



"God Shield Ye, Heralds of the Spring!"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● On Palm Sunday evening, March 29, the choir of the Andrews St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., presented the cantata, "For He Is Risen" by Joseph Clokey. At the evening service on March 22 the seminary students were in charge with Mr. R. Schmidt of the graduating class speaking on "Condemned . . . to Life." On that same Sunday morning the sermon topic by the pastor, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, was "God and the March of Life."

● Miss Evelyn Lubbers of Yankton, So. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lubbers of Yankton and the secretary of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, and Mr. Melvin Stanicek of Yankton were recently married. Attending the couple were two intimate friends, Edward Keehr and Miss Wynn Kingsbury, both of Yankton. The couple is making their home in Yankton.

● From April 7 to 9 the annual North Dakota Pastors' Institute was held in Bismarck, No. Dak., which was attended by a large group of German Baptist pastors. Professor O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., moderator of our General Conference, was one of the faculty members, conducting a course of study and preaching at one of the evening services. After the institute Professor Krueger also served several nearby German Baptist churches in a deeply appreciated ministry.

● On Sunday evening, March 29, the Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the River-view Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ, which had been made originally during the meetings conducted last November by the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa. From Sunday, March 1, to Friday, March 13, Mr. Wobig served as evangelist for the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, with many accompanying blessings. All of these services were in the German language.

● On Tuesday evening, March 17, the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., presented the play, "Follow Thou Me," in the city auditorium for the benefit of the Red Cross. A free will offering of \$18.40 was received. The play was directed by the Rev. Philip Potzner and by Mrs. E. M. Popp. The same play was also presented on a Sunday evening in February at the Strassburg Baptist Church and twice in the Marion Church for



Charles Cook of Roxbury, Mass., whose pictures appear on the front cover and on page 6 of this issue of "The Baptist Herald," has made a very successful and interesting hobby of amateur photography.

For several years he has been a member of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., where he is also a deacon in the church. His pastor is the Rev. E. S. Kalland, of whom he thinks very highly. He works as a teller in the First National Bank of Malden, Mass.

He is prayerfully considering entering the Christian ministry, and, if God opens the doors for him, he hopes to enroll in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., in the Fall of this year for further study.

the benefit of the Southwestern Conference mission project. Lorraine Potzner prepared the data of this news item for "The Baptist Herald."

● The First and Second Baptist churches of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, and the nearby Baptist Church of Wessental have recently extended a call to Mr. Robert Schreiber of Bethlehem, Pa., a member of this year's graduating class at the Rochester Baptist Seminary. He has responded favorably to the call and will begin his ministry on this important and extended field shortly after graduation, probably about June 1st. Mr. Schreiber will succeed the Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton, who is now serving as district missionary for the Northern Conference.

● The Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., recently extended a call to the Rev. Donald Davis of San Marcus, Tex., to which he has responded favorably. Due to previous engagements as teacher in the San Marcus Academy, Mr. Davis could not be released for this new pastorate until June 1st, when he will begin his service in the Wasco Church, succeeding the Rev. F. E. Klein, now of Stafford, Kansas.

Mr. Davis was formerly a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., while he served as minister of "the Church Around the Corner."

● The Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Ill., the promotional secretary, spent Easter Sunday, April 5, with the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., preaching at the morning service, speaking to the B. Y. P. U. in the late afternoon meeting, and bringing a brief message at the evening service in conjunction with the cantata by the choir. On Sunday, April 12, Mr. Husmann served as guest speaker at the Baptist Church of Scottsbluff, Neb. A full and very interesting report about his recent experiences in the churches of the Canadian Northwest will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

● On Sunday evening, March 22, the Rev. Otto R. Schroeder, interim pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., baptized 8 converts before an audience that taxed the church's seating capacity. At the same service Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought the sermon on "Why Did It Happen to Me?" a part of which is published in this issue of "The Herald." On Palm Sunday evening, March 29, the church choir, directed by Mr. Wm. Krogman, sang the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by DuBois. During Holy Week three services were held at which Mr. Schroeder brought timely messages.

● On Thursday evening, March 19, the King's Daughters Society of the Baptist Church in Durham, Kans., held its annual supper of noodle soup and pie from which about \$25 were realized for the group. Mrs. Dave Zimmerman is the president. On Sunday, March 15, the Rev. David Zimmerman of New Kensington, Pa., preached at both of the services. The cantata, "Jesus Lives," was rendered on Palm Sunday evening, March 29, by the church choir of about 25 voices under the direction of Mr. Dave Zimmerman. The church is without a pastor at present since the Rev. Edward Kary left for Napoleon, No. Dak., several months ago.

● On Sunday, March 22, the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., was fortunate to have the Seminary Quartet of Rochester, N. Y., in its midst. Following a fellowship supper given by the young people, the students took charge of the young people's meeting, with Melvin Pekrul and Gilbert Schneider giving short messages. In the evening service, the young men rendered

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Coming!

POET OF THE PEOPLE!

The poems of Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell are eagerly read by tens of thousands of people as they appear in scores of publications. This "Poet Laureate" of Texas was chosen a few years ago as "the American Mother" by the Golden Rule Foundation. This story about her will feature the Mother's Day issue on May 1st.

WOULD THE WOMEN HAVE SLEPT?

Mr. H. Theodore Sorg of Newark, N. J., formerly the treasurer of the denomination, has treated a very provocative theme in an article which is most timely for the Mother's Day number. It created considerable excitement when it appeared recently in "The Watchman-Examiner."

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About 250 of the best and most recent plays and dramatizations will be recommended for use in our churches and young people's societies. A brief description of each play will be given. These pages will be of unusual practical value to all church leaders.

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EDITORIAL



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Pictures That Preach

PICTURES always preach! The profoundest impressions of life are usually received through our eyes. Our characters are largely determined by the things to which we give the major share of our visual attention. Pictures are, therefore, like silent teachers who exert a tremendous influence upon the course of our lives.

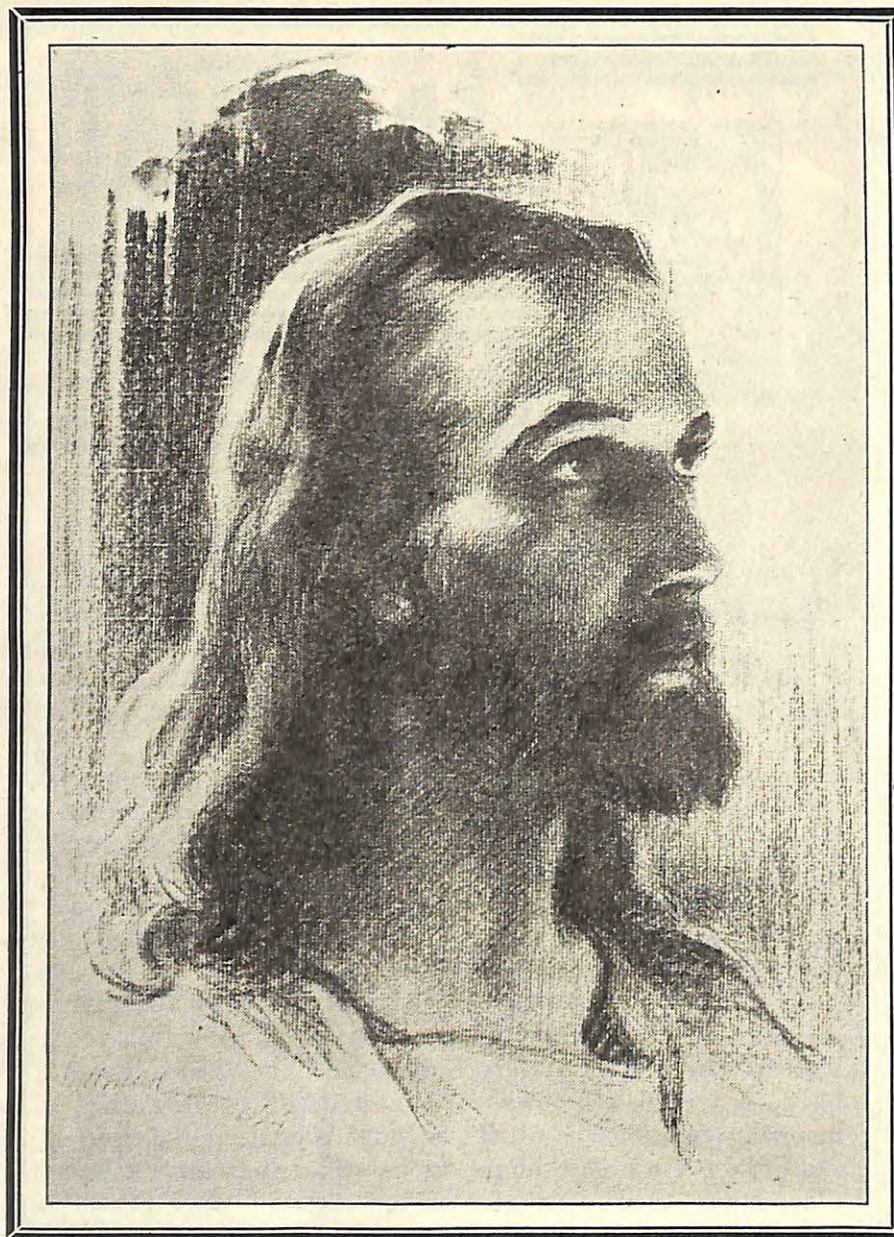
Early in Christian history this fact was recognized by those who were followers of Jesus Christ. Almost all of the earliest paintings of the Christian era were religious in character. Art flourished with the sponsorship of the church of that age. Some of the great religious masterpieces have come down to us through the centuries with their spiritual influence enhanced with every new generation.

But this love for paintings was abused until it degenerated seemingly into a worship of the pictures. The Puritans reacted violently to these "picture idols." But Protestants generally have recovered a wholesome appreciation for beautiful and inspiring religious paintings without repeating the abuses of the earlier days. The home, rather than the church, was the place where these pictures were to be hung to speak to all who entered and left the family hearth.

Every home of several decades ago was almost a religious art gallery. Large and colorful reproductions of the finest masterpieces spoke to the members of the family from the four walls of a living room or dining room. Unfortunately, this practice of filling the walls of our homes with pictures has declined. It is to be hoped that a renewed interest in the great religious masterpieces and in artistic representations of Biblical scenes will revive this old-fashioned but very wholesome practice.

A strong indication of this new interest can be seen in the overwhelming response of Christian people everywhere to Warner Sallman's breath-taking, beautiful picture, "The Head of Christ." Here is Jesus Christ, the triumphant Lord, the Son of God, who spoke as "one having authority," the virile Master of men, the spiritual conquerer of the hearts of men. This is a picture with a searching sermon!

Inspiring pictures will never lose their irresistible power to arrest attention and to mould lofty thoughts. They ought to surround our lives at all times with incomparable blessings. They ought to be given every opportunity to minister to our lives as silent sermons that speak louder than words!



The Pencil Picture of "The Head of Christ" by Warner E. Sallman

"MAKE Him a real h e - m a n when you paint Him." That was one of the suggestions Warner E. Sallman received as a young artist in a friendly interview back in 1912. Mr. Sallman, influenced by a gospel cartoonist, U. S. Abel, decided to enroll in Bible school for Christian training. Dean E. O. Sellers (well-known gospel song writer) on looking over applications, noticed "artist" as the profession of the new student.

The Virile, Triumphant Christ

Immediately, he arranged an interview with young Sallman. He encouraged him to stay in the field of art. He spoke to him of the many pictures of Christ . . . how he felt that too many were effeminate; that too many lacked strong character. He expressed a desire that some day Sallman should produce a conception of Christ that would depict him as a man's man. Christ was an outdoor man.

Twelve years later, Sallman was able to put on canvas the now famous "Head of Christ," the picture that clearly shows the strong character of Jesus, the picture that drives men to their knees, the picture that reveals Christ's love and compassion, the picture of a real man's man.

Important Influences

The thumb nail sketch of the painting was made the night before he was expected to furnish a cover picture for the "Covenant Companion" magazine. Unable to create or find a picture that satisfied him, (he was art editor), he went to bed feeling uneasy. As he was lying there, a picture of Christ came to him which was so forceful that he felt compelled to sketch it at once. He hurried to his attic studio and enthusiastically penciled the "Head of Christ."

Famous men have played an important part in Sallman's life. A famous opera singer's testimony led him to dedicate his life to Christ; a

Art for the Gospel's Sake

By MAE JOHNSON
of Chicago, Illinois.
(Known to Thousands of
Christians as Radiolands
"Counsellor Mae"
Over Chicago's Station WMBI.)

famous Christian cartoonist encouraged him in his commercial art work; and a famous song writer's words encouraged him to create his famous "Head of Christ."

