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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio is showing some signs of increased activity and progress with the Rev. Robert G. Konitz as pastor. Sunday School attendance has increased since the summer months. Plans are being made to attract the children and young people of the neighborhood. A new church constitution has been adopted. At present, the church has 14 of its young people serving in the Armed Forces.

● The Misses Laura E. Reddig and Margaret Kittlitz received their graduation certificates with honors after completing the post graduate nurses' course at the Chicago Lying In Hospital of the University of Chicago on Oct. 31st. About Nov. 15th Miss Reddig went to Lodi, California to be with her mother and Miss Kittlitz to her home in Waco, Texas before sailing for Africa. They will go to the Cameroons of Africa at the earliest opportunity on a Barber Steamship Line boat. A commissioning service will be held for Miss Kittlitz by the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, of which the Rev. C. Fred Lehr is pastor, before she sails. This church has adopted her as its missionary and will pay her entire salary.

● The Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa has called the Rev. Martin De Boer of Lehr, North Dakota as its pastor. Mr. De Boer has responded favorably and will begin his pastorate in the Iowa church in the near future and will succeed the Rev. Peter Peters who became pastor of the Baptist Church of Chardan, Iowa some months ago.

● The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, formerly pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas and a chaplain in the U. S. Army, began his new ministry at the East Penfield Baptist Church near Rochester, New York on Nov. 19 which he will serve as pastor while continuing his studies at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y. His address is Penfield Road, Fairport, New York.

● The Mission and Thanksgiving Festivals of the Berlin Baptist Churches of North Dakota was held on Sunday, Oct. 15, with many guests from nearby fields. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of Bismark, North Dakota brought the inspiring messages. Special music was rendered by the church choir. The offering of the day amounted to \$1435, the largest offering ever received in the history of the church.

● The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., has taken the first steps in the procuring of a new church. Three desirable lots on 35th



—Ewing Galloway Photo

IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is a time of cheer,
Full of joy and song,
For the little children dear,
Who to Christ belong.

O, how thankful we should be
For His love so true,
Not only just at Christmas time,
But all the whole year through.

—Carolyn R. Freeman.

Avenue North and Sheridan Street have been purchased, and it is hoped that the building will be constructed as soon as possible after the war. The building fund committee is already hard at work to raise the necessary funds. The Rev. L. B. Berndt is the pastor.

● The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois have announced the birth of a baby girl who was born to them on Nov. 14 in the West Suburban Hospital of Oak Park, Ill. She has been named Jarene Marie with the first name a novel abbreviation of the first names of her mother and father. Mr. Gunst is the new general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

● The First Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota has called as its pastor Rev. E. S. Fenske of Carbon, Alberta, Canada, the minister of the Freudental Baptist Church and its Zion Mission station. Mr. Fenske has responded favorably and began his ministry at Herreid soon after December 1st. This will be his second pastorate at the Herreid Bapt. Church, succeeding Rev. Emil Becker, who has gone to the Bethany Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. During his pastorate of three years in the Freudental Church, Mr. Fenske was able to baptize 40 converts. The Sunday School work has been well organized and the Club Plan for our papers was adopted.

● The Rev. J. F. Olthoff, D.D., pastor of the Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon, baptized a young man on Sunday morning, Nov. 5, and received him and another young man by letter into the fellowship of the church at the communion service. The Rev. J. J. Lucas of the church, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Anamoose, No. Dak., has announced his engagement to Mrs. J. H. Egge of Fargo, North Dakota. Mr. Lucas is a retired widower living in Salem.

● On Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, the Men's Brotherhood of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., held its 7th anniversary program with Mr. Ed Ratzlaff, president, in charge. This group of about 30 men meets once a month for spiritual inspiration. Rev. J. M. Edgerton of Hilman, Mich., was the guest speaker at the anniversary program. Several numbers were sung by the men's chorus besides vocal and cornet solos. Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor, brought a reading.

● The farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Becker and family was held by the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota on Sunday evening, Oct. 29. Representatives of the several mission station at Artas, Spring Creek and Gnadenfeld, besides the Herreid Church, brought their expressions of appreciation for the ministry of Brother Becker. A gift of money was also presented to them. Mr. Becker brought his farewell sermon on Acts 20:32 at the morning service. On Nov. 1st he became the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia.

● On Sunday, Nov. 5, the Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, Kansas brought a message about our Rochester Baptist Seminary at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas in the interest of the Seminary. An offering for the Endowment Fund of the school was received. Thanksgiving Day was observed at the Bethany Church on Nov. 23 with a church supper and a program at which the illustrated lecture, "A Trek Through the Cameroons", was presented by the church's mission committee. The church is still without a pastor since the departure of the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen.

● The Baptist Training Union of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Loren, Texas recently held a study course with the following subjects: "Pilgrim's Progress" taught by the pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp; "Planning a Life" by Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco; "B. T. U. Methods" for Juniors by Mrs. C. H. Seecamp; and "Bible Stories" for Primary pupils by Mrs. W. B. Marsteller. Harvest Day was also recently observed by the Sunday School with the superintendents of the Primary and Adult departments, Miss Viola Hansen and Mr. Edwin Gummelt, taking a prominent part.

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Coming!

A BUILDER OF CHURCHES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

For many years the Rev. A. P. Mihm labored among our churches and pioneered in the establishment of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union until his death ten years ago. The story of his life, profusely illustrated with colorful pictures, will be of intense interest to his great host of friends and to others as well.

GOD OPENS DOORS FOR ME ON FLIGHT FROM CHINA

Miss Esther Salzman of our church in Kankakee, Ill., for several years a missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in West China, has arrived home with little luggage and with a lot of memories of harrassing experiences on her dangerous flight before the Japanese invader from China to India and to America.

NEW YEAR'S SERMON

An appropriate message for the New Year will be brought by the Rev. A. R. Weisser, pastor of the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., formerly of Edenwold, Sask., Canada. Together with a New Year's poem by Dr. Herman von Berge and a timely editorial, this issue will provide an inspiring entry into the new year 1945.

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All Hail, Immanuel!

GOD is with us. That is the glorious proclamation of Christmas that comes with deepening assurance to us with every passing year. That is the purpose of Christ's coming into this world as revealed on that "Holy Night" many years ago.

"Silent night! Holy Night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth."

Jesus has many names, all of which are true and wonderful, but the one which will probably be most precious to Christians at this Christmas season is Immanuel. There are so many things in the world of today that shut out the consciousness of God's presence and nearness in our lives. How can a God of love dwell among men who delight in strife and bloody warfare? Where is the omnipotent God who can permit these engulfing catastrophes to come to us and our loved ones? A thousand and one similar questions sometimes haunt us and leave us lonely in the darkness of doubt.

Then the heavenly light breaks through the clouds of our despair and announce to us that God has revealed himself to us in Christ Jesus and that he is "a very present help to us in trouble." In Christ he becomes our daily companion, bringing comfort and cheer to burdened souls, assuaging the grief of the broken hearted, strengthening the hands of the weak, and enfolding our lives with the glory of his peace. Our eyes light up as we look to him and sing:

"In praise to thee, our Savior, King,
The vibrant chords of heaven ring,
And echo back the mighty strain:
All hail! All hail! Immanuel!"

Christmas is a rapturous festival wherever this truth dawns anew with greater splendor than ever upon our hearts: "Immanuel! God is with us in the coming of Christ to this world!" The soldier on the battlefield, the sailor on his "battlewagon", the marine in fighting for a toehold on some forlorn island, and the nurse in the hospital tent will find their battle stations transformed into sanctuaries as the words, "Christmas! Immanuel! God is with us!", come floating into consciousness. The families that are bereaved and the hearts which are lonely at this Christmas season will kneel before this altar and thank God for his revealed and abiding glory in Jesus Christ. This is Christmas at its brightest to know that Jesus Christ is Immanuel, and that in him God is ever with us!

"We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel."



—Acme Photo
A Group of Duffle-coated Members of the Ship's Company of a British Warship Practice Christmas Carols While Off Duty

A Pagan or Christian Christmas?

A Christmas Sermon by the REV. FRANK ARMBRUSTER, Pastor of the Linden Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

"THAT in all things He might have preeminence", Paul wrote to the Christians at Colossae. (Colossians 1:19). That surely includes Christmas. If Christ does not have the preeminence in Christmas then it is no more Christmas but merely X-Mas or Yule. He is then pushed into the background and left there. Is it possible for people to give Christ the preeminence at Christmas time if they neglect him the rest of the year?

Does he really have the preeminence in all things when people crowd into stores, shop like mad, send out cards, spend money like water, rush here and there, and prepare furiously until they are ready to drop, due to exhaustion? During all this time has Christ been uppermost in the minds of the people, have they done all to the glory of God, and have they given Christ the preeminence? Do the majority of people even think of him, and, if so, how much and for what purpose? At Christmas time when places of worship are attended, programs rendered and enjoyed, gifts given and exchanged, and much charity work done, does Christ really have the preeminence?

A Christ-centered Christmas

Is Christmas Christ-centered as it should be? Truly, a great many professing Christians merely go through the motions, but they neither know the real meaning of Christmas nor can they observe it in truth because they do not know Christ, the heart and life of Christmas. Such people have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. Christ must have the preeminence in Christmas; otherwise it is

merely a material festival celebrating the birth of a human being, but not of God in the flesh.

Does Christ have the preeminence in the lives of those who do not belong to him? How can those who are enemies of God give Christ the preeminence? Is not the carnal mind enmity against God? How then can it exalt Christ when it neither is nor can be subject to the law of God?

God's Starting Point

In Luke 2:8-20 and in Matthew 2:1-11 we find the Christmas story. A careful study of these portions of God's Word reveals to us that both the shepherds and the wise men were God's children. That is God's starting point. Before he can show us the things of the Spirit, we must be born again. "For the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned." (1. Corinthians 2:14). No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost. Can those who are dead in trespasses and sins and who have no spiritual life in them do anything that is pleasing to God? Are they able to exalt Christ?

