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The Silvery Shafts
of Light
from the
Afternoon Sun
Sing of
Abiding Peace
and of
God's Glory
in the Quiet
Forest Sanctuary
of the Giant
Redwood Trees
of California.



—Photo by
Howard W. Ziehl
Detroit, Michigan



What's Happening

¶ The Rev. J. J. Reimer of Gotebo, Okla., recently resigned as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of Oklahoma and brought his ministry there to a close on Sunday, September 21. His resignation was necessitated by ill health when the doctors recommended a higher altitude for him. He and his family have moved to Flagstaff, Arizona.

¶ The Rev. Ruben Kern of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, has accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., and began his services there on Sunday, October 26. Mr. Kern is a graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary in the class of 1941. He is succeeding the Rev. H. Waltereit, who resigned several months ago and who has entered the business field in Edmonton. Mr. Waltereit's name is to be dropped from our denominational "Directory for 1942," according to headquarters.

¶ Members and friends of the Baptist Church in Marion, Kansas, listened to an illustrated address on Soviet Russia by the Rev. Peter Pleshko on Monday evening, October 6. Mr. Pleshko is the general director of the Russian Christian Relief Society in New York City which evangelizes millions of Russians in Europe, Asia, South America, Canada and the United States. He gave a first hand picture on the economic and religious conditions in that land today, according to the Rev. Phil. Potzner, pastor of the church.

¶ The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, held special meetings from September 30 to October 12 with the Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Kindig serving as evangelists. On Sunday morning, September 28, the Rev. A. R. Bernadt, pastor, conducted an impressive service of dedication for 29 small children, whose names were printed in the church bulletin. He was also the guest speaker over the radio station KBUR on the Thursday mornings of October. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jordan of the church celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on September 28th.

¶ The Women's Missionary Society of the First German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., held its 60th anniversary program on Thursday evening, October 23. Mrs. Albertina Woelfle, president, was in charge of the program which featured musical numbers by "a one man band," Mr. Richard von Calio. Other officers of the society are Mrs. Charles Weber, vice-president; Mrs. D. Bakarich, secretary; and Mrs. Emma Haack, treasurer. A church attendance campaign is now being held for seven weeks, beginning with Sunday, October 19, according to the pastor, the Rev. Herman Kuhl.

¶ On Saturday, October 25, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, the evangelist for the Dakota Conference, was removed to the Trinity Hospital of Jamestown, No. Dak., in a very critical condition. Since beginning his work as the Dakota Conference evangelist he had finished engagements in the churches at Beulah, Ashley and Lehr, No. Dak., with marked success. From the latest reports Brother Bartel has passed the crisis but will have to be perfectly quiet in bed under medical observation for a while. We trust that his recovery will be rapid and complete with God's attending healing power!

Front Cover Picture

This remarkable picture of a thrilling scene among the California redwoods was taken by Mr. Howard W. Ziehl, 4495 Field Ave., Detroit, Mich., on U. S. Highway 101 near Benbow, Calif. Mr. Ziehl is a member of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, of which the Rev. G. Neumann is pastor. Other pictures of his were published in the October 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" in connection with the report about the radio ministry of the Burns Ave. Church.

This same picture was recently published by "the Detroit News" in the photogravure section of a Sunday edition. The caption used by the newspaper to describe the photograph was very interesting. It was as follows: "All the world is at war, or talks of war, but here peace reigns. Centuries of turbulent history have been recorded since these giant redwoods began to grow, but the big California trees have known only the storms of Nature." —Editor.

¶ On Sunday, October 12, a number of families of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak., celebrated the 9th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler with a sumptuous turkey dinner. The Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, was also a guest at the dinner. In the evening of that day the deacons and their wives of the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., together with the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler and the Rev. A. Husmann celebrated the birthday of the Rev. A. Ittermann, pastor of the Emery Church. He was presented with an envelope, announcing a substantial raise in his salary.

¶ On Sunday evening, October 19, the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., baptized 4 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. Once a month the church is holding a "Fellowship Night" with great success. A church supper is followed by a program promoting church and denominational objectives. On Wednesday evening, November 12, missionary pictures of the Cameroons were shown by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. The dedication service for infants, held on Sunday morning, October 26, was very impressive. Sunday evening services have been resumed by the Immanuel Church.

¶ The 17th annual banquet of the Men's Baraca Class of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., was held on Tuesday evening, October 28, with the president, Mr. Daniel B. Granzow, serving as the toastmaster. The dinner was served by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the church. Musical numbers were provided by the talented Gras family, Mr. Helmuth Steinke of Chicago, and the West Suburban Male Quartet. Brief remarks were brought by the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., and the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, interim pastor of the church, with the address delivered by the Rev. Charles Bellard. The Rev. C. B. Nordland is the teacher of this large Bible class.

¶ During the month of September the Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe, evangelists, served the Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., and held two weeks of revival meetings. Chimes in the church tower were temporarily installed so that the music and songs could be

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Robinson Crusoe is an impossible phenomenon in our modern world. For our gigantic globe has become a small neighborhood. We are mutually dependent on each

A Thanksgiving Challenge.

eth unto himself and none dieth unto himself." A vast amount of cooperation by hosts of people is needed even for the most insignificant affairs of life.

What an army of laborers from all over the world has been busy to prepare my breakfast! A newspaper costs only two or three cents in most cities, but it represents a tremendous amount of energy by reporters, editors, advertisers, printers, proofreaders, and photographers in my behalf. This editorial is being written on an "iron horse," galloping across the state of North Dakota. I have been considering the number of employees associated with this railroad company to whom I am indebted for this comfortable and luxurious trip until I have lost all count in the great array of workers. Every experience of life binds us more intimately with others, who like a vast sea, extend to the outer fringes of the world.

Such a meditation must have a twofold reaction upon one. How deeply thankful I must feel toward those who are making such immeasurable contributions to my life! A well spring of gratitude in my heart must constantly overflow in my expression of indebtedness to others. In this regard, we do form a brotherhood in the family of nations, for "God hath made of one blood for all peoples to dwell on the face of the earth." Our dependence on each other leads us to profound gratitude for the overwhelmingly large part that others have played in our lives.

This spirit of dependence, which is such a characteristic trait of life, finds its greatest embodiment in our relationship to God. How true it is that without him, we can do nothing! In him "we

live and move and have our being." He is the source of all of life's blessings. With him nothing shall be impossible unto us. His grace is sufficient for all of life's extremities. He is the Alpha and the Omega of life. Such a constant and undeniable dependence upon God must evoke unending praise and gratitude to him for the bounties of his goodness and love. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

A second thought impinges itself upon one in considering our mutual dependence on one another in life. What a staggering responsibility falls upon our shoulders! Every man in need is a brother who must be helped. Every Macedonian call must find a response in the hearts of Christian people. Cooperation requires faithfulness and devotion with exact precision by everyone who is needed. It is impossible to wash one's hands of this obligation. Spiritual isolationists have no part in the Kingdom of God.

In this year 1941 we have as many reasons for gratitude as the sands on the seashore. The harvests have generally been good. Work is plentiful. We have been spared most of the horrors of war. Our beloved denomination is still showing signs of growth. For all of this we want to be truly grateful.

But the times demand a clear-eyed recognition of the challenging opportunities that are opening to us at home and abroad. This is the hour for men and women of great faith in our ranks. This is the God's open door that leads to advancement. In that spirit we want to observe our annual Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week!

Everywhere we shall gather in our places of worship with thankful hearts to God. We shall bring our gifts for the strengthening of our enterprise at home and abroad. In that fellowship we shall face the challenge of the present hour with an eager determination to go "forward with Christ."



—Photograph by Frieda Specht.

These Fruits of the Field, Attractively Displayed in the Kossuth Church of Wisconsin, Are a Visible Symbol of Bountiful Harvests and God's Plenteous Blessings

A Doxology of Thanksgiving

By the REV. GEORGE W. PUST of Fessenden, North Dakota

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

Thousands of churches begin their worship service on Sunday morning with the doxology. What a mighty chorus of voices thus offers praise to Almighty God! We wonder how this outpouring of sounds and melodies the world over must affect him. Surely, we ought to "come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." (Ps. 95:2-3)

It is especially fitting that we remind ourselves of this duty on Thanksgiving Day. It is then that we as a nation are called upon to count the blessings of another year of sowing and reaping, of toil and reward. But vocal expressions—be they ever so well sounding—do not always constitute true praise.

Our Lord felt constrained to accuse the Jews of his day (Matt. 15:8) as Isaiah had done in his (Isaiah 29:13): "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." May we, as a people, whether it be on Sunday, on Thanksgiving Day, or any other time, truly, "enter into his

gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise." (Ps. 100:4).

A Thankful Disposition

There is a prerequisite to genuine praise. It is a thankful disposition. Without this we may praise God for his blessings in church and grunt and grumble at home and in the shop without ceasing. Some think that the disposition of gratitude is instinctive in man. It seems to be with many animals. Pat a dog on the head, and he will wag his tail; stroke a cat on the back, and she will purr her thanks. A dog or a cat may possess this instinct of gratitude, but that is hardly true of man. The German proverb says: "Ingratitude is the world's reward."

Let us beware lest we become pessimistic, but who can forget the story of the lepers? Luke tells us (Luke 17:12 to 17) that "they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go, shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed." But only one "turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks."

Think of it! These men were possessed with the most loathsome of all diseases, a malady that was looked upon as a "living death." It separated

them from family and friends; it compelled them to seek shelter in caves and cemeteries; it made them subsist on what friends and relatives, out of sheer pity, set out for them. To be cleansed, healed from that most terrible of plagues, and nine out of ten neglect to return and give thanks! Is it any wonder that Jesus inquired (and it must have been with deep sorrow): "Where are the nine?"

The Habit of Thankfulness

Postal officials tell us that before Christmas they are overwhelmed with tons of letters addressed to Santa Claus, but that after Christmas a clerk can hold in one hand the letters of thanks addressed to him. The reason for the lack of gratitude is, of course, the absence of a thankful disposition. But this may be acquired. This is done just as we acquire any habit.

Habits do not grow wild. Take the habit of prayer, of reverence, of friendliness. These are not gifts of nature; they are accomplishments. To acquire them means practice, cultivation, exertion. How does one learn to play a musical instrument? By repeated practice, of course. Thus the mind, the arms, the fingers form certain habits and become capable of producing enchanting music.

It is thus with shorthand. A young man entered a shorthand course in a

commercial school. He was slow of thought and slow of finger motion. One day his teacher told him that he was merely wasting time, trying to learn stenography. His tuition fee was returned to him. "Can I never learn?" he asked his teacher. "I do not say, you cannot," she replied, "but you would have to work a hundred times harder than the average student." Within a few weeks the teacher received a bundle of manuscripts. There followed other packages from time to time until the whole book had been copied a hundred times. Then the young man applied for re-enrollment in the school. He was received. In due time he finished the course and became one of the leading court reporters in New York. He acquired a habit; he conquered a native incapacity.

