



Unceasing Vigilance at Every Hour

BAPTIST HERALD

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The Rev. Arthur Schulz, a graduate of the 1941 class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, has recently received the call of the Unityville and Spring Valley Baptist Churches of South Dakota. He began his ministry in these fields about Feb. 15th, succeeding the Rev. William Sturhahn, now pastor of the Emmanuel Church of Oklahoma. Mr. Schulz' ordination on Dec. 1, 1941, in Washburn, No. Dak., was reported in the Jan. 15 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 8, the young people of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., presented the play, "The Greatest of These is Love." A missionary offering was also received, enabling the young people to set aside \$25 for its mission project. On the same Sunday morning a silent communion worship was held before the communion service conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel. A ladies' trio from Tabor College furnished soft devotional music during the period.

● The Rev. H. Palfenier, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, Jan. 25. These converts were given the hand of fellowship by the pastor on the following Sunday, Feb. 1. That day also marked the first anniversary of Mr. Palfenier's ministry in the Second Church. He wrote most expressively that "it has been a very happy year, filled with work, love and friendly cooperation in the bonds of fellowship."

● On Sunday, Jan. 25, the annual business meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Cathay, No. Dak., was held with the following results: Mrs. Albert Reddig, president; Mr. Fred Reddig, vice-president; Stella Schramm, secretary; Wilmer Edinger, treasurer; Mary Ann Edinger, pianist; Mrs. Erwin Neuman, ass't pianist; Adolph Pepple, Herman Neuman, Myra Edinger and Frieda Seibold, ushers; Irma Edinger, librarian; and Ella Edinger, reporter. The Rev. Paul Hunsicker is the pastor of the church.

● On Saturday evening, Jan. 24, the young people of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held their annual banquet with about 80 persons in attendance. Musical numbers included songs by a duet and a quartet, and a brief skit was presented. The Rev. Grauer Walters was the guest speaker. A real surprise was the unexpected visit of Sam Bla-



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ser, one of the church boys who is in the United States service. The reporter, Miss Doris Fester, stated that "an enjoyable time was had by all at the banquet."

● On Monday, Jan. 5, the annual business meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., was held, at which new officers for the church were elected. On Sunday morning, Jan. 25, the church held a special offering for the new organ, which it would like to install as soon as possible. The annual Washington-Lincoln banquet for the young people was held on Friday evening, Feb. 20, which met with an enthusiastic response. From March 8 to 20 evangelistic meetings will be held with the Rev. F. E. Johnson of Everett, Wash., serving as evangelist.

● On Thursday morning, Jan. 22, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," addressed the chapel service of Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill. More than 200 students were in attendance. In this year's enrollment at the seminary, approximately 30 students are members of German Baptist Churches or have some direct association with families in these churches. Several pastors of our Chicago churches are enrolled as students in special or graduate work. Dr. Charles W. Koller is president of the seminary.

● Mr. Arthur W. Fachner of Lodi, Calif., a young man of 23 years of age who was in the United States service at Sacramento, Calif., was accidentally shot on Dec. 14 and died five days later in the nearby Sutter Hospital. He was baptized by the Rev. G. E. Lohr on Easter Sunday of 1933 and was a faithful member of the Lodi Church until his death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fachner of Elk Grove, Calif. As a promising young man for his church and country, his death was most untimely.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 18, more than a thousand persons crowded the auditorium and social hall of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., for "the community gospel sing" conducted by the several Detroit churches of our conference. On that same Sunday morning the Rev. George Lang, pastor of the church, preached on "No Starvation in Christ." The young people of the Burns Ave. Church presented a "Variety Program" at the meeting of the Ebenezer Youth Society on Sunday evening, Jan. 25. From Feb. 15 to March 1, evangelistic meetings were held with the Douglas Roe party.

● On Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, the young people of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., presented the play, "One of the Nine," in which the theme for each of the three acts was based on Bible verses. Some of the young people rendered appropriate musical selections between the acts. A missionary offering of \$40 was received for the Southwestern Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union mission project, as reported by Miss Arlene Scheuffer of the church. On Sunday, March 8, the Rev. W. Helwig will preach his farewell sermons prior to his change of residence and pastorate to Dallas, Tex., where he will be the minister of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church.

● The annual meeting of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, was held on Jan. 21st, at which the reports of the church boards as well as of the church societies were glowingly presented. The net gain of membership for the church during the past year was thirty, making the present membership 292. Every treasury reported a large surplus, so that an emergency fund of \$1000 was created. For various benevolent purposes the church contributed \$1562. The budget for 1942 calls for an outlay of \$5200 for current expenses. Guest speaker at the church on Sunday, Feb. 22, was Dr. Clinton Wunder of the City Mission. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel is pastor of the church.

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Coming!

ANOTHER EVENTFUL YEAR IN AFRICA

Miss Laura Reddig reviews the past year of hardships and blessings in her missionary ministry in the Cameroons in an article that no one will want to miss, written shortly after the fateful day of December 7th.

PIONEERS LIKE UNTO SPIRITUAL GIANTS

The Rev. Charles F. Zummach will bring another of his fine articles in the series on the history of our denominational enterprise with a graphic and informative description of the earliest beginnings of our work. Several rare, old photographs will illustrate the article.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

Mrs. Lois Donner Bell, a daughter of Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, was in Honolulu on December 7 at the time of the Japanese attack, and as a registered nurse she cared for the wounded and dying. Her vivid, first-hand account, passed by the censor, makes for exciting reading.

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EDITORIAL

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No Bible "Blackout" Anywhere!

SOMETIME ago "the American Bible Society Record" startled its readers by the bold announcement on its editorial page that "there must be no Bible Blackout anywhere!" The desperate need of a world, which is involved in war, for the comfort and guidance of the Bible has become vastly more acute since that editorial first appeared. Bible-loving and Bible-believing Christians must be more keenly aware than ever before of the responsibility which is theirs to let the light of God's Word shine into all the dark corners of the world of today.

The American Bible Society has become the most influential single Christian agency anywhere in the dissemination of the Bible. Through the publication of the Bible in hundreds of different languages and through its widespread distribution of this "Book of books" among the armed forces of the government, it has become one of God's ablest messengers in proclaiming his truth to our day. One of its secretaries, Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, has contributed an outstanding article to this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

But the paramount task of Bible distribution belongs not to publishing houses nor to Bible societies but to Christians who love God's Word. By their prayers and interest and through their gifts and support, they alone can be the winged messengers to assure the taking of this Word to the ends of the earth. "Only they can prevent this blackout for multitudes."

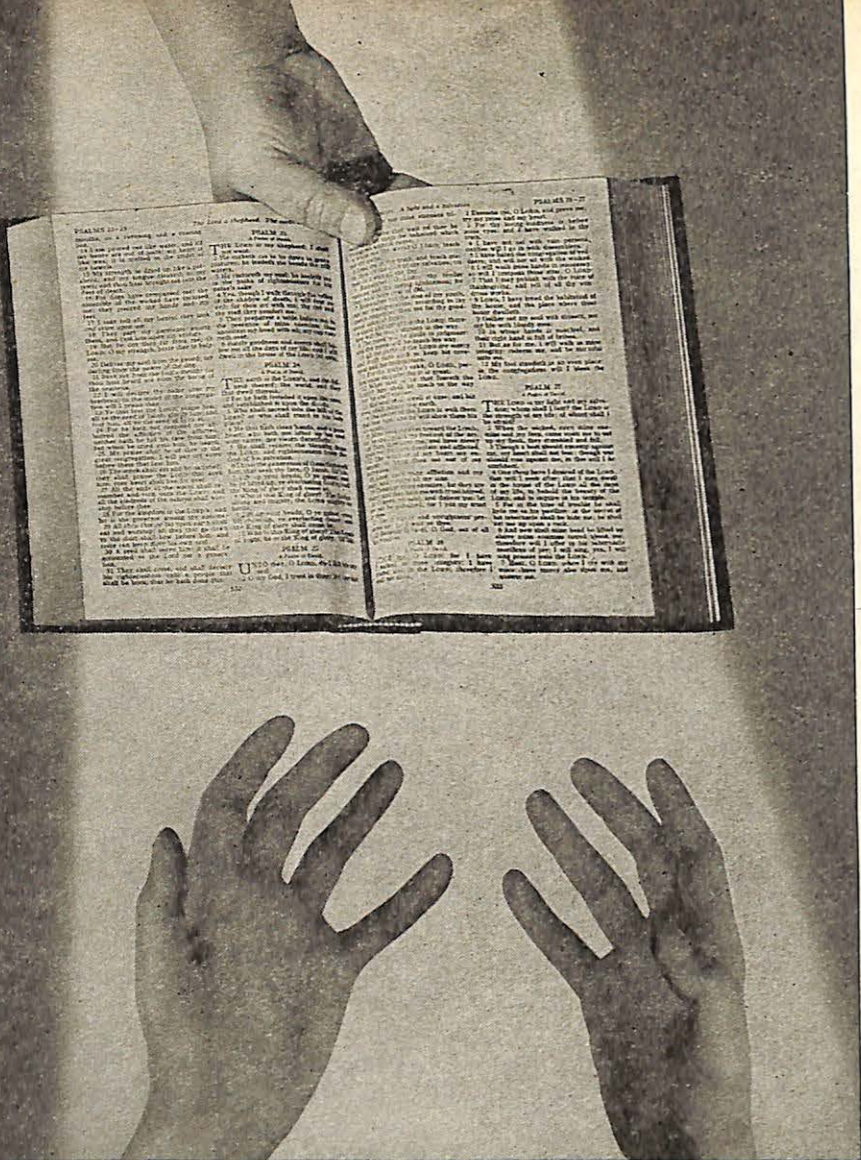
The recognition of this personal responsibility, which, in the sight of every Christian, becomes a precious privilege, will crown the observance of Bible Sunday, March 8, in every one of our churches with unusual significance. The flickering light that shines from my Christian witness and from my prayerful concern about Bible distribution will blend with the individual light of thousands of others until the glorious light of Christ Jesus and God's Word will dispel the darkness everywhere.

The extensive trips and arduous labors of our Bible colporter, Mr. A. D. Schantz, ought to be better known to us as we remember him in our prayers. The foremost goal in the ministry of our Publication Society to disseminate Christian literature merits our unanimous appreciation. This determination that there must be no Bible blackout anywhere ought to be shared by all of us with grim and serious resolve. In that spirit let us observe Bible Sunday!

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The Trials of Today's Translators

A Radio Address on the Bible by **DR. FRANCIS CARR STIFLER**, the Editorial Secretary of the American Bible Society, Whose Recent Volume, "Every Man's Book," Interpreting the Eternal Values of the Bible, is a Religious Best Seller.



SOME years ago when I was a pastor of a suburban church, there moved into the vicinity a family of Swedish descent. The grandmother in the home had been born in the old country. When the rest of the family brought their membership to our church, I couldn't persuade old Mrs. Roberg to join them. When I pressed her, she finally said, "No, I shall continue to belong to the Swedish church in the city. When you preach, I understand what you say. It reaches my head; but the language in which you say it does not reach my heart."

Only the mother tongue reaches the human heart. Religion is a thing of the heart, and will prosper only when it is expressed in the language of the heart and the home. If the Bible is to cover the world, then it must be translated into the native tongues of the peoples of the world.

And this is just what has been happening. Like no other book ever written, the Bible has been passing from language to language ever since before the time of Christ.

When one of our modern English translations came out a few years ago, there was current the story about the pious but not very well-informed old deacon who, protesting the appearance of a new version, said, "Well, the King James Bible was good enough for St.

Paul, and it is good enough for me."

This lends emphasis not only to the fact that we read our King James Bible in a translation made 1500 years after St. Paul, but it also offers the opportunity to observe what many people forget, if indeed they even knew it, that Paul and Jesus read their Bible—our Old Testament—in a translation. For the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, and about two hundred years before Christ was translated into Greek, which was the language of the schools in the Roman Empire in the days of Jesus and the apostles.

