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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● On Sunday, Jan. 3, the Rev. A. Stelter, pastor of the Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho, had the joy of baptizing 16 persons on confession of their faith in Christ and of receiving them into the church. The pastor expressed this prayer in forwarding this brief paragraph of news: "May this new revived spirit remain in our church throughout the whole year!"

● The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Emery, So. Dak., pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church during the past 5 years, presented his resignation on Jan. 3rd and announced his acceptance of the call from the Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak. He will begin his new pastorate on March 15, succeeding the Rev. A. Reeh, now of La Salle, Colo. While in the Plum Creek Church Mr. Kraenzler baptized 43 persons and received 6 others by letter.

● The Rev. Ralph Rott, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., for the past year and a half, has resigned and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis. Mr. Rott will begin his ministry in North Freedom on March 1st and will succeed the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, now pastor of the Round Lake Church near Gladwin, Michigan.

● Since Nov. 15, 1942, the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., has enjoyed the ministry of its new pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Hess. In response to the editor's request Mr. Hess has written a brief report about himself and the church's recent activities which appears on page 17 of "Reports from the Field" in this issue. Mr. Hess succeeded the Rev. Earl S. Kalland. We welcome him into the circle of our fellowship!

● On Sunday morning, Dec. 27, the Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized 7 persons on confession of their faith in Christ and received these and three others by letter into the fellowship of the church on Jan. 3. Mr. William Weiss of the church has not failed to be present at a Christmas service of the church for a period of over 50 years. The church bulletin expressed the congratulations of the church to Mr. Weiss for this record!

● The Rev. Henry Koch of Forest Park, Ill., quietly celebrated his 80th birthday with his family and a few friends on Thursday, Jan. 7. Mr. Koch

General Conference Postponed "For the Duration"

Because of the present war situation and travel restrictions, it seemed wise to a number of our leading brethren that the 1943 General Conference should be postponed to August, 1944. A resolution to this effect was presented to the General Council, the members of which approved it by overwhelming vote. Should the war not be ended by 1944, then this matter may be submitted to the General Council again.

The resolution approved by the Council calls for postponing the 1943 General Conference together with our Centennial Celebration and the publication of our denominational book until 1944 or until such time as the General Council will decide because of the war conditions.

WM. KUHN,
Executive Secretary.

has been in failing health in recent weeks, but he was happy to receive the written and personal congratulations from a large circle of friends. The German Men's Club of the Forest Park Church sang a number of songs in Mr. Koch's honor at his home. The Shell Creek Baptist Church of Nebraska, of which he was the minister in two pastorates, sent a gift and many greetings to this beloved former pastor of theirs.

● The Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has adopted a mission project to support our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger, and their daughter, Daphne, on the Cameroons mission field of Africa. This support will represent the full salary paid to the Dungers throughout the year. The Evangel Church has shown a fine spiritual interest in this work in the Cameroons for many years. Dr. M. A. Darroch, the present pastor, is enjoying God's abundant blessings upon his ministry as he serves the Evangel congregation and the surrounding community in the name of Christ.

● Since September of last year the Rev. Leslie P. Albus has been serving as the "permanent" pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, even though the Rev. A. E. Jaster is still on leave of absence while serving as chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces. The Christmas program was well attended and was high-

lighted by a pageant, "The Child Divine," which was very effective. Mr. Albus wrote that "it presented the scenes of the nativity before a background of angels which really added materially to the effect and brought the birth of the Savior closer to all of us."

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has raised more than \$3100 in cash for its "Faith Offering" which set as its goal \$2500 by Christmas of 1942 over and above the church's regular giving. Almost all of the "Faith Offering" will go toward debt reduction. At the same time the mission offerings and current expense contributions of the church increased considerably. During the month of January the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, pastor, centered his Sunday morning messages on the theme, "Wonderful Words of Life," which were as follows: "Grace," (2. Cor. 12:9); "Peace," (Phil. 4:17); "Joy," (Romans 14:17); and "Victory," (1. John 5:4).

● At the Watch Night Service of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., the first hour was in charge of the young people who presented a "Salute to Our Service Men." Thirty members and friends of the St. Joseph Church are in the Armed Forces of the government. During the last hour of the Watch Night service, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor, baptized 3 young women on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday morning, Dec. 27, Mr. Broeker extended his thanks to the church for its patriotic Christmas gift to him in the form of three \$100 war bonds. He spoke "not only of the value of the gift personally but of its thoughtful appropriateness at this time to the great national effort for victory."

● A Men's Club was recently organized in the Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., which holds regular monthly meetings besides its Sunday morning Bible classes taught by the pastor, the Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs. On Jan. 5 the men listened to an informative message by Wendell King on "Army, Navy and Marine Corps Insignias." On Jan. 12 the Bellwood Men's Club gave an inspiring program for the Men's Baraca Class of the Forest Park Baptist Church, which included several brief messages on the value of such a brotherhood and a talk on the leadership of men by Mr. Gibbs. The officers are James White, president; Herschel Edwards, vice-president; Wendell King, secretary; and William Priestly, athletic manager.

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Coming!

THEY GAVE THANKS TO GOD!

Miss Laura E. Reddig of the Cameroons has sent two transatlantic Air Mail articles about the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas celebrations of the Christian natives of Soppo to be published with special pictures in "The Baptist Herald."

ECLIPSE

For the larger part of the year, beginning with the next issue, the new and, as some say, the best novel by Paul Hutchens will appear in serial chapters in "The Baptist Herald." This exciting romantic story will be awaited with eager anticipation by many of our readers.

SAINTS OF JESUS CHRIST

Another article in the series of memorable historical accounts by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach will appear in the next number and will present such Christian heroes of yesterday as Christian Shoemaker, Siegmund Kuepfer and a group of pioneer Bible colporters who helped to found and strengthen our early churches.

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EDITORIAL



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"Your Friend and His"

SEVERAL years ago the editor was privileged to secure the autograph of one of America's best known ministers in a copy of one of his books. We were especially delighted to find that this ambassador of Christ, whose earnest zeal and consuming passion for the Kingdom of God have brought tens of thousands to a confession of faith in Christ as Savior, had inscribed these words over his name, "Your Friend and His."

That is the pulsating heart of the most effective evangelism. Through the channel of friendship we make our contacts with others and then lead these, whose trust and confidence we have won, to Jesus Christ. Augustine said that "one loving spirit sets another on fire." In the opening chapter of the gospel according to John we read of a succession of men who came to know Jesus as Master because others had brought them saying, "As your friend I want you to know the greatest Friend of all, Jesus of Nazareth." It is true, as T. R. Glover has reminded us that "the Gospel began with friendship."

How we need to recapture this lost radiance of the Christian gospel! We are too prone to relegate the responsibility for evangelistic endeavors to the preacher, the Sunday School teacher, or almost anyone who is supposedly better trained for this ministry. But we fail to realize that some of the most successful efforts for the Kingdom of God are realized when those who are aflame in their friendship with Jesus bring those who are in their circle of acquaintanceship to the Savior. By life and by word they announce this secret of their enthusiastic joy: "Your Friend and His!"

This issue of "The Baptist Herald" is filled with articles that breathe this spirit of evangelism. The story of the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago will thrill the heart of every reader. Through this doorway of friendship many men and women have found the portals to heaven. The foundations of friendship that underlie the work of the Boys' Brigade and the Miracle Book Club are dedicated to evangelism. The fine account of Private Herbert Pankratz at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is equally illuminating in showing how a soldier is bringing the Christian gospel into otherwise barren lives through the channel of the soldiers' chorus and the ties of friendship.

How meaningful are these words, "Your Friend and His," not only as an autograph in a book but especially as the radiant ministry of our lives as we introduce others to Jesus Christ, the most wonderful Friend of all!

Six Salient Steps in the Christian Life

By

MR. DAVID G. VETTER

of Onida, South Dakota,

a Member of the Emery Baptist Church

This Fine
Photographic
Reproduction of the
Lovely Stained
Glass Window of
"Christ Knocking at
the Door," Which is
to be Found in the
Forest Park Baptist
Church of Forest
Park, Illinois, Was
Prepared by Mr.
George Krogman,
Now a Corporal in
the U. S. Army
Stationed in
California.

foundation upon which our faith is
founded—the Bible.

Here we have God's own infallible
Word, giving to us the Way of life. In
this inspired book is the only place
where we may learn about salvation
and how to obtain it. There is no other
source for this great theme. We know
that this Word has come down through
the centuries unalterable, and Jesus
said, "Heaven and earth shall pass
away, but my words shall not pass
away."

Evangelize!

Having by faith accepted this won-
derful salvation and experiencing the
delightful joy that it gives, we come
to the third point. We have been en-
trusted with an overflowing gift, and
should we keep it all for ourselves, we
would be acting selfishly, indeed. So
we see that a responsibility has been
conferred upon us, and this responsi-
bility is to go out and seek to evangel-
ize the world.

We feel impelled by the command
that Christ gave to his disciples, "Go
ye out into all the world and preach
the gospel." With these words ringing
down through the years with ever in-
creasing force as the improvement of
transportation lends wings to Christ's
ambassadors, it becomes more and
more imperative that Christians ac-
cept their responsibility and with all
power and resources at their command
speed forward the cause of Christ.

The Church's Fellowship

Time is scarce! Hours are precious!
Fast fall the shadows of night when
work must cease. Thus, it behooves us
to accept this task of evangelization
with an unalterable determination and
zeal.