The Gratitude of Jesus

In some such manner, the habit of praise may be acquired. Thankfulness cannot be put on like a garment. It is true that Isaiah speaks of the garment of praise, (Isaiah 61:3), but garments to be worn must first be made. The fabric must be woven and spun, and this is a long process. It must begin early and continue late, until praising God and returning thanks for all our benefits becomes as natural as singing to the song bird.

Gratitude breathes the spirit of heaven. No one ever possessed the spirit of gratefulness as did Jesus our Master. He always gave thanks. Every meal was hallowed by praise and prayer. He took no gift out of the Father's hand without acknowledgment. Sometimes he seems to have interrupted his sermons in order to say: "Father, I thank thee." (Matt. 11:25) And how thoughtful he was in expressing his appreciation to his followers! Not even the pence of a widow escaped his eyes.

Very tenderly he said one day to his disciples: "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations." Before the multitude he pointed lovingly to his followers and declared that they were to him as a mother or brothers. And what a glowing tribute he paid his forerunner: "Verily, I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath none risen a greater than John the Baptist." (Matt. 11:11)

Praise and Appreciation

As his followers it behooves us to emulate the Master. Our hearts ought to be filled with praise to God; but we ought also to appreciate the good, the heroic, the noble in men. Even a strong man can do just a little better when his efforts are appreciated. The story of the fireman has, no doubt, repeated itself a thousand times: "Up the ladder went the brave men. Just above was a precious life, but, between the hungry flames. The men faltered. The captain called to the crowd: 'Give them a cheer.' The cheers were given, three rousing ones, and on the men went saving another life."

It has been said that "nothing so pleases God in connection with our

**Our Denominational
Thanksgiving
and
Sacrifice Week
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Churches from
Sunday, November 16,
to
Sunday, November 23,
or from
November 23 to 30.**

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR
SHARE IN THESE
THANKSGIVING JOYS
AND BLESSINGS**

prayer as our praise." C. H. Spurgeon wrote: "When we bless God for mercies we prolong them, and when we bless him for miseries we usually end them. Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart sucks from every bloom of providence and grace. As well be dead as be without praise; it is the crown of life."

There is a beautiful legend of a golden organ in an ancient monastery. Once the monastery was besieged by robbers who desired to carry off its treasures. The monks took the organ to the river which flowed close by and sank it in the deep water in order to keep it from the hands of the robbers. The legend continues that, although buried thus in the river, the organ still gave forth sweet, enchanting music which was heard by those who came near. It is thus that the thankful disposition will make itself heard, not even the waters of adversity and tribulation being able to silence it.

America the Beautiful

When a thankful disposition has been acquired, it will be natural to enumerate our blessings. Different ones will suggest themselves at different seasons. Thus, the Thanksgiving season reminds us of the *greatness of our country*.

How spacious it is from the Great Lakes on the North to the Rio Grande on the South; from rock-ribbed New England on the East to the Golden Gate and the setting sun on the West! How majestic its mountains and how fruitful its valleys and plains! How numerous its rivers and beautiful its lakes and parks and waterfalls! What a storehouse of minerals, of oil, of power and beauty!

Could the Pilgrim Fathers who landed on the bleak shores of Massachusetts on December 21, 1620, only have known to what a great country they and their children had become heirs, they would not have been able to contain themselves for joy, even in spite of their trials and hardships. Surely, every American ought to be deeply grateful for the great country that is ours and earnestly pray for its well-being, especially during these very critical days when tolerance may as easily be cast to the winds and when feelings run so dangerously high.

Plenteous Harvests

The harvest ought to elicit our grateful response. And it is a bountiful one. Not that all have been able to share in it alike. Alas, that many ardent desires and hopes, full of much promise, should have been dashed to the ground! Hail, storms, excessive rains so often become agents of destruction. With the disappointed and unfortunate we sympathize and express the hope that all may end better than the prospects seem to indicate.

Still, as a whole, the harvest is plenteous, and that after so many years of drought when it had been suggested that the currents that bring moisture had changed their course. Aside from the crops, this year's season has inspired new courage and rekindled much faith. God's promise has not failed: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Gen. 8:22)

William Bradford, in writing of the first Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, after referring to the harvest they had gathered in, and the fish they had caught, and the fowl and the venison they had taken, says: "Thus it was found that the Lord was with them in their outgoings and incomings." How that also applies to this year's harvest. For that a thankful disposition will not fail to show gratitude.

Countless Blessings

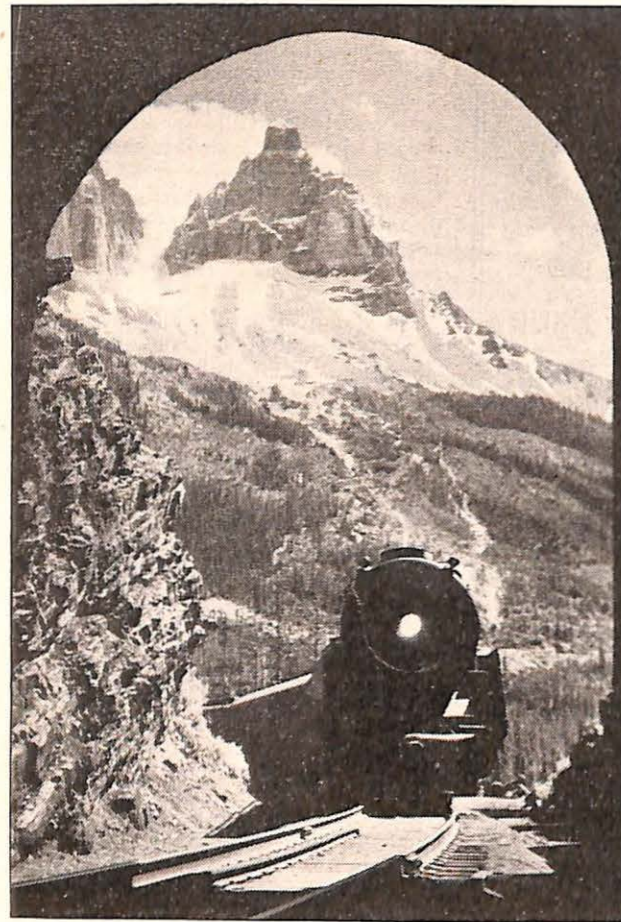
Who can compute the number and the greatness of the blessings that are ours because of the Christian Church? In spite of her faults she is still the best institution God ever gave to man. She shows man the way to God through Jesus Christ; she teaches him how to live and how to die. She deserves the support of every true Christian to the end that God's Kingdom may be established throughout the entire world.

Time and space will not permit us to expatiate on other blessings, such as home, friends, school, love, fellowship, music, science, life and, above all, God himself. We feel like the little girl who began to count the stars and then complained that there were so many.

The Psalmist's Question

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Ps. 116:12) True praise is more inclusive than we are sometimes inclined to make it. Surely, it is evident that it is more than an act of the lips. It also demands our substance. Is it possible for a Christian to accept God's bountiful mercies and then to lend a deaf ear to the appeals that are made in behalf of our missionary and philanthropic endeavors?

True praise demands that we place all that we are and possess at God's disposal. (Rom. 12:1) "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name." (Ps. 103:1) Oh, that we might truly learn to praise God! Then, the doxology will ascend as sweet incense unto his throne.



The Glory of God in His Works and Word

A Thought Provoking and Inspiring Message on
Psalm 19, Especially Appropriate for the
Thanksgiving Season of the Year,
Prepared for a Series of Articles on the Psalms
by the
REV. F. E. KLEIN,
Pastor of the First Baptist Church
of Wasco, California



God's Wonderful Word

The sole intent and purpose of the Bible is to reveal the holy, eternal, omnipotent Being who fills all space and time. God manifests his power and glory in nature, but the power and glory which his Word ascribes to him is infinitely greater. If we diligently read the Scriptures, we cannot miss him on every page. Out of the Word comes the breath of God. Out of the Word we feel the flowing forth of divine life and strength.

The remarkable fact about it is that man may worship God through nature, but he will find that such worship leaves him unchanged in his relationship to God. Worship of God through nature does not produce conviction of sin, repentance and confession, nor is it able to impart to man that mysterious, yet very real life,—a new creature in Christ Jesus! All of this the divinely inspired Word will gloriously accomplish, if man permits God's Spirit to administer the Word to his heart.

The Word of God in its authoritative message and revealing power commands man's faith in the only true and living God. The greatest sin man may commit is to doubt and disbelieve the great message of help and hope given him by God in this Word. It is very significant to note that God has put his thoughts of infinite love and tender mercy into such language as man is able to read. The language of God has been translated into over a thousand different languages and dialects and

Shannon said: "The universe is just a vast autograph album. Its covers are wrought of matter bound up in myriads of forms; its pages are molecules and atoms and constellations, planets and electrons, mountains and notes; and God has written his signature upon every page, every single page, whether gigantically large or microscopically small." There is so much beauty in nature; it is only that not all people see it.

The story is told that the great English painter, Turner, was creating one of his immortal masterpieces. A woman of high rank, who carefully observed him, said: "But Mr. Turner, I do not see all of that in nature that you are painting there." "Yes, that may be so," answered the famous painter, "but do you not wish that you could see it?"

Most of us have already beheld great nature scenes: the snow-capped mountains in their rugged majesty, the billowy sea in its beautiful blue, the flowers with a thousand gorgeous hues, the glaciers and pines reflected in the mirrored lakes, the crimson of the sunset, the giant redwood trees, pointing with their tassled spires toward the sky. All of them have caused us to say in adoration and praise: "O God, how great are thy works." Truly, all of nature bears the stamp of its infinite Creator. Our God is a wonderful God, because he made everything in this world so very beautiful.

God's Wonderful World

What mysteries and glories are seen in the vast volume of the book of nature! There we see the presence, the power and the majesty of a great Designer. With a note of exultant joy David says: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." The earth, the sky, the sea, the day, the night, the sun and stars, all unite their voices to proclaim the glory of the Lord.

today there are over sixty million copies of this wonderful Book in existence. In spite of the fact that the Bible has been ridiculed and scoffed at by atheists and skeptics, it is still the "best seller."

As nature reveals the greatness of its Creator, so the Word reveals the authority and majesty of the Divine Law-giver. The six titles that are given to the Word of God here take in the whole canon of divine truth. This Word possesses the quality of converting the soul; its sure testimony instructs those who are willing to learn; it makes the heart of man glad and enlightens his eyes; the ordinances of God's justice are based upon righteousness and truth.