The shepherds and the wise men could and did give Christ the preeminence because they belonged to the Lord. Christmas must not only bring Christ the new-born King, but also Christ the crucified and risen Lord to the people, even if some people only mention the latter fact at Easter. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." "No man cometh unto the Father but by him." Without salvation as the start-

ing point, Heaven and the blessings of God are closed to the individual.

Joy That Overflows

Has the Christmas story ever become real to you? Has it gripped your life and filled your soul to such an extent that you could not refrain from telling it to others? Has your joy and enthusiasm for the Lord ever overflowed? It was so with the shepherds of Bethlehem. When they had seen the multitude of the heavenly host, had beheld the glory of the Lord, and had heard the announcement of the Savior's birth, they not only knew the cold facts but they also had the burning fire of God's love in their hearts. With this constraining love in their hearts, the heavenly revelation in their minds, and God's message in their ears, they were ready to obey.

Today, we, too, have the facts of Christ's birth but where is the constraining love, the enthusiasm, and the joy for the Lord and his work? It seems to be lacking to a great extent. Is it not due to the fact that so few people have actually seen the glory of the Lord? When he would show us his glory, we are not ready for it but are generally doing something which to us seems more important.

Then too, the message from heaven has often come to us but we did not hear and answer as Samuel did when he said, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." The Lord spoke but we did not always ask: "What wilt thou have me to do?" God called but we did not say: "Here am I; send me." Is not this one reason why this world is in the condition in which we find it today?

The prayer of every Christian should be: "I beseech thee, show me thy glory," and, "Open thou mine ears that I may hear thy voice." With eyes and ears for the Lord we shall be ready and eager to present Christ to the lost.

Obedience to God's Word

In the Sermon on the Mount Christ spoke these words: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." Are people doing that today? Generally, the opposite is true. They are afraid to take God at his word. They are so concerned about themselves and their possessions that the Lord seldom gets a chance to have first place in their lives. Christ has never had the preeminence in their plans.

The shepherds however, took God at his word and obeyed him. When the angels had gone away into heaven, these shepherds made preparations to go to Bethlehem at once. They were supposed to take care of their sheep, but to them the things of God had the preeminence. Indeed, the sheep were important but not as important as God's message. They left all behind and went where the Lord wanted them to go.

The story is told of a man who one day received a visit from the Lord. When he found out that Christ wanted him to do something immediately the man said: "I'm sorry, Lord, but I'm busy right now. You will just have to come some other time or wait until I get through." Is this not true of so many people today? They will not

take time for the Lord unless it is convenient. It never dawned upon them that the Lord is able to take care of everything better than anyone else. Perhaps they do not believe it. Is not this lack of trust in him?

Ours often seems to be a Christianity of doing something when it is convenient. Christ does not have the preeminence in this part of our life, for we are afraid to trust him completely. What a blessing and joy is ours when we leave all in his care and do his will first!

Seeking the Things of Christ

Moreover, Christmas should always bring us to Christ as it did the shepherds. They saw the stable, the animals, Mary and Joseph, the manger, the swaddling clothes, but all these things were unimportant. They had come to see Christ, and were dissatisfied until they had seen him. The message of the angels concerned Christ and him only; ours should be the same!

Today many are seeking Christ. Will they only find a church building instead? Will they perhaps only find a tree, or beautiful decorations, or a carefully planned and well-presented program or even Santa Claus instead of Christ? Will they see and receive candy and gifts instead of the Gift? Does Christ really have the preeminence in our churches so that people can always see him without using a microscope? Does he have the preeminence in our lives?

We must go to Christ, not only at Christmas time, but always. We must exalt him, and hold forth the Word of Life. The world needs the message of the cross and the shed blood of Christ as well as that of his birth. God's Christmas leads us not only to the manger but also to Calvary. "The Son of man must be lifted up that whosoever believed in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The Good News Proclaimed

The shepherds spread the good news as all good Christians should. They had something to tell and they told it. They believed in receiving and sharing the spiritual blessings with others. The world was in spiritual darkness but a Great Light had been seen and the good news of salvation heard because someone was willing to tell it. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." He has chosen us to carry the gospel everywhere and live for him in all places.

When he calls us, do we say, "Here am I," or "Send someone else"? Many have received above measure but have given little or nothing to the Lord. Christmas means receiving from God and sharing with others. He gave his best and is still giving. No one will ever out-give the Lord. What have we given to him?

"I want the best," someone says, "nothing but the best will do." Christ is the very Best; there is nothing better. Is he yours? If he is not, receive him now; if he is, tell it out so that others might be saved. Give him the preeminence in your life and spread the gospel wherever you go!

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God." (Luke 2:20)

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Wounded American Soldiers Have the Age-old Argument of How to Set Up the Toy Train That Will Chug Beneath the Big Christmas Tree in the Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island, New York

Rejoice, For Christ Has Come

A Christmas Poem by MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Written While Serving as a Missionary in the Cameroons, Africa

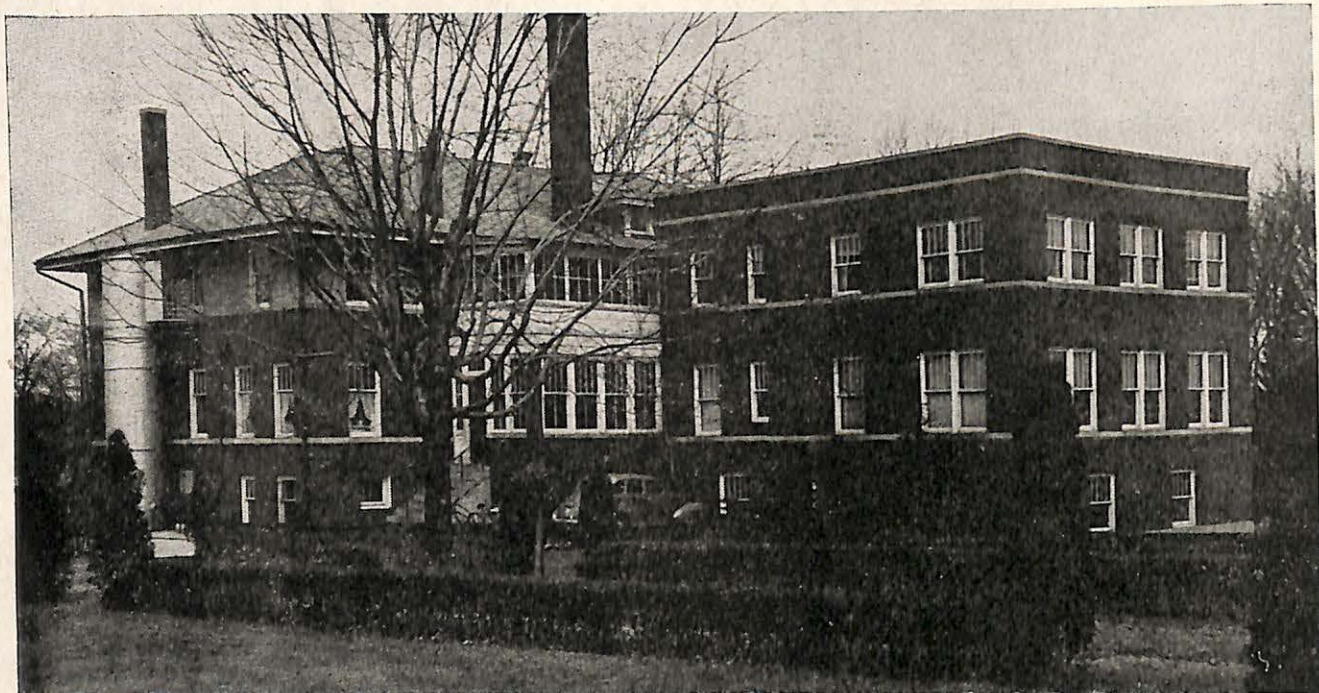
What a world this world of ours would be
If Christ had never come!
There would be nothing but hate and strife,
Nothing like love, no hope in life,
No one from sin to set us free,
If Christ had never come!

Angels proclaimed it and this we know
That Christ has really come!
Peace and goodwill to all he brings!
"Praise God in the highest" the angel sings!
Surely, our Father has loved us so,
For Christ has really come!

Today in this war-torn world of woe,
Remember that Christ has come!
The real things in life that most men hold dear
Seem fading away and the future looks drear.
But this is our hope, and may all men know
That Christ has really come!

Today he calls us to list to his voice,
This Christ who has really come!
"Are you willing your all on the altar to lay,
Though trials and torture and death come your way?
By showing my way that all men may rejoice
That Christ has really come?"

So let us with glad hearts this Christmas time,
Rejoice that the Christ has come!
Remember the work he has giv'n us to do
Toiling that all men may soon know him too;
For then will his praise ring from every clime:
Rejoice! For our Christ has come!



Our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan, Showing the More Recent Addition to the Original Building

Our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich.

By REV. and MRS. AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Superintendent and Matron of the Home

BY THE time this issue of "The Baptist Herald" comes off the press we will have completed our first year of service at our Children's Home. In many respects this has been a time of orientation for us, for we came into this work without previous training or experience in superintending an institution of this kind, and the work is quite different than that of a pastorate. By the help of God and as a result of your prayers we have, however, established ourselves and have won the affection and respect of the children, and we trust the confidence of the denomination also.

Some of our dreams have been realized, but many of them still go unfulfilled. The moral and spiritual plane which we so much desire to reach has not yet been achieved. However, when one considers the background of some of the children, there is real cause for rejoicing that so much has been accomplished. Growth, of course, is always slow. But when children who knew nothing about the Bible or prayer when they entered the Home, and who did not want to pray, have been changed so that they not only pray but love to pray, surely, something abiding and worth-while has been accomplished. As a whole our children make a fine impression wherever they go.

During the past year four children, all from one family, have been added to our Home. We had expected to have several others by this time, but there have been delays. Some friends of the Home are quite anxious to fill the Home to capacity just as soon as possible. Among others there is a feeling however that we should not be too hasty,

because, it is felt, that by the time this war is over there will be a great many children-orphan, half-orphan, and children from broken homes, who will need the fostering care of our Home.