Perhaps the greatest source toward
the accomplishment of this goal is the
united functioning of the church. This

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Breaking All December Records!

Amazing and Wonderful News Reported by DR. WILLIAM KUHN,
Executive Secretary of the General Council

JUDGING from the missionary con-
tributions received at this office during
the first half of the month of Decem-
ber, 1942, we soon became convinced
that our total contributions, including
the Missionary and Benevolent Offer-
ing and the Centenary Offering re-
ceived during December, 1942, would
outrank any other single month during
recent years.

Answering those many letters from
individuals and churches and acknowl-
edging those generous contributions
gave us many a heart-thrill. It did
even more that that. It awakened a
song of praise and thanksgiving to our
heavenly Father for pouring out the
GRACE OF GIVING in such an abun-
dant measure over many of our mem-
bers.

\$50,963.52 In One Month!

During the month of December we
received for our Missionary and Bene-
volent Offering the sum of \$25,151.70
and for the Centenary Offering we re-
ceived during that same month \$25,
811.82. This total sum of \$50,963.52
had not been reached in any single
month since those prosperous days of
the Million Dollar Offering many years
ago.

Without burdening any one of our
readers with intricate figures, the
month-by-month comparison of the re-
ceipts for the Missionary and Benevol-
ent Offering and also the Centenary
Offering during the latter half of the
year 1942 will tell its own story, and
it will be a most encouraging story.

RECEIPTS FOR THE MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT OFFERING	
During July, 1942	\$10,995.59
August	6,853.48
September	6,016.42
October	12,918.81
November	11,870.70
December	25,151.70

RECEIPTS FOR THE CENTENARY OFFERING	
During July, 1942	\$3,069.00
August	4,257.66
September	1,633.90
October	4,512.49
November	6,403.07
December	25,811.82
Total	\$45,687.94

Our combined receipts for the budget
and the Centenary Offering during the
latter half of 1942 amount to \$118,-
331.59.

The contributions toward our income
during the month of December, 1942,
are given in the list "Wie der himm-
lische Vater sorgt," published in the
SENBOTE. No one will be able to
read in that list of the love of the
contributors to the Lord Jesus Christ,
nor their devotion to our denomina-

tional enterprise, nor even a hint of
the sacrificial spirit, making this gen-
erous contribution possible. Our Lord,
whose we are and whom we serve,
knows all about it.

In the following list such churches
are enumerated whose contributions
for the month of December only
amounted to more than \$300. These
churches are listed in the order of the
amount of their contribution beginning
with the highest.

Lorraine, Kansas	\$4,334.89
Mowata, La.	4,011.20
Lodi, California	2,980.36
Trinity, Portland	2,123.43
Clinton Hill, Newark, N. J.	1,433.88
Ebenezer, Detroit	1,365.24
Salt Creek, Oregon	1,260.00
Salem, Oregon	1,125.99
Aplington, Iowa	1,018.10
Tacoma, Washington	845.05
Dallas, Texas	801.80
Anaheim, California	706.00
Laurelhurst, Portland	596.41
Parkersburg, Iowa	584.53
Faith, Minneapolis	550.18
Trochu, Alta., Canada	539.80
Stafford, Kansas	506.33
N. N., Minnesota	500.00
Emery, South Dakota	498.21
Germantown, North Dakota	492.90
Evangel, Newark	491.95
Bethel, Detroit	452.10
Colfax, Washington	417.52
First, Chicago	405.62
Okeene, Oklahoma	405.51
Ridgeview, N. Y.	400.00
Martin, North Dakota	388.91
Winnipeg, Manitoba	370.00
Erle, Pennsylvania	352.36
Immanuel, Portland	328.77
Fleischmann, Philadelphia	325.00
St. Joseph, Michigan	318.06
Erin Avenue, Cleveland	316.00
Pilgrim, Philadelphia	312.00
Grand Forks, North Dakota	308.20
Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul	305.00

Some of the above listed churches
have made additional contributions
during January. Other churches, not
in this list, have contributed generou-
sly during previous months. There are
many churches and individuals whose
contributions have not reached that
sum of \$300, but nevertheless they are
well pleasing in God's sight and ap-
preciated by us all because their giv-
ing is in single-mindedness to the hon-
or of their Lord and in proportion to
their own financial ability.

Since the launching of our Centen-
ary Offering at the General Conference
in Burlington, Iowa, in 1940, we have
constantly been advancing toward our
goal of receiving \$100,000.00 by July
31, 1943. True, our advance at times
has been all too slow. We have learned
that much promotional work is neces-
sary in order to enthuse a denomina-
tion for such a project.

We herewith express our gratitude
to all who in any way have helped to
bring our Centenary Offering to its
present prosperous condition. Many
pastors have been ardent promoters in
their own churches. All our promo-

tional agencies have never failed to
speak a good word for the Centenary
Offering at every opportunity. The
publication and distribution of that
illustrated pamphlet, "Centenary Mis-
sion Project," has born fruit. Many
individuals and church societies have
been interested to purchase Centenary
Offering shares and received their cer-
tificates for these. The 1300 Christmas
letters sent out to all Centenary Offer-
ing friends, who had pledged \$5.00 or
more, secured for us a bountiful
harvest.

Thanks to our contributions during
December, we can report that on De-
cember 31, 1942, we had received pay-
ments amounting to \$87,246.28 for our
Centenary Offering. Knowing that this
Centenary Offering has been given us
by inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, we
are confident he will also bring it to a
successful completion with our co-
operation. In every Kingdom project
this unchangeable law of God applies:
"The Lord has need of us." We will
not fail him. When on July 31, 1943,
we can put the capstone on this under-
taking, we will do it with rapturous
joy, singing "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Post War Emergency Fund

Not a few of our denominational
projects, which have had God's bless-
ing, have originated in the heart and
mind of some Christian layman. It was
a layman who first suggested that pro-
ject which eventually was launched
and completed as our Million Dollar
Offering.

Another Christian layman who pre-
fers to remain anonymous and known
only as a Southern Layman, wrote
this office some time ago:

"Dear Brother Kuhn:—

I've been worried a lot about the
times that we are in. No one seems to
be concerned about these Christian
citizens who are our brethren and who
will need our immediate help when this
war is ended. The need will be so great
when peace eventually comes.

"Now what I'd like to do is to give,
let's say \$1,500 to be put aside until it
can be used in a time of emergency. I
believe that there would be other funds
given for the same purpose. We indi-
vidually are doing very well financially
and are putting some aside for times
that may not be so good. I believe it
might be well to do so in the Lord's
work also.

Your Friend,
Southern Layman."

After a very brief interim this
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SCARCELY can we reflect upon the
Christian life and its broad field of
activity and conduct until varied prom-
ises and commands flash into our
minds from the golden pages in the
treasure house of God's Word.

Perhaps the most salient of these
can be grouped into six main points.
However, let us not infer by this that
such a number covers everything in
the Bible. Never! But they do fit in
well with the experiencing, living, and
proclaiming of our glorious life in
Christ.

Man's Salvation

Naturally the greatest thing and
the only point that could make the
Christian life what it is is salvation.
That is the very root that gives life
and vitality to it. According to Web-
ster, the theological meaning of this
word is, "liberation from the bondage
and results of sin, or deliverance from
sin and eternal death."

There is no other word that packs
the meaning, or the sacrificial love, or
the power of this word—salvation.
Away back before the foundations of
this world were laid, God had planned
for the redemptive salvation through
his Son. Thus, down through the ages

God was preparing the way for the
giving of his only begotten Son to the
world.

Over nineteen centuries ago this be-
came a reality. Jesus, the sinless Son
of God, came into this world and gave
his life on the cross that we might have
life and have it more abundantly. He
shed his precious blood for the propi-
tiation of our sins, so that merely by
confessing our sins they can be blotted
out through this wonderful atonement.

Instead of making it a salvation that
can and must be bought, putting it in
the hands of the rich, he made it free
by purchasing it once with the giving
of his life. Now rich or poor, bond or
free, can procure it by the simple
method of acceptance. "Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be
saved." Just think of the simplicity of
this and the depth of love that is em-
bodied in such a gift! Truly, we agree
with Paul's striking words in Hebrews
when he says, "How shall we escape,
if we neglect so great salvation."

God's Word

At this juncture perhaps we find
someone saying, "Where do you find
the facts regarding this salvation upon
which you are laying such emphasis?"
It is here that we come to the very

Building Tomorrow's Leaders

The Story of the Christian Service Brigade by MR. JOHN A. WITMER
of Wheaton, Illinois

IT TOOK the enemies of our country to show us that our greatest source of national strength lies in our children. Few people saw the significance of the youth movements which the Axis nations inaugurated a decade ago, but today it is clear. Today on battlefields all over the world our boys are fighting the products of the Axis youth camps.

The Church of Christ, too, can take a lesson from our enemies; for the Church has pitifully neglected her children. The Sunday School program is good. So is the Daily Vacation Bible School and the other children's programs of the Church. But they are inadequate.

At best the Sunday School reaches the child only one or two days a week, and the Daily Vacation Bible School only a few days out of the year. The usual church children's programs reach only the children who would hear the Gospel anyway—the children of Christian parents. The vast majority of boys and girls never hear of the Christ who loved little children. The Church of Christ needs to provide a program which will present Christ to all children on a daily, everyday basis.