Inexhaustible Riches

There are great treasures to be found in the realm of nature, but none are so valuable as those found in the Word of God. Neither the high standard of the quality of gold, nor the vastness of its quantity may be compared to the inexhaustible riches in the Bible. Gold may lose its value and pass away, but the Lord declared in Matt. 24:35: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." And Peter, writing through divine inspiration (1. Peter 1:25) says: "The Word of the Lord endureth forever."

The message of the Bible inspires, purifies, elevates and enriches the life of man. Many of the masters have written their great oratorios, have placed upon the canvas their most wonderful creations, have composed the loftiest poetry and have chiseled into marble the grandest ideas through the inspiration of divine truth. Philipp Schaff well says: "In it the blind may find light; the thirsty may find drink; the hungry may find food and the sorrowing may find comfort. Like the diamond, it casts its lustre in every direction; like a torch, the more it is shaken, the more it shines; like a healing herb, the harder it is pressed, the sweeter is its fragrance."

An unknown author has paid this high tribute to the Word of God: "This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the reward of saints and the doom of sinners. Its histories are true, its doctrines holy, and its precepts binding. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. It is a river of pleasure, a mine of wealth and a paradise of glory. It is given you in life, will be open at the judgment and will be remembered forever. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy."

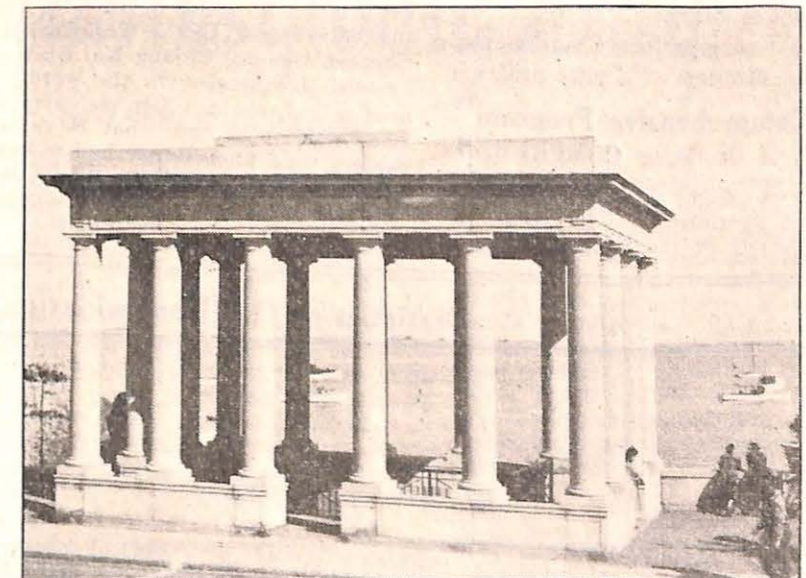
A Threefold Prayer

In the light of divine truth David was led to pray: "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults." He saw in it the power to pen-



The Rugged Rock on Which the Pilgrims Landed in 1620, Seeking Religious Freedom in America

etrate the most secret parts of man's inner life. In Heb. 4:12 we are told that the Word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Secret sins are of the worst and most dangerous character. David knew that very well.



The Monument at Plymouth, Mass., Commemorating the Landing of the Pilgrims in America in Search of a Religious Haven

So it is his plea that he might be cleansed from them. In the Lord he found that source of strength which could remove from him the burden of his sin. Today we may come to that same source and have the guilt and stain of our sin removed. The greatness of the glory of the Gospel of Christ is expressed very effectively in the song:

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Emanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."

Then there follows this petition: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins." Presumptuous sins are willful, deliberate acts of transgression. The man who sins against the light and the knowledge which he possesses commits a very great wrong. The truth is implied here that he wants to be held back from presumptuous sins by the might of the all-conquering grace of God. The Lord should keep him so that he might not go to the edge of the precipice.

What a deep sense of helplessness is expressed in this Word and what confidence in the great keeping power of God! It brings to us comfort to know that God is still the same. He is able to hold us back from the snares and the pitfalls. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." (Ps. 119:11) That is the secret of being forearmed and guarded against the forces of evil.

A Glorious Climax

This Psalm comes to a glorious climax with the prayer: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." God is recognized as the only source of strength—he is the Redeemer of the soul. The meaning of these words should find great emphasis in our day. Life is so constituted today that we find very little or no time for quiet, restful thinking upon the greater

things of life. To many people the fine art of meditation and prayer is very foreign. They need to cultivate the desire to be absorbed in the deep eternal truths of God's holy Word.

A man was confined to the hospital for 15 years. He met with an accident which had left him partly paralyzed. (Continued on Page 438)

Building a Vital Young People's Program

A Timely Discussion by the REV. WM. J. APPEL of Brooklyn, N. Y.

That the successful issue of any worth while endeavor demands an adequate program requires no argument with an intelligent group of young people today. That such a program does not happen is a matter of common knowledge, and because of its great importance in our work as Christian youth let us direct our attention to some essentials.

Vitality in Modern Youth

Agreed upon these general facts, dare we hope to build a program in our young people's societies which will prove vital in the lives of modern youth? Has not progress in the field of the sciences ushered in a new day in which spiritual values are largely discounted or entirely dismissed from our thinking?

The words of a scientist, Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, may shed light upon our consideration: "In my judgment the greatest discoveries in the near future will be made along spiritual lines. Some day people will learn that things don't bring happiness. Then scientists will turn their laboratories over to the study of God's word and prayer and of forces which as yet have scarcely been scratched." It is with this truth and these forces that Christian young people have to deal as they carry out their important ministry.

I would suggest four C's to emphasize some elements of a vital program.

A Comprehensive Program

First, it should be COMPREHENSIVE—large in scope or content; inclusive. It should deal with the whole range of legitimate life interests. A careful study of the life of our Lord

will reveal this most clearly. Care must be exercised, however, lest we magnify trifles and minimize fundamentals, thereby confusing a sense of values. A mischievous boy got into a show window and shifted the price tags, attaching one, taken from a pair of ladies gloves valued at \$1.75 to a fur coat which was marked \$250 and placing the \$250 tag beside the gloves.

A prominent Hindu after touring the United States made this reply when questioned regarding his observations. "Christianity is the cheapest of all religions, for so few professing Christians make sacrifices for it. They apparently value gold more than God and movies more than their Master. They seem to give 95% of their time, thought and money to the care of the body, 4 and 9/10% to cultivation of the mind and 1/10 of 1% to soul culture." Let the program be wisely balanced.

Concrete and Constructive

In the second place, the program should be CONCRETE—embodied in actual experience. At the close of a young people's service in answer to an invitation to come again, a gentleman surprised the questioner with the words, "What for?" Someone has said, "The church is God's instrument to draw humanity to his heart." Does our program reveal this? The Christian Chinese, General Chiang Kai Shek expressed this longing in the words, "I need a God who can help me carry my load." If it be true that there was never a time when people had so much to live for and so little to live by, how carefully should we plan to acquaint them with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Further, our program should be CONSTRUCTIVE—having power or tendency to build up. This quotation from Dr. Richard Cabot should be kept in mind by program builders: "A person can assimilate spiritual food only when it feeds his growing edge. A soul, like a muscle, grows from a frontier which registers the point reached thus far on its march into the unknown.

Our programs must be built to feed the growing edge.

A Challenge to Action

In conclusion, let us bear in mind that our program must be CHALLENGING to dare to a contest or trial. Judge Millington, a former president of the Northern Baptist Convention said recently, "Where there is so much opportunity for impression and so little for expression a serious situation results and herein lies a grave danger to the youth of America."

Upon his return from a visit to Africa Dr. Lerrigo, in telling of his experiences and observations, used as his subject, "Africa Crashes the Gates." He presented his material under the following divisions: Vivid Pictures, Vital Experiences and Vigorous Action. If in our young people's program we fail to challenge to vigorous action, we will fail in fulfilling our mission.

If through prayerful preparation our programs present vivid pictures of the truth leading to vital experiences with planned opportunities for vigorous action, our young people shall crash some of the gates of enemy strongholds and win spiritual victories with Christ.



Our Thanksgiving Day

By JASPER JACKSON

Thanksgiving Day is usually regarded as a typical American feast day of New England origin. Yet its progenitors belong to the far past. It is the scion of a historic and worthy stock.

The most popular gathering among the Hebrews was the feast of tabernacles, an eight-day celebration held just after the gracious yields of the gardens, fields, and vineyards had been gathered and stored away. With processions and songs and the sound of silver trumpets, with offerings to Jehovah and largess of charity to the needy, the race gave expression to its thanksgiving impulses.

Early England had its yearly harvest home, with much eating and drinking, the occasion being convivial rather than reverential. The first national thanksgiving day was held on September 8, 1588, to rejoice over the defeat of the Spanish Armada. During the nineteenth century there were only two thanksgivings in which all England took part. One was in 1872, when the nation expressed its joy over the recovery from illness of the Prince of Wales; the other, on June 21, 1887, was connected with the jubilee of the reign

of Queen Victoria. The American Thanksgiving has been a "fixed feast," national and noteworthy, since 1863.

Such, in brief, is the history of Thanksgiving Day. What is its significance? It is communal, social, and individual. It is common to all the people. It summons the high and the lowly, the young and the old, to join their myriad voices in a song of praise to the eternal God for his manifold mercies. Innumerable groups of people come together in religious and patriotic gatherings to speak of gratitude and hope.

Thanksgiving has also its social meaning and value. It is the great feast of the home. It crowns and sanctifies the domestic relationships. In spite of unwholesome and un-American tendencies, we are still, thank God, a nation of homes. So, at Thanksgiving time, each happy household becomes a center of genial hospitality. The scattered members come together. The reunion revives tender memories and strengthens loving fellowships. No other day in all the year is so well adapted to the privileges of family life.