From the beginning the Christian religion has been a missionary faith. It had to be. The news it brings is too good to keep. It was inevitable, then, that as the missionaries of the church spread into northern Africa and western Asia, and as the Roman Empire broke down and the languages of modern Europe began to take form, that the Bible should be translated into the tongues of all these peoples, new and old. I wish I had time to tell you the thrilling stories of those early days; but I have not. Suffice it to say, during the first fourteen centuries, some important part of the Scriptures appeared in thirty-three different languages, including all the more important ones of Europe.

What I am interested in telling you today is that this process is going on now at a more rapid rate than ever in Christian history.

I want to introduce to you that group of Christian missionaries whom I may call literary missionaries, who last year succeeded in putting some substantial part of the Bible into twelve languages that hitherto have known nothing of the Word of God. They are today's generation of men and women who for the last century or more have been bringing the Scriptures to peoples at the rate of one new language in less than every two months, and that they have been doing it, you see, at the rate of one in a month!

I wish I could convey to you the picture of self-denial and hardship that lies behind this amazing achievement. Do not imagine for a moment that this means that the eleven languages that received the Scriptures were the work of just that one year. More likely they were the fruitage of the toil of ten, twenty, or thirty years.

There is nobody in the world who could do this work but the missionary. To succeed as a translator, one must know and be able to use the language of the people into whose tongue the translation is to be made. To achieve this, one must live among a people a long while. Most visitors to the lands of neglected peoples, such as mer-

chants, government officials, travelers, scientists, and the like, do not stay a lifetime and are usually content to pick up a little of the native tongue, and to transact their business by what is called "pidgin English."

Not so the missionary. He is there to contribute to the life of the people the transforming power of the Christian gospel. To do this, he must befriend the natives, work patiently until he catches the spirit of their speech; masters its structure, inflections, tones; reduces it to writing in most cases; teaches a group of the tribesmen to read and write; compiles a dictionary, constructs a grammar, and lays the foundation of a literature.

Language Barriers

Let us move closer to the picture of these literary missionaries. Imagine yourself among a people, let us say in central Africa, who have never seen a white man before. The barrier of language often makes one feel that the other man is hostile. So, as often happens, good will must first be established. Then, by patience and persistence, the names of simple objects must be acquired. But the message of the Christian gospel can not be conveyed by talking about trees and rivers, boats, bananas and campfires.

How shall the right word with just the right shade of meaning be found for love, hate, trust, forgiveness, power, repentance, peace? And when the right word is found, how shall the missionary learn to speak it as the natives do? For the strange languages of India, Africa, Central America, and the the islands of the seas employ uses of the human speaking apparatus that are unknown to English-speaking people. We know what explosive speech is when we blurt out a word in anger, surprise or fear; but in some languages there are implosives—which are just the opposite. Try saying a word while you suddenly draw your breath, instead of forcing it out. And look out that you don't swallow your tongue. Beside this, there are "clicks" and "grunts" and "hisses" and glottal stops—sounds our ears never heard before, and that our lips, throats and tongues never attempted to make.

What shall the poor missionary do to express the very important word "spirit," where the only spirits for which there are words in the language are the "tree spirit," the "house spirit," and the "long-hand monkey spirit"? How shall he distinguish lord, king, ruler, prince, master, chief priest,—all important Biblical words,—when there is only one word for "chief."

Just the Right Word!

A missionary among the Nyore people, of whom there are 300,000 living south of Lake Nyanza in the heart of Africa, could not find a word for "throne" to be used in translating various verses in the Book of Revelation. The only such piece of furniture the people had was a footstool, and that,

of course, wouldn't do. Finally, after many months she heard a native describe how in the old days, when many tribes were joined for war, one man was selected a la Foch to lead them all, and the young men went out to the forest and hewed out a high seat from a great tree for him to sit on. No one else was allowed to use this seat, and its use implied great honor. The seat was called "olaruba." There was the word for "throne" the translator had been looking for!

In an American Indian language used in the Southwest there were found to be a great variety of forms of the word "with." In translating the phrase, "Lo, I am with you always," the missionary used a word whose significance was "to-go-along-with-in-dangerous-places-for-comfort-and-companionship." What a perfect word it was! but how long before he found it. Among other victories in securing just the right word was the discovery of the word for "forgiveness" in the language of the Miskito Indians in Nicaragua. The word literally means "to-take-a-man's-fault-out-of-your-heart." Isn't that fine? In the Labrador Eskimo tongue the word for forgiveness has twenty-eight letters in it and means literally "not-being-able-to-think-about-it-any-more." In the Hwa Maio Gospel of St. John, spoken in Southwest China, the word "comforter" is beautifully translated with a word that literally means "the-one-who-gets-the-heart-round-the-corners."

The Good News of the Gospel

I have been trying to give you a glimpse of one of the most amazing romances of all history, going on today

more vigorously than ever—the translating of one book, centuries old, into all the languages of men. You often hear of the medical missionary, and the evangelistic missionary, and the educational missionary. I have been talking to you about one whose work is the foundation of what all the others do—the translating missionary.

If the world is ever to have peace, it will have it only when men understand one another. Apparently, the only channel there is going to be for common understanding is the Bible, which is gradually becoming the possession of all people. And the Bible carries the good news of the Father of mankind who sent to the world a Savior who was no respecter of persons or nations, but who came to save all men.

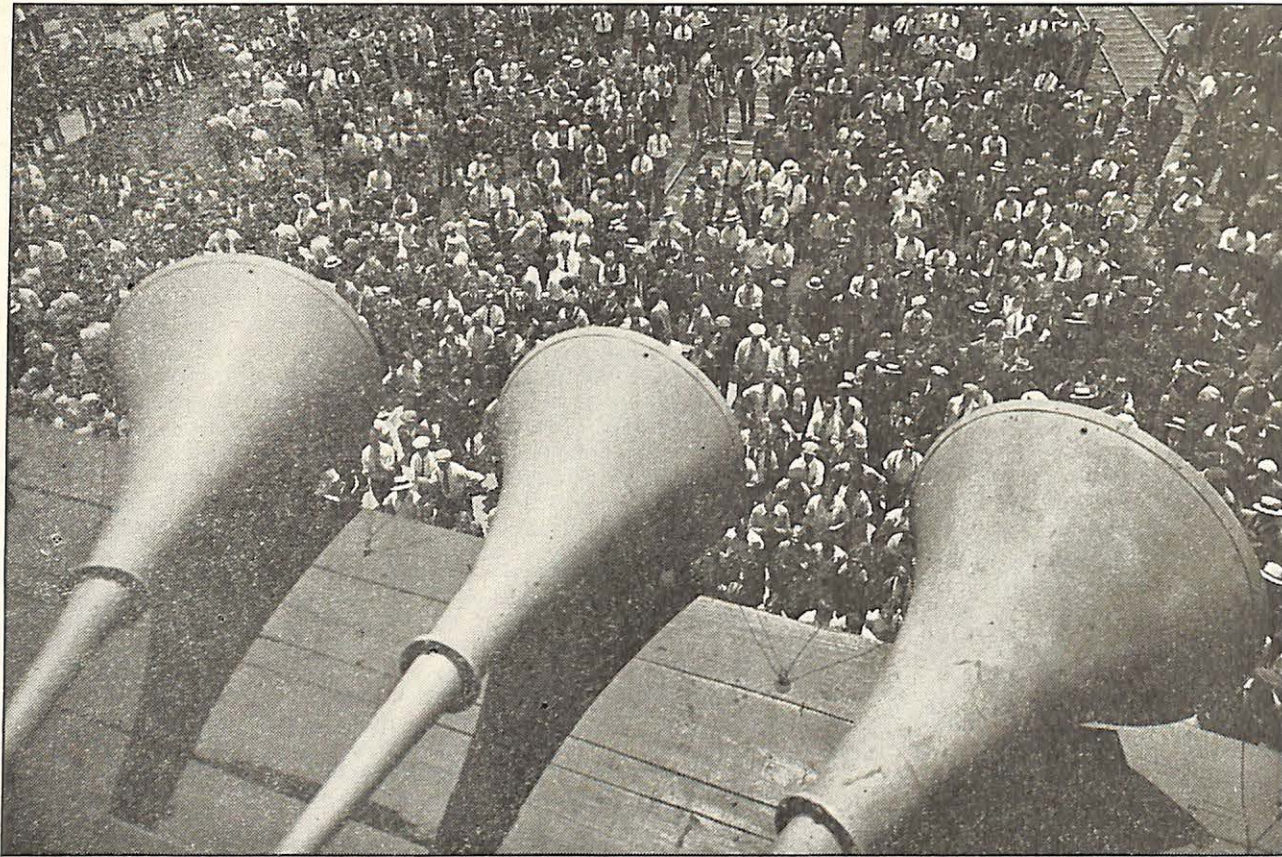
Through the painstaking, scholarly, accurate, tireless, highly scientific work of the translating missionary, the Word of God is gradually being made to cover the world as the waters cover the sea. So far the gospel has found its way into 1056 languages. There are many more, maybe another thousand. But there is much more to be done on those already started.

God give us more men and women who will keep this great enterprise going, till every tribe of men shall read in its own tongue the words, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you . . . For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Helen Keller is one of several thousands of blind people who love to read their Bibles in the large Braille volumes, in which, by means of the upraised letters, they can study God's Word with eager spirits. So the message of the Bible is brought in more than a thousand languages to all kinds of people in varying circumstances of life as God's revelation of Truth that will never pass away.



Article and Pictures by Courtesy of the American Bible Society



Loud Speakers Bark Out Their Orders to the Men With Something for Everyone to Do

Something for Everyone to Do

SOME years ago we received an offer which was quite remarkable for its generosity. This member of one of our churches was ready to assume all the financial obligations connected with the administration of our Cameroons mission. He was well able to fulfil that promise as he later proved.

As this offer violated a fundamental principle of missionary administration, we could not do otherwise than to decline it with thanks. Our Cameroons mission, like every other mission, can never be one man's project, but rather it must offer "something for every one to do."

Salutations in Romans 16

Chapter 16 of Paul's letter to the Romans is very seldom read in public. It largely contains the friendly salutations from the apostle to the Christian church at Rome. These salutations are directed to certain individuals, mentioning them by name and adding some characteristic of their service. The following will serve as examples:

"Phoebe our sister, she herself has been a helper of many, and of mine own self."

"Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life laid down their own necks."

This Article is by
DR. WILLIAM KUHN,
General Missionary
Secretary,
in preparation for the wide-
spread observance of the
Easter Offering from Palm
Sunday, March 29, to Easter
Sunday, April 5, by all of
our churches.

"Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Asia unto Christ."

"Mary, who bestowed much labor on you."

"Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before me."

"Apelles, the approved in Christ."

God's Innumerable Helpers

All of these members and many others made some definite contribution to the founding and development of that apostolic church at Rome. All were helpers in their own spheres. Some jeopardized their own lives for the cause of Christ and his apostles, like Priscilla and Aquila. Then there were others like Epaenetus who had the courage to become a Christian pioneer,

while others suffered persecutions for Christ's sake. The specific service of that man Apelles, the approved in Christ, is not definitely stated, but who can evaluate the influence of such a one in any church?

Under the direction of the missionary, Dr. John B. Clough, out there on that Telugu field 2222 converts were baptized in a single day. It is utterly impossible even to attempt to visualize the many helpers who made their definite contributions to bring these 2222 natives into the Kingdom of God. And even after that memorable baptismal day, a host of native and foreign Christians found something worth while to do to help these babes in Christ to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" by teaching them to observe all, whatsoever the Master had commanded.

