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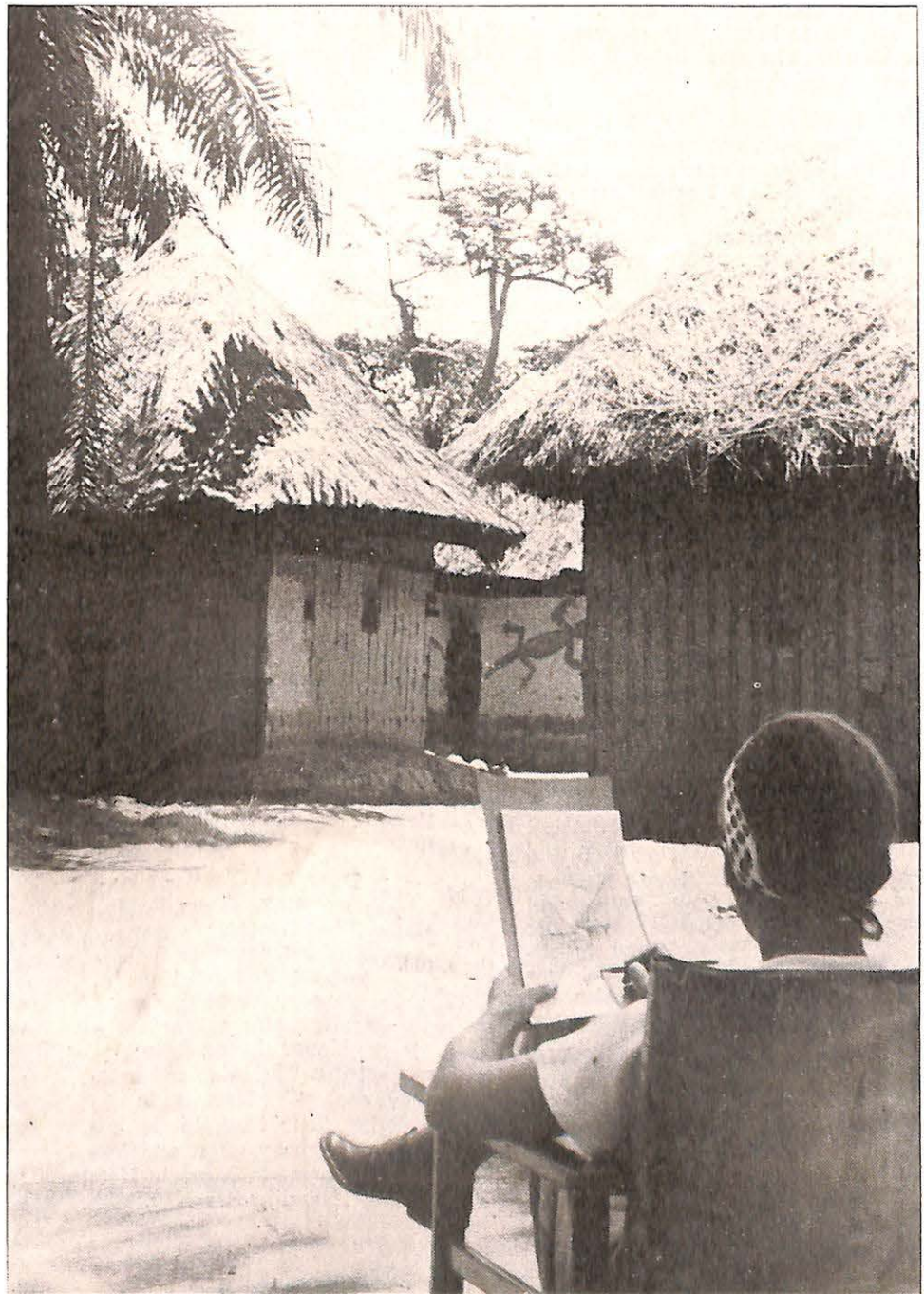
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Missionary Issue



An Engaging Study
of
Mrs. Clara Gebauer,
Our Missionary,
Making Several
Artistic Sketches
of the Primitive,
Thatched-roof Huts
of a Kaka Village
in the Cameroons.



What's Happening

¶ The First Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., has extended a call to the Rev. Wayne Williams of Windom, Minn., to become its pastor and the successor to the Rev. Fred Schilling. Mr. Williams has accepted the call and hopes to begin his services in Wausau about the middle of November. He is at present pastor of a Northern Baptist Church in Windom, Minn.

¶ In October the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., installed a new Organon, which the congregation purchased for \$1450. An organ recital was held on Friday, October 24, in connection with the dedication of the new instrument, which has already done much to beautify the services of the church. The Rev. John Wobig is pastor of the church.

¶ On Sunday, September 14, the Rev. W. H. Buening, pastor of the Bethel Heights Baptist Church near Gatesville, Tex., baptized 7 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. Six of these converts had made their decisions for Christ during evangelistic meetings conducted by the pastor and the Rev. P. Pfeiffer of Waco, Texas. The other convert was unable to be baptized a year ago because of sickness.

¶ On Tuesday, September 30, the Rev. and Mrs. Claus Neve of Marion, Kans., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a special program in the Marion Church. Addresses of congratulation were extended by representatives of the church besides a message by the Rev. Phil. Potzner. The Neves were married 50 years ago by the Rev. Robert Stracke in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Neve is a church deacon and was Sunday School superintendent for a number of years in the Marion Church.

¶ The German Baptist Ministers' Association and the Persis Circle of New York and vicinity held their first Fall meeting on Monday, October 13, in the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, N. Y. The Rev. Wm. J. Appel conducted the devotional service, and Mr. William Schmidt, Sr., of Newark, N. J., spoke on the topic: "What will Post-War Conditions Most Likely Be Politically, Economically, and Spiritually?" The Rev. Wm. J. Appel was elected president of the association and the Rev. H. Kuhl secretary-treasurer.

¶ The Walnut Street Church of Wilmington, Del., was recently presented with a five foot illuminated cross for the auditorium by Mr. Paul Roehm of Collingswood, N. J., a former member of the church. This cross was dedicated on Sunday evening, October 12, in a

program led by the Rev. Christian Peters. An acousticon system for those who are hard of hearing was also recently presented to the church by the Adult Bible Class. The initial inspiration for this gift was made by Mrs. Jessie Peters, the wife of the pastor, before her death some time ago.

¶ The Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., began its Fall season with a new Sunday evening program. At 7 P. M. a worship service is held for about 20 minutes before the audience divides into separate groups for adults, young adults, and juniors from 10 to 14 years of age. The Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor, is leading the adult group, and the president of the B. Y. P. U. and Mrs. Dan Phillips are acting as counsellors for the young adult group. A rally party for the Church School was held on Friday evening, October 10.

¶ The Rev. Charles Wagner, pastor of the Baptist Church in Linton, No. Dak., reports that a very successful Harvest and Mission festival was held on Sunday, October 12, in the Temvik Church with the Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Hebron, No. Dak., as the guest speaker. The church was beautifully decorated and the festival was announced in large colorful letters. Musical numbers were rendered by the choir, by Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, and by Miss Hildegard Wagner. The offering for our missionary enterprise and the Centenary Offering amounted to \$221.

¶ The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Kraft of Mount Hermon, Calif., have announced the birth of twin boys on September 27th, who have been named Daryl Douglas and Gerald Clinton. We trust that the "new set of twins" will follow in the footsteps of their father and uncle, who are also twins and who are serving with such blessing as evangelists! Professor and Mrs. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., have also announced the birth of a boy on Sunday, October 12, who has been named John Frederick. Both mother and baby are doing splendidly. Congratulations!

¶ Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, the business manager of our Publication Society, has recently announced the marriage of his daughter, Lois, to Mr. John Andrew Bell of Honolulu, Hawaii, on Tuesday evening, October 2. The marriage was solemnized at Wade Park Manor in an attractive Hawaiian setting. The bride and bridegroom gave each other Hawaiian leis besides pledging their troth in the customary ring ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Bell will be at home in Niumalu Hotel of Honolulu, Hawaii, after Nov. 15th.

¶ On Saturday, September 20, the Rev. John Weinbender, Jr., pastor of the Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., and Miss Lydia Marie Hein of Craigmyle, Alta., were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Sherman of Calgary, Alta. The Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary, officiated with Miss Grace Messinger and Mr. Wm. Sherman attending the bridal couple. Some time ago the Rev. John Weinbender, Jr., baptized 6 Sunday School scholars at a very impressive service in Bison, in which his father, the Rev. John Weinbender, Sr., of Scottsbluff, Neb., also took part.

¶ The Rev. Hugo Lueck of Manitowoc, Wis., the pastor of the Kossuth Baptist Church, recently rearranged his program in order to enter the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., for graduate study. A scholarship was granted to him through the influence of Dr. W. O. Lewis, the executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Mr. Lueck has been in this country since the Baptist World Congress at Atlanta, Georgia, in July, 1939, visiting many of our churches and serving the Kossuth Church of Wisconsin of which he is still pastor.

¶ Miss Grace Kettenburg of Irvington, N. J., for 5 years the church secretary and Sunday School worker of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has achieved a remarkable victory over a recent illness which has enabled her to smile in her complete trust in God even though she has lost her eyesight. She was graduated from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in 1933. Her many friends in the New

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EDITORIAL

EPOCH MAKING DAYS are at hand in our mission work. Quietly and yet with staggering consequences, one of the most important events in our entire denominational

Wanted — our midst. Nothing has probably ever been written by our general missionary secretary that is so memorable and significant for our enterprise as a recent letter to the General Missionary Committee which is described by Dr. Kuhn in an article in this issue.

Without any fanfare or emotional glitter a call has gone forth from denominational headquarters for missionary volunteers. Young men and women with specialized training and unique gifts, all of which have been dedicated on God's altar, are needed now for missionary service in the Cameroons. This action by the General Missionary Secretary is the realization of fond dreams and hopeful plans in the hearts of our Cameroon missionaries for some time.

To be sure, for fifty years our young people have responded to the challenge to go forth into darkest Africa as missionaries of the cross of Christ. But they have gone out individually or in small groups as replacements were needed. Now it is the magnitude of the present task that appals and challenges one.

Not one new missionary but four or six or even eight new missionaries may be needed during the next few years for our work in the Cameroons. What heroism and sacrifice that will require! What a gigantic venture by faith! What devotion will be needed to the cause of Christ by those who remain at home!

No one can expect this enlargement of our African missionary enterprise to take place all at once. That would be magical and too foolhardy. The preparation of young people for special mission tasks and the examination of prospective

missionaries require months and years of patient and persistent effort. Thoroughness has always been an outstanding trait of the missionary achievements of our denomination in past years. But the set of our sails points in the direction of pressing forward into new and unexplored fields of service in the Cameroons.

Dr. Kuhn and Paul Gebauer have enumerated the needs in terms of personalities. What a stirring call for volunteers. Several missionary-nurses will be required for the ever increasing burdens of ministering to the sick. Consecrated and aggressive missionaries must go out soon to staff the former German stations, which are three in number, if those are to be saved for Protestantism. A call has been sounded for an agricultural missionary and his wife. Several missionaries, who are especially equipped for a teaching ministry, could be used. A medical missionary will be indispensable for the new leper hospital to be built in the province of Mambila.