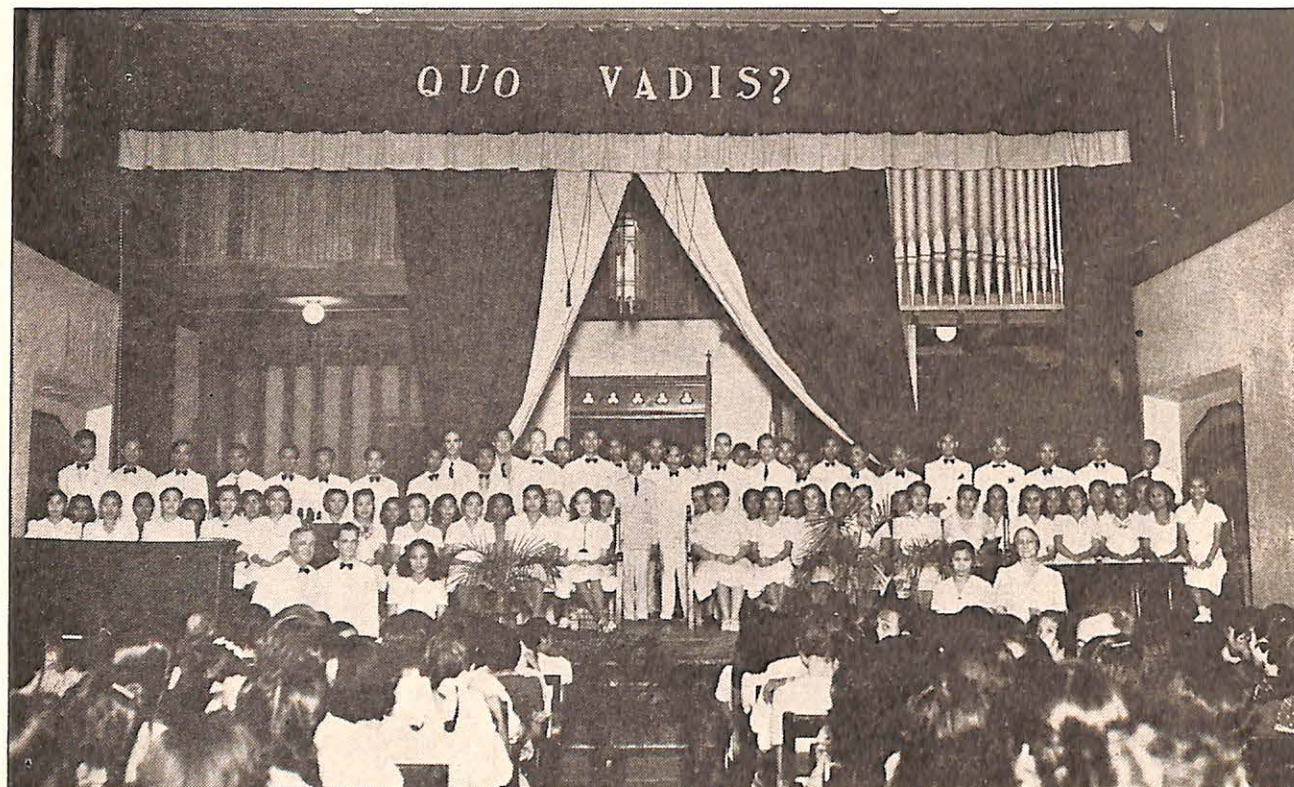
The craving for warm and unconventional intercourse with our "kith and kin" is here abundantly satisfied. These sacred sympathies, thus beautifully awakened, do not, however, spend themselves within the limits of the inner circle of affection. Sheltered by the home, sharing its provision for comfort and good cheer, all worthy people find their hearts touched with compassion for the less fortunate folk who are poor and lonely and desolate. So, a helpful and social ministry waits on the observance of the day. This is peculiarly the obligation of Thanksgiving Day in such a time as this.

There is a personal value involved. The right observance of Thanksgiving fills the heart of the individual with the spirit of abiding gratitude. It inspires him to continue to express his feelings of love and praise in deeds of mercy and loving-kindness. For the wide-awake, genuine Christian man or woman, the giving of thanks to God for his goodness is not the discharge of a duty in formal and perfunctory fashion. It is rather the response of life to life, the steady outburst of the joy of a

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Statistics of Our Denomination, 1941

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Membership	Local Expenses	Missions	Total Contributions	Value of Property	Sunday Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars	B. Y. P. U.'s		Ladies' Aids	
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Central	27	234	6159	113 067 56	40 517 42	153 584 98	970 773	27	536	4724	25	933	27	1083
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Northern	44	186	5270	42 104 28	8 407 42	50 511 70	154 324	52	396	4425	29	1202	31	787
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Eastern	13	75	2237	34 651 83	7 325 70	41 977 50	306 400	13	190	1694	9	304	12	449
Pacific	23	143	4076	66 644 89	20 298 99	86 943 88	342 700	29	333	3700	32	1113	24	903
Southern	14	46	1145	26 847 24	4 032 92	30 781 16	96 300	14	97	1009	8	436	9	162
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Last Year	266	1440	37734	\$563 962 46	\$150 728 16	\$713 428 76	\$4 435 113	309	3416	36262	221	8126	224	6827
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The Filipino Choir That Rendered the Oratorio, "The Holy City," Under the Direction of Dr. Frederick W. Meyer at the Recent Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches

Oratorio by an Enthusiastic Filipino Choir

On Thanksgiving Day in November, 1941, the Filipino Choir composed of selected voices from Capiz, Iloilo and Negros Provinces will repeat the rendition of "The Holy City" by A. R. Gaul at the Christian Endeavor Convention to be held at Capiz, the Philippine Islands. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Frederick W. Meyer, Baptist medical missionary, who is a son of Prof. and Mrs. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y.

This oratorio was recently presented

by the wonderful choir at the convention of Philippine Baptist Churches which was held at the Central Philippine College. "Quo Vadis?" was the theme of the convention. Before a large and appreciative audience the oratorio was rendered superbly with musical precision and spiritual interpretation.

Soloists included Mrs. Ruth Schacht Meyer, the wife of the missionary, Anita Aurelio Gonzaga, Dioscoro Villalua and Clemente Espejo. The accompanists were Milton Walter Meyer,

a son of the missionaries, Elora Garzia Jordan, and Laura Patrick Munger at the pianos and Rebecca Rio at the organ. Milton Meyer also played an introductory number entitled, "Contemplation." Dr. Meyer added with justifiable pride: "I am very fond of my chorus."

"The Baptist Herald" is delighted to publish the superb picture of the choir, showing Dr. Meyer standing with his son to the right of the piano on the left hand side of the picture and with Mrs. Meyer seated on the front row (left) in the right hand section of the choir.

Back Again to the African Lepers

A Letter by MRS. ALMA MC ELHERAN of Nigeria, Africa

Sudan Interior Mission, Katsina Leper Settlement, Katsina, Nigeria, Africa, July 13, 1941.

Dear Brother Leuschner:—

You and "The Baptist Herald" friends are no doubt wondering as to our whereabouts now. We are happy to inform you that we are back in dear old Africa again. This is our third Sunday here.

We embarked on the "El Nil," an Egyptian liner, at New York on the 14th of May, set sail on the 16th, and after 42 days on the water, disembarked at Lagos on June 25. Much could be written about the trip but since letters are censored suffice it to say that we came through many dan-

gers, but none of them did us any harm. Someone called our ship the "miracle ship" when he heard where we had come through.

We were over 70 missionaries on board and about 25 children. We represented 10 different Mission Boards all functioning in Africa. Every day an hour was given to Bible study and prayer. Daily we committed our welfare into the hands of him who was leading us forth, and truly he did the "exceeding abundant" for us.

Little Marilyn, who seemed too small to attempt such a long journey came through it nicely. She gained 2 pounds and 14 ounces while on the boat. Marvin, too, was quite well during the whole trip. He had to be watched care-

fully lest he would climb the rail and fall overboard. You may be sure it was a great relief to get on to solid ground once again.

We are back in leper work again but as you notice by the address we have been transferred to another colony that is about 100 miles from the Kano Leper Settlement. We have been here a week now and are busy getting our home arranged as well as getting acquainted with the lepers and work here. We are sure we are going to like it here and are trusting the Lord to give us souls from amongst these lepers. We are counting on your prayer support. Should any care to correspond we should be very glad to receive letters and answer them.

Evangelistic Trip in China

Extracts from a Letter by MISS LEONA ROSS of the South China Boat Mission

Hongkong, China.

One of the students from the Bible school and I are spending our summer vacation going on evangelistic trips. Today we took a bus and went quite a way into the country, and when we came to a large town, we got off and sat down by the roadside. I began playing my ukelele, and the youngsters stood off a little way and looked, but did not know whether to come close or not.

Finally, a country woman carrying a load, stopped. I said: "Eldest Brother's Wife," (a term of great respect among the lower classes), "would you like to hear about Jesus?" "Yes," was the answer. No sooner had we started talking to her before a crowd surrounded us on every side. We sat there for two hours or more, talking and singing, and showing Bible picture charts which we explained.

Before we left for the next stopping-place we had taught the children to sing two choruses and "If I come to Je-

sus, He will make me glad," the latter having four verses and a chorus. At first they were bashful and would not sing, but once they got started they did very well.

I have had three letters from Canton that I must answer—two from missionaries and one from the Chinese Committee on the Gospel Boats. They seem to think that they need me in Canton, and they are definitely planning on me as their speaker for the opening week of meetings, just before they re-open their schools.

For seven days I am to deliver a message every day. So, what I have always thought would be my last choice for a field of service, seems to be the very place into which I am being thrust. I will try and patiently submit, and who knows, but as on two previous occasions when I did this so reluctantly, it turned into a blessing.

But now it is hard, for I have such a comfortable little room where I can have Chan Oi, my little adopted daugh-

ter, with me, and an unlimited field for evangelistic work and a Bible school to teach in. The two Bible schools in Canton together are not as large as the one here. Besides, in the evangelistic field there is essentially a handicap as you would understand in enemy invaded territory.

What I will do with Chan Oi I do not know as yet, but there is a children's home here where I think they will accept her as a student.

I have confidence in this home as being just the place where I would like her to go to school, as the ones in charge are very sound in doctrine and sincere as Christians. Chan Oi has had a good start and though she will not be five until September 7, she is getting so she can read the Chinese Bible quite well. She can read the first twenty-four chapters of Genesis without a mistake and a number of Psalms and quite a bit in the New Testament, some parts of which she has read so much that she knows them by heart, word for word.

Among China's Teeming Millions

A Missionary Letter from MISS BERTHA LANG of China

China Inland Mission,

Pingyanghsien, Chentung, China.

We returned from a month's trip in the country a few days ago and since then I've been comparing in my mind women's meetings at home and out here. What a contrast! Imagine a warm afternoon with 20 to 30 babies between the ages of 5 months and 3 years in an audience of perhaps 80 women.

At this particular place messages need to be interpreted. The interpreter for the afternoon is a young woman of 30 years who is the mother of four children. The youngest son, who is very lively, insists upon his mother giving him her attention. She draws a chair to the table and sits him on it. That doesn't satisfy him; he wants to be nursed and so to be fed.

Another woman is so "fed up" with her little boy that she takes the wooden hammer, with which they ring the bell, and gives it to him to play with. It amuses him for a time and while she is eagerly listening to the message, the child slips to the platform and then there is a loud "bang," "bang!"

What annoyed looks there are from anxious hearers who have no children!

What rebukes of "Why don't you take care of your youngsters?" The mothers would do anything just to listen. Peanuts, cakes, sugar cane and who knows not what all are brought to meetings only to silence the little ones.

But, alas, it seems at times useless. At first thought one is almost inclined to tell these mothers not to come, but dare we? Poor souls—they, too, are anxious to hear, and so amid distractions and the need of patience, the meetings are carried on.

