

# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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Clara and Paul  
Gebauer,  
Our Beloved  
Cameroon  
Missionaries, Smiling  
Contentedly at Being  
Home at Last in  
Portland, Oregon,  
After Stormy  
Adventures En Route.  
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## What's Happening

¶ The Rev. Daniel Fuchs, pastor of the Andrews St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., baptized four young people on the last Sunday of the year 1940. Their names are Helen Gietz, Ruth Maisel, David Neuman and Helen Onnuseit. A few days later, at the Watch Night service, they were welcomed into the membership of the church.

¶ The Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held its farewell reception for its former pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, and his wife on Sunday evening, January 26. The church has also extended a call to Mr. Frank Veninga, a member of this year's graduating class of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, and he has responded favorably to the call. He will begin his pastorate in the church in May of this year.

¶ The Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., recently extended a call to the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of that city. He has responded favorably and began his ministry in the church on Sunday, February 9. Mr. Kannwischer succeeded the Rev. C. E. Cramer, whose untimely death occurred on December 26 and in honor of whom a brief memorial article appeared in the January 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald."

¶ The Baptist Church of Kyle, Tex., of which the Rev. Max G. Mittelstedt is pastor, is building a new church edifice at the approximate cost of \$8500. The old church building burned to the ground some months ago. The church is raising \$3500 in cash and furnishing labor from its members, besides the insurance money, a bank loan, and \$500 from the chapel building fund of the denomination to cover the cost of the building. A report of the dedication service will appear in the pages of "The Baptist Herald."

¶ Recently the B. Y. P. U. officers of the Baptist Church in Linton, No. Dak., were installed at an impressive candle-light service conducted by the Rev. Charles Wagner. The officers include the following: Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, president; Mrs. Valentine Kremer, vice-president; Irene Kist, secretary; Mrs. Jake Kiemele, treasurer; Hildegard Wagner, pianist; Doris Wagner, second pianist; Ruth Jellema, Phyllis Zoller, and Eddie Tschlitter, group captains; Phyllis Zoller and Dolores Kremer, ushers; and Mrs. John Kiemele, Junior B. Y. P. U. sponsor.

¶ The Rev. E. G. Kliese has been called by the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., as the pastor of its Anthony Wayne Mission. Mr. Kliese, who was

formerly pastor of the Second Church in Detroit, began his ministry at the mission station on Sunday, February 16. On Thursday evening, February 27, the Father's and Son's banquet was held in the church with the Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., serving as guest speaker. The Rev. George A. Lang, pastor, is bringing a series of 6 messages on "Happy Homes and Successful Marriages" on successive Sunday evenings beginning with Feb. 16.

¶ In January the Rev. David Littke of New Leipzig, No. Dak., conducted evangelistic meetings for three and one half weeks in the village of New Leipzig, in which more than 40 persons confessed to the saving power of Jesus Christ. People came from distances of 20 and 25 miles to attend the meetings. Some time ago Mr. Littke conducted a revival campaign in the Pilgerheim Church of his large field with the result that 18 persons, most of whom were young people, accepted Christ as their Savior. In February meetings were also held in the Ebenezer Church, north of New Leipzig, with accompanying blessings.

¶ The Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., recently held its annual "Fellowship Supper" in the social hall. A delicious meal was prepared and served by some of the women of the church. The Rev. A. Bredy, pastor, spoke words of praise for the church's cooperation during the past year. He presented the Sunday School superintendent, Miss Emma Schaefer, with a gift from the Sunday School as a token of appreciation. The treasurer's reports were also read and received. Short talks were given by Mr. J. Geo. Schaefer, Mr. Gaertner and Mrs. Norkus before the close of the evening's program.

¶ The Rev. R. A. Klein, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., is bringing his work as pastor to a close on March 1st and is awaiting the further leading of the Lord. He wrote that "in June it will be 7 years since we started our work here with the church and much progress has been made." The young people sponsored the club plan for the church and were successful in their effort. The men recently finished the basement ceiling of the church. Mr. Klein spent two weeks in January with the German Baptist Church in Elberta, Ala., and reported that he was able to hold fine meetings with the church.

¶ Evangelistic meetings were held by the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., from January 13 to 24 with Mrs. Frank Veninga of Rochester, N. Y., the wife of the pastor-elect of

the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., serving as evangelist. Several Sunday School scholars professed their faith in Christ. Special music was rendered by young people of the church. On Sunday, February 2, two members of the Gideon Society spoke about the work of Bible distribution in hotels, schools, hospitals and penitentiaries. The church recently introduced a new song book, "The American Hymnal," for congregational singing. The Rev. E. Gutsche is the pastor of the church.

¶ The Rev. A. Husmann, the new promotional secretary of the denomination, preached in the morning and evening services of the Forest Park Baptist Church on Sunday, February 9, and also brought a message at the young people's meeting. He and his family moved to Forest Park, Ill., on February 4 from Philadelphia, Pa., where he had served as pastor of the Second Church of that city. On Sunday morning, February 16, he was the guest speaker in the First Church of Chicago, and on Sunday morning, February 23, he spoke in the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago. In March he will serve the churches of the Southern Conference on a promotional visit.

¶ On Wednesday evening, January 29, the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held a farewell reception for its former pastor, Rev. Arthur Kannwischer. More than 300 people attended the reception. Messages of highest tribute for the ministry of Brother Kannwischer were brought by representatives of the church. He was also showered with gifts by members of the church. Mr. F. W. Godtfriing, speaking in behalf of the board of deacons (Continued on Page 100)

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## EDITORIAL

**M**ARK TWAIN, the novelist, has humorously described an old Mississippi River boat that required so much steam to blow its whistle that there wasn't enough power left to

### United for a Great Promotional Program in Our Churches.

propel its paddle-wheels. In all promotional efforts, especially in Christian organizations, much caution must be exercised that "whistle blowing" does not become a substitute for the power and grace of God in the lives of people and in the making of our history.

We as a General Conference believe in earnest and conscientious promotion. We are enthused about getting up more steam in all of our churches, not in order to blow the whistle of our achievements, but in order to be better workmen in the hands of God by the power of "his Spirit that worketh in us." We are about to embark on the greatest promotional program, which we have ever undertaken in our churches. In all of these days that lie ahead of us, let us not expect too much in results, but let us be earnest in our praying that God by his grace might dig deeper the channels of his Spirit in the lives of all our people and churches.

The Rev. Assaf Husmann is beginning his traveling as our promotional secretary with this issue of "The Baptist Herald." He will spend most of the month of March in thorough work in the churches of the Southern Conference. During the course of the next year he will be able to visit most of our conferences as an eagerly awaited friend and guest and as a highly honored servant of God.

Early in March the special committee will convene in Cleveland, Ohio, that has the responsible task of arranging for all the summer trips of our general men. Every conference, association and young people's assembly is to enjoy the inspirational presence of one or more of our general

workers at its gathering. Among these will be, in addition to the promotional secretary, the five professors of our seminary, our missionaries, Paul and Clara Gebauer, the general missionary secretary, the business manager of the publication society, the superintendent of the Children's Home, and the two editors of our publications. This group totals the impressive number of 13 persons, who are to be engaged in this work.

Paul and Clara Gebauer, who have recently returned to America after five years of strenuous missionary labors in the Cameroons and after harrowing experiences on the sea, will be our most ardently feted guests during the coming months. Everyone is eager to see them and to hear their thrilling accounts. It is to be regretted that the Gebauers are intending to return to Africa early in September, but every endeavor will be made to have Paul Gebauer present his message personally in as many conferences and churches as possible. Dr. Kuhn has announced that Mrs. Clara Gebauer will probably not travel with her husband much of the time, due to her health and the abbreviated stay at home.

The first announcement of the Easter offering appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." Forty thousand dollars for Easter—that is a worthy goal to challenge every reader! The Centenary offering of \$100,000 is receiving enthusiastic attention by individuals, churches and organizations. Preparations are going ahead for the publication of a denominational history in 1943. To everyone with open eyes, it must soon be apparent that remarkable things are happening in our churches.

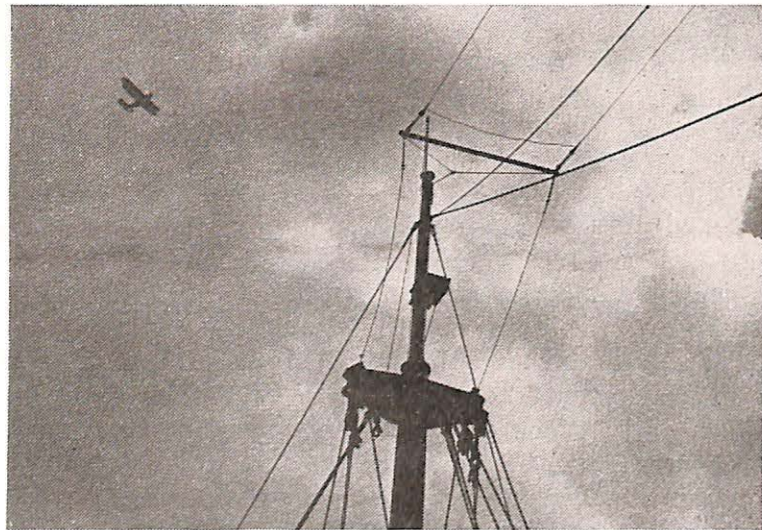
This day, even in God's Kingdom, belongs to those who are prayerfully seeking to do the Lord's will, waiting to be filled with the bounty of his blessings and power, and making use of every possible means to promote his work. In that spirit let us seize this day for the glory of God!

# Of Those Who Sail the Seas!

A Graphic Account of Our Missionaries' Homeward Voyage by the Intrepid Sailor and Dauntless Servant of God, Paul Gebauer

The United States Coast Guard Flying Boat "170" roared across our listing, aching steamer, S. S. West Kebar, at 12:15 P. M. on Monday, January 13. We were about 300 miles east by south of New York City. On our way from Africa to Boston we had been trapped in one of the worst Atlantic storms. The plane's radio contacted ours. "170" gave us our position, told us of all the ships responding to our SOS of the early morning and assured us of help to come.

"170" roared on over the mad sea to direct ships to our merchantman in distress. In mile circles this eagle of the Coast Guard hovered around us all afternoon of that Monday to guide our



"170" Coast Guard Cutter Plane Over Ship  
(Paul Gebauer's picture)

rescuers across an angry sea. Those six men in the air staked their lives for the forty-eight on our ship. By 5 P. M. the six wished us "Goodnight!" Their duty had been done. Five ships were racing our way to save us. The U. S. plane "170" flew back to New York's Bennett Field and safety.

## Quiet Seas

Protected by Britain's mighty fleet we had spent our Christmas days in our last African port of call. Quiet had been the days among a host of friendly ships and friendly men. Quiet had been the days that saw our "S. S. West Kebar" slip along Africa's last outpost, the Cape Verde Islands. Quiet had been our run over the glassy sea of Saragossa, its drifting weeds and green waves. The Friday before the storm had been our fastest and smoothest day of sailing. Twenty-four more hours would have brought us into Boston for a quiet weekend.