It is not so surprising that Sallman was able to convey his idea of Christ as a man's man when one realizes that he, too, is a manly man. Athletic in type, as an apprentice for Meyer-Both Studios in Chicago he was chosen by men to pose for men's clothing advertisements. It was at Meyer-Both studios that Sallman became friends with U. S. Abel. They frequently walked from the studios to the Art Institute where Sallman completed an art course and had the distinction of being the first evening school graduate. As they hurried down Michigan Boulevard, Abel would discuss Scripture verses with him. Mr. Sallman recalls these walks with pleasure and today thanks God for all the Christian business men who encourage young men in the faith.

At sixteen, in 1908, Sallman accepted Christ as his personal Savior. A Sunday School teacher, who lived during the week what she taught on Sundays, was instrumental in his conversion. Sallman is now the teacher of a large men's Bible class.

The Artist and His Wife

When you meet Mr. Sallman, you will like him. He's a well built man . . . almost a six footer; he weighs 192 lbs. He is one of those persons to whom you immediately take a liking. His friendly, hospitable and happy manner will make you feel at home with him. He's quick to give God the glory for his artistic talents. His modesty is that of a true child of God. One of the most impressive things about him is the thrill he expresses when he tells of the men who have come to see his picture. It is he who feels honored; it matters little that the visitors felt honored to meet him and view his work.

The Sallman family live in a typical bungalow at 5412 No. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Illinois. It is a well-furnished home, in good taste. In the entrance hall hangs the original black and white enlargement of the "Head of Christ" inscribed to his wife. Mrs. Sallman can justly share in her husband's success, for she helped to make the house a home for her husband and children. She, too, is a Christian and is deeply interested in Mr. Sallman's work. He values her honest opinions and criticisms. She helps by detecting slight inconsistencies in lines or colors, and by resourceful suggestions.

The Sallman Family

The Sallman's have three grown sons. The oldest has established a home of his own. Another son's main interest at present is in the air corps; he expects to enlist soon. The youngest son has an interesting position with the Commonwealth Edison Company.

"Like father, like son" is a true adage as far as the Sallmans are concerned. Warner Sallman's father, born in Finland, was an artist, but it was more of a hobby with him than a profession.

Chiefly interested in boat and water scenes, he frequently would spend hours along Lake Michigan. Painting lake scenes seemed to satisfy his longing for the sea and his native home.

As early as at the age of five, Warner showed unusual interest in painting. Oil paintings attracted him most of all; his dad encouraged him. In one of the lower grades at the Robert Morris



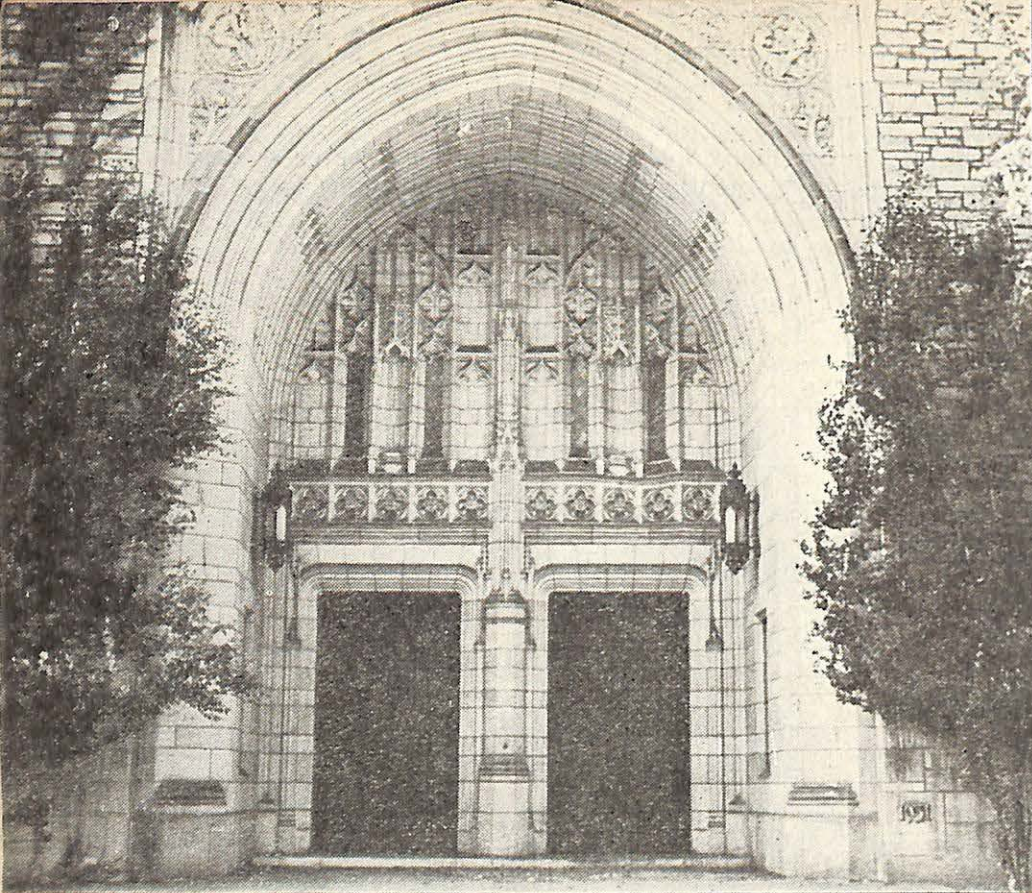
Mr. Warner E. Sallman, the Christian Artist, Who Has Enriched Our Lives by His Painting of "The Head of Christ"

School, Warner handed in an oil painting of a home. The teacher recognized the more than average workmanship of it and proudly exhibited it throughout the school. Mr. Sallman laughed when he related the experience. The actual home scene was so clear in his mind; he could just see how he had worked on the picture and then had set it up against the old sewing machine top in the kitchen for mother and dad's comments on it.

In the Service of Jesus Christ

Before demands for Bible pictures came in, Mr. Sallman specialized in magazine illustrations, portraits, and murals. His tooth brush and paste advertisements, food and clothing illustrations appeared in widely circulated publications. For a while he expected to limit his talent to illustrations of food. He has a knack of making the observer want to eat the food he has painted.

Today God is blessing Sallman's talent for the Gospel's sake. Pressed by the Holy Spirit, countless sinners and saints, beholding Sallman's "Head of Christ," have been drawn closer to the Son of Man.



"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; . . . for the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:4-5.

A Merciful Faith

A Sermon by the REV. PAUL WENGEL, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

A great deal has been written about the content and scope of the Christian faith. It covers a wide range, even in the New Testament. There is the mystical approach of John, the heroic view of Paul, the philosophical view of James. Faith runs the gamut of human experience until it becomes synonymous with the divine life itself.

The Christian's Faith

Faith as such is a universal, human potential. The gospel message of salvation by faith has a world-wide appeal. Even the primitive, benighted heathen can respond to it. Faith is no stranger to him, although it may be misdirected and submerged in superstition. The distinctive thing about Christianity is not that it is based on faith, but that its faith has a unique quality.

One cannot forget that the apostle Paul does not discredit faith in 1. Cor. 13:2 and 13. He merely puts it into the right relation to the whole of the Christian life. Faith must be qualified by love to become a merciful faith.

It was a great day when Martin Luther rediscovered the truth of "salvation by faith" for a world that knew nothing but formalism, legalism and ecclesiasticism. Yet it was a sorry day

when he discredited that faith because it lacked the quality of mercy toward others who disagreed with him. It is possible to have "the way of truth evil spoken of." (2. Pet. 2:2). It is possible to walk one's faith though not charitably. (Rom. 14:15-16).

The Christian's faith, like that of the Romans, is bound to be spoken of throughout the world. (Rom. 1:8). When men do talk about it they will think of its quality rather than its content. Even the Old Testament prophet Micah makes it the center and heart of his three-pronged approach to the right relationship to God. (Micah 6:8).

The Quality Needed Now

Good, pupil-centered teaching does not waste its time with the lessons that have been learned. It is especially concerned about the needs of the pupil. Good Christian teaching is concerned with the needs of the moment. That need seems to be a merciful faith. "Blessed are the merciful," said Jesus. More blessings than ever are obtainable today through the exercise of mercy.

This is a brutal day. Mercy, pity and compassion are not in favor in certain quarters. The words, "revenge" and "hate," are crowding to the center of human consciousness. Mercy and

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pity are qualities decried as weakness by the modern paganistic superman. Thus it becomes necessary to proclaim and emphasize what the world and even the Christian is likely to forget.

It will be this quality of his faith that will be most severely tested in the days just ahead. Men and women will feel that their common welfare is dependent upon certain attitudes of their fellow men. When these attitudes or actions seem to spell danger to them, they become intolerant and often unmerciful. The early Christians were persecuted because their teachings seemed to undermine the security of existing institutions. That these institutions were insecure because they were founded on paganism and that they really blocked the way toward the fuller life, mattered little.

All that worldly-minded men of high and low degree note is the frustration of their immediate appetites and interference with their striving toward short-range goals. The world has written a bloody commentary on this fact.

More and more will the merciful quality of the truly Christian faith be put to a test.

Mercy in Human Relations

Someone will assert, "Why emphasize what is already an accomplished fact? Do not our social institutions give evidence of the quality of mercy in human relations. We do not let the weak die of exposure, but we build hospitals for the sick, homes for the aged and the orphan. We do not merely segregate the mentally weak and disturbed to taunt them for fun, as Londoners did a brief century or so ago. We build scientific institutions of mercy where every effort is made to heal and reclaim personalities. All of our striving toward social security is motivated by mercy and compassion for the downtrodden and the economically insecure."

We have reasons to point with a measure of justifiable pride to the social achievements of the last century. Man has made his greatest strides in this area. The results can doubtless be ascribed to the influence of thorough, sincere and liberal Christianity. Yet it is not enough!

Madame Roland cried from the guillotine, "O liberty, what crimes have been committed in thy name." It would be a justifiable transcription of that quotation to say, "O Faith, what crimes have been committed in thy name."

Christian faith that is credal and dogmatic can become calloused, hard, steely. When it takes on that quality, it ceases to be Christian, no matter how pious its language, how logical its dogma or sound its doctrine.

Mercy and Poverty

Someone, who laid claim to a Christian faith, was recently heard to reply when speaking of the poor: "There need be no poor people; they are either

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Why Did This Happen to Me?

A Personal Account
by DR. WILLIAM KUHN,
General Missionary Secretary,
After a Recent Illness

AMID the uncertainties of life, we are often called upon to face a miscarriage of our most carefully devised life plans. Sometimes it happens that the thwarting of our own plans brings us experiences which are better than our expectations. Very often, however, the upsetting of our own plans projects us into a tragic situation. Most of us then try to find an answer to this question: "Why did this happen to me?"

Thwarted Plans

It is one thing for a pastor to try and comfort someone who is sitting among the ruins of his own cherished life plans, and quite another matter for a pastor to find a satisfactory solution of the mystery of the miscarriage of his own plans. Months ago the writer had accepted an invitation to participate in the ministers' conference at Odessa, Wash., on March 10, 11 and 12, and immediately thereafter to spend a full week at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta., Canada, and to visit a number of churches. A full program had been outlined at the Training Institute beside important conferences with the Missionary Committee of the Northern Conference.

Although not in excellent physical condition, I left Chicago shortly before midnight on March 7. While traveling westward, my condition worsened, so that I was compelled to spend all of the second day in my berth. Because serious symptoms had developed, the doctor at Spokane, Wash., ordered me to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance with the prospect of spending at least two weeks there.

After having had such a remarkable and rapid recovery so that I could leave the hospital after six days, the question constantly asserts itself: "Why did that happen to me?" Why should I have made that trip from Chicago to Spokane, a distance of over 3700 miles, when I could have had that same hospital care here at home? Why did I have to break all those engage-

ments and disappoint so many? Why was I not influenced to decline those invitations for Odessa and Edmonton in advance?