Although there may be few among us who ever have the opportunity to share in some profitable investment, all of us—both men and women with five talents, two talents, one talent, or even a fraction of a talent—have the exalted privilege of being fellow-workers with God for the establishing of his church and the extension of his kingdom. We must all be alert to "buy up every opportunity," otherwise these opportunities may pass us by as they

are carried along speedily on the stream of time. Not only time and tide but also our opportunities wait for no man.

Responsibilities for Everyone

Every opportunity for service also carries with it a responsibility. Not one of us will escape the day of reckoning. If we have not used our opportunities, then remorse and inestimable loss will be our lot.

Even a casual survey of our denominational enterprise will disclose many fields offering "something for every one to do." Although for the present we cannot send missionaries to the Cameroons, we must care for our work there, which, in fact, has been expanded. The former stations belonging to Neuruppin have been given to us for the duration of the war. Our present staff, already overburdened, must now assume the supervision of these stations. On our part, we must support them with our prayers and with our money.

For the immediate present we should consider "the strengthening of our home base" as the "one thing" for us to do with intelligence and complete devotion. This work on the home field, being so widely diversified, offers choice opportunities for every one to help.

Cheering Our Service Men

Most every church will have some men in the army, navy or air corps. Many of these men will be suffering from homesickness and will be assaulted by vicious and subtle temptations. We must intercede for them that the angel of the Lord may encamp round about them and keep them from falling.

Either the B. Y. P. U. or some individual in the church should subscribe to "the Baptist Herald" for each man. Letters from the home church sent regularly and frequently will keep that vital bond intact. Do not fail to send the address of every service man to our headquarters at Forest Park. We also want to let every service man feel the warm pulse beat of our denominational family.

Sharing in the Easter Offering

Many years ago the Rev. George E. Lohr, now of lamented memory, was the first one to suggest an annual Easter Offering. That suggestion was of the Lord. With the passing years, our Easter offering has found increasing favor with our people. Now that the Easter Offering has become a firmly fixed tradition with us, we should never lose the spiritual significance of it.

As we recall Christ's victory in his crucifixion and resurrection and remember that we are participants in his victory, we will be impelled to give generously and gladly. Let us not forego this high honor of placing our own Easter Offering into the pierced hands of our Christ.

This year Easter falls on Sunday, April 5. During the preceding Passion

General Conference Theme

Any good suggestions for an appropriate motto, theme or scripture text for the next General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., in August, 1943, will be heartily welcomed by the program committee. Send any number of such suggestions to Dr. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, before April 10 in order to have them considered by the committee in its session on April 13. The name of the person sending the best motto to be used will be published in a later issue of our publications.

Week every member of our churches, both young and old, and the constituent organizations will do well to remember their obligation toward the Easter Offering.

Witnessing for Christ

The highest commission that we have received as disciples of the Lord is to be witnesses for Christ. We can only carry out that commission in the measure in which we have experientially become acquainted with Jesus Christ. Many of us can witness to the saving power of Christ, because we have heard him say to us: "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Our witness for Christ will become richer and fuller as we grow in the grace and knowledge of him.

We, like the apostles before Pentecost, need the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in order to become effective witnesses. The Holy Spirit alone can enlighten us and direct us and also energize us in our witness. On that first Easter morning the women came to the grave seeking Christ among the dead, but after they had seen him and he had spoken to them, they ran as witnesses of the resurrected Christ and said to his dejected disciples: "We have seen the Lord."

Remembering Our Centenary Offering

From the time of the launching of the Centenary Offering at the General Conference in Burlington until January 31, 1942, 1004 persons and church groups have remembered the Centenary Offering. These together have pledged \$42,218.10. The annual payments to the end of January, 1942, amount to \$29,736.93. The individual pledges have ranged from \$1,000 to 15 cents. We appreciate every contribution, and the Lord himself appraises each one justly.

The purpose of the Centenary Offering calls for a definite denominational advance as God opens the doors of opportunity in the days to come. In this way we hope to celebrate our Centenary Jubilee with youthful strength and firm faith.

Not only individuals but church groups and societies are participating. In order to complete the Centenary

Offering by July 31, 1943, we should receive \$33,000 every year. One half of the three-year period has already passed and we can report payments made amounting to \$29,736.93.

Proving Our Own Resurrection

After the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, a banquet was arranged at Bethany. Jesus was the guest of honor, but Lazarus, the one who had been brought back from death, was also there. It is written: "The common people therefore of the Jews learned that he (Jesus) was there: and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus also to death; because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus."

Every regenerated one has been raised from spiritual death. Our best testimony to the power of Jesus will be given when we prove the reality of our resurrection by having Christ's life expressing itself in our mortal bodies. Because of such testimony, many will believe on Jesus.

Helping by Intercessory Prayer

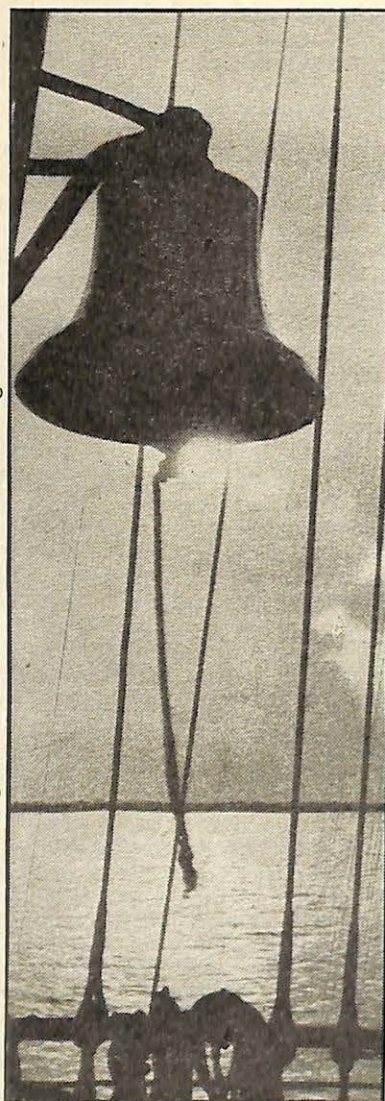
There is a mystery connected with the efficacy of intercessory prayer which no one may be able to fathom, but we have abundant and convincing proof that "prayer changes things." That was not only true in the early days of the Christian church, but it is a daily blessed experience even now. All the prayer promises of God are "Yea" in Christ and also "Amen" through him unto the glory of God.

It will be well to remember that certain conditions must be met before any one can help by intercessory prayer. Only those at peace with God can be prayer helpers. Besides that, every prayer helper must have a heart full of sympathy for others and an unshaken confidence in the faithfulness of our prayer-hearing God.

Brightening Your Own Corner

It will strengthen and comfort us under every circumstance of life to believe that God himself has placed each one of us in our own corner of life. Sometimes being in that special corner keeps us in one continual agony. We can only have soul rest, if we can say with the Lord Jesus himself: "I praise thee, Father and Lord of heaven and earth—for thus it has been well-pleasing in thy sight."

In our own corner of life by faithful continuance we can glorify God. Sometimes we are tempted to look upon some one who is more favorably situated than we and then ask: "Lord, and what shall this man do?" We may then hear the Master's stern but loving rebuke: "What is that to thee? Follow thou me." After having proved ourselves faithful in our own corner, God may commit greater things to us. It is doubtlessly true: "The light shines brightest at home."



Church Bells at Sea

THROUGHOUT the entire denomination there are all kinds of bells constantly ringing. Sometimes the deep-toned somber bells peal out their message of sadness and death. At Christmas time we are all delighted to hear the merry tingle of the children's bells during those happy days of merriment. Not infrequently we are startled to hear the high-pitched clang of the call for help from God and men in some hour of deep adversity. What a bedlam of sound must reach the heart of God! And he hears each one with its own particular message.

Don't You Hear the Joy Bells?

During the entire month of December we were becoming aware that our budget receipts for this month would rise high. Not until the accounts were closed had it become apparent that our budget receipts reached the exceptional high figure of \$22,423.39. A comparison with the three previous Decembers thrills us. During December of 1938 we received \$12,292.72; during December of 1939, \$12,265.76; during December of 1940, \$17,052.17. When we can record an outright gain of over \$5,400 and reach the total of \$22,423.39 dur-

Hear the Joy Bells Ringing

A Thrilling Announcement by the General Council

ing December of 1941, our hearts break forth in song and we set the joy bells ringing that will be heard even before the throne of God.

In addition to the above we can report that during December, 1941, we received payments totalling \$4,953.99 designated for the Centenary Offering. Adding this to our budget income, we have received a grand total of \$27,377.38 during the month of December, 1941.

Joy Bells of Gratitude

We would not fail to express our gratitude in praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift. At this time we would also express our sincere appreciation to the many individual contributors, some of whom gave large offerings, while others could only give smaller sums because of their very limited resources.

We would not forget to mention the many church organizations, like Sunday Schools, organized classes, young people's societies, women's societies and even the Juniors, who have all so joyously and so generously given their share. By actively sharing in the financing of God's cause, each individual and every organization extends its life's influence far beyond the bounds of their local communities.

Joy Bells Over Repentant Sinners

The Rev. Karl Korella who is serving the churches at Southey and Se-rath, Saskatchewan, Canada, sends this encouraging report: "The family prayer meetings that we had arranged proved to be practicable in every respect and were continued for a long while. The daily Bible School with the evening evangelistic meetings were big factors in the up-building of our churches. All these efforts tended to create a congenial atmosphere for the work of soul saving. As fruits of these

efforts we can record forty-two conversions during the year 1941. Thirty-six of these converts were baptized and have been received into our membership. To God be glory for the privilege accorded us in being fellow-workers with him."

A Radically Different Report

After another church, which will remain anonymous in this report, had had four weeks of protracted meetings led by guest preachers, a fellow pastor continued the meetings for two weeks longer. He writes that the church has a large group of young people, of whom the majority are still unconverted. "Before going to this church I had great hope of experiencing a great revival, but even after the first week I recognized that there were serious obstructions in the life of the people which would have to be removed before a revival could come.

"Now I could understand why the four weeks of evangelistic meetings, conducted last year by devoted pastors, brought forth no fruitage. Among the members of that church there is so much dissension that God cannot bless them. After having two weeks of meetings, I am glad to report that our efforts were not all in vain. The differences between certain members were healed and two young people confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. After those two weeks of meetings I left that church in a rather depressed mood, convinced that the church has no future unless they succeed in winning their young people for the Lord. I rejoiced, however, when I remembered that Jesus said: 'Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.'"

Let the Joy Bells Ring Louder!

We cannot but sorrow that the war has temporarily halted expansion on our foreign mission fields. We are indeed happy to know that our missionaries in the Danubian countries are being supported by others. The Dungers and Miss Laura Reddig are already caring for Soppo, Ndu and Belo, stations formerly belonging to the Germans, besides supervising Mbem and Warwar. Looking into the future, we can by faith see the dawning of a better day.

During this interim we will unitedly give ourselves to the strengthening of our home base. May God use this war to turn the hearts of all people to seek him! When that partial blackout on our foreign mission fields has again been lifted, then will the joy bells at home and abroad ring out louder than ever!



A Superb View of the Cameroons Landscape With Tropical Palms, the Round Huts of a Small Village and Five Natives on the Same Trail Over Which George Dunger Has Traveled on His Missionary Treks

Carry On for Christ in the Cameroons

As you may see from the place of writing, we are at Soppo, one of the main stations of the Baptist Mission of the Baptists of Germany. Would you be interested knowing the "why" and the "how" of our stay here?

For quite a number of months we anticipated taking over this Mission temporarily. On our way to Mbem—where we expected to welcome an important Government official—the news reached us that I was expected at the Provincial Headquarters before the end of October, for from October 31st the German Baptist Mission was to be suspended due to the lack of funds. After spending a few days at Mbem, I set out for the long trip to Buea.