Joseph Coughlin felt this need some years ago and sought to remedy it—at least for boys between the ages of 7 and 14. A student at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., Joseph was teaching a Sunday School class of boys in nearby Glen Ellyn. He realized he wasn't reaching these boys the way he wanted to, and his answer to the problem was a boys' club which met one afternoon a week for games, handicraft, and Bible study.

This meeting was supplemented by Saturday afternoon hikes, by camping trips, and by parties. Joseph sought to make himself one of the gang, to have the boys accept him as a leader and an example. Most of all he sought to represent to them the Lord Jesus Christ in his daily life that by example they might take the Lord Jesus as more than a Sunday morning Savior.

The idea for the club went over big with the boys. It proved a success from Joseph's point of view, too, because he could see the change in the boys' lives. They were beginning to learn what it really was to be a Christian—to live for Christ. That's what really counted!

The little group in Glen Ellyn began to grow as the members told their buddies at school about the club. And Joseph's classmates at Wheaton took up the idea for their Sunday School classes. New units formed overnight. The name, "Christian Service Brigade,"

Further Information

Any individuals or groups interested in organizing a Christian Service Brigade in their church or in securing more information should address their letters of inquiry to the author of this article or the Christian Service, 203 So. Hale St., Wheaton, Illinois.

was chosen and a central organization started. That was in 1937.

Today Brigade is chartered as a non-profit corporation in Pennsylvania with national headquarters at 203 S. Hale St., Wheaton, Illinois. More than fifteen battalions are operating in the greater Chicago area. The work has spread far beyond Chicago, too. A strong Division of more than fifteen battalions headed by Carl M. Gunn is organized in the Detroit area. A smaller Division is growing around Wilmington, Delaware, headed by John G. Crane.

Brigade has as its purpose to win boys for Christ and to help them grow into good soldiers of Jesus, bright and keen for him. Brigade is definitely evangelistic. The first concern of the leader is to see that each boy in his battalion hears the Gospel story and is invited to take Jesus as his personal Savior. With many boys salvation is just as simple as that—a clear, straight-forward presentation and an honest acceptance.

But the Brigade program does not end there. It presents Christianity as more than a fire insurance policy which saves from eternal punishment. Brigade teaches the boys that they must live for Christ day by day if they are to please him. Brigade presents the Lord Jesus as a living reality to be taken into the experiences of everyday life, a friend to whom every problem can be told, a king who expects a lifetime of faithful service. In Christian service the boys find the joy of their salvation renewed day by day. Such boys will become the Christian leaders of tomorrow which our country and the Church will need.

The Bible study period is the climax of the weekly battalion meeting in the Brigade program. Usually the closing part of the meeting, this sacred time, emphasizes on the boys' minds the lessons as they leave. Established battalions usually follow a systematized method of Bible study by books or by topics. In the other groups the lesson is centered around some phase of Jesus' earthly ministry or around some Bible hero. Three cardinal rules for Brigade Bible lessons are that they

must be important and impressive, they must be well-prepared, and they must be directed to the fellows.

The rest of the weekly program for Brigade battalions is more secular, but throughout the Lord Jesus Christ is uppermost. Brigadiers are taught that "whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of Christ." One part of the meeting is devoted to marching drill, another to handicraft, and still another to games. Time is also allowed for boys to pass their Bible memory work or other tests for advanced ratings.

But the leader's contact with his boys does not end with the weekly battalion meeting. Saturday afternoons, after-school hours, and vacations are spent in hikes, overnight camping trips, and athletic contests. The leader leads his boys in such patriotic drives as scrap collecting, war stamp buying, and model aircraft building. He leads the battalion in hospital visitation, tract distribution, and personal work. In Detroit Brigade undertook the work of placing Best Seller Publicity posters in streetcars and buses. The Brigade leader does his best to become the leader of his boys in every type of activity. He sets for them the example of the "good soldier of Jesus Christ."

One of the most important phases of the Brigade work over the years has been Camp Kaskitowa, the Brigade summer camp in the Michigan North Woods. Here the boys gather for two-week periods in the great outdoors under Christian supervision and engaged in activities which are always Christ-centered. As a result the greatest spiritual growth of the year is often experienced in Camp Kaskitowa. Each period many boys accept Christ as Savior at the impressive campfire services. Christian Brigadiers do wonderful missionary work among their unsaved buddies. And many Brigadiers settle the question—"Will Self or will Christ be first in my life?"—at Kaskitowa.

In these few short years the Lord has greatly used the Christian Service Brigade to train his leaders of tomorrow. Where it has gone, Brigade has done much to answer the need of the Church which was presented at the beginning of this article. The Lord will continue to bless this work, for he wants every boy to sincerely repeat the Brigade pledge, which says, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in him alone as my Savior, I, as a Brigadier, will purpose in my heart to keep myself bright and keen for Christ, that I might glorify him."

The Miracle Book Club

By MR. FRANK WAGGONER, JR., of Burlington, Iowa

(SCENE IN A HIGH SCHOOL GYM LOCKER ROOM)

"HEY, FELLOWS, how many of you are going to Miracle Book Club with me tonight?"

FRESHMAN: "How about it? Are freshies allowed?"

SOPHOMORE: "I don't need a book. I already have one."

JUNIOR: "How much are the dues?"

SENIOR: "Can I bring my girl?"

MBCer: "One at a time. Yes, freshies are allowed; in fact, they're even invited. You don't have the right book, though; there are no dues, and you can bring both your girls. How's that for keeping them in order? Now let me count noses, how many can I count on?"

This is, and could be a scene in most any high school in the United States. To be thoroughly orthodox we should have issued gilt edged invitations while wearing tuxedos and a high silk hat. But we'd rather be usable than orthodox. So when a Sophomore yells across the parkway, "Hey, Butch, what do you do in Miracle Book Club?", we aren't shocked. We don't even faint. We know he is a Sophomore.

You can tell a Sophomore a long way off, but you can't tell him much, they say. Then with our limited vocabulary and his sophomoric voluminity of comprehension (did I write that?) we explain, "We get together to find out what God has to say, about what we want to know. We bring the questions; God supplies the answers. Isn't that fair enough? And like so many other honest high school and college students who have never been introduced to the true source of enlightenment on the various problems of life, he attends a Miracle Book Club meeting and comes away sold on the Miracle Book."

What is the Miracle Book? Where have you been? Aren't you up on the best sellers? It's the very best seller, the Bible. The only book in the world that records miracles, is a miracle and does miracles. How many Miracle Book Clubs are there? Only one! But just like the Miracle Book upon which it is founded, it has many chapters situated all over the Americas, and in fact all over the populated earth. One book, many chapters!

Miracle Book Club already has a martyred member in Korea; a captured missionary in Manila, Philippine Islands; chapters in Russia, India, China and other countries. As only God's revealing hand will some day



Two "Conversationalists for Christ." Left—Maury Jacques, National Missioner for Miracle Book Club, and (Right) Frank Waggoner, Jr., Author of the Article.

show the things accomplished through his book; so shall only eternity reveal the things he accomplished through this Miracle Book Club.

Begun on the west coast of the United States, about eight years ago, by the hand of God, leading its founder and director, Mrs. E. M. McClusky, it has grown to world wide proportions, capturing multitudes of young folks for Christ.

The heart of the Club is shown by the club insignia. In color and shape it reveals the aim and purpose and center of all its efforts. The large golden "C" standing for Christ in whom the club is centered. Christ, the center of history, of life, of the club and of everything worthwhile, now becomes the center of their aims, hopes, adoration, and existence.

They find that he is the illumination for all their fears, the truth for all their doubts, and the joy in all their difficulties. The red reminds us of his blood shed for our sins; the white background, the purity of a Christ centered life; the blue, his promise to burst through the heavens and catch us up to himself.

The motto which myriads of young people have caught to their hearts, is Romans 8:37. "Nay in all these things we are more than Conquerors through him that loved us." The four point battle plan has been tested and tried in multitudes of lives, and the success or failure in individual lives can be measured by how much they depended upon Christ to make them living realities in that life.

Briefly they are:

1. To invite others to come into Christ, the center of the club. John 5:24.
2. To become aware that Christ lives in each born again one. Gal. 2:20.
3. To be more than conquerors in him. Rom. 8:37.
4. To become conversationalists for Christ. Ps. 50:23.

What does this program have to offer? First of all, it isn't a program, it is a Person. And it offers what the Miracle Book has always offered when presented in the language of young people. The Bible is a pulsating, bleeding book from which life can be transfused by the Holy Spirit. The life and interest are now contained in this book, waiting to be released by burning hearts.

Why will it succeed where many other ideas or methods have failed? Because it was called into being by a specific need. The 13,000,000 unreached young people of our country alone constitute the need of the age. Tomorrow, being neglected in the hurry of today! Mrs. McClusky was asked by the young people to teach one small group, then another and another until, under God's guidance, Miracle Book Club has reached to thousands as a source of light and blessing.

How can I mention the many points of interest, such as sales talks, bids, (colorful tracts, with message for young people and invitation to meetings), colored stickers for windshield and notebook, silver tray lapel pins, stationery, blotters, calendars, the "Conqueror" magazine, with its pictures and letters from individuals and chapters, messages to and from young men in our armed services, and much more. This is all a part of Miracle Book Club.

As you read this, thinking also of the younger generation facing life down a gun barrel, looking for light,—perhaps you just said, "How can I help?" "What can I do?" Here's how! Requisites:—a heart burdened for the young people, burdened to the extent that you are not afraid to offer time, effort, prayer and money to win them. Then write to headquarters of Miracle Book Club, 1652 Noble Drive, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, for information.

