightness in his throat, a wave of pity for her swept over him. His thoughts were without a keynote. Was she telling him he was free to—love Le Vera Webber if he wished? He was not sure he liked having her dismiss him in this way.

She straightened up suddenly, tossed her head as if to throw aside a smothering blanket. The threatened tears in her eyes disappeared.

"All this is beside the point," she said, "We've invited Le Vera out for dinner tonight and she has accepted. We've planned an evening of music, making records and things, and she wants to record the talk she gave to the club at Fayette that afternoon—and since you know best how to work all those little gadgets on the recording machine, we'd like to have you come too."

He thought of his fixed purpose of a half hour ago, to make the full surrender to Christ tonight. He felt strangely upset for some reason.

"We'll meet at Daddy's office at five and all drive out together," she said.

He wished to go, if Le Vera were to be there. He envisioned in quick moving pictures the fun they would have, if he went: Le Vera at the piano playing for him while he sang; Le Vera singing with him while they made a recording together—his tenor, her contralto—a duet he had pasted into his solo-and-duet book only yesterday; Le Vera listening appreciatively while he accompanied Shera's violin; Shera's musical touch was rare . . .

"Well?"

Shera's "well" brought him back to the reception room at Swan, with Shera sitting opposite him. "I'd like to come, Shera, but I have an appointment." That was the truth, even though it seemed to him now that it might be a self-made appointment.

He studied her crestfallen face. Was this, perhaps, an opportunity for service, for witnessing which he must not pass up? It would most surely give him a chance to sing the gospel. In any event, he would be home early enough to do the thing he had vowed to himself should be done tonight. And so, he allowed procrastination to have its way. He was sure it was not because of any weakness in his will, but because it seemed right to him to accept Shera's invitation.

At five-fifteen they were all in Dr. Thorwald's limousine, with Dr. Thorwald himself at the wheel.

"No, no," Shera had said when Rodney would have climbed into the front seat with Dr. Thorwald, "I want to ride with Daddy. You two get in the back. Hurry up, Daddy! Mother wants us to be on time."

The car purred softly, nosed out into the traffic, headed for the very modern Devonshire-designed home in the suburbs.

(To be continued)

Reports from the Field

GREETINGS FROM THE HOSPITAL

New England Baptist Hospital,
Parker Hill Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

June 9, 1941.

Dear Friends:

Thank the Lord, I'm able to wield the pen again after a most delicate operation, the second stage of which took place last Saturday morning. (June 7.) It is surely amazing what repairs can be made by the wonderful surgeons of our day. Dr. Frank Lobey, my surgeon, according to Bostonians, is the best in the world. You will recall he was recently elected to the presidency of the American Medical Association.

I have suffered considerably but shall have no undue tale of woes to tell from my experience here. It is grand to be at peace with God as one faces the ordeal. I can say I was at peace, fully resigned to the will of God, and supremely happy as I reflected on my joyful relations with Christ, his people, and my family and friends.

The Rev. E. S. Kalland has ministered to our physical and spiritual needs during this crisis. God blessed his home on Saturday evening (June 7) with a baby boy, whom they have named Eric Lance. My dear wife stands by me daily and has done considerable reading for me, so we have been having a good time.

Faithfully yours,

ARTHUR A. SCHADE.

Southwestern Conference The Colorado and Western Nebraska Association Holds Its Conference in La Salle

The churches of La Salle, Colo., and Scottsbluff, Neb., met as an association in the La Salle Church from May 8 to 11. God's grace rested upon the meetings. We counted it a privilege to have had the Rev. Assaf Husmann in our midst, and to hear his inspiring and uplifting messages. The Rev. John Weinbender served the association with an address in the German language.

The association was opened by the local pastor, the Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp, with a song service and words of welcome. The Rev. John Weinbender, as president of the association, answered to the welcome, and the Rev. Assaf Husmann brought the opening address, "Preparing the Way for Christ."

The Friday morning sessions were in the German language. The officers elected are: president, Rev. John Wein-

bender; vice-president, Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp; secretary, Mr. Jacob Croissant of La Salle; treasurer, Mr. Phil. Hamburger of Scottsbluff. The mission offering amounted to \$24.93, and the association designated \$35 for missions.

The women of the two churches had a program on Friday afternoon, consisting of reports by the Ladies' Missionary Societies, musical numbers by both churches, and an address by the Rev. Assaf Husmann on "Mothers." Mr. Husmann also brought the message on Friday evening.

Saturday was in the hands of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. The president, Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp, acted as chairman. New plans were drawn up for the year to come. Teacher and Leadership Training classes were advocated and adopted. The Union decided to contribute \$30 to the Cameroons Mission.

The various visitors addressed the Sunday School session on Sunday morning. Mr. Husmann brought the mission address in the morning service, and Mr. Weinbender spoke on "Mother Days" in German. The Y. P. and S. S. W. Union had a program in the afternoon. The association closed with the Sunday evening service in which again Rev. Assaf Husmann spoke in English and Rev. John Weinbender in German.

CARSTEN H. SEECAMP, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions of the Colorado and Western Nebraska Association

The annual Scottsbluff and La Salle Convention was held at the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., from May 8 to 11. We were grateful for the presence of the Rev. A. Husmann who, in addition to giving us a finer understanding of God's word, gave us a better understanding of our mission work at home and abroad.