On my way I went to the various main stations of the German Baptist Mission and had conferences with the catechists and teachers of the schools. It was a privilege to become acquainted with many a faithful catechist. All of them were afraid, for the end of October meant the end of their work. There would be none to give them employment. And there was the sting of ridicule from catechists of other missions. Uncertainty and worry had crept into the hearts of these catechists.

How happy their faces and how deep their gratitude when they heard

This interesting letter and missionary report by Geo. A. Dunger, our missionary in Mambila, was written in Soppo on the African coast of the British Cameroons shortly before the declaration of war between the United States and the Axis powers. In the next issue of "The Baptist Herald" a later letter by Miss Laura Reddig will be published.

that we most likely would help them, not only spiritually as we have done before, but that we would try to pay them their small monthly allowances (averaging about \$2.00 each per month). When parting the catechists were happy people again. They sang lustily and remarked repeatedly, "Now we have a missionary and a helper again!" (although they had been told that the actual taking over depended on the decision of the Missionary Committee at home).

Pages upon pages could be filled with the description of individual and collective troubles—from the taking away of church benches in one place to serious illness and high hospital expenses—feuds and favoritism—debts and usury—the laughable and tragic! Pray with us that the sincere workers may continue in sincerity, that the irresponsible may be aroused and the crooked be straightened . . . The task

of supervising the grassland fields and the coastal fields, the daily cares and innumerable responsibilities have now become gigantic. However, GOD is faithful and he ever quickens and strengthens his children in need. Upon him we rely, and in you we trust for prayer-help, for fellowship and sharing in the Great Commission.

One high spot of the tour was the visit to the Residency which is the Provincial Headquarters. We had had the privilege of being host and hostess to the Senior Resident and his wife while they stayed at Mbem. They had invited us to stay with them at the Residency when going to Soppo (which is only a short distance below the Residency). It was difficult to decide whether or not to accept, for the Resident occupies a high station. However, several telegrams arrived in which he said that we simply had to come, for everything had been prepared for our visit! So we stayed at the Residency and tasted of genuine hospitality and kindness.

I look out toward the massif of Mount Cameroon, Buea spreading on its slopes. In the foreground Bender Memorial Chapel raises its tower skyward, and below schoolboys engage in

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The Prodigal Returns

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SYNOPSIS

Benoni, the younger son of the Hebrew farmer, Ezra ben Israel, felt an irresistible desire to be free of all parental restraint. He left his home and father and traveled to Damascus where he became familiar with the pagan city and its sights, its pleasure gardens and its gay night life. At Ctesiphon in the Mesopotamia Valley he made the acquaintance of Hormuz, a young Parthian military officer who claimed he had noble blood in his veins, an ardent lover of swift horses and a gambler by instinct. To him Benoni lent one of his shimmering pearls as a pledge for the payment of a small loan. Not many days thereafter as the two were riding along the left bank of the river near the city a band of robbers swooped down upon them and stripped them both of all they possessed. What a cruel blow fate had dealt them!

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Chariot of Bronze

Slowly they picked themselves up from the pebbly highway, from which the bandits had already fled in the direction of the distant marshes. Limping over to the edge of the road, they sat down to examine their cuts and bruises.

"This must be the poverty that Go-tarzes, the astrologer, foresaw in Damascus," said Benoni to his friend presently, as he held his nearly broken head between his blood-smeared hands. "I should not have believed it possible."

"But what shall I do?" wailed Benoni. "Here I am, reduced to nothing, to absolute beggary, with little more than the clothes I stand in. All my money, all my inheritance is gone—squandered, wasted, gambled, stolen! I wonder what my father would say, could he see me now! But I am so ashamed—I will never let him see me again!"

"All is not lost yet," said Hormuz, suddenly remembering the gorgeous pearl that was still in pawn at Ctesiphon. "You haven't forgotten the glistening gem I borrowed from you."

"That's true," replied Benoni, his face lightening. "I still have that left." The recollection gave him a slight sense of relief.

"But, Benoni"—Hormuz seized him by the arms as he spoke—"I have an idea. It has just come to me!"

"What?"

"You know the athletic games and chariot races," Hormuz explained, "that are to be held next month just outside

the city. They are said to be in imitation of those held in Rome. Even though not carried out on so grand a scale, they will, nevertheless, be very thrilling. Great crowds will soon be coming to the city. I know the drivers of two of the competing chariots—one of them I played with as a boy—and they have whispered to me privately that they are already working out the plans by which one of them is to be named winner." The face of Hormuz was beaming with excitement.

"You mean," said Benoni somewhat astounded, "they plan ahead the outcome of the races? Impossible! And no one knows? They secretly arrange beforehand who wins?"

"Certainly—they often do that. That makes safe gambling possible," explained Hormuz unabashed, "but it must all be done with the utmost secrecy. Otherwise their heads would not be worth much but would be tossed to the jackals. I'll find out for you beforehand. You can then wager your remaining pearl with the utmost safety. You can't fail to win, and thus will retrieve at least a part of your loss. You will then have two pearls instead of one. Will you trust me?"

"Will I! Indeed, I will," replied Benoni, for the first time seeing his way dimly out of his present distress.

When the day of the games at last arrived, there could be seen a long procession from Ctesiphon, city dwellers and strangers from other Mesopotamian cities and strongholds, pouring out through the gates to the great open plain about two miles distant, where each year were held the great athletic contests. These games had a magnificence of their own, though not so splendid, of course, as that displayed in the huge Roman arena.

On both sides of the gigantic oval wherein the contests were held, were dozens of tiers of seats so raised that the spectators had an unobstructed view across the vast field, no matter in what seats they sat. The lowest tier was guarded by a stoutly built balustrade, below which were strong wooden walls about seven feet high. In the center of the side next the Tigris were several rows of special boxes from which long streamers of crimson and blue and gold and other colors fluttered slightly whenever a little gust of wind blew. These were filled with Parthian princes and princesses and their friends, with nobles from various cities of the great valley, with gaily dressed women and wealthy adventurers from as far east as Antioch and

Damascus and Heliopolis. There, too, sat the dignitaries of Ctesiphon. On the other side of the oval field, directly opposite all of these and behind a similar protecting balustrade, sat the common people, whose chiefest delight was to be present at these annual athletic games.

The short running races and the wrestling and boxing matches were held near the center of the field in a large open place provided for that purpose. The chariot and long-distance races, however, were run on the outer edge of the immense arena, the track itself being dead level and lightly covered with coarse sand from the banks of the Tigris. At one end were the barriers at which the chariot races began; at the other, four tall columns, two on each side of the race course, between which the charioteers must pass five times during the entire race. Located near the center of the oval were numerous booths flying various colors—red, white, blue, and purple—in honor of the contestants. In these gay colored booths were the athletes—wrestlers, runners, and boxers—who were to carry out the earlier half of the day's programs. In open stalls beyond the south end of the huge arena stamped the horses that were to bring the holiday sports to an end with the great chariot races. There they stood, champing at their bits, as if eager to be dashing madly around the race course. Near them could be observed several chariots and the charioteers. It was the chariot races that were expected to give the forty thousand spectators their greatest thrill of excitement.

By noon, when the trumpet sounded, the seats on both sides were densely packed with a vast concourse of people—Syrians, Parthians, Jews, and Arabs, and a few Greeks and Romans. Scarcely anyone was there who was not prepared to wager something on one or other of the contestants, be it a few imperial aurei in the case of the wealthy Jews and nobles, or only a denarius or two in the case of the common people.

The trumpet was the signal for the wrestlers to begin. Then followed the short distance runners down the center of the oval. After that came the boxing contests.

The real excitement, however, did not come till mid-afternoon. It was only when the four chariots came out from behind the barriers and got ready to take their positions that the clamor rose and the real wagering began. Far

down the field stood an ivory-colored chariot, with its four eager horses champing at their bits, impatient to be off.

"That's Mithras, whom I told you about," confided Hormuz to Benoni as he pointed to one of the charioteers. "They say he is a most expert driver, he of the ivory chariot. Just behind him is my friend Arsaces, the Parthian, the fellow I played with when a boy," he added, as he indicated with his right hand a short, lithe, dark-haired figure. "I think the third, the one with the chariot of blue, is Eutyches. There, however, is your man Priscus, the Syrian, with his bronze chariot and his fleet Arabians; the two horses next the pole he calls Castor and Pollux. Priscus, you remember, is to win just at the last moment, so place your pearl on him. Arsaces is to seem to win till near the very end of the race and then fall back again just enough to let Priscus come victor."

After the stalls were closed, the trumpet again blew. Eagerly the charioteers took their places in the order previously arranged by drawing lots, and drove up till their wheels stood on the chalked line that ran across the graveled course. The crowd rose like a single wave and stood on the tiptoe of expectancy, waiting for the three silver trumpets to sound the signal to begin. Presently three gaily decked trumpeters raised their shining instruments and slowly pointed them to the sky.

At the first note the horses, straining at their bridles, were off like the wind. Down the course they rushed, with a mighty noise of beating hoofs, just about abreast, each charioteer standing erect and statuelike as he shouted to his flying steeds and held taut the guiding reins.

"Fifty shekels on Arsaces," cried a Jewish voice that could be easily heard above the noise of the crowd.

"Twenty on Mithras," cried another. "O hundred sestericii on Eutyches," called a third.

"I'll make a wager on Priscus, the one in the chariot of bronze. Who wants to take me?"

It was Benoni who spoke, standing up in his box, as the charioteers neared the end of the long oval, with scarcely any change in position as yet.

"How much?" answered a voice from behind.

"A full thousand imperials, no more and no less. I'll wager against them this pearl." So saying, Benoni drew from inside his borrowed tunic the softly gleaming and lustrous pearl that Hormuz had returned to him. "It cost more than that in Damascus," he added; "you can't duplicate it for that amount anywhere."

"Let me see it," said the middle-aged man who had made the inquiry.

Benoni quickly placed the pearl in the hand of the stranger, who examined it with the practised eye of a connoisseur in gemmary. The latter saw at a glance that it was a gorgeous and most valuable jewel and that Be-

Notice and a Request!

In looking through the available material for the "History of our Denomination," we find several gaps we would like to fill. Any one who is able to supply these, will render a real service. 1. The first year's issue, 1874, of "DER MITARBEITER" is missing from the Seminary files.

In our personal files of the "KONFERENZ VERHANDLUNG" we still lack the following: Eastern Conference, 1858, 1860, 1861, 1863, 1869, 1872, 1873, 1875. Western Conference, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1863, 1864, 1866, 1867, 1869, 1870, 1872, 1873, 1875, 1876, 1883. Any one able to supply these from some old collections, will be doing us a great favor.

We would also like to have J. S. Blenner's "History of the German Baptist Work in Locoming Co., Pa." Any person in possession of a copy of this pamphlet is requested to communicate with us.

Please look over your collections of old pictures, that would be of interest to our readers, and send them to the Rev. M. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. If you have a copy of the picture taken of a group of early ministers in 1867, will you kindly send it to Forest Park. Thank you!

CHAS. F. ZUMMACH,
Trenton, Illinois.

noni had indeed spoken the truth.

"Taken!" said he, as he returned the pearl to its owner. "My name is Drusus, and yours?"

"Benoni."

"If Priscus wins, then I lose. Otherwise you lose; is that it?" Thus spoke Drusus, in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding over the wager.

"Right," answered Benoni, and again they turned to look at the chariots as they came rapidly approaching where they stood. The crowd was shouting and cheering in wild excitement.

"Speed up, Priscus—hurry, Eutyches—go on, Arsaces—give Mithras the lash!" Thus urged thousands of voices as the horses dashed madly past in a great clatter of hoofs and amid clouds of grayish yellow dust.