At the above mentioned place I had another trying experience. Our place of abode was in a small, dark attic and it was rat ridden. One morning, to my dismay, I found the collar of my winter coat gnawed in a number of places. I said to my fellow-workers: "So long as they haven't touched my serge dress, I won't complain." But they had chewed a big hole on the shoulder, and one sleeve had about a dozen holes. I can assure you I felt more like weeping than "taking with rejoicing the spoiling of my goods!" Fortunately for me, my fellow-worker is an excellent seamstress and she is going to see what new style she can think of to cover the holes.

Prices of everything are abnormal. Fortunately for us, home exchange is still good. Our journey of about 9 to 10 miles last week used to cost us 40 cents about 2 years ago. Last week the boatman wanted \$5.00. Our pastor was with us and argued prices for us. What a lot of time is wasted in arguing prices! We finally got it for \$2.80. Had we been alone, they would never have done it for that.

How we need patience these days!! Pray that it may be given to us in an ever increasing measure. We need it at our meetings when babies and children are noisy; we need it when our belongings are spoiled; we need it in dealing with boatmen, coolies, servants—everyone!!

With kindest greetings to all readers of "The Baptist Herald." I miss the "Heralds" when they don't come, for they keep me in touch with the churches where I've had the privilege of meeting friends.

A few days ago a check came by air mail from the Iowa Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union for our work. I want to thank them most heartily for their generous gift which has come safely to hand.

Children's Page

Edited by MRS. ALFRED WEISSER of Carrington, North Dakota

Always Giving

Giving, giving, always giving,
Is my Lord to me;
Giving of His grace and blessing,
Sinful though I be.
And shall I withhold from giving
While He gives to me?
Cling to earth and earthly treasures,
Though the need I see?

No, I'll give to spread the message,
Give to Him I love,
Give to herald wide the coming
Of my blessed Lord;
Give as I have been forgiven,
Give to send His Word
To poor souls who sit in darkness,
Knowing not the Lord.

NEXT ISSUE!

The Fascinating Book,
THE PRODIGAL RETURNS
by Harold Garnet Black will be
published serially in "The Herald"
beginning with the December 1st
issue and continuing for approxi-
mately six months.

The familiar parable of Jesus
about "the Prodigal Son" has been
graphically reenacted in this mar-
velous story with a stirring plot
and with all the color of the Pales-
tinian background.

This is an entirely different kind
of a story to be published in "The
Herald" which will merit the in-
tense interest of all readers.

"The Prodigal Returns"
on December 1st



A Frisky Colt and the Rev. H. Lueck of Manitowoc, Wisconsin,
Are Trying to Get Acquainted With Each Other

FAIR EXCHANGE

Amy polished and polished until her fingers were stiff. Then she polished still more!

Finally the last shining spoon was laid on the table. Amy's mother smiled and said, "That's fine work, Amy. Here's your dime. It's the last one you need, isn't it?"

Amy nodded, almost too happy to speak. From her bank she got out the rest of the dimes that had taken so long to accumulate. All together they added up to just the price of the big doll in the downtown store.

It was a beautiful doll, with big blue eyes and real eyelashes, and long, golden curls as soft as silk. Amy had long ago named it "Cuddles."

"I'm going right down and get Cuddles now," she told her mother.

"I'll walk along with you," her mother said. "They phoned me from the church to come help them get a box of things ready for a poor little girl in the hospital."

"Who is she?" Amy asked as they started down the walk.

"Her name is Ruth. Her family is very, very poor. The nurse taking care of her told us she did not even have a nightgown to wear that was not all raggedy."

Amy became very thoughtful. "I don't suppose she has any doll as grand as Cuddles to play with her then," she said.

"Oh, no," her mother sighed, "I'm afraid she does not have any doll at all!"

"Maybe," she suggested slowly, "maybe I could put in . . . Well, Arabella . . . in your box for her!"

Arabella was Amy's oldest doll, the one that had lost her hair.

"I think Ruth would be very happy to have her," Amy's mother agreed. "Bring her down to the church after you have been to the store."

Cuddles was even more beautiful than Amy had remembered. Amy held her tight all the way back home. What fun she would have dressing Cuddles in the lovely little dresses she had been sewing for her!

Home again, Amy unpacked all the little clothes and spent a blissful hour trying them on her new doll. Each thing looked dearer than the one before.

But suddenly the sight of good old Arabella reminded Amy of the little girl in the hospital who had no doll at all.

Now what could Arabella wear to make her look a little better? She did not even have a cap to cover her hairless head, and her clothes were not very nice-looking any more.

"Oh, dear," sighed Amy, looking over her family. "Maybe I should give her Billy Boy." But Billy Boy had had a hand chewed off by the puppy.

"Then maybe Susan," thought Amy worriedly. But Susan owned only the dress she was wearing, and a little sick girl in a hospital, with nothing else to play with, would surely love dressing a doll in all sorts of outfits.

One by one, Amy went over her family of dolls, and not one quite satisfied her as the right gift for Ruth. Not one—except Cuddles!

Every time that upsetting thought came into Amy's head, she put it quickly out. But back it came again.

Finally Amy, with her lips buttoned tight together to keep them from trembling, packed Cuddles with all her new clothes, put in a little note telling Cuddles' name and her own, and took them to the church.

Two days later, a carefully printed letter arrived from the hospital.

"Dear Amy," it said, "I have never had anything so lovely in my whole life as Cuddles. I love her dearly, and play with her every minute the nurse will let me."

"The nurse says I am getting well twice as fast since Cuddles came!"

"Thank you ever and ever so much! Won't you come some afternoon and play with Cuddles, too? And me? I would so love to have you for my friend. Ruth."

Amy sang gayly around the house all morning. "I guess giving away Cuddles was just a fair trade after all," she said. "I gave away a new doll, but I got a new friend in exchange!"

The Trinity Church of Portland Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee

Reported by EMMA B. MEIER, Church Clerk

"The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of a church is, in itself, no great achievement. Every church, if it does not die out in the meantime, will sooner or later reach its fiftieth birthday. But for a church to arrive at its golden anniversary full of vigor and strength, facing the future with a determination to continue its divine task of Kingdom building, that is a rare thing and a real occasion for a joyous celebration." This, in substance, was the statement made by our distinguished guest speaker, Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., who very graciously paid our church, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., a very high tribute, indeed, during our recent festivities.

Our double motto: **TO THE GLORY OF GOD** and **FORWARD WITH CHRIST** gleamed in golden letters above the platform. For we are aware that only by the grace of God have we been able to carry on his work thus far, and only if we strive to go forward with Christ is our future secure.

Honoring the Past

The church auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Gorgeous gladioli seemed to grow from behind a vine-covered lattice fencing the platform. Then our neighboring churches vied with one another in "saying it with flowers," bringing magnificent floral pieces, some of which contained golden chrysanthemums as big as cabbages, until the entire platform looked like an enchanted garden.

The opening session on Thursday evening, October 9, featured an address by Dr. Kuhn in which he enumerated some of the characteristics of a good church member and encouraged us to "hold such in honor," referring particularly to those who had had a large share in the building of this church. After the address a graphic history of the church was presented by means of stereopticon slides with illuminating remarks by our genial deacon, Mr. David Billeter.

On Friday evening, **FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**, an opportunity was given our neighboring churches to bring their greetings and this they did with many gracious verbal and floral bouquets. The "mother" church, Bethany, was represented by her pastor, the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, the Salem church by Dr. J. Olthoff, Salt Creek by the Rev. Otto Nallinger, Stafford by the Rev. Dr. J. Olthoff, the "daughter," Laurel B. J. Friesen, the "daughter," Laurel B. J. Friesen, the "daughter," Mueller, and Hurst, by the Rev. F. W. Mueller, and Emanuel Church by the Rev. Otto Roth, who insisted, "This time it's a boy:

EMANUEL." Dr. F. W. Starring, executive secretary of the Oregon Baptist Convention, brought us the felicitations of that body and gave an address on "Our Church and Our Denomination."

Living Charter Members

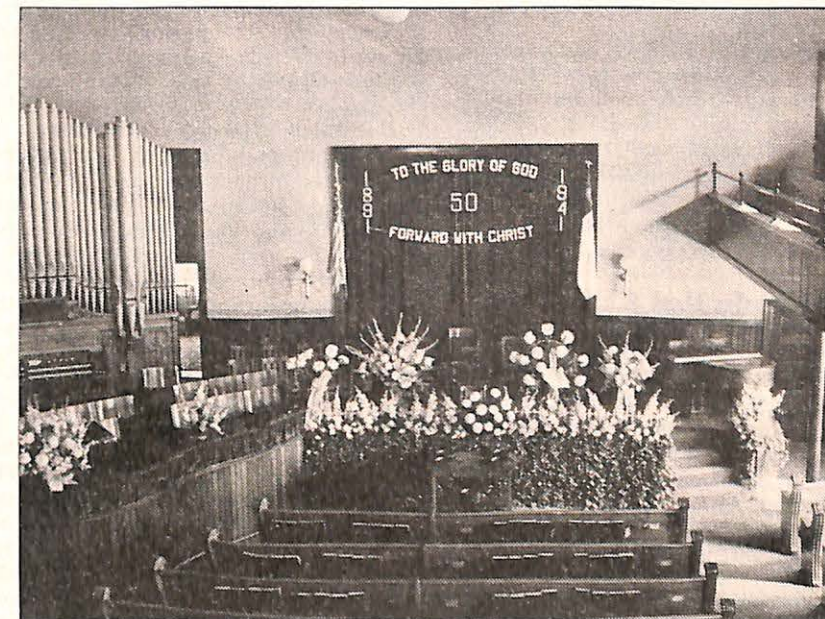
On Saturday evening, **CHURCH NIGHT**, a more informal program was carried out under the leadership of the

taining to the younger generation was the account of the early "horse-and-buggy days," when members had to cross the Willamette River on a ferry to come to church.

Trios and quartets of other years as well as the present gave variety to the program which ended in a "Liebesmahl" with a generous plate of refreshments including a dainty chocolate cookie decorated with a yellow "50." These cookies, as well as an elaborately wrought birthday cake were made by Mr. William Pfaff, for many years the faithful treasurer of our Sunday School.

Dr. Kratt's Blessed Memory

The Sunday School had its own anniversary program on Sunday morning, in which six former superintendents participated. The Young People's So-



The Auditorium of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon,
Decorated With Flowers and Streamers for the Fiftieth Anniversary
Program of the Church

chairman of the anniversary committee, Mr. Edw. Neubauer. Our two charter members, Mrs. Margaretha Boehi and Mr. Conrad Wyss, were honored on this occasion, as was also our esteemed treasurer, Mr. James Billeter, who had also been secretary for a long term of years. Our deacon, Mr. Harry Johnson, addressed them in the name of the church, presenting them with appropriate cards and adorning Mrs. Boehi with a corsage of yellow rosebuds and the gentlemen with boutonniere.