We should be prepared to take care of such children as soon as the need arises. We want to serve the needy children of our own churches, first of all. Perhaps we should explain, that when churches are instrumental in placing children here, that so doing does not mean that they are assuming any financial obligation for such child or children. A misunderstanding along this line seems to have prevailed among some of our people.

During the past year we have received many requests for children for adoption. Unfortunately, we have not been able to comply with any of them. These requests have come from fine Christian homes where a child would have the advantage of the finest kind of home plus educational opportunities later on. How we wish that we could place some

unfortunate children into some of these splendid homes.

Certain improvements have been made to the physical property; others are in the process of being made; some that we wish to make will have to wait until this war is over. A stoker has been installed in our heating system; storm sashes have been purchased. The contract has been let for a new cement walk leading to the street.

One of the things that has brought joy to our hearts is the way our people take an interest in their Children's Home. Letters and gifts come from Ladies Missionary Societies, from young people's organizations, from Sunday Schools and from Sunday School classes, large and small, and from churches as such. We greatly appreciate your kindness. We solicit your prayers that we may have the grace and the knowledge not only to care for the physical needs of the children but for the emotional, intellectual, moral and spiritual needs as well.

Reminiscences of an Alumnus

By MR. SIEGFRIED BEIMFOHR of St. Joseph, Michigan

Sixteen years ago three fatherless children beheld for their first time the immense brick building with many windows towering above a green hill surrounded by beautiful spacious grounds, which was to be their new home.

This new home, which represents the benevolence of the North American Baptist Churches toward unfortunate youths, received them with some measure of curiosity, especially the children.

You see, these three had just recently emigrated to this country from a Latin American nation. None of them were able to speak English but, fortunately, the oldest understood and spoke German, the family being German, who performed as interpreter for his younger brother and sister during the period of adjustment to a strange land, customs and language.

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A Pillar in the Temple

The Story of the Publication Society's Ministry by Rev. R. P. JESCHKE of Dayton, Ohio

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IF THE work of the North American Baptist Conference were symbolized by a temple, the part played by the Publication Society could easily be described as one of the pillars. Quite naturally one might think of such other "pillars" as the General Missionary Society, the Women's Missionary Union, the national youth organization, the Seminary, or the united service of our institutions. Anyone familiar with the denominational history can be expected to realize that the Publication Society occupies no inferior position in this imposing company.

That we have here no false pillar, one serving merely a decorative purpose, can be argued from the historical angle. A brief statement like this cannot go into much detail, nor does it claim any original research. But a review of some names, dates and publications will refresh our memories.

Almost 80 Years Old

In 1940 the Society observed its 75th anniversary. It is therefore now almost eighty years old. Though perhaps not as old as the Seminary, which can be said to have begun when in 1851 the first of our students arrived to study in Rochester, N. Y., the Publication Society is the oldest of the general societies. It is as old as the General Conference itself, having been organized in 1865 at the first meeting of that body.

There is an element of the remarkable in the fact that the predecessor of the present "Sendbote" was issued as early as 1853, twelve years before the existence of the Publication Society! It came out under the auspices of the Eastern Conference, and soon the Western Conference, as it was called, vied with it by issuing a similar publication. The two were later merged.

As may be expected, there has issued through the channel of the Society during subsequent years a great stream of Christian literature. For a few years operations were carried on in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1871 the enterprise was transferred to Cleveland, where it has operated to this day. A number of items we mention, only to add that that is all we can do: the growth of the Publication House and its equipment until its appraised value stands at well over \$100,000.00; a temporary venture during the twenties into commercial printing, financially profitable and yet beset with certain disadvantages; a transition during the last thirty years to a bi-lingual and English-speaking ministry; a vast amount of published material in the form of Sunday School lessons, books, conference reports, periodicals, tracts and other literature.

Changes and Progress

The change of language within the denomination has made it inevitable that "The Baptist Herald" especially should have splendid opportunities for growth.

Into these it has entered, so that its increasing strength and denominational service are fast making it our most illustrious child! As is widely known, it began strictly as a young people's paper. In the "Vereinsherd," "Jugendfreund" and "Jugend Herold" it had some German-language predecessors. In 1923 "The Baptist Herald" as such made its appearance, having in recent years broadened its scope by coming to reflect the work of the whole denomination. An amazing growth has brought its circulation within sight of the ten thousand mark.

Though loathe to deal as sketchily with the people whose labors have enabled enterprise and publications to continue, we can give their goodly company only a brief nod. With Philip W. Bickel as its first manager and followed by Hermann Schulte, who from 1872 to 1892 served as his successor, the Publication Society can boast of solid groundwork. Those who followed did a labor worthy of their traditions: Peter Ritter (1892-1904); Karl Bickel (1905-1910); H. P. Donner (since 1912).

Apart from the beginnings, in which Philip Bickel, Konrad Fleischmann and Andreas Henrich each played a part, it was Mr. Bickel who was sole editor of the "Sendbote" during the years preceding 1878. Those who have served in the same capacity since then are the Reverends Julius Hasehuhn, Julius C. Grimmell, Gottlob Fetzer and Samuel Blum. The publications which were the forerunners of "The Baptist Herald" can claim such editors as Walter Rauschenbusch, Frank Kaiser and F. W. C. Meyer. "The Herald" itself, since its inception in 1923, has had but two editors: Rev. A. P. Mihm (1923-1934), and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

A Glorious Ministry

It would be an easy matter to stop at each name with a paragraph of commendation, or to add other names to this list. For our purposes it is the total

contribution which matters the more. Part of the literature was evangelizing in nature, some devotional, some educational, and a good part of it dealt with current facts about churches and denomination. The total effect was that of a strong bond to draw the churches closer together and throughout to stimulate a deeper spirituality. And, of course, progress in various directions has been stimulated, and so the horizons of the Kingdom extended. Even in a day of numerous other types of communication, the power of the press is recognized to be great. This applies to the religious press also. Witness its diligent development on the part of our Roman Catholic brethren. The Publication Society continues to be a power to undergird the work of the churches individually and the denomination as a whole.

This is not to say that everything has been glory. One has only to read a little of the early history to become aware of discouragingly slow growth in the periodicals. Then there were times of heated doctrinal debate with other denominational groups, carried on in the editorial columns and by tracts. The World War No. 1 brought a vast problem of language changes, and to solve it was a cause of much perplexity. In addition there have always been the lesser problems which one may still find when human means are employed, though divine ends may be envisioned.

A Promising Future

And there are problems now, which the present management is facing with praiseworthy success. In a day of shortages—whether one speaks of manpower or paper!—our publishing house has had to make many adjustments. The supply of available literature has been gravely affected. When periodicals show a reduced subscription list their printing cost per copy rises. When the cost becomes extreme there is a further problem.

But the work continues and, while there is a lessened demand for some things, other forms of literature are being produced. Books and materials from outside sources continue to be made available through the publication house, in addition to its own output. A testimony to the present activity of the Publication Society is the denominational book "These Glorious Years," which has made his appearance.

From all this one should conclude that not only do we have here a real pillar in the temple, but that it still lifts its burdens with sure strength. For this much credit must go to Mr. H. P. Donner, the present manager. The far future of denomination and publication society will probably be intimately tied together. With support from its constituency this undertaking can prosper. In its prosperity will be reflected further and continued service.

Christ's Tree

By Maud Ballington Booth

The Beautiful Story of the Greatest Tree in the World—the One Which Makes All Christmas Trees—Indeed, All Trees—Blessed!

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Through the Tree's topmost branches a great blue star shone in the Eastern sky. So bright was its light that the dewdrops on every branch sparkled like countless gems, and the cobwebs gleamed like silver gossamer.

Why was all nature so still? It was as if man and beast, wind and forest, watched and waited for the same great event.

When it came, it did not come with the trumpet blare or sound of clashing cymbals, but swiftly and silently like the falling dew. White, Heavenly Beings floated down to the pasture and stood beneath the Tree. They did not touch the sleeping shepherds, but their very presence spoke and instantly eyes that had been heavy with sleep were opened wide and gazing with wonder at the Angel Visitants.

What news? What message?

The Angel's Song

"Fear not, for behold! We bring unto you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord!"

The shepherds had been shocked and stunned with fear, but the words the Angel spoke brought fulfilment of an oft-told prophecy.

Looking up through the branches of the Tree they saw the Star—such a Star that they had never seen before, and without doubt or questions, or worry concerning their sleeping sheep and restless lambs, they started for the village, nestling in the valley below.

The shepherds gone, the Herald of Great Tidings rested against the Tree, and it thrilled through every fiber at that unearthly touch. The little lambs, startled by the growing light that filled the Eastern sky, began to bleat pitifully and struggled to draw nearer to their mothers.

The Angel, bending forward, whispered to them. "He shall be called the Lamb of God, and you little creatures need no longer be used in sacrifice for sinful man, for He shall take your place and bear the sins of the world to God's Altar."

Then came hours of rejoicing. Light and music filled the air and the Tree was surrounded by a cloud of Heavenly Hosts, floating above and around it. All the world seemed full of sound, music not like that of birds or of man-made instruments, but a song of vibrating harmony, joyful with rapture. It was like the surge of the surf, the whisper of the pines, the play of the

wind—all blended into a hymn of great acclaim.

"Glory to God in the Highest
And on earth peace,
Good will to men!"

Then dawn broke and a sun-bright day had come. It was Christmas Day—the first Christmas, for the babe was born whose name was "Emanuel," (God with us!).

The Years Pass By

Time passed! Once more it was evening and across the hill pasture toward the young Tree came a stalwart man, leading an ass on which rode a weeping woman, bearing a Babe in her arms. They halted in the dark shadow cast by the branches of the Tree, and lifting the woman to the ground, the man, bade her rest while he spread his cloak upon the grass and tenderly laid the Infant Jesus upon it.

Home and friends were behind them—a long, dreary, unknown road ahead! They had hurried from the distant village and were sorely tired and anxious. The man comforted the woman with loving words.

What was the loss of home and friends, work and country? What mattered the long journey to a strange land? Had they not with them the blessed Child, safe and unharmed—so infinitely precious!