The captain had arranged a date

with his wife there. Our fellow passengers looked forward to Boston's famous clam chowder dinners. We had confidently radioed our Dr. Kuhn that his speaking arrangements met with our approval. Full of hope, cocoa, latex, tin, monkeys, missionaries, the "S. S. West Kebar" plowed through a glassy sea into the night of January 10th for her weekend at Boston. By 3 A. M. of Saturday, January 12th, our dates and hopes went overboard.

## Trapped by the Storm

Emma's laugh started it off. She is Irish. She and her Irishman husband occupied the cabin next to ours. We were berthed on the listing side of the

chime in from the cabin. And all through the day to come Polly would inquire again and again, "Are you cold? Are you cold?" During all our anxious hours she would say, "Dance now, dance," as she whistled the Lambeth Walk.

## "To the Life-Boats!"

Thinking we had safely landed, Norman Boehm and the Ebenezer people of Detroit, Mich., telegraphed, "The Anxious Hours Are Over," while we were just heading into the worst of the storm. "We don't want to rush you but hurry home to Detroit," they added. Captain Bogdan would have given much to have been able to heed that advice. Instead, he had his good old ship headed out to sea, away from the coast, driven by mad waves and winds. Atlantic mountains pounded his ship, causing her to list more and more to port.

To complete the events of this hectic Sunday the general alarm went off. Thanks to weekly boat drills there was not panic but everyone donned warm clothes and life-belts and started out to make the dash across the wave-tossed deck to boat stations. Just then someone shouted, "Short circuit!" and with a "Thank God" from the Salvation Army officer we all went back to our cabins. The false alarm had been a good initiation to the anxieties to come.

## A Gallant Crew

But there were no anxieties with "Fifty," the second officer's chimpanzee. She fully enjoyed the topsy-turvy of her surroundings. Sitting in her chair like the Queen of Sheba she banged the walls to the rhythm of the chaos around her. She had her bananas and peanuts as usual. Not so the carpenter's monkeys in the foreship! No one could cross the ocean that covered our foredeck to come to their rescue. They had to drown in the torrents that poured through openings.

There was anxiety with the officers on the bridge. Those men of the sea watched through sleepless nights and days, hoping against hope, fighting a losing fight. Down on the decks iron plates crumpled like paper. The motor launch escaped its chains and was crashed to splinters. Pipes broke, twisted, went overboard. Ventilators and stairways went. Deck cargo went on a rampage.

Into all of this mad and whirling mess went the gallant crew to tie down or to throw overboard all that per chance might have crashed through the hatches. Many a time sailors hung on the riggings lest the sea take them. Up in the galley two cooks held their

own against waves that swept the floor; against pots that raced off the fire, against burning coals that tried to skip out of the stoves. There was no panic that Sunday. Every one did his duty, and so did the sea in its attempt to get our ship out of the way.

## More Trouble Ahead!

On Monday, January 13, we ourselves agreed with the Detroiters that "the anxious hours are over," all over and—then they just began!! We had managed to eat something, somewhere. Cheerfully some of us attempted to climb the bridge to thank the captain for his noble work. His narrowed eyes to the sea, with lips hardly open enough to let a word escape, he told us to get ready to abandon ship. The "S. S. West Kebar" was listing more and more. The storm did not abate.

There was no telling how many more hours we would stay afloat. He had called for help in the early hours and help was far off. There was just one thing left for us to do: to stand by for the last! Thus the captain spoke. Away we went from his battered bridge, the smashed furniture of his cabin to our own quarters, to give the captain's orders to our fellow passengers. Again there was no haste, no crying, no wringing of hands.

Each went to his cabin. Valuables and papers were packed. Whatever warm clothing we brought out of the



The "S. S. West Kebar" at Monrovia, Liberia, Being Loaded With Piassava for the Manufacture of Brooms and Brushes

(Notice the United States Flag Painted on the Side of the Ship)

## Prayers in a Dark Hour

The Salvation Army went to work! Perfectly composed Major Ashby of the Salvation Army of the Gold Coast asked for silence. In simple, measured sentences he thanked God for the perfect voyage we had had. He thanked

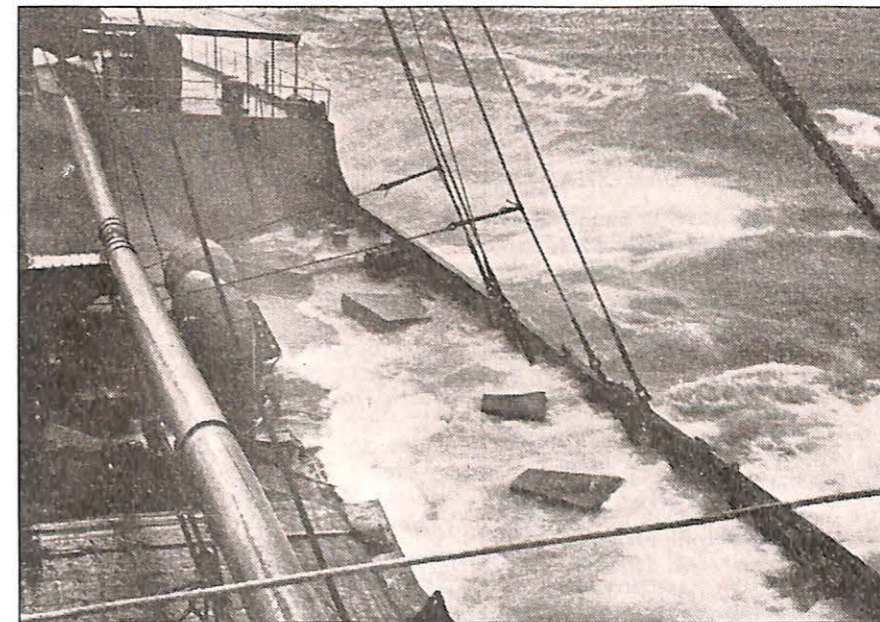
ed for two more hours afloat to go after the real cause of our list. Two more hours to give the old ship "another chance." For two hours I had my eyes glued to the pendulum that records the movements of the ship. For two more hours the battle in the deep of the ship continued. Over his engines Chief Engineer May brooded, anxiously watching every turn of its shaft.

Captain Bogdan came to tell his folks that friendly ships were on their way to us. By midday we had taken off the life-belts, our headgear, our wintercoats. We ate. By 12:15 ship's time "170" roared overhead. Out in the deserted passengers' quarters Polly whistled for company. Some went her way to pack trunks as a friendly gesture to Polly and our women folks. Others played games through the afternoon. The crew worked on, proudly refusing all passengers' help. Slowly the "S. S. West Kebar" gained one degree to starboard; later another degree and the old engine turned the screw, turned it and turned it to keep us afloat. We made no headway, but we floated.

## Ships Standing By

The "S. S. Esso Raleigh" of the Standard Oil Company bobbed over the waves by 7:15 P. M. To the tunes of Polly and the ocean her friendly lights danced alongside of us. For seven hours this modern tanker had bounced through 125 miles of turmoil to rescue us. There she was, her cabins all alit, her flags floodlighted, her streamlined body wrapped in darkness and storm . . . "standing by!" Through the darkest of nights she remained to our right, to pour oil on the troubled waters. The Coast Guard arrived. One by one brave cutters turned up to our left "standing by"; waiting to pick us up.

That night we crawled on top our bunks, still fully dressed and with life-



The Freighters, "S. S. West Kebar," in Distress on January 13th With a Heavy List to Port and Fierce Ocean Waves Breaking Over the Deck

tropics was put on. Life-belts were adjusted. Clara told her malaria fever just to stop shaking her for the day. Out we went, the twelve of us, to rope our way across the open deck to the dining room underneath the life-boat stations. The boats had been uncovered by the storm. The crew prepared the stations. There was no hope of lowering the boats into the chaos of waves, but it helped, just the same, to go through the routine of the drills which we had had in the past weeks.

God for the unhurried chance now to prepare for the worst. God helped this man to live up to the challenge of the hour. All were grateful. Never, in the days to follow, was there heard one disapproving word of the major's action.

And the Crew piled odds against odds! Deep down in the ship men tapped compartment walls for water; holes were drilled to drain off the sea that had gotten in; pumps worked overtime. "First Off!" Huntley plead-

belts nearby, to put one eye to sleep while the other one watched the ships standing by. Up on the bridge tired men did the same in shifts; down in the crew's quarters men fell asleep. The "S. S. Esso Raleigh" could have gone back on her course, once the coast guard had turned up, but she stood to the side of us through the dark night so that tired men might sleep. With dawn she slipped away quietly, not waiting for our thanks.

God bless our Coast Guard! Within an hour after our SOS had been received the "S. S. Champlain" left her base for us. Another cutter, on patrol off the New England coast, turned to our troubled way. At midday "170" reached us by air. At 8 P. M. the first cutter came over the waves. Through the night others arrived to relieve the firstcomers. Through Tuesday and Wednesday, January 14 and 15, two were always at our side. One ahead would show the compassless ship of ours the way home. The other one re-

## REMEMBER Bible Day March 9, 1941

There is a flexibility about the date and there need be no hesitation in choosing some other Sunday for the observance if desired.

Remember furthermore that a generous offering for our Bible and Colportage Fund will render a worthwhile service at a time when it is badly needed.

In sending the proceeds to the missionary headquarters, please do not overlook reporting it as the "BIBLE DAY OFFERING."

The Publication Society

mained to port to help us forget the list of the "S. S. West Kebar."

### 12 Hours at Eternity's Door

What did it do to us, who for twelve hours stood by to abandon ship for a hostile ocean? How does man behave in such hours? As for the captain and his men, they kept on fighting the sea to keep the ship and cargo and all afloat. There was no fear, no defeatism, no complaining! They did their duty and kept on hoping during every minute of a hopeless day. Welded together by tradition, by choice, by danger and all that is good and noble in our American sailors they met their duty with lips closed, eyes open, bent to obey!

As for the passengers, among them were men from African plantations and gold mines, women of culture and African leisure; there were also four missionaries. The latter received at the needed hour the calm that God had promised. Our friends of the Salvation Army were composed and at peace. Clara gave up her malaria "shakes" to accept a man's thanks for the perfect years she had given him. We agreed to obey the captain's orders, whatever they might be, to meet again ashore. That said, we waited and silently prayed with the others. Pat quietly

### 1047 Dollars for Medical Supplies!

It would be difficult to overestimate the influence of our two nurses, Miss Edith Koppin and Miss Laura Reddig, in establishing the mission churches at both Mbem and Warwar in Africa. Those shy, superstitious and benighted natives could only understand the language of human kindness as spoken so persuasively by our nurses. Many afflicted with all manner of diseases came to Mbem and Warwar for bodily healing, and, like the paralytic of Capernaum, returned home with a double cure. Our courageous nurses went on those long treks, often alone, dispensing their help to the most needy ones in those native huts.