A few moments more and Arsaces was seen gradually edging over in the hope of being able to get to the inside. Sometimes the outside horses touched each other in their eagerness to get past as the charioteers now pulled the reins taut or loosened them, or now cracked the lash about the ears of their steeds.

The thousands in the two stands were thrilling with excitement. They cheered, they applauded, they shouted themselves hoarse as one or other of their favorites seemed to be taking the lead.

The second time around, Mithras had spurred ahead of all his opponents and seized the lead; but he could not keep it long, for Eutyches forged ahead once more by dint of encouraging words and the sharp crack of his whip against his horses' flanks. All the horses—Parthian, Arabian, Syrian—goaded on by the loud cries of the charioteers and by the smart sting of double-lashed whips, as well as by the ringing applause of the wildly excited mob of spectators, were straining

every muscle as they flashed past the central beribboned boxes, their nostrils distended, their eyes gleaming like fire, and their sides steaming with perspiration. Every muscle of their eager bodies was instinct with life, their manes flying in the wind that their hot speed had created.

Benoni and Hormuz leaned over excitedly over the wooden balustrade as the chariots came plunging toward them after having rounded the lofty pillars at the south end for the fourth time. In a few moments they had swept past them once more and had begun the fifth and final circuit of the course, with Arsaces slightly in the lead and holding the pole. Cheer upon cheer arose as the racing steeds flashed down the opposite side. Once again forty thousand voices cried out lustily for their favorites.

"Want to double your wager?" shouted Drusus to Benoni, as he bent forward to make himself heard above the tumult, his own eyes glistening with feverish excitement.

"No, but I still think Priscus will win," shouted back Benoni, confident in his knowledge of what was to happen at the very end of the race. Hormuz glanced at him with a knowing smile but said not a word. Poor old Drusus would soon discover that he had been gambling on the wrong charioteer after all. Benoni began to feel almost sorry for the poor old man, sorry that he was so easily duped.

Three of the chariots had already turned the southern pillars for the last time and were now rushing madly toward the goal.

Eutyches, unfortunately, had broken one of his reins and lost control of his steeds. He was, therefore, forced to drop behind. Forty-thousand spectators were on their feet, bending forward eagerly to lose nothing of the last moments of the race. On, amid dense clouds of grayish dust, came the flying charioteers; they urged their frenzied animals to their utmost speed with tongue and whiplash, while the crowd screamed and shouted and roared and stamped their approval.

When within sixty yards of the goal, according to previous arrangement, Priscus, who was half a horse's length behind his rival Arsaces, with face suffused and eyes a gleam, struck viciously at his Arabians with his double lash so that it hissed and cracked about their ears, expecting them to leap forward and pass Arsaces just a little before the goal was reached. But precisely at the same moment Benoni, to his own consternation and chagrin, observed that Arsaces, reaching down into the holder of his chariot, drew therefrom a great triple lash and in a flash was striking at his horses with redoubled fury. Priscus failed to make the expected gain and both chariots thundered past the goal with Arsaces not only maintaining his lead but slightly increasing it, while the third chariot came in two or three seconds behind. A deafening roar of applause

arose as Arsaces was proclaimed victor.

Benoni's face went white when he realized what had happened. He had lost—lost—after all! He never really knew the explanation of this sudden and unexpected turn of events. It was later rumored about, however, that the rich Drusus, having long frequented the chariot races and having learned of the secret arrangement to make Priscus victor through the connivance and dishonesty of Arsaces, had paid a huge bribe to the latter not to carry out his promise but to win the race for himself.

The following day Benoni, still quite overcome by the swiftness and awfulness of the disaster that had overtaken him, began casting about to see how he might rescue himself from this wild sea of difficulties that had overwhelmed him and now left him, like a spent swimmer, battling for his very life. Of course, he still had his friends; of so much he was certain, and on them he could depend. They would be glad to serve him in his day of desperate need.

Hormuz, it is true, had no great means but doubtless would be willing to aid him in such an emergency—at any rate, until he could devise some means by which to regain at least a portion of what he had lost. So also would the good Vardanes and Tiridates, captains of the king's guard. Had he not feasted with them, gamed with them, drunk rare wines with them? Had they not together spent long evenings in company with the fairest damsels that were to be found—and all at his expense? When not on their kingly duty, had not Tiridates and Vardanes passed unnumbered hours in his company, enjoyed his society, and indulged themselves in those social pleasures and satisfactions that his ample means made so easily possible for them to share in? He would ask them for money, however, only as a last resort; he would first try to think out some other way of redemption, if possible. Surely there must be a way out of his distress, if only he could hit upon it.

But the more he thought about it, the more certain he became that he could do nothing of himself. All doors seemed barred, all avenues closed. In spite of everything he must seek his friend's aid. He would speak as soon as the opportunity offered.

One afternoon not long afterwards, Benoni and the two captains of the king's guard were seated in one corner of the court at the House of the Four Fountains, drinking a bit of native wine that tasted to Benoni as if it had been pressed from the famous grapes of Eschol. The noise of the falling waters was like the rustle of a leafy grove of poplars in a gentle wind. It reminded him of the fountains he had watched in the ancient city of Damascus scarcely a year before. Vividly there came to his mind pictures of the public pleasure gardens there,

of gay revelers, of beautiful dancing girls, of the sparkling Abana, of lovers casting jasmine branches into marble basins of water,—and of Hermione. With the recollection of her, his face flushed a little and he bit his lips, for he well knew that the gratification of his desires for those pleasures which kept ever luring him on, his love of late hours with their wine and merry-making, and particularly his inability to withstand the enticing gaze of beautiful women had been in large measure responsible for his downfall.

Looking across at his friends, Tiridates and Vardanes, where they sat sipping their wine, Benoni suddenly determined to speak. It was a distasteful subject; nevertheless he must face the situation resolutely.

"Friends," said he, bracing himself for what he knew would be an unpleasant ordeal, "you know, I believe, what happened to me at the chariot races the other day. You are doubtless aware that only a few short months ago I had plenty of money. Indeed, I have shared it with you freely. But that day I lost everything and am now destitute."

"Destitute?" they echoed in unison. "Yes, utterly destitute," Benoni repeated.

"I am indeed sorry to hear that—for more reasons than one," said Vardanes, as he slyly winked at Tiridates without Benoni's observing him.

"Yes, that is most unfortunate; I too am sorry to learn of it," echoed Tiridates.

"What do you propose to do now?" inquired Vardanes.

"Suppose you guess," suggested Benoni, hoping that the remembrance of their happy relationship through the months might inspire an answer.

But no such inspiration came. It was an embarrassing moment for Benoni, and he almost winced under their prolonged silence. At last he felt he must break it.

"For a long time . . ." he began.

"We've all been good friends?" Vardanes laughed gaily as he spoke his question.

"Yes," continued Benoni, following up the hint, "and I have been glad to spend money as long as it lasted. Now, however, I thought that perhaps, since I am no longer . . ."

"You wish us now to spend money on you!" Vardanes broke in, beginning to smile.

"Not exactly that," corrected Benoni, "but rather that you might give me some, that is, lend me some until I can . . ."

"That I couldn't do," cut in Vardanes again, laughingly, seeing an easy way out, "for I don't have any myself!"

"Nor I either," chimed in Tiridates. "Captains of the king's guard never have any money; you ought to know that. No, we really couldn't help you." Tiridates spoke his falsehood rather coldly.

"You mean you don't want to? Even after all I have done for both of you?" Benoni could hardly believe their words. Indeed, he knew that they had not spoken the truth.

"Oh, yes, we should like to, of course; but, then, it is just impossible; that's all. Try Hormuz. Probably he can do something to help!"

When Vardanes had thus spoken, they both rose to go. Benoni tried to detain them.

"Can you do nothing for me at all?" he pleaded.

"No, nothing at all, I'm afraid," replied Vardanes evidently answering for them both.

A moment later Vardanes and Tiridates slipped out of the court of the House of the Four Fountains and left Benoni still seated and staring blankly into space.

Hormuz was just as indifferent as the others had been, when, on the very next morning, Benoni entreated him for help.

"No, I am sorry, my friend, but I can do nothing for you," Hormuz explained.

"But I lent you my pearl when you yourself were in great straits," urged Benoni. "Have you forgotten that?"

"No, I remember," he admitted, "but the cases were different."

"How?"

"Why, you have nothing with which to pay me back again," explained Hormuz.

"Well, you didn't, either, when you borrowed my pearl," countered Benoni.

"Yes, I did," retorted the lying Hormuz.

"If you did, then I didn't know it," argued the other. "I lent it to you out of pure friendship. I will try to repay you. I think our friendship ought to count for something. Besides, you are indebted to me for the gay . . ."

But Hormuz cut him off and would not let him finish.

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Carry On in the Cameroons

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happy play. A number of red roses mark Missionary C. F. Bender's grave. I stood at that grave lately, recalling experiences of the trip to Soppo. There was Cameroons' primeval forest, its swamps and hills, its mountains, the far and wide grassland and its people, superstitious, disease-ridden.

But there were little bands of happy native Christians, singing and telling by the evening fire the names and stories of people who spent themselves from the African Baptist Church. Then a sound startled me. A number of boy scouts with dummy guns gave salute at Bender's grave! African boy scouts—boys from the churches in the bush!

How great our responsibility, how fearful the consequences if we should fail. But fail we dare not! May your joy in the service for JESUS be abundant and beyond the measure of words!

What's Happening News

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● The annual meeting of the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., was held on Monday evening, Jan. 12, which was very well attended. The pastor, the Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh, reported that there are encouraging signs in evidence in the church such as good will among the members, adequate financial support with 95% of the members contributing, the giving of extra funds for new church furnishings, and the third salary increase for the pastor in his ministry of less than four years. On Sunday, Feb. 8, Dr. Theodore A. Greene showed pictures of Labrador and spoke on Sir Wilfred Grenfell's mission there.

● Three young people were baptized on confession of their faith by the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., on Sunday, Feb. 22. During the month of February cottage prayer meetings were held in 4 different homes each week in place of the usual church prayer meetings. The deacons took charge of some of these meetings each week. The innovation has proved to be a blessing to large numbers of people who might not have attended prayer meetings otherwise. Beginning with Feb. 9, the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender is serving as teacher of a leadership course on the New Testament in the West Allis Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Fred Erion is pastor.

● Beginning with Monday evening, March 2, the Chicago Young People's Union will hold a series of institute classes for young people at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. A large group of young people is expected to attend these institute gatherings on four successive Monday evenings to hear the Rev. John Schmidt of the First Church, the Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs of Bellwood, and the Rev. Ralph Rott of the Grosse Park Immanuel Church speak on different phases of "Growing the Christian Life." On March 23 Miss Edith Koppin of Detroit, Mich., one of our Cameroon missionaries, is expected to be the speaker.

● About 100 women of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., attended the first meeting of the newly organized Women's Missionary Guild on Thursday evening, Feb. 8. This guild is composed of members of the following church organizations: Women's Missionary Society, Ye Loyal Bible Class, Helping Hand Society, Fidelis and the Omicron Classes. The feature of the program was a candle-light service in which representatives of the several organizations pledged their support to the guild. The temporary officers elected to serve until April are Mrs. Irma Grosser, president; Mrs. Emily Nordland, vice-president; Miss Irma Grieger, secretary; and Miss Carol Krueger, treasurer.

● From Jan. 11 to 23 the Rev. F. W. Bartel, the Dakota Conference evangelist, conducted meetings in the Baptist Church of Anamoose, No. Dak., of which the Rev. A. Bibelheimer is pastor. On the last evening of the services there were eight persons who made their confession of faith in Christ as Savior. On the following morning a boy came to town from the country to tell the evangelist he had given his heart to Christ. On making a hurried visit to a sick boy he led him to Christ just before he caught a bus for Harvey, where he served from Jan. 25 to Feb. 6. He also conducted evangelistic meetings in Grand Forks, No. Dak., from Feb. 15 to 27 and is scheduled to be in McClusky, No. Dak., from March 1 to 13.