So the mother smiled through her tears, and, laying her head on the man's shoulder, she slept.

The ass cropped the tender grass and the wind sang a lullaby in the nearby pines, but the Babe lay awake and watched the stars and the waving branches of the Tree.

Once more the white figures came out of the shadows and bent over Him, and the Child held out His hands to them and smiled, and they bowed low before Him as courtiers before their king.

Years passed by! The Tree had grown taller and stronger. The sun the winds of Heaven tested its strength and suppleness. To its branches came gentle gray doves to build their nests and murmur of peace and love. It had side, fine in proportion and symmetry. Standing as it did, apart from the others and in the hillside pasture, many chose it as a shelter from the heat of the day.

Now on the road beyond the meadow, crowds were traveling toward a distant city. Some of them broke their journey

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by stopping in that pleasant pasture to build their fires and cook their evening meal. Others lay down to rest a while—their children playing and romping about their beasts of burden feeding on the tender grass.

Such a group came one evening in the sunset glow. They gathered around their meal, a happy family. Afterward the parents rested, and a Boy—tall and graceful, with auburn locks and glowing eyes—left the other children and came alone to the Tree.

He sat down where once the Angels had watched over the Babe, and dreamily gazed up into the branches and beyond them to the sapphire blue sky. For many minutes those thoughtful eyes gazed at the Heavens, then they focused once more on the Tree and He smiled.

"Thou art my Tree!" He said, "I have chosen thee among all others, and will mark thee with a sign."

His strong young fingers, so used to the skilful handling of tools, grasped a small knife and deftly set to work, cutting deep into the bark of the Tree. As He worked, He smiled and talked to the Tree, and at His touch it thrilled in every fiber with new life and strength. It was a touch far more wonderful than that of the Herald on Christmas Eve!

Soon the Boy was missed by His family and the mother came, seeking and calling to Him.

"Jesus, my son, where art thou?"

He answered her, saying, "Come, Mother! See! I have chosen this Tree! Henceforth it is mine—and it bears my mark!"

Reaching His side, she cried out in horror, clasping her hands to her breast.

"Oh, my son! Why hast thou cut that sign? It means shame and it speaks of evil, of death! It is a Cross!"

"Yes," He answered, standing back and viewing His work, "it is a Cross! I know not fully why, but I love the sign. It is not evil, only that which they hang thereon! Somehow I heard a voice bidding me take the sign as mine—to me it speaks not of death, but of life!"

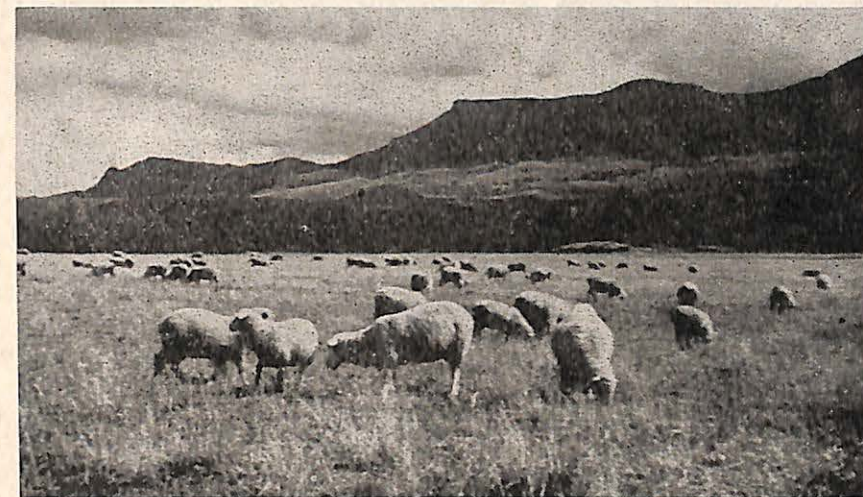
Then seeing the distress and fear on her beloved face, He added quickly, "See Mother! I will make another sign—and cut a perfect circle around the Cross. That is for life, the circle speaks of eternity! Somehow I see them always together, Life Eternal! I read my sign in the sunset and now it will be for always on my Tree!"

"Come, Blessed Son!" said the mother, turning from the Tree with a sigh; "the shadows lengthen, the children miss thee and their father is calling for thy help. We have still far to go before we can rest for the night."

The lad smiled, and stretching His arms skyward and looking straight into the glory of the setting sun, whispered,

"My Father has spoken! He bids me be about His business. That sign was His bidding—the work has just begun!"

The mother sighed again and turned away. Her gentle face was sad and showed clear, deep thought, for she "pondered His words in her heart."



Grazing Sheep Photographed by Prof. Carl F. H. Henry of Chicago, Ill., in a Scene Typical of Jesus' Day in Palestine

As they passed along the path, a gray dove flew from her nest and lighted on the Boy's shoulder, cooing softly and nestling close to His cheek. A little bird broke into joyous song amid the wayside bushes and the swallows swept along, circling before Him. "They all love Thee, my Son!" said the woman with a proud light in her eyes.

"They all speak to me," He answered, "and their message is of life and peace and love."

The Tree waved its branches in the evening breeze, while the fresh sap flowed from the cut deep in its bark. Across the grass, where the Boy's sandaled feet had trod, bright blue forget-me-nots sprang up, rivaling the azure of the sky, and beside them bloomed lovely crimson blossoms, that for all their beauty, looked like drops of blood.

The Kindly Shade of a Tree

Again years passed over the life of the Tree. It was much taller—stronger—a mighty sentinel of the forest. Now deep shadows were cast by its dark green branches and made a thick shelter from the sun.

A weary man was climbing the Hillside. He was One Who had been giving of His strength and virtue, day after day, to the great crowds that followed Him. Now He sought rest—a little time to be apart, to pray and gather strength for the tremendous work of the present and the ordeal that was to come. Although He was in the prime of life, His steps were slow, while His shoulders sagged as though they bore a heavy, invisible burden. His face however, was calm and exalted, strong in purpose.

Once again beneath His feet flowers sprang to life and beauty. Once more the doves' soft wings fluttered a greeting as The Man of Nazareth sank down to rest in the kindly shade of His chosen Tree.

He had worked a few brief months. He was still the despised and rejected wandering preacher, with a handful of followers and many enemies; but He knew that before Him was a hill to climb, from the top of which a beacon would be lit proclaiming Him "The Light of the World!"

He could see up there in the blue heavens the watching, adoring Angel

Hosts. He understood that He was to die here on earth that new life—eternal life—might dawn for the world. And with dauntless courage He gathered strength to conquer the human flesh that as a mantle wrapped His mighty heart and Divine Spirit, so that He might go onward unflinchingly to His Life's fulfilment. He was to die that death might lose its sting and the grave its victory for all who followed in His footsteps.

The wind sighed through the trees as night advanced. Dew fell like tender teardrops and the stars came out, twinkling and glittering as if their eternal message also quivered in the great anguish of sacrifice.

Comfort came to the kneeling Man, and He lay down to rest and relax in sleep. As He slept, white figures came from the shadows of the forest and kept vigil beneath the Tree, where once a tiny Babe had smiled up at the stars.

Then a soft song seemed to rise and fall on the air. Was it just the wind or did a whisper, a message, come to the sleeper in His dreams?

"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!"

Had the shepherds passed that way they would have noted that the head of the Man of Sorrows was pillowed against the bark of the Tree, and above Him was the roughly cut sign a gentle Boy had carved there long years ago—the Sign of the Cross!

Cut Down for a Cross

Time passed—and to the peaceful hillside there came the sound of tramping horses and clanking steel. The shouts of laughter and loud voices of the Roman soldiers echoed through the forest.

Said one, "Well! So we are to cut a tree, strong and straight and tall, to bring back to the accursed 'Hill of the Skull' where so many skulls have fallen, so many wretches hung up to die!"

"A bad end for a good tree, say I!" answered his fellow. "Here they are—clad in forest green, birds in their branches, fragrance around them—and in that place of blood they are just dead timber, stained and accursed for their office of slaughter."

—Ewing Galloway Photo



IT WAS Christmas Eve on the Hillside where the young Tree stood. Christmas Eve—but nobody knew it because there had never been a Christmas Day! It was soon to dawn, however, that day of days—but as yet no one on the Hillside knew the secret.

The night was very still. All the myriad of stars seemed to be twinkling and smiling, and silhouetted against them the higher branches of the Tree looked very black by contrast. The sound of the sheep still cropping the grass, of lambs pushing their way close to their woolly mother's sides, made a subdued murmuring.

Beneath the Tree the shepherds had gathered. Some already slept. Others gazed drowsily out into the shadows from whence might come danger to their quiet flock.

The first speaker laughed and, dismounting, scanned the trees with a practiced eye, gauging their height and girth.

The tree stood apart and in its strength and beauty far outshone the others.

"Here!" shouted the first Soldier. "Here is our tree! Perfect for every need!"

"Too beautiful," said the other; "spare it! See! There are doves nesting in its branches and it stands apart from the others—a sentinel on the hillside."

"Let the doves go elsewhere, they have wings! Here, see! What is this? Why, the Captain must have passed this way and marked the Tree for future use, for here is a cross!"

Axes were swung, tearing their ruthless way through the strong bark and fiber of the Tree. The timid doves flew into the gloom of the forest, mourning.

Then with a mighty groan the Tree fell with a crash and lay quivering in every twig and leaf, crushing the ferns and flowers.

At last came the day when a Man, bruised and bleeding from cruel lashes and blows, lifted the Tree to His overburdened shoulders and faced the steeps of Golgotha.

The tree stripped of its beautiful branches, cut, trimmed and weathered, had now become a hideous wooden cross. Gone was its life, its beauty, its usefulness.

The Man, weak and broken, struggled up the stern path to Calvary. The load he carried was too heavy for mortal flesh, so another was pressed into service to help Him on His chosen way to deathless life.

Together they suffered—Man and Tree. His blood stained its stricken fiber, its arms stretched His agonized body as it was lifted up!