Last summer the stock of medical supplies had been almost exhausted. When Laura Reddig first saw the shipment of bandages prepared by many of our devoted women's groups and weighing 350 pounds, she cried for joy. In her despair she had torn up her own bed sheets to make bandages for her beloved patients. To replenish that dwindling, precious stock of medical supplies, our nurses appealed to Forest Park. Miss Koppin ordered 153 different articles at a cost of \$495.33; while Miss Reddig ordered 92 articles, costing \$551.68, making a total cost of \$1047. The war insurance on this shipment is exorbitantly high, but unavoidable.

### HOW OTHERS CAN SHARE

There are surely some who, after reading the reports of our nurses, silently wished that they might be active partners in this blessed ministry. The way to enter this partnership is now open. You can be a prayer-helper and thereby work miracles. You may wish to make a special contribution to help pay for these necessary medical supplies. This will appeal to Sunday School classes, young people's societies, women's organizations and also individuals. Only last week we sent \$1500 to the Cameroons. We have already paid for the passage of the Gebauers, whom we greeted a few weeks ago.

Send your special contributions to Forest Park, and as soon as possible. Act according to this good policy: "Such as I have, give I." Be an active partner in this Cameroon mission enterprise.

All individuals and groups sending contributions designated for this fund will receive an interesting snapshot of our missionary-nurses and Christian natives along with the receipt for the gift.

slipped jewelless rings over the fingers of his Emma.

### God Bless Our Land

We return to you with a deeper faith in our American destiny. Not all of the crew came from old American stock; not all of them had mastered English to perfection; not all of them were white of skin; but all were citizens of this nation of ours. They all belonged to a democracy for which half of our present world has nothing but bitterest scorn. The radio set on our African highlands had daily told us about the decay and collapse awaiting American democracy and had told us that democracy as an ideal was on its last leg. That was true of our ship but not of those 36 American sailors, a small democracy in danger of the sea. We believe more than ever that our nation will rise to the heights of the storms to come, that this nation of ours will ripen and grow in the turmoil to come. We need not fear so long as nothing from within undermines the qualities born of two centuries of faith, hard work and opportunities.

With a deeper appreciation of our government do we return to you. True, this government of ours is not free from corruption; we are not led by faultless men and women. Equally true it is that our government has all and more of the efficiency so widely boasted about in totalitarian camps. Our radio service is supreme. Our operators are good. The Coast Guard worked to perfection. Our sailors are of the best. Their skill and devotion to duty equals the best in the best of nations. Safely led into Boston Harbor, the last of the escorting cutters turned left, gave us three blasts for a good night and steamed away for more duties.

### God Watches Over His Own

With a deeper trust in God we come back to you. That, after all, counts! Not the tears and words we might have wasted in those hours of anxiety, but that those terrible nights and days and hours ripened us for this age and ages to come. This we knew through radio reports that the press had created a nation-wide interest in the 48 souls on the "S. S. West Kebar." This we knew without the radio reporting it that known and unknown friends all over our land were praying for us. This we knew, that God would answer those prayers. This he did! He gave us the peace we needed on Monday.

Miss Erna Hoelzen of Newark, N. J., sang it beautifully and in beautiful words for us at the Clinton Hill Church, what we ourselves could not have clothed in words as perfect:

"I trust in God wherever I may be  
Upon the land or on the rolling sea;  
For, come what may, from day to day  
My heav'nly Father watches over me.  
I trust in God—  
I know he cares for me,  
On mountain bleak or on the stormy sea,  
Tho' billows roll, he keeps my soul,  
My heavenly Father watches over me."

# Cheerful Givers of the Easter Season

An Important Message by Dr. Wm. Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary

## \$15,000 for the Centenary Offering

Since the launching of the Centenary Offering by the General Conference at Burlington, approximately 350 individuals and some societies have pledged \$20,504.49. By January 31, 1941, \$8,738.91 have been raised as payments on pledges. In fact, some pledges have been paid in full. Everyone can understand, that we must receive over \$33,000 a year, if we would reach that goal of \$100,000 in 1943.

With a new appreciation of the meaning of Easter we can, without any doubt, make a contribution of \$15,000 in paid pledges for the Centenary Offering during the Easter month of April 1941. As stated by the General Conference, the Centenary Offering is to be used for "Denominational Advance."

### The Grace of Giving

Many of our church members have given convincing proof that they actually do belong to "The Cheerful Givers." To be sure, we have no organization functioning under that name. However, some in all churches and many in our entire denomination are giving cheerfully of their time and service and money for Christ's cause. Unfortunately, there are many others who cannot claim membership in this noble company. *Do you belong to "The Cheerful Givers"?*

Only such who have received the grace of giving can labor according to these exalted principles:

- 1—The Motive of Their Giving: "The love of Christ constrains us." (2. Cor. 5:14)
- 2—The Measure of Their Giving: "According to their ability and beyond." (2. Cor. 8:3)
- 3—The Reward of Their Giving: "God loves a cheerful giver." (2. Cor. 9:7)
- 4—The Blessing of Their Giving: "We are laborers together with God." (1. Cor. 3:9)

### How to Succeed

There are always a few unalterable conditions governing the success of our Easter project as well as every kingdom project. Two of these fundamental conditions are the following:

#### 1. KNOWING INTELLIGENTLY

A clear vision always precedes a warm passion for any holy mission. The imagination of not only all our

pastors but also of all our members must be captivated by our Easter goals. Obey that recent editorial in "The Baptist Herald," which counseled: "Think on these things." While musing, the fires will burn. An intimate acquaintance with the magnitude of our denominational enterprise will strengthen the desire in every heart to participate.

#### 2. WORKING SACRIFICIALLY

Faith without works is dead, and enthusiasm without action likewise. We have the unqualified assurance that we can reach our Easter goals, if we will. Of course, it will require active participation on the part of all and sacrifice, too. Follow the example of other earnest Christians and discuss this matter in the presence of God, asking: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Then follow the advice of the mother of Jesus, when she said: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

### A Loving Memorial

The life and works of even the most humble Christians do not end with death, but they continue even into eternity. We cherish the memory of our departed ones as a precious treasure. Many of our members have at times made a substantial money contribution in memory of some departed loved one.

During the past years, many of our members have created annuities with our Missionary Society, totalling about \$400,000. At present, we are paying approximately \$5,000 every year to living annuitants. We have never yet defaulted on paying a semi-annual annuity promptly. Only this morning we received a check for \$1,000 from one of God's saints who is 79 years old. He has now been relieved of every care in the investing of this money. As long as he lives he will receive our semi-annual check. Should you be interested in an annuity, then write to Forest Park.

### Have You Made Your Will?

In the course of our long history, many members have remembered our Missionary Society and other denominational societies with larger or smaller bequests in their last will and testament. Such bequests have often come as a godsend, providing for some urgent need. As Christians do not only love their own family but also God's cause, it is only natural that they remember the Lord's work, while disposing of their earthly estate. The General Secretary will be very happy to advise any one in this matter.

REMEMBER OUR EASTER OFFERING, Passion Week, April 6 to 13, 1941

Most significant among the rich blessings of America have been the high spiritual ideals of the Pilgrim Fathers, who founded our nation, and the gracious revivals, which in the providence of God were such vital factors in making ours a Christian nation. May the former never cease to thrill and stir American hearts, and may the latter ever inspire and encourage Christians to pray for revival today!

### A Spiritual Drought

In New England the eighteenth century began in the gloom of religious declension. The intrepid pioneers, who had founded the colonies, had passed away, and the new generation hardly measured up to the moral stature of their fathers.

America had been too busy carving homes out of the wilderness, fighting Indians and building up a profitable trade. And as physical security and prosperity increased, religious duties and privileges were forgotten, and an alarming spiritual drought settled down on the people. The churches were deserted, while gambling, drinking and revelry everywhere became common. The more earnest were filled with alarm for the future. Increase Mather exclaimed in 1721: "Oh, New England! What art thou come to at this day? How are those sins become common in thee, that once were not so much as heard of in the land?"

### Jonathan Edwards

In this dark hour Jonathan Edwards became the human channel for a great and refreshing outpouring of divine grace. He was born on October 5, 1703, at Windsor, Connecticut, where his father ministered the Word of Life for sixty years. Already as a boy he felt the powers of the world to come. His student days at Yale were passed in "plain living and high thinking." Here he "resolved to live with all my might while I do live."

He rose regularly at four, and spent thirteen hours in his study daily, a practice continued throughout his life. His inspirational impressions were greatly deepened while at college, and the Bible became his supreme textbook, and with characteristic energy and thoroughness he determined to master it, thus writing his own commentary to the Scriptures while still a youth.

### "Sin Seemed Let Loose"

After spending eight happy months in ministering to a little church in New York City, he entered upon his great pastorate at Northampton, Massachusetts. Here for a time he was the colleague of his grandfather, Solomon Stoddard, whose lengthy ministry had been brightened by five awakenings, or "harvests" as he loved to call them.

Among the young people the hands of morality had sadly relaxed. "Frolics" were held constantly and continued far into the night, and merriment became the handmaid of vice. For

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eight years Edwards gave himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word. Gradually a better spirit prevailed. The "frolics" ceased, and soon the message was heard with that solemn, hushed intentness, which is one of the sure precursors of revival.

### Edwards' Burning Passion

As a preacher, Edwards was entirely destitute of the art of oratory. His pulpit manner, indeed, was in the farthest degree removed from that of the popular evangelist. His voice was weak. His sermons were written, and closely read. His eyesight being defective, he was compelled to hold his manuscript up to his eyes!

Yet these sermons, thus painfully delivered, were so filled with the burning passion of the man's heart—there was such an awe upon his spirit while he spoke, as of one in the immediate presence of God—that men listened spellbound, and sometimes leaped to their feet and gripped the pillars of the church lest they should fall into the pit that seemed to open beneath them!

His passion was to think clearly about God. And he made his people think. With irresistible logic and power he enlarged upon that sublime doctrine of the Sovereignty of God. His

greatest word was, "Accountability," and his best known sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." In these tremendous discourses the incoming Spirit found his fitting channel.

### Changed Lives

Suddenly conversions began to take place, and one of the first was that of a frivolous young woman, a leader in the "frolics." She became in very truth, "a new creature," so humble, pure and gracious, so utterly transformed, that she was an object of wonder and amazement. The news of this conversion "acted like a flash of lightning upon the hearts of the young people." And as it flew from lip to lip, conviction seemed to pierce every heart that heard it.

Indeed, throughout this revival the most potent awakening agency was the simple news of another's conversion. A hunger for the same blessing was at once aroused in the hearer's heart. There was scarcely a single person in the town, either young or old, that was left unconcerned about his soul. Even those that were wont to be the vainest and loosest, came under conviction.

### Revival Fires

The Bible became a new book. Texts, that had been read a thousand times, appeared with such fresh meaning, as if they had never seen them before. Young converts read their Bible with such eager intensity, that their eyes dimmed. Ministers from other parts came to witness the wonders of divine grace. When they recounted them to their people, the Spirit used their testimony to kindle new revival fires.