● On Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, the Men's Brotherhood of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held its regular meeting at which the Honorable Carl F. Zeidler, mayor of Milwaukee was the speaker and also led the group in singing "God Bless America." Quite a number of men of the North Avenue and Immanuel Baptist Churches were also in attendance. Mr. Adolph Baudisch is the president of the Brotherhood. From Sunday, March 1, to Tuesday, March 3, the Bethany Church will celebrate its 10th anniversary with special festivities being planned for these days, according to the pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga. Among the guest speakers will be Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary.

● The Rev. G. Wetter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., recently resigned and brought his ministry to a close on Sunday, Feb. 22. At first the church voted unanimously to refuse to accept the pastor's resignation, but the ill health of his wife and his own poor health compelled Mr. Wetter to insist upon his resignation. He served the Watertown Church in a

memorable ministry of 16 years, lacking one month. The plans of Mr. Wetter and his family call for an extended, indefinite rest on a farm near Benton Harbor, Mich. On Sunday morning, Feb. 22, the Watertown Church held a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Wetter at the close of the service, followed by a fellowship dinner in the church.

● The Oregon Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union will hold an exceptionally interesting conference from Friday, March 13, to Sunday, March 15, in the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore. The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer will make their first appearance before the group on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. A play by the Laurelhurst young people will feature the Friday evening program. The Saturday evening banquet will also be brightened with talks on "Our Denominational Goals." The Sunday afternoon speaker will be the Rev. Rodney Britten, director of Christian Education for the Oregon Baptist Convention. Mr. Sam Rich, president of the Union, expects a large turnout for the rally.

● The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, was the guest speaker in the Immanuel and North Avenue Baptist Churches of Milwaukee, Wis., on Sunday morning, Jan. 18, speaking in the German and English languages, respectively. On Sunday, Jan. 25, he spoke and showed missionary pictures in the East Side Church of Chicago, Ill., of which the Rev. Herbert Koch is pastor. He served as guest speaker in the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, of which the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt is minister. On the following Sunday morning, Feb. 8, he brought the message in the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., and in the evening, Mr. Roger Norman, the president of the Wisconsin Young People's Union, and Mr. Leuschner presented a missionary program in the Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis. The Revs. G. Wetter and Wayne Williams are the respective pastors of the Watertown and Wausau churches.



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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Fortieth Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff is Celebrated in Salem, Oregon

On Sunday evening, Jan. 25, the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., celebrated the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff's 40th wedding anniversary.

The evening service was opened by the pastor, as usual, with singing, scripture, prayer and a choir number, after which Mr. Henry Schrenk took charge, much to the surprise of the Rev. J. F. Olthoff.

The following congratulated the bridal pair: Rev. August Heringer of Corvallis spoke a few words based on Psalm 36:5; Ruth Krueger of Corvallis represented the church of Madison, So. Dak.; Arnold Frey spoke in behalf of the Sunday School; and Lydia Schirman for the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Schirman presented Mrs. Olthoff, president of the society, with a beautifully decorated wedding cake.

After this Mr. Sam Schirman congratulated the honor guests in the name of the church and revealed some interesting incidents of their wedding day 40 years ago. Mr. Schirman had the honor of presenting the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff with a very unusual bouquet of red carnations with forty dollar bills tied on streamers.

After response by Mr. and Mrs. Olthoff, refreshments were served in the church basement and a social time was enjoyed by all present.

BERNICE BUHLER, Reporter.

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Wetzler of Los Angeles, California

Twenty-five years may seem long or short according to mood and circumstances, but, in fact, they are only twenty-five years. This was brought to mind when Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Wetzler celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., recently.

Miss Esther Leuschner was chosen as the organist to play the "Lohengrin March." Before a large and happy audience the couple marched into the church. A brief repetition of the ceremony, as it probably was observed 25 years ago, added much to the solemnity of the occasion.

The entire congregation and friends of the couple gathered in the church basement afterwards. "The elite" were seated around a well decorated table and the rest sat in a semi-circle, filling our spacious Sunday School room. A string quartet supplied the music. The bride's father, Mr. Freudenberg, gave a brief history of the observations he made prior to the first wedding. Mrs. Wetzler, the groom's mother, added her words of congratulations. Then the "best" man and other "best people" who were at the wedding 25 years ago



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wetzler of Los Angeles, California, on Their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

had much to add to the fellowship and mirth of the evening.

In all this rejoicing we, the congregation and its pastor, feel that the Lord has blessed us with giving to us these faithful people. Their three children are also active in our Sunday School and choir. Mr. Wetzler is our present church trustee and we are happy that God has given the Wetzlers and their children, Harold, Elisabeth and Robert, that kind of a Christian home and environment in which every child of God can truly rejoice.

B. W. KRENTZ, Pastor.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Successful Changes in the Program of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

During the past year the Andrews St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs as pastor, has tried the successful experiment of having both a German and an English service on Sunday morning, the German service preceding the Sunday School period, and the English service immediately following. The evening services are being discontinued, and seasonal evening services substituted.

With its meeting taking place simultaneously with our regular B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 on Sunday evenings, Mr. Fuchs has organized a Junior-Intermediate group made up of children ten to fourteen years of age. The first officers were installed at a recent candlelight service: Paul Neumann, president; Fred Steckley, vice-president; David Neumann, secretary; Harry Maisel, treasurer; Ruth Kannwischer, financial secretary and pianist.

Three young people have joined the church through baptism in 1941 and eleven others by letter. On Christmas day members of the Sunday School presented the impressive cantata, "The Light Still Shines," under the capable direction of Alex Elssner, Sarah Schade and Mrs. Oswald Kannwischer.

IDA THEIS, Reporter.

Spiritual Growth Encouraging in the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario

We of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, thank God for the many blessings showered upon us in the past year, and look up to him in faith and hope for 1942.

Last summer our pastor, the Rev. E. Klatt, baptized six of our young people on confession of their faith. The impressive baptismal service took place at G. M. Burke's cottage at Round Lake.

Our mission offerings are growing every year. Financially our church is stronger and our membership roll is getting larger all the time. Our evening services are well attended, with the choir, directed by the pastor, rendering faithful service in song. Prayer meetings are also well attended. With the help of the different societies, the church paid off the debt on the parsonage and with special contributions from members, we were able to brick veneer it as well. Due to higher living costs the church has seen fit to raise the pastor's salary for the coming year.

Our Sunday School sessions, which precede the evening worship service, are well attended. Melville Kuehl, one of our capable young men, is in charge of our growing Sunday School. We have a young people's orchestra which plays every Sunday evening. A Christmas program was presented by the School at which time a gift of money was given to the pastor and his wife from the two Senior classes.

Our Senior young people meet every Tuesday evening. One of our teachers, Miss Laura Moorehouse, is president, and through her untiring efforts and the use of the commission plan, every member is becoming an active worker. Once a month the group in charge of "missions" presented a suitable program and a special offering was taken which went towards our mission pledge for the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton.

Our enthusiastic Junior B. Y. P. U. meets every two weeks and its programs are varied with Bible quizzes, musicals, socials and a special biography of Bible characters given during the year. At the evening service on the last Sunday of every month the pastor gives special talks for the Juniors, bringing gospel truths to them through illustrations and stories.

The Ladies' Missionary Society meets once a month. Their mission is to help the church, denomination and Red Cross at present. At Christmas they presented the pastor and his wife with gifts as a token of appreciation for their interest and work in the society for the past year.

Our church held a Watch Night service conducted by the young people, who presented the life of William Carey in a most impressive manner. At the close of the old year and at the dawning of the new we partook of the Lord's Supper.

MRS. LAWRENCE GETZ, Reporter.

Miss Clara Meyer, Former Matron at the Rochester Seminary, is Called "Home"

A faithful handmaiden of the Lord has gone to her reward. Miss Clara J. Meyer was born at Hanover, Germany, on Sept. 12, 1861, and passed away on Jan. 14, 1942. She came to this country at the early age of 5 years, and resided with her mother in Buffalo, N. Y. Their spacious home here drew many lonely but ambitious young people, who thoroughly enjoyed its Christian atmosphere. Here she made life-long friends, some of whom occupy important positions in Christian work today.

Miss Meyer found her Lord early in life, was baptized into the fellowship of the former High Street Church by the Rev. W. C. Raabe and proved useful in all the branches of church work. After her mother's death in 1910 she became matron, or as she was generally called, "Hausmutter," at our Rochester Baptist Seminary. This important position she held for 23 years with patience and exemplary faithfulness, keeping hundreds of prospective ministers physically fit to pursue their preparation for the gospel ministry.

When age finally compelled her to retire in 1934, she moved back to Buffalo to spend the remaining years with her friend, Miss Fanny Mehnert. Relieved of her duties she became rapidly weaker; blindness was creeping on, and finally the dark curtain fell. With extraordinary patience she bravely bore these trying limitations, always holding on to that great unseen Friend, until he called her from loneliness and suffering to the sweet delights of that greater communion.

At the impressive memorial service, words of recognition and appreciation were spoken by the Revs. P. Geissler, P. Menard, H. Lohans, and H. Hiller. The seminary remembered her with a beautiful spray.

Relatives, friends, and many ministers, old and young, honor her memory with a prayer or a tear of gratitude to God for her precious life. Also "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." "She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her."

HERBERT HILLER, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The "Semper Fidelis" Class of Wilmington, Delaware, Reviews the Past Year of Activity

In the year 1938 a class of girls from the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., whose teacher was Mrs. Emma Hoffman, decided to organize. The first meeting was held at the home of Miss Bertha Luedtke. By a unanimous vote Miss Esther Hagy was elected as the president; Miss Ruth Van Sant as vice-president; Miss Bertha Luedtke as secretary; and Mrs. Anna Unsworth as treasurer. The class accepted the name "Semper Fidelis."

Due to illness and the death of Mrs. Hoffman's husband, she was later forced to relinquish the class to Mrs. Shoemith. This year Mrs. Mary Grace (Justice) Florick was elected president. She is not only new in presiding, but she is a bride as well. Miss Gladys

Observe National Tract Week, March 29 to April 5

Church and religious organizations across the country will cooperate this year in the second annual National Tract Week to be observed the week preceding Easter, March 29 to April 5.

Purpose of the week, sponsored by the Christian Workers Foundation, is to create interest in the writing and distribution of modern versions of the old-time religious tract made famous by outstanding men of God as Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, Hudson Taylor, George Whitfield, Charles G. Finney.

In order to assist local groups in the observance of Tract Distribution Week, attractive bulletin board posters and illustrated pamphlets have been prepared. These are available in limited numbers free of charge. Outlines for church services to be conducted in connection with Tract Week also have been prepared especially for pastors and ministers. They may be secured by addressing the Christian Workers Foundations at 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.

Farrell is serving as vice-president, Mrs. Miriam Shoemith as secretary and Mrs. Anna Unsworth as treasurer.

The aim of our society is to serve in every way possible to assist pastor and church, and to promote missionary interest among the young women of our Sunday School. We have had the church piano tuned and repaired. Besides that, we have secured an American and a Christian flag for the church.

We are mostly interested in the missionary work of Miss Laura Reddig in the Cameroons and have contributed an offering to her work. Some of our money has also gone to the Centenary Offering of our denomination.

Last year we held our first Mother's and Daughter's banquet. The society has gone on record to make this an annual affair. It was last held in the Sunday School rooms of the church on Thursday, Dec. 11, 1941. Mrs. Anna Unsworth was appointed chairman. Miss Viola Peters and Mrs. Miriam Shoemith served as committee on arrangements. The tables were beautifully decorated by Mrs. Hoffman. Holly and pine cones with red and white candles added to the attractiveness of the decorations.