While we were conferring honors, we could not miss the opportunity of recognizing Dr. Kuhn's silver anniversary. So our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, called Dr. Kuhn to the platform and conferred upon him the honorary degree of G. F. S., (Good and Faithful Servant). Five members gave five-minute talks on the five decades: Conrad Wyss, 1891-1901; James Billeter, 1901-1911; Henry Neubert, 1911-1921; Jennie Boehi, 1921-1931; and Jas. D. Billeter, 1931-1941. Particularly enter-

ciety and the Women's Missionary Society shared in the program of the afternoon, at which Dr. J. F. Olthoff of Salem brought a stirring address on "The Inspiration of an Ideal."

Dr. Kuhn, in his own imitable way, gave us three timely sermons on Sunday. "Building God's Temple" and "The Continuance of the Church of Christ" were his themes in the morning, and in the closing service our motto: "Forward with Christ!"

We closed with a memorial service honoring our departed members, in particular, our beloved Dr. Jacob Kratt, whose passing the church still mourns. How we wished he might have lived to enjoy this celebration! How often his name was mentioned in the course of these days and how inextricably was his life interwoven with that of the church! He rests from his labors and his works follow him.

Throughout all the sessions the beautiful musical selections played by our

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Reports from the Field

Northern Conference

Activities of the Edenwold Ladies' Aid in Saskatchewan

It is a long time since we have sent a report to "The Baptist Herald" from the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada, but we are still busy at work. At present we have 20 members, and we come together on every first Tuesday afternoon of each month. Our president is Mrs. H. Paul of Balgonie.

Sometimes we are favored with a talk from our beloved pastor, the Rev. A. R. Weisser.

On the first of July we had a picnic and a bazaar. With the money that is raised we try to help in different places, such as missions, Red Cross, etc.

Also we have remembered our Bible School in Edmonton. With the money out of our birthday treasury we secure flowers or fruit for the sick.

MRS. MARTHA HOLLERBAUM, Secretary.

The Freudenthal Church and Zion Station of Alberta Hold a Farewell Service for the Rev. and Mrs. F. Alf

A farewell service was held for the Rev. and Mrs. F. Alf and their son, Vernon, by the Freudenthal Baptist Church at our mission station, Zion, near Carbon, Alta., Canada, on Sunday evening, October 5.

The superintendent, Mr. Art Forsch, of the Zion Sunday School was in charge of the program. All the various branches of the church were represented by their leaders who spoke words of appreciation.

Some time before this date the Women's Missionary Society had presented Mrs. Alf with a beautiful quilt to show their thanks and appreciation for the splendid work which she had done. The women of our Zion station presented Mrs. Alf with an envelope of money. Mr. J. J. Ohlhauser, first deacon of the church, presented Mr. Alf, in behalf of the church, with a Parker pen and pencil set, and Vernon was presented with a Bible from the Zion B. Y. P. U. The Alfs then responded to the tributes and good wishes, and expressed their gratitude. Mr. Alf especially thanked the church for giving him the last two weeks as holidays.

On October 12 the Rev. F. Alf brought his closing sermon at the Freudenthal Church. At both places music was rendered by the mixed choir, quartets and others. After the evening service everyone had the opportunity at the door to bid them farewell. Our sincere prayer is that God may continue to bless them richly in their new field at Missoula, Montana.

CHRIS. HARSCH, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Annual Birthday Service of the Women's Missionary Society of Milwaukee's Immanuel Church

The Women's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., conducted its annual birthday service on Sunday evening, October 12. This birthday service is a recognition of all the birthdays of all members of the society.

After the prelude by our organist, the women, led by the president, Mrs. E. Loehr, and the pastor's wife, Mrs. Thorwald W. Bender, marched into the auditorium, two by two. It was a striking display of the numerical strength of this splendid group of workers.

Congregational singing, scripture reading and prayer composed the first part of the service. Two playlets, one in German and the other in English, took up the greatest part of the program. Both of these playlets had been well rehearsed and were given with effectiveness. Special music was presented by a trumpet solo rendered by Fred Mueller and by duets sung by Miss Edna Wengel and Dr. Carl Rohrbach.

A talk by "Tante Anna," Mrs. Paul Scholz, brought to our attention the names of women who had been active in the Women's Missionary Society in the years gone by. These women are now enjoying the rest of the blessed. Candles were lighted for each of these women as her name would be woven into the talk. The large candelabrum with burning candles was a silent witness of these fruitful lives during the rest of the evening. A large, beautiful birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Sandrock, full of burning birthday candles, also added to the arrangement of the platform for the service.

It had been previously announced that a missionary offering would be received in connection with this program. The offering amounted to \$92.00 and was sent to missionary headquarters to be equally divided for general missionary purposes and the Centenary Fund.

MRS. WM. SPECHT, Ass't Secretary.

Pacific Conference

Glimpses into the Work of the Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington

The B. Y. P. U. of the Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., recently completed a study course entitled, "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian." Great blessing and inspiration were derived from the series of discussions conducted by the young people.

We have begun the publication of a small monthly bulletin containing bits of news and inspirational thoughts. These are sent to our absentee members, that is, to those who are away at school or working, in an effort to keep them more closely unified and in touch with us.

At our annual B. Y. P. U. program, we presented a sound film entitled, "The Prodigal Son."

We had the great privilege of having Dr. William Kuhn with us as church on Sunday, October 5. May God continue to bless him in the wonderful work he is doing.

Truly, the Lord is bountifully blessing us. May we strive to be deserving of his gracious goodness!

Celebration of the 15th Wedding Anniversary of the Rev. & Mrs. B. W. Krentz by the Los Angeles Church

On Sunday evening, October 12, at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Krentz, were pleasantly surprised on their 15th wedding anniversary.

The wedding march was played while they were ushered down to the altar by several of the deacons. The Rev. H. Dymmel of Anaheim officiated.

The platform was beautifully decorated with palms, white chrysanthemums, and fern. After a short program in the auditorium, consisting of a brief address by the Rev. H. Dymmel and songs by the male quartet, members of the church and friends were asked to resort to the basement for the reception.

The bride's table was also beautifully decorated with a large center piece, 15 candles, and the wedding cake. The large center piece, composed of white chrysanthemums and shaped as a boat, was a symbol of our pastor and his wife traveling together on life's sea for 15 years.

The speeches given by deacons and different ones representing the various organizations of the church were timely and appropriate. The violin solo and the number by the male quartet also added much to the occasion.

A valuable envelope from the church was handed to Mr. and Mrs. Krentz, besides a California golden hibiscus tree from the Anaheim Bethel Baptist Church, and a large crystal plate from the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles.

The Ebenezer church was well represented, including the Rev. K. Feldmeth, former pastor of the church. The Anaheim church was represented by their pastor, the Rev. H. Dymmel. May God continue to bless our pastor and his family.

HELEN WINKELMAN, Reporter.

The Oregon Association Meets at Salem and Considers the Theme, "The Church."

"To foster the spirit of Christian fellowship, and to deepen and enrich the spiritual life": thus reads our constitution on the purpose of our Oregon Association. Like in the past, so also this year that purpose was achieved throughout all of our sessions in the neat and worshipful chapel of our church in Salem from October 16 to 19.

The attendance at the evening service and that during the Lord's Day were most gratifying, and the day sessions were also attended by a goodly number of delegates and visitors from the seven churches of our association. Our congenial host-pastor, Dr. J. F. Olthoff, served also as chairman of the sessions. The Rev. F. W. Mueller has been re-elected as assistant chairman, and the Rev. Otto Nallinger as secretary-treasurer.

The general theme of the association was, "The Church." The program committee should be commended on the fine choice of topics, and to the participating pastors we owe our gratitude for their diligent preparation and inspiring delivery of their messages, through which we were led into green pastures and beside the still waters of God's word. The brethren T. A. Leger and J. J. Lucas led us in our devotions. The Rev. Otto Roth delivered the opening sermon on "The Lost and Regained Christ." Dr. J. Leypoldt spoke on "The Early Church," the Rev. F. W. Mueller on "The Church and the Bible," and the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer on "The Church and Her Public Worship."

Dr. Wm. Kuhn led a discussion period on the last two topics. We were especially grateful to have our Missionary Secretary with us, who like always with his winning personality and convincing messages won the hearts and the undivided attention of the people. In several of his messages he spoke of "The Church and the Ministry of the Holy Spirit." Dr. Kuhn was also the speaker during the "Schwesternbund" program on Friday afternoon, speaking on "The Fragrant Ministry of God's Saints."

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Rally was held on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Sam Rich, the state president, was in charge. The Rev. F. W. Mueller brought a stirring message on "Is America God's Favorite Nation?" The Oregon young people have adopted a definite missionary project in gathering money for the erection of a "Kratt Memorial School" in the Cameroons.

The closing message on Sunday evening was brought by the Rev. I. Nallinger on "The Blind and Opened Eyes of Gehazi." These were, indeed, blessed days, and all the services were enhanced the songs of the choir of the church and other special numbers, as well as by the beautiful floral decorations. God willing, we shall meet next year in Stafford.

J. C. SCHWEITZER, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Mission Festival is Held by the German Baptist Church of Sawyer, North Dakota

With praises and thanksgiving we of the German Baptist Church of Sawyer, No. Dak., came again before the Lord on Sunday, October 12, to thank him for all of his goodness at our annual mission festival.

The Rev. Fred Trautner, our pastor, brought the message in the forenoon on 2. Corinthians 11 in the German language. Lunch was served at the church,

Fall Mission Festival Held at McClusky, North Dakota

God granted a beautiful, sunny day in McClusky, No. Dak., on Sunday, September 28, for the first mission festival in North Dakota attended by the Rev. A. Husmann, the promotional secretary. The church had been eagerly locking forward to meeting Mr. Husmann and deemed it quite a privilege to give him his initiation into Dakota mission festivals. The enthusiasm of the church found expression in the colorful autumn stage setting and in the fine attendance by the local people



Members and Friends of the McClusky Baptist Church in North Dakota at Their Recent Mission Festival

and then we began our afternoon service with singing. The message was then given in the English language on Romans 9 and 10. The services were very well attended and the mission offering amounted to \$127.83 for which we are very thankful to the Lord.

We are very happy to report that the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner and family, who came to us last summer here in the two churches of Sawyer and Benedict, are working very hard and with much blessing! Mrs. Trautner is taking a great deal of interest in the young people and in singing. May the Lord richly bless them and reward them!

We are also glad to report that after hard work and much strain, we were able to have electric lights installed in the church which will be a great convenience in the evenings.

MRS. G. MOORE, Reporter.

and friends from neighboring churches.