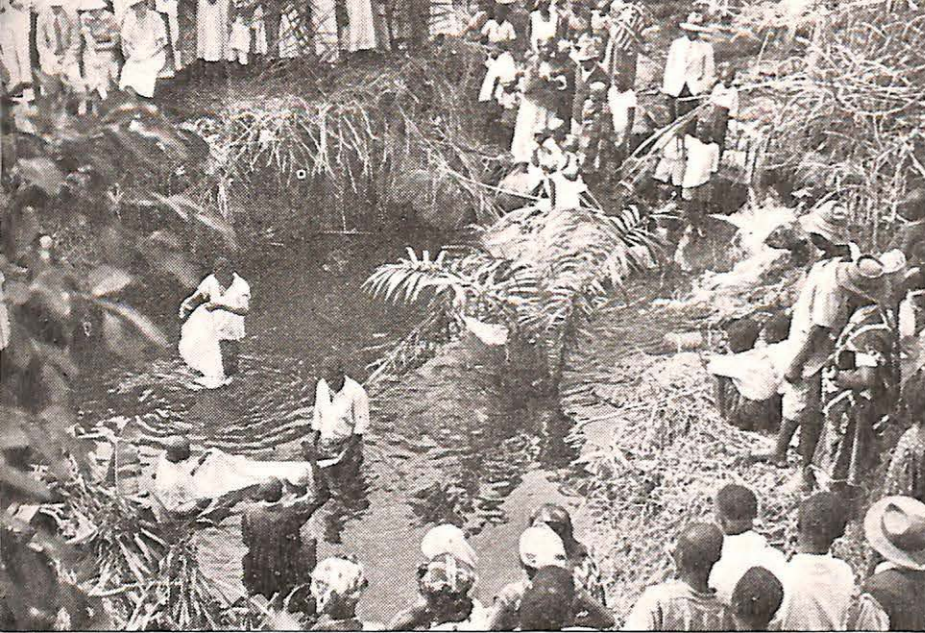
An epoch making chapter in our missionary crowds is unfolding before our eyes. Here are heroic tasks for Christian men and women of great vision and of great heart. Certainly, no more fitting time could have been found at which to make this historic announcement than these days just preceding our Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week. Volunteers are as urgently needed to support this ever expanding work by prayers and gifts as those who will follow the call to distant Africa. This is a mission call to every heart at this Thanksgiving season.

Like Isaiah of old, our hearts will be quickened and warmed as the familiar call for volunteers for service abroad and at home resounds in our hearts and as we eagerly respond: "Here am I, Lord, send me! Yea, use my gifts!" May God's blessing abide upon every dedication of life or money by every missionary volunteer in this promising and challenging hour!

"Baptizing Them..."

A Stirring Account
of Christian Baptismal Services
in the Cameroons

Related by
MISSIONARY PAUL GEBAUER
of Mbem, Kakaland



A Baptismal Service on Christmas Day of 1935 at Soppo With Pastor Laban Moky Officiating Who Had Been Ordained by Missionary C. J. Bender

THE two pictures that accompany this report illustrate one and the same theme: baptism. These two baptisms took place in one and the same land: the British Cameroons. Both are records of the visible progress of one and the same mission: your Cameroons Mission.

In both cases the same words of the command of our Lord were quoted in the ordinance and in both cases the officiating men proclaimed publicly the same Biblical and baptistic interpretation of our Lord's order. Only 250 plane-miles separate these two places of baptisms but—among the onlookers, not among the participating persons, exists a world of difference in thought and interpretation.

Two Contrasting Photographs

In the first illustration you are put into the coastal region of the British Cameroons. Baptist missionaries have worked here since 1845 and your own messengers have been here since 1891. Your own missionary, C. J. Bender, and his brave wife gave the best of their years and their family to the upbuilding of this particular region of Africa.

The officiating native pastor was ordained by Missionary Bender. Many of the bystanders were baptized by Bender in his earlier years. He himself had arranged for this baptism to take place on Christmas day of 1935, but ahead of the actual service Bender had left for eternal fields. What are the thoughts of those that partake and stand by?

The other photograph carries you to the Kaka Field. It was the year 1937. The young man to be baptized has had two years of acquaintance with Christ and his word. The officiating evan-

gelist has known and suffered for his Master for the past seventeen years. His two assistants are young teachers. Deliberately your photographer neglected to put on record the crowd of onlookers, lest their lack of clothing lead your attention astray. But he knows them all who stood around and shall attempt to speak of their thoughts as they stood by.

Imitation vs. Sincerity

Returning to the first picture you will readily note the abundance of dresses and suits. At the coast it has become the fashion to imitate the European to the limit. That desire has been extended to the church. It is in style to be a church member. It helps socially, economically, politically. It is bad form to be a "pagan." That tendency has crept into our Baptist churches as well. It is for this that C. J. Bender examined candidates so thoroughly while, in his last years, he left the greater responsibility of accepting and baptizing the candidates to his African co-worker, Pastor Laban Moky.

Pastor Moky knows his Africans. He knows how many crave our mode of baptism with its mystical implications as a last straw in their turbulent sea of thought that tosses them about between magic and faith, between fetishism and real salvation. He knows how Africans hope for the cure of innumerable diseases by our immersion; how some believe to gain possession, by baptism, of those spiritual powers for which Simon the Sorcerer offered money to Peter and John. Pastor Moky also knows at sight those aping Africans who desire baptism just to escape the ugly word, "pagan." Coastal Africa has so successfully imitated the West that for many membership in church or lodge, in club or W. C. T. U. are one and the same thing.

The First Baptism in Kaka

What thoughts are harbored by the other group of naked Africans? Immersion was nothing new to our Kaka. It has been practiced in some clans for long as a means of initiating youth into a clanship. Once done it holds good for a lifetime, save in the case of insane ones. They are allowed a second chance! To people of such an ethnological background your messengers have brought God's Word and baptism as an outward act of obedience. Are they understood?

We had a grand time at our first Kaka baptism. The candidates went on strike when the hour for the ordinance had come. They understood God's plan and demand; they wanted to be baptized; they wanted to obey in the presence of a crowd of clans people, among whom it has yet to become fashionable to be a Christian; and they wanted—white robes. They had heard that our neighboring German missionaries have gifts of clothes for every candidate! Where were their gifts? There were none and, we told them, there would be none.

A True Christian Faith

Why not? We knew of the custom of our neighbors to give away garments to baptismal candidates and we also knew that many greedy and childlike Africans have submitted to years of instruction and the ordinance itself just for the sake of that small material gain at the end of it all. It would not have run your mission into bankruptcy to provide garments but, what a temptation and stumblingblock that would have been to the young Kaka church, you at home will never realize.

We refuse to introduce the Kaka to missionary-made temptations or customs which will always keep them dependent on the financial aid of the white man. Our neighbors never forgave us our opposing stand but the years have proved that we were right. The latest letter from Missionary Dunger makes mentions of that particular neighboring mission field that Roman priests have an easy time with those African Baptists ever since their missionaries have been interned. A faith that is founded on gifts of blankets and clothes will not stand against the present tide of Roman and pagan hostility.

The baptizing evangelist spoke to "the strikers" about the accompanying evils of the earthly gifts of robes and he told them, as only an African can tell, of those



A Baptismal Service in the Southern Part of Kaka With the Evangelist, Rebert Jam, Assisted by Two Young Catechists

imperishable garments to be theirs before the throne of the Lord. The strike was called off. The service proceeded. And by this small incident we helped to establish an indigenous church that will grow and carry on without the presence of missionaries and without aid from foreign countries.

Salvation in Christ Alone

Your missionary stands in the midst of this Africa of contrasts and varieties. How does he know his way and that of his African fellow-workers? C. J. Bender, after a life of rich experiences, passed this on to the writer: "Let Africans do the baptizing, for Africans realize faster than we which Africans God has or has not called." The writer has stuck to this sound advice to this day. Others have not, for it is so tempting to glory in the numbers baptized by one's hands.

Has God called Africa and Africans to partake in the salvation that is offered once and for all in Christ Jesus? We believe so. And we believe that with God's invitation there has come to Africans not only his word but also his Holy Spirit to lead them into his truths. Equally they share with us in all the heavenly gifts and, therefore, equally well they should be given access to sharing in the responsibility and anxiety for the growing church of Christ.

We have, therefore, made it a rule on our youngest mission fields, Kaka and Mambila, that your missionaries remain in the background in order that your African fellow-believers may not only accept fullest responsibilities right from the outset but also have the privilege of baptizing their tribesmen into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Five Convincing Reasons

A Call for the Observance of the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 23 to 30 by DR. WILLIAM KUHN, General Missionary Secretary

During the past years, we have been observing the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week in connection with the national Thanksgiving Day. If this observance has become nothing more than a tradition with us, then there might be no valid reason for its continuance. Fortunately, such is not the case.

After giving even a superficial reflection upon the meaning of this week for our people, we find FIVE CONVINCING REASONS, all urging a wider and more intensive observance of this week.

A Week of Thanksgiving

FIRST REASON: This week has been accepted by our people generally as an annual institution. It has a strong appeal and brings many blessings.

SECOND REASON: This week causes us to pause in our busy life and pay our obligations of gratitude to God.

THIRD REASON: This week offers us the opportunity to make real sacrifice. Self-denial and sacrifice are essential experiences in every true Christian life.

FOURTH REASON: This week helps to fill our denominational treasuries like a copious shower fills the creeks and springs of the countryside.

FIFTH REASON: This week makes it possible for us to undertake a denominational advance. We dare not stand still, nor dare we find all our glories in the past. We must say with the apostle Paul: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize." Unless we advance, we will stagnate and deteriorate.

Advance in the Cameroons

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. In this time of world turmoil, the Lord of the Harvest is bidding us to enter opened doors and undertake great things for him, notwithstanding the adversaries and difficulties.

Incorporation of Cameroons Baptist Mission U. S. A. Since Paul and Clara Gebauer went to the Cameroons more than five years ago, we have administered our mission work in Kaka and later in Mambila independently. Unfortunately, the legal separation had not been consummated, so that before the law we were still part of the Neuruppin Mission Work.

After the return of the Gebauers to America in January, 1941, our legal

counsel, Mr. H. Theodore Sorg, undertook to incorporate a new society bearing the name, "Cameroons Baptist Mission U. S. A." Operating under this new society, we will not be suspected as having any connection with the Neuruppin Society. All our missionaries on the field are rejoicing because of this advance.

Leprosy Work. It has not been generally known that many lepers are living at large without any restrictions or care on our Kaka and Mambila fields. Our nurse at Mbem, Miss Laura E. Reddig, has been approached by the Senior Resident with the question whether she would be ready to take over the task of making a survey of the leprosy work for the Nigerian government. Making this leprosy survey would be a new undertaking, and very probably Miss Reddig would be put in charge of the Leper Colony, after such had been established. As soon as she would be actively engaged in making this survey, she could no longer serve as our nurse at Mbem. (See article by Paul Gebauer on Page 409.)

Urgent Macedonian Calls

More Missionaries Now. George A. Dunger writes: "Whatever post-war arrangements may ensue, the only effective answers for these problems threatening our own little work that is expected to go far, according to the Senior Resident—is MORE MISSIONARIES NOW! I am convinced that the policy of not sending more laborers into the harvest NOW and despite the conditions is unscriptural and not only limits but actually harms the course of the gospel in British Cameroons—and very likely among our home churches. I sincerely believe that God will provide men and means, if we apply ourselves to the situation and needs."