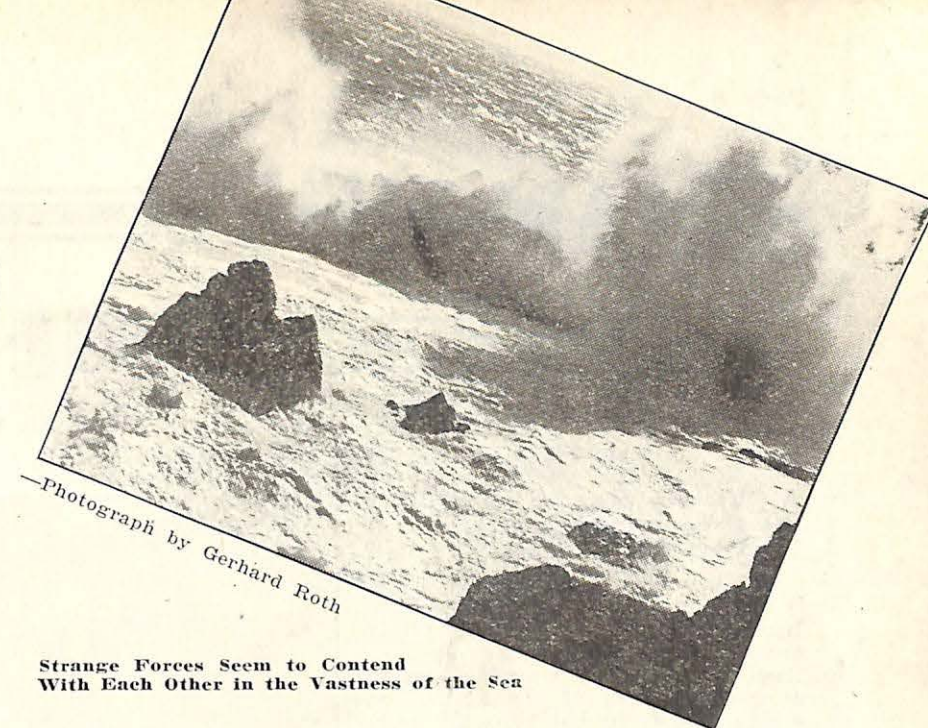
In the interest of economy, it was most fortunate that this long trip between Chicago and Spokane could be made on a free railroad pass. At this time, I would also express my sincere gratitude for the generous hospitality and kind consideration received from the Rev. and Mrs. Niels Christensen during my stay in Spokane.

Here Are Some Answers

Many will say, even some thoughtful people, that this was just one of those erratic chance happenings. "You did not have good luck." However, such a philosophy of life is surely not Christian. If we believe that, we are nothing more than a poor, helpless leaf torn by a strong gust of wind from the tree and, after being blown hither and thither, at last it falls as if by chance to lie somewhere. No, that will never give a satisfactory answer to someone groping in the dark and in agony of soul crying out: "Why did this happen to me?"

Many more would agree with that preacher who, while traveling with me, expressed his creed regarding the leading of God in our lives. He said: "In every man's life there are two areas; in the one area God directs the affairs, while in the other area God does not direct." I am wondering into what area of my life that preacher would place this miscarried plan of mine when, instead of attending the ministers' conference and spending a week at the Bible school, I did nothing more than travel 3700 miles and spent those days in the Sacred Heart Hospital of Spokane.

If that preacher would place this miscarried plan into the area, where God does not direct, how would he explain it that I went to Spokane under these circumstances? What forces induced me to go? Was it blind fate? Were the forces good or evil? No, that



—Photograph by Gerhard Roth
Strange Forces Seem to Contend With Each Other in the Vastness of the Sea

preacher's philosophy of life is not satisfactory. No tired hearts sitting in the deep shadows of disappointment and disillusionment can from such a faith find a consolation to their agonized soul cry: "Why did this happen to me?"

A Better Answer

Happy, yea, thrice happy, are all those who can implicitly believe that the Lord of heaven and earth, who calls the myriads of stars by their names and leads them in their own orbits, also directs the steps of each of his own children. When Jesus said that the hairs of our head are all numbered and not one falls to the ground without the Father's will, he meant to teach us that even the seemingly trivial affairs and occurrences of our life are under his direction.

Our lives are so involved that everything exerts a determining influence upon everything else. Only because God directs all of our life can it ever be true that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." When the mystery of God's leading is cleared up during our life time, then there is sunshine and music in our souls. Even when the answer is not given, one can have soul rest by having faith in God.

Helpful Factors

Upon leaving the Sacred Heart Hospital on that Sunday evening, the nurse and the supervising Sisters remarked about my astonishing recovery. What factors brought this about? No realistic thinker would ignore the timeliness of the treatment, the efficacy of the medicine used, the advantages of good hospital care as well as the recuperative powers of the patient. These were all helpful factors in my case, but there was one other factor which was not of minor importance. I

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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A "Victory Service" is Held by the Oregon League for Its Service Men

"Victory with Christ" was the timely theme recently used by the Oregon Baptist League. It was particularly appropriate in connection with the Victory Service held during the Sunday afternoon session of the League on March 15th at the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, honoring the men who had been called to serve in the armed forces of our country. From the seven churches of Oregon there are 39 men in service with more going almost weekly.

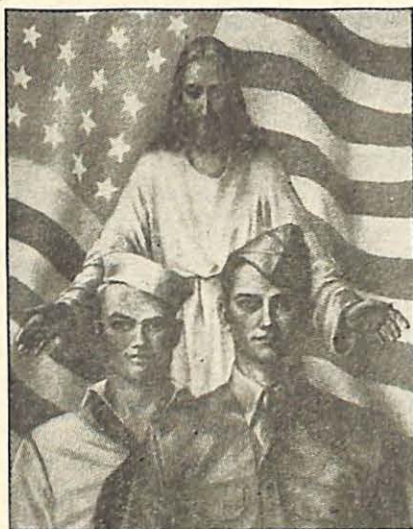
The retiring president, Mr. Samuel J. Rich, in conducting the service, stressed the need of loyal, Christian support from those of us who are at home in comparative security and comfort, while the boys are ready to lay down their lives for the way of life which is dear to us.

New temptations and trials come in the way of the boys in service. Many decisions must be made, the outcome of which may depend largely on the training they have received in church and home. The best assurance we can give them is our faith in them, our loyalty to Christ and the constant assurance of our interest in them. Aside from frequent letters we owe them good reading material. "The Baptist Herald," "Secret Place," testaments, tracts and other literature as well as the cookies, candies and so forth, that bring the affection of friends.

Shall we pray for victory? Yes, it is our duty and privilege, but as Jesus taught us, "Thy will be done." We must remember that we are Christ's and that as his children we must put our unflinching trust in his divine will. We must put our entire faith in the assurance that whatever happens to you and me, to our nation, homes, etc., will be for the ultimate best. If we have Christ, the victory must be ours, even as Christ was final victor of sin and death.

There are definite things we can do to assure victory in our own lives during the days of stress. Opportunities for the fusion and strengthening of Christian forces to give assurance to the world that there is yet one Conqueror who is unconquerable. Some of the factors stressed for spiritual defense are: Daily scripture reading, thoughtful prayer, regular church attendance, regular support of the Church and Christian institutions, daily Christian living, service to others and the practice of complete faith.

Miss Viola Schneider, secretary of the League, read the list of names which seemed astonishingly long considering the size of our Oregon Conference. The Rev. F. W. Mueller led



God Bless You and Keep You, Defenders of Our Country!

us in prayer to God remembering especially the ones in the service.

We were urged to devote ourselves to the ideals as expressed by William F. Floyd in his poem,

"MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND"

*My times are in thy hand;
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul
I leave entirely to thy care.*

*My times are in thy hand;
Whatever they may be;
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best may seem to thee.*

*My times are in thy hand,
Jesus, the Crucified;
Those hands my cruel sins pierced
Are now my guard and guide.*

*My times are in thy hand,
I'll always trust in thee;
And after death, at thy right hand
I shall forever be.*

An Aviator's Prayer

Following one of our services a cadet stepped into my office with quite a serious expression on his face. He related that in the course of the week, while he was doing flying duty, his plane suddenly went into a tail-spin. Not knowing what to do, he remembered to pray. God heard! After the plane fell about a thousand feet, he brought it under control again. He believed he was saved in an answer to prayer.

It was, indeed, a narrow escape. Is it not reasonable enough that through the means of prayer God gave him the ability to master the controls of the ship at such critical time; or else,

could not he that controls the winds and the sea have caused an air pocket or something to swing the plane into its normal course again? Be that as it may, we are not so much concerned about the ways and means by which God does things as we are in the fact that he does them.

The writer of Hebrews tells us to look to God for help and direction at all times. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16. We've looked about every place else in this troublesome time and have forgotten the main point in all our problems, which is to "commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37:5.

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am thinking of the power of intercessory prayer.

From many sources I was informed: "We are praying for you." Even though there is a deep mystery which no Christian sage can unveil shrouding the power of intercessory prayer, we do know by "many infallible proofs" that PRAYER CHANGES THINGS. Long ago I have resolved that if I should become ill and if it were possible for me, I would call upon as many of my Christian friends as possible to remember me in prayer before God's Throne of grace. In enumerating the helpful factors in any recovery, we would give first place to the power of intercessory prayer.

Some Time We'll Understand

While groping in the dark and straining every nerve to catch a satisfying answer, as God's children we have the assurance: "Heav'n will the mysteries explain, and then, ah, then we'll understand." While returning from Spokane, I read again with renewed interest that inspired description of the innumerable host of those white-robed and palm-carrying victors before the throne. They had come out of great tribulation and had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. Passing through their great tribulation they, doubtless, hungered and thirsted for a revelation of God's plan and purpose in all their sufferings.

Their hunger for an answer shall now be satisfied and their thirst shall be assuaged: "For the lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters." These living fountains of waters will be open for all the victorious saints of God, when he discloses the deep mysteries in the divine revelation of the Word of God. Then we will clearly understand God's wise and loving purpose in directing our own personal lives. In adoration we will then praise him and say: "He hath done all things well."

CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

Lead Me On!

By Miss Velma Plucker
of Alexandria, South Dakota
(A Member of the Chancellor Baptist
Church of South Dakota)

Lord, let me live
So close to thee
That I might see
Thy will for me;
And let my hand
Be held in thine.
Oh, Father may
Thy will be mine!

Lead thou me on!
Thy way must be
The only way
There is for me.
My Savior died
That I might live;
I owe my all—
My all I give!

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I Give Thee Thanks

By Lorraine Binder Boeckel
of Beulah, North Dakota

I thank thee, God, for sunny skies,
For moon and stars o'erhead,
I thank thee, God, on bended knee
For rest and daily bread.

I give thee thanks, for sorrow's fires
That over me may roll;
I give thee thanks for Jesus Christ,
The Savior of my soul.

I give thee thanks for all good gifts
Which thou didst send to me;
I give thee thanks for blessings great,
For pardon full and free.

Accept these thanks which now I bring
I humbly lay them now before thee,
This all I have that I can give,
Myself and thanks on bended knee.

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Through a Lighted Window

By Ethel L. Rennison
of Batesburg, South Carolina

In the early evening, after the lights
are lit,

I see my neighbor spread the table
cloth

And set three places; I see her husband
come

And carry in from the kitchen milk
and bread;

The tall son enters, and each one takes
his place.

Then for a moment every head is
bowed—

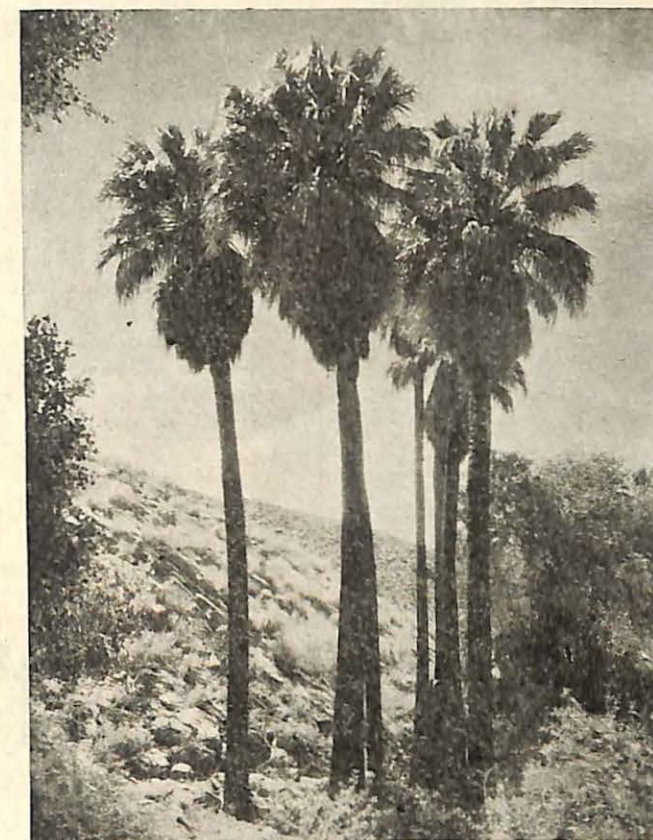
I cannot hear but I know that a blessing
is said.