Thus, the revival fire spread from town to town throughout the New England Colonies, and then on out to other lands, and everywhere with the same blessed results of conversion and whole-hearted consecration. In Northampton three hundred souls were converted in six months. The tavern was emptied, and the character and outlook of the entire community were changed. One pastor reported, that more people had sought advice about personal salvation in three months than in the previous thirty years. Historians have estimated that not less than seven percent of the population of New England was led to Christ, and that 50,000 souls were added to the churches during the revival.

### Accompanying Blessings

This mighty tide of spiritual life and power was shared and enjoyed by the churches of all denominations to the extent of their participation, and greatly stimulated the various missionary, benevolent and educational movements of the time. And, last but not least, this revival contributed directly to the deepening of the vital convictions of the people, which led to the Revolutionary struggle and which not only secured us our American independence, but also gave us religious liberty, and made America a Christian nation.

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# The Vision



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### SYNOPSIS

Rodney Deland had a special path marked out for him! He was gifted with the talent of a beautiful voice, and with it his mother had dedicated him to take on the mantle of his dead father, who had been a famous Christian song leader. At music school he met the lovely Shera Thorwald, whose religion was a worship of the beautiful, and whose conception of sin—well, there was nothing that morbid! Shera wanted Rod, and did everything to get him. One evening as Rodney and his mother were beside a singing little river, conversing together, they were interrupted by Norda, his dark-haired and dark-eyed sister, who teased him about a special delivery letter for him, which she had brought from the post-office. It was the letter which Rodney had been looking for since yesterday!

### CHAPTER TWO

There were two letters in his pocket now, one from Shera to himself, the other from his father to his mother, the letter written many years ago. He seemed to know that the contents of these two would be on opposite sides of the war now raging within him. If only he himself could join one side or the other, and remain loyal to that one side, rather than shift his loyalty,—his half loyalty—first to one and then to the other!

"Aren't you going to read it to us?" Norda asked. "Here, I'll hold the flashlight for you."

"We haven't sung our little trio today," Eloise said. "There! See those little fireflies, flashing? That's the way the Holy Spirit works. Some one sings or preaches or lives the gospel, and while the message is going out, carried by the wings of the Spirit, the lamp of faith is lighted in the hearts of men—here, there; there, here, yonder. Only, when He lights the light it never goes out."

And Rodney thought, "Never?" The thought was a word, to which Eloise replied, "Never. The light may be dimmed so as to be scarcely visible, or it may be hidden under a bushel or a bed, as Jesus intimated it might be, when He said, 'Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel or under a bed? and not be set in a candle stick?'"

"What does the bed signify?" Norda asked, suddenly sober.

"Spiritual or mental laziness, I think," Eloise said.

"And the bushel?"

"I'm not sure. It could mean one's business or profession."

"What'll we sing?" Rodney asked, and Norda exclaimed, "I know. Let's sing, 'You'll Never Know Real Peace Till You Know Jesus.'"

In a moment they were singing, these three who had sung together so many hundreds of times: in the home around the piano, with one or the other of them playing; in the little white church in the grove; here on the rock overlooking the river; or wherever they might chance to be together.

Rodney knew that the words were true, and he wished he could believe them without having his faith punctured by a thousand doubts. His thoughts now, however, were of the letter from Shera, and he was impatient to be alone where he could read it, but courtesy necessitated that he sing with them, which he did mechanically:

*"You'll never know real peace, till you know Jesus,  
No matter how or where you try;  
For life is but dross without Him,  
Jesus, Jesus.*

*He died upon the Cross to win our pardon,  
He rose to justify;  
He is coming soon to take us,  
Up to His home on high."*

The song finished, they followed the footpath back to the house, Rodney lighting the way for them with the flashlight. At the door Norda said to her mother, "You run on in, Mumzie. Rod and I want to look at the moon awhile. Also, I think I should give him some very much needed sisterly advice."

From the unlighted kitchen window Eloise watched them walk arm in arm down the stone path toward the grape arbor. Her children. Mine and yours, Doug! It's been hard, all alone. Yet I haven't been alone. Our God has been with me—and memories of you.

They were standing under the arch at the arbor entrance now, Rodney, tall and square, the top of Norda's black head reaching to his shoulder. Arm in arm, facing the moon . . . My children . . . Our children . . .

"My children, Father." Suddenly the woman thought of the special delivery letter from Hampton, and was afraid. Fear born of love, rose up within her and caught at her throat, and she cried "Oh, don't let me lose him! I've done my best to train him for Thy Cause, but he is not the same Rodney any more. Something has happened to

change him. There is a flaw somewhere in his faith—and—maybe in him also; and I am afraid he has lost the vision! . . . Oh, there was nothing more tragic that could happen to a Christian worker than that he should lose the vision of God and of perishing souls . . .

"I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up. . . . Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'"

"Bless the girl, whoever she is—Shera somebody. Oh, I know that somewhere there is the right girl, the one Thou hast prepared for him, one who is yielded to Thee and who loves Thee with her whole heart, and who is in love also with Thy precious gospel. Lead Rodney to her, and her to him . . ."

And while she prayed, she became even more fearful. It was all a part of her lonely day. Tomorrow he would be gone. Other mothers had had to face the loss of their sons; other mothers had had to live on while their children were astray from God, when all of life was a walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and the walk was all alone. . . . "Use the letter I have given him to counteract any evil influence in the other, the one from Shera."

Eloise heard the screen door open, and knew that Norda had come in, but she remained on her knees.

"Mother!"

"Yes, Dear."  
There was a little catch in Norda's voice, which here in the dark seemed like a pitiful sob. In another moment, Norda was beside her mother, her arms around her. "Wh-what's the matter with Rodney, Mother? He's not like he used to be! Something has happened to him!"

Two letters. Two conflicting philosophies of life. Two roads—a high way and a low way.

A paragraph in one of the letters said:

"Eloise, Dearest, it is so easy to love you, for you are so very lovely, and it is easy to love our adorable Lord; but I am asking Him today to teach me to love as He loved, that I may yearn over the lost as He once yearned, and as He yearns now. This morning I read this from George Matheson: 'Much of what I call love is but disguised selfishness. I seek others because I find myself in them. My heart goes out to hearts that

go out to me, my sympathy expands to the sympathies that agree with me, my kindness is but brotherly kindness. I want more than that. I want kindness for the unbrotherly, sympathy for the erring, tenderness for the fallen, love for the lost . . ."

Bewildered night moths flitted about the flashlight in Rodney's hand, as he deciphered the longhand scrawl. The fragrance of sweet clover hung heavy in the night air. He had chosen to read his father's letter first, but his heart was in the other letter, wondering what it might contain. He knew that he should be thrilled, stirred to the depths, to read these words from a father whose name was known throughout the world; and yet he was not.

He compelled himself to read on: "More and more I find Him precious, and more and more I love my little family—you first, Eloise, my queen, the mother of our children. Little Rodney with his serious brown eyes, so like your own—I think I never heard a voice so perfect. Some day he will be great. We must teach him early—both him and the little one who is to come—that in the Book we have the mind of God. That, Eloise, is the answer to all the false philosophies and the strange religions of the world. In the Bible God has spoken, God has revealed Himself and His will. While in the world's philosophies and religions, man—fallen man—has reasoned. In the Bible God is reaching down and seeking and saving the lost. In the world's religions and philosophies, lost man is reaching out and up, and is not finding, except as he stumbles upon an already revealed truth.

"Even in the world of science, man's newest and greatest discoveries are but God's revealing of some secret already known to Himself . . ."

"There were seventeen in the inquiry room tonight. Oh, how hungry people are! And yet how cold and indifferent the churches! How lazily and with what palsied faith and effort, Christian workers give out the message of salvation.

"This seems to be the world's midnight hour, Eloise, and the cry is made, 'Behold! the Bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him!'"

The words registered dully in Rodney's mind, they strummed upon strings that would not vibrate. There was more in the letter, but it would have to wait now. The other letter, the one with the special delivery stamp, refused to wait another moment.

Quickly, Rodney slipped the letter into its worn envelope, thrust it into his pocket, tore open the dainty, pearl-gray envelope postmarked "Hampton." They were both postmarked "Hampton," he noticed.

"Dear Rodney: . . ."

His eyes followed the words. Page one; page two.

On page three he read, "I keep feeling the touch of your fingers on the tips of mine. All the time I am thinking of you—and of us."

"Listen, Rodney, I know you are not happy in the life you have mapped out for yourself. I wonder if you realize that those old days of dogmatism are past, that we are living in a new world, with new standards and new religious ideas. Really, Rodney, why don't you forget about trying to save souls, and begin saving yourself? With your voice and personality, you could really do great things. You owe it to yourself to make the most of your possibilities. Besides, this beautiful world was not created to be saved, but to be happy in; and I know you'll be that if you quit trying to be what you are not . . ."

And the closing paragraph: "Please, Rodney, hurry back to me, for I am lonely without you . . . I am eager for you to see the new house. It is so very modernistic, and the interior decorating so artistically done. You will like the rhythm of it, and the emphases . . ."

Two letters. Two conflicting philosophies of life. Two roads. He must choose between the two. Tomorrow he was going back.

Tomorrow came, the beginning of a strange, turbulent Tomorrow which was to last for many months.

He decided without coming of a definite decision. He believed, yet was filled with doubts. He was, for the next three months, a wanderer in a far country, yet he was running swiftly, even if falteringly, on the road to the Father's House. He could not eat of the husks that the swine did eat. He would not. And yet he was a prodigal. A human paradox.

September . . . October . . . November . . .

With mid-November he began to think about going home for Christmas, and the thought carried with it no happy anticipations— for where there was no fellowship, there was no happiness. This time, he would be compelled to tell his mother the whole truth. He could no longer allow things to continue as they were. It was a choice between her heart and his life—her ambitions for him, and his own happiness.

Then one day, with only six weeks remaining before Christmas, came the unanticipated: an invitation to direct the Christmas cantata in Riverview Memorial Church, a historic church in a beautiful residential section of the city. Also, it was learned, the position might become permanent, if his work was satisfactory, since the former director was in ill health.

Someone, a member of the church, had attended a recital at the conservatory, in which Rodney had sung a solo; in which also he had played the piano accompaniment for Shera Thorwald's violin solo. The next day there had been an interview with a certain John Nystrom, who was an architect and an influential bachelor member of Memorial Church; and arrangements had been made.

Rodney accepted the responsibility, knowing that he was still an unbeliever. He was going to Memorial church,

not as a traitor, to betray the Cause, but, in his own mind, as an honest doubter, trying to find the Father's house. The battle within him still raged in spite of his growing callousness to the issues involved. It was as if the war was in another world, and he, living in a world of his own, was trying to be neutral, while sympathizing first with one side and then the other. Doubt still ruled the kingdom of darkness within him.

The first rehearsal for the Christmas cantata was scheduled for tonight. Rodney's thoughts droned gloomily along to the accompaniment of the rattle and clatter of the Riverview street-car as it lurched and swayed its steel-tracked way toward the North Side.