On Saturday morning the Young People's and the Sunday School Workers' Union held its annual election of officers. Lloyd Geis was elected president; Fred Hamburger of Scottsbluff as vice-president; Virginia Staudinger of La Salle as secretary; and Leona Dillman of Scottsbluff as treasurer. The Union decided to send \$30 to the Cameroons and the income for the coming year is also to go for mission work. On Saturday night a social, which was attended by almost sixty people, was given for the young and older people in the church basement.

On Sunday afternoon the new officers were installed by Mr. Husmann. A musical program was given by both churches and the Rev. Charles Shedd

of the La Salle Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker. The last meeting was held Sunday night.

Our meetings have been a rich blessing to our churches and we are looking forward to many more in the future.

VIRGINIA STAUDINGER, Reporter.

The Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. W. Institute Centers Its Thought on "Christian Preparedness"

Once again we can say that the Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. W. Institute held at Ingersoll, Okla., from May 29 to June 1 was filled with blessing, inspiration, and fine fellowship which the young people and Sunday School workers of our state experienced. The theme for this institute was "Christian Preparedness"; the motto, "Be Ye Also Ready"; and the theme song, "Ready".

We were happy to have had the Rev. Paul Gebauer, our Cameroons missionary, with us for the first two days of our institute. He gave us an insight into the amazing problems as well as the progress which has been made on the African mission field. Here is a challenge for sacrifice!

The classes and the instructors were as follows: for young people and adults, "Increasing Church School Attendance" by Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Okeene; for Intermediates, "Training in Christian Service" by Mrs. Will Schoenhals of Shattuck; and for Juniors, "Trail Makers in Other Lands" by Mrs. Harvey Weigand. We cannot know just how far-reaching the efforts were that were put forth, but we do know that our zeal, our loyalty, our faith in God were strengthened, and the work that we shall continue to carry on will manifest the things we experienced.

Following the completion of the class work and some business the Rev. Assaf Husmann, our promotional secretary, who had been present, but not in the background entirely, gave us his first address on "Loyalty to Our Own Household" on Saturday evening, May 31. This was an informational as well as inspirational address filling us with pride that we are a part of a great work in God's Kingdom, and disclosing possibilities for greater activity in the future.

On Sunday rain threatened to dampen the spirits of those present but it also served as a means of closer fellowship. We can again truly say that we experienced great blessings, and that we are thankful to God that we were privileged to assemble for our institute.

ESTHER SCHILBERG, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Elmer Buenning, Pastor-elect of the Ingersoll Church, at the Ebenezer Church in Kansas

On Monday afternoon, June 9, the delegates and visitors of the various churches in Kansas upon the invitation of the Ebenezer Church met in order to examine for ordination Mr. Elmer Buenning, pastor of the church at Ingersoll, Oklahoma.

The overabundance of rain in the last few days brought flood waters in many of the communities of Kansas, making it impossible for some of the delegates to attend this service. However, enough delegates did arrive so that we were able to proceed with the examination of the candidate. The Rev. John Broeder, pastor of the local church, led the service. The council was organized and elected the Rev. A. Weisser as chairman and the Rev. E. Kary as clerk.

The candidate, Mr. Elmer Buenning, was then presented to the council. He gave a very fine report of his conversion, call to the ministry and his doctrinal views. Thereupon the chairman gave the council an opportunity to ask the candidate questions or to ask him to clarify certain points. This was done in a most gracious way. After carefully considering Mr. Buenning's statements, the council expressed its satisfaction and unanimously voted to recommend him to the church for ordination. This recommendation was presented to the church by the clerk.

In the evening the church gathered for the ordination service. Flood-waters and bad roads made it impossible for many of the local people to attend this impressive service. All of us, however, who were there did feel the moving of the divine Spirit in our midst as the ordination service proceeded under the leadership of Mr. Broeder. The Rev. W. Helwig brought the ordination sermon based on the text, 2. Cor. 4:5.

Thereupon, the candidate was dedicated through the ordination prayer, spoken by the Rev. J. Kornelson, and the laying on of the hands by the pastors, to the Lord and to his Kingdom service. The Rev. A. Weisser gave the charge to the new pastor and the Rev. T. Lutz welcomed him into the ranks of the ministers. After the singing of the song, "I Would Be true," the Rev. Elmer Buenning dismissed us with the benediction.

EDWARY KARY, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Anniversary Program of the Kyle Ladies' Missionary Society

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, gave its annual program on Wednesday evening, May 28. Members of the society, their families and friends gathered for the program, which was given under the leadership

of our president, Mrs. Ernest Hill. Mrs. David Weigand composed and gave the "Welcome".

Two readings were given in German and English. The church and male choirs rendered several numbers. A piano solo was given by Mrs. Max Mittelstedt. The Rev. D. Kaiser, pastor of a neighboring church, spoke in German, and our pastor, the Rev. Max G. Mittelstedt, spoke in English. An offering was taken for a Mexican Mission in our local community.

Our society has not been idle in the past year. We donated \$100 to the building fund for our new church, and paid for built-in-cabinets in the kitchen. We also bought dishes, silverware and other articles for the kitchen. We made new covers for piano and pulpit, and communion table and choir curtain.

We had the honor to be the first organization to have a program in our new church. So it was a pleasure to invite all present to our spacious dining room in the basement for refreshments and a social hour.