Although Mr. Husmann, our guest speaker, had arrived as early as 2:30 A. M. on Sunday morning, he spoke to us at three services, in the morning and afternoon services in the German language and in the evening service in English for the young people. In the afternoon message, Mr. Husmann presented a word picture of our great mission fields as German Baptists and also showed us the extent of the means and material which are needed in order to promote this great commission of spreading the gospel. After this message we realized more than ever how much our small contributions help in this great work. We thank our heavenly Father that he touched hearts and for the resulting gifts which brought our offering very close to two hundred dollars.

Our pastor, the Rev. R. Kaiser, was assisted in the services by the young ladies of the church who rendered musical numbers in various arrangements throughout the entire day. The ladies of the church are also to be highly commended in their splendid kitchen service.

Our mission festival was truly a day of spiritual fellowship and inspiration. We experienced a great measure of joy in giving toward the Kingdom work. God grant that we may continue to lay upon the altar and willingly give him our all.

ESTHER KAISER, Reporter.

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Central Conference

Fall Activities at the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan arranges annually a birthday party. On a recent Sunday evening the whole church was invited by the women to participate again in this year's birthday celebration. At this occasion everybody is given a chance to bring his coins, because he is still thankful for God's blessings. A suitable program was rendered by the women. The birthday children were grouped and seated around tables in accordance with the month in which they were born. In due time each group was called upon to sing a song and report about their number, about the age of the oldest one as well as the age of the youngest one, and also about the amount of birthday money. Thus, the church family had a happy time together.

Fall having arrived, the young people of the church felt that it would help the cause of the B. Y. P. U. if the needed arrangements would be made for a good rally. Sunday evening, Oc-

tober 12, was the date set for this occasion. A special invitation was sent to the Gladwin B. Y. P. U. to participate in this rally. A number of speakers were procured who were assigned certain topics. Now we are able to report that the rally was really a success. On that evening the chapel was crowded with young people. Gladwin was represented by a large delegation headed by their pastor, the Rev. L. F. Gassner. The president of the Gladwin group, William Bickholz, addressed the rally on the topic of "Loyalty." The president of the Beaver group, Edwin Schulz, spoke on the vital relation of the youth and the future church, while Mr. Gassner stressed the importance of Christian fellowship for youth. The pastor of the church, the Rev. H. P. Kayser, was asked to show our responsibility toward the youth living in the community.

On Sunday, October 19, the Sunday School of the Beaver church observed its annual Rally Day. Although the weather was not favorable, still our people turned out in large numbers. All the classes were well represented, and many friends responded to the in-

itation. Our beloved superintendent, Mr. Herman Majeske, was happy when he faced the well attended school that morning. When he called the roll of the classes, they responded with a song and a report about class enrollment as well as class attendance and the amount of the offering. The record indicated that 111 were present at the rally. In connection with the program, a number of promotion certificates were awarded to scholars and recognition was given of the teachers of our school. Finally, the pastor was called upon to take charge of the second part of the rally service.

In the evening of the same Sunday our Sunday School observed the Harvest Day Festival. The meeting was opened by the superintendent, Herman Majeske. The decorating committee for this occasion did a beautiful job, for it was a real delight to see the many colors of the autumn and the many fruits displayed in the house of God. The scholars appeared with joyful faces on the platform to bring us their short messages about the bounteous harvest of the season, about gratitude that should fill our hearts.

H. P. KAYSER, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference Harvest and Mission Festival and Anniversary Program at Durham, Kansas

On Sunday, October 19, the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, celebrated its annual Harvest and Mission Festival and also the 45th anniversary as a church. Our four neighboring churches and their pastors were invited. Dr. Pieter Smit of Lorraine was our guest speaker for the occasion. Due to the heavy rain early in the morning, many of our invited friends were not able to come. Enough came, however, so that we did have well attended services throughout the day. The Rev. R. Seibel from Strassburg brought the first message and Dr. Smit brought the second message.

In the afternoon we had a special service in honor of our 45th anniversary. The Rev. J. Broeder brought the anniversary address. Our ladies had baked a special anniversary cake. In the center of the cake was a lighted cross signifying the light of Jesus Christ. Round about the cake were 45 lighted candles, signifying the light that has shown forth from this church throughout the period of 45 years.

At the close of the service the cake was sold at ten cents a slice and the proceeds designated for the Centenary Fund of our denomination. The history of the church was then given and congratulatory letters from former pastors were read. A special offering was taken and this also was designated for our Centenary Fund.

Dr. Smit brought the closing message in the evening service. In spite of the heavy rains all day long, our spirits were not dampened and we felt the moving of the Spirit of God in our midst. God did bless us!

EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

Marvelous Things Are Being Done in the Bethany Church of Kansas by

"The Lord's Acre Project"

It all started last Spring when "Mephioseth," a little black and white calf, claimed a place among the stock of the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas. The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Kornelsen decided that all "first-born" of their stock should be dedicated to the Lord, and "Phibbie" was one such. So it is to be sold in due season and the proceeds will be given to our Centenary Offering.

Since many of our church members expressed interest in similar projects, the church decided to create a "Lord's Acre Board" which was to promote and handle funds of such projects. The five men who served on this board have since handled over \$700 which have come in from various sources. More than thirty different gifts have been recorded to date.

The Ladies' Mission Circle took up the project as an organization and bought 200 baby chicks which they distributed to eight Juniors. These young people, Margaret Will, Celia Hanne-man, Violet Stussy, Laverna Will, Leoti Fern Nitsch, Marilou Felsburg, Vivian Gabelman and Donald Wirth, raised these chicks and sold them, bringing the proceeds to the Lord. The initial investment of \$13.00 brought a gross income of \$55.20 which was all given into the treasury of the Lord's Acre Board.

Then the Mission Circle decided to give each Saturday's eggs for two months. These were brought to church and marketed by one of their number the following week. This brought \$91.00. To this sum was added enough to make an even \$100 and presented to the Board toward the church debt.

School teachers, business men and heads of nearly all our farm families adopted one of several other plans.

THE BUSHEL PLAN was adopted by Lewis Felsburg, Carl Wirth, Harold Jaeger, Harry Gabelman, C. E. Wirth, A. D. Wirth, Mrs. W. S. Jaeger, Jacob Stussy, Rolland Jaeger, and Wm. Wirth and Henry Wirth.

THE 5 cts. A DAY PLAN was used by John C. Schulz and Norman Schulz.

THE CASH PLAN was followed by Frank Will, Mrs. C. H. Schulz, Morna Stussy, Mrs. Lewis Will, Mrs. Deliah Pounds, Mrs. George Horning, Ida Wick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Munson, Rev. Clark Benson, Henry Miller, H. M. Stussy, Mrs. C. W. Schulz, Mrs. Wm. Wirth, G. A. Gabelmann, Verona and Mabel Liss and A. L. Vanamburg.

THE STOCK PLAN was adopted by Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, Frank Will, Wendell Greiner and Gloria Stussy.

A project of similar nature, though not handled through the Lord's Acre Board, was that of the Mission Circle in gathering farm produce to start a fund for new song books for the church. The produce netted over \$18.00

and cash donations together with an offering received on the evening of the B. Y. P. U. play completed the \$62.50 which bought one hundred new "Service Hymnals."

The end is not yet. Several projects are still in the "growing." This is a perennial project that goes on the year 'round. November is Missions Month. Some of us will bring our "Acres" to the Lord during this month.

The church debt has been reduced from \$1860 to \$1160. With God's blessings upon our fields another year we might be able to celebrate next October by burning the mortgage.

Reports on mission income will be given soon. We have done well at home. Let us make this light shine into the Cameroon Mission field, the Danubian field, and to our fellow Americans who look to us for The Way of Life. Our past efforts have been to the praise of the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in that spirit we will continue.

J. H. KORNELSEN, Pastor.

(Such unusual stories about churches raising money for the Centenary Offering or our missionary enterprise will be gladly received for publication in "The Baptist Herald." Editor.)

Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday in Shattuck, Oklahoma

The German Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma, celebrated a Mission Festival on Sunday, October 12. The morning service was devoted to a special mission sermon. At this service a mission offering was taken.

After the morning service, the members of the congregation went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Melzer. Everyone heartily enjoyed the good food and the fellowship of this noon-tide gathering.

The evening service was devoted to the presentation of a Harvest and Mission program by the children of the Sunday School. The combined offering of the morning and evening service amounted to \$45.88.

The church was appropriately decorated with plants, flowers, maize, pumpkins, squashes, watermelons and other fruits of the field and garden.

We praise God for the many spiritual and temporal blessings which he has granted us. Under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. F. W. Socolofsky, we are going forward and God is bountifully blessing our efforts. Reporter.

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The Kansas State Association Was Held at Durham in Spite of Flood Waters

The Kansas State Association met this year from October 20 to 22 with the Durham Baptist Church. We had looked forward to entertaining the association and had anticipated one of the finest gatherings. But we were greatly disappointed.

On Sunday night torrential rains in the surrounding communities sent such a volume of water into our town that Monday morning found us with about four feet of water in the downtown business section. Rain throughout the state flooded other communities and blocked many highways, making it impossible for visitors and delegates to get through to Durham.

We had to cancel the opening meeting on Monday. Only a few delegates ventured out for the Tuesday morning service. It was after eleven o'clock before we got started. Our chairman, Dr. Pieter Smit, opened the service with a few timely remarks and then the Rev. R. Vassel brought a German message, speaking on the subject, "Presenting Our Bodies as a Living Sacrifice."

It was impossible to carry out the program according to schedule. Several of the brethren, who were to have been on the program, were not able to get to the sessions, so that our chairman had to conduct the meeting in a most informal way.

The Rev. T. Lutz brought a paper on the subject, "Practical Religion of Works According to James." The Rev. J. H. Kornelson spoke on the subject, "Practical Religion of Faith According to Romans 4." The Rev. E. Kary brought a book review on Dr. Hallesby's book, "Prayer." The Rev. R. Vassel led us in the "Quiet Half Hour." Dr. Pieter Smit brought the evening message. Due the threatening weather the meetings were dismissed on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

The officers for the coming year are: chairman, Pieter Smit; vice-chairman, J. H. Kornelsen; clerk, B. Fadenrecht; and treasurer, T. Lutz. The place of our next association meeting will be in Bison. The Rev. E. Kary has been chosen as the "Vorbote," and the Rev. R. Seibel as the opening speaker.

E. KARY, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MR. BEN AHLSEWEDE of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Mr. Ben Ahlsweide was born on November 9, 1884, in Kossuth, Wis., and died on September 27, 1941, after a long and painful illness. All his life he had been connected with the church. He was baptized on July 2, 1911, and for many years had been an active member occupying different offices in church and Sunday School until his last illness. In him our church lost one of her important supporters and workers. He married Rose Rohrbach on September 25, 1912. The widow, two sons, Herbert and William, and several other relatives mourn his loss.