Our sincerest thanks go to Mrs. Emma Roehm, who as a friend did so much to make our banquet a complete success. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Rovitti of the Delaware Ave. Baptist Church. After a candle light "carol service" Mrs. Rovitti gave us a splendid message based on the Bible.

For 1942 we are hoping to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and thereby to be enabled to increase in numbers as also in our usefulness.

MRS. MIRIAM SHOEMITH, Secretary.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Two Active Young People's Societies in the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota

The Young People's Society of the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota stood by ready to welcome the New Year of 1942 by taking an active part in the annual Watch Night services. We are very grateful to our Lord for his many blessings and the many achievements of the past year in both our Junior and Young People's societies.

Our Junior Society is composed of all those below 14 years of age and meets every Sunday evening before our regular service. This society has its own officers who are in charge of the meetings, while Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler serves as adviser. Our Young People's Society consists of all "the single folks" above the age of 14, and meets every Friday evening for its regular meeting followed by choir rehearsal.

In order to provide for an active program, our organization is divided into seven different departments. At each weekly meeting one of these departments is responsible for a special feature of our program, which creates much interest and enthusiasm. In addition to this, the special program department is responsible for special programs on Sunday evenings and at various times throughout the year. We also have socials to provide for recreation and Christian fellowship. A few of our members helped Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler conduct a Vacation Bible School last summer, which was a great success and yielded rich blessings to everyone.

We have entered the Efficiency Contest sponsored by our State Assembly. Under its provisions we studied a course, "How to Win to Christ," taught by our pastor. Since last November we are studying a course, "Through the Bible," with the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler leading us and we find these courses very interesting.

We have recently given a missionary program with a play, "Ordered South," as its main feature. The offering was designated for Laura Reddig. On Sunday evening, Jan. 25, we gave this program at the neighboring church in Parkston to a big audience. On Feb. 8 we repeated this program at the Unityville Church. This exchange of program has had a twofold value. It has inspired us for greater service in our Lord's vineyard and provided wholesome Christian fellowship.

During the month of October we had evangelistic meetings, in which the Rev. J. Wobig of St. Paul helped our pastor. Seven young people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Mr. Kraenzler was also engaged in conducting revival meetings in the Tripp church.

In our annual business meeting the following officers were elected: president, Miss Helen Juecht; vice-president, Dayton Heitzmann; treasurer, Robert Lehr; secretary, Luella Meyer; pianist, Mervella Triebwasser; corresponding secretary, Berniece Meillaud.

BERNICE MEILLAUD, Reporter.

Inspirational Programs for the Young People's Society at Plevna, Montana

Another year has gone by for the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Plevna, Mont., and again we as a group are looking forward to another successful year.

In the past year we as young people have purchased a piano for the church. On Thursday afternoon, Jan. 1, we held our annual election.

A Bible Quiz was given on Sunday, Jan. 18, as the program for the month. Two new members joined our Union on the first of January, and three joined during the past year.

ESTHER BECHTOLD, Secretary.

Dakota Young People Going Forward With Christ in Their Missionary Endeavors

"Words fail me when I try to express my gratitude to God. Oh, the untold joys and blessings that come with each service rendered, insignificant as this service seems.

We, the Dakota young people, are also praising God for the blessings which he has bestowed upon us and for the opportunity which he has given us to be of service for Jesus Christ.

In its first year the goal of this project was the attainment of \$900 to be used for Miss Reddig's salary. Our goal was surpassed, and so the next year it was set higher.

Now that half a year has elapsed, we are happy to report that God has answered our prayers and has strengthened our faith by showing us great things.

Sunday, March 29, has been set aside as "Africa's Big Day" in the Dakotas. As the Sunday School lesson for that day shows how "the transfigured Christ" met human needs, even so will we continue to meet Africa's needs.

HELEN HEITZMAN, Reporter.

The Ladies' Aid of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., Continues Its Ministry of Christian Service

As a group of women in the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, No. Dak., doing what we can for our Master, we acknowledge the great blessings we have received throughout the year in our meetings and also through our deeds of kindness shown to others.

We make it a point to visit all the sick, and thus to spread rays of sunshine into the lives of others. Last year 178 sick calls were made.

At different times in the year, we filled the boxes with good things to eat and sent them to such places as the Students' Home at Rochester, N. Y., the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., and the Old People's Home in Bismarck, No. Dak.

In November we rendered our annual program with Mrs. A. Rosner presiding. After scripture, prayer and reports by the secretary and treasurers, the program was held.

May God help us to continue our work for him, that we may never tire of being his servants, helping others and never forgetting to pray for God's people everywhere.

ESTHER SCHLAFMANN, Secretary.

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The Emery Baptist Church Gratefully Reviews the Activities of the Past Year

We of the Baptist Church in Emery, So. Dak., thank God for his divine presence in our many various church activities. The church services brought much joy and inspiration as many testify.

The Sunday School brought much to the spiritual nurture and growth of its scholars by the full Bible instruction given through the "All Bible Graded Lessons."

Again, the Intermediate and Senior Young People's Societies gave opportunity for Christian leadership. The Seniors have been following, beside their various other programs, a study course on the booklet, "Successful Personal Work and Scripture Memorizing."

Our ladies' organization, the King's Daughters and Ladies' Aid Society give well to spiritual and missionary causes. Their monthly programs are interesting.

We are happy for the faithful work of our Men's Chorus. Every Sunday evening they usually give us their enjoyable musical selections, besides giving us fine musical programs at occasions such as Pentecost and Watch Night services.

Our pastor, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, and his wife were pleasantly surprised in September, when upon their first year's ministry among us, a special program was arranged in their behalf.

In November we arranged for special evangelistic meetings. Our evangelist, the Rev. W. Weyhrauch of Valley City, No. Dak., gave clear, convicting messages appealing to God's people to surrender wholly to God and lost souls to accept Christ.

After our young people's Christmas carolling and distribution of baskets to the needy, after our Sunday School presented its fine Christmas program and gave an offering to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., and after our uplifting Christmas church services, our Yuletide season ended pleasantly with our grateful praise to God for the many earthly and spiritual blessings during the old year.

After our pastor's message, a happy baptismal service followed. We thank God and rejoice that, later on, we could receive 10 new members into our church. We have good prospects for another baptismal service in the near future.

GEORGE J. TERVEEN, Church Clerk.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Berndt in Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The Willing Workers' Society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., held a pot luck supper in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. L. Berndt, who left us recently to serve the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minn.

The following poem, composed by Mrs. Erwin Guenther, was read:

"Change is the essence of life
And, though we fight it so,
Today, what may seem permanent,
Tomorrow perhaps must go.

"We gather our robes about us
And try to cling to routine;
But life goes on, ever changing,
In a silent way, unseen.

And so it is with our friends
As we say "Goodbye" to them
And hope perhaps another day
We'll see them both again!"

MRS. MARCELLA KAROW, Secretary.

Activities in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin

We rejoice that God has given us as the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., so many rich blessings during the past year. All of our meetings in the church are exceptionally well attended.

Our Sunday School and young people's work is progressing splendidly. Also the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Men's Club are rendering valuable service to the church.

During the two weeks of November 4 to 14 we had the joy and privilege of having the Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Mich., with us for special meetings. Mr. Hoover proved very capable for the work, and we are thankful for his ministry in our church.

As a result of these special meetings, our pastor baptized 7 persons at a very impressive Watch Night service. The Rev. A. Husmann was the guest speaker for that occasion.

During the ministry of our present pastor, the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, we have received 60 persons into our church within the last five years.

H. J. KRISTOPEIT, Reporter.



Fifteen Young Men in the North Freedom Chorus of Wisconsin, Which Recently Rendered a Concert.

(Left to right, back row—Charles Gibson, Emerson Wilzewski, Ronaldean Pawlisch, Heinz Naske, Lewis Borck, and James Girling; Middle Row—Burnell Franke, Alton Thayer, Walter Wilzewski, Bernard Kaney, William Stangohr, Jr.

Front Row—Delbert Kaney, Harold Franke, Terrance Kaney, Erwin Gaetzke.)

The Junior Aid Society of St. Paul, Minn., Reviews the Past Year of Activity

Although the Junior Aid Society of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has not been heard from for quite some time, nevertheless, it continues to be active.

Our group, which numbers 24, meets on the second Thursday afternoon of every month at the home of one of the members. We have various means of replenishing our treasury, chief among them being paper sales, a supper or ice cream social occasionally, a "birthday bank," a dollar drive, and most recently a "Galloping Tea."

This past year we bought 100 new Sunday School song books, 20 more church hymnals and gave our church \$50.00 in cash and also gave a sum of money for new choir robes.

Following are the officers who served us during the past year: Mrs. Alfred

Fritz, president; Mrs. Arthur Treibert, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Irestone, treasurer; Mrs. David Gutsche, secretary; and Mrs. George Galusha, pianist.

MRS. DAVID GUTSCHE, Secretary.

The Young Men's Chorus of North Freedom, Wisconsin, Renders a Musical Program

The Young Men's Chorus of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., rendered a musical program on Sunday evening, Feb. 1. The group is under the leadership of Miss Edna Voeck and consists of young men of High School age and of some who have recently graduated from High School.

The program, which was led by the young people's president, Erwin Gaetzke, consisted of 4 groups of songs arranged to tell the gospel story, bringing out the thoughts of the love of God, the call of God, confidence in God, and service to God.

An offering was taken for the fund which the Wisconsin Young People's Union is raising for a dispensary for Miss Reddig in Africa.

Our Young People's Society recently held its annual business meeting, and the officers for the coming year are: president, Erwin Gaetzke; vice-president, Harold Franke; secretary, Leah Gaetzke; and treasurer, Ronaldean Pawlisch.

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NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ziegler of Carbon, Alberta

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ziegler of the Zion Baptist Church near Carbon, Alta., Canada, were given a surprise party in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 12th, by their adopted son, Mr. Bennie Ziegler, and his wife and by brothers and sisters of the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Forsch, the parents of Mrs. Bennie Ziegler, brought them to their former home where the party was given. There were 81 guests present who greeted them with a song.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler were seated at the table where a beautiful wedding cake was placed. Mr. John J. Forsch spoke appropriate words for the occasion. The program consisted of musical numbers and congratulations that were extended by the guests.

Later the gifts were given to them and then they were given an opportunity to give expression to their joys.

MRS. BENNIE ZIEGLER, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ziegler of Carbon, Alberta, Canada, at Their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kuhnert of Leduc

On Friday evening, Dec. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Kuhnert were pleasantly surprised by members and friends of the Second Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, the occasion being

their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhnert came to church to attend the weekly choir rehearsal, but other plans had been secretly made. As they entered the church, the congregation sang in greeting. The bridal couple was seated on the platform on chairs decorated with large silver bows.

Under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. A. Huber, an interesting program of song, recitation and messages of congratulations was rendered. Ruth Bohlman sang, "Because God Made Thee Mine." A recitation, "Our Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary" was read by the youngest son, Waldemar, and Mrs. L. Hein also read a poem. In behalf of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. F. Gutsche offered sincere congratulations and presented the bridal couple with a lovely gift. Short congratulatory speeches were also given by Mr. H. Bohlman, Mr. H. Brown, Mr. A. Klatt, Miss Lenora Gutsche, and the pastor. In well chosen words, Velma, their daughter, in behalf of the other members of the family, expressed thanks to her parents for a Christian home and companionship.

Following the program of congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Kuhnert expressed their gratitude to the guests for honoring them at this occasion.

MRS. A. HUBER, Reporter.