MRS. W. C. SCHMELTEKOPF, Secretary.

Central Conference

A Call for Linwood Assembly from August 4 to 10 for All Lake States Young People

A time of information, inspiration, recreation and rejuvenation awaits those who attend the Lakes States Baptist Assembly at Linwood Park near Vermilion, Ohio, August 4 to 10, 1941.

We are fortunate in securing our genial promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann, and former faculty member, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, as faculty members this year. The former will teach class daily on FORWARD WITH CHRIST — IN THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCH; and the latter on FORWARD WITH CHRIST — IN THE CHALLENGE OF OUR TIMES.

Planned recreation is under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel. Vesper services, inspirational messages, motion pictures, lantern parade, beach parties and other most interesting activities are on the program. All of these uplifting and enjoyable activities for the week are yours for only \$12, which includes lodging and meals.

Send in your reservation as soon as possible to the Dean, Rev. Geo. A. Lang, 4836 Three Mile Drive, Detroit, Michigan.

Mother and Daughter Tea is Held by the Dorcas Guild of Chicago's First Church

On Sunday afternoon, May 4, about 70 mothers and daughters of the Dorcas Guild of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., assembled in the lower hall of the church, which was decorated with Spring flowers. On the speakers' table stood two beautifully decorated cakes, which were later awarded to the mother having the most

children and to the one having the youngest child.

The mothers and daughters were welcomed by our president, Mrs. Erica Loewen. Mrs. Ruth Blum led the singing. Mrs. Ada Schultz read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. John Schmidt, our minister's wife, offered the prayer. Miss Dorothy Pankratz gave the toast to the mothers and Mrs. Goergens responded with a toast to the daughters. Mrs. Elfrieda Wisner sang a beautiful solo, "My Mother's Face."

Mrs. Louise Zoch gave a reading, "My Mandolin" was sung as a duet by Mrs. Esther Sobeski and Miss Erna Hilgenberg. Miss Hilgenberg also gave a humorous musical reading.

Our speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Groom, the dean of women of the Northern Baptist Seminary. She gave a very fascinating and inspiring talk on "What God Expects of Mothers and Daughters." After the program we gathered around the tables for "tea."

ELSIE DOMKE, Secretary.

Mrs. Walter Grosser is Guest Speaker at the Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet of Chicago's Humboldt Park Church

A Mothers' and Daughters' banquet was held in the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., on Thursday evening, May 22, under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society and the Philathea Class. A total of 105 mothers and daughters gathered around the festive springtime tables, and enjoyed fellowship while a delicious home cooked dinner was served by the young ladies of the Rainbow Class and the World Wide Guild.

Miss Anne Luedke, president of the Philathea Class, presided as toast-mistress. A "Toast to Mothers" was given by our pastor's wife, Mrs. C. F. H. Henry and the "Toast to Daughters" by her mother, Mrs. H. Bender. The guest speaker, Mrs. Walter Grosser of the Forest Park Baptist Church, was introduced by Mrs. William Berg, president of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Grosser's "heart to heart" talk was food for serious thought and she had the attention of every listener from beginning to end. Our hearts were inspired by the challenge presented to live the Christian life under all conditions.

The Philathea Chorus rendered two appropriate numbers, and Mrs. O. Gast presented a humorous selection, which was original. The special recognition of the oldest mother and youngest daughter present was touching. Mrs. Marie Gierke, who has reached her 95th year, was presented with a lovely plant by the youngest daughter, Carol Pfaff, who is 9 years old. Everyone applauded these two special guests. Following the closing prayer which was offered by our church missionary, Miss Ruth Doescher, the program was closed with everyone feeling thankful for Christian fellowship and inspiration which were ours.

FRIEDA M. RIEKE, Reporter.

Chicago's Sunday School Teachers Union Holds Its 17th Annual Rally

The Chicago Sunday School Teachers' Union culminated another year's activity at its 17th annual Sunday School rally, held at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, May 25, passing the 500 mark in attendance. The Lehrerbund has been campaigning since March for the rally, running a contest among the nine German Baptist Sunday Schools of Chicago and vicinity, creating enthusiasm and a wonderful gain in membership of 138 scholars in the three month campaign. The Forest Park Sunday School was the winner of the contest.

The rally program, with Mr. Herman Siemund, Sr., as president in charge, had such interesting musical features as a French horn and cornet duet by Arthur and Gerald Fippinger of Forest Park; Miss Helen Torstenson, talented cornetist, accompanied by Priscilla Allen; and selections by the Christian Fellowship Chorus with Herbert Pankratz as director, whose arrangement and presentation of the two hymns was effective and beautiful. Then came the vying among the various Sunday Schools in rendering their songs — most of them original compositions—and the First Church won the picture prize for originality and presentation of their song.

Then came the roll call, and the determining of the highest percentage present of the enrollments of the various Schools—the First Church winning again because of the greatest percentage present. Inasmuch as competition among the Sunday Schools is on a percentage basis of membership and on talent, which can be had in a small as well as a large church, the contest is fair as the judges and Sunday School superintendents can make it; and the results and response of the scholars themselves, prove the effectiveness of the annual contests and rallies.