Then you are in business, the biggest business in the world, that of selling the wavering teen-agers on the greatest life there is about three part salvation: saved from the power of sin, the penalty of sin, and the presence of sin.

And remember, for you and the young people, there is only one "don't" in Miracle Book Club: "Don't forget the Christ of Calvary."



Herbert Pankratz Leading the Fort Sill Replacement Center Male Chorus at a Concert Held in the Army Post Chapel

The Army Sings at Fort Sill, Okla.

The Story of PVT. HERBERT PANKRATZ of Chicago, Illinois,
as Told to the Editor in an Interview

"ARMY LIFE is just what you make of it!" That is the outspoken point of view of Pvt. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill. Like hundreds of other young men he was inducted into the United States Army last June and abandoned his engrossing position as instructor at the Todd School for Boys at Woodstock, Ill., and as director of the choir and men's chorus in Chicago's First Church.

But it wasn't long before this tall young man in khaki grey began to make the Army at Fort Sill, Okla., sing and to engage in his accustomed teaching habits. He has a lot of fine and commendable things to say about the religion of the boys at Fort Sill, but more about that later.

The first few days of Private Herbert's stay at Fort Sill early in July of 1942 were beclouded with uncertainty and bewilderment. He attended "the community sing" on Sunday afternoon at one of the recreation halls, but there was little inspiration about the affair. He thought about the fine bunch of fellows in the Christian Fellowship Chorus in his home church.

Afterwards he went to one of the chaplains and pleaded for a chance to organize a soldiers' chorus. This was granted, and fourteen men appeared for the first rehearsal. It wasn't much, but it was a beginning, anyway. Someone told him about Sergeant Cortland Good who had some printed music and was an able accompanist. The chorus grew in size as the men spoke of it to their buddies. It really began to catch fire!

On October 19 the men gave their first concert. Several sacred numbers such as "Thanks Be Unto God," "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" and "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" were included. A talented brass quartet and clarinet trio helped to put the program over. Private Pankratz' reputation as a chorus director began to be noised from one end of the camp to the other.

On November 30 the chorus sang in the main U S O Center in nearby Lawton, Okla., before a good sized crowd. Herbert led the singing of 1500 men at the camp on Thanksgiving

Day. The group also sang one afternoon over the National Broadcasting Company's hookup for the Army Hour when the parody on the "Caissons Song" about the "grasshopper" observation planes was given.

But the Christmas season was the gala time to be remembered with real excitement. The chorus now numbered 65 voices, including about 25 women from Fort Sill, the town of Lawton and Cameron College, which presented a marvelous program of Christmas music on December 20 at Chapel No. 6 in the Replacement Training Center and on December 21 in the new Post Chapel of the Field Artillery School. The cantata, "Petit Noel" by Underwood and Perry, was something unusually new, based upon old French Noels from the 12th to the 18th centuries. A brass quartet playing Christmas carols and an organ solo of the "Pastorale Symphony" from Handel's "Messiah" brightened the intermission period. The program was brought to an impressive close with Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus" from "the Mount of Olives."

For everyone concerned in the audience as well as on the platform this was a Christmas program to be remembered for many years. The men, who have not left the camp for "points unknown," are asking for an Easter oratorio and Herbert Pankratz is making plans to present Du Bois' beautiful music of "the Seven Last Words" or "The Crucifixion" at that time.

Herbert is also the leading figure in
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Private Herbert Pankratz
of Fort Sill, Oklahoma



THE STORY OF CHICAGO'S MOST FAMOUS MISSION IN WHICH "BILLY" SUNDAY AND MANY OTHERS WERE CONVERTED AS TOLD BY THE REV. CARL F. H. HENRY IN THE BOOK, "THE PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION."

the long-sought glory and sparkle of life.

Suspended outside the second story, shaped like a cross ten feet long and more than half as wide, glows a red neon sign: *Jesus Saves*. The warm letters reach the eye almost simultaneously with the ear's throb to the loud speaker which carries the mission service to the street. Old hymns echo through the night air, and the keen thrusts of the speakers pierce every needy heart within hearing distance.

Nobody walks past the familiar eighteen-foot neon sign *Pacific Garden Mission* and the additional reminder *Mother's Prayers Have Followed You*, with-

out a personal worker's invitation to attend the service and without receiving a Gospel tract, unless it is rejected. "Four Things God Wants You To Know," and other folders go into many thousands of pockets and homes weekly.

Any night at 7:45 will find a crowd many times the size of most prayer meetings and much more ready to confess its need. Homeless men in ragged overcoats or sweaters sit with bent heads on rough, wooden chairs. Some seem to be praying, some half listening to the gospel music and preaching; others are too tired either to pray, listen or sleep. Their thoughts may be on the "good supper" they'll get downstairs after the service, but the preacher shouts and repeats that there is always hunger without the Bread of Life. It takes untold perspiration to arouse in these men the guilt of rejecting Christ, the need of repentance and faith in His Saviorhood.

During World War II attendance has hovered at one hundred every week-night, a considerable decrease. Men otherwise not close to the government's heart become suddenly important in the trenches and in industry. But *Pacific Garden Mission*, for almost 24,000 nights in peace and in war time, has stressed the individual's

eternal worth in God's sight, and a congregation aggregating more than two million has heard the call, "Come to Jesus."

There is an underlying routine—song service led by a visiting group, testimonies, special music numbers, the Gospel message, the invitation to take Christ as Savior—but almost anything may happen to change the program. The only invariable feature is the closing appeal; for sixty-five years it has been given, and the mission intends thus to continue every night in every year until the age of grace be done.

Behind the venerable black walnut pulpit a song leader swings his arms before introducing special singers from Chicago's wealthy, conservative Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church. The song leader of the evening, it turns out, is a student at Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary, and gets practical work pleading for souls by taking part in about twenty meetings monthly in Chicago missions. "Sing it out!" he shouts, as he waves his arms in exaggerated gestures. The crowd echoes back,

"O that will be glory for me,
Glory for me, glory for me;
When by His grace
I shall look on His face,
That will be glory, be glory for me."

"Time for testimonies!" sings the song leader. "Let's have a regular popcorn meeting. One right after the other. Tell what Jesus has done for you. Tell the old, old story. Are you resting in His love? You've got to admit you're a sinner. Come to Jesus for cleansing, and then you'll know His love. Amen. Who'll be first?"

On the left side of the room, an old man in a gray suit jumps to his feet. "I'll be first," he says. "Everything's better since I found Jesus. Life is better. Music is better. Rivers are better. Oceans are better. Singers are better. Even the preacher sounds better."

The crowd chuckles and he sits down. There is a twitter of amens. "Who's next?" asks the leader. Nobody moves. The leader speaks: "When you don't have a cent in your pocket, God still loves you."

Another fellow, up toward the front, stands to his feet. "I'm glad God loves me," he says. Then he repeats John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

There is another ripple of amens. Several other men stand to their feet. The movement is started. Testimonies come easier now. The variety is incredible; men of few years and of many years, in every walk of life, all

of them saved from sin through the shed blood of Christ. Some of them veterans, others babes in Christ. Some of them backsliders returned to the fold, others as much on fire now as on their conversion night when they staggered to the altar under the weight of sin and were freed from its shackles.



"Doorway to Heaven"
at 650 So. State Street
Near Chicago's Famous "Loop"

The unbelievers look on with mixed feelings. Some are afraid, others indifferent, some are drunk, others hungry. All know there is something strange about this crowd of bums that has turned to preaching. Behind the pulpit, painted on the front wall of the mission room in letters a foot tall, is the Scripture verse: BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD.

It's time now for the Gospel message and the speaker reads the twenty-third Psalm with its familiar words: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." He gives a verse by verse commentary, interspersed with illustrations, and then a final appeal. Heads are bowed. "Who feels the need of prayer? Who wants to come to Jesus? Who wants to be saved? Raise your hand, and we'll pray for you." Some hands are raised. Personal workers in the rear come to the help of the prospects, and lead them forward before the prayer is finished. Here, kneeling at the pulpit, needy souls find salvation. Personal workers quote Scripture verses, ask for an uncompromised confession of guilt and sinfulness, then prod the penitents to pray. Meanwhile the leader continues the appeal: "Come to Jesus tonight. Don't harden your heart; if God is speaking to you, come and be saved." The pianist strikes up softly the melody of "Just As I Am." The crowd begins to sing:

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"

Suddenly Harry Saulnier appears on the platform. He's the mission

superintendent, hated and loved on State street like few other men. Toughs have threatened to fix his wagon, to take him for a ride, to bump him off, but Saulnier knows they don't talk like that after finding Christ.

"Billy Sunday walked in here one night and found Christ, and then set the world afire!" he shouts. "Mel Trotter was going over to the lake to commit suicide, and he came into the mission and Jesus saved him. Gangsters, bums, hoodlums, gamblers, drunkards—they've been here, hundreds of thousands of them—and nobody was ever too bad for Jesus to save. Amen, glory! You aren't saved because you're good; if you were good, you wouldn't need to be saved. But Jesus died for your



"Billy" Sunday as a Young, Fiery Evangelist for the Lord

sins. He paid it all, glory to God! Make Him your Savior tonight. Come down the aisle for prayer. Come just as you are."