Clatter of car wheels, screeching of brakes, rustling of newspapers as the absorbed passengers devoured the latest bit of news, honking of automobile horns on the streets, the rumble of the elevated a block away—these were off-key dissonances blaring in his ears tonight. There was discord without and within. He, Rodney Deland, unbeliever, was to direct a Christmas cantata in an orthodox and evangelistic church!

One other thing had been a factor in crystallizing his decision to accept this position. It was in Riverview Memorial church that Douglas Deland had conducted his last evangelistic campaign. This Rodney had learned in the closing paragraphs of the letter. The famous Douglas Deland had sung in this church—and from the closing meeting there had ridden in the death car toward home—toward his Eloise and little Rodney and Norda—and that night he had gone Home! He was still singing—if the Bible were true!

Blinking vari-colored lights in store windows; blaring, teasing signs above theater entrances, murky light in smoke-stained beer-joints—light that was not light, but darkness. . . . A careening automobile hurtling wildly through the night; spattered blood, and crushed and splintered bones. Broken glass slashing through throbbing arteries. . . .

Rodney's quarrel with the world tonight was due, partly, he supposed, to a neglected tooth. Had he waited too long before going to the dentist? Tomorrow, he decided now, he would go, as much as he dreaded the ordeal, and as much as he needed to save every possible cent—even as much as he hated to spend another penny of the money Norda was sending him from her own too-small salary.

He hated dental chairs. Consequently he had been trying various household remedies, such as rinsing his mouth with baking soda, applying clove oil and various drug store concoctions.

The streetcar was overcrowded tonight—every cane-backed seat occupied, every strap hanging at either end of the car, clasped by somebody's hand. The rear platform was also filled. Women as well as men were standing, for

modern etiquette did not encourage men to give their seats to ladies—not in a day of women's suffrage and when women had taken on the habits of men.

Calloused hands, grimy hands of working men—Rodney liked to study hands. They revealed occupations, dispositions, habits . . . Polished-nailed hands of working girls and students. . .

He studied faces also. Puffy faces, cosmetic-clogged faces, sickly, sallow faces; stolid faces; passive faces, ghastly faces;—every face representing a personality; every personality a musical tone in the great symphony of life.

What a jumble of tones, was this world of men and women! he thought. This world of war and crime and lust and greed—and unbelief! With what grating discord it dragged across the mind of Rodney tonight—and every night.

In Rodney's shark-grained brief case were thirty-five copies of the Christmas cantata, *Chimes of the Holy Night*, which he would introduce to the choir tonight. He had used this same cantata a year ago in his home church in Rexville. . . The lettering on the verse on the grave stone there tonight, would be hidden by snowdrifts, the lettering that said, ". . . washed us from our sins."

At the end of the car line Rodney would be met by the Reverend Stephen Webber, Riverview's dynamic pastor, and driven to the parsonage where he was scheduled for dinner at six o'clock. Choir rehearsal was to be in the church at seven-thirty.

"Here's wishing you the best of luck," Gael Schillman, a classmate, had said to Rodney less than an hour ago; and Gael had added, using the trite old adage, "Here's hoping you won't find the choir to be 'the war department of the church.'"

Gael and Rodney occupied single rooms at opposite ends of a narrow hall on the top floor of one of Swan's leased dormitories, the school having a very heavy enrollment this year. The only other room on that floor was vacant and was used for a store room.

To direct a chorus, required both sympathy and patience, Professor Kahlp at the conservatory had once said. "Make the members of the choir love you. They will love you if you love them." And then the professor had added slyly, "But love the choir as a whole, and not any particular soprano or alto."

For a moment Rodney's thoughts toyed with the idea, but they were interrupted when the vision of Shera faded into the picture. He allowed himself to ask one question: What if I were actually about to enter wholeheartedly into a definite soul-winning work, like my father before me? What then?

The answer flashed immediately into his mind: Either Shera would have to be converted, or I would have to give her up.

In the seat beside Rodney sat a spherical, red-faced little man who every few minutes heaved a heavy sigh and settled himself more comfortably, thereby increasing the discomfort of them both. The two of them were like a whole note and a quarter note crowded into one narrow measure. Two thousand years ago, on the first Christmas night, there had been no room for Christ in the inn. That was what was wrong with Rodney tonight. The one small measure of his heart had been filled with too many notes. Had Christ been crowded out?

The car door at the rear slid open, the conductor sang out the street name, and Rodney's companion came suddenly wide awake, sat up with a jerk, set both feet out into the aisle, bounced upward and made for the exit, while at the same moment, a young woman pushed her way forward into the car from the rear platform, a trim, unusually attractive girl. A dozen pairs of masculine eyes followed her as she moved quickly forward toward the vacant seat.

Rodney found himself suddenly standing, facing her and courteously offering her the seat next to the window. The movement was entirely unpremeditated, and a bit confusing, and in the interval he found himself appraising her—placing her on the other side of the scale from his little mother, and, without knowing why, deciding that there was true gold. Her rufous-brown hair was crested with a dark green, flowered turban. She looked out upon the world and upon Rodney with expressive gray eyes, set in a fringe of dark lashes, below straight, unplucked brows. He felt foolish and pleased, and he wondered if she lived near Riverview church, and if she attended there. Crazy—at least, without having any particular reason to do so,—Rodney pictured her as singing in the alto section of his choir. His thoughts winged him back to Rexville and to the words his mother had said, "Never lose the vision, Rodney, of a lost world perishing without Christ."

He actually gasped aloud at the thought, or more probably, at the cause behind it. For at the base of the right lapel of her fox collar was a miniature green-gold star (Mother had been looking at Abram's stars when she had said that about the vision), and engraved on the star inconspicuously, were the words, HE LIVES.

Whoever she is, Rodney thought, she has not lost the vision. She is not ashamed of Christ. She is trying to make Him known.

Car wheels whirred on, banged noisily over intersections; street lights outside flashed past; moments dragged by. And all the time, Rodney was thinking of the star and its declaration; of Abram's stars, and of the words on the marker in a snow-bound graveyard, which said, "Still Singing." All the remaining distance, he kept the girl in the balance on the other side of his mother. Afterward he decided it must

have been her smile, and her contralto "Thank you," which had captivated him, and which had caused him to place her in the alto section of his choir.

Fifteen minutes later, the doors at the rear of the car slid open, and the conductor's monotone sang out, "Riverview! Riverview!"

Brief case in hand, Rodney followed the girl's green coat with its silver-dyed fox collar, forward to the exit, stepped down into the sub-zero weather of the street.

Instantly there was a rush of pain to his jaw. He raised his hand to protect it from the cold wind. That tooth again! he thought. He set his will to think about something else, and to look for Dr. Stephen Webber, who would meet him here. The ache would go away as soon as he was inside the car, or at least as soon as he was in a warm building. Tomorrow morning early, he would go again to see the dentist. Beade Thorwald's office was less than two blocks from the conservatory.

He stood for a moment beside the girl in the fox collar. Both of them, evidently, were expecting someone to meet them.

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# B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

Edited by the REV. E. M. WEGNER of Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada

Sunday, April 6, 1941

## THE CHURCH—HOW DID IT GROW?

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47.

### Introduction:

There is no standing still in life; we either increase or decrease. The fact that the church after some 2000 years of her existence is still with us proves her increase, her growth. But how did it grow?

### 1. Through Evangelization

It is difficult to determine the exact time of the beginning of the Church. From Matt. 16:18 it appears that it did not exist at the time of Christ's stay on earth. We are certain, however, that Christ laid the foundation of it by teaching the twelve and others. The first large increase of members of this universal church took place on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41) and was the result of evangelization. Evangelization has caused the church to grow throughout the centuries and still does.

### FOR DISCUSSION:

To what extent can members be "educated into the church?" How were members added in Constantine's day? What historic "Revivals" do we know of? Do we need one today?

### 2. Through Persecution

Can persecution be the cause of healthful growth? YES! The true church has been caused to grow more by persecution than by any other single factor. When Stephen was stoned the church lost a very devoted member but gained a missionary—the greatest that ever lived—namely, Paul (Acts 7:54-60). Whenever and wherever persecution has been meted out to the church, the true church gained—gained as to members and also true Christian living. The fire persecution under Nero in 64 A. D. did not kill the Christians but made them alive—alive within—for church history tells us that the church survived in strength. Such has been the effect of persecution throughout history.

### FOR DISCUSSION:

What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of religious liberty? Do we need persecution?

### 3. Through Organization

The organization of the apostolic church was very simple, though quite effective for that age. Our S. S. organizations, Young People's societies, Ladies' Aid societies, etc., were unknown. These organizations, however, have proved themselves a great blessing and have caused the church to

grow. It is of interest to know that the Sunday School organization has had its beginning *outside* of the church. Yea, the church even opposed it. A minister in Scotland preached thus: "I can see no necessity for the institution . . . Sunday Schools are reflections on every parish where they are appointed; nay, more, they are reflections on every parent in that parish . . ." He closed one of his sermons with "My great objection to Sunday Schools is that I am afraid that they will in the end destroy all family religion . . . Families are divided when they ought to be together." We say, "What nonsense! The apostolic church is still the perfect model for our churches of today."

Sunday, April 13, 1941

## THE PROMISE OF A MESSIAH

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-5

### Introduction:

A promise is always interesting because it creates expectation, anticipation, and at times even causes anxiety. If this is true of our human promises (and it is, particularly in the experiences of young people—) how much more so must it be when a divine, loving Father makes a promise, not because of duty but because of love toward his object of love—humanity, you? This promise is a "Messiah."

### 1. The Meaning of "Messiah"

The word, "Messiah," is like a Christmas parcel, the contents of which are hidden and unknown to all except to the giver. It is after Christmas, however, and therefore we are privileged to gaze at this at one time hidden treasure. The word, "Messiah," answers to the word, Christ, (see John 1:41) applicable in its first sense to any one anointed with holy oil. The kings of Israel were called "anointed" because of the mode of their consecration (see 1 Samuel 2:10). The word, "Messiah," also refers to the long expected Prince of Israel who was to deliver them from foreign domination. Though Israel has had many a prince or deliverer before the "Messiah" or Christ came, none of them measured up to the Ideal, the picturesque language of which the prophet portrays (see text above).

### FOR DISCUSSION:

When, where, and how was Christ anointed?

### 2. To Whom Was the Messiah Promised?

It is worthy of note that the earliest gleam of this promise is found in the account of the fall (Gen. 3:15). The

promise in this reference is applicable to humanity at large. The next pointer along our way indicates a narrowing down of the promise to Shem's descendants, (Gen. 9:26) the Jewish race. The following are persons to whom this promise has been renewed at various times: To Abraham (Gen. 12:3); to Jacob (Num. 24:17, 19); to Jude (Gen. 49:10); to Moses (Deut. 18:18); to David (Jer. 23:5, 6). Although the promise of the Messiah has largely been made to men of the Jewish race, it does not necessarily follow that the promised One was to be only for the Jews. We recall that the first promise (Gen. 3:15) regarding the Messiah was to mankind in general and the last command of the promised One reads: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." (Matt. 28:19).