Twenty-two Conversions Recorded in Evangelistic Services Held in Medicine Hat, Alberta

It is, indeed, a pleasure to join with other "Baptist Herald" reporters in relating some of the happenings and blessings of the past year in our Elm Street Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. First of all, we are thankful to God for the Rev. and Mrs. Aug. Kraemer, who have dedicated their full time and strength in trying to bring the church on the right foundation and on a higher spiritual standard. In the past we as a church have had very heart breaking experiences which brought the church to a low standard in spiritual life. But since Brother Kraemer is working in our midst and bringing the Word of God in such an inspired way, we have been brought closer to God and into a finer fellowship with each other.

To bring about a revival in our church, our minister found it the will of God that we should study the epistle of Paul to the Galatians. So we all agreed on that and came together in the evenings for a few weeks in November. We were strengthened in our faith and received a fuller knowledge of the salvation which we have in Christ Jesus. After earnest prayer and discussion, we felt that we should ask the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary, Alberta, to help us in an evangelistic campaign, after spending the first week in January in united prayer together with our neighboring churches.

The Rev. R. Milbrandt came to us on January 13. Our church was filled to capacity at all the services. Mr. Milbrandt has a deep soul-winning passion and brought the Word of God so that it touched our hearts and the hearts of sinners. The service on Jan. 24 was the closing evening of our two weeks campaign, and on that night Mr. Milbrandt asked all of those who were

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN WEBBER of Arnprior, Ontario

On January 18, 1942, Mr. John Webber was called away by his Lord to his eternal reward. The immediate cause of his death was apoplexy. Mr. Webber was born on July 7, 1877, in the township of Hagarty, Renfrew Co., Ontario, where he lived all his life. On July 1, 1895, he was baptized upon the confession of his faith in Christ as his Savior by the Rev. Carl A. Schlipf and united with the Baptist Church at Killaloe.

On July 6, 1903, he joined the First Baptist Church in Arnprior, where he remained a loyal and faithful member until his death. He served his church as Sunday School superintendent, trustee and several other offices for several years. Mr. Webber was of a quiet and devout disposition, through which he won the admiration and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

On April 22, 1903, he was united in marriage with Augusta Homuth of Arnprior. Surviving to mourn his loss are his beloved wife, three daughters, a grandson and many relatives and friends. Three sons and a daughter predeceased their father in infancy.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, who brought words of comfort and courage on Psalm 103:13 to 17, "God Is Our Comfort."

First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario.

A. E. Jaster, Pastor.

MR. HENRY RUNTZ of Arnprior, Ontario

Mr. Henry Runtz was called away by his Lord and Savior to his heavenly reward on January 21, 1942. Brother Runtz was born on June 17, 1877, in McNab Township near Arnprior, where he lived all his life. During the past two years he suffered with "chronic endocarditis." When 17 years of age Mr. Runtz was converted, and on June 15, 1894, he was baptized by the Rev. G. Bornschlegel and united with the First Baptist Church in Arnprior, where he remained a loyal member until his death.

He was united in marriage with Annie Scheel on December 19, 1900, and the Lord blessed their home with three sons and two daughters. Surviving him are his beloved wife, two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and many relatives and friends. One son predeceased the father in infancy.

Mr. Runtz was held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens in a wide area, of which the very large attendance at the funeral services was a direct evidence.

His pastor conducted the funeral services and brought words of comfort to the bereaved from Job 42:5, "Now Mine Eye Seeth Thee."

First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario.

A. E. Jaster, Pastor.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The La Salle Church Bids Farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp

A large percentage of the members of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., have signed the pledge cards and are now following the Daily Bible Reading Calendars of the denomination with pictures prepared by the Gebauers.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 22, a surprise farewell was held in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp and children. A large group of church members and friends were present. A 100 piece dinner set was presented to the family.

The program included musical numbers by Edward Oster, Mrs. Harold Bohlander, Mrs. Ladner and Merle Ladner, Charlotte Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Krieger. Talks of appreciation were given by Mr. Jacob Croissant and Mr. Fred Meyer in behalf of the church members. Mr. Chris Ladner spoke for the choir, and Mr. Albert Renke in behalf of the Sunday School. Mrs. Fred Meyer spoke for the Women's Missionary Society and Carl Jepson in behalf of the B. Y. P. U.

The Seecamps served in our church for a period of three years. Every branch of the church increased spiritually and in numbers, which showed that the Lord richly blessed their labors.

The last Sunday evening service on January 25 conducted by Mr. Seecamp was very impressive and very well attended. With heavy hearts we bade them farewell and wished them God's blessing on their new field in the Cottonwood Church of Texas.

CHARLOTTE MEYER, Reporter.

Great Things Are Being Done For the Lord in the Emmanuel Church of Oklahoma

We, the Emmanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., are glad to report that we now have the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn and their daughter Dorothy in our midst. Together we are planning great things for the Lord.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, a well attended reception was held at the church for them. The Sturhahns were welcomed by the various officers of the church through the following representatives: the deacons by J. J. Hill; the Sunday School by Sam Geis; the

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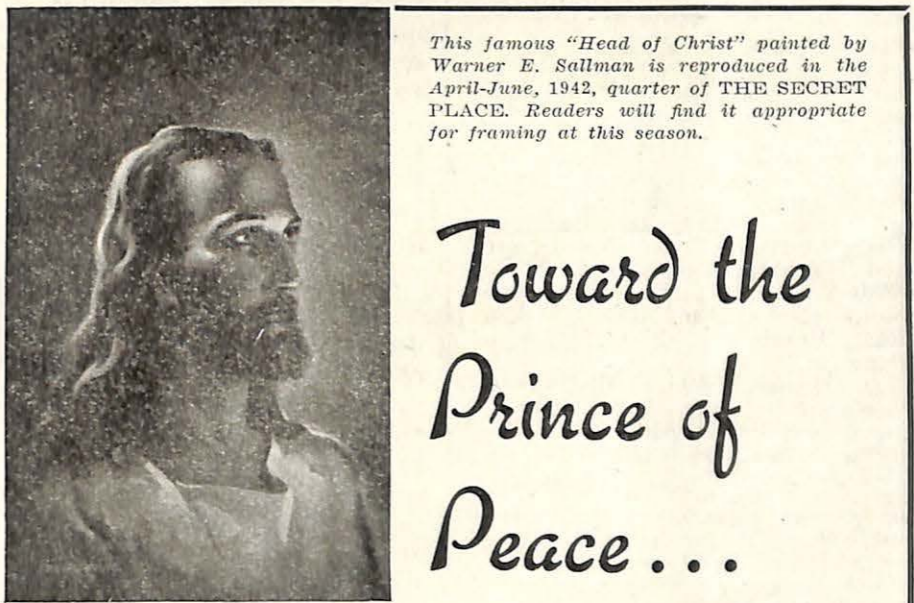
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Reports from the Field

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Ladies' Missionary Society by Mrs. Sam Geis; and the Young People's Society by Miss Rocille Geis.

Other words of welcome were also given by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Graalman and Mr. H. G. Geis of Okeene. After a short message by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Mr. and Mrs. Sturhahn responded with words of appreciation for the warm welcome.

We would also like to report that we held our annual Christmas program, when the play, "The Light On the Hills," was given. We came together for the Watch Night service, welcoming the new year with prayer and testimonies. During the first week in January we observed the week of prayer, and all meetings were well attended.

At our midweek meetings at the present time we are studying the portrait of Christ in the gospel of John. Much interest is being shown in this very interesting study.

EMIL WEBER, Clerk.

The Scottsbluff B. Y. P. U. Gets Off to a Good Start in 1942

The annual business meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union at Scottsbluff, Neb., was held on Jan. 4 and officers were chosen to serve for 1942. LeRoy Hamburger, after being unanimously voted honor member for 1941, was elected to preside as new president for the succeeding year. Robert Simon was chosen to act as vice-president. Other officers elected were Fred Hamburger, treasurer; Bertha Mehling, secretary; Mary Spady, assistant secretary; and Robert Wiege, Eldina Hagen, and Freda Dillman, ushers.

Four members attained the organization's goal during the past year. They were Eldina Hagen, LeRoy Hamburger, Bertha Mehling, and Esther Kihlthau. This grading system has been used in our B. Y. P. U. for the past several years and we find it the most successful for our particular needs. Standardized points are given for duties performed and the goal was set at 1200 points. This is attainable by all members if they honestly make it their aim to reach it, and all members surpassing it will be distinguished in some manner as honorary members of that year. A gift or medal is presented to each member surpassing the goal.

At the beginning of this year we are without a minister in the church, and so find that we as young people have to work hard to make apparent progress. But we are getting off to an exceptionally fine start and have several committees already at work taking care of "slackers." An attendance committee has been chosen to visit each non-active member personally and to win new members. The first day of effort resulted in four new members. Another committee has been put to work to visit the sick and aged and to send greetings, flowers, and sympathetic condolences.

We are planning an impressive candle light ceremony to take place early this Spring as an inspiration to our

young people and an added attraction as something new in program-planning. As planned, this affair will be a reinstatement of our young people as workers for the Kingdom. Each member will go through the formality of being tapped and pledged as a personal worker. Anyone desiring membership into the union subsequent to this ritual will be required to take the pledge of allegiance to our B. Y. P. U.

BERTHA L. MEHLING, Secretary.

Comments BY THE PUBLISHERS OF THE BAPTIST HERALD ON MATTERS OF CIRCULATION and SUBSCRIPTIONS

First

As a timely reminder we have the special request to make that we be courteously notified if this splendid magazine needs to be discontinued. At any rate please refuse its acceptance through the mails if it is coming to you contrary to your wishes in the matter.

Second

If, perchance, you have delayed sending in your renewal do not neglect it longer than this month. At the end of March eliminations will be made of such whose subscriptions have not been renewed and who have not otherwise communicated with us.

Third

The Club Plan has gone over this year bigger than ever. Our churches are realizing the effectiveness of this unprecedented journalistic scheme. Any church hesitating on the borderline can still qualify for 1942 by putting the arrangement through without greater delay. All necessary rate adjustments can be made.

H. P. DONNER,
Business Manager.

P. S.: This excellent issue of the HERALD is the largest that has ever gone to press.

Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
REV. A. R. BERNADT
of Burlington, Iowa

1. Experts agree that the new "war time" will save Americans 500,000 kilowatts daily. At 5 cents per kilowatt hour it means a saving of 7 cents per year for every individual, which, if contributed by our 38,000 constituents would mean \$2,660.00 for any cause we might designate.
2. An elevator operator is leaving his job in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., to enter the Baptist ministry, but we are sure he will still have his ups and downs in the new calling.
3. Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota is one of our own denominational young men who is still a member of our Riverview Baptist Church at St. Paul and is rendering a great service in politics and also as special speaker at great national religious gatherings. His pastor is the Rev. John Wobig.
4. "The Little Brown Church on the Water" is the name of a Baptist missionary boat that is carrying the gospel to 10,000 hunters and trappers living in the Louisiana swamps.
5. The gunman wants "money or your life," but the average tavern takes both.
6. Plan to spend more on your Easter heart than on your Easter head!
7. Those who hope for no other life are dead even in this.
8. Seven of our Rochester Seminary men will graduate this year. It isn't too early for some of our pastorless churches to make arrangements for using these well-trained men who are peculiarly fitted for serving our churches. For, after all, there isn't another school in America that gives the type of bilingual training that our own Rochester Seminary gives to our men.
9. Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed and permanently set.
10. Our seminary students travel an average of 1600 miles to reach the seminary. One man covered three thousand miles to reach Rochester, while the nearest to the school made a 250 mile hop.
11. Our denomination has a circulating library, the Braese Loan Library, of almost a thousand volumes from which text books and other religious publications may be borrowed for use in our churches for the nominal cost of shipping these volumes. Lists of the books are available from the young people's secretary.
12. The Rev. F. A. Licht, now living in Niagara Falls, N. Y., is the oldest member of our ministerial group. He is now 91 years of age.