The piano strikes up the hymn again and the whole mission echoes electrically,

"Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"

More people are coming down the aisles: a sailor lad from Louisiana, a college student from New York. A broken drunk can hardly manipulate his legs; a personal worker hurries to his side. Then all are taken from the mission altar to the rear office, where they kneel before a circle of chairs. Tears begin to flow; here and there a heart is breaking with grief. One man keeps saying: "I'm such a punk that Jesus can't save me." He bursts into tears. A personal worker's arms unfold him and from the Bible he reads, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." He asks the man on his

knees: "What does that say?" The man repeats it. "Well," says the personal worker, "have you come to Jesus?" The answer is steady: "Yes, I came tonight." "Well, will He cast you out?" The man breaks into tears again and sobs, "I hope not!" The personal worker isn't satisfied. "What do you mean—you hope not? You can be sure. Listen . . ." Then he reads again the Scripture verse, and goes through the whole conversation. This time the man becomes a man of faith. "I know He's my Savior," he says and jumps to his feet. Over in the corner of the mission office someone takes his name and address and records another spiritual birthday.

The convert looks around the room and sees a half-dozen others praying through. "It's like being a new man," he says. Then one of the workers shows him to supper and to a night's lodging. By morning the office will have several leads for a job at which this salvaged soul can work and walk into a new life.

Out in the mission hall everything is now quiet. The place is deserted; the men are down at supper and on their way to bed. But there is a strange halo around the empty old chairs in which men like Harry Monroe, Billy Sunday,



Mr. Harry Saulnier, the Present Superintendent of the Pacific Garden Mission, Behind the Old, Walnut Pulpit of the Original Mission

Mel Trotter, Dick Lane, John Calahan, Robert Atkinson, Rob "Razor" Fenton, Tom Mackey, Dick Ramey, and scores of others sat and grappled with Satan, until, in the strength of God's grace, they tore themselves loose from those old chairs—valued by fire insurance underwriters today at forty cents a piece—and walked the trail to salvation in Christ.

Billy Sunday never saw his father who walked thirty miles to enlist in the Civil War and died with scores of other Iowa infantrymen after fording a partly frozen river. From the front lines he had written the expectant mother, "If it is a boy, name him William Ashley." Mother and children lived in the Ames, Iowa, log cabin for years before they managed to move in-



A Famous Historical Photograph of the Pacific Garden Mission at East Van Buren Street of Chicago on Easter Sunday, 1896, With Mission Friends on the Platform and the Picture of Colonel Clarke Beneath the Words, "GOD IS LOVE."

to a frame house. Perhaps that accounted for Billy Sunday's illness the first three years of his life, which an itinerant doctor cured with a syrup stewed from wild roots.

The lad had an intense love for his grandmother. When she died, the family did not tell Billy for two days. Heart-broken, he mourned at the casket, refusing to be moved. The second day after the funeral Billy vanished; no searching party could locate him. Finally his pet dog picked the scent through the snow, and, leading the posse to the cemetery, stopped where the lad lay thrown across the grave, chill-bitten by a cold November wind, and sobbing so that the friends despaired of his ever stopping. For weeks his life was at low ebb, but the healing tide finally came.

The wolf of poverty hovered constantly at the log cabin door, so that Sunday's mother finally decided to put her two boys in a nearby soldier's orphanage. She prayed and wept while the boys slept on the train. When Billy said "goodbye" he never dreamed that for the last thirty years of his mother's life, which ended June 25, 1918, he would have the joy of providing a really decent home for her. That last June morning when he called her to breakfast she had gone on to heaven without stopping to kiss her boy "good-bye."

Sunday's first job after leaving the orphanage in his mid-teens was mopping a hotel which he also served as barker, orating its advantages to incoming train arrivals. Three months of that was enough. Then, learning that Iowa's lieutenant governor needed a boy, he polished his shoes, had

his hair trimmed, and convinced Colonel John Scott's wife that he, Billy Sunday, was the young man qualified for the job. Colonel and Mrs. Scott sent him to high school, where, after two years he became school janitor, meanwhile continuing his odd jobs for the lieutenant governor.

His baseball career began with a local team in Marshalltown, Iowa, for which Sunday played left field. It so happened that Pop Anson, captain of Chicago's famous National League White Sox (now the Cubs) spent his winters in Marshalltown. When the topic turned to baseball, which was Anson's usual diet, he found the townspeople talking about Billy Sunday's speed on the diamond and his ability to nab fly balls that nobody else would even attempt catching. Considering that Sunday could run three hundred yards in thirty-four seconds, it was no surprise that he caught flies like some folks catch a cold. Cap Anson's aunt, who lived in Marshalltown, urged the sportsman to take Billy to Chicago for a trial. In the spring, accordingly, a telegram summoned young Sunday for a Windy City tryout. Buying a new green suit for six dollars and borrowing money for the trip, Billy met the captain.

On Sunday's first day on the diamond, Anson set the lad to a foot race against Fred Pfeffer, crack runner for the Chicago team. Sunday had no running shoes, so ran barefoot. He not only won the race by fifteen feet, but won his way into the hearts of the players. Cap Anson tossed him a twenty-dollar gold piece.

During his first few seasons, Sunday succeeded in batting so poorly that the

team considered it a total mistake when he actually did connect. He struck out the first thirteen times at the plate. Thereafter he began to find his stride.

Sunday broke into professional baseball when its players were rough, profane and hard-drinking fighters. He did not need much encouragement for profanity himself, nor was he adverse to wine and beer. During the winter months he attended Northwestern University; during the summer he whacked the horsehide. He proved a splendid base-runner and a brilliant fielder. Seldom faring exceptionally in the batter's box against professional pitchers, he nevertheless in one game got a home run and a single against an outstanding twirler. He was at his best when he stole four bases while Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics was catching.

Sunday's later pulpit pre-eminence did not spin a halo about his previous athletic success; rather his evangelistic success gained added glow from the days on the diamond, for he was known to sports fans of his generation as the speediest base-runner and most daring base-stealer in baseball. In his earlier days he took too many chances, and his judgment was not always sound. But his control over the ball enabled him to throw straight and swiftly, and he was so fast on his feet that more than one stop-rate player threw wild in the effort to head him off. He could stretch ordinary one-base hits into doubles without trouble to anyone but the opposing team, and he was the first man to run the circuit of bases in fourteen seconds.

In 1886, when Sunday had been

three years on the Chicago nine, he walked down State street one Sunday afternoon with some of the biggest names in baseball. (In those days they played no Sunday games, for there would have been no crowds.) The party entered a saloon, had a round of drinks, then walked to the vacant lot at State and Van Buren streets. Whenever Billy Sunday passed that lot in later years, even when Siegel & Cooper's big department store had been erected over it, he took off his hat, bowed his head and thanked God for saving him. Forty years after Sunday's decision, a policeman saw him stop and close his eyes in the midst of a crowd. He offered to call a wagon if the man felt sick. Billy Sunday introduced himself and held a one-man street meeting.

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When Sunday and his baseball associates reached State and Van Buren on that memorable day, some men and women in a horse-drawn wagon were playing horns, flutes and slide trombones, and were singing hymns he had heard in Sunday School and which his mother used to sing in the Iowa log cabin. The baseball crowd sat on the curbstone and listened. Suddenly a winsome, squarefaced Irishman arose. That was Harry Monroe. He told how he once passed counterfeit money for a gang of criminals and how he had been converted at Pacific Garden Mission.

"Don't you men want to hear the story," said Monroe, as he stepped toward the curb, "of other men who used to be dips, yeggs, burglars, second-story workers, and who today are respectable and have fine families? Or women who were slaves to dope and drink, or harlots who sold their womanhood in the red light districts here, and who are now married in happy homes? Come down to the mission tonight at 100 East Van Buren and you'll hear stories that will stir you, even if you've never been inside a

church, or if you've wandered far away from God and your mother's religion."

Billy Sunday turned to the fellows at his side and said, "Boys, I'm saying goodbye to the old life." Some of the men chuckled, others laughed, others were serious. Some of them paid no attention at all.

That night at the mission Sunday was fascinated by the testimonies of men who went from the guttermost to the uppermost. Again and again he attended and one night he went forward and publicly professed Christ as Savior.

The night he went forward he was not drunk, despite the story to that effect. Unfortunately, Sunday himself gave that story credence when, in relating his conversion experience, he declared that he "knocked over several chairs getting to the front." Harry Monroe had given the message and Sunday was under tremendous conviction. Mother Clarke came back to his side and said, putting her arm around Billy, "Young man, God loves you. Jesus died for you, and He wants you to love Him and give your heart to Him."

The ball player could no longer resist. He swung clumsily around the chairs, walked to the front and sat down. Harry Monroe came to his side and they knelt for prayer.

The next three nights Billy Sunday never slept a wink. He dreaded the jibes of the ball team at ten o'clock Wednesday morning practice and during the afternoon game. He trembled when he walked out to the field. There was Mike Kelly, one of Chicago's outstanding stars, coming toward him. Mike was a Catholic, and Billy expected almost anything. "Billy," he said, "I've read in the papers what you've done. Religion isn't my long suit. It's a long time since I've been to mass. But I won't knock you, and if anyone does, I'll knock him." Then came the rest of the team, all of them, to pat Billy on the back and wish him the best of luck. They were at a loss for words, too, and Sunday felt as if a millstone had dropped from his neck.