My response to that call from George Dunger was as follows: "It is to be expected that our own missionaries on the field facing those super-human tasks and hearing the beckoning calls of the opportunities full of promise can hardly restrain themselves from clamoring insistently for new workers. Here at the home office we share your feelings. As soon as the Lord will indicate to us that we should advance and expand by sending reinforcements, we will not hesitate to do his bidding. We are sure that at that time the workers and the means will be at hand."

Present Missionary Needs

At present our work in the Came-

roons is frightfully understaffed. In order to enter the open doors and maintain our prestige with the government, we must have MORE WORKERS. I recently requested Paul Gebauer to state his convictions, and he writes as follows:

"I voiced my opinion before the committee last April. For clearness' sake and in the light of recent developments I here repeat our needs:

"For Kaka and Mambila: One nurse to take Miss Reddig's place at once; one agricultural missionary to be sent out at once."

It is generally known that the German missionaries from the Cameroons have all been interned in Jamaica. There is every prospect that the three stations, Soppo, Belo and Ndu, will be transferred to our Society by the Custodian of Enemy Property. Paul Gebauer says that we need:

"For Soppo: One couple with educational and representative gifts.

For Belo: One practical young man.

For Ndu: One practical young man.

The financing of this expansion of our Cameroons Mission dare not be overlooked. We will face a staggering increase in the expenditures for our Cameroons Mission. We must advance by faith. If this expansion be in accord with God's plan, then we can count upon receiving the workers and the finances in God's time.

God's Call For Workers

During many past years, young people from our churches have in obedience to God's unmistakable call entered our Cameroons Mission field. Here follows that glorious Roll of Honor: Steffens, Wedel, Suevern, Miss Daniel, Enns, Graf, Wolff, Kayser, Bender, Orthner, Gebauer, Reddig, Koppin, Dunger.

Some of these have already been translated from the struggle with the powers of darkness and the inconveniences of Cameroons life to the rapturous peace and joy of the Father's House, while others are still fighting "the good fight" out in the wilds of the Cameroons. "Who follows in their train?"

Today God's call for workers is again sounding forth throughout our denominational household. Some among us have already heard this call and are considering the same seriously. May all those to whom this call comes, answer in complete resignation to his will: "Lord, here am I, send me!" The General Missionary Secretary will be happy to correspond.

Sharing One Another's Joys

Fortieth Wedding Anniversaries of the Krueger Brothers and Their Wives is Celebrated in Rochester, N. Y.

Any one familiar with the events happening around 246 Alexander St., Rochester, N. Y., would have observed unusual activity on the beautiful day of October 15. Butcher, baker, and candlestick maker were making deliveries which gave evidence of something different doing about the place. Toward noon the familiar "emeriti professors" and their wives came sauntering along. The minister and his family put in their appearance.

Presently two couples strode up. They were not as young as forty years ago when on October 15, 1901, they, two brothers marrying two sisters, vowed to "love and keep until death do part." But they were good to look at, and the amateur photographer went to considerable trouble to make sure that their radiance should be available for future enjoyment.

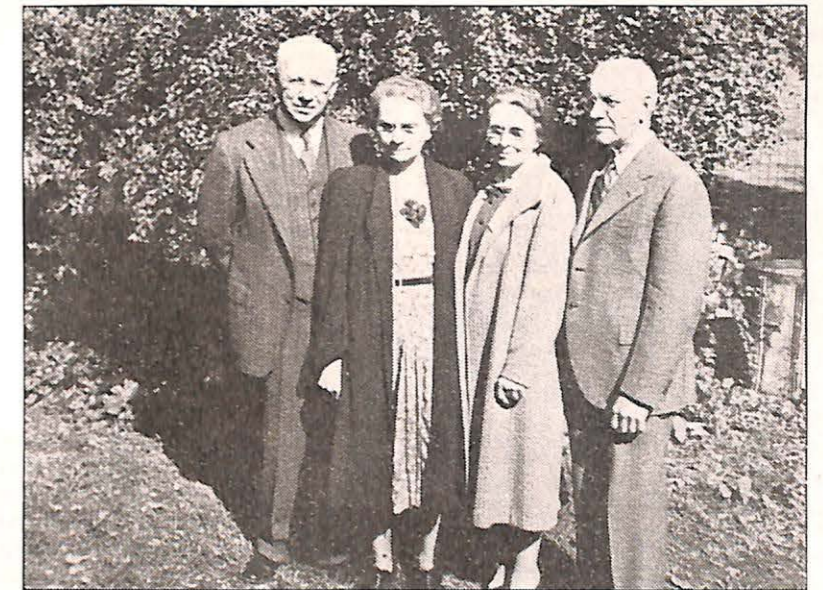
The dinner bell started a mass movement toward the dining room where a delicious dinner prepared by the greatly beloved seminary matron, Mrs. Rose Storz, and her helpers was beautifully served. Mr. Irwin Ruff, the teacher of music for this year, gave expression to that which united wedded pairs by singing, "Ich liebe dich."

President Bretschneider was master of ceremonies and introduced the seminary poet, Professor F. W. C. Meyer, who brought felicitations in forty lines symbolic of forty years in which epic description and lyric sentiment found graceful expression. President Bretschneider than gave the guests, whom the occasion was designed to honor, a selection of appropriate quotations from gifted authors pertaining to the success and the beautiful achievement which the Krueger brothers and the Tilgner sisters had accomplished in their forty years of wedded life.

The students had delegated their president, Senior Fred Schmidt, to convey their love and esteem by words and by a beautiful gift. All four of the honor guests responded with appropriate words. They always do for others, and they were able to have others do for them with equal grace. Incidentally, their daughter, Grace, from Ashtabula, Ohio, came to grace the occasion with her charming presence.

After the festivities were over the kodak fans had their golden opportunity. One of the many results finds its way into this report. Thus Professor O. E. Krueger and his Alma, and Professor Ernst Krueger and his Laura start their way on the fifth decade of marital bliss.

ARTHUR A. SCHADE, Reporter.



Professor and Mrs. O. E. Krueger and Professor and Mrs. Ernst Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., on Their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary

Dedication Month in the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, is Climaxed by the Dedication of the New Organ

September was a month of dedication for the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, all leading up to the dedication of our beautiful, new pipe organ.

September 7th was the Sunday on which the Kuechmann twins were given a farewell reception, before leaving to further their Christian education in the Northwestern Seminary at Chicago and the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School at Rochester, N. Y. The events of this day were reported in the October 15th issue of the "Herald."

On September 14 we had a dedication for the Sunday School teachers and officers, as well as the officers of the church.

Then on Sunday, September 21, an event took place, for which our members had long looked for, hoped for, worked for, and prayed for, in that we were finally able to dedicate our lovely new pipe organ. We had talked about having a pipe organ for many years, and finally last Spring teams were organized, and special efforts made to secure funds to make our dreams come true.

On this "Organ Dedication Sunday" we were privileged to have with us our beloved former pastors and good friends, the Rev. C. F. Zummach of Trenton, Ill., and the Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., who helped make this a day of rejoicing for all of us. In the morning Mr. Argow brought us a message taken from the 150th Psalm, verse

4, which tells us to "praise him with stringed instruments and organs." He brought out the thought of how great a part harmony plays in order that we might do our best, just as it is needed to bring out the tones in an organ.

In the evening Prof. George W. Samson from the State Teachers College of Cedar Falls, Iowa, gave a dedicatory recital, bringing out the different tones of the organ, including our lovely memorial chimes.

The organ is a three manual instrument especially designed and custom built by the W. W. Kimball Company of Chicago, Ill. This firm is famous all over the world for the fine organs they build.

The longest pipe is sixteen feet in length while the smallest pipe is about the size of a lead pencil. There are twenty-one sets of pipes in the organ and also twenty-one tubular bells in the chimes. There is a total of fourteen hundred and fifteen pipes. The console is of the stop key type having forty-two speaking stops and twenty-two couplers comprising a total of sixty-four registers. The Harp is provided for in the console for the future installation.

The fundamental tone of the organ is reminiscent of the Old World Cathedral Organ, while the lovely soft tone colors and solo stops represent the highest art of American Organ Building. This organ has, both tonally and mechanically, the most modern features, and the ease of operation is a delight and wonder to the most exacting artist.

RUTH LOHMANN and E. F. HEMMYE, Reporters.

What's Happening News

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York area and at a distance are ministering to her in many different ways. Any who would like to write to her may address her at 112 —19th Ave., Irvington, N. J.

On a recent Sunday the Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., held a farewell reception for its pastor, the Rev. F. W. Bartel and his family. Mr. Arthur A. Voigt presided over the program which included musical selections and brief addresses by representatives of the church and its societies. The principal speaker was the Rev. A. W. Lang, pastor of the neighboring churches of Tyndall and Danzig, who based his thoughts on Eph. 4. Mr. Bartel has become the evangelist for the Dakota Conference and is now engaged in a very fruitful evangelistic ministry in that area.

On Sunday, October 5, the Rev. August F. Runtz, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., had the joy of baptizing two high school girls and one woman on confession of their faith in Christ. Afterwards, the hand of fellowship was extended to them at the communion service. From October 26 to November 9 evangelistic meetings are being conducted in the church under the leadership of Dr. Elmer C. Miller, nationally known evangelist. On Sunday, November 16, the guest speaker at both services of the church will be the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor of "The Baptist Herald."

Recently the Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor of the Ebenezer Church near Westington Springs, So. Dak., baptized 4 persons and received them into the fellowship of the church. On Sunday, September 23, the Harvest and Mission Festival was held by the church and a missionary offering of \$85 was received. From Sunday, October 19, and continuing for some time, Mr. Fischer assisted the Rev. A. Guenther of Ventura, No. Dak., at evangelistic meetings. The Ebenezer Church also served as host to the South Dakota Association from October 5 to 8, a report of which appears in this issue.

The Young People's Union of New York and vicinity held a well attended and enthusiastic rally on Tuesday evening, October 6, in the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J. Music was furnished by a girl's group from the Second Church of Union City, N. J., and by the male quartet of the Pilgrim Church. The president of the Union, Mr. Ed Baumfalk, was in charge and introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, who spoke on "The Cleansing Power of God's Word." Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was also present and spoke a few words of greeting to the young people.

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Thanksgiving
and
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Can Be Observed
from Sunday, Nov. 16,
to
Sunday, Nov. 23,
or from
November 23 to 30.**

**Read this "Missionary
Issue" of "The Baptist Herald." Pray for our missionaries. Bring your thanksgiving offering to your church for our marvelous enterprise!**

On Sunday, October 5, the members of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., had the privilege of hearing Dr. Mark Rich, the secretary for Town and Country Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Dr. Rich is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rich of the Bethany Church of Oregon. Recently a Men's Club was organized in the church by 25 men with great enthusiasm. The new officers are Mr. A. Baudisch, president; Mr. D. Siefert, vice-president; Mr. J. Fechner, secretary; Mr. R. Fechner, treasurer. The special speaker on Tuesday evening, October 14, was the Rev. Ralph Rott of Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Frank Veninga is the pastor of the church.

