



"I have known the silence of the stars and of the sea . . .
And the silence for which music alone finds the word,
And the silence of the woods before the winds of spring begin."
—EDGAR LEE MASTERS.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● On the Thursday evenings of January, the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, held cottage prayer meetings in 18 different homes each week with unusual results. A total of 490 persons attended the first three evenings and the total for the four services reached the 700 mark. Services were held in 72 different homes. Deacons and deaconesses, besides the pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, were the leaders at the various meetings.

● On Friday evening, Jan. 14, the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak., gathered in the social hall of the church to celebrate the wedding anniversaries of two church families. They were the 30th anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zimmerman and the 43rd for Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Gross. An informal program followed the surprise upon these couples. The Rev. Edward Kary, pastor, extended the hand of fellowship into the church to four new members on Sunday, Jan. 23.

● The Rev. J. K. Warkentin is beginning his pastorate in the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, in February. At the recent annual business meeting of the church the following were elected as officers of the church: H. T. Engelbrecht, clerk; Louis F. Spross, treasurer; John Bohne, reserve treasurer; Lillie Mae Spross, pianist. The Sunday School officers were also elected as follows: Walter Gauer, superintendent; Alfred Hoppe, treasurer; and Elizabeth Freyer, secretary.

● On Sunday, Jan. 16, the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., dedicated new United States, Christian and Service flags at an impressive service. Professors O. E. Krueger and A. Bretschneider and the pastor, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, took part in the dedication ceremony. Mr. Fuchs preached on the theme, "Give To Us Peace, O Lord". On Sunday morning, Jan. 23, a special service of recognition and consecration of all the officers of the church and Sunday School was held. Mr. John Helwig is the Sunday School superintendent.

● The Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt of Chicago, Ill., have received the purple heart decoration which was awarded posthumously by the United States government to their son, Lt. Robert Schmidt, who was killed in action in Italy on Nov. 11, 1943. A letter was

also received from Mr. Henry L. Stimson, secretary of the War Department, in which the bravery of Lt. Robert Schmidt was described. Lt. Alice Schmidt, a United States Army Nurse, is stationed at present somewhere in New Guinea. She is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt.

● The Rev. Otto Nallinger, pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, has received his appointment as a United States Army Chaplain and since Feb. 1st has been at the Chaplain's School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., where he will spend five weeks in training.

General Conference Program

On Friday, Jan. 28, several members of the Program Committee for the General Conference together with its chairman, Rev. L. B. Holzer, met in Forest Park, Illinois, to set up the program for the conference sessions. A promising program has been arranged and will be announced in full in forthcoming issues of "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote".

The Conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., from May 11 to 14, 1944. An important announcement about lodging reservations appears on page eight of this issue.

He is on leave of absence from the Salt Creek Church of Oregon. On Sunday evening, Jan. 23, he preached in the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., in which he also served as a student assistant during the summer of 1937.

● The Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., gladdened the heart of its pastor, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, and family at the Watch Night service by presenting him with a gift of \$250. Shortly before that, after the prayer meeting, the church gave the Kaisers a pantry shower. During the Week of Prayer services were held each evening which were very well attended and at which united prayers were offered for a world-wide revival, for more souls to be won for Christ, for the manifest fruits of the Spirit, and for peace.

● On Sunday, Dec. 26, and again at the Watch Night service on New Year's Eve, Mr. William Jeschke of Nokomis, Sask., a student at the Rochester Baptist Seminary, served as guest speaker at the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan. The pulpit of the Lansing Church was supplied on Sunday, Jan. 2, by Mr. Edwin Miller of Benton Harbor, Mich., also a student at the Seminary. On Jan. 9 and for a week thereafter the Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Mich., conducted evangelistic services at the Lansing Church.

● Chaplain Paul Gebauer recently spent two weeks on a furlough from Fort Benning, Georgia, where he has been stationed, by travelling to the Pacific Coast and spending a few days with his wife and daughter, Anne, at McMinnville, Oregon. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, he spoke in the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill. He also spent a part of Jan. 19 on his return trip at headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., visiting with Dr. Wm. Kuhn and M. L. Leuschner. His present address is 14th Armored Div., APO 446, Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

● On Jan. 21 the young people's society of the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, held a birthday party. The tables in the basement were decorated according to the months of the year and about one hundred young people gathered around the tables. An "Open House" program was given with everyone contributing something toward the program. After the program the ladies served lunch. The money which was realized went into "the Church Building Fund" so that a larger church can be built, which at present is too small for the church's needs.

● At the Watch Night service of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., the young people were in charge of the program and presented the Rev. W. Rice, missionary to Nicaragua, Central America, as guest speaker. The Christmas program of the Sunday School was given on the evening of Dec. 25th with Mr. Henry Schmunk, superintendent, in charge. Many recitations and songs, the playlet, "Through Other Eyes", by the Joy Girls and a message by the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, featured the program. The Week of Prayer from Jan. 4 to 7 was observed with services held in various homes of church families.

● The Rev. Donald G. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., began a series of Sunday evening sermons on Jan. 9 with the following subjects: "Why I Am a Theist", (I believe in God—I am not an atheist); "Why I Am a Christian" (I trust in Christ as one of the Trinity—I am not a Unitarian); "Why I Am a Protestant" (I stand on the Word of God alone—I am not a Roman Catholic); "Why I Am a Baptist" (presenting the distinctive beliefs of Baptists); and "Why I Am a North American Baptist" (not Southern Baptist—not Northern Baptist). The series of sermons has aroused a great deal of interest in the church and community.