Billy Sunday became even a better baseball player. He always insisted that taking Christ as Savior will make a man better at whatever he does, providing it's a decent job. That afternoon the Chicago team was pitted against Detroit, one of the hardest hitting squads in the country. The Detroiters could be behind nine to nothing at the start of the ninth, and yet push over ten runs in the final inning; they had a reputation for redeeming themselves. This day, Chicago eked out a narrow lead right to the last inning. The Chicago twirler, John Clarkson, one of the greatest pitchers of the day, had worked his famous "zipper" ball, with an illusory upshoot, overtime. Two Detroit batters went down in the ninth. Billy Sunday, playing right field, called in, "One more, John, and they're done!" The next batter was Charlie Bennett, Detroit catcher, who hit right-handed and nine times out of ten sailed the horsehide deep into right center field. Sunday was playing far back, and followed five speedy tosses, while Bennett came through with two strikes and three balls. The Chicagoans knew that Bennett couldn't hit a high ball close to the body, but he could set a low ball off like dynamite. Clarkson braced himself for a bullet-ball high and inside. His foot slipped. The ball went low. The resultant crack of ball and bat echoed through the stands.

Over in right field Billy Sunday saw it whirling through the sky, far over his head. Like a bolt of lightning he turned. Following the approximate course, he ran so fast he forgot he could do one hundred yards in ten seconds flat. As he ran, he prayed, "Lord, I'm on the spot, and now I'm a Christian. If you ever help me, please do it now."

The grandstand and bleachers were wild with excitement and thunderous shouting. To the crowd standing along the right field wall Sunday yelled, "Get out of the way! Through the

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SIX SALIENT STEPS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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brings us to the fourth point—our fellowship in the church.

In no other place can such a power be welded together as in a really spiritual church. As a unified body we come together with our brethren in Christian fellowship to worship our heavenly Father and to make salvation a heart-felt reality to the unsaved.

There are times though where this joyful fellowship fails to accomplish its highest purpose. The Christians become too self-centered. They are happy in their knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ, but apparently blind to the fact that countless others are walking the paths of sin whom they could perhaps help.

A friendly word or a kindly deed might attract them. This might give the opportunity of inviting them to church, where words fitly spoken could be like seed falling on good ground to bring forth fruit many fold.

Through this manner the church will be attaining its highest purpose. Our Christian fellowship, too, will be broadening and together with Isaiah we can say, "Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." We shall be better fortified against the enemy and more able to conquer for God.

Let us not get the impression here, however, that in our own strength we can conquer. This lines up the fifth point in the golden promises that our Lord has given us.

The Holy Spirit

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come up-

on you." The power that we have as Christians is not in ourselves, but rather in the Holy Spirit that Christ sent to his followers after he had ascended into heaven. It is with this divine power that we can speak the proper words, that we can apply the proper tactics at the right time, and that we can make the unsaved see their lost condition and bring them to the point where they will confess their sins and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Truly our human efforts are futile, but backed by the divine power of the Holy Spirit we can conquer for God. In such victorious conquest we bring not death, but rather life and joy to some lone and hapless wanderer who has been casting about aimlessly in a dark night ever seeking for a day that never dawns. Ah! Never dawns until, yes, until the Holy Spirit breaks the shackling chains and sets the wanderer on a well-marked, brilliantly lighted course that leads to the land of eternal day.

Christ's Return

Hope! Ah, blessed hope! In this word that means so much and seemingly sums up all that has been said, comes the final point—Christ's return! We are not particularly concerned nor flustered by the trials and tribulations that confront us, for we have a hope—perhaps more strongly a faith—that Christ is coming soon to claim his own.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself;

that where I am, there ye may be also."

Can we doubt with such faithful and loving words ringing out so sweetly from the lips of our dear Savior? No, for such an overwhelming assurance instantly floods our souls that we cannot help wishfully repeating the words, "Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus."

Work To Be Done

Scarcely have these words flashed through our minds, until we realize that there is still work to be done. The evening shadows creep in and yet untold millions are wandering aimlessly in sin—so far, far away from God. They are unknowingly or, perhaps knowingly, laughing in the grim face of eternal death.

Thus, in the waning hours of the day we must snap into action, and with the Words of eternal Life and the strength of the Holy Spirit empowering us we must attempt, as it were, to snatch them as a brand that is about to be thrown into the blazing fires of hell. These are tragic and strong words, but certainly no more so than the warnings and promises in the Word of God.

Truly, salvation is the only alternative for escape. And so as sincere followers of Jesus Christ, we must see that evangelism increases in tempo, until the day ceases—yes, until "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall arise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

BREAKING ALL RECORDS!

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Southern layman sent \$1,600, and very shortly thereafter another \$600.

Mr. Frederick Wurzbach, a loyal member during the many years of the Third German Baptist Church of New York, later called the Fulton Avenue Baptist Church, was instrumental in securing \$500.00 from the proceeds of the sale of that property after the church had disbanded. Upon our inquiry, Mr. Frederick Wurzbach gave his authorization by telegram to allocate these \$500 to our Post War Emergency Fund.

It is well known that a certain portion of our Centenary Offering is also designated for such emergency situations which will doubtless develop. We feel certain that many others among us will feel called to follow the example of that Southern layman and, besides giving of their own means to the Post War Emergency Fund, win others to do likewise.

SEE THAT YE ABOUND IN THIS GRACE OF GIVING ALSO.

HE THAT GIVETH, LET HIM DO IT WITH SIMPLICITY.

GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.

What's Happening

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● On Sunday, Jan. 17, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, spoke in the morning and evening services of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. On the following Sunday, Jan. 24, he was the guest speaker in the services of the Erin Avenue and White Avenue Baptist Churches of Cleveland, Ohio. On Feb. 11 and 12 Dr. Kuhn will attend the annual session of the Northern Conference mission committee at Winnipeg, Manitoba. From Feb. 14 to 19 he will teach several classes at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, spending Sunday, Feb. 14, with the Wetaskiwin and Wiesenthal churches. On Sunday, Feb. 21, he will be in Winnipeg and Morris, Man.

● On Sunday, Jan. 17, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," supplied the pulpit of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., while the pastor of the Kankakee Church, the Rev. George Hensel, served the Forest Park Baptist Church. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, he addressed the Fellowship Gath-

ering of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., following a church supper. He was the guest speaker in the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday, Jan. 24, of which the Rev. John Wobig is pastor. On Sunday, Jan. 31, he was the guest of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., and showed missionary pictures in the evening service. The Rev. Roy L. Schlader is pastor of the Racine Church.

● The Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, spent Sunday, Jan. 3, with the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, bringing the message at the morning service and showing denominational pictures in the evening. The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt is pastor of the church. On the next three successive Sundays he was the guest speaker in the churches of Chicago as follows: Jan. 10, Ogden Park Church, Rev. Stanley Geis, pastor; Jan. 17, East Side Church, Rev. Herbert Koch, pastor; Jan. 24, Immanuel and First Churches, Revs. Ralph Rott und John Schmidt, pastors, respectively. On Sunday, Jan. 31, Mr. Husmann served the Baptist churches of Washburn and Underwood, No. Dak., at the beginning of a five week's promotional trip.

Many Recent Blessings Enjoyed by the First Baptist Church of Startup, Washington

The last quarter of the year 1942 was full of activity and blessing for the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash. Mission contributions, which were greater than in any previous year, were sent to Forest Park, Ill., by the branches of the church. The Centenary Offering has also received good support from our church.

Dec. 13th will always be a memorable date for the three candidates that were baptized at services held in the Snohomish Baptist Church. All three are just beginning their teen ages and so merit the prayers of others.



The Rev. Adolf Reeh of La Salle, Colorado, and Seventeen Young People Whom He Baptized Recently and Received Into the Fellowship of the La Salle Baptist Church

At the annual business meeting the church voted to increase the pastor's salary, and also to subscribe to the Ministers' and Missionaries Pension Fund of the Northern Baptist Convention to provide for the minister when his preaching years are ended.

The Christmas season was welcomed with its many blessings. The holiday program included the Sunday School's Christmas program and a banquet by the young people. The New Years eve program and service were well attended. The prevailing thought in the meeting was "Self-Examination."

The many gifts received by the minister and his wife were greatly appreciated. We believe they are a sign of the fellowship and cooperation of the past year and an indicator for the year before us.

R. HUGO ZEPK, Pastor.

The Odessa Baptist Church of Washington Reviews the Past Year of Activities

It is not very often that we of the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., report our activities, but since our heavenly Father has blessed us in so many ways, we feel like telling our friends through this paper about our blessings. From June 2 to 17 we held a series of meetings with the Bronleewes. Two persons accepted Christ and the church received new encouragement to press forward for the great task of God's Kingdom. In June it was six years since the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, began his service with the Odessa Baptist Church.

On Sunday, June 14, it happened that the congregation had a fellowship

dinner in the church basement. So at this time two sisters of the church bought a beautifully decorated six layer cake with six burning candles and placed it before the pastor and his family. Mr. Jacob Weisser, who is the senior deacon, also presented them with a beautiful bouquet of roses with best wishes and a gift of money. At our Children's Day program on June 22nd a fine offering was received for our general Chapel Building Fund. On July 19 we had the great joy of baptizing three precious souls upon the confession of their faith and received them into the fellowship of the church. Two of our young ladies are at present at the Western Seminary at Portland, Oregon.

A full Christmas program was given on Christmas Eve in our beautifully decorated church with special candle light effect. An offering was received for our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. The church also remembered its pastor and family with various useful gifts and with a large sum of money.

J. G. ROTT, Pastor.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Services in the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo.