The honorable Harold E. Stassen of St. Paul, Minn., the governor of the state of Minnesota, has been recently addressing large groups of Baptists as the vice-president of the Northern Baptist Convention. In a number of places he was heard by many members of our churches. On Saturday, October 18, he spoke in Oak Park, Illinois; on Sunday, October 19, at several Baptist Churches in Detroit, Mich.; on Monday noon, October 20, at a Baptist dinner in Cleveland, Ohio; and on Friday, October 24, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Governor Stassen is a faithful member of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., of which the Rev. John Wobig is pastor.

The Men's Chorus of the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, traveled to Detroit, Mich., early on Sunday, October 12 in order to sing at the morning service of the Connors Avenue Church and to render a musi-

cal program before a large audience in the afternoon. Twenty-one men were in the party, and Mr. Herman Hans served as director. The Rev. S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," is serving as interim pastor before the arrival of the new minister for the Erin Ave. Church, the Rev. Henry Hirsch. On Sunday morning, October 19, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," brought messages at the English and German worship services of the Erin Ave. Church.

The members of the Baptist Church of St. Rose du Lac, Manitoba, Canada, were recently saddened by the sudden death of one of the most outstanding and promising young men in their group, Mr. John Prikker. He was serving as vice-president of the young people's society and active in many ways in the church at the time of his death at the age of 26 years. The reporter, Mr. Fritz Ammon, wrote that "willingly and gladly he used his fine talents and voice for the service of his Master." He is deeply mourned by his parents, two sisters, two brothers, and a large host of friends. The Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg serves as the pastor of the church besides his other duties as director of our immigration and colonization work.

A Bible Conference was held for one week from October 5 to 10 by the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Was., with the Rev. Simon E. Forsberg, dean of the Multnomah School of the Bible of Portland, Ore., as the principal speaker. Two young men openly confessed Christ as their Savior, including a soldier from Fort Lewis. Five of the young people of the church now attend the school. From October 16 to 19 our Cameroon missionaries, Paul and Clara Gebauer, spoke to the Women's Missionary Society, at a fine young people's rally and at three services of the church. Their addresses were deeply appreciated by the large audiences. On Sunday, September 17, the Rev. E. Bibelheimer of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Missoula, Mont., was the guest speaker.

Miss Edith Koppin, our missionary nurse in Mambila, Africa, who is at present in the United States on her furlough, is now busily engaged in promotional work. On Sunday, October 19, she addressed the Sunday School, English church service, and young people's meeting of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill. On Thursday evening, October 23, she was in Cleveland, Ohio, addressing a joint meeting of the women's missionary societies of the Erin Avenue and White Avenue Churches. On Sunday evening, October 26, she spoke in the service of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., of which she is a member. She was also the guest speaker at the luncheon of the Detroit Women's Missionary Union on Thursday, October 30, which was held in the Connors Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit.

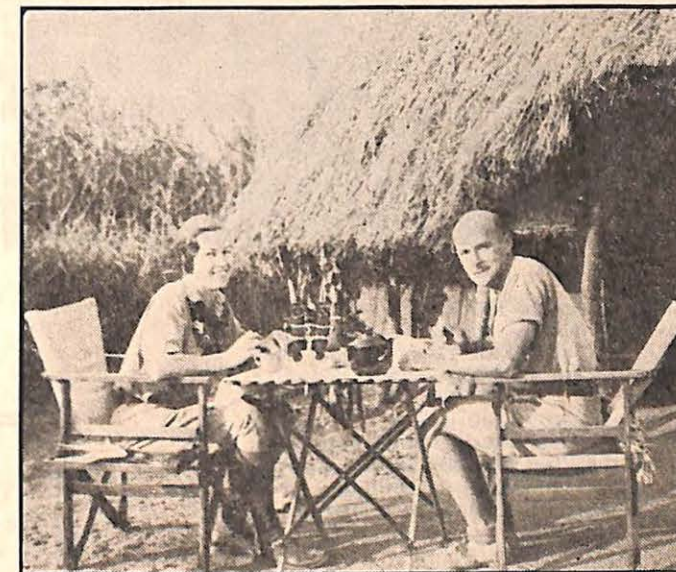
British Praise for Our Mission

Copy of a Letter by the Senior Resident of Cameroons Province
After His Visit to Mbem in May, 1941

No one can but be very greatly impressed by this school; it is unique in Nigeria and the British Cameroons. The children here, as Mr. Hunt-Cooke so aptly writes, are just a happy crowd of boys living a natural and healthy life in perfect harmony with their customary surroundings, at the same time imbibing all that is best for our civilization. There is not one of them, I venture to think, who could not with perfect ease, and without arrogance, take his proper place tomorrow in the home life of his family, and unostentatiously improve it by example.

I was immensely struck by the "joie de vivre" with which these boys joined in their country dances alongside their countrymen of other creeds, and the perfectly natural way in which, in the midst of dancing and play, they would offer up a prayer and resume their play as enthusiastically as before. So unlike the prudishness and sickening hypocrisy to be seen elsewhere.

I hope this little Mission will go far, as indeed I feel sure it will. With its brickbuilding, carpentry, dispensary, and other activities, to which are to be added, I think, agricultural training by a qualified expert, it has every prospect of doing so. I hope too that, after the arrangement made today with the Chiefs of Mbem about land for a fuel plantation, it will be found possible to effect a lively cooperation in this direc-



Missionaries Clara and Paul Gebauer at an Afternoon Tea in the Cameroons of Africa Before Their Furlough and Return to America

tion between the school and the people.

I cannot close without a note of admiration for the little thatched church so pleasingly adapted to the architectural style of the country and yet such a fine piece of work. The native carving on the altar rails and in other parts of the church are a joy to see.

They are symbolic of the general scheme throughout.

I consider that Mr. and Mrs. Gebauer and Miss Reddig are to be heartily congratulated on the striking results of their five years labor at Mbem.

A. E. F. Murray,
(signed) Resident.

A Unique Offer to Our Missionary

A Letter About Laura Reddig Sent to the Dakota Conference Young
People by MISSIONARY PAUL GEBAUER

"And there cometh to him
a leper . . ." Mark 1:40.

The lands of the Bible were full of lepers. Your African fields of today face the very same problem. Within the membership of our Kaka churches the percentage of lepers is comparatively high. The tribes of our Mambila field are beset by the same haunting evil.

In the time of our Lord the lepers came to him. In our own days they come to the medical missionaries. Medical science now knows how to combat leprosy in its early stages. The British Government and the American Mission to Lepers are the best organized agencies in bringing the knowledge of modern science to West Africa. These two agencies work through existing missions to foster the knowledge about the dreadful disease, to campaign against its spread, to arrest leprosy's victorious march across the continent.

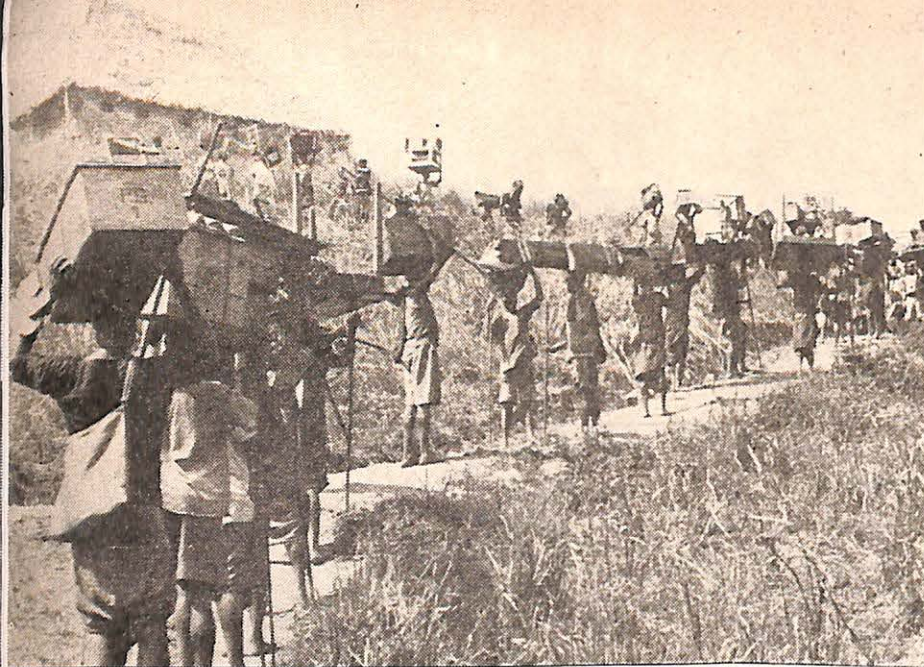
Lepers are being established in which medical missionaries see after body and soul of those who by isolation and systematic treatments should and can be restored to society.

Your Cameroons Mission has just recently been offered a unique opportunity to share in the warfare against leprosy. The governor of Cameroons Province has approached Miss Laura Reddig as to her participation in a systematic leprosy survey of the province in order that camps may be established intelligently and systematically.

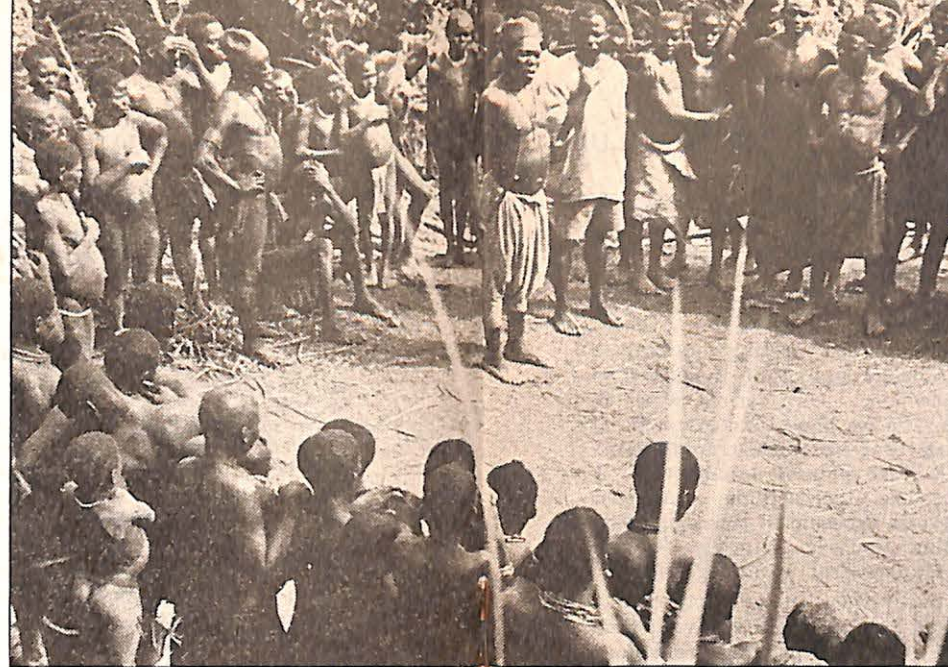
Why has just our nurse been singled out for such a challenging invitation? It's simple. Whenever unselfish devotion associates itself with unselfish originality, there the corresponding tasks of greater and still greater opportunities show themselves in God's time. Laura Reddig came to Africa not only with a heart full of devotion but also with an open mind and open eyes.

Quietly she studied her charge and at the opportune time accepted the suggestion of a medical survey of our Kaka field. That had never been done. Laura did it and did it well. Government heard of the survey and some of its results. She was thought of first when the government became alarmed about the ever increasing problem. That's why the missionary from North Dakota got the invitation.