And I think of the million homes
throughout our land

Where families meet to partake of the
evening meal;

I wish that they too might pause till
their thanks were given

And their humble prayer upraised to
the God of heaven!



Are We Willing?

By Alice Schermer
of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Are we willing to do what Christ wants
us to do,

To give him our lives who was so kind
and true?

Are we willing to live for him day by
day,

And to witness for him along life's
way?

He was willing to suffer affliction and
loss,

And to carry the burden of Calvary's
cross;

He was willing to die there for you
and for me,

That we might forever be happy and
free.

Won't you trust him today as your
Savior and Friend,

And receive the sweet peace that he
only can send?

You'll never be sorry you were willing
to say,

"Lord, take my hand and lead me all
the way."

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Why Should We Weep?

By Mr. F. H. Schmertman
of Appleton, Iowa

(After his death on December 2, 1941,
at the age of 83 years, this poem by Mr.
Schmertman was read by the pastor,
Rev. C. F. Lehr.)

Why should we weep, when we behold
This empty house of clay?

The spirit which we loved so dear,
Is dwelling far away.

In Paradise he safely roams,
'Mid scenes of holy bliss,
'Tis better that he should be there,
Than in a land like this.

Why should we weep and say farewell,
To one who's gone before?
For soon it shall be ours to go,
Unto that beautiful shore.
We only have a little while
These earthly griefs to bear,
Then we'll go home with parted friends
A starry crown to wear.

Why should we weep, my brethren dear,
For those who fare the best,
When one has laid the armor down
And gained eternal rest?
As forth he takes his own, we weep,
But in that land so fair,
Bright hopes we cherish in our heart,
Of meeting them o'er there.

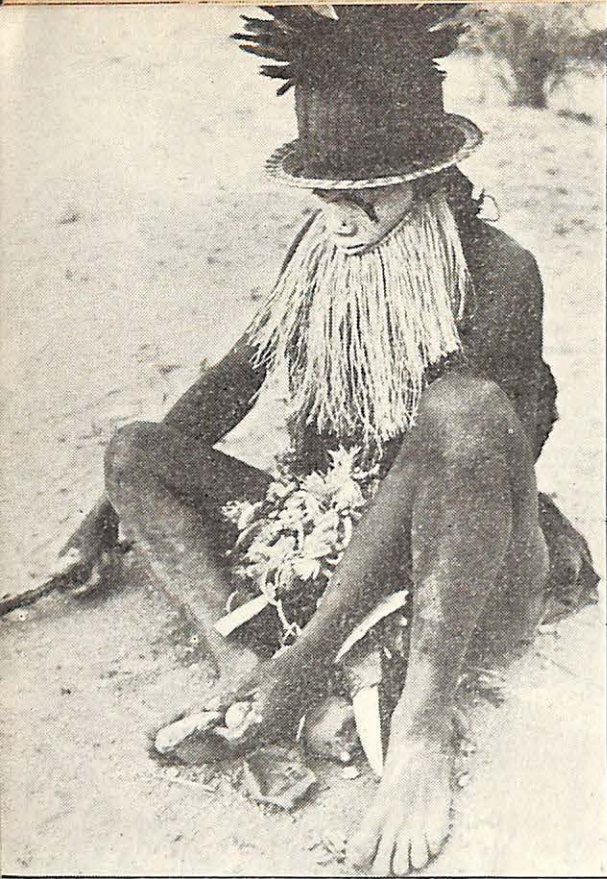
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A Plea For Better Sunday Schools

By Arthur E. Fanslow
of New Haven, Connecticut

In these times of trials and tribulations throughout the world, we must rally around our Sunday Schools and churches as we put forth our best endeavors for Christ and his Kingdom. We must gather up the ends here and

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A Medicine Man of Kakaland With His Paraphernalia to Use Among the Sick Natives of the Cameroons

David Livingstone's Testimony

"The spirit of Missions is the spirit of our Master: the very genius of His religion.

"I am a missionary, heart and soul. God had an only Son, and He was a missionary and a physician. A poor, poor imitation I am or wish to be. In this service I hope to live, in it I wish to die."



An African "Juju" With Mask and Feather Dress With Which Some of Africa's Worst Superstitions Are Associated

In the Footsteps of Christ's Healing Ministry

JESUS said, "Heal the sick." Healing the sick was an important part of his ministry. He did it himself and also commanded his disciples to "preach the gospel and heal the sick." Medical work has always been a part of mission work and without it there can be no mission work, whether carried on by trained medical people or by any worker who uses whatever knowledge he has of the body and of medicine to take care of the sick.

God's Healing Ministry

Medical missions is wide in its scope; its activities are many and varied and deep in its meaning. Its influence is beyond calculation. Sometimes when we look for "results," we in our limitations cannot see them and then again we have experiences and see things that tell us that God has had his hand on the medical work and that these experiences have eternal values.

God has blessed the healing ministry on the mission fields. Would that there were many more engaged in it! Our own work in the Cameroons is crying for nurses and doctors to serve that vast field that is now under our care. In all the Cameroons province there is not one mission doctor.

Medical work introduces the gospel to the people. In pioneer work among primitive people you will seldom have someone ask you about your God. He doesn't know that you know about Jesus—that your main purpose is to bring him to a saving knowledge of

Miss Edith Koppin of Detroit, Mich., the Author of this Article, hopes to be able to return to the Cameroons, Africa, at the close of her furlough in August, 1942, to continue her ministry as one of our missionary nurses in that part of "Darkest Africa."

Jesus. But what he does know is that he is sick!

He knows that there are sores all over his body; or that a huge ulcer is slowly eating away his foot. He knows and does feel the aching back, the headache and the burning fever in the body from malaria and in his misery, after having tried his native medicine men, you will find him some morning on your doorstep to ask you to relieve him from his misery and suffering. He knows and perhaps he has heard that the white man has medicine. In fact, his reason has told him that we, as humans and to him the "superior white man," must have some of that powerful white man's medicine.

"In Jesus' Name"

You then help this man. You may want to tell him about your Savior whose healing of the soul is far better than healing of the body but in his physical state he will not have the patience to listen. But you feel sorry for him and Jesus said, "Heal the sick," and you take water and wash

that ulcer, put on some healing ointment or other medicine that will heal, bind up the wound. How much better that feels just to have it clean and bandaged! The bunch of leaves which he used to shoo away the flies from the ulcer is discarded. And after a few days that ulcer begins to decrease in size and he tells us that the night before has been the first night for many a week that he has slept.

The "White Man's" Medicine

Or there is that man with sores all over his body that have been itching him so fiercely that he cannot keep from scratching, which he does until he bleeds. Sometimes he uses just his nails; sometimes that does not dig deeply enough and you will see him using a piece of broken pot or a small sharp stick—anything, anything, just to relieve that itching. The sight of it is enough to sicken you. Sometimes they come full of those awful sores due to "Yaws." Nurse Reddig can also tell you about them as there is much yaws in her district. Or this man with fever-racked body. Just a few tablets of quinine will cause that fever to abate and he feels strength returning to his weak and emaciated body.

You help these people with the medicines that you have brought from the "white man's country" and they are relieved. Not that we can help all that come! Sometimes the disease has gone too far or it is something that is beyond our knowledge, especially where surgical care is needed. But you help

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wherever and whenever you can because you feel sorry for them and because Jesus said, "Heal the sick."

Influences Beyond Measure

This man, whoever he is, has perhaps come from some distant village. When he gets well, he returns to his home. He is welcomed back. He tells the family what has been done for him, and they rejoice that one of their own who has been sick so long has been made well. At the dispensary we do not hear of him again but the missionary goes on trek to preach the gospel and to meet the people. In some places he has found that the people are afraid of him and are shy. They stay in their huts or, as has happened, they run to their farms and stay in hiding until he has passed on. Perhaps, a few courageous ones have ventured near him.

Then he comes to another village and to his surprise and pleasure he finds a welcome. The people come out to meet him, and one among them is especially friendly. Soon the missionary learns that the young man is the same young man who has been helped at the dispensary. A contact is made as the young man tells his people not to be afraid of the missionary, that he does not harm anyone. So they listen to what he has to tell them, that far beyond physical cure there is the cure for sin and that there is a Savior who gave himself to affect that cure.

And that isn't just one incident. It is repeated many times over. That is what I mean by saying that the influence of the medical work cannot be calculated. Not always is the patient himself interested in Jesus but through him someone else comes to know the Lord Jesus as his Savior.

Medical missions is one of the greatest forces against the stronghold of Satan and ignorance.

I passed the compound of the pagan priest one day. Sitting on the ground sat a young man. His body was wasted, nothing but skin and bones left. Repeated attacks of malaria had left him sick, weak, emaciated. He could not eat for his stomach was affected by that disease. His bones ached; he suffered from headache and backache; at night he could not sleep; his body was burning with fever, pains and aches. He knew he would soon die if he could not obtain help from somewhere. The native medicine man could not help him, although he had tried all his concoctions, even to licking the bunch of feathers that is supposed to bring healing. He went from one to another, and many like him are still doing it.

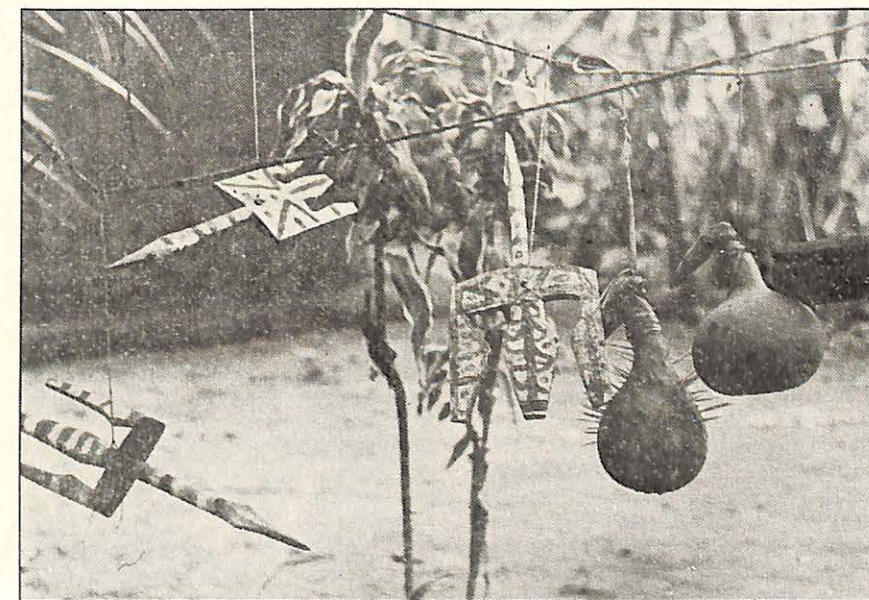
Evils of Divination

Finally, he went to the priest and he delved into his different sources of divination. They might be "Gambi," a set of leaves which are intricately marked, each leaf with its definite meaning. These are thrown and whatever leaf turns up will have some meaning for this man, the cause of his



A Fetish Clay Pot Covered With Feathers and Blood

illness, etc. Or, they might be the large black tarantula which they worship as having unusual occult powers. He has gone to the spider's hole and has laid across the hole several sticks, and when the spider comes out he will throw these sticks over and whichever way they fall will determine definite things. They may tell him the cause of this man's illness, if someone else has cursed him and brought this sickness upon him. These sticks will tell the tale!



Strange Looking Fetishes on Strings Which Represent the Idols of African Natives in Their Animistic Religion and Dark Superstitions

They have various sources of divination and they have absolute faith in them. This is also a source of revenue to them. The pagan priest is a cunning man. "Ah, yes," he says, "there it is. Now we have the answer." His father now dead has brought this curse upon him. His father, before he died, did not settle all his grievances. Perhaps some family quarrel or some debt has not been paid. Clever fellow, being the old man that he is, he has known all

about these past offenses and has used them for his own advantage.

Now this young man must remove this curse from his head. He is told to bring a rooster and some palm wine to the priest or whatever other price he exacts. This is done! Then the priest takes a gourd of water over which he says incantations making that water efficacious. Then with a spray of leaves he sprinkles this "blessed water" over the man. He will put some in his mouth and as a fine spray he spits it on the man's head. He will carry out other ritual forms and the man is then told that the curse of his father has been removed and it cannot harm him any more. He goes home in hope or perhaps wondering if that will do the trick. We do not know what all goes on in their thinking. We have not yet learned to "think black."