Oh, Tree! Thrice cursed and thrice blessed. He who said, "and I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto me," gave to thee a glorious future, a deathless heritage. Tree of the wild forest, Tree of the quiet Hillside in a little corner of the world, Tree of cruel murder—thou hast become a Holy

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

By MRS. M. ZURBRIGGEN
Sumner, Iowa

(Mrs. Zurbriggen Has Four Sons in the Service of Our Country. Editor)

The star of Bethlehem,
Its lustre undimmed
By the passing ages of man's sins,
Still proclaims Christ
The King of kings!

What fear we then
If He be King?
His matchless love
Still shelters us;
His promises are true!

Tho' all things change and pass away
Bethlehem's Star deathless remains,
Proclaiming to all men:
Christ is the King,
Christ is the King!

Blessed Cross of Divine Sacrifice. Thou art loved, honored, blessed in all the nations of the earth.

The greatest Tree in the World! How little didst thou dream of thy high calling when the Angel sang of Bethlehem's Babe!

The Exalted Cross

The greatest emblems of the world are fashioned to commemorate thee. Crosses of gold, of silver, of precious stones have been reverently wrought by skilled workmanship. From thousands of churches, cathedrals, and buildings of Divine Christianity, crosses point heavenward in thy likeness.

To be exalted thou wert once debased. To be beloved and blessed, thou wert once accursed and reviled, becoming a foul thing of shame that prophecy might be fulfilled and the great work accomplished.

When the dying Lord said those last words, "It is finished!" the doors swung open for a new day to dawn. New life for the world was kindled on that beacon hill.

Tenderly, those who had loved their Lord took down the weary, broken body and laid it away for its three days' rest. But what of the Tree?

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Were others to die thereon? Was it not changed from a common cross by its wondrous office?

We seem to see a little group of loving followers with their new and wider vision, already realizing the meaning of the Tree's greatness, of the new emblem and its message. They could not leave it there to bear other human burdens, so, reverently, they must have purchased it from the executioners and carried it away.

What should they do with it? Why, had not the Master always thought of the poor and needy? Why not cut it up into strong thick pieces and give it to those who needed fuel! To do good, to pass on help and benefit was ever their Lord's message.

They did this, and in poor homes those who cooked their humble meals by the gift of firewood, wondered at the brilliance and health and joy that seemed to fill the home so honored.

Outside the city gates, some of it was given to a group of outcast lepers, and they were gathered around their fire with their little pots and kettles. One, however, could not join the group. The foul disease had done its worst to him—feet, hands and features were eaten away and now he was too weak to crawl to the fireside.

For days, forgotten and alone, he had lain amid the rocks—bitter, hopeless, despairing. To solace his lonely hours he had watched a brilliantly colored caterpillar crawling from twig to twig, noticing its vivid colors, its many feet, its sensitive horns. Then it had changed to a dirty, brownish color. It lost its feet, its shape, its eyes, and now hung a lifeless shell of brown skin, shaking in the wind. The wreck of manhood felt just as helpless and shapeless as the chrysalis. He too had lost all semblance of what he had been!

After their evening meal, the other lepers lay themselves down and slept heartily, while over them drifted the soft haze of wood smoke from the dying fire. Before the sun had risen they awoke, and the lone watcher lying amid the rocks, heard them cry out in joy and wonder.

"A miracle has happened—a blessed

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miracle! We are clean! We are whole!"

And forthwith they hastened cityward, with laughter and cries of rejoicing, to show themselves to the priests.

The hopeless wreckage of a man was shaken with sobs and groans of despair. Why was he thus accursed? Alone! Forsaken!

And then beside him appeared a Presence, white and radiant in the sunlight.

"Come!" said a gentle voice, "for thee is reserved a better life, a greater miracle!"

And rising, with his hand firmly held in the one outstretched to help him, the leper saw himself whole and young, clean and strong. And turning from the vile, broken body among the rocks, he went forth with One Who whispered.

"This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise!"

"Baptist Herald" Stories

Do you like to read a story which is complete in a single issue of "The Baptist Herald"? If so let the editor know, and we shall publish other fine brief stories, like this one, "Christ's Tree," from time to time.

We should also like to hear from those who prefer the longer continued story which is published in serial form. Every effort will be made to secure the best available Christian stories for the edification of our readers in 1945. Editor.

As they turned to the road together, the brown chrysalis, hanging from the twig broke open and a fluttering butterfly appeared, spreading its gorgeous wings to dry in the sunshine, before flying off into the beauty of the day.

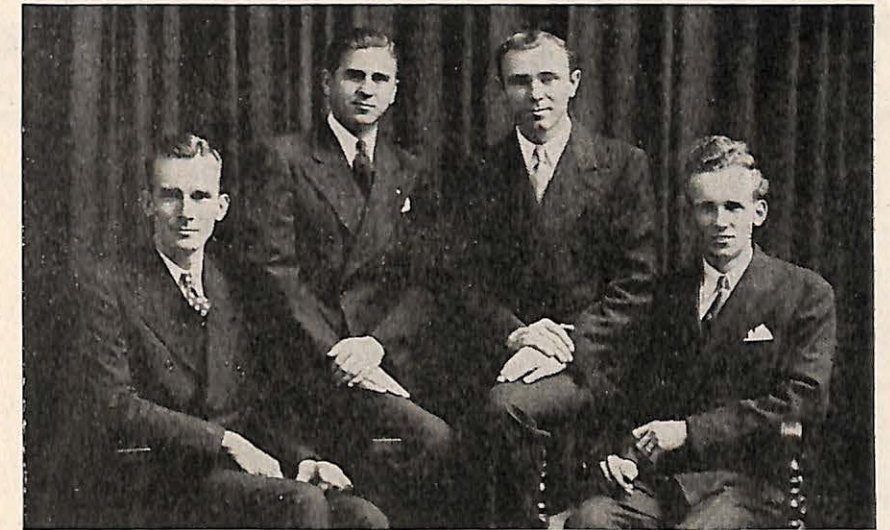
Again life had triumphed over death! Wings had risen above earthly bondage.

The Glory of Christmas

Centuries have passed, but never will the story of the Tree grow old. We go back to its youth at Christmas-tide. The Christmas-tree we set up symbolizes Christ's Tree. We sing around it the Angels song. We deck it with stars in memory of Bethlehem. We burden it with gifts that the spirit of good will and love and sacrifice may live on. And for what that Tree has meant to the world, the Christmas-tree, all trees are blessed.

Millions of little children welcome the Christmas-tree as their special joy-bringer, and it speaks ever of The Holy Child of Bethlehem. Covered with glowing lights, it stands in our city squares, at the doors of our homes, in the midst of happy family groups who have come together for this joyous festive day.

So, it is Christ's Tree at Christmas, just as it is Christ's Tree on the solemnity of the day called Good Friday; for it was His spirit and presence that touched a humble denizen of the forest and made of it "The Greatest Tree in the World!"



The 1945 Graduating Class of Our Rochester Baptist Seminary
(Left to Right: Vincent E. Sprock, Henry Smuland, Bruno C. Schreiber, and Wolfgang Gerthe.)

Seminary Graduating Class of 1945

Important Announcement by PRESIDENT GEORGE A. LANG of Rochester, N. Y.

The four splendid looking young men in the accompanying picture are this year's graduating class of our Rochester Baptist Seminary. Due to our wartime accelerated program, graduation will be held in January instead of May, 1945. There will be no May graduating class this school year, but the following class will graduate in August.

Though most of these graduating brethren will continue studying at least another semester, they will be available for our churches. We mention a few details of each as we give their names.

From left to right: Vincent E. Sprock comes from Texas and expects to continue his studies. Henry Smuland from Canada is available for bi-lingual work, though he will continue another semester in our Seminary. Bruno C. Schreiber

from Pennsylvania is entertaining a call at present, though he also will be with us another semester. Wolfgang Gerthe from Louisiana is equipped to serve in either the English or German language, but is not able to go to Canada at this time. These are all good students, who have proved themselves at school and are desirous of serving their Lord faithfully in our churches.

Our new school year begins with the 22nd of January, 1945. We will be pleased to have new students enter at that time. Any who are interested should get in touch with the Registrar or the President, 246 Alexander St., Rochester 7, N. Y., as soon as possible. Some who are in correspondence with us are planning on attending then. We would be pleased to welcome a large entering class in January.

REMINISCENCES OF AN ALUMNUS

(Continued from Page 7)

This period was somewhat difficult, but they were soon learning to speak English and were adopted by the other children into their activities and play, quickly becoming like other normal American boys and girls. Thus, the Baptist Children's Home had again opened its doors and admitted into its family three children, as it had for many others who have experienced parental bereavement or other major reverses in life's pathway.

I am one of these three children, an alumnus of ten years, looking back over the years. In review of the time spent at the Children's Home I now realize fully, which perhaps I didn't appreciate then, my indebtedness to all who are responsible and have contributed in time and effort towards the establishment of this worthy institution. During the more than five years I was privileged to reside there I enjoyed fine Christian atmosphere and under the teaching of Rev. Hans Steiger, the Superintendent of that time, acquired a fair knowledge

of the Scriptures which now aids me considerably in my Sunday School class teaching.

It was while at the Home that I accepted Christ as my personal Savior and joined the First Baptist Church at St. Joseph, Michigan, of which I am still a member. Also I was given the opportunity to attend school until I was graduated from High School, incidentally as a member of the National Honor Society of which I was not the only one from the Home family, there being others who attained that honor, indicating that all our needs, both physical and mental, were given prominent attention.

Recently I was elected to serve on the Local Committee of the Children's Home, which responsibility I consider quite an honor, and with the assurance of God's favor in this opportunity to be of service I shall endeavor, in some measure if such were possible, to repay the benefits I enjoyed as a boy while at the Home.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

Edited by MRS. BERTHA JOHNSON of Wyocena, Wisconsin

Verses of the Month

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." 2. Corinthians 9:15.

CHRISTMAS

by Pat Carney, Wyocena, Wis.