Learn this lesson from it, that God is ever willing to lead those into larger usefulness who prepare for it. Add to your devotion and your faith, deeds, and a quiet, steadfast preparation for larger tasks. That, plus your faith in God, plus your devotion to hard work guarantees you a life of usefulness. For such characters Africa has a place. That's why Laura Reddig succeeds so well and fast. God and Africa want more workers of her type. Where are they?



(Above — Left): Heavily Burdened Natives Carry the Missionary's Luggage from Village to Village to Help Him Proclaim the Tidings of the Gospel to Those People Who Still Live in the Darkness of Sin and Superstition.



(Above — Center): A Historic Event is Depicted in This Striking Picture Showing the First Mambila Village Assembled to Listen to the Chief's Plea for the Building of a Chapel That Was Completed in 1940 Under Evangelist Jam's Direction.



(Above — Right): Missionary George Dunger is Shown Visiting One of Our Most Faithful Evangelists, Peter Ngang, Who is Serving His Lord in the Face of Great Difficulties by a Living and Dynamic Witness for Christ in His Native Village in the Province of Kaka.

Preaching the Gospel of Christ in Darkest Africa!

(Below — Left): Mrs. Clara Gebauer and Fat-tumpled Voombon Are Admiring the Large Seed Pods of the Raffia Palm, Which Stands in the Center of the Mbem Mission Compound. The Ministry to African Children is One of the Most Successful Ventures of the Missionary.



Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

The Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week to be observed by the denomination from Sunday, November 23, to Sunday, November 30, will give every member of our churches the opportunity to express his gratitude to God in praise and song and to demonstrate his privilege as a co-laborer with God by making a substantial gift for the missionary enterprise at home and abroad.

The Thanksgiving Offerings of our churches are to be designated for this important work of evangelizing the world through the ministry of our churches and denomination. The call for such service is more insistent than ever. The time is at hand to advance in Christ's name for the cause of His Kingdom!

Remembering Our Missionaries

By Ethel L. Rennison
of Batesburg, S. C.

"We know not how to pray as we ought—" Romans 8:26.

When our missionary friends
Sailed away

We promised that we would pray for them
Every day.

But now that the days have stretched into years
We seem to forget
That they are depending upon our prayers
And need us yet.

We know not how to pray as we ought—
Help us, O Lord,
To remember those who far away
Proclaim Thy Word.

(Below — Center): One of the Most Unusual Pictures to be Photographed by Paul Gebauer is This Arousing Scene in the Land of the Bamunkom, Where Clara Gebauer, Against a Grotesque Background of Hand Carved Pillars is Addressing a Group of Natives, Engaged in a Drinking Feast, About God and His Redeeming Love.



(Below — Right): Evangelist Robert Jam of the Kaka Mission Field is the Most Outstanding Native Evangelist of Our Work. His Enthusiasm for God's Service is Contagious and His Loyalty to Christ is Intense. He is One of the Many Christian Lights in Africa Whose Glow Will Never be Extinguished!

Before They Call!

A Missionary Story by MRS. ERICA LOEWEN of Chicago, Illinois

"WILL FLOURISH SOME MORE STOP TAKING OPPORTUNITIES STOP AM SO HAPPY DARLING RALPH"

The girl stood with the crazy, unintelligible telegram in her hand. Bewilderment struggled with panic for mastery; then a tide of color drowned the conflicting emotions in her face as her heart leaped at the astounding close of this most astounding message. The familiar room became confused to her eyes so that the girl had to sit down and wait for her mind to regain mastery of the situation.

For never would she permit her mind to perform such senseless gymnastics at that word—from Ralph. No! Her mind was made up. Her life and Ralph's must follow divergent paths. His way had been so clearly charted since she had known him. And hers—well, hers had not been so definitely charted away from his; it was only that she was certain she never wanted to follow that path, even with him. So she had chosen a nurse's career, and sent him on his way.

Her glance fell again to the paper, and that last dizzying word rose up and struck her between the eyes. She could almost hear him say it as he said it that last evening. "Darling . . ." He had not touched her, or held her back. It was she who had clung to him as though she could never let him go. But there was that inner compelling that said, "Ralph is not for you, Maureen. Your path can never be his path, and you should not deter him from his own great purpose."

So she had let him go, and stood, arms limp at her side, head sunk on her breast, while he said simply, "It is your choice, Maureen. I would not force you if I could. For the way which I go must be followed voluntarily, gladly, with the compelling conviction that it is the only way. You choose to serve mankind by nursing. God be with you. I have chosen to serve my God and mankind by missionary service. I love you Maureen. I shall always love you. When . . . and if . . . God shows you that this path is yours, I shall be waiting. Goodbye, darling . . ."

So in the agony of that long night alone in her room, she had fought the battle that closed, as she thought, the chamber in her heart that held him. It had been love making its last stand against fear; love for God, and love for Ralph, fighting against the fear of a call to the mission field. She could never explain or understand that fear. But it was a sickening thing, making her feel faint and break into a cold sweat whenever the shadow of it fell across her mind. So the battle that

night left her worn and spent when morning came. But it left her victor in her decision.

And until now that chamber of her heart had remained closed. She had succeeded in maintaining her poise when Ralph came to her at mid-term, his work at the college completed, to ask her to sign his "Annual" before he left for the mission headquarters in New York where he was to stay till the following autumn on a sort of trial visit. He had acted as nearly impersonal as he could, imitating her manner since that night the previous fall when he had said, "Goodbye, darling . . ."

Maureen had not dared to tell him how miserable she had been since she made her final decision. Bible reading and prayer had become a perfunctory duty; fellowship with Christ was a thing of sweet memory. So she had only signed her name, with a Bible reference following: Philippians 4:10. That was the one longing in her heart now. "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death." She didn't quite know what it meant, but the first part she knew she wished with all her heart and soul. To know Christ as once she had! And she wanted that for Ralph, too.

God would make up to him all that he had lost in sticking to his purpose. He had been so sweet to her the week before leaving, sending her a lovely bouquet for her birthday, signed only "Ralph." And now she would never see him again. Yes, she wished Philippians 4:10 to come true for him and for her, too. Somehow this common aim seemed to bind them into a spiritual fellowship that wouldn't let her feel quite so alone. So she had followed her signature with Philippians 4:10.

The rustle of the curtains and the crackle of the paper in her fingers as a strong June wind came rollicking through the open window caused her to glance at the clock in dismay. She was late to class! Hastily catching up the books she had prepared in a neat stack, she left on the run, smoothing her hair as she went. Roll call was just being completed and as she breathlessly swept through the door, Miss Corry remarked quizzically,

"Here is a young lady who got too engrossed in her commencement affairs, I think," and Maureen felt herself flushing in confusion. But no one paid any more attention to her, so she went thankfully to her place.

Miss Corry perched herself on the corner of her desk. This was her favorite position when she was about to speak to her students on extra-curri-

cular subjects. They all loved her. It was only her sweet patience and indomitable courage in the face of continual suffering that enabled her still to carry on this class in "the Life of Christ."

"This is our last meeting together as a class," she began, "for tomorrow is commencement. Our term's work is behind us, so we have time to speak of something that has been troubling me of late." She paused a moment. "I have become increasingly convinced that there is someone in this class who is fighting God's call to the foreign field." Maureen sat up and gasped.

Miss Corry went on earnestly. "That call should not be feared, beloved; that is a call to a rare privilege God does not give all of us. The devil has robbed many a life of its rich fulfillment by just this means; don't let him rob you." Maureen was sure Miss Corry would be looking right at her. But when she found courage to look up for a moment, Miss Corry was looking out the window, into the distance.

Quietly she continued, "That fear is so foolish, so illogical, so unworthy of us as Christians that only the devil himself could be the author and maintainer of it." Her eyes once more strayed over the heads in the room, and Maureen looked away. She was still dazed at the strangeness of this talk, and at the realization that it was meant for her. She missed some of Miss Corry's words as for the first time she considered the probable reason for the change in her Christian life, for her misery and spiritual aloneness in the past school year.

"I've refused to face the possibility of God's wanting me on the foreign field," she told herself solemnly; but she was interrupted in her self-analysis by Miss Corry's closing words. "After all, each of us wants happiness. If God wants you in some lonely outpost on the foreign mission field, that's the only place on earth happiness will find you. Satisfaction is obtained only in following the plan he makes; not in making and following our own. You can trust him to know what is best for you and to care for you wherever he leads."

The group filed out, to go to their next classes; but Maureen had only this one today. She walked as in a dream to the dormitory and went up to her room. Closing the door gently behind her and stepping to the side of her bed, she dropped to her knees. That last word of Miss Corry's filled her mind. "You can trust him to know what is best for you and to care for you wherever he leads." "That's for me," she thought. Her heart warmed and thrilled to it; and with a sense of deep exultation, she simply committed her life to the Savior.

Why, here she had longed for happiness, and all the time she had been fleeing him who had it in his hands to bestow! She had trusted him with her eternal destiny, but had not dared to

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Reports from the Field

Dakota Conference

Annual Report of the Ladies' Missionary Circle of the Spring Valley Baptist Church

In our little white church, the Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota, which stands as a beacon on a hill, our Ladies Circle meets once a month. We are only few in number but we make up for that in enthusiasm.

On June 6 our Circle gave a program consisting of songs, readings and a play entitled, "Does It Pay?" After the program we went to the basement where we had a bazaar and lunch sale.

We have been able to contribute to various enterprises for the church. Our meetings, which are usually of a missionary nature, have been very ably led by our president, Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn. We regret very much that she will have to leave us in the near future, but we pray for God's blessing to go with her on their new field, at the Immanuel Church near Loyal!

MRS. JOHN BUSEMAN, Secretary.

Great Musical Festival by North Dakota Men at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

On August 3 the High School auditorium of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., was the scene of an inspirational "Saengerfest" in which male singers of the Northern North Dakota Baptist Association gave a laudable service. In spite of the busy season, a large group gathered for the occasion.

At 3 P. M. all participants met for a mass choir rehearsal which was followed by a brief business session at which the following officers were elected: Rev. Paul Hunsicker, president; Mr. C. A. Harr, vice-president; Herbert Wolitarsky, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. A. E. Reeh, director. This was only the fourth official meeting of the group since its organization into a "Saengerbund" on May 5, 1940.

At 6 o'clock the young people of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church entertained the visiting members of the "Saengerbund" at a supper for which the latter had already expressed their appreciation at the business meeting.

The day was brought to its climax with the evening program which was given before an audience of about 500 people. The Rev. August Rosner, pastor of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, was in charge. Each representative group of the "Saengerbund" brought two male voice selections, and several special numbers were featured by all men of the mass choir. Aside from the singing there was an appropriate message given by Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Washburn, North Dakota.

HERBERT D. WOLITARSKY, Reporter.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser by the Carrington and Pleasant Valley Churches of North Dakota

The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser and children were guests of honor at a reception in the Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., on Sunday evening, September 14.

A program with Mr. Frank Albus, deacon, as chairman, opened with a short song service led by Mr. Fred Pepple. Several representatives of the church also brought brief welcome messages of sincere good will.

Guests for the happy occasion were our neighboring pastors and their wives, the Rev. and Mrs. A. Reeh of Goodrich, No. Dak., the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hunsicker of Cathay, No. Dak., the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein of the Germantown Church. They all brought short speeches to those assembled, stressing the need for and the importance of faithful helpers in the work of every pastor. The Rev. J. Ralph McNeil, Methodist pastor, spoke fitting words of welcome on behalf of the local churches in the town.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Weisser responded to the many welcoming addresses. Special music was furnished by the church choir, a girls' trio composed of the Misses Marie Albus of Jamestown, Doris and Alice Seibold of Carrington, and a vocal duet by the Misses Pepple and June Seibold.