### FOR DISCUSSION:

Was Christ's mission really as narrow as Matt. 15:24 seems to suggest? How does it agree with Christ's general attitude? St. John 17:20.

### 3. What Kind of a Messiah?

The question arises what kind of a Messiah the Jewish people had expected. The Old Testament paints two pictures of this Messiah. One portrays him as the suffering One (Isaiah 53 being usually quoted), humiliated and forsaken by men and God (here Psalm 22). The other shows him to be a ruler, yea, a king over the Jewish people (Isaiah 9:6, 7). In order to find out what kind of a Messiah Christ was to be, it is necessary to determine what Christ's own attitude was, what he said for himself. After the feeding of the 5000 Jesus was persuaded in order to be made king. To prevent this Jesus "departed again into a mountain himself alone" (John 6:15). However, when Pilate asked him, "Art thou the king of the Jews," Jesus said, "Thou sayest it" (Mark 15:2). What did Jesus mean, for at the time this question was asked him he was not a king but a (supposed) convict? In the light of the next reference Jesus no doubt referred to a spiritual kingship over a spiritual, an invisible kingdom (see John 18:36 and Luke 17:20, 21). From these and other references we conclude that Christ was, is, and shall be King, not of one people or nation, but of any and all who receive him, for he said: "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

### FOR DISCUSSION:

Why had the disciples not learned this lesson until after Christ's resurrection? See Luke 24:21. Does our conception of Messiah's kingdom compare with Christ's (Luke 17:20, 21) or with that of the disciples? (Acts 1:6).

# Reports from the Field

## Dakota Conference

### The Women's Missionary Society of Madison, So. Dak., Reviews Its Activities in 1940

The women's mission society of the German Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Kolashefsky, has closed another year of service for our Lord and Master. We have enjoyed varied programs and activities in our regular meetings. The devotional periods are led by different members of the society or the president.

In February, 1940, we observed the usual "Day of Prayer." In May we were entertained by the Ann of Ava Guild with a Mother's Day program. In June we held our annual birthday meeting, celebrating the birthdays of all our members at this occasion.

At several of our meetings our pastor, Rev. H. R. Schroeder, spoke to us on the subject, "The History of the Baptists," which was very interesting. We have rendered considerable White Cross work. Financially we have tried to do our part by contributing \$100 to the church debt, \$10 to missions and \$10 for the translation of our church books from German to English.

We remember the sick with flowers. At Christmas time we sent poultry and cookies to the Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill. During the past year our membership list was not broken by any death, for which we are very thankful.

MRS. ESTHER KIRSTEIN, Secretary.

### Kraft Party Hold Revival Meetings at the Community Hall in Martin, North Dakota

We of the Baptist Church in Martin, No. Dak., were very much honored, by having the Kraft party in our midst last October. All the services were held in the Martin Community Hall as the church was too small to accommodate the large gatherings of people from far and near.

The services were rendered in the English language and their music, singing and evangelistic messages were appreciated by the whole community. These young people's instruments consisted of two flutes, two accordians, a vibra harp, and a trumpet. Each evening an object lesson was given for the children and also a message for the adults.

One day of their time was devoted to the young people of the school. The Lord blessed our efforts in winning souls for Christ by a great number of Sunday School scholars who became converted. We are happy for the ones who took this stand, but we regret that others have not decided for Christ. Our



† IN MEMORIAM †  
Rev. Erich E. Bonikowsky  
of Carrington, North Dakota,  
Who Passed Away Two Weeks Ago  
After a Brief Illness.

(A memorial article will be published in the next issue.)

prayer is that the Lord might speak to others while the time of salvation is still at hand.

MARTHA KEPL, Reporter.

### Twentieth Anniversary of the Fredonia Women's Missionary Society

December 15th was "a red letter day" for the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church in Fredonia, No. Dak., since that date marked the 20th anniversary of the society.

Under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Wm. Jaster, we gave a fine program consisting of three songs by all the members, a duet number and a piano solo by Mrs. Jaster. The dialogue, "The Twentieth Anniversary," was given by 7 of our members.

Our oldest member, and only charter member still belonging to our society, Mrs. Fred Reich, gave a recitation, "Prayer for the Future." Two other charter members were present, each of whom received a red carnation. The Rev. and Mrs. G. Rutsch, who were our guest speakers, also received carnations.

In these 20 years six members went to their heavenly reward. In memory of them we sang a song while six white candles were burning. Our secretary's and treasurer's reports showed that we have been very active in giving to missionary causes at home and abroad.

Our officers for this year are: president, Mrs. Wm. Jaster; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Reich; secretary, Mrs. Jacob Fey; and treasurer, Mrs. Ben Meidinger.

MRS. J. FREY, Secretary.

### God's Bountiful Provisions for the Baptist Church at Jamestown, North Dakota

The Baptist Church at Jamestown, No. Dak., with the Rev. W. A. Weyrauch who has served this church as pastor since June 1928, had a very busy year during 1940.

The following are a few of the outstanding activities. In June we conducted a ten day Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 112. Mrs. R. R. Thompson was superintendent who with 13 teachers did a very efficient work. Four scholars accepted Jesus Christ as Savior during the school. At the close, the school presented the church with large and beautiful Christian and United States flags. At our annual Sunday School picnic over 200 were in attendance. We are glad we can continue broadcasting our Sunday morning service from 11 to 12 A. M. over KRMC. We are now going on our third year in this missionary work.

Our Women's Missionary Society has interesting program once a month, receiving letters from missionaries, from the home and foreign fields and contributing to the same. At Christmas boxes of clothing and gifts were sent to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. and Northern Minnesota. The Sunday School and choir presented a very fine Christmas program to a packed house, and at the close of the service the church presented the pastor and wife with 40 pieces of a beautiful Postoria glass luncheon set.

Our Women's Bible Circle meets twice a month in the interest of local work and Bible study by the chapter summary method with the pastor leading the discussion. We have very active Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U. societies. There are 48 Juniors enrolled and 25 Seniors.

The Sunday School is growing, and our prayer meetings are conducted regularly every Wednesday night at which the pastor gives an exposition of the Sunday School lesson. The choir under the efficient leadership of Dr. C. A. Landgren is a great asset to the worship services. The pastor also conducts a young men's Bible Class every Thursday evening.

We have redecorated and reshingled the church at an expense of approximately \$350. During the past few weeks we have baptized 10 persons and received 5 persons by letter, and others are awaiting baptism.

## Pacific Conference

### New B. Y. P. U. Officers of the North Church of Odessa, Wash.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church North of Odessa, Wash., held its annual business meeting on January 3rd at the home of some of our members. Delicious refreshments were served.

The officers, who were elected, are as follows: president, Wilma Wagner; vice-president, Ruby Roth; secretary, Delores Schorzman; and treasurer, Delbert Roth.

The president then appointed a committee to take charge of the programs. These are Leo Zimbelman, Viola Zimbelman, and Myra Schlimmer. We also took up three new members.

When we began our Union three years ago we had 23 members. We now have 38. We trust God will bless the new officers for the coming year.

WILMA V. WAGNER, Reporter.

### Men's Baraca Class of the Bethel Church in Anaheim, Calif., Enjoys Its Lessons and Activities

In looking back over the past year of the Men's Baraca Class of the Bethel Baptist Church in Anaheim, Calif., must gratefully confess that the Lord has been with us and has richly blessed us.

The thought provoking and instructive expositions of the lessons by our highly esteemed and beloved teacher and former pastor, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, are received with appreciation and gratitude. God has given him grace and patience for fifteen years to expound the Scriptures to us as his brethren and pupils.

Our class consists of 36 members, mostly men of middle age, and although most of them were born in this country, the German language is still used in the class. The average attendance is 26 in spite of the temptation to go to the nearby ocean beaches and pine covered mountains, which the year-around beautiful weather of Southern California offers.

Our class is also an active part of our church, and it tries to assist her financially wherever it can. On May 6th of last year we had a Father's and Son's banquet which was well attended, at which there was no lack of food, music and entertainment.

Besides the Sunday sessions we have quarterly meetings in the various homes of the members. At these meetings the programs are so interesting that there is always a splendid attendance. The varied talents of the brethren are evidenced at these meetings in the instrumental and vocal music, debates and instructive speeches which compose the programs.

The class officers for this year are: C. J. Remland, president; O. R. Schroeder, teacher; W. P. Burzlaff, secretary; and Alex Stark, treasurer.

HERMAN F. STRANDT, Secretary.



Choirs of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, That Presented the Christmas Cantata, "The Star of Hope."

### Choirs of the Ebenezer Church in Vancouver, B. C., Render an Inspiring Cantata

The mixed choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., Canada, with the male chorus of the same church presented a Christmas cantata entitled, "The Star of Hope," on Sunday, December 29. The cantata was well received by our 400 church members and visiting friends.

The cantata was directed by Mr. Robert Sauer, who was assisted at the piano by Mrs. Winnie Sauer. The Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor, read the Scripture passage, led the congregation in prayer, and also congratulated the choirs on their performance.

May the Lord give us strength as choirs in Vancouver, as in every other church, to sing his praises and to glorify his Name!

HAZEL GERTZ, Secreary.

### A Profitable Year in 1940 for the Stafford Women's Missionary Society

With the beginning of the year 1941, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Stafford Baptist Church of Oregon can rejoice by reviewing the past year as the most profitable one since it has been organized. On December 1 our women sponsored a bazaar and supper, serving supper to more than 200 guests, and being able to sell the articles that had been made and donated by the ladies.

We were very thankful that we were able to use our new church basement. Our receipts during the past year amounted to \$296.07. We sent \$57.14 away for missions. The rest of our income was largely used in our church building, and with our rebuilt and enlarged church still incomplete, we still have much for which to work.

Our society during the year has been very well attended. Two of our members made a record of being present at every meeting and 3 members by missing only one meeting. During 1941 we had a mission program and also a

birthday fellowship picnic. On these occasions the collections received were designated for foreign missions. Since the work is so large and laborers are so few, we pray that the Lord may bless us and make us a spiritual blessing during this year.

MRS. F. SCHABER, Secretary.

### Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. of the Franklin Baptist Church

It is with gratitude and thanksgiving that we of the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Franklin, Calif., have closed 1940 and begun the new year. The past year has been one of great blessing, indeed, even though we have not always been successful in everything we attempted. But "practice makes perfect."

Our meetings twice a month have been held regularly during the year. We lost 10 members and gained 6, so that we now have a total membership of 56. Our programs during the year were varied and very interesting.

As the closing program for last year we gave a play, "The Greatest of These is Love." It was presented very well, and was a great blessing to all who attended. On December 10 we had our annual meeting at which we decided to work as one large group.

On Sunday, January 19, we installed the new officers who are as follows: Edwin Schuh, president; John Wage-mann, vice-president; Helen Kondt, secretary; Ted Ennes, treasurer; Edna Veninga, pianist. Our pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, led the meeting. The new officers pledged themselves for the Master's service, and if we as a society work together with them, we shall be victorious in the Lord. The meeting came to a climax with a fine talk by Mr. Rauser.