The highlight of the rally was the address by the Rev. Lloyd G. Gibbs of Bellwood, Ill. His theme was, "An Extravagant Notion," and his text the apostle Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me." Mr. Gibbs told of the fascination of the supreme passions of powerful men of the world—the extravagance of power and imagination of men like Napoleon and Hitler that attract. But he said that Christians can "do all things" through the extravagant use of Christ's supreme power.

The Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, in an address, which he gave at a Lehrerbund meeting on April 17, mentioned that the Chicago Lehrerbund was unique in that it was the only organization of its kind in the denomination. So may the Lehrerbund, whose present executive committee has served by acclamation for sixteen years, rededicate the purpose for which it stands, next year, at the occasion of its Golden Anniversary.

MARION KLEINDIENST, Reporter.



The Superintendents of Chicago's Sunday Schools at a Recent "Lehrerbund" Rally

(Left to Right: Mr. Walter Vander Hoogt, East Side Church; Mr. Otto Horn, Ogden Park Church; Mr. Paul Martens, Immanuel Church; Mr. Harold Johns, Forest Park Church; Mrs. Walter Pankratz, First Church; Mr. Albert Gernenz, Humboldt Park Church; Mr. Roy Anderson, Bellwood Church; Mr. Ernest Malyon, Cicero Mission; and Mr. Erwin Oberfeldt, Grace Church.)

Northern Conference

Mrs. Annette Schilke of Minitonas, Man., Passes Away at 28 Years of Age

The untimely passing of Mrs. Annette Schilke of Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada, the wife of the Reverend Richard Schilke on June 4th, their wedding anniversary, was a great shock to all who knew her. On Sunday, June 9, the memorial service was held in the First Baptist Church of Minitonas with more than 1000 persons in attendance.

The service was in charge of the Rev. A. J. Milner with the Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg bringing the memorial message. The Rev. and Mrs. J. Luebeck and Mr. J. Besselt spoke in behalf of the church, and four neighboring pastors also brought brief messages. Interment was in Sawyer, No. Dak., the home of her parents.

Mrs. Annette Louise Liebelt Schilke was born on December 19, 1912, at Sawyer, No. Dak., as the second child and oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Liebelt. There she also spend the happy days of her youth. In her sixteenth year she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and three months later was baptized by the Rev. John Simmons into the death of Christ and added to the Mennonite Brethren Church at Sawyer, No. Dak.

As a member of the church she was always willing to give a helping hand wherever she was needed. For the tasks of life she prepared herself thoroughly. Secular education was not enough for her, and so she sought religious training as well. Thus, for two years she attended the Winkler Bible School at Winkler, Man., and for two further years she attended the Northwestern Bible School at Minneapolis.

In Winkler she was a classmate for one year with Mr. Richard Schilke. In the spring of 1937 the two met at Minneapolis in an unexpected way. This meeting had as its result a happy courtship which led to their engagement in the fall of 1938 and marriage on June 4, 1939, in the Mennonite Brethren Church at Sawyer, No. Dak. With great joy and high hopes Mrs. Schilke followed her husband into the work of the Kingdom of God at the First Baptist Church at Minitonas, Manitoba.

Her husband graduated from our Rochester Baptist Seminary in the spring of 1939 and had already accepted the call extended to him by the church at Minitonas to become its pastor. She witnessed his ordination into the ministry of the gospel at Ebenezer, Sask., on June 10th of the same year. After a few weeks honeymooning the young couple threw heart and soul into the work of the said church at Minitonas. For two short years the joy of sharing their lives with each other and with the church lasted. However, during this short time Mrs. Schilke won for herself a place in the life of the church and in the hearts of the individuals that her memory will be unforgettable and her extended influence a lasting one.

With joyous anticipations she awaited the arrival of her first child, which joy was never realized, for during her confinement she died under the hands of the doctor at Swan River, Man., on June 4th at the age of 28 years. Heart-breaking was the news of her death to her husband, parents and their respective families, church, and the entire community. The crisis came so sudden that not even her husband was able to be present when she passed away.

PHIL. DAUM, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Seven Members in the New Leipzig Ladies' Aid Who Render a Large Service

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, No. Dak., consists of seven members at present. Two of these members were added recently, one being the wife of our minister, Mrs. David Littke.

Mr. and Mrs. Littke have been very helpful in our society, and the messages delivered to us by our pastor have imparted much inspiration to us. During the past year we have been greatly blessed by our Lord. We have taken in \$83.56 which was used for local mission work.

Our devotional meetings, so ably conducted by our president, Mrs. Meyer, are very uplifting to our hearts. All members and visitors take part in these programs, and we appreciate their help very much.

MRS. H. T. STORM, Secretary.

Junior Missionary Club of the Hoffnungsfeld Sunday School Near Eureka, South Dakota

We, as a Junior class of our Sunday School of the station, Hoffnungsfeld, of the German Baptist Church of Eureka, So. Dak., are a happy bunch. We enjoy studying the Sunday School lesson and are active in missionary enterprises.

Last year a missionary Club was organized by our teacher, Mr. Gust Smolnisky. The officers elected are as follows: Johnny Feiock, president; Ivan Walker, vice-president; Deloris Smolnisky, secretary; and Luella Hoffmann, treasurer. We have memorized the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and many Bible verses. We donated \$5.00 to the support of our missionary in the Cameroons, Miss Laura Reddig.

Our teacher for this year is Mr. Erwin Walker. May the Lord's blessings rest upon our feeble efforts!

DELORIS SMOLNISKY, Reporter.