Christmas time will soon be here,
With love of God and all his cheer.
The snow will soon fall silent, white,
It comes by day and comes by night.
Christmas is a time for prayer,
We sing his praises everywhere;
We love the Lord because we know
He gives us light where'er we go.
The reason we love Christmas days
Is because we love to sing his praise.

Christmas Jumbles

Change the spelling of the bold words and the sentences will tell the Christmas story:

1. Jesus was born on **Mastrichs** day.
2. He was born in **Thehelmbe**.
3. His mother's name was **Raym**.
4. His crib was a **rangme** filled with soft hay.
5. There was no room in the **nin**.
6. When Jesus was born, shining **sangle** sang for joy.
7. The **derphshse** heard them and came to see the child.
8. The **Sewi** Men also came to see Him.
9. They were led by a **rats** in the east.
10. They brought many **figts**.
11. They brought **dogl**.
12. They brought **hyrmr**.
13. They brought **kisenfancre**.
14. Now, every Christmas, we too give **tifsg** to our friends.
15. And we tell again the story of the little **Sthric** Ditch.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The night was clear and cold, but Jimmy didn't notice the stars nor did he notice that his toes were getting cold as he walked rapidly home from work. He was particularly happy tonight. You see, Jimmy had been working as delivery boy for the Corner Grocery after school and all day Saturday ever since daddy had left him and mother. He was trying very hard to take daddy's place, so daddy would be proud of him when he returned. He had tried so hard to please Mr. Watkins and had worked very hard, and tonight, just one day before Christmas, he had received his reward. Oh, he had a wonderful surprise for mother tonight!

As Jimmy bounded up on the porch, he hardly waited until he had the door opened before he started to call, "Mom, oh, mommy! Guess what!"

Mother looked up from her book, "Why, Jimmy, what are you so excited about?"

"Oh boy, won't that big turkey look beautiful on your big blue platter—all browned up and filled with spicy dressing. I can hardly wait for Christmas day. But a whole turkey's kinda big

THANK YOU, MRS. JOHNSON!

We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Johnson for editing "The Children's Page" so ably during this past year. The children will find a "Special Notice" on this page which applies especially to them. We hope that many of you will write to Mrs. Johnson!

"Herald" Editor.

for just you and me. I wish daddy were home."

"What turkey are you talking about, Jimmy? Have you forgotten that we are going to kill our big white rooster for Christmas dinner?"

"Oh, but mother, Mr. Watkins told me tonight that he appreciates the work I have done for him and he wants to give me a nice big turkey for our Christmas dinner. He is giving one to each of the clerks, too. And they are all dressed too. Isn't that wonderful, mother?"

"Yes, son, I'm glad you have worked so hard and pleased Mr. Watkins."

Mother was really very proud of Jimmy. He was becoming a fine young man although he was just 12 years old.

The next morning, Jimmy started out for work earlier than usual. Today would be a very busy day and he had lots of orders to deliver. He was glad it was so bright and sunny. It made him feel like singing.

As he rounded the corner, he ran into Ronald Hall. Ronald was usually very happy even though he was very poor, but this morning he had tears in his big brown eyes. Jimmy put his arm around Ronald's shoulder as they walked down the street together. Ronald and Jimmy were good friends so Ronald knew he could tell Jimmy all about his troubles.

"You know my little brother had been quite sick for a long time. This morning the doctor said he would have to have an operation next week. Mother is so worried. Her pension isn't enough to pay the doctor bill, and she can't leave all us children and work. She says we can't have any Christmas now. I wish I could do something to help make Christmas happy for her and my brothers and sisters." And the tears started to fall again.

Jimmy wasn't nearly as happy as he was when he left home and all that day as he went about his work, he was very thoughtful. He wished that he could do something at least to make Christmas happy for Ronald and his family. Surely, the doctor bill could be taken care of somehow.

"Oh, hello, Mrs. Calvin, here is your order of groceries. It sure is a nice day, isn't it?" He was trying so hard to be pleasant, but Mrs. Calvin could tell by his eyes that he was sad about something.

"Thank you, Jimmy, but why are you sad today?"

Jimmy told her about Ronald.

"Why bless your heart, Jimmy, I believe I can help. I bought a sweater for my grandson and it's too large. I know it would just fit Ronald. And I have some games upstairs that we have

never used. I believe I can find something for his mother and the rest of the children, too. I'll get busy and wrap the things right away."

Jimmy had a chance to tell several others about Ronald and his family during the day and everyone was glad to help. As the day wore on, Jimmy became happy again because he knew Ronald and his family would have a happy Christmas anyway.

At six o'clock Mr. Watkins told Jimmy he could go home because he knew Jimmy had a part in the Christmas program at the church. He handed Jimmy a big shopping bag containing his turkey. As Jimmy walked along he thought again about Ronald and he wondered what they would have for Christmas dinner. "I'll bet they won't have a turkey. Maybe not even a chicken," he thought. And then an idea popped into his head. He hadn't asked his mother but he knew she would approve.

Mrs. Hall came to the door. "Hello, Mrs. Hall, here's a package for you from the Corner Grocery. I must hurry along home to get ready for our program. Merry Christmas!"

He had noticed the tears in her eyes, and he knew they were tears of thankfulness and joy.

He hurried on home, told his mother the whole story and they got busy and killed their rooster and had him all dressed before the program.

"Hey, Jim, why don't you get up on Christmas morning!"

Jimmy's eyes popped open. That's daddy—and he was out of bed before his dad reached his door. He had surprised them and come home to spend the day with them. What fun they had opening their gifts together! That noon when they sat down to eat and thanked God for all the good things he had given, they were especially happy because they knew they had helped to make someone else's Christmas happy, too.

Special Notice

We hope all of you have been learning your verses each month. With the two verses on this page, you should have learned 14 verses. To refresh your memory, here are the verses you should have learned:

Matt. 7:7	John 3:3
John 1:12	Matt. 28:20
Matt. 6:33	Psalm 23:1
John 14:6	Mark 11:24
Matt. 11:28	Psalm 1:1
Acts 16:31	Luke 2:11
John 15:7	2. Cor. 9:15

If you will write down all these verses and send them to me, we have a very fine prize to send you. Let's get busy and see how many of us can get one of these prizes.

This will be the last Children's Page which I shall write for you. I want to thank you all for your interest and I hope that I may meet some of you some day. I want to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. God bless you all!

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

God's Many Blessings at the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas

We of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas, have every reason to praise and thank God for the many blessings, both spiritual and material, which we have been permitted to enjoy.

All organizations of the church have been cooperating with our pastor, the Rev. Ben Fadenrecht, who has been faithful in proclaiming the fundamental Gospel to the unsaved and to the edification of us all.

The hand of fellowship was extended to seven persons recently. It was our privilege to have the Kansas Association with us from Oct. 23 to 25. This Fall we redecorated the interior of our church and put in a new hardwood floor.

On Sunday, October 29, we held our Mission Festival. Prof. Waldo Hiebert, the Rev. W. J. Becker and Chaplain Otto Nallinger were the guest speakers of the day. The total mission offering amounted to \$329.

Mrs. Alvah Ihde, Reporter.

Inspiring Programs Are Held by the B. Y. P. U. of La Salle, Colorado

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado, had the pleasure of having Dr. Foot as guest speaker on Sunday evening, Sept. 24. Dr. Foot has been a Baptist missionary to Japan for the past thirty years. He is now stationed in Colorado to work among the Japanese evacuees from other states. The topic of Dr. Foot's very interesting sermon was "Demon Possessed." Several of our Japanese neighbors from around La Salle were present.

Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1, was the date of the La Salle B. Y. P. U.'s annual business meeting. We elected our new officers, as follows: president, Carl Jepsen; vice-president, Mrs. Harold Bohalder; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Kreiger; reporter, Evelyn Meyer; Cheer Messenger, Florence Croissant; pianists, Anna Jepsen and Patty Staudinger; adult advisor, Mr. Fred Meyer; and group leaders, Anna Jepsen and Mr. Adam Morser.

Dr. Field was introduced by our master of ceremonies, Mrs. Harold Bohalder, as guest speaker at our annual B. Y. P. U. fifth Sunday program on Oct. 29. Dr. Field is the director of Religious Education of Colorado. Dr. Field's sermon on "Expanding Fellowship" was very inspiring and heart touching. The audience was also favored with a solo and two numbers by the choir. Evelyn Meyer, Reporter.

Sessions of the Kansas Association Held at the Dickinson County Church of Kansas

The Kansas Association held its annual meeting in the First Church of Dickinson County (Elmo) near Dillon, Kansas, from Nov. 23 to 25. The entire meeting was permeated with a fine manifestation of the Spirit of God.

The Rev. F. G. Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas, was guest speaker for the Sunday services preceding the association meeting, in which he bore in mind the theme of the meetings, "The Believer in a World of Need."

The Rev. Theo. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas, preached the evening message that officially opened the annual session. Mr. Dons also led the association in inspirational devotions.

Considerable prominence was given the Sunday School as is evidenced by the messages given on Tuesday's program: "The Sunday School a Soul Winning Agency," Mr. Ferris; "The Sunday School a Bible Teaching Agency," Miss Ann Swain; "The Sunday School an Employment Agency," Rev. L. Smith; "The Sunday School a Missionary Agency," Rev. Otto Pankratz; and "The Sunday School a Church Training Agency," Rev. John Weinbender. Rev. C. Gossen of Marion, Kansas, closed the day with an evangelistic service, preaching on the text, "What Must I do to be Saved?"

Wednesday's program was centered on the believer, and the following messages were given: "The Believer's Spiritual Experience," Rev. Otto Pankratz; "The Believer and His Bible," Rev. A. Schulz; "The Believer and His Prayer Life," Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, (Nebraska); "The Believer and His Community," Rev. J. Weinbender; "The Believer and His Business," Rev. F. G. Ferris. The moderator, Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, preached the closing message.

The new officers for the association are: moderator, Rev. B. Fadenrecht; secretary, Rev. L. Smith; treasurer, Mr. Hildebrand of Stafford. The association will hold its annual session in Stafford, Kansas, in 1945.

We believe the Kansas Association has every reason to rejoice and to be optimistic in its outlook for the ensuing years. Fred G. Ferris, Reporter.