On February 12 we had the privilege of entertaining a Japanese group from Floren, Calif. There were 31 who came out, and what a splendid group it was! After a very inspirational sermon by our pastor, we held a "Get Acquainted Social."

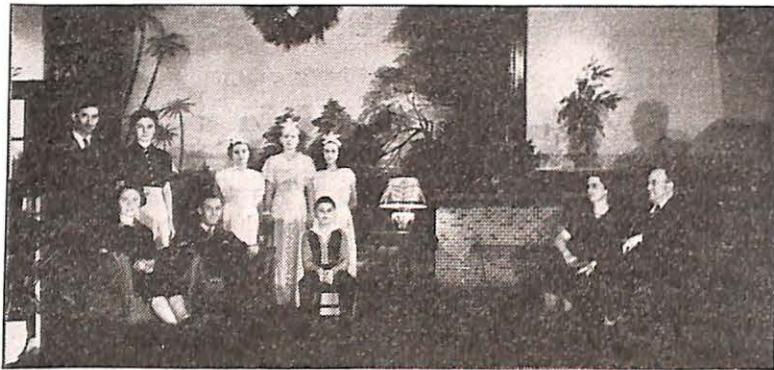
EMMA J. KELLER, Reporter.



### The Christmas Program of the Trinity Church of Portland, Ore.

This year, as always, one of the highlights of the Christmas season for the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., was the Christmas program presented by our Sunday School in Christmas night.

The Primary and Beginners' departments presented their welcomes, exercises, recitations, songs and musical numbers under the capable direction of their teachers. Of especial interest was the playlet of the "Christmas Scene" presented by the Primary department with Corliss Bachofner and Robert Neumann as the soloists. A very fine number was also rendered by the Junior Chorus under the direction of John Neumann.



Cast of Characters from the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon, That Presented the Pageant, "The Shining Window"

The climax of the evening was the pageant, "The Shining Window," directed by Mrs. Bertha Losli. It portrayed the bringing together of the Duanes on Christmas after a separation of many years and how the young Duanes recaptured the Christmas spirit after bringing cheer to a young motherless boy who reminded them of their little boy whom they had lost a few years before. It was presented very effectively and was a fitting conclusion to the Christmas program.

Those in the picture are: Standing from left to right, Harry Johnson, Sunday School superintendent; Miss Genevieve Boehi, the maid; Beverly Kuehn, Alice Petz, and Virginia Aplanalp, the Christmas Spirits. Seated from left to right, Mrs. Losli, directress; Edwin Rocks as Stephen Duane; Ronald Boehi as Terry; Mrs. Lillian Wuerch as Mrs. Duane and Dave Billeter as John Duane.

BETTY K. PFAFF, Reporter.

### God's Blessings Were Showered upon the Kelowna Young People's Society During the Past Year

The members of the Young People's Society of the German Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., are acknowledging with thankful praise the blessings we have received from God during the past year. We have had the privilege of meeting once a week throughout the year.

For a period of 12 weeks our minis-

ter, the Rev. A. Krombein, led us in a study of the Second Coming of Christ. This interesting subject was followed by a study of Bible characters. Toward the end of the year, we spent a wonderful evening in which all the members present gave a testimony of how they had accepted Jesus as their Savior. We were brought nearer to him by hearing these experiences, and we resolved to serve him better.

We have been able to give monthly programs in our church, including programs at Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and our young people's anniversary. This year we again raised a sum of money for missionary work. Our society now has 36 members, and we average an attendance of about 28 at our meetings.

We are beginning the year with new enthusiasm and are trying to live up to our motto song:

"Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please him in all that I do.  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me."

A. PASCHOLD, Secretary.

### Two Active and Consecrated Groups in the Anaheim B.Y.P.U.

We, as the young people of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., greet all the B. Y. P. U.'s of our other churches. You may not hear from us very often, but we are still active in the Lord's work.

Our society is divided into two age groups. We meet together for our opening service, after which we separate and consider our own lessons. This seems to work out best because the younger group has a chance to take active part and discuss the lesson most suited to its needs.

Our pastor, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, devotes more of his time this year to the younger group, while he had charge of the older ones last year. Each group has its own officers, besides the officers, for the combined society, of which Herbert Stabbert is president; Ruth Urbigkeit, secretary; Marvin Hartman, treasurer; and Lorraine Fleischman, pianist. The president of the older group is Paul Leuschner and the president of the younger group is Mrs. Phil. Boettcher.

We give special programs about once every two months, consisting of plays, readings and musical numbers. Our "Singspirations," which we have once a month after the evening services, are really grand. We sing choruses and quartet numbers or someone is called on to sing a solo. We Anaheimers really can sing!

May this year see us ready for God's service in words and in deeds, but most of all with a consecrated life in step with our Master.

RUTH URBIGKEIT, Secretary.

### Central Conference East Side Echoes of 1940 From One of Chicago's Churches

During 1940 the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., continued its ministry in this busy steel mill section of Chicago. Since employment has returned, the church finances have improved and long overdue repairs and improvements were completed on the church building during 1939.

During 1940 the interior of the parsonage received attention, and as a result the pastor was privileged to bring his bride into a clean, comfortable, cheerful home. Before the return of the newlyweds, the empty pantry shelves had been well stocked with good things to eat and on Christmas Eve a modern gas range was installed in the parsonage. Both of these surprises were planned and pleasingly carried out by the Young Women's Guild.

Besides the church remembered the pastor and his wife upon their return from their honeymoon in June as well as at Christmas time. In June a sewing box filled with envelopes which in turn were filled with valuable paper valued at \$113 was presented to us.

Such evidences of Christian love and good will have touched us deeply and have encouraged us to labor with the many faithful Christians who have helped us in the work which we love. Although there are difficulties we seek not to grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. During the past summer the pastor and his wife, assisted by Miss Ethelyn Riedhauser, conducted a three week Vacation Bible School. Last Fall a Junior Society was organized which meets weekly for Bible instruction.

The Rev. Bruno Luebeck of Ungkung, China, who still retains his membership with our church, was remembered with a gift of money in November. As in most churches we have a small but very active and loyal group of workers without whom we could not continue.

On the last Sunday of 1940 eighteen of our pioneer members, who had been in our fellowship 40 or more years, were honored at a special recognition service. Their humble and joyful testimonies telling of God's mercy and goodness were inspiring. Among them was Mrs. Herman Zimmerman, the only remaining charter member, who has been loyal to her church for 58 years.

HERBERT KOCH, Pastor.

### The Year 1940 Was Crowned With God's Goodness for the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Michigan

The Psalmist's words, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness," was the tone and testimony of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., at our annual Watch Night service. Before a large crowd of people six adults followed the Lord in baptism as a visible evidence of God's manifold goodness and blessing to us. These six consisted of a young married couple, a middle-aged mother, a father and husband, and two young men, all of whom have been won by the consecrated efforts of our people. As these were received into the fellowship of the church on the first Sunday of January and all present united hands while singing, "Blessed be the tie that binds," the thrill and inspiration of being united together in Christ coursed through our hearts and souls.

We have here in EBENEZER people who do all they can in the furtherance of the Kingdom's work. We are seeking to evangelize about the church and are also active in carrying on a Sunday School and morning worship service in a newly developed section of the city. In the early Fall we undertook a doorstep calling campaign in which about 25 workers took part. Almost all the families found on our Sunday School rolls were visited and encouraged to come regularly to the services.

Just recently a census of the new territory about our Mission was taken, showing about 20 per cent unchurched families therein. We are working, praying and seeking to win these for Christ and his Church. Last year we were privileged to have 40 persons added to the church by baptism. We pray for more this year. To God be the glory for all past blessings and accomplishments! We pray for more grace, for more power and for greater victories in 1941!

GEORGE A. LANG, Pastor.

### Recent Memorable Activities of the Bethel Church of Indianapolis

The Bethel Baptist Sunday School of Indianapolis, Ind., thrilled the congregation and friends with a very inspiring Christmas program on the Sunday evening before Christmas. A play, "Gifts for the King," was presented under the direction of our superintendent, Miss Emma Schaefer.

Several individual pieces were spoken by different members of the primary and junior departments. Special music was under the direction of Mr. Fred Preschure. The generous offering was designated for missions.

The True Blue Class of the Sunday School gave a Christmas entertainment on December 18. Mr. Fred Preschure sang a solo, two religious plays were presented and refreshments were served in the social hall. The proceeds of \$35.00 are to be added to the

amount that the ambitious class of girls is trying to raise to paper the auditorium of the church in the Spring.

On New Year's Eve a spiritually minded group attended our Watch Night service at the church. Mr. Fred Preschure was in charge of the program, which consisted of special music and the reading of Bible verses, testimonies and prayers. Mr. Gaertner in behalf of the congregation presented our pastor, Rev. A. Bredy, with a gift for which he was very grateful.

The young people of the church under the direction of Mr. Preschure took charge of the church service on Sunday evening, January 26. Special music was offered by Emma Schaefer, Ruth Mock, Bernice King, Dorothy Birr, Anna Ruth McElfresh, Carl Hoffmann, Billy McElfresh and Mr. Presch-

ing the year we have completed the study of the book, "Farther On."

We have contributed both to home and foreign missions, also remembering the sick with flowers and gifts. Two new members were added to our list, but we are sorry to say that we have lost three of our members through transfer of membership to other societies. We gave our annual program featuring, "The Women of the Bible," in May, which was well attended.

During the year we purchased a piano cover for the church piano, and an electric hot plate to be used in our basement kitchen. We have remembered the "Old People's Bazaar" with a box of gifts, and we sent a box of homemade cookies to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., for Christmas. MRS. HARRY STEBENS, Reporter.



Students of the Senior Class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

(See Accompanying Report for Names of Students)

ure. The True Blue Class introduced a new chorus. Topics were discussed by Emma Schaefer, Carl Hoffmann and Fred Preschure. The young people are planning to take charge of a meeting each month.

MRS. RUTH MOCK, Reporter.

### Southwestern Conference

#### Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Union of the Emanuel Church, Loyal, Okla.

The year of 1940 is now completed and with it we have closed another successful year in our Ladies' Missionary Union of the Emanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla.

The Lord has, indeed, been gracious to us both in spiritual and material ways. We were able to conduct all our meetings in 1940, which were fairly well attended. We are also proud to say that our president, Mrs. R. A. Klein, has been present and has taken charge of every meeting for the past two years. Our present membership numbers 26 members.

All of our meetings were held in the church auditorium. Our programs are divided into a devotional and business session, followed by an instructive program which has been given by the four respective divisions of our society. Dur-

### Eastern Conference

#### Senior Graduating Class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary

The Rochester Baptist Seminary is graduating a large class this year. There are nine fine, promising young men. They have had not only a good preliminary education before they came to us, but they have also had five years of thorough training for the ministry (two years in our Junior College and three years in theological training).