Junior Church of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., With the Leaders, Mrs. Emma D. Kranzler (Right) and Miss Hana Wolff (Left)

Young People's Society of the Beulah Baptist Church is Growing

Since the young people's society of the Baptist Church in Beulah, No. Dak., was organized in January, 1941, it has been progressing rapidly. Our membership enrollment, which was 13 in our last report, is now 24. However, we are very sorry to report that we have lost our president and secretary: Alice Baumiller and Florence Baumiller, who after school closed, left for their home at Hazelton.

On Mother's Day, May 11, our society presented a program, which was well received by a large and appreciative audience. Our program consisted of songs, recitations, readings, and two dialogues, "A MOTHER'S GIFT," and "A MOTHER'S LOVE." Some of our members acted as ushers and presented each of the mothers with a white carnation. At the close of our program, our minister, the Rev. P. F. Schilling, gave a brief talk on "Honoring Thy Mother" and closed the meeting with prayer.

LORRAINE BINDER, vice-president.

Junior Church Services of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Since January, 1940, the Junior Church of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., has held 42 devotional meetings. Three guest speakers were enjoyed during this time. There are 30 children on the Junior Church roll with an average attendance of 27 children. The lowest number in attendance was 15 and the highest was 37.

The order of worship has been as follows: 1. A period of singing in which we learn new choruses from time to time. Roll call is taken and each child answers with the golden text for that particular Sunday. A portion of scripture is read that is suitable for children in the form of parables and outstanding Bible characters. Prayer follows. Sometimes the Lord's prayer is offered in unison or short sentence prayers are given by the Juniors or offered by the leader. The scripture lesson is hereafter explained and discussed, which is followed with an object lesson.

Missions and the work of our own missionaries is told to them just as soon as such material is available from "The Baptist Herald" and other sources. An offering is taken each Sunday while the church sings the chorus, "Into my heart." Since January 1940 the Juniors have given \$7.95 to the church finances, and in the Daphne Dunger banks for missions \$2.20. It has always been regarded as a treat after this to have Hana Wolff read a story to them, which is greatly welcomed by the children.

On the last Sunday of each month the Sunday School lessons of each Sunday have been dramatized. This has helped the child to remember the lesson and review the golden text. It has also given the child a chance to express the lesson in their own words.

Our aim has been to teach scripture passages and the Bible truths, to have them realize the value of the church and its work and responsibilities to the community, to guard against sin and to live a clean and worthwhile life in serving others, to give also of their pennies for the upkeep of their own church as well as make contributions for missions, abroad.

MRS. EMMA D. KRANZLER, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Ralph R. Rott, Pastor-elect of Chicago's Immanuel Church, in McClusky, North Dakota

The German Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., invited 6 nearby churches to send their pastors and delegates on Wednesday afternoon, June 4, for the purpose of examining and setting apart into the gospel ministry Mr. Ralph R. Rott, a member of the McClusky Baptist Church and a graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary. R. Rott is also the newly elected pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. The meeting was opened by the local pastor, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, in which Scripture reading and prayer followed.

The council organized itself and the Rev. John Kepl of Martin was elected moderator and the Rev. A. E. Reeh of Goodrich as clerk. The resolution of the McClusky Church was read by the clerk of the church, Mr. G. Engel, of which the council learned of the church's desire to ordain one of its members into the Christian ministry. The senior deacon, Mr. F. C. Heitzmann, presented the candidate to the council, after which the moderator invited the candidate to tell of his conversion, call into the Christian ministry and views of doctrine. After these had been heard and thoroughly discussed, the council unanimously recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination.

In the evening a large number of relatives, friends, and members of the church were present to witness the ordination service. After a song service, led by the father of the candidate, the Scripture lesson was read by Lo-

renz Michelson, student of the Rochester Seminary, followed by a selection of the mixed choir and prayer by Robert Zimbelmann, also a student of the Rochester Seminary. The Rev. R. Woyke of Washburn delivered a very suitable sermon based upon 1. Tim. 4:12.

The ordination prayer, with the laying on of hands, was spoken by the Rev. John Kepl of Martin, while the Rev. A. Rosner of Turtle Lake extended the hand of fellowship into the ranks of the ministers of Jesus Christ, and the Rev. C. Knapp gave the charge to the candidate. The undersigned addressed the ordaining church not to cease praying for the one whom they are sending forth into the gospel ministry. The impressive service was closed with the benediction by the Rev. Ralph R. Rott. May God's richest blessings be upon him, and may the Lord use his servant mightily in his great Kingdom!

A. E. REEH, Clerk.



Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Prendinger of Jersey City, New Jersey, at Their 25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Atlantic Conference

The Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Prendinger Celebrate Their Silver Wedding Anniversary With the Pilgrim Church of Jersey City, N. J.

On Sunday, June 1, the Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Prendinger were given a surprise party in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary by the members of the Pilgrim Church of Jersey City, N. J. This day also marked the 17th anniversary of Mr. Prendinger's pastorate at our church.

At the close of the evening service, Mr. Fred Kling, chairman of the board of deacons, presented Mrs. Prendinger with a beautiful bouquet tied with silver ribbons and extended the best wishes of the church, after which Mrs. Paul Aust played the wedding march from "Lohengrin," and Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger were escorted to the lower hall of the church, which had been beautifully decorated in their honor.