Highlights of the Oklahoma Association Sessions Held at the Bessie Baptist Church

The Oklahoma Association of the North American Baptist Churches met at Bessie, Oklahoma, from October 27 to 29. Ordinarily the sessions cover a period of four days, but this time the first day was given to the examination for ordination of the newly-called pastor, Mr. G. W. Neubert, of the Bessie church.

The theme of the association was "The Word of God Speaks." It was well discussed by the six pastors and their audiences. The single point re-

ceiving the most emphasis was the one of "personal witnessing." This year the church reports were heartening. Each church reported gains either in attendance or by baptism.

Highlighting the day meetings was the subject of our "new born babes," the Scripture Memory and Scripture Reading Courses. Discussion of these subjects was accompanied with intense interest. These projects have taken well with the churches, and especially the children and the young people. Miss Ann Swain, our conference Scripture Memory worker, was with us. She did a good job of boosting these courses still more, and also discussed different angles of an effective Sunday School.

Those of us who were there can say with the Psalmist, "I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing and praise to thy name, O thou most High."

Menno Harms, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Wonderful Revival at Sumner and Elgin, Iowa With Evangelist Chas E. Neighbour

The Baptist Churches of Sumner and Elgin, Iowa, enjoyed two weeks of revival meetings at each place under the ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Chas. E. Neighbour of San Gabriel, California, recently. At Sumner a large tent was pitched on the church grounds to accommodate the attendance, which was six times as large as the membership. Likewise, at Elgin a capacity crowd assembled in the church to hear the gospel.

Fifteen persons confessed Christ as their Savior, two in Sumner and thirteen in Elgin. These ranged in age from 9 to about 70 years, among whom was a grandmother, a married couple, five young people, and seven children.

A number of new family altars were established and dedicated. For 24 hours we had a continuous prayer cycle in the church with a different person in charge every half hour.

Mr. Neighbour is a nationally recognized Bible teacher and evangelist and is his own song leader. He is a man of great Bible knowledge, wide experience, and forceful speech. Mrs. Neighbour is an artist on the piano, organ, and marimba. Her gift marimba is one of the finest in the country. She renders a ministry of music that is of great inspiration and attraction.

The Maranatha Evangelistic Association, Inc., of which one of the Sumner members is a vice-president, sponsors and makes it possible for Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour to offer financial terms of free-will missionary offerings, 50 per cent of which are designated by the local church and 40 per cent by the Maranatha Evangelistic Association. The total offerings at Sumner amounted to \$353.53 and at Elgin \$466.37.

Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor.

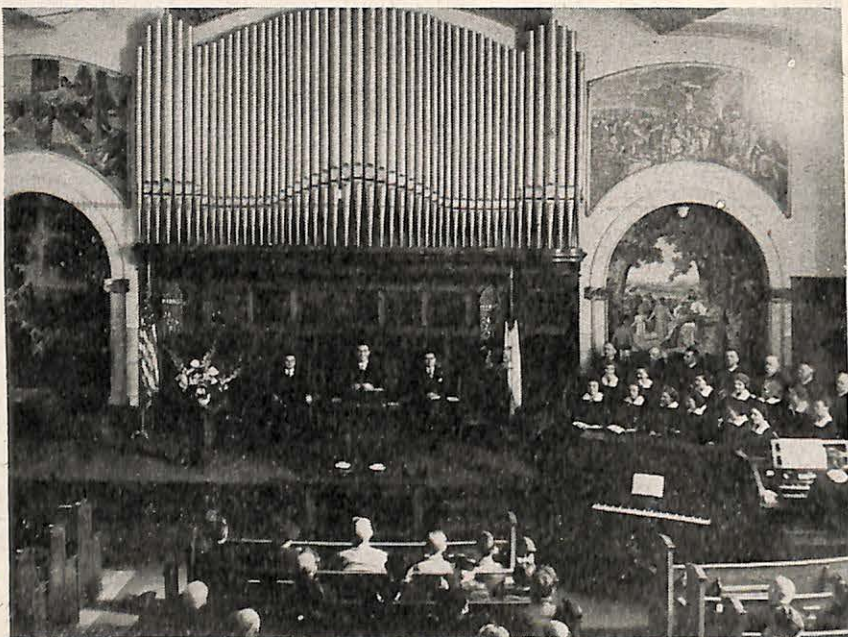
Newly Organized B. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa

On Sunday evening, October 8, the young people of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, met to organize their B. Y. P. U. There are 26 charter members. The new pastor, the Rev. J. J. Renz, had charge of the meeting.

The officers who were elected are as follows: president, Frances Mulder; vice-president, Arlis Reemtsma; secretary, Claretta Kruse; treasurer, John Winter; program committee, Grace Krull, Helen Winter and Helene Mulder.

We are looking forward to a time of great fellowship each Sunday evening. With God's help may our young people's group grow in Christian faith through these meetings.

Claretta Kruse, Reporter.



An Impressive Scene in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., at a Special Church School Observance With Rev. J. C. Gunst, (Left), Rev. T. W. Bender, Pastor (Standing), and Rev. Douglas Eadie on the Platform

The Immanuel Sunday School of Milwaukee Wins the Coveted Achievement Award

The Immanuel Baptist Sunday School of Milwaukee, Wis., has taken its place in the ranks of those who attained the Achievement Award, offered by the Northern Baptist Convention, to those who qualified by attaining the ten goal points. All achievement is costly, but the grace of God is sufficient for all our needs when we undertake anything for the advancement of his Kingdom.

It was not too difficult to meet the requirements. That which entailed the most effort was the keeping of records, which at Immanuel was efficiently taken care of by Mrs. Mary Denomme. She is largely responsible for the success of our efforts.

The Achievement Award was presented to our Sunday School at the morning service on Oct. 15 by Rev. Douglas Eadie, a representative of the Northern Baptist Convention. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Chicago, our own newly elected young people's secretary, was also present at this occasion. Mr. Gunst

brought us a message that Sunday evening, and also gave the prayer at the Sunday School and Youth Workers' Consecration service which followed.

The achievement goals are as follows: 1. A Church School, 2. A Bible School, 3. A Baptist School, 4. An Evangelistic School, 5. A Missionary School, 6. A Growing School, 7. A Graded School, 8. A Planned School, 9. A Leader-trained School, and 10. A Church-going School.

Although up-to-date, the Immanuel Sunday School is one of twenty schools to attain the award, we feel that many other churches qualify but have not kept records which are necessary for a check up. It is not difficult, and we hope that other schools will be encouraged to try.

One way in which we profited by the Achievement Plan was the impetus we received toward a more complete de-

partmentalization. Now each age group has its own department. Thus we hope, by patient endeavor and earnest prayer, to do more effective work in the training of our youth.

Another step forward is the monthly Workers' Conference at which we expect to discuss such timely topics as Creative Teaching, Worship, Evangelism, etc. These topics are developed by selected workers and discussed by all.

A number of our church members have formed a Bible Study Class which will meet once a week to study the Introductory Course offered by the Moody Correspondence School.

The youth of our church has three Fellowships, the Junior, Junior High, and the Senior. These meet on Sunday evening before the service. Together these young people form a prayer group which meets on Wednesday evening for their own service during the regular prayer meeting. The young people take turns leading the worship periods. Our prayer sessions are a source of inspiration and joy, strength and encouragement. Every young person participates in testimony and prayer. These three

groups take turns conducting the evening church service once a month.

Our prayer for our denomination and all of our churches is: "Establish the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it."

Miss Ruth C. Doescher, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Convention of the Pacific Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union at Vancouver, British Columbia

God opened wide the heavenly portals as he showered blessings unnumbered upon those who gathered at the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., on October 28 and 29 to attend the Pacific Northwest Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union sessions of the association.

On Saturday afternoon our hosts took us on a sightseeing tour of their marvelous city. Then followed the much awaited banquet in the dining room of the church amidst the beautiful fall flowers and colored leaves used in decoration.

Mr. Paul Krueger, the editor of our "Pacific Northwest Reporter," gave thanks to the churches of Colfax, Vancouver and Tacoma for their fine work in preparing the editions in the past year.

Miss Esther Blandau of Tacoma reported about our new missionaries, Lois and Earl Ahrens, now out on the high seas headed for the Cameroons. She also told of the wonderful way in which the Tacoma Church worked toward their enormous love offering for their young servants of the Lord.

Mr. Henry Schmunk reported the results of the Gebauer Return to Africa project during the past year. The goal set at \$400 was far surpassed as our churches responded with \$852.62. The Colfax Church won the painted photograph of Paul and Clara Gebauer, which was the reward offered to the group having reached the highest percentage over its individual goal.

Dr. Wm. Kuhn spoke of the church as a "Garden of God." We were deeply touched as he spoke of his great love for the young people.

Captain B. W. Krentz, Chaplain at Fort Lewis, Washington, was an outstanding blessing throughout the convention. He delighted us especially on Sunday afternoon when he spoke to us of his personal experiences as Chaplain of the U. S. Army. During the song service we were lifted high as he expertly played his trombone.

Our president, Mrs. Paul Krueger, led us in a touching memorial service, having herself recently lost her beloved brother, Lt. Gerald E. Mohr of Colfax.

The Vancouver Men's Choir of 20 voices, the mixed choir of 40 voices and the 15 piece orchestra were highlights during this convention. We pray God's continued blessings on their excellent work.

The Rev. Hugo Zepik closed the meeting of Sunday evening with a call to those who have not yet tasted and seen that the Lord is, indeed, good.

Mrs. Ben Schmidt, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota Recently Celebrated Its Sixtieth Anniversary

Sunday, November 5, was a memorable day for the Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota, for on that date friends of the neighboring churches had come early to participate in the celebration of the church's 60th anniversary. Although the winter had come all of a sudden, still the house of God was soon filled with guests.

The motto of the celebration, put up against the wall behind the pulpit, caught the eye of the visitor at once as he stepped inside the door. These were the impressive words: "Thine Be the Glory". Truly, these words gave expression to the spirit of the whole program of the anniversary.