The Truth That Frees

A few days went by and I passed his compound where I saw him warming his hands over the fire. His body was shivering with the chills of malaria, and he still looked as sick as the time I saw him at the priest's home. So we stopped and talked to him and asked him about his sickness. Yes, he is still sick; his back aches; and when he tries to eat it just won't "pass the throat." He feels nauseated and he still does not sleep.

In our grass bag we always carry a bottle of quinine capsules or tablets. So I told him to take two of these and

the next morning to come to the dispensary for more of the white man's medicine. He was there the next morning, although it was yet too soon to expect results. So we gave more of those wonderful quinine tablets that have such quick effect on the black man and the next morning he appeared again and this time I could see that he had had a night's sleep for he was all smiles. Yes, he was even able to eat some "fufu" (corn meal mush) and he



A Swollen Foot is Given Native Medical Treatment With Brushing of Hot Water from a Wooden Ladle

now knew that he would get well. And he could not help but realize that his dead father had nothing to do with his illness or at least the white man had a powerful medicine to offset or "kill" his father's curse.

I believe that truth will have the ultimate triumph and although this man will have to go through a labyrinth of thinking and reasoning, yet I know that truth shall live and as Jesus says, "The truth shall make you free."

An Unfortunate Girl

Then I would like to tell you another side, of what it means not to be able to help.

There was a young mother at Warwar whose baby had fallen into the fire and had badly burned one of its arms. She was told to bring it to the dispensary at Mbem but that was too far to go. The natives are afraid to leave the boundaries of their own country, and then isn't there the farm that must be taken care of? Farming must go on or there will not be any corn to put in the granaries.

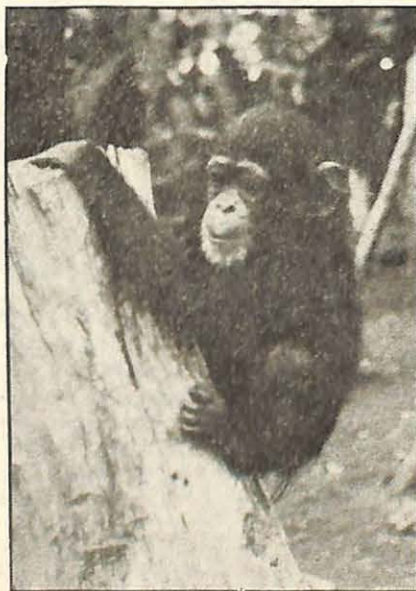
Later, when I came to Warwar, I saw this baby. The wound had healed but in the process the arm had drawn up so that the lower arm was pulled up to the upper arm, making that arm immobile. Hard scarred tissue formed over the area. "Now what?" was the thought of the parents. This baby was a girl. What future had she? How can she farm, something which every Mambila woman must do? How can she grind her corn, as every Mambila woman must do? Must she not cook for her husband and children? And who will marry her if she cannot farm, if she cannot cook?

The parents were in despair. So one day they brought her to me and asked me to cut the arm on the inside of the elbow so that she could use her arm again. As best as I could I told them that was beyond my ability, that merely cutting the arm would not help. I tried to explain to these simple-minded

people about skin grafting that must be done but that it would have to be a "man doctor" to do that. Oh, would that there were a mission doctor to help such as these! They went away very much disappointed that I could not help them.

A Mission Doctor Needed

A few days later they appeared again and there was a native bandage on the arm. I removed it, and what did my eyes behold! A deep cut at the place where they had told me to cut. What I did not have the courage to do, they in their despair had the boldness to do. Present pain was far better than future sorrow and disgrace. Hopefully they looked to me to supply that medicine that would now heal the cut and then all would be well! But that hard scarred skin tissue did the same as before. There was no life in that tissue and slowly the lower arm was drawn up to the upper arm and



A Young Chimpanzee of the British Cameroons

the arm again was fast and immobile. She could not use that lower arm.

Keen disappointment was theirs. And this tragedy was later followed by a much greater one. Some time later one morning we heard that the mother in crossing the turbulent Warwar River on the native bridge had "fallen" into the water. The little babe was tied on her back. A few days later down the stream the river gave up its prey and the bodies were found on the bank. No one knew what had happened. The natives were non-committal about it. But I wondered and have often wondered since. Knowing natives, as I know them, no doubt this mother was cursed for having allowed this to happen to her child.

Undoubtedly, she was derided and mocked for her misfortune, and she must have despaired of the future for that child. For was she not herself a woman and did she not know what was expected of her child to take its rightful place in her family and tribe. So I wondered if she "fell" in! Or, did she "want" to "fall" in? And I wondered, too, if there had been that mission doctor to help at that time, whether that mother and babe would not be with us today. I don't know; do you?

But there are also many bright gems in this great work in medical missions and I will tell you of them in another "Baptist Herald" article.

BETTER SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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there. We must not retreat. We dare not harbor the thought of Christianity dying out. As stewards of our Lord and Savior let us not only bring our offerings, which are needed at all times to carry on this work, but let us also pray that our Sunday Schools may become spiritual centers for Christ.

What is a Sunday School composed of? It should include young and old, a mixture of good common sense with a generous portion of spiritual values in those who believe in God and Jesus Christ and who have a strong faith that will not be overcome by obstacles created by Satanic forces.

Our motto should be for our God, Church and country, to whom and to which we all belong, for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom and the enlightenment of all mankind throughout the world. Let us pray without ceasing for a spiritual goal, and the financial aid will surely come by our prayers and actions in conjunction with all that is being said and done all over Christ's Kingdom.

Do we want a better life? Yes, most certainly! How? By keeping in close touch with Jesus. His joys are our joys. Let not our sorrows so fill our hearts that we are not able to see the silver lining of Jesus Christ's teachings on this earth. In Nehemiah 4:21 we read: "So we labored in the work and half of them held their spears from the rising of the morning sun till the stars appeared."

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Edited by MRS. BERTHA JOHNSON of Chicago, Illinois

Being Neighbors to Katina

It was visitors' day at the hospital. All afternoon Katina, lying in bed, had been watching visitors who passed in and out of the children's ward. Her great dark eyes looked longingly at the other girls as they eagerly greeted their friends and unwrapped all the lovely mysterious packages. But she was lonely, because she was an orphan in a foreign land, with no one who cared enough even to bring her a flower.

A gentleman passing through the room glanced at her, and noting her wistful face, took five cents from his pocket. "Here, little girl. It is a great fortune; don't spend it all at once," he remarked, laughing.

Katina smiled her thanks and clasped the money tightly in her hot palm. One of the nurses was coming toward her, so Katina called, "Oh, please, Miss Lovejoy!"

"Yes, dear; what can I do for you?" "You know the popcorn man, nurse. He stay outside the gate. I gotta five cent. Please, you getta me fritters."

Miss Lovejoy hesitated. The superintendent of the hospital objected to the popcorn man and did not like to have any one buy his wares. Still here was a little girl who had so few pleasures that Miss Lovejoy found it hard to refuse.

"Give me your money, dear," she whispered, and hastened off to get Katina's popcorn.

An hour later, coming to Katina's cot again with a cup of broth, she saw the fritters, unopened, lying on the pillow.

"Why, Katina, you haven't eaten your popcorn! What's the reason?"

"Oh, please, nurse, I didn't buy them to eat. You know all the other children have people come and bringa the presents. No one ever comes to me. I pretend my mother come today and bringa the popcorn."

Miss Lovejoy's eyes filled with tears. "Katina, do you care so much?"

"Yes, verra much," answered Katina, her thin fingers reaching out to touch the nurse's hand.

After the visitors had all gone, Katina called Miss Lovejoy again. "I had a good time," she said with a smile. "Now break the popcorn and give to every girl some."

"I will," promised the nurse. To herself she added, "And I will find some one to visit Katina."

The next Sunday Miss Lovejoy had a chance to go to Sunday School, and she had an opportunity to teach a class



A "Big" Little Fellow! Thomas Donald Lutz of Kansas, Whose Parents, Rev. and Mrs. Thos. Lutz, Are in the Ministry of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and Who Will Soon Begin a Similar Service in Sheboygan, Wis.

of girls. First, she told them about the good Samaritan, then followed the story of Katina. "Who, I wonder, wants to be neighbor to Katina?" asked Miss Lovejoy.

Susanne was the first to speak, and then one after another the other girls responded, "I do."

"Well, then, suppose you organize yourselves into clubs of two or three members, take turns in visiting Katina, and perhaps occasionally bring her some little gift, if not more than a flower or a Sunday School paper," suggested Miss Lovejoy.

Next Sunday afternoon at the visiting hour two girls entered the hospital ward. Each one carried a package wrapped in tissue paper and tied with ribbons. Down the long room they walked, Katina following them with her eyes; and then—oh, could it be true?—they stopped at her bedside, and Miss Lovejoy's voice was saying, "Katina, here are two of your friends."

That was only the beginning of happy times for the lonely little girl who never again had to pretend that some one came to see her. As for Susanne and the other girls—

"How do you like being a neighbor?" Miss Lovejoy asked of Susanne.

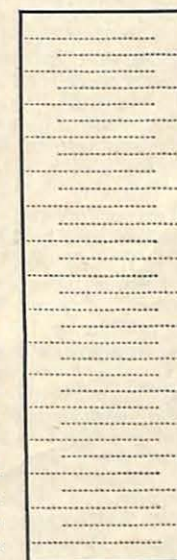
"I never had a better time," Susanne confessed.—(Reprinted from "Juniors' Pleasure," November, 1932.)

Story Book of Christ

Read Luke 5:1-11. Rewrite the story in your own words. At the top of the page copy the verse, Matthew 4:19. Instead of a picture to go with this story, we shall make a net as described below. Paste the net on the page with this story, pasting down just the top edge of the net. When you have finished this, you should have three stories in your "Story Book of Christ."

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DIAGRAM

Take a piece of colored paper (rather thin) about 4 inches square. Fold it through the center, and then fold it once more so that it has been folded into four parts. When it is folded, it should look like the accompanying diagram. Using a pencil, draw lines about 1/4 inches apart as shown in the diagram. Then cut on these lines, being careful not to cut beyond the dotted lines. When opened up, your paper should look like a net. Be careful not to tear it as you open it up.



Answers for March

- Alta Mae Albus, Carrington, North Dakota
- Bernice Brunski, Medicine Hat, Alberta
- Deloris Ehman
- Marilou Felsburg, Vesper, Kansas
- Mrs. R. Grabia, Millet, Alberta
- Helen E. M. Kanett, Sagathun, Saskatchewan
- Leota Fern Nitsch, Vesper, Kansas
- Agnes Ohlhauser, Carbon, Alberta
- Charles Reiss, Jr., Lyons, Kansas
- Gessy Rice, Seattle, Washington
- Arlene Rueb, Canova, South Dakota
- Betty Snizsiedler, McLaughlin, South Dakota
- Gertrude Schatz, Morris, Manitoba
- Marjorie Ame Sents, Wellsburg, Iowa
- Donald Dale Werth, Vesper, Kansas
- Mrs. Joe Werre, (S. S. Class of 12 boys and girls) Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Anonymous, McClusky, North Dakota

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Oregon and Washington Ministers' Conference is Held at Odessa, Washington

The Oregon and Washington Ministers' Conference met with the Baptist Church at Odessa, Wash., from March 10 to 12. The local pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, had every detail so well ordered, that there was an "at homeness" feeling for every visitor.

The program committee under the chairmanship of the Rev. F. W. Mueller provided an excellent program on the theme, "The Sure Word of God." Presentations of the many assignments given during the day sessions were inspiring and informative. The evening services were well attended by the local church people. Throughout the conference special music was rendered by the choir and trio of the local church, and by trios and a soloist from the group of ministers.

The conference was deprived of the presence and saddened by the illness of Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who was hospitalized in Spokane, Wash. Good was the news received on Thursday of his recovery. (An article by Dr. Kuhn about his illness appears elsewhere in this issue under the heading, "Why Did This Happen to Me?"—Editor.)

The conference came to a happy close and we are hoping to meet with one of the Oregon churches next year.

R. H. ZEPK, Reporter.

News Glimpses Into the Young People's Work at Kelowna, British Columbia

This is the German Baptist Young People's Union of Kelowna, B. C., reporting! We've been enjoying the inspirational "Reports from the Field," and it is high time we "pulled our share of the load" by sending our contribution to this fine work. Our wish is that this report may be of help to discouraged young people who wonder if it is worth while to "work for the Lord."

We think it is! Although many of our group have left for Vancouver, we are still keeping up our regular meetings and monthly programs. On Friday evenings we are discussing "Pilgrim's Progress." Often we come to some port in his journey where we can say, "That has happened to us, too." The first Friday in the month is prayer hour, and an older member of the church gives us a much needed heart-to-heart talk. Our choir has been busy singing for our March program, for Bible Day and for Easter.

It has been our privilege to attend special meetings at the Bethel Baptist Church here. We are glad of the fellowship we have with the other church.

We thank God for this blessing in war time, and we do try to use the opportunities he gives us to stand up for him. He gives us the strength.

JOHN PASCHOLD, Vice-president.

Instructions for Reporters

Send your reports to the editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

All reports must be limited to 300 words and must be sent within 30 days after the occurrence of the event reported.

Pictures for cuts will be welcomed whenever they are clear and distinct. There will be no charge except for pictures of wedding anniversary couples.

Have your reports typewritten whenever possible.

EDITOR.

Several Groups in the Trinity Church's B. Y. P. U. of Portland Conduct Interesting Programs

We find it easier in the B. Y. P. U. of our Trinity Church in Portland, Ore., to change age limits and to rename a few groups from time to time than to try actually to tell someone that he or she is too old or too young for certain groups. This is the way in which we have now organized our society.

The oldest group runs from approximately 25 years and older, and it happens to be probably the best attended. In this group we have had a consistent program of Bible study, having finished Paul's epistle to the Romans. We are now busily studying the epistle to the Ephesians. We consider ourselves fortunate in having such a capable and amiable teacher as the Rev. Simon Forsberg of our city, who is dean of the Multnomah School of the Bible.

Our next group runs from ages 16 to 25, and this is also well attended and probably the most active, holding regular meetings with good singing and good programs. The members of this group have also held successful prayer meetings for 15 minutes preceding each regular meeting.

Now I am reminded of what I once read in "The Baptist Herald" some time ago. It said that one of our Philadelphia churches had a sign hanging in the entrance that read something like this: "The biggest obstacle to the younger generation is the example of the older generation." If only enough of us would take this to heart! Our younger groups have good sound adult leadership and those who are taking part are truly to be commended. But since we are a downtown church, it is most essential that we have real cooperation between parents and children. Regularly our B. Y. P. U. takes charge of some meetings at the Union Gospel Mission. We also visit our church members and friends regularly who may be ill. A new activity of our B. Y. P. U. is keeping in contact with the young men of our church who are in government service and remembering them occasionally with a surprise package. They also receive "The Baptist Herald."

ERNEST H. PASSARGE, Reporter.

The Conference of the Oregon Baptist League is Challenged by the Theme "Victory with Christ"

The fifteenth annual conference of the Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Oregon was held in the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., from March 13 to 15. The theme of the conference was "Victory with Christ," which was beautifully portrayed in a floral "V" of gardenias encircled with yellow daffodils and greens.

On Friday evening welcomes and announcements were made by Miss Eileen Riemer, president of the Laurelhurst B. Y. P. U., and by Sam Rich, our state president. The play, "To the Cameroons," was ably presented by the Laurelhurst young people in collaboration with Paul and Clara Gebauer. The play depicted our progress in our Cameroon missionary enterprise from the time of our first missionaries to the departure of Paul and Clara Gebauer. Pictures of the missionaries and African settings, which were flashed on the screen during the play, made the scenes even more vivid.

On Saturday evening the banquet was held and the wonderful food prepared by the ladies of the Laurelhurst Church will long be remembered and appreciated. A brief business session followed the banquet, at which time Mr. Roy Rocks was elected president, succeeding Mr. Sam Rich, and Miss Eileen Riemer succeeded Mr. Roy Rocks as treasurer. We also voted to change our name to "Oregon Baptist League" with the sub-title, "Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union," and our summer assembly to be held at Silver Creek Camp from August 9 to 16 was emphasized.

Miss Grace Clamfield and Mr. George Bauder gave short talks on "Victory in our Denominational Goals." Miss Lottie Meves, an accomplished young violinist, favored us with several selections. Our National President, Harold Petke, boosted the "100" Club, and the Rev. Paul Gebauer spoke briefly on "Devotion to Duty."

The Young People's Rally was held on Sunday afternoon and attracted a goodly number of our young people from the various churches of our league. The Rev. Otto Nallinger of the Salt Creek Church installed the newly elected officers, after which a brief "Victory Service" was conducted by our president, Sam Rich, in honor of the 39 young men who have already gone out from our Oregon Churches to serve our country.

The Rev. Rodney Britten, director of Christian Education of the Oregon Baptist Convention, brought the afternoon message, stressing the need of Christians seeking a refuge in Christ at this time as never before. The special music for all the conference meetings was furnished by our various churches. We are all thankful to God for the accomplishments and blessings of this conference and pray that we will be spurred on to "Victory With Christ." BETTY K. PFAFF, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Reception of Welcome for the Rev. Arthur Schulz by the Unityville Church

Members and friends of the Baptist Church of Unityville, So. Dak., held a surprise reception in the church parlors for our new minister, the Rev. Arthur Schulz, on Friday evening, March 6. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, our former pastor, has been serving at Loyal, Okla., since last December.

Lucile Karlson led a short program of welcome. Brief talks were given by Edwin Wobig, Ernest Wobig, Mrs. L. R. Duke, Lylah Anderson and Vange Anderson in behalf of the church, Sunday School, Ladies' Aid, Junior B. Y. P. U. and Senior B. Y. P. U., respectively. Each one welcomed Mr. Schulz and gave him assurance of wholehearted cooperation. Phyllis Wobig and Verna Lubinus sang a duet. Mr. Schulz responded briefly, saying that working together with combined efforts we can do great things.

Lunch was served and an hour of fellowship was enjoyed. We are all looking forward enthusiastically to working with our new pastor and God's servant, the Rev. Arthur Schulz.

VANGE ANDERSON, Reporter.

Farewell Service for the Rev. and Mrs. A. Reeh in Goodrich, North Dakota

After a four year ministry in the Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak., the evening for the last service for the Rev. A. Reeh and family had arrived. On Sunday evening, March 8, the church had kindly arranged for a farewell service in honor of their pastor, and the auditorium was well filled for the occasion.

The Rev. R. Kaiser, the neighboring minister, who had been invited as guest speaker, opened the meeting. After a song service led by Mr. Reeh, the Rev. R. Kaiser brought an appropriate message on "The Relationship of the Church and the Pastor." The choir rendered a fine musical selection, whereupon Messrs. J. Schmidt and John Felchle, senior deacons of the church, both followed with short talks of appreciation of the efforts and inspiration of Mr. Reeh and his family while with them.

These men were followed by Mr. R. Martin, who represented the choir, and who also spoke very highly of the assistance and encouragement which Mr. and Mrs. Reeh have given the choir during the years of their service. Last, but not least, were words of Mrs. J. Schmidt who spoke for the Ladies' Mission Society.

The church also presented their minister and his wife with thoughtful gifts as remembrances for their faithful work. Mr. and Mrs. Reeh responded with words of thankfulness for all that God had done for them at Goodrich and praised God for the privilege of serving him by serving the church as they wished them God's richest blessing. The Rev. and Mrs. A. Reeh and family left two days later for LaSalle, Colo., where they have assumed the work of their new field.

R. G. KAISER, Reporter.

A Beehive of Activity in the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, North Dakota

The young people of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak., have held regular meetings since the beginning of the year.

We have studied the origin of denominations. Some of the churches of our town sent representatives to give the origin of their communions to us. We also studied the work and history of our own church in Gackle and the work of the various branches.

The Choir and Junior orchestras meet every Thursday evening with the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch as their directors. The Rev. E. P. Fosmark of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown held revival meetings for several weeks in March. We heard many strong and well delivered evangelistic sermons based on the Word of God.

The Bible Day program was given on March 9. Each class of the Sunday School rendered one number. The collection was over \$6.00. Mrs. G. W. Rutsch has organized a Ladies' Chorus, which presented several numbers on Easter Sunday.

MRS. E. K. REMBOLDT, Reporter.

Missionary, Patriotic and Bible Day Programs Are Presented by the Linton Y. P. and S. S.

The young people of the Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., gave an enlivening missionary program on the evening of Feb. 8. The main part of the evening was given to the playlet, "America Help Us," written by Helen Heitzman of our Dakota Conference. Our missionary on the foreign field, portrayed by Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, brings the gospel to the lost, portrayed by Bobby Pfeiffer, Jake Tschritter and Dolores Kremer, and she shows the hardships she has to endure because of the lack of understanding and help from America. In America we find a family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kiemele, the unseeing father and mother; Charles and Doris Wagner, wandering aimlessly, not conscious of a need in the mission field. This family spends its life frivolously and lavishly and leaves them nothing over to give to church, much less for missions. On a Sunday morning, the Sunday School superintendent, Eddie Tschritter, reads a letter from the missionary and leads the Sunday School in a consecration service at which the entire family resolves to do something for the mission field. The missionary offering amounted to \$21.08.

On Feb. 22 the Linton B. Y. P. U. rendered a patriotic program opening with the congregation singing "America," followed by the salute to the American flag and the salute to the Christian flag. A piano solo by Edna Kist, a saxophone solo by Phyllis Zoller, an instrumental quartet composed of Phyllis Zoller, Ilean Dobler, Charles Wagner, Alma Docktor, accompanied by Doris Wagner; and several selections by the choir were a few of the musical numbers presented. Dolores Kremer gave a short talk on Abraham Lincoln, Hildegard Wagner on George

Washington and Irene Kist on the other great men of February such as Charles Dickens, George Peabody and Robert E. Lee. This was followed by a brief message on American patriotism by the pastor, the Rev. Charles Wagner, closing the service.

On Sunday, March 8, the Sunday School presented a Bible Day's Program with the entire school participating. The male quartet, composed of Gottlieb Kremer, Jake Kiemele, Reuben Bibelheimer and Reinhold Pfeifer, favored us with several inspiring numbers. The Intermediates presented a playlet, "The Spirit of the Bible."

HILDEGARD WAGNER, Reporter.

Many Successful Activities of the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dak.

It has been some time since the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, So. Dak., has reported anything of the work here. Nevertheless, we have not been idle but have kept building at the Kingdom of God in our own way and in God's strength.

After entertaining the South Dakota Association last fall, we started with special services. First, the pastor, the Rev. A. J. Fischer, helped in Venturia, No. Dak., and then in exchange the Rev. A. Guenther assisted us for two weeks. The Lord blessed our humble efforts and the preaching of his word. Mr. Guenther's ministry was well received and has greatly helped us. Six young people of one family accepted Christ.

Since Sept. 7th we have had two baptismal services. The last was held on March 15th in the Huron Baptist Church. We received eight persons into the church fellowship through baptism and letter.

At the annual business meeting the church voted unanimously to adopt the Club Plan again for the fourth consecutive year, thus renewing twenty-six BAPTIST HERALDS and twelve SENDBOTE subscriptions. Our people enthusiastically endorse the Club Plan, for it has proven very satisfactory in our church.

The financial conditions of the various treasuries have showed up fine with a surplus of over \$200 on hand. The pastor received a \$75 gift as he began his fifth year of service with the church. Many other delightful gifts and expressions of love were extended to the minister's family, including some substantial products of the farm.

We have fine services and well attended meetings. As most interested readers know, ours is a rural church. The people appreciate and support it wholeheartedly. At present, the pastor lives in Wessington Springs. The distance to and from the church is great, but eventually, with many priorities on a car, our people will get a clearer vision of the practicability and necessity of having a parsonage by the church. To live 26 miles away from one's field of service is, indeed, a great hindrance to the work, and it creates unnecessary handicaps and hardships for both minister and people.

Continuing to feel that we are a vital part of our general constituency, we align ourselves with other churches in service and prayer that God might bless our denomination.

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Many Evidences of Spiritual Growth in the Central Church of Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, has been wonderfully blessed during the past 20 months under the superb leadership of the Rev. P. Pfeiffer. A marked spiritual growth has been noted, and a renewed interest is manifest in the different branches of the church.

We have grown numerically as well as spiritually and are happy to report 13 recent additions, two through baptism and 11 by letter. The attendance in both morning and evening worship services is especially gratifying.

The finances have been increased and we are happy to report that on Jan. 1st we were privileged to increase our pastor's salary by \$200 per year.

An extensive renovating program has just recently been completed, during which the church received a new roof and frame work painted and the interior was completely redecorated at an approximate cost of \$700 for which we paid cash. Due to the fact that several of our members gave much of their time to this work the cost was much less than it would have been otherwise.

We are thankful for the splendid work which Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer are doing, for the unity that is so evident in our little group, and for the cooperation of every member.

With the Lord's help we hope to do much more for him in the coming years.

R. E. ENGELBRECHT, Reporter.

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association Holds Its Annual Sessions at Kyle

On Thursday evening, March 5, delegates and friends of our South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association met in the Emanuel Baptist Church at Kyle, Texas, for a few days of blessed fellowship. We are thankful to the Lord, the local pastor's family and all those who contributed to the many blessings received.

On Thursday evening, after a brief song service, the local pastor gave his welcome to delegates and friends and the Rev. P. Hintze responded. The Rev. P. Pfeiffer of Waco brought the opening message, based on Acts 17:6.

Mr. Bieber led a brief devotion on Friday morning. The reports from the different churches gave us the impression that God still has a great work for us to do. The Rev. W. H. Buening, pastor in Gatesville, led the quiet half hour, basing his thoughts on Ps. 121:2.

In the afternoon three speakers were on the program. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp, the new pastor of our church in Cottonwood, brought us a message on "Our Glorious Hope." Mr. Hintze led a Bible study on "Faith and Works," based on James 2:14-24. Our mission secretary, Mr. Pfeiffer, spoke on the theme, "United We Shall Stand as a Denomination." The day came to a close with a message from the Rev. L. Hoeffner on "Have Faith in God," based on Mark 11:22.

The Rev. C. C. Gossen led the devotion on Saturday morning, basing his thoughts on John 16:33. Mr. Hoeffner led a Bible study on the theme, "The Proper Use of Our Christian Liberty," based on 1. Cor. 10:23-33. Mr. Buening closed the service and spoke to us on Rev. 3:7. The evening and Sunday afternoon programs were in the hands of the young people.

On Sunday the church was filled with people from far and near and we had fine services. After Sunday School Mr. Hintze preached the mission sermon, based on Rev. 2:4. The offering was \$50. These blessed days of fellowship came to a close in the evening with an evangelistic message by Mr. Hoeffner, based on 2. Peter 2:5. Next year we shall meet with the church in Donna, Texas.

L. HOFFNER, Reporter.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Many Blessings Are Enjoyed by the Baptist Church at Edenwold, Saskatchewan

It seems some time since we of the Baptist Church at Edenwold, Sask., had a report in the BAPTIST HERALD. Since the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Weisser have been with us we have had many blessed times together, and they have offered and sacrificed much of their time and talents in our church work as well as in the homes of the members.

Our young people's society is not so active during the winter months, since roads do not permit us to gather regularly for our meetings. This is also a hindrance for our church choir. Still, great efforts are made especially for festive days, such as Christmas and Easter, when good programs are usually rendered. We have a fine group of children in our Sunday School, which is ably supervised by Mr. C. Rumpel.

Since Mr. Weisser's ministry began, we have had two new groups formed. One is a girls' club, "The Busy Bees," with Ella Rumpel as president. The other is the Junior Society for boys and girls under fifteen years. Ella Rumpel is supervisor of the Juniors, who is ably assisted by Mrs. Weisser.

We cannot appreciate enough the never failing willingness of the Ladies' Aid in all that they render towards our church. During the past year we had a great deal of work done in our church as to alterations in the basement and the installing of a new furnace and a new chimney. The church yard was improved by a new fence, and the church stables moved to a new location and repaired. The parsonage, which stands just across the road from the church, also had some improvements made to it, thanks to the Ladies' Aid who carried the big share of the financial burden.

Our village church at Edenwold has been improved with a new coat of paint on the inside, thirty new chairs to complete the set and the balance of the rustic benches removed, and also a new fence around the premises.

During the past summer Mr. Weisser held a two weeks' Vacation School period. Misses Myrtle Fiddelick, Edna Rosom and Ella Rumpel assisted in the teaching. A Bible Study Course for

one week was held in the Fall for our young people with the Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton in charge, and supported by the Rev. K. Korella of Southey and Mr. Weisser. We are also pleased to report that for the past two years we are club members of the Publication Society.

Enthusiastic and Active Young People's Society in the Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alberta

Nearly a year has elapsed since the last report of the Baptist Church in Forestburg, Alberta, appeared in "The Baptist Herald," and that was when our pastor, the Rev. E. Riemer, and his family came to Forestburg in April, 1941. Our young people's society was still having its winter sleep and had not resumed its activities. And so, after seeding time, our pastor encouraged us again to start our young people's activities.

We organized our society under the capable presidency of Miss Adelaide Klatt, and with the assistance of our pastor in the committees and in the programs. We succeeded to build up our society with a present membership of 32.

Unfortunately, our president had to leave us because of her intention to take up a business course in Calgary, and so the greatest burden in arranging the programs was laid upon the pastor until our annual meeting. For this year we elected as our president Mrs. Ruby Bresch who is a very active worker. Her assistance and efforts are very much appreciated among our young people.

Mr. E. Riemer is our vice-president, Helmuth Riemer serves as treasurer, and the undersigned as secretary. The church has kindly given its consent to use every second Sunday evening for the young people's programs. A bulletin board was attached in the lobby of the church, announcing the meetings of the young people two weeks in advance, and also giving us some news of the happenings among ourselves and some of the "Do You Know That..." of "The Baptist Herald."

Our programs consisted of "Origins of Sacred Songs," "Our Missions," and "Mission Work of our Canadian Baptists," Radio Programs and devotional and Christian educational programs. We also placed a question box in the lobby and questions are pouring in and are answered by the president and the pastor in every meeting. We also installed a birthday box and designated the contents of the year to the Centenary Offering.

We received many blessings and much inspiration through these gatherings, and our society is growing both in the interest of God's Kingdom and in membership. Our meetings are very well attended, not only by the young people, but also by our older people.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 5, we presented the dialogue, "The Light of the Cross," and a pantomime, "The Old Rugged Cross," as well as two songs, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" and "Rejoice, the Lord is King," under the leadership of our pastor, who is also the conductor of the church choir. The offering from this program was designated to the Easter offering of our denomination.

RUTH SCHMITKE, Secretary.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Inspiring Ordination Service for the Rev. Roy B. Anderson by the Forest Park Baptist Church

Tuesday, March 24, was the date of ordination into the gospel ministry for Roy B. Anderson of Forest Park, Ill. Mr. Anderson holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College of Wheaton, Ill., and is a May candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. While at Northern Seminary, he held several offices and was elected student body president during his senior year. The highest honor given to any student was bestowed upon him when he received the coveted Heagle scholarship award for the year 1941 to 42.

The ordaining church was the Forest Park Baptist Church, of which the Rev. O. R. Schroeder is the ad interim pastor. Highlights of the service were the sermon by Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Seminary, who used for his text the words of the Lord to Jeremiah: "Prophet, what seest thou?" and a contralto solo beautifully rendered by the candidate's sister, Miss Jean Anderson. The ordination prayer was made by Dr. William Kuhn, the charge to the candidate by Dr. Peter Stiansen, and the welcome to the ministry by the Rev. C. B. Nordland. Invocation and scripture reading were given by the Rev. Douglas Eadie and the Rev. Lloyd Gibbs, respectively.

A report of the ordination council of the Chicago Baptist Association was brought by Dr. A. M. McDonald, superintendent of the Chicago Baptist Association. Mr. Anderson had been examined on the preceding day and heartily approved by the council. The benediction was appropriately given by the Rev. Roy B. Anderson.

An interesting sideline to the ordination was a delegation of some thirty members of the Baptist Church of Campbellsport, Wis., which travelled 150 miles to witness the service for Mr. Anderson, who is their pastor. Friends and relatives of the candidate were in attendance from various churches of the Chicago area, Baptist and otherwise. Members of the candidate's family present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson; a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson; and a sister, Miss Jean Anderson.

LLOYD GIBBS, Clerk of Council.

Spring Time With New Signs of Life Comes to the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago

Spring time is always an inspiration to everyone. Although the cold rains fall and the wind scurries through the silhouetted branches of the trees, we see signs of new life and anticipate a time of verdure and fruitfulness. Thank God for the swelling buds, the urgent pushing up of tender green crocus leaves, and the return of the summer song birds.

Nature has no monopoly on the season of spring. There are seasons of the soul, and periods of promise in church life. The Humboldt Park Church of

Chicago, Ill., is welcoming harbingers which indicate life, development and fruitage.

A bud which promises to develop into a nosegay of flowers is the children's work. A year ago a Baptist Junior Union was organized. The attendance averaged six. During the past few months the regular pupils number about twenty. The children are using the Cameroons Mission Calendar and



Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, Pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

are learning the worthwhile habit of daily Bible reading. For a number of weeks they have been making very attractive book marks, one of which was presented on Easter Sunday to each guest of the Old People's Home. An Easter program was also given by the Juniors. A weekly event of great interest to the children is the "Clue and Quiz" Contest.

A more conspicuous plot in our church garden is the B. Y. P. U. The young people are doing things. Dating from a debate, in which the question was, "Resolved, that the Humboldt Park B. Y. P. U. cannot succeed," the society has proved beyond doubt the negative side of this question. It is succeeding! Worthwhile programs are given each Sunday night. One entitled, "The Right Kind of American Defense," directed by Dolores Arnhold, and an evening of kodachrome-colored pictures on the work at Mooseheart were unusual, and well attended.

We have one hardy perennial in our garden, the Philathea Class. On March 22 this group celebrated its 27th anniversary by taking charge of the evening service. Palms and flowers lent a festive air to the auditorium which housed a good sized audience. Mrs. J. Meier, the founder of the class and its teacher for a number of years, was able to be with us and gave the invocation. Miss Emma Luedke and Mrs. W. Krenz rendered the lovely vocal duet, "Love Divine."

There were tears of repentance and consecration in the eyes of many who witnessed the presentation of the meaningful pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross." Six attitudes of cross bearing are depicted in this play. The arrogant disciple who despises the

cross; the dissatisfied one who wishes to carry a cross of his own choosing; the follower who elects to bear the cross, but secretly; the frivolous servant who boasts in the outward symbol of the cross; the hypocritical pretender; and the true cross bearer. In these characters we all beheld, as in a mirror, our own varying attitude toward that which we are called upon to take up and bear for the sake of Christ. The closing scene of the pageant showed the various characters as each returned to assume the cross indicated by Christ.

There were three requests for information concerning the pageant, looking forward to presentations in other churches by their own local talent. After the service a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the lower church rooms where refreshments were served. Many happy returns, Philathea!

The class wishes to express to Miss Anne Luedke, the retiring president, appreciation for the efficient service of the past few years, and extends to her good wishes for God's blessing for continued effort in other channels.

Like the "Song birds of Spring," the choir, under the direction of Robert Ellis Jones, gladdens our hearts each Sunday. This ministry of song is cherished by our congregation. On Easter Sunday night the singers rendered Stainer's "Crucifixion" and concluded with an appropriate finale of victorious resurrection music. Thank God for "the Spring time at Humboldt," and wherever it is found.

RUTH C. DOESCHER, Church Visitor.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Baptist Mission Band of Buffalo Center, Iowa, Celebrates Its 12th Anniversary

The Mission Band of the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, celebrated its 12th anniversary on Feb. 13, at which a program was given. Some of the members gave special numbers in song. We had as our speaker Dr. R. Moyer, dean of Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minn. He gave a very interesting sermon on missions. The offering taken at this meeting was \$114, for which we are very thankful.

In looking back over a full year of work, we as a Mission Band can say that God has been with us and has blessed us. We have a membership of 35 women.

Our program consisted of a missionary study, readings, musical numbers and a season of prayer for missionaries at home and abroad. We follow the program found on our calendars which the executive committee plans for the entire year. Our object is for the spiritual uplift and the deepening of the missionary spirit.

We contributed \$147 to missions. Besides sending this money to the various missionaries, we sent cookies to the Bethany Orphanage and good second-hand clothing to the Indians of northern Minnesota. We also donated toward the "march of dimes."

We have a committee that visits and takes fruit to the sick and elderly people.

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a sacred concert with Gideon Zimmerman and Lorenz Michelson delivering brief messages. "The congregation was greatly blessed both by song and word and wishes to extend every success to the students in their summer tour of the United States," as reported by Miss Shirley J. Beuerman.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 5, the Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak., held a festival service at which its pastor, the Rev. Willy Luebeck, was honored on his 10th anniversary as minister of the church. A large congregation gathered to share in these festivities. The surprise of the service was the unheralded arrival of Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, who brought the address of the evening. Mr. Luebeck is not only the highly esteemed pastor of the Ashley Church with its mission stations at Johannestal and Jewell but has been also the revered editor of the weekly Sunday School page in "Der Sendbote" for several years.

● The January 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" published the news report that the Rev. A. Stelter of American Falls, Ida., had accepted the call of the Baptist Church in Olds, Alta. This report was incorrect, for even though the call was received Mr. Stelter did not accept it. We extend our apologies both to the church and to Brother Stelter with the assurance of our good will in this matter. Recently the Rev. G. Eichler of Missoula, Mont., spent 11 days conducting meetings with Mr. Stelter in Paul, Idaho. Great interest was shown in the services, and several Sunday School scholars expressed the wish that they be remembered in prayer.

● The choir of more than 40 voices of the Strassburg Baptist Church of Kansas rendered the cantata, "The Easter Triumph" by Carrie Adams, on Easter Sunday evening, April 5, in the church. On Sunday evening, March 22, the same cantata was given by the choir in the Methodist Church of Antelope, Kans., and on Good Friday evening in the Youngstown Community Church near Marion. The director of the choir is Roy Vogel. Two numbers by Prof. Herman von Berge appear in the cantata. The Strassburg Church has purchased a fine substantial house several miles from the church which will be moved next Fall to the church property and remodeled as a parsonage. Mr. Roy Seibel is the pastor of the church.

● A special benefit concert for the Old People's Home of Chicago, Ill., was given by the Christian Fellowship Club Male Chorus of the First German Church of Chicago on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 29. Due to the intense interest in the service, the program was held in the Humboldt Park

Church auditorium. The chorus, directed by Herbert R. Pankratz, sang many numbers, including "America for Me" by C. Austin Miles, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" by Bach, and "Thanks Be to God" by Dickson-Salter. Arthur Loewen sang several baritone solos and Herbert Pankratz rendered a piano solo and gave some readings in Pennsylvania Dutch. The free will offering of \$47.88 was designated for the Old People's Home.

● A Junior Church was recently organized in the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., which has been meeting from 11 to 12 o'clock every Sunday morning since March 15th. This group is supervised by Messrs. Walter Marklein, Sr., Wm. Ehrhardt and John Veninga. On Sunday morning, March 22, the Rev. Wm. Swyter of West New York, N. J., brought the message at the German service. The Fathers' and Sons' banquet, sponsored by the Crusaders Society, was held on Saturday evening, March 28, with Alfred Orthner, president in charge. A very colorful and unusual magazine of 12 pages, entitled, "Flash," is being published by the young people's society. The Rev. Wm. J. Appel is pastor of the church.

● The Rev. Theo. W. Dons, the denominational evangelist, held very successful meetings in the Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., from March 8 to 20. There were ten persons who made a profession of faith in Christ during the services. From Feb. 15 to 27 Mr. Dons conducted similar meetings in the nearby Shell Creek Church of Nebraska. The Revs. Theo. Frey and Martin DeBoer are pastors of these churches, respectively. From March 22 to April 3 Mr. Dons served as evangelist in the German Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., and from April 5 to 12 in the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas. From Sunday, April 19, to Sunday, April 26, he will serve the First German Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., with evangelistic messages.

● Mrs. D. S. McAlpine, missionary of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Long Island, N. Y., recently presented her resignation because of ill health. A farewell service for her was held on Wednesday evening, March 25. On Sunday evenings during the Lenten season, the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, pastor, preached on the keynote of outstanding lives such as John Wesley, Martin Luther, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Isaiah and Russell H. Conwell, and closing with several messages on "The Keynote of the Life of Christ." On Easter Sunday evening, April 5, the church choir presented the cantata, "The Holy City" by A. R. Gaul. A dramatization, "The First Day of the Week," was presented by the young people at the Easter sunrise service.

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● On Easter Sunday, April 5, the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., dedicated a church sound system furnishing tower chimes for the church neighborhood at a cost of about \$211. The system can also be used for air raid signals in case of an emergency. The church has also successfully inaugurated a \$1000 improvement campaign looking toward the church's 50th anniversary in 1943. On Good Friday evening, April 3, the Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, pastor, baptized two persons and received these into the church's fellowship at the observance of the Lord's Supper. On Easter Sunday morning the pageant, "The Forgotten Cloak," was presented by the church school under the direction of Mrs. Helga Henry, and Stainer's "Crucifixion" was sung by the church choir at the evening service with Mr. Robert Ellis Jones directing the choir.

● During the week of April 13 to 17 several important committee meetings are to be held at Forest Park, Ill. On Monday, April 13, the program committee for the 1943 General Conference will convene with the Philadelphia ministers, the Revs. Milton R. Schroeder and H. Palfenier, also in attendance. From April 14 to 16 the General Missionary Committee, now called the North American Baptist General Missionary Committee, will hold its annual session. On the evenings of April 15 and 16 public services will be held in the Forest Park Church, at which the Revs. Wm. L. Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, and L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., will be the speakers and at which pictures of our denominational enterprise will be shown. The choirs of the Forest Park Church and the First German Baptist Church of Chicago will sing at these services. On Friday, April 17, the General Council will meet for its annual session.

● Miss Edith Koppin of Detroit, Mich., one of our two Cameroon missionary-nurses now at home on furlough, has just completed an interesting promotional trip to the Middle West. On Sunday evening, March 22, she addressed a large mass meeting of the churches of Milwaukee and the surrounding territory in the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee. This was preceded by a Youth Luncheon at which Mr. Roger Norman presided and at which Miss Koppin also spoke. On Monday evening, March 23, she addressed the Chicago Young People's Institute in the First Church of that city and on March 24 she was the guest speaker in the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill. On the successive evenings of March 24 and 25 she spoke at special services of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., and of Benton Harbor, Mich., and on Friday evening, March 27, in the Holmes St. Church of Lansing, Mich. On Sunday, March 29, she brought her visits to a close with messages in the Gladwin and Beaver Baptist Churches of Michigan.

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ple of our church. Thus, we have cheered many on their way in the past year. We trust in the Lord to bless us in the future and to help us make our Mission Band a worthwhile organization which will do its part in the building of his Kingdom.

MRS. A. G. GEIKEN, Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Ellinwood Church of Kansas Holds a Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. W. Helwig

The Rev. W. Helwig, until recently pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., baptized two persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, March 15. These converts were also given the hand of fellowship by the pastor. This Sunday was also the last Sunday on which Mr. and Mrs. Helwig and their family were with us before they left for Dallas, Tex.

A farewell reception was held for them in our church on Friday evening,

March 13. A large group of church members and friends were present. The speakers for the evening were the Revs. Pieter Smit from Lorraine, F. E. Klein from Stafford, and R. Vassel from Bison. Talks of appreciation were given by Mr. Oliver Ringering in behalf of the church members and Mr. Donald Fisher in behalf of the Sunday School. Mrs. Harry Widener spoke for the Ladies' Missionary Society and Mr. Duane Scheufler in behalf of the B. Y. P. U. For the mission church in Ellinwood Mr. L. Reed spoke for the Sunday School and Mrs. Alfred Scheufler in behalf of the Baptist Training Union.

As a special token of appreciation, Mr. Helwig and family were given a small rug and an electric lamp by the Ladies' Missionary Society, two woolen blankets by the church, and a pillow case and sheet set by the B. Y. P. U., of which Mr. Helwig was the sponsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Helwig served our church for the past five and a quarter years, and the church has grown greatly in spirit and also in numbers. A mission church was also started in Ellinwood. The Lord has richly blessed them in their great work here.

ARLENE SCHEUFLER, Reporter.

A MERCIFUL FAITH

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lazy or do not know how to manage." That may often be true. Yet Jesus was moved with compassion as he looked at the multitudes. He included the poor in his kingdom program; "the poor have the gospel preached to them."

They need it. They are most likely to accept it. To them the gospel is really good news. To the rich it is bad news. It is likely to separate them from their wealth and place of privilege. The more one is economically secure, the less likely one will be merciful toward the economically insecure. If our faith has a Christian quality it will become active sacrificially to alleviate the suffering of our fellow men, regardless of creed, color, or nationality.

The Christian knows the weapons of his warfare. (2. Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:10 to 20; Rom. 13:12; Isa. 31:1; Ps. 20:7). The world is presenting the minds of men with the two horns of an apparent dilemma. These are "appeasement or war." This is no time to discuss the Christian's attitude toward war. But we may question whether appeasement is the only alternative.

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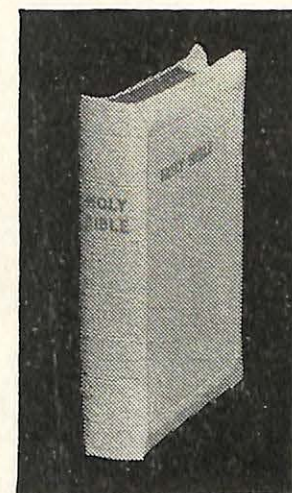
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from all his work which he had made.
3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.
4 ¶ These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the he would call them: and whatsoever Ad'ām called every living creature, that was the name thereof.
20 And Ad'ām gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Ad'ām there was not found an help meet for him.
21 And the LORD God caused a deep



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Appeasement is unworthy of a Christian. He must hate it as the most rabid nationalist because appeasement is motivated by fear. It has its roots in paganism. It is the religion of heathendom. No Christian can be an appeaser, but he has a better way, the way of God: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself."

The true Christian knows this way. He uses it in his home, his church and every relationship. The world and its diplomats do not know that way very well and have seldom tried it. It is up to the Christian to show the way and to reveal his faith.

There are many Christian workers today who have grown up with the emphasis on Christian education. In no field has the Christian church sinned more than in this. Its greatest ministry is most carelessly handled.

There are some conscientious souls who have rightly dedicated their lives to the high ministry of adequate teaching. God bless them! May they see the awakening of a slumbering church! However, as essential as a pupil-centered, biblical approach to the teaching job is, it becomes effective only as it is implemented by the teacher's merciful faith.

As important as a high standard of excellence in Christian teaching is, is it not true that most of the converts who enter the front door of the church slip out the side door because of the lack of it? It is the lack of mercy, compassion and love that lets them slip out. A merciful faith is the handmaiden of excellent Christian teaching.

Surely, evangelism is the church's first responsibility. It is the ministry of reconciliation. A soul winning church is a vital church in the kingdom program. Let us imagine that the priest, the Levite and the good Samaritan were all members of the same Baptist church, (they generally are!). If they went out to win the man, who had fallen among thieves on the road to Jericho, to Christ, who would be most likely to succeed? The whole program of evangelizing the world fails or succeeds at this point.

There are those who criticize educational, medical, industrial or agricultural missions. Of course, if these approaches are ends in themselves, they must fail. However, if they are a means to the one end, via the road of a merciful faith to lead men to be "reconciled to God," they can be used to open suspicious hearts that otherwise would remain closed to the gospel.

Mercy is a quality to be found in the strong. The weaker men are, the more unmerciful they become. Mercy is the most important characteristic of God, for "God is love." It is the characteristic of the godly life. It is the distinctly Christian quality of faith. Salvation is dependent upon it.

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Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
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1. The very latest religious census figure in the United States shows that we have now 64,159,248 church members in the country, which leaves much room for work to be done with the remainder of our 130 million people.
2. Isaiah writes in Chapter 3: "The Lord will take away . . . their round tires like the moon . . . and the changeable suits of apparel . . . and the crisping pins . . . and instead of a girdle, a rent." And this was written thousands of years ago!
3. There are now 2100 conscientious objectors recognized as such by the draft boards of our land. Plans are being made to have these young men do the farm work in sections where farm labor is so scarce.
4. Infant baptism in England has decreased from 384,992 in 1939 to 361,461 in 1940, which might mean that more people are appreciating the "Baptist view," for these same English churches report an increase in mission giving for the same periods.
5. Joe Louis, a Baptist of deep personal convictions, recently gave the proceeds of his heavyweight championship bout for the Navy, a branch of the military service that no member of his race can join. This is our idea of bigness.
6. Ocean Grove's Sunday Blue Law kept an army officer and truck waiting at the chain across the street until special permission was granted by the Camp Meeting Association for him to be classified with emergency vehicles. This community has been most stringent in its Sunday traffic laws.
7. Life has but two ends and one of these has already been used, so we better take good care of the other one.
8. In the average Baptist Church there are 39% men on the church roll and 61% are women. 13% of these members are under 16 years of age and 30% are over the age of 47 years. One-fourth of the members listed in the average church are non-resident.
9. A MODEL YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING: participated in by everybody; monopolized by nobody; where everybody is somebody!
10. The Church is a workshop for wide-awake Christians; not a dormitory for sleeping ones.
11. There is nothing more buoyant than a rumor. It is easy to float one but mighty hard to sink one.