The Rev. William J. Appel of Brooklyn acted as master of ceremonies, and also brought the best wishes from the Second Church of Brooklyn. Congratulations and best wishes were extended by the following representatives of the various organizations of the church: Mr. Fred Kling, chairman of the deacons; Mr. Richard Pusch, treasurer of the Sunday School; Mrs. Edwin Leeb, Sr., vice-president of the Ladies' Aid; Mrs. Charles Kling, choir director; Victor Prendinger, Jr., president of the Young People's Society; and Mrs. Ferdinand Hartwig, in behalf of the Sewing circle.

The Rev. and Mrs. V. Prendinger were presented with 25 silver dollars and a beautiful framed silver wedding certificate from the church. The Ladies' Aid gave them a silver coffee service. Mrs. Prendinger received a corsage of gardenias from the choir. During the evening we were favored with vocal selections from Mrs. Paul Aust and Miss Evelyn Buell. Recitations were rendered by Mrs. Hans Guldi, Mrs. Richard Pusch and Mrs. Karl Malsch. The pastor and his wife received many other beautiful gifts, telegrams and best wishes from friends and members of their family.

We are happy that it has been our privilege to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger's silver wedding anniversary at our church and that they have spent the last 17 years within our midst.

JULIA HARTWIG, Reporter.

The Evangel Church of Newark, N. J., Honors the Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Brushwyler on Their 10th Anniversary With the Church

On Wednesday evening, May 14, the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held a testimonial dinner in honor of the 10th anniversary of the ministry of its pastor, the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler. The Women's Missionary Society, assisted by the Mothers' Society, prepared and served a turkey dinner. The basement of the church was decorated in a blue and gold color scheme, for which Mrs. Riley and her committee were responsible. A very interesting program, which had been arranged by a committee, headed by Mr. Arthur Niebuhr, was greatly enjoyed by the 320 members and friends who attended.

After the banquet Dr. Dinger spoke in behalf of the board of trustees, extending congratulations and expressing appreciation for the work that had been accomplished under Mr. Brushwyler's ministry. Mr. H. Theodore Sorg gave an interesting address, during which he recalled the years he had served as superintendent of our Sunday School. He also congratulated Mr. Brushwyler and the church on the progress that had been made in the past ten years. Mr. H. Lauterwasser, Sr., representing the board of deacons, spoke of the harmonious cooperation existing between the board and our pastor and expressed the hope that

there would be many more years of service together. A short resume of the high lights in the history of the church for the past ten years was given by Miss Elsie Nitsche, our church clerk.

The Rev. Frederick Niebuhr, who served us so faithfully during the period we were without a pastor, spoke of the time he officiated at the meeting when the church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Brushwyler, and how capably they had carried on the work of the church since their coming. Mr. Adolph Drechsel read some telegrams and letters from friends and from Mrs. Brushwyler's family.

Addresses from representatives of the various church organizations followed. Dr. J. Medd spoke for the Home Department of the Sunday



Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, Pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.

School, Mrs. Emma Klingbeil for the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Wm. Roberts for the Sunday School, Mr. Wm. Kettenburg for the Men's League, Miss Edna Schieweck for the Maranatha Society, Mrs. Hazel Brix for the Crusaders, and Mr. Charles Kircher for the Young People's Society.

A piano and cello duet by Mrs. Wm. Lauterwasser and her daughter, Gertrude, was greatly enjoyed, as well as the selections sung by the Young Ladies' Quartet, and especially the original song composed by Mrs. George Brix in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brushwyler. A poem written by Mrs. Wm. Keller and read by Mrs. Prewitt expressed the sentiments of us all.

Mrs. Wm. Hart, representing the Mothers' Society and the Women's Missionary Society, presented Mrs. Brushwyler with a beautiful marcasite pin. The church presented Mr. Brushwyler with a motion picture camera and projector and additional equipment.

ELISE A. NITSCHKE, Clerk.

The Rev. Frank Orthner Closes a Ministry of 17 Months in the Ebenezer Church of West New York, N. J.

We as a small group of Christians in the Ebenezer Church of West New York, N. J., have had days in which we looked up to Christ as his disciples of long ago did and prayed, "Lord, abide with us; it is getting dark," but we did not stay there since we also have been upon high mountains and have found that Jesus was in our midst.

The Rev. Frank Orthner of Long Island City, New York, has served us very faithfully in the German and English languages for the last 17 months. Two sermons every Sunday morning and a short talk to the Sunday School every second Sunday were given by him that required much time and effort on his part.



Seventeen Baptismal Candidates of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, and the Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rev. A. E. Jaster (Left)

Conditions pertaining to our field of work are such that as a church we are forced to make the services mostly English as so many other churches have done. As a church we are very sorry to see the work of Mr. Orthner with us ended after June 1st. Wholeheartedly we like to take this opportunity to recommend our dear brother Orthner to any church that is in need of a pastor to preach the old fashioned gospel of Christ.

Although we cannot report of a large increase in membership, the Lord has given us many victories. We try to be a lighthouse in our neighborhood. We had the joy to take up several young people, including a young student from the National Bible Institute of New York, as members.

HENRY BREITKREUZ, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Seventeen Young People Are Baptized and Received Into the Arnprior Baptist Church of Ontario

Although it is some time since we sent any news to the pages of our beloved "Baptist Herald," we, of the First Baptist Church in Arnprior, Ontario,

are still very active in the Kingdom of God. We had another fine winter, especially for the Christian work that was being done in every branch of our church.