The session of the Sunday School was opened by the superintendent, Mr. Clarence Seidel. The following were called upon to speak: Adam Zuber of Fessenden, Rev. O. W. Brenner of George, Iowa, and Rev. H. P. Kayser of Roseville, Mich. These speakers touched upon happy experiences of the past.

Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker of the anniversary occasion. Beside him sat two former pastors of the church, Rev. O. W. Brenner and Rev. H. P. Kayser. Dr. Kuhn's message was based upon Eph. 3: 20-21. The speaker called our attention to the fact that it was Jesus who was the chief benefactor of the Church in the past. For that reason it is evident that to him belongs all the glory.

At the close of the forenoon service the pastor of the church, Rev. Daniel Klein, felt led by the spirit to call upon the worshipers to bring the offering at that time for the Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. The pastor expected at least \$1000 for that purpose. To our great surprise, in the afternoon meeting, this information was announced regarding the offering that \$1200.00 had been given by the people. "Thine be the glory".

At noon all the guests were heartily invited to the dinner tables in the basement. The generous hospitality of the church was appreciated by all the visitors. In the afternoon meeting we had the privilege to listen to brief messages of encouragement by the pastors of the neighboring churches: Rev. G. W. Pust of the Fessenden Church, Rev. Richard Grenz of the Cathay Church, and Rev. Alfred Weissner of the Carrington Church. Also Rev. F. W. Bartel, our general evangelist, brought a short message.

After the evening meal we assembled once more. The Rev. O. W. Brenner was the guest speaker of the evening. The people in the audience were also given an opportunity for remarks and testimonies. Brother Brenner's message was based upon the text in Heb. 12:2. "Looking Unto Him". Mr. Brenner also conducted meetings every evening during the week following the celebration.

H. P. Kayser, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Sixtieth Anniversary is Observed at the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan

The days of Nov. 10 to 12 will long be remembered in the life of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., when we celebrated the 60th anniversary of our church. We had the joy and privilege of having Rev. Martin L. Leuschner with us for the three days.

Friday evening, Nov. 10, was Young People's and Sunday School night. Leonard Schwenke, our Sunday School



The Sunday School and Congregation of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., on the Occasion of a Recent Visit by Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau of Tacoma, Washington

superintendent, led the service. A reading was given by Glen Timm. We were then favored with a solo by Miss Doris Dietz and a number by the Men's Chorus. Very interesting films were shown by Mr. Leuschner on the missionary work in the Cameroons.

On Saturday evening "Church Night" was held. This service was in charge of our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, who shared the platform with the deacons, Messrs. Arnold Kirschner, John Timm and Fred Paad. A very fitting reading entitled, "The Church and the World," was read by Miss Joan McMillan.

Musical selections were rendered by Misses Saily Weinkauff and Phyllis Knauf and by the Men's Chorus, which was followed by the recognition of members. A gift was presented to Mrs. Jacob Ziel, the oldest member of our congregation. Films were then shown by Mr. Leuschner about the work that our churches are doing for the Lord.

The Sunday morning service was conducted in the usual order. Mr. Leuschner brought the message, speaking on the subject, "A Book of Remembrance."

A candlelight service in the evening was a glorious event which marked the close of our anniversary. We had the honor of having Alpena's Mayor, Mr. H. Kurrash, in our midst. He spoke in behalf of the city and favored us with two violin solos accompanied by Miss Laura Behnke. Brief talks were given by Arnold Kirschner representing the church, Mrs. John Timm for the Ladies' Missionary Society, Edward Ratzloff for the Men's Brotherhood, Leonard Schwenke for the Sunday School, Ferdinand Timm for the Young People's Fellowship Club, and Pvt. Morris Tripp

who was home on a furlough. A very inspirational message was then brought by Mr. Leuschner which brought our anniversary services to a close. Refreshments were served in the church dining room following the evening service.

Since the church's Golden Jubilee in 1934, the two pastors of the past decade had the joy of baptizing 52 believers upon confession of their faith in Christ and the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to 75 in all. All the branches of our church have been doing a very fine work in the interest of God's Kingdom.

We are making plans to build a new edifice of worship in the future, since our Sunday School is growing so rapidly and we have not sufficient room. Two

very fine offerings were taken during our anniversary program for the Building Fund, amounting to almost \$150. God truly has blessed our work in the past and may he guide us in the plans we have for the future, that at all times we may abide in his will.

Since 1885 this church has been served by 14 pastors, whose names are as follows: A. H. Thiel, 1885-1891; Carl Roth, 1892-1893; Ferdinand Grimm, 1893-1895; George Bornschlegel, 1895-1900; G. R. Mayhack, 1900-1902; J. J. Berger, 1902-1904; W. A. Schocn, 1905-1907; G. Engelmann, 1908-1913; G. Mengel, 1913-1922; G. Wetter, 1923-1926; W. P. Rueckheim, 1926-1928; F. W. Guenther, 1928-1934; W. C. Damrau, 1934-1938; W. W. Knauf, 1939-.

Alma Paad, Reporter.

:: OBITUARY ::

CHARLES LOWELL BUSSE of George, Iowa

Charles Lowell Busse, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Busse, was born on December 26, 1921 at Sibley, Iowa. He passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 9, 1944 to be with the Lord—at the age of 22 years, 10 months and 13 days. In 1923 the parents moved near George, Iowa, where Charles received his education and grew to manhood. He found his Lord in July 1943 and was a loyal attendant at the church services until his death.

He leaves to mourn his early departure his parents, four brothers, a sister, relatives and many friends. The Rev. J. J. Renz and the Rev. J. Jordan spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. Blessed are they who die in the Lord forevermore!

First Baptist Church, George, Iowa.
J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

A CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

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One of the popular war songs which always arouses my righteous anger and wrath is this one: "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Such blasphemy! Are the people not rather passing the Lord and praising the ammunition? Christ said: "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." (Matthew 12:36). O, that we might remember these words and do all to the glory of God.

One outstanding reason why our lives are not as fruitful, joyful and full of God's peace and power as they should be is because we do not glorify and praise him enough. He is willing and able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, if we let him have full control in our lives. It takes both God and man to make a true Christmas. God so loved us that he gave his Son, announced his birth, and revealed him to man. We are to come, behold the glory of God in Christ Jesus, worship him, consecrate ourselves fully to him, spread the good tidings of great joy to all people, and glorify and praise the Lord for all his goodness. He has done his part; have we done ours?

A Truly Christian Christmas

According to Webster's dictionary, Christmas is the festival celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. The fact of Christmas and its observance is definitely found in God's Word, and was observed God's way. The first Christmas was Christ-centered and intensely spiritual. It was observed only by those who were the Lord's. The only part unbelievers had in it was to hear the good news and decide for themselves what they wanted to do about it. The shepherds saw the angel of the Lord and the multitude of the heavenly host, beheld the glory of the Lord, obeyed his message, spread the news abroad, and glorified and praised God for it all, while the wise men worshiped and adored Christ and gave him their very best.

Since then Christians have often joined hands with the world, which has resulted in the believer's compromise with the enemy in many things. In this way Christians have often lost their hold on the things of God. Gradually the Christian's attitude toward unbelievers and the things of the world changed and the restrictions were lowered. It was hoped that more people would be won to Christ in this way. Soon, however, the church had numbers of unregenerate members who brought pagan elements with them, many of which were ultimately accepted.

Gradually the world took charge, even in spiritual things, before Christians realized it. This explains why Christmas has to a great extent become a material festival in which Christ does not have the preeminence. O, that we might get back to God's Word and observe Christmas in such a way that Christ might have the preeminence in all things.



NATIONWIDE BIBLE READING

Suggestions on HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

- 1—Read thoughtfully and reverently.
- 2—Read seeking a helpful message for the day.
- 3—Underline passages that impress you as you read.
- 4—Pick out one short verse for the day's meditation.
- 5—Set aside a definite daily time for reading and keep it faithfully.
- 6—Let your reading guide your living.
- 7—Enter the New Year as a daily reader of the Bible.

TOPICS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

January 7 to 12

(Prepared by Dr. William Kuhn for Use by Our Churches)

General Theme:

CHRIST TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY

Monday, January 8

Pray in the Right Spirit

"Our Father who art in heaven."

Tuesday, January 9

Pray for God's Interests First

"Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Wednesday, January 10

Pray for Supplying Our Daily Needs

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Thursday, January 11

Pray for the Forgiveness of Our Transgressions

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Friday, January 12

Pray for Our Deliverance from Temptation

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Do You Know That...?

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

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The Abyssinian Baptist Church (colored) of New York City now has more than 14,000 members and 28 directors to help administer the program.

Men who are run down wind up in the hospital.

Utah and Washington are the only states in the Union whose constitutions actually forbid religious instruction in the public schools.

Scientists are now agreed that the interior of the earth is not so hot. In our opinion, the same should be said of the exterior.

The total crime bill of the United States is annually about six times the cost of the public school systems.

A sign at the library read, "Only low talk permitted here."

According to a Gallup Survey made recently there are 13,000,000 people in the United States who read their Bible every day.

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation.

Surplus medical supplies of the U. S. forces that may be available after the war are being sought for mission hospitals.

Said the raindrop to the particle of dust: "This settles you?"

It will be time enough for men to talk about changing religion when they grow up to this one.

Many marriages crack up when the installment collector cracks down.

The volume of passenger traffic on railroads in 1943, measured in passenger miles, was more than twice as great as in 1918.

One trouble with the world is that there are always more victors than spoils.

A Catholic girl in Mexico who was known to be attending a Protestant organization was publicly rebuked from the pulpit and asked to leave the church.

We call him "asthma" because he is so full of old wheezes.

Although the United States has but six per cent of the population of the world, in 1929 it owned 40 per cent of the world's wealth.

He was so conceited that every time he looked into the mirror he took a bow.

Negro teachers in the South have 80 per cent as much training as the white teachers, but receive only 50 per cent as much salary and have 30 per cent more children to teach.

It might be well to bear in mind that when Uncle Sam plays Santa Claus it is the taxpayer who holds the bag.