They have winsome personalities, sterling characters, and excellent abilities. We believe that they are thoroughly grounded in matters of faith and that their faith is undergirded by a good foundation of scriptural truth. We have no doubt but that they will become good soul winners and church builders wherever they minister.

We desire to recommend these young men strongly to our pastorless churches. If you will communicate with me, I shall be glad to give you detailed information about the young men. Their names are as follows: (Top Row) John Weinbender, Frank Veninga, Rubin Kern, Elmer Buenning; (Lower Row) Michael Kary, Adam Huber, Ralph Rott, Arthur Schultz, and Hugo Zepik.

ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER, President.

### Northwestern Conference Many Reasons for Rejoicing in the Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa

Undoubtedly it is profitable for a church as well as for a business establishment to take inventory at specified periods. So as we of the Baptist Church in Parkersburg, Iowa, entered



Rev. H. Lohr (Left) of Parkersburg, Iowa, and 24 Persons Whom He Baptized and Received Into the Church on Sunday, January 5, 1941

into the new year and took notice of our records, we found that we have many reasons to praise God for the many blessings he bestowed on us.

We felt as we looked backwards at the close of 1939 that God had bountifully blessed us as a church, since we could boast at that time of the best record that the church had ever had, both financially and in attendance at the Sunday School and all the other services. Now as we took note of the records of 1940, we rejoiced in the fact that we have again gained in every way over our last year. Although we have reason to rejoice over good offerings and attendance, that alone could hardly be a satisfactory goal.

On the first Sunday in January of this year, we had the privilege of giving the right hand of fellowship to 29 new members, 24 of whom had recently been baptized and 5 of whom had their membership transferred. The 24 baptized converts were the fruit of the series of evangelistic meetings which were held in November, when the Rev. P. Smit of Lorraine, Kans., served as

our evangelist. At that time the church experienced what was the greatest outpouring of God's blessing in its history at one time, when more than 40 persons professed salvation through faith in Christ.

During the past year we were privileged to experience the truth that God is still waiting to answer prayer when it is offered in faith and in Jesus' name.  
H. LOHR, Pastor.

### The Chapel Crusade Mission Project of the Iowa Young People Is Going Over the Top

The Iowa Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union is busily engaged in a missionary project adopted at its assembly last June. This project is to provide \$1,000 for building a chapel in our Cameroon mission field at Warwar, Mambila, where Mr. and Mrs. George Dunger and Miss Edith Koppin are stationed serving the Mambila people. The project has been named "The Chapel Crusade" and a host of Crusaders are mounting their steeds to ride against the foes "Indifference" and "Procrastination" to emerge next June with victory.

Various means are being used by the young people to gather the \$1,000. Some of the societies are using Daphne Dunger banks provided free from our Forest Park office for this purpose. When a "Chapel Crusade meeting was held recently in Aplington it was learned that the Juniors had opened their banks and had about \$30, in addition to the \$45 dollar offering received at the meeting. (See the separate report from this society. Editor)

Other churches have given missionary plays and held special "Chapel Crusade meetings." Steamboat Rock has received a receipt for over \$40, Victor for \$25, Second Church in George about \$30, Burlington about \$30, Muscatine \$17, and at Sheffield \$30 from the young people, a \$25 personal gift and \$10 from the Juniors. Other of the churches will be heard from later when their plans materialize, and as the time for a reckoning draws nigh our enthusiasm will carry us over the top.

JOHN W. WALKUP, Promot'l Director.

### Baptismal Service and Farewell Reception Are Held by the Bethany Church of Milwaukee

Sunday, January 26, marked another memorable day for the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. Friends and members witnessed for the first time in the baptistry of the new church edifice the baptism of two young people. Everyone present was deeply moved by the touching message brought by the Rev. Herbert Hiller before the baptism on Sunday morning.

The evening service took on a note of sadness as we bade farewell to our dear pastor and his wife who are leaving Milwaukee for Buffalo, N. Y., to take up their ministry with the Temple Baptist Church. Rev. H. W. Wedel, the former pastor of the Immanuel Church, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of the North Avenue Church, and Prof. F. W. C. Meyer brought short messages of praise and farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Hiller.

The Sunday School superintendent and the president of the Ladies' Missionary Society also extended their thanks and appreciation for Mr. Hiller's splendid cooperation and support which have greatly helped in making

these branches of the church a success in the past years. The oldest deacon spoke in behalf of the church and presented Mr. and Mrs. Hiller with a picture and bouquet of flowers as a token of remembrance for their faithful service.

Mr. Hiller came to Milwaukee in 1935 as a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary and served as pastor of the church while our meetings were still held in a store building. He succeeded the late Rev. H. E. Otto, who was the first pastor of the Bethany Church. Very ably he stood by the congregation in many great problems. His ordination in the first year of his ministry, his graduation from Marquette University and also his wedding this past November were joys which we shared with him.

ALMA SIEWERT, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Rev. and Mrs. A. Husmann Are Accorded a Touching Farewell Reception by the Second Church of Philadelphia

The farewell service held for the Rev. and Mrs. A. Husmann in the Second Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, January 29, marked the close of nearly six and one-half years of fruitful work with the church. Mr. Richard Widmaier, senior deacon, led the meeting and extended a welcome to the many members of the two Philadelphia churches and the visitors from other churches in the Atlantic Conference, some of whom had come a long distance to be present.

The board of trustees, the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U., the Women's

Missionary Society, and the Service Guild were represented by their respective leaders. Each expressed the gratitude of the respective group for the part which Mr. and Mrs. Husmann had contributed in the program of the church during the past six years and presented a gift from the group as a reminder of the good wishes which shall accompany them in their new work.

The Rev. J. G. Draewell in a beautifully fitting way compared this occasion to the one we find described in the 20th chapter of the Acts, where the apostle Paul's leave-taking from the elders of the Church at Ephesus is recorded. Professor W. A. Mueller brought the good wishes of the American Baptists and read a letter from Dr. G. A. Palmer, president of the Eastern Baptist Seminary. The following pastors brought short messages: Rev. Milton Schroeder, Fleischmann Memorial Church; Rev. Alfred Cierpke of Philadelphia; Rev. R. E. Reschke of Bethlehem, Pa.; Rev. Victor Prendergast of Jersey City, N. J.; Rev. Herman Kuhl and Rev. William Kahlert of Union City, N. J.; and Rev. J. P. Kuehl of Newark, N. J. The visiting pastors helped dispel the sadness of the occasion somewhat by their expressions of joy over the denomination's good fortune in securing Mr. Husmann as Promotional Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Husmann responded to the tributes and good wishes and expressed their gratitude to all for the gifts which had been presented to them. A reception in the Sunday School auditorium followed the meeting.

On Friday, January 31, the Rev. Herman Palfenier and his family arrived in Philadelphia and on Sunday, February 2, Mr. Palfenier began his pastorate in the Second Church. Mr. Husmann was able to arrange to stay in Philadelphia for this occasion and introduced his former classmate, now his successor as pastor, to the church in the morning service. This unique service, which so successfully united the church with its new pastor, closed with the Lord's Supper and brought a special blessing to the unusually large congregation which had gathered for the service.

IDA DRAEGER, Reporter.

### OBITUARY

GUSTAV MAJESKE  
of Detroit, Michigan

Gustav Majeske was born in Adligwalle, Germany, February 15, 1913, and passed away on January 23, 1941, at the age of 27 years. In 1923 he came with his parents to Detroit where he resided until his death. He served the Lord joyously and faithfully and the Ebenezer Church in Detroit has lost one of its finest young men. His activities went along many lines, serving for some time as Sunday School teacher, president of the B. Y. P. U., treasurer of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Detroit churches, and also president of the Ebenezer Choir. He will be missed most in Ebenezer in the choir where he was a blessing to many with his beautiful voice.

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said concerning Mr. Kannwischer: "Labors accomplished are pleasant to review. You deserve to be congratulated; your work was an excellent performance. We, as a church, owe you a debt of gratitude. You deserve our love."

¶ Following their arrival in the United States on the "S. S. West Kebar" from the Cameroons, our missionaries, Paul and Clara Gebauer, spent a few days on the Atlantic Coast before going to Portland, Ore. The Rev. Paul Gebauer spoke in the Evangel and Clinton Hill Churches of Newark, N. J., on Sunday, January 19. On Sunday morning, January 26, he addressed large groups in the Bethel and Ebenezer Churches of Detroit, Mich., and that same evening he brought a mission message in the Forest Park Church near Chicago, Ill. In going to Portland they were met by a group of 30 friends at the railroad station at Grand Forks, No. Dak. A reception for the Gebauers was held by their Oregon friends at the Trinity Church of Portland, Ore., on Wednesday evening, February 5.

¶ The new church building of the Rabbit Hill Church near Leduc, Alberta, Canada was dedicated to the glory of

God on Sunday, February 16. In the morning service the Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg was the guest speaker, and in the afternoon Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was one of several speakers. The church was built at a cost of approximately \$4000, exclusive of the free labor. Mr. B. Stelter was the efficient chairman of the building committee. On Friday evening, February 7, young people of the Rabbit Hill Church presented the play, "I Will Not Leave You Orphans" by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, before an audience of 300 persons in the Edmonton Church. This was remarkable in view of the fact that this church of less than 50 members could provide a cast of 35 characters, including the 10 brothers and sisters of the Kuhn family.

¶ During February the Rev. S. Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, gave several lectures at our Rochester Baptist Seminary. Also Dr. E. P. Appelt, Head of the Department of German at the University of Rochester, recently has been giving an interesting series of lectures on "German Culture and Literature." The Rev. C. F. Zummach of Trenton, Ill., will be in Rochester at the beginning of March for some research work. He will also give three or four addresses on the practical aspects of the ministry to the students. Commencement speakers this year are to be: the

Revs. Julius Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., and August Runz of Peoria, Ill. Prof. Albert Bretschneider, president, wrote as follows: "Some young men are already enquiring about entering our seminary next fall. There may be others. They should write in to the president for catalogues and for information relating to the seminary and ministry."

¶ Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, spent the week from Sunday, February 16, to Friday, February 21, at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., teaching a course for church deacons, meeting with the mission committee and other engagements. On Sunday, February 16, he spoke over the radio program of the institute, preached in the morning service of the Central Church of Edmonton, and served as guest speaker at the dedication of the new Rabbit Hill Church near Leduc. On Sunday, February 23, he was the guest speaker at services held in the Bethel and Calgary Churches of Alberta, of which the Rev. R. Milbrandt is pastor, and in the Zion mission station of the Freudenthal Church, of which the Rev. F. Alf is pastor. From February 25 to 27 he served on the program of the Oregon and Washington ministers' retreat, which was held in the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon.



"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me."

## God's Claim —

### Dedicating Ourselves First to the Lord

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(Romans 12:1.)

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God's undeniable claim is for this YOU to be dedicated first unreservedly to the Lord. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price." Then, and then only, can the circle of a spiritual revival touch the farthest shores of our own denomination for a glorious Centenary Jubilee in 1943.

Let this be your prayer: "Lord, send us a wonderful spiritual awakening, and let it begin in me!"

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