During the winter months the mothers and daughters conducted a series of fireside meetings, at which the pastor, the Rev. A. E. Jaster, gave talks on the more abundant life in establishing and maintaining greater and better homes for the future. These meetings culminated in a special Mother's Day program on Tuesday evening, May 6, to which all the mothers of the church had been invited. Pleasant memories of the enjoyable evening will remain in the hearts of all who attended.

During the winter months our Senior B. Y. P. U. was invited to visit several of the neighboring Baptist churches and to deliver programs. Besides the many other fine features of our regular program, the young people gave

vice on Sunday morning, June 1st. On this day it was the great joy of the pastor to baptize 17 splendid Christian young people into the fellowship as pledged partners of Jesus Christ. These young people ranged in age from 19 to 13 years. Several visitors reported that the baptismal service in the morning and also the communion service in the evening, when the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members, was very impressive.

A. E. JASTER, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

The Wisconsin Association and the 50th Anniversary of the Sheboygan Church Are Held Simultaneously in Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis., was host to the 139th session of the Wisconsin Association from May 19 to 21 in connection with the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the entertaining church.

Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was the anniversary speaker on Sunday, May 18. On Tuesday, May 20, he presented the ten denominational goals and preached a stirring sermon in the evening. We were also fortunate to have Missionary Paul Gebauer with us. He gave an informal talk on Wednesday afternoon and showed pictures on Wednesday evening, after which a missionary offering was taken amounting to \$40.60.

The association theme was "Building the Church." The topics, centering on this theme, were all of an educational and inspirational nature. The weather was favorable and the attendance gratifying. The association will convene in Watertown next year in connection with the 60th anniversary of the Watertown Church.

G. WETTER, Reporter.

Mother and Daughter Banquet and Sunshine Circle Anniversary of Racine's Grace Baptist Church

The annual banquet for mothers and daughters of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., was held on Thursday evening, May 22, at Hotel Nelson with 80 persons present. Tables were decorated with spring flowers, colored tapers, and miniature picture hats as favors.

Miss Bernice Block, president of the King's Daughters Society, acted as toastmistress, while Mrs. Chas. Meier gave the toast to the daughters, and Miss Winifred Hilker responded with a toast to the mothers. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Wm. Kuhnle of Milwaukee, who also sang a solo. A trio composed of Clara Hilker, Mrs. Otto Boss and Mrs. O. Jander, accompanied by Adeline Jander, sang "Mother's Prayer." Corsages were presented to the oldest mother, the youngest mother and to the mother with the most daughters present. Group sing-

ing was led by Mrs. O. Jander, and prayer by Mrs. Hugo Schacht brought the program to a close.

May 15th marked the seventh anniversary of the Sunshine Circle of our church. This group of girls and boys up to the age of 15 years meets twice a week on Friday and Sunday evenings.

On Fridays we have the children lead the devotions, after which we engage in handwork. On Sundays we meet at 6:30 P. M. with our leader in charge. During this period we have Bible questions, object lessons, choruses, missionary stories, Bible drills and the like for our programs. We hope that the seed that is sown will bear fruit in years to come.

Our officers for the coming year are Ruth Dudeck, president; Dale Schoonhoven, vice-president; Betty Parsons, secretary; Betty Dudeck, treasurer for the girls, and Kenneth Parsons, treasurer for the boys. Joan Boss is our pianist. During these seven years we have given about \$100 to home and foreign missions.

MRS. HUGO SCHACHT, Reporter.

Sessions of the Minnesota Vereinigung at the Minnetrista Baptist Church

The 72nd Minnesota Association held from May 22 to 25 at our Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., is now history. The Rev. August Lutz's welcome on behalf of his church was greeted by Moderator E. Wolff's response for the association. The churches were fairly well represented by the delegations and visitors.

"Building the Body of Christ, His Church," was the general theme of the sessions. Sermons were brought by the Reverends John Wobig, Herman Wedel, Wm. Schobert and H. Hirsch. Papers and addresses were also brought by the Revs. Alfred Foll, H. Wedel, J. Wobig, E. Wolff, and J. R. Matz. Two devotional periods were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Matz.

Part of Friday afternoon was allotted to the association's Women's Missionary Union which presented a program featuring dialogues setting forth some Christian truth or principle. We hope that the women of our church at St. Bonifacius will take courage and organize a missionary society in the near future. Offerings for our denominational enterprise were taken on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union gave a program on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Olson, a student at Bethel Institute, brought a message on "God's Ambassadors."

The churches' reports were predominantly pervaded by a sense of achievement and expectation. We missed receiving the usual personal communications from La Crosse and Mound Prairie. The association regrets the departure of the Rev. H. Schobert from our denominational circle. He rendered a fine service at our Jeffers Church.

The Rev. E. Wolff has been appointed as moderator; Rev. A. Lutz, as vice-moderator; Rev. A. Foll, secretary; Rev. H. Hirsch, treasurer; and Rev. A. Wobig continues as a member in the association's mission committee. The next meeting place for our Vereinigung will be at Randolph, Minn., providing the church gives its approval.