Manitowoc, Wis. Hugo Lueck, Pastor.

MRS. EMMA BERTOLAET of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Mrs. Emma Bertolaet, nee Rohrbach, was born in township Manitowoc, Wis., on October 12, 1873, and died unexpectedly on September 20, 1941, even though she had not been in good health for some time.

For most of her life she had been associated with the church and was baptized quite young on July 28, 1889, as one of the first ten converts to be baptized in the new church. She always loved her church and in her quiet way served her Lord faithfully. Calmly and quietly, as was true also of her life, she passed from this life to her eternal home.

She was married to Wm. G. Bertolaet on November 29, 1898. From 1899 to 1907 she lived with her husband in Milwaukee where they were members at the Immanuel Church. Her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Ramona Specht; one son, Dr. Elmer Bertolaet; 3 grandchildren and several sisters and brothers mourn her departure.

Manitowoc, Wis. Hugo Lueck, Pastor.

MRS. EDWARD JOHN GRUBER of Glastonbury, Connecticut

Mrs. Edward John (Anna) Gruber of Glastonbury, Conn., who was a faithful member of the Liberty Street Church of Meriden, Conn., served the church as often as she could, was a teacher of Church School classes for many years, and singer in choirs where possible, and who with her own hands made a great home for her family. She died on October 25, 1941, at the Hartford Hospital from complications following an operation.

She leaves her husband, Mr. E. J. Gruber; her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Herringer; and her granddaughter, Miss Lillian Herringer of Glastonbury; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Ross and Mrs. Alexandria Wolf, of Rochester, N. Y.

Interment took place at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, on Tuesday, October 28, following the funeral services, which were held at the Lowes Funeral Home of Glastonbury, Conn. May God be with her family!

Meriden, Conn. Paul Schade, Pastor.

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THE GLORY OF GOD

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One day a minister visited him and noticed that the man was radiant and joyful in spite of his suffering. The minister commented upon his cheerfulness and then the man answered: "Oh, I am always looking for the silver lining. Every cloud has one. How kind God has been to give me so many good friends, these beautiful flowers, and above all, his blessed Word."

In his hand he held a well-thumbed Bible. Every page was profusely marked with red and blue. When he was asked the meaning of the colors, he answered: "That is a simple plan of my own that I have kept for years. You see, I was a railroad man and was accustomed to signals. The verses you find marked in red are warnings, and must not be ignored. Those marked with blue are flag signals to stop the blessed old train of salvation and let us aboard. They are very precious promises to me; they have something of cheer and comfort for all of God's children. I am reading my Bible through now for the 22nd time, and it grows more precious with every reading."

TRINITY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

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talented young organist, Miss Margaret Passarge, and the appropriate anthems rendered by our young women's octet and our 35 voice church choir contributed much to make this celebration a memorable one.

A number of messages of congratulations were sent in by mail from former ministers, members and other churches. May we take this opportunity to express our thanks to all who thus remembered us.

Photos and Souvenir Booklet

A photo gallery arranged in our annex by Mrs. Robert Kimmel and her family attracted much attention. Over 200 photographs, most of which were 25 to 50 years old, were on display, showing baby pictures, wedding pictures, family groups and church groups of long ago.

We published a sixteen page historical souvenir containing a brief history of the church and pictures of its ministers. Many enlightening excerpts could be cited, but space forbids all but a few statistics. During the fifty years up to May, 1941, the church received a total of 1976 members into its fellowship, 986 by letter and confession and 990 through baptism. We lost by letter, 768; by death, 211; and otherwise, 468; a total of 1447, leaving the present membership, 529.

We are grateful to our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, for his untiring work in connection with this anniversary program. We want to pledge him our loyalty and we trust that under his leadership our church may truly go "Forward with Christ."

THANKSGIVING DAY

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grateful heart. Thanksgiving Day becomes thus but a large and enthusiastic expression of that spirit which is the habitual answering attitude of the entire being.

The sun in the sky shines down on earth responds with golden harvests. It smiles on the orchard trees, and they again with ripened fruitage. They dower the air with their fragrance and enchant the eye with their loveliness. It is their song without words, their silent anthem of thanksgiving. This is the deepest lesson of the glad light, joy, warmth, power, glory. Courtesy of "The Watchman-Examiner."



Vogel's Picture of "Christ Blessing Little Children."

Every Sunday School is like a garden of God. Delicate plants and frail seedlings are to be found therein. Careful attention must be given to the nurture and cultivation, both of the plants in the garden and the boys and girls in the Sunday School. The greater the care which is exercised in this work, the lovelier will be the blossoms and the more luscious the fruit in the days to come!

The Sunday Schools of our Protestant churches are often falling behind in comparison with the public schools of our day. We are sometimes content with slipshod methods and poor equipment and material. We are careless about the training of teachers. "Inefficiency" frequently characterizes the work of some of these schools.

This is a denominational goal which will require much thought and prayer and possibly drastic changes in our Sunday Schools. They ought to be organized and then conducted in such a way that every lesson will fascinate and impress the child and every effort will count successfully in the winning of these boys and girls for Christ and in nurturing them in the Christian life.

Helpful material on this subject is available on request. Start now in transforming your Sunday School into such an efficient spiritual agency!

THE EIGHTH OF TEN DENOMINATIONAL GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED IN OUR CHURCHES' PREPARATION FOR THE CENTENARY JUBILEE IN 1943

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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heard in outlying districts. Mr. Arthur A. Voigt, church clerk, reported that the messages by Brother Bronleewe were clear and straight to the point. He is a powerful and dynamic speaker, a man of deep convictions and concerned for the lost. The Lord greatly blessed us during these meetings and Christ became more real." Sixteen persons expressed their faith in Jesus Christ during the services which came to a close on September 28th.

On Thursday evening, October 16, the Women's Missionary Society of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., held its 54th anniversary program before a good-sized audience in the church. Recitations and dialogues were rendered besides numbers by the

ladies' choir. The Rev. H. Palfenier of Philadelphia, Pa., was the guest speaker. The pastor of the local church, the Rev. V. Prendinger, also took part. The officers of the society are as follows: Mrs. V. Prendinger, president; Mrs. E. Leeb, vice-president; Mrs. R. Pusch, secretary; Mrs. Charles Kling, treasurer. During the past year, the society of 24 members has raised a total of \$440, which is a remarkable record for such a small group.

Dr. Harry Rimmer, world renowned scientist and Christian lecturer, brought a series of lectures on "Modern Science and the Week of Creation" to a close on Monday evening, November 17, in the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J. For seven successive Monday evenings he held large audiences spellbound by his informative and inspirational lectures which ranged

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from "Moses and Meteorology" to "Geology and the Rock of Ages." On Saturday evening, October 25, the Christian Young People's Fellowship of the church held its annual banquet and rally in the church. The Rev. Roy Brill, a missionary who was on the ill fated "S. S. Zamzam," was the guest speaker. The Rev. Vincent Brushwyler is the pastor of the church.

On Wednesday, October 15, Mr. and Mrs. G. Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with delightful festivities at "an open house" held for their friends and relatives. They were married on October 15, 1891, in Passaic, N. J., by the Rev. G. A. Schulte. On the preceding Saturday evening a group of 21 members of the family and intimate friends surprised them with a dinner at the Doylestown Inn. Mr. Schmidt, who is a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, was a deacon of the church for many years and served on boards of the church and Philadelphia Home for the Aged. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. Straub are also active in the church, the former serving as Sunday School superintendent.

On Sunday, November 9, two beautiful flags, the Christian flag and "the Stars and Stripes," were dedicated at an impressive service held in the Liberty Street Church of Meriden, Conn., with the Rev. Paul Schade in charge. The new flags were purchased by the Men's Club with some financial aid by other friends. A 25-page booklet, entitled, "The Church Program from September, 1941, to June, 1942," has been prepared by the pastor for the church members. It contains a carefully planned program for all the church societies, the Sunday School, the church calendar, the pastor's report, the directory and list of church officers. It is distinctive and unique. Other ministers who might be interested in this program should write to the Rev. Paul Schade for a copy.

The Rev. Assaf Husmann, promotional secretary, has continued "flying trips" and many activities in the Dakota Conference from October 19 to the close of the month. On Sunday, October 19, he was the guest speaker at the mission festivals in the Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak. He also took part in the programs of the Northern Dakota Sunday School Association at Washburn, No. Dak., and of the Western Dakota and Montana S. S. Association held at Hettinger, So. Dak. At the latter place he also preached the dedication sermon in the new church building. The church debt of \$750 was reduced by \$285 on that day besides a mission offering of \$148. Mr. Husmann also visited the Baptist Churches in Ashley, Wishek, and Beulah, No. Dak., Isabel, McLaughlin and Corona, So. Dak., and Creston, Neb. At the close of the trip he had a conference with and addressed a group of about 25 German

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Baptist students of Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn.

The first Bible School ever held by the Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., was conducted from Monday, October 27, to Friday, October 31, with three morning classes for the Antelope country church and with an evening program for the town church. The pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, and the young people's secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, taught the classes. An average attendance of 22 pupils was registered for the morning classes with 53 persons attending some or all of the courses. The evening services, which included illustrated lectures on our denomination, were attended by crowds of members and friends which taxed the seating capacity of the church. Mr. Leuschner also addressed the services of the Antelope country and Hebron town churches on Sunday, October 26, and on Sunday morning, November 2. On Sunday, September 28, and on Sunday, October 5, the mission festivals were held in the Hebron and Antelope churches respectively, with the Rev. E. Mittelstedt bringing the messages. The amazing sum of \$750 was raised by the church at these services. On Sunday, November 2, one hundred additional dollars were raised for the Centenary Offering of the denomination. Reports and pictures of these activities will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

In October, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, traveled extensively in the Atlantic Conference in the interest of promotion. On Friday evening, October 3, he showed missionary pictures and spoke in the Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., of which the Rev. Christian Peters is pastor. On Sunday afternoon, October 5, he was the guest speaker in the Philadelphia Home for the Aged and in the evening service, he preached in the Immanuel Church of New York City, of which the Rev. John Grygo is pastor. During the following week he visited and spoke in the German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., and at the First German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., of which the Revs. R. E. Reschke and Herman Kuhl are pastors, respectively. From October 11 to 12 he participated in the program of the New England Association held in the Rock Hill Church of Boston, Mass., of which the Rev. E. S. Kalland is pastor. During the following week he showed missionary and General Conference pictures in our Baptist churches of Meriden, New Britain and Bridgeport, Conn., and visited with the pastors and their families, the Revs. Paul Schade, G. Frieberg and Albert Hahn. Friday, October 17, was spent in Rochester, N. Y., with a brief message to the seminary students in the chapel service. With engagements in the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio, and in the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., on Sunday, October 19, the trip was brought to a close.