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Coming!

SPECIAL MISSIONARY ISSUE

Articles by Dr. William Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, and by others and a number of interesting pictures will portray the purposes of the Easter Offering to be received by our churches for God's great mission field.

THE CALL OF THE CAMEROONS

Miss Laura E. Reddig, our missionary nurse now at home on furlough, will bring a passionate plea for more workers and laborers for the field that is white already unto harvest in the Cameroons of Africa.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

A new mission project is to be launched by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in the interest of the "Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies". Watch for the announcement and join the crusade!

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The Hand of God

IN ALL OF LIFE there is nothing so gentle nor so stern as the hand of God. It brings a calmness that defies all description to storm tossed hearts. It can project itself into our experiences to rebuke and chasten us for our foolish ways. It makes God real to us.

In the confusion and darkness of life we need this hand of God to guide us aright. What a thrilling experience of faith it is for us as children of God, in the midst of uncertainties, to see the hand of God rising out of the mists of life and clearly pointing out the way upon which he wants us to walk! The assurance of that guidance by the hand of God can be one of the foundation stones of our lives, until we can say with the Psalmist: "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139:10).

Life has its hours of anguish and sorrow for every man. All of us are in need at times of the soothing touch of comfort. Fears must be dispelled from our hearts and fevers must be driven from our heated brows. In such moments there is glorious comfort in knowing that "the hand of our God is upon all them that seek him, for good," (Ezra 8:22), and we can believe, "My times are in thy hands." (Psalm 31:15)

Let us not forget the holiness of God nor the stern demands of his commandments upon our lives. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God." (1. Peter 5:6.) As in the days of Samuel when "the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod" and was "against the city of the Philistines with a very great destruction," (1. Samuel 5:6, 9), so the hand of God is still one of judgment and chastisement today. For the unrighteous man, the sinner, "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Heb. 10:31.)

The hand has always been a symbol of consecration and benediction. It is God's commission to us to go out and witness for him. It is his seal of approval upon our ministry. It is his everlasting promise to surround us with his lovingkindness and blessing. So "the hand of the Lord was on Elijah", (1. Kings 18:46), and Ezekiel, the prophet, could say: "The hand of the Lord was strong upon me." (Ezek. 3:14.)

May this assurance overwhelm us with comfort and joy that we are hidden securely in the hollow of His hand. Then the enfolding power of that hand of God will be a precious experience in our lives!



Munkacsy's Marvelous Painting, "Christ on Calvary", Revealing the Glory of Him, Who Gave Himself "as a Ransom for Many"

Revealing Blood

The First of Three Articles on the Theme, "Blood in Action"
by PROF. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

THE HOME FRONT is more or less involved in every war. To keep the home fires burning men and women work harder, produce more, and do with less. Children suffer intensely of fear and also of want in due time. The helpless are distressed by the thought of adding to the burdens of the already overburdened. The air force brings the battle right to hearth and home, turning the bombed city into an inferno of destruction, which takes the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians, including innocent children.

Power in the Blood

As for the fighters themselves, medical science is doing a remarkable job of repair work. Human blood has taken on a new significance. Blood banks all over the land are storing up great quantities of concentrated life and energy in blood plasma, which is sent by air to every battle front. The old gospel hymn, "There Is Power in the Blood", is taking on an added meaning.

The much discussed and often discarded "blood theology" is getting new support through this realistic analogy. Spiritual realities are brought down to the level of conceptual thinking by the use of parables. We have here a new parable. If your blood saved the life of a lad bleeding to death on Guadalcanal, why should not the spirit of Christ, demonstrated in the shedding of his blood, save a soul by spiritual transfusion? Indeed, there is power in blood!

Every good man is worth more to his country alive than dead. Every normal man would rather give a long life of useful service to his land than

to spend his blood in a moment on the battlefield. The supreme sacrifice, however, is not fifty years of self-denying service, but the giving of one's life when duty calls. Millions are making that sacrifice today.

The Love of Christ

"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." An ordinary man will scarcely die for a righteous man; he might do so for a good man. According to Paul: "God demonstrated his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Nothing seems to have been clearer in Paul's mind than the conviction that the death of Christ occurred to demonstrate the fact of God's love.

There is a great deal of confused thinking concerning the motivation of God in sending his Son into this world. All of this is due to the misguided effort to force the truth of the atonement into the straight-jacket of this or that theory. Since no theory can be carried through without conflict or contradiction, it is better to forget about theories and to cling to the fact that "Christ loved me and gave himself for me."

A generation ago a young man under the constraint of the love of Christ applied for an appointment to the foreign field. Before the ordination council he manifested much confusion about the doctrine of the atonement. When asked whether he thought that Christ had died to appease the wrath of God or to demonstrate his love, he said he did not know. For that reason some of the members of the council did not vote for his ordination. Though confused about theology, he had no confusion about the love of

Christ which carried him into the darkness and lovelessness of paganism, where he rendered a service of outstanding devotion until his Lord called him home.

God's Heart Revealed

Practically all we need to know about the atonement is contained in John 3:16. "God so loved — that he gave." There is nothing in this verse about an angry God, whose wrath needed to be appeased, whose mind had to be changed, all of which is supposed to have happened when he saw his Son die upon the cross. The blood shed on Calvary did not change God's mind; it revealed his heart.

Centuries before this event of the all-sufficient demonstration of God's love, the word had come to his people through the mouth of Jeremiah: "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love and in lovingkindness have I drawn thee