ALFRED FOLL, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

The Tacoma Ladies' Missionary Society Reviews Its Past Year of Many Activities

With the passing of another year we, as members of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., can report that our labors have not been in vain. We were privileged to hold 12 monthly meetings, held alternately on afternoons and evenings. We have a membership of 35 with an average attendance of 27.

We have tried to set up programs in German and English that would interest both young and old, and we highly appreciate the efforts that our president, Mrs. F. Stabbert, makes in conducting the meetings. We have tried to utilize the talents of our members as much as possible in talks on assigned topics, in readings and in music. We

spent several meetings on life stories of Biblical women, applying their character traits to those of our own lives.

We were privileged to have as our guest speakers during the year the Kraft evangelistic party, the Rev. John Leypoldt of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Edwards, superintendent of the Tacoma Commons Mission. Our own pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, gave us an inspirational message at our October birthday luncheon.

Although we never undertake money-making enterprises, we always have a very good treasury to which our women contribute generously. We were privileged to contribute to the following missionary and benevolence causes: the Cameroons, Gypsy Missions in Bulgaria, Dust Bowl Relief, Old People's Home of Portland, Ore., and Christmas baskets for some of our own needy members.

On Thursday evening, May 22, we rendered our 32nd annual program. The main feature was the story of Abraham with Mrs. O. Stolz as reader. This program was somewhat original. It was well received and we feel sure that it has imparted many blessings. Our offering for the evening amounted to \$20.58 which was designated for our Cameroons mission field.

MRS. E. W. HELMICH, Secretary.

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them: "They were both devoted members of this church for a long time, and their families have supported the church almost beyond computation. Their children and in one case, a grandchild, can be found among the officers and teachers of the church school, the boards of deacons and trustees, and the advisory board."

¶ On Sunday, June 2, the Rev. Richard Schilke, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minotnas, Manitoba, Canada, baptized 10 converts, who had come to a saving knowledge of faith in Christ during the Bible School held in the church last November. Afterwards the communion service was observed, at which these ten were given the hand of fellowship into the church. On June 4 Mrs. Annette Schilke, wife of the pastor, suddenly passed away, leaving the church and a host of relatives and friends besides her devoted husband in deep sorrow. A full report about the life of this gifted young woman and the memorial service held for her appears elsewhere in this issue.

¶ From June 9 to 20 about 35 children attended the Vacation Bible School held by the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., with the Rev. Herman P. Bothner serving as superintendent besides 5 other teachers. The Children's Day program of the Sunday School was held on Sunday morning, June 15, with Mrs. Agnes Kostanski in charge. On that same Sunday the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, was the guest speaker at the German and English services held both in the Pound and Gillett churches. The young people of the Baptist Church of Gillett presented the missionary play, "Better Than Gold," on Thursday evening, May 29. Among those in the audience was the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Milwaukee, Wis., the author of the play.

¶ On Sunday, June 8, the Rev. George Lang of Detroit, Mich., served as evangelist at the services of the White Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Lang spoke in the Sunday School session and at the church services on "Lengthen Your Strides" and "Saving Faith." There were five persons who confessed their faith in Christ as Savior at these services. On Children's

Sunday, June 15, Mrs. H. Birnbaum of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland brought an address on "Dolls of All Nations," in which she illustrated her message with some of the 300 different dolls she has collected in all parts of the world. Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, the wife of the pastor, has been very ill in recent weeks, but she is gradually recovering her strength and health.

¶ On Thursday evening, June 12, about 12 remaining members of the Miller Memorial Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland, met in the church for a very special business meeting. Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, and Mr. H. Theodore Sorg, general treasurer, were also present. The group voted to sell the church edifice and property, the returns of which will go to the denomination and will be known as "the Henry F. Miller Memorial Fund." The church group, which has not been holding any regular services for years, also voted to discontinue the work. The Rev. Henry F. Miller, who gave the money for the church, died several years ago. According to reports, the church edifice will be razed and a business building will be erected on the site.

¶ Mr. Michael Kary, who completed his course at our Rochester Baptist Seminary in May appeared before the permanent council of the Rochester-Monroe County Baptist Association for ordination examination on May 15th. Having given satisfactory statements regarding his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrine, he was recommended to the Baptist Temple of Rochester N. Y., for ordination. At the ordination service Professor Frank Woyke preached the sermon; Dr. Harry Freda, pastor of the church, offered the prayer; Dr. DeMott gave the charge; and Rev. Daniel Fuchs welcomed the candidate into the fellowship of the ministry. The service, conducted in the beautiful Baptist Temple with the aid of the Temple quintet and Walter Marchand, was solemn and impressive.

¶ Sunday, May 25, was an interesting day for the members and friends of the Clay St. Baptist Church at Benton Harbor, Mich. In the morning the Rev. W. Wiens of the Mennonite South China Mission spoke to the Church and the Sunday School. In the evening the Rev. Paul Gebauer brought an illustrated lecture to a large audience. A collection for the benefit of our Came-roon mission was taken. During the vacation absence of the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, in June, Mr. Arthur Schulz, a graduate of this year's seminary class, will supply the pulpit of the church for the second year. Recently the Helping Hand Class, of which Mrs. A. Achterberg is the president, held its annual supper, at which a program with two plays were rendered. The B. Y. P. U. recently put on a very interesting program, containing a "Bible Baseball Game," which was conducted by Miss Evelyn Prillwitz and Rev. E. Gutsche.



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