We, of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., have been greatly blessed with the recent presence of the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Okeene, Okla. Mr. Pfeifer held revival meetings in our church from Nov. 8 to 24. His wonderful sermons were well received by all who heard them. His tireless efforts were rewarded when 20 persons were saved, of whom 17 were baptized.

The baptismal service was conducted by our minister, the Rev. Adolf Reeh, in the Bethel Baptist Church of Greeley. The Rev. J. Pankey, the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, gave the baptismal sermon, based on Acts 8. After the baptism and sermon the hand of fellowship was given to the 17 persons who had been baptized and also to 2 others who were reinstated.

We are very happy to have these new members in our church and we are looking forward to their help in bringing others to our Lord and Master.

EVELYN MEYER, Reporter.

The Baptist Church in Bison, Kansas, Goes Over the Top in Centenary Offering

It is gratifying to know that our people are willing to support the work of the Kingdom in these troublesome times. Looking back on this past year we of the Baptist Church in Bison, Kans., can say that the Lord has been gracious and benevolent. Our wheat fields have been improving, and our contributions are evidences of our gratefulness.

Tangible evidence of the spirit that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" was seen in our special drive for the Centenary Offering. Our good people have accredited themselves nobly by contributing approximately \$475 toward the Centenary Project and about \$70 for general missionary purposes.

Last year we were able to finish the modern new parsonage, as well as renovating and redecorating the church property.

The young people and Loyal Daughters presented a splendid Christmas program, the proceeds of which for \$20.25 were designated for the Chapel Building Fund.

We elected new Sunday School officers, and are all set to start the New Year with the Lord's blessing.

A word of recognition is due our Ladies' Aid Society under the able leadership of Mrs. Fred Hanhardt. Their willing helpfulness is a joy to us all.

JOHN WEINBENDER, JR., Pastor.

Kansas Children Are Actively Participating in the "Scripture Memory Work" Program

"Scripture Memory Work" for boys and girls as sponsored by the Kansas Association of churches continues with increased interest this winter. The five year course for ages 10 to 14 includes Bible stories for the first year, followed by "Precious Bible Passages" in the second, the "Way of Salvation" and "Christian Life" verses in the third and fourth, and a course in "Biblical Survey" for the last year. This year the course has been divided into bi-monthly assignments.

Boys and girls who finished the first assignment on schedule are: Norma Giedeninghagen, Marilyn Eisenhour, Donna Stalcup, Lois Thole, Rosalie Meschberger, Fern Giedeninghagen, Marilyn Fritzmeier, Eva Letha Hildebrand, Florence Klein, Darlene Thole, Dwight Klein, Ruth Elaine Eital, Anne Marie Neve, Marilou Felsburg, Vivian Gabelmann, George Miller, Donald Wirth, Willie Wunder, and Joann Wilbeck.

A number of others were almost complete and a few of our churches did not begin the work until after the holidays due to local activities. A large number of smaller boys and girls below the age accepted at Scripture Memory Camp are also learning verses.

Local leaders who carry on the work in individual churches are: Mrs. Ben Fadenrecht, Mrs. Fred Beahm, Mrs. J. J. Reimer, Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. A. D. Wirth, Mrs. Harry Leckron, Mrs. Sam Stalcup, Mrs. Roy Seibel, Mrs. David Zimmerman, Mrs. E. M. Popp, Mrs. Edward Staber.

MRS. WM. WIRTH, Reporter.

A Review of the Past Year's Work of the Lorraine Ladies' Missionary Society

Our Ladies' Missionary Society of older women in the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., consists of 24 active and 6 associate members, although our monthly attendance averaged 14 members. Many are on the infirm list but we thank the Lord we can carry on, doing a little locally for the needy and wherever there is a call for help. We sent eggs to the Children's Home, 2 cases to our Old People's Home and 78 quarts of fruit and vegetables to our Kansas Baptist Home, Sunset Home, at Concordia, Kansas.

We gave \$260 for our denominational work, bought linoleum for the parsonage kitchen and contributed to other worthwhile interests. Our women are all missionary minded and have given liberally. Our contributions for the past year amounted to \$589.55, averaging \$24.52 per member.

Our meetings consist of devotionals, prayer service, a short program and business. The subject for the past year, "An Urgent Gospel," was conducted by different members each month. Our president, Mrs. Ed Schroeder, and vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt, very ably led the business of the society, as well as our treasurer, Mrs. Paul Peters.

We lost one member by death. A total of 146 visits were made to the sick and shut-ins by a committee of two, and some months everyone is the committee. We meet once a year with our other two societies for the World Day of Prayer. The King's Daughters entertained our society at their November meeting, with a Thanksgiving program and social hour, serving refreshments at the close. At that time "the mystery daughters" were revealed.

MRS. LOUIS SPLITTER, Secretary.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The Rev. Robert S. Hess of the Rock Hill Church of Boston Introduces Himself

My church background is the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I was graduated from the Missionary Training Institute of Nyack, N. Y., in 1939. I am married; no children. I have done home missionary work in Maine and New Hampshire, with a summer pastorate (Baptist) in New Hampshire in 1938. I had a Christian and Missionary Alliance pastorate in Milford, Conn., when I received my call to the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass. I was ordained by the above named denomination in 1941. I shall enter Gordon College in February of this year for several years of advance study.

I was called to the Rock Hill Church in September and began my ministry on Nov. 15, 1942. The following week a reception was given in our honor. In December we were accepted as members.

God is blessing us and the church is very active in our Lord's work. On Dec. 2nd we held our annual Thanks-

giving Roll Call. The Rev. J. J. Appel, moderator of the Atlantic Conference, was the speaker. About \$250 were given to the Lord, one-third of which was for missions, one-third for a new organ, and the other third for the church current expenses.

The young people are active with several monthly city mission services. An offering of \$15.00 given at the Church School Christmas program was given to the Orphan's Home.

Union services with two local Baptist Churches for a week of prayer, held at the Rock Hill Church on Jan. 6, 7 and 8, proved to be a time of good fellowship and inspiration.

God is richly blessing us in every



—Picture by Herman Siemund.
Nine Young People Recently Baptized by the Rev. John Schmidt of the First Church, Chicago, Illinois

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ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Nine Children Baptized in an Impressive Service at Chicago's First Church

At the morning service of the First Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, December 13, the Rev. John Schmidt preached an Advent sermon on the theme, "In the Valley of Praise" from the text in 2. Chron. 20:26. The choir sang "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" by Garrett. Mr. Lawrence Wegner, a student of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, who for two

years has been active in our Sunday School and young people's work spoke to the young candidates for baptism. He reminded them of the necessity of eating, breathing and exercising their bodies to be healthy and strong. But to be spiritually fit we must read the Word, pray and tell others even as habitually as we tend daily to our physical needs.

On the previous Wednesday night at the prayer meeting the children gave a clear testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, and for several weeks they had met with the pastor for instruction in the way of life. On this Sunday, although there was zero weather outside, a warm atmosphere prevailed in our church. Joyfully the converts, four girls and five boys, again testified of their faith in the Son of God before a large audience, and were baptized into the fellowship of the church.

These young people were the visible fruit of the revival campaign conducted two months ago at our church by the Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Michigan. A foundation was laid before in the hearts of these converts in the Sunday School and Junior Service by their teachers, Miss Mildred Baum, Miss Ruth Leuschner and Mr. Lawrence Wegner.

Mr. Herman Siemund, president of the Sunday School Teachers' Union of Chicago, was so kind to come and take a picture of the group.

R. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota, Still Moving Forward

Looking back over 1942 we of the Baptist Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., must say with the Psalmist, "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not, all his benefits." As a church we have been blessed both materially and spiritually. Seven persons were added to the church, three by baptism and four by letter. In the spring the church was redecorated and the parsonage was also remodeled and redecorated.

On the first Sunday of May our pastor, the Rev. John P. Epp, began his ministry with us. He has proved himself an able servant of the Lord, mightily dividing the Word of God.

The Vacation Bible School, with an average attendance of 57, was a great help for the young people. In August

Attention, Reporters!

All reports for "The Herald" must be limited to approximately 250 words. They must be sent promptly within one month after the occurrence of the event. Obituaries are received for publication at the rate of five cents a line.

our pastor was married to Miss Leone Palmquist of Winfred, So. Dak., and upon their return from their honeymoon they were given a hearty reception and a sum of money as a wedding gift.

The Rev. Basil Malof, president of the Russian Gospel Movement, visited us one evening and gave a heart stirring message about Russia. The church gave him a generous offering. In October Miss Esther Wilder, a chalk artist, was in our church for two evenings.

On December 14 we held our annual business meeting and the treasurer's books showed a very substantial balance on hand. As a token of our love and esteem, we presented Mr. and Mrs. Epp with a Christmas gift of \$200. We are looking forward to rich blessings during this year of 1943.

L. F. JACOBS, Clerk.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Undertakings of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., Are Blessed With Success

Although a report of the activities and accomplishments of our Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., is seldom submitted, we have been working with zeal and enthusiasm under the guidance of our able and much loved pastor, the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer, to reap an abundance of blessings in the service of the Master on this field.

Our Ladies' Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. P. F. Guenther is doing splendid work for both the Red Cross in making bandages and also packing boxes for missionaries. Our Sunday School, supervised by Allan Lingenfelter, and our B. Y. P. U., led by Doris Guenther, are both holding up remarkably well in

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attendance. As yet the gas rationing has not interfered with any of our service attendance and we are always proud of our prayer meetings.