Mr. Weisser is a graduate of our Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., and comes to the Carrington community with a wealth of experience, having served a number of years in the Stafford Church in Kansas. Already we have enjoyed many blessings in these two months with him. We hope to grow larger and it is our aim and desire together by God's grace to build his Kingdom.

MRS. MINNIE MOSAL, Clerk.

95th South Dakota Association Meets With the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs

The days spent in fellowship at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dak., from October 5 to 8, where the delegates and friends of our South Dakota churches had assembled, were days that will long be remembered. Many were the factors which contributed to make the 95th Association a blessed and happy one, indeed. There was a worth while program, and all the speakers did their very best to inspire and to challenge the listeners. The theme of the convention, too, was an appropriate one, "God Through Us At Work."

On Tuesday morning the sun shone beautifully again, thus improving the

roads and encouraging the people to come out, and the "Vereinigung" got under way. The Rev. A. W. Lang led the morning worship for both days. The election of officers was held with these results: Rev. A. Itterman, chairman; Rev. H. R. Schroeder, vice-chairman; and Rev. H. Braun, secretary. After this the several churches reported, indicating that much labor had been done in the various fields, but the reporters uttered the desire to see a great spiritual awakening realized.

We were very fortunate to have had the Rev. Assaf Husmann with us. He spoke on Monday evening, also led the quiet hour of both days, and gave two addresses, which were in keeping with the convention theme. The first address was on "God at Work in Our Denominational History." This was very informative and inspirational for all present. The second discourse was on "Denominational Goals and the Centenary Offering," which proved to be so helpful and worthwhile to all that the writer of this report was led to remark that we would like to give \$100 for the Centenary Fund. It was a venture made on faith. When the offering was taken, to our surprise it amounted to \$114.33.

The following topics were considered in the afternoon program prior to a short song service led by Mr. Block of Corona. The Rev. H. Schroeder reported on "God at Work in the Building Up of His Church." The Rev. A. Husmann led the discussion of the topic, "God at Work in Evangelization." The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler brought a fine and well prepared message on Tuesday evening on "Co-Workers With God."

On Wednesday morning after a prayer service, the convention program was resumed with the Rev. H. Braun ably delivering his address on "God at Work in the Preaching of His Word." He was also the "Vorbote" on Sunday, bringing the morning message, while the evening service was rained out. Then the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn followed with a paper, "God at Work in the Mission Fields," which was well received because it was well prepared. The Rev. A. Itterman and the Rev. R. A. Klein spoke very enthusiastically and in keeping with their topics.

The evening service was well attended with standing room at a great price. At this occasion Mr. Husmann spoke on "Remember Lot's Wife." This was a heart-searching and stirring message.

All too quickly the days of the "Vereinigung" came to a close. Nevertheless, we are thankful for the many contacts made and the blessings enjoyed. God became very near to us again!

A. J. FISCHER, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Active and Consecrated Young People in the Baptist Church at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Although we have not been heard from for sometime, the young people of Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada, have been active in serving their Lord.

On Sunday, September 7, we were privileged to have the Paschke Male Quartet of Morris, Manitoba, in our midst, and an evening of singing and testifying about the wonders, which our Lord has done, was spent. An offering of fifteen dollars was taken, which was sent to the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta. We pray that many more young people will take the step of entering this school and dedicate their all to the Savior.

On Sunday, September 28, we were blessed with a missionary program, which consisted of various numbers by duets and male quartet, recitations, choir song, trios, and a dialogue entitled, "The Lord's Doing." On this occasion an offering of five dollars was taken for missions.

We thank God for groups of young Christian people who try to accomplish more from time to time for his work. Five of our young people have entered Bible School already, and one more is deciding to leave. This is a great loss in our church, but we wish them God's greatest blessings and success.

MRS. C. T. REMPEL, Reporter.

The Bridgeland Church of Calgary Holds a Farewell For Miss Ida Forsch

On Sunday evening, September 7, the Bridgeland Church of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, held a farewell for Miss Ida Forsch, one of our church members who has gone to the Baptist Missionary Training Institute of Chicago, Ill., to prepare for the foreign missionary field.

The service opened with a few selections by the band and a song selected by the president of the B. Y. P. U., Mr. R. Schamuhn. Both deacons, Messrs. H. Forsch and J. Ohlhauser, were called on to give short talks, which were followed with a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Schamuhn. Frances Kary spoke on behalf of the Sunday School class and Molly Unger on behalf of the W. W. Class, which Miss Forsch had served as teacher. Mrs. Wm. Arndt spoke on behalf of the Ladies' Missionary Society and also presented her with an envelope which contained a gift. Mr. Schamuhn then spoke for the B. Y. P. U. and also presented her with an envelope.

Rev. R. Milbrandt, pastor of the church, gave an inspiring message based on 2. Tim. 2:8. Miss Forsch was then given a chance to express herself, which she did in thanking all the branches and the pastor of the church for their kindness shown her during her fellowship with the church.

MRS. R. BROST, Reporter.

The First Vacation Bible School is Held by the First Church of Leduc, Alberta

The first Vacation Bible School in the history of the First Church of Leduc, Alta., was held this summer beginning July 21st and continuing to August 1. We praise God that his blessing accompanied our work with the children and, if possible, we are hoping to have such a school for our children each year.

We had the fine enrollment of 84 children from the ages of 6 to 15 years. Because of the extremely busy season on the farm, the parents were unable to bring their children to and from school but we are so grateful to the two brethren that offered voluntarily of their time and their automobiles to bring the children and to take them home again after the school period. As the attendance grew, they found it necessary to use a trailer as well.

The children's enthusiasm in their work made it a joy to teach them in the various classes. The life of Christ and Old Testament stories were the main topics of study. A short devotional period was held each morning after the children had marched in singing a chorus.

The closing program was a great blessing to all who had gathered to hear what the children had learned in the short period. Our prayer is that God may bless the seed sown in the young hearts that it may bring forth fruit and harvests unto eternal life. We are, indeed, grateful to the very able and willing assistance of Agnes Priebe and Fred Mashner.

REV. J. B. KORNALEWSKI, Pastor.

Central Conference

The True Blue Girls and Ladies' Aid of Indianapolis, Ind., Are Working Hard for Their Church

The True Blue Girls of the Bethel Baptist Sunday School of Indianapolis, Ind., started their Fall work by giving a chicken supper on Wednesday, September 24th. One hundred and thirty-nine people were served. From the fancy work booth and supper the profit was \$75.

This group plans to work together with the Ladies' Aid Society on November 12th and give a "sauerkraut supper." The profit will be divided between the two groups. These ambitious True Blue Girls hope to make enough money by Christmas to buy "a baby grand piano" for the church.

The Ladies' Aid Society held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. Rosa Schienbein. The Rev. A. Bredy has been so kind as to drive the older members to and from meetings. To show their appreciation they surprised him with a gift for his birthday. The president, Mrs. Sarah Norkus, presented the gift to him and the dear old ladies sang, "Happy Birthday to you."

MRS. RUTH MOCK, Reporter.

Many Opportunities of Service for the Ebenezer Church of Detroit

We praise God for continued opportunities of service in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. Recently we were privileged to welcome home our "African Nurse," Miss Edith Koppin. Accounts of her return home have been in recent issues of "The Baptist Herald."

As a church, we set aside a Sunday evening, which was her first Sunday with us, to extend greetings and take her back to us with thanks to God. The Church, the Sunday School, the Ladies' Missionary Society, and the Young People's Society were represented in the addresses. The Detroit Y. P. and S. S. W. Union was represented by Herbert Siepke, its president. Harold Johns, president of the Central Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union in a telegram delegated Norman Boehm to represent him. Harold Petke, National President, sent a lengthy telegram of best wishes. It was a pleasant evening, ending with refreshments.

Since then the Sunday School has had its annual Rally Day with a splendid representation of 425 present. It was preceded by distribution on the day before of special "door knob" invitation cards. Our Anthony Wayne Mission had its Rally Day on the following Sunday with a fine attendance of 184.

From October 5 to 16 Dr. Herbert Lockyer, noted British Evangelist and Bible teacher, conducted services every evening. Dr. Lockyer was formerly on the Extension Staff of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and is the Editor of "The Christian Readers Digest." The meetings were well attended, and were most helpful and interesting. The last four evenings were devoted to an exclusive study of prophecy.

On Sunday, October 19, the Sunday School observed Harvest and Mission Day. The church was decorated at the front with the many "fruits of the fields." These were afterwards donated to the Detroit City Rescue Mission, in which our church and pastor, the Rev. George A. Lang, take an active part. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner was our guest for the evening. He spoke in his usual interesting manner and showed pictures of our denomination's Home Mission work. The offering amounted to approximately \$150.

There is a full program of work ahead for our church and its organizations. An entirely new young people's society was recently formed. The church is also moving forward with its plans for the new building. The Rev. E. G. Kliese, who is in charge of our Anthony Wayne Mission, is doing a fine work there, which is the center of our future work. So together we work while we await the return of our Lord for his own.

NORMAN J. BOEHM, Reporter.

Sunday School Activities of the Gross Park Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago

The Gross Park Immanuel Baptist Sunday School of Chicago, Ill., at present under the direction of Paul Martens, ass't superintendent, reports a very favorable summer program in Sunday School work. The Rev. Ralph Rott, pastor, undertook a Daily Vacation Bible School, teaching all kinds of craftwork and Bible doctrine. Sixty children from the community enrolled. Mr. Rott's assistants were Harold Retzke, Mrs. N. Lindberg, Mrs. R. Retzke, and others.

On the closing day of the school a program was held and awards were made to the scholars with high records. The outstanding features of this program were the beautiful craftwork in woodcuts, drawings, and sculpturing displayed for the parents of the scholars; the trained singing and recitation work of the Primary children; and then, too, the review of Bible doctrine by the Intermediate boys was exceptionally interesting. The visitors and parents were amazed at the organization of the school and the work the scholars accomplished, and the teachers felt amply repaid by the enthusiasm and interest of the scholars.

The Sunday School Boys' Club, sponsored by Mr. Fred Zuelsdorf, held its annual Summer Camp for one week at Cedar Lake, Ind. Mr. Zuelsdorf and Mr. Rott managed to take care of and entertain 25 boys at the camp. Mrs. Lindberg, Mrs. Paul Martens and Mrs. Wm. Reichert were the "chief cooks and bottle washers."

A Girls' Club was also organized for the Intermediate girls, in an effort to bring Christian training to this group. The Young People's Society, under the wonderful leadership of Harold Retzke, has made more progress than it had in many years. The pastor, Mr. Rott, is stressing the activity of the Sunday School in every phase of Christian training of children and young people in the community.

MARION KLEINDIENST, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Ordination of the Rev. Hugo Zepik in the Baptist Church of Startup, Washington

On the afternoon of October 1st delegates and visitors gathered at the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., for the examination of Mr. Hugo Zepik preparatory to his ordination into the Christian ministry.

The council elected the Rev. W. C. Damrau as its chairman and the Rev. E. Bibelheimer, secretary. The examination of the candidate proceeded in the customary manner, and then wholeheartedly and unanimously voted to recommend to the church that it proceed with the ordination of its pastor.

Accordingly, the ordination service took place on the same evening. The Rev. R. Luchs acted as chairman of

this service. The Rev. John Leypoldt delivered the ordination sermon, and the Rev. G. Freigang offered the ordination prayer with the laying on of hands by all pastors present. A welcome was extended to the newly ordained minister by the Rev. E. Bibelheimer, and the charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. W. C. Damrau and the charge to the church by the Rev. J. Rott.

May God's richest blessings rest upon his youthful servant and this church and may these blessings long continue!

E. J. BIBELHEIMER, Reporter.

A Play on Christian Education by Mr. Herman J. Weihe is Presented by Milwaukee's Bethany Church

On Sunday, October 12, the Sunday School workers and teachers of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., presented a play entitled, "The Transformation of the Hometown Sunday School," which is dedicated to the cause of Christian education.

One of the greatest mission fields in the world today may be found among the boys and girls of America. In view of the fact that more than one-half of



Members of the Dorcas Class of the North Avenue Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., With Mrs. E. J. Baumgartner, Teacher, in Front Row, Center

Northwestern Conference

Numerous Activities of the Dorcas Class in Milwaukee's North Avenue Baptist Church

The Dorcas Class of the Church School in the North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was organized in 1937 by the young women of the church. The class meets every Sunday morning with Mrs. E. J. Baumgartner as teacher and also once a month for a business and social meeting at the home of one of the members. The average attendance for the past year was 24.

The study of God's Word and Christian service are the objectives of this group. They have charge of the nursery during the church service, provide flowers once a month and also the candles for every communion service. Whenever there is opportunity to share in any project for church improvement, the class is ready to do its share. The benevolent activities of the class are numerous and much good is done by means of cards, flowers, gifts of money or food.

The "Secret Place" is sent to the young men of the church who are at camp. Another helpful feature is the arrangement whereby each member has a "Mystery Sister." Miss Margaret Jeske is the president.

ROSE WANNMACHER, Secretary.

the youth of our nation is not receiving any religious instruction whatever, this play very clearly dramatized the backward condition of many Christian Sunday Schools throughout our land and calls attention to our denominational goals adopted by our churches during the Burlington General Conference and also the importance of the Baptist Church School Advance.

This four act dramatization was written by our own brother, Herman J. Weihe, a charter member of the church and teacher of the Bible class in our church school. His very helpful suggestions and untiring efforts have been a blessing to many and have done much toward the success of our Sunday School. Mr. Weihe was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a small token of our gratitude toward him.

On the previous Sunday morning, which was World Wide Communion Sunday, fifteen young Sunday School scholars, most of them children of our church community, came forward when the invitation was extended by our superintendent, Mr. Giesecke, to those who would like to give their hearts to Jesus Christ and make him supreme in their lives.

As we win the youth of our land for Christ and his Kingdom, our country under the guidance of God will be better fitted to lead in the salvation of the world.

ALMA SIEWERT, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

The 69th Anniversary of Philadelphia's Second Church is Fittingly Observed

September 16th marked the sixty-ninth "birthday" of the Second German Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. Therefore, on Wednesday, September 24, this anniversary was fittingly observed with a program on which each church organization was represented. After a "progress report" from a representative of each group, the guest speaker, the Rev. Mr. Samuels brought a message to the church and pictured a few of the contrasts which exist between our life and that of many European Christians at present. Since Mr. Samuels only recently entered the United States, his few remarks on European conditions were of great interest.

A lively interest was also shown by members and friends of the church in the Sunday vesper services held during July and August in the lovely setting at Beulah Park, the grove at our Philadelphia Home for the Aged. Stirring gospel messages brought by the Rev. Herman Palfenier, pastor of the church, were spiritually refreshing and all meetings were well attended. In the prayer services a study of "the Tabernacle" and the significance of its construction and plan has increased the attendance and stimulated Bible study. Plans for the coming months promise many spiritual blessings.

IDA DRAEGER, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference is Held in the Second Church of Brooklyn in Connection With Its 60th Anniversary

The Atlantic Conference met from September 10 to 14 for its annual session with the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. The general theme of the conference was "Spiritual Rearmament."

The Rev. G. F. Friedenbergh, New Britain, Conn., was the genial moderator of the conference and presided in a highly commendable manner during most of its sessions. During the opening service, on Wednesday evening, the Rev. William J. Appel and Mrs. Edwin Marklein brought kind words of welcome in behalf of the entertaining church, and the moderator responded in behalf of the assembled delegates and guests. The Rev. H. Palfenier of Philadelphia, a., delivered the opening sermon on the theme, "The Whole Armor of God."

Thursday evening's message came to us from the lips of the Rev. Rudolph G. Schade, of New York City. His text was: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." During Friday evening's service our beloved Dr. William Kuhn spoke to us on the theme, "What Must We Do to Obtain Our Denominational Goals?" (Phil. 3:14).

The following addresses were delivered during the Thursday, Friday

Fiftieth Anniversary of Our Church in Passaic, N. J., from November 22 to 28

Our Church at Passaic, N. J., will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in the latter part of November. On Saturday evening, November 22, the festivities will begin with a fellowship banquet of the membership and constituency of the church. On Sunday, Nov. 23, Dr. Wm. Kuhn will bring the anniversary message. The Rev. Vincent Brushwyler will be the speaker on Tuesday, November 25, when our churches of Greater New York and vicinity will be the invited guests. The local churches will meet with us on Friday, November 28.

We shall be very happy to receive messages from any former members of our church to be read at the banquet.

Somewhat over a year the name of our church was changed to the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J. The Rev. William G. Stroh is the present pastor of the church.

Letters may be addressed to the clerk:

Mr. B. W. Rumminger,
25 Sherman Street,
Passaic, New Jersey

and Saturday day sessions: "Truth and Righteousness" (Eph. 6:14) by the Rev. E. S. Kalland, Boston, Mass.; "Missionary Outreach of the Local Church" by the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, Newark, N. J.; "Our Denominational Enterprise" by the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, Philadelphia, Pa.; "The Gospel of Peace" (Eph. 6:15) by Professor A. A. Schade, Rochester, N. Y.; "Der Schild des Glaubens" (Eph. 6:16) by the Rev. Willy Kahlert, Union City, New Jersey.

During the short devotion periods the brethren G. T. Lutz of Jamesburg, N. J., Arthur Kannwischer of Arnold, Pa., Paul Schade of Meriden, Conn., Herman Kuhl of Union City, N. J., and Milton C. Froyd, pastor of the Bushwick Ave. Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., interceded for us at the throne of grace. The various reports of our denominational representatives were most informational and thought provoking. The reports of our church letters made us grateful as well as humble.

Among the special features during the conference were the following noteworthy items: The moderator extended a very cordial welcome to the new pastors in our Atlantic Conference: H. Freeman of the Ebenezer Church in West New York, N. J., Willy Kahlert of the Second Church in Union City, N. J.; G. T. Lutz of the First Church in Jamesburg, N. J.; Herman Palfenier of the Second Church in Philadel-

phia and Paul Schade of the Liberty St. Church in Meriden, Conn. May the Lord bless their ministry in our fellowship!

In behalf of the delegates and guests of the conference our moderator was privileged to present to Dr. William Kuhn an appropriate gift in recognition of his twenty-fifth anniversary as General Missionary Secretary.

On Saturday evening, the young people of the entertaining church presented very ably the missionary play, "Better than Gold." On Sunday, September 10, the Second Baptist Church celebrated her sixtieth anniversary. Dr. William Kuhn was the guest speaker at the morning service and Prof. A. A. Schade at the evening service.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, Rev. Milton R. Schroeder; vice-moderator, Rev. Christian Peters; recording secretary, Rev. Frank Orthner; statistical secretary, Rev. G. T. Lutz; mission secretary, Rev. Victor Prendinger.

May we extend also in this report the deep appreciation and gratitude of the delegates and guests to the pastor and his willing helpers of the Second German Baptist Church for their kind and generous hospitality. The Second Church of Brooklyn is truly a hospitable church. The Lord grant them during the years to come a very happy and fruitful ministry.

JOHN E. GRIGO, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

News Notes From the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado

On Thursday evening, September 18, after the regular choir practice of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., a social was held in the church parlors in honor of Wesley Moser who left for Texas after being drafted.

On September 21, the annual business meeting of the B. Y. P. U. was held and new officers were elected, as follows: president, Albert Renke; vice-president, Carl Jepson; treasurer and secretary, Mrs. Adam Moser; reporter, Charlotte Meyer; pianist, Anna Jepson; card sender, Evelyn Meyer; group leaders, Myra Krieger and Lloyd Geis; adult sponsor, Mr. Fred Meyer; leaders of Junior B. Y. P. U., Mrs. Fred Meyer and Mrs. Albert Renke.

The male and mixed choir presented a concert in the church on Sunday, September 21. A variety of numbers was presented in praise of our Lord.

On Friday evening, October 3, members of the choir surprised the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp on the occasion of their birthdays. The choir presented them with a set of silverware as a gift of appreciation for their work as choir director and pianist.

Installation of the new B. Y. P. U. officers took place on October 5. So we are looking ahead to 1942 with our theme in mind, "In His Steps."

CHARLOTTE MEYER, Reporter.

Harvest and Mission Festival at the Strassburg Church of Kansas

The first Sunday in October is the traditional date for the annual Harvest and Mission Festival at Strassburg, Kansas. It is the "red letter day" on the church's calendar. According to members and friends of the church the blessings of this year's festival far surpassed those of former years. The highlight of this year's program was the presence of the Rev. M. L. Leuschner as guest speaker. When it was learned that Mr. Leuschner was available on Sunday, September 28, but not on the traditional October 5th, the date was promptly changed.

In spite of the continuous chilly drizzle which fell out-of-doors, there was warmth within the church where some 250 people gathered throughout the day for real spiritual blessings. Lovely fall flowers and ferns added greatly to the appearance of the auditorium which had just been redecorated by members of the congregation.

After the opening remarks by the pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, Mr. Leuschner brought his first message which inspired his hearers and brought them closer to the Father of the Harvest. Two appropriate hymns of praise were sung by the choir from the neighboring church at Durham. At the close of this service, all visitors as well as home folks gathered in the church basement where the ladies of the church served a delicious dinner.

At the afternoon session, following a lively song service, the Rev. Phillip Potzner of the Marion Church brought a message in German. A quartet and a duet from the Marion Church rendered two special numbers. Mr. Leuschner then had a challenging message.

After another time of fellowship at the supper tables, a capacity audience gathered to see the pictures shown by Mr. Leuschner—one group about our mission work in the Cameroons, the other group about the General Conference at Burlington. The Strassburg Choir, with Mr. Roy Vogel directing, sang two numbers during the evening service. The choir is composed of 45 young people, eager to serve their Master in song.

At the close of the pictures the third offering for the day was received and it brought the total for the day to \$172. This amount is \$60 more than that of the previous year. The Strassburg Church is thankful to God for such a "mountain-top" experience and would have liked to say, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." The church is indebted to Mr. Leuschner for leading us into closer fellowship with God, and also to the neighboring churches who showed such fine cooperation.

On the following Wednesday evening the ladies of the church held their annual Mission Sale and the proceeds from the sale of articles denoted as well as the pie and coffee served netted \$170.75.

MRS. HARVEY KRUSE, Reporter.

Eastern Conference Vacation Bible School of the Neustadt Baptist Church of Ontario

The boys and girls of the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada, came with eager and inspired hearts to the church on August 11 for two weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School. The total enrollment was 24 with ages ranging from 3 to 14.

The school was divided into three departments. The teachers were Mrs. J. E. Schnurr and Miss Marion Derbecker for the Beginner's Department, Mrs. R. A. Grenz for the Primary Department, and the pastor, the Rev. R. A. Grenz, for the Junior Department.



Vacation Bible School Children and Teachers of Neustadt, Ontario, With Mrs. J. E. Schnurr and Miss M. Derbecker (Right) and Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Grenz (Left)

Every morning's session was begun with a short period of devotion. The boys and girls marched into the church to the music of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and stood at attention for the Bible salute and Christian flag salute. The theme song of the school was "The Bible is the Best Book."

Unexpectedly, the Rev. and Mrs. Grenz were called to North Dakota on August 20. Then it seemed that school was to be discontinued without completion. However, after the pastor and his wife returned in September, school was resumed for three Saturdays in order to complete two weeks of school. On the last day of school, the pupils and teachers enjoyed a picnic.

The Bible School was climaxed with a program on Sunday evening, September 28. Each teacher gave an outline of the work followed with a resume by each class. Each pupil received a certificate of merit.

An interesting picture of the boys and girls attending this Vacation Bible School appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald." The teachers of the school also appear in the picture.

The pupils and teachers enjoyed this Bible School immensely and are eagerly looking forward to next summer when we hope to have Vacation School again. May God bless these boys and girls and grant that they may grow up as true followers of Christ!

R. A. GRENZ, Pastor.

The Recent Eastern Conference Considers the Theme, "Faith is the Victory."

With joy and great anticipation the friends and delegates of the Eastern Conference assembled with the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. The opening service of the conference took place on Wednesday evening, August 27.

The Rev. George Zinz, Sr., read the scripture lesson, and the united choirs of Bethel and Temple churches of Buffalo, under the able leadership of Mr. Herbert Brunner, favored us with the beautiful anthem, "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation." After the prayer led by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, the Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the

entertaining church, spoke hearty words of welcome to which the moderator of the conference, the Rev. L. B. Holzer, responded. Mr. W. Schmidt of the entertaining church also spoke a few words of welcome.

The Rev. L. B. Holzer brought the message of the evening, in which he emphasized the theme of the conference "Faith is the Victory." We need faith and the willingness to stand up for our Christian convictions, he asserted.

Since the Rev. Richard Grenz of Neustadt, Ontario, was unable to be with us, due to the death of his father-in-law, Professor A. Bretschneider spoke on Thursday morning on "Expressions of Faith." Professor Woyke gave a splendid presentation on "Present-Day Evidences of Faith." The devotions on Thursday afternoon were led by the Rev. John Heer who spoke on the "Cultivation of Faith."

A panel discussion on evangelism conducted by Professor O. E. Krueger proved very stimulating and worthwhile. Not only was the discussion carried on by those designated to take part, but the entire congregation took part in discussing the vital questions pertaining to this important work.

The Rev. A. E. Jaster brought a message on the topic, "The God of Our Faith." The God of our faith is the Creator, the God who always was

"from generation to generation," he said. "The Tests of Faith Today" was the topic for the Friday morning devotions led by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

Professor A. A. Schade presented a symposium on "Our Sunday Schools." The devotions Friday afternoon were led by Mrs. Grace Domes who spoke on "Women of Faith."

We were sorry that our missionary, Paul Gebauer, was unable to be with us. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, our General Missionary Secretary, brought an inspiring message on the goals of our denomination, using for his text the words of the apostle Paul: "So run that ye may obtain." On Saturday morning the Rev. A. Kannwischer brought a message on the topic, "Keeping the Faith."

With the reading of a paper on "Our Faith in the Bible" by the Rev. George Zinz, Sr., the conference proper came to a fitting close. We felt that it was a good conference, and we were strengthened in our conviction that "Faith is the Victory."

On Sunday morning, August 31, Professor O. E. Krueger preached at the Temple Church, while Dr. Kuhn spoke at the Bethel Church. In the afternoon

Your Thanksgiving Offering Will Help Us to Advance for Christ on All Mission Fields at Home and Abroad.

Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week During Third or Fourth Week in November.

we had an interesting program under the leadership of the Rev. H. Hiller entitled, "Faith of Our Fathers, and Faith of Our Children." Professor F. W. C. Meyer, Rev. F. A. Licht, and Mr. Judson Beuerman spoke of the faith of the fathers, while Miss Lillian Schmidt and the Rev. George Zinz, Jr., spoke on faith of our children or visions of the future.

The inspiring fellowship of the saints at this conference was brought to a crowning close by a communion service on Sunday evening under the able leadership of the Rev. Peter Geissler. Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought the message of the evening on "Our Faith in the Holy Spirit."

DANIEL FUCHS, Reporter.

OBITUARY

DELMA VIRGINIA FROMM
of Tacoma, Washington

Delma Virginia Fromm was born on July 23, 1927, in Oregon City, Oregon, and died on October 1, 1941, aged 14 years and 2 months at Olympia, Wash. She came to Lacey, Wash., in 1930 and has made her home there since. In the Fall of 1939 she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord and was baptized into the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., at the Watchnight service of that year. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fromm, and two brothers Elmer and Harold. The writer comforted the bereaved with a message from Mark 5:35-43. The Rev. A. J. Jacobson of the East Olympia Sunday School assisted in the service. The Lord is comforting the sorrowing.

Tacoma, Wash. W. C. Damrau, Pastor.

MR. ALBERT H. SCHILKE
of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. Albert H. Schilke was born on February 1, 1879, in the city of Milwaukee, Wis., where he resided all of his life. After a long period of illness he passed on to his heavenly home on October 7, 1941.

On February 25, 1894, he was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ by the Rev. Jacob Merkel and welcomed into the membership of the church on March 4, 1894. He was a faithful and active member to his homegoing.

His Christian character and pleasant personality endeared him to all who knew him. Friends from all walks of life came to express their sympathy. The numerous floral offerings were, indeed, an expression of love and sympathy by both family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Martha (nee Specht); three children, Esther (Mrs. V. Anderson), Gladys and Harold; one grandchild, Joyce; and a brother, William; all of Milwaukee.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant. . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21 served as text and words of comfort to the sorrowing family.

Milwaukee, Wis. Frank Veninga, Pastor.

MRS. MARY PAULINE IFLAND
of Wasco, California

Mary Ifland, nee Shafer, was born on October 16, 1877, at Thuringen, Germany. At an early age she came to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shafer. The family first made their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., but later moved to Evansville, Indiana, then to Chicago. It was in Illinois, on March 10, 1904, where she was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. Ifland. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Ifland made their home at Gaylord, Kansas. Later they moved to Tullia, Tex. In both places they were engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1920 they have resided since. Mr. Ifland preceded our sister in death.

Mrs. Ifland was converted to Christ at the age of 11 and upon profession of her faith was baptized by the Rev. Wm. Lipphardt and united with the German Baptist Church at Evansville, Indiana. Throughout all these years she was faithful and true in her Christian life. For an extended period of time she served as Sunday School teacher in which she wielded a wholesome influence upon the lives of the young people who were in her class. At the time of her death she was secretary of the Ladies' Missionary Society of our church. She dearly loved the Lord and loyally supported her church. Her life was beautiful because of the meek, gentle spirit, the loving disposition and the radiant Christian faith which she possessed. Her life was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She is survived by two sons, HENRY and EARL IFLAND, of Wasco; 8 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Gromer and Mrs. Tom Shafer, of Wasco; and many nieces and nephews. The Rev. Harry Gromer, nephew of the deceased, the Revs. Ralph and Roy Kraft, and the pastor participated in the service.

Wasco, California. F. E. Klein, Pastor.

"Didn't mean what, Ralph?" she asked gently, sensing the tragedy in his voice. He quoted mechanically the words he had said wonderingly to himself all day: "Philippians 4:10—'I thank God that your care of me hath flourished again, wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.' You wrote that in my annual just after I'd sent you the flowers, Maureen, remember? I just locked it up this morning, and sent you the telegram right away, Maureen," he rushed on,

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trust him with her earthly life! She had feared the dangers and hardships of a missionary's existence, when under his care the veriest jungle was safe as her own room! The tenderness of a new-born faith flooded her being. Ah, this was to know him! And now she might learn to know him in the fellowship of his suffering, and in the power of his resurrection.

Suddenly in the sacredness of this complete surrender, the verse recalled Ralph to her mind. "Oh, Lord," she prayed, "I do not deserve such happiness, but if you have Ralph planned for me, then—then work it out without my doing anything about it. Amen."

For a long time she knelt, just resting in Christ's love, plumbing depths of faith and trust. She bitterly repented her wayward year, yet knew somehow that even in this "all things work together for good to them that love God."

That evening guests began to arrive for commencement. Her room was too small to accommodate a roommate, and as her people had written to say they could come only in the morning, she settled down at the window to watch the arrivals, her room an island of silence in a sea of laughter and greetings. Her mind had sought far places, when unceremoniously the door popped open and her chum poked her head around the corner.

"Maureen, I was told to tell you you've company in the Sarah Wheeler Room," she said briefly and hurried away. Maureen sprang to her feet with a squeal of delight. "Oh, how lovely of them to surprise me and come early anyway!" she cried, and ran gleefully down the stairs and across the hall.

"Maureen!" Speechlessly, the girl stood just within the door, then whispered, "Ralph!" and walked slowly toward him. The room seemed to whirl loudly for a moment, then stopped suddenly and everything became painfully still.

"Maureen . . . I . . . I . . . don't look at me like that. I just read it today, and as soon as I could obtain permission from the mission authorities I came to tell you how unspeakably happy you've made me, and how wretchedly sorry I am that I didn't read it right away! I didn't dream there was a personal message in it . . . you must believe me, Maureen. I thought it was Philippians 3:10 which I knew by heart. You remember, 'That I may know him . . .'"

Maureen wet her lips, and grasped the one thing she could understand. "It was 'that I may know him,' Ralph."

He stared at her, bewildered. "No, it wasn't Maureen." Aghast, he murmured: "Don't tell me you didn't mean it, Maureen!"

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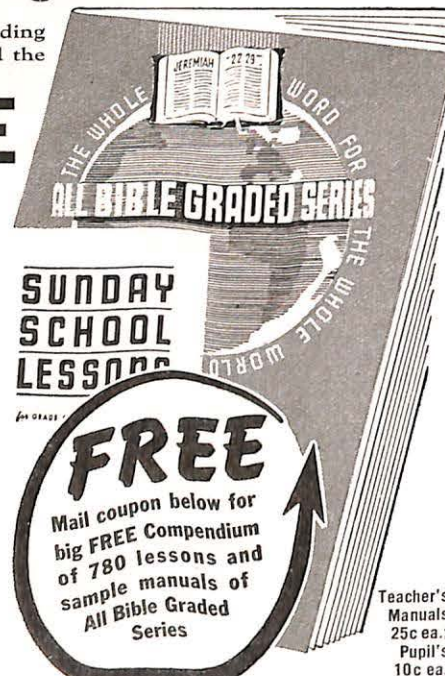
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