We are much concerned over the war and our fourteen boys who are in the armed services. However, we are endeavoring to turn present conditions into a form of blessing by canceling our church debt. Already we have reduced it to a considerable degree. On three occasions during the past year we were able to pay a thousand dollars on our indebtedness. In the past year, too, we finished payment on our new pipe organ. Added to that, we gave our pastor a substantial increase in salary.

We surprised our pastor when, on the return from his vacation, he found the parsonage attractively painted. We also tried to show our appreciation for his untiring work among us and his well prepared, forceful sermons by a birthday surprise and also a Christmas gift from the members along with a remembrance from his Sunday School class of men.

We are looking forward to another active year, and will continue to pray that God's blessing may be on every undertaking of ours.

CLARENCE SUSEK, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MISS MARY SASSE
of Wilmington, Delaware

Miss Mary Sasse of Wilmington, Del., was born on Nov. 24, 1849, in Wilmington, Del., and died on Dec. 23, 1942, attaining an age of 93 years and 29 days.

In the year 1862 she was converted and baptized by the Rev. Mr. Triumph. She remained a faithful member of this church until her departure. She served as teacher in the Sunday School for 45 years and as treasurer of the Ladies' Missionary Society for several years. She always kept a warm spot in her heart for the cause of missions and her church meant everything to her.

She was a cousin to Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin, who is known by many, far and wide. She leaves to mourn her departure one brother, Mr. Geo. W. Sasse; and one sister, Mrs. Connery of Philadelphia; besides a host of relatives and friends. Since August, 1941, she was a guest in our beautiful Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., where she received the finest care and was loved by all.

The Rev. Herman G. Kuhl and the undersigned took part in the funeral services. Psalm 116:15 served as a basis for our faith and consolation.

East Baptist Church,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Christian Peters, Pastor.

MRS. AUGUSTA JANKE
of Underwood, North Dakota

Mrs. Augusta Janke, daughter of Julius and Henrietta Krueger, was born at Greenwood Prairie, near Rochester, Minn., on March 31, 1877. That same year the family moved to Springfield, Minn., which remained the parental home to the present day. Here she spent her childhood and the days of her youth.

She was united in marriage to August F. Janke in 1896. Eight children were born to this union. One daughter and her husband preceded her in death. From 1904 until 1910 the family lived in California, Missouri after which they moved to Underwood, No. Dak., where they have made their home ever since. In 1905 mother Janke accepted Christ as her personal Savior and Lord and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church by the late Rev. F. W. Klitzing.

She was a member of the Underwood Baptist Church where she was loved and respected for the beautiful Christian spirit she portrayed and the untiring service she rendered both in the church and in the community. She was the first president of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Underwood Church, and remained its faithful president until she was called home, 23 years later. In recent months it became quite evident that her health was on the decline, but her sudden departure after two weeks of illness came as a surprise to most of us.

Her earthly sojourn lasted 65 years, 8 months, and 16 days. Mourning her departure from this life into the life beyond are her 6 devoted sons, 1 daughter, 1 step-son, 1 step-daughter, 1 sister, 1 brother, 25 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Mother Janke had collected many poems and sayings, that had become a part of her beautiful Christian life. These were so appropriate for the occasion of her burial service that her pastor used them in connection with the words of the Apostle Paul, which so well describe her life: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Other words of comfort were spoken by Mrs. C. C. Koenig, representing the Ladies' Missionary Society, and Rev. K. Wiley, representing the Methodist Church. Approximately 300 people ventured out in an extreme blizzard to pay their tribute to the departed.

Baptist Church,
Underwood, No. Dak.

John Giesbrecht, Pastor.

The Homegoing of the Rev. F. P. Kruse

By the REVERENDS GEORGE HENSEL and M. L. LEUSCHNER

ONE of God's ambassadors who in a large measure saw "the beauty of the Lord our God" upon his life was the Rev. Frederick P. Kruse of Kankakee, Ill., whose homegoing occurred on Wednesday evening, January 6. In the 75th year of his life he could look back on memorable years of service and thank God that he had established the work of his hands.

His last illness was brief and without conscious pain. He was present at the Watchnight service of the church and ate heartily on Sunday, Jan. 3. After a sudden set-back on the following day, he fell into a coma from which he never recovered. His soul went home in response to the Lord's command: "Return, ye children of men."

The memorial service was held on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 9, in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., with the pastor, the Rev. George Hensel, in charge. The entire front of the church was bedecked with flowers as fragrant tributes to the memory of the departed. Professor O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., a nephew of Brother Kruse, read the opening Scripture passages and offered a beautiful prayer that brought tears to many eyes. Brief addresses of tribute were spoken reverently and lovingly by two classmates of Brother Kruse, Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. J. A. Pankratz of Chicago, Ill.; by the successor of Brother Kruse in the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner; by a representative of the Kankakee Ministerial Association, the Rev. Dore H. Ester; and the pastor, Mr. Hensel also delivered a message on the words of John 15:16 in which he magnified the Christian ministry in the light of God's word. Appropriate musical selections were rendered by Miss Ruth Barton of the church.

The obituary, prepared by Mr. Hensel, the pastor, follows:

Brother Kruse was born on June 29, 1868, in Kankakee, Ill. At the age of 15 years he was converted under the ministry of the Rev. J. F. Hoefflin and baptized by him on Nov. 25, 1883, in the Kankakee River. He felt the call to the ministry in his early twenties and entered our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., in 1892. He also spent a year at the Rochester Theological Seminary.

After he had completed his studies he was married to Miss Emma D. Grote of Kankakee on May 21, 1898, and began his first pastorate in Tremont Street Chapel, a mission of the First German Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. From 1900 to 1905 he served the churches of Hanover and Elmwood of Ontario, Canada.

His next pastorate was with the Walnut St. Church of Cincinnati, Ohio,

† Rev. W. J. Zirbes †
1860 — 1943

Word has been received of the passing of the Rev. W. J. Zirbes in his home at West Paterson, N. J., on Jan. 9th. Mr. Zirbes served our churches at Sheboygan, Wis.; the First Church of Cleveland, Ohio; and the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was active for many years on numerous denominational boards and committees. His 83rd birthday would have been celebrated by him and his family on Feb. 4th, if he had lived a few weeks longer. A full page memorial article concerning Mr. Zirbes' life and ministry will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

from 1905 to 1910. His longest pastorate, from 1910 to 1920, was with the St. Louis Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo. Following this Mr. Kruse served the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., from 1920 to 1927.

While serving his next charge, the

First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., from 1927 to 1930, his first wife died. This union had been blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters. One daughter, Florence, died in Philadelphia on May 9, 1929. The other daughter, Lenore, is the director of a Christian Center in Pittsfield, Mass. Both sons, Herbert and Bernard, reside in Philadelphia.

Mr. Kruse served as chaplain of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., from 1931 to 1936. While there, he was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Hendricks on Feb. 16, 1933. He retired from active service in 1936 and moved back to his former home in Kankakee where he and his wife still proved very active in many phases of the church work.

Besides his widow and children, Mr. Kruse leaves three sisters, Mrs. Fred C. Krueger of Kankakee, Mrs. Herman F. Krueger of Madison, So. Dak., and Mrs. Otto R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., and numerous other relatives and friends to mourn his sudden departure. We commend them to Christ, whose Spirit can comfort and strengthen them.

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opening he sped, stopped, stuck his hand into the clouds with a leap. His fingers closed over the ball. As he landed, he lost balance and fell, but jumped up with the horsehide secure in his hand.

The crowd went almost insane. Pop bottles, hats, cushions, and practically everything else went flying into the air. Tom Johnson, later mayor of Cleveland, threw his arms around Billy and shoved a ten dollar bill into his hand. At the clubhouse the whole team gave him a cheer, took off his uniform and dressed him up. Then the crowd rushed in, carrying him off on its shoulders. At the gate, brown-eyed, black-haired Helen Thompson threw her arms around him and kissed him. She was the Mrs. Sunday-to-be.

After Sunday's conversion in 1886, he spent three additional years with the Chicago team. The people in the stands as well as his teammates knew that he had a working religion.

When he left the Chicago team, it was to spend a year each with the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia clubs, but it was not difficult to discern that his interest in full-time Christian service was growing. Five years after his conversion, Sunday obtained a release from the three-year contract with Philadelphia in order to enter some form of Christian service. No sooner done than Jim Hart of the Cincinnati team pushed a \$3,500 contract under his eyes. It was a tremendous temptation, especially when Billy's baseball friends told him it was the opportunity of a lifetime. After all, players are on the diamond only seven months of the year, and Hart was including the first month's \$500 check in advance. That night Sunday prayed, not stopping until five o'clock the next morning. He refused Hart's offer.

Billy's alternative, that of going into Y. M. C. A. work as a subordinate secretary at \$83.33 per month, which sometimes proved as much as six month's overdue, seemed a great anticlimax to his baseball friends. To Sunday, that decisive March of 1891 was one of the greatest parting of the ways in his life.

But Billy Sunday and Mel Trotter were not the only miracles of grace in Pacific Garden Mission annals. True enough, they shook the cradle of American evangelism like few men before or since, but apart from them the steady stream of converts that has gone from the Mission into Christian service has left a tremendous mark upon the nation.

Such was the work of Pacific Garden Mission in its earlier years, when, as today, it cradled American evangelists. They did not all step from the mission to the pulpit, though many did. But they stepped from the devil's stamping ground to God's trail for lost men, and in so doing, held the torch of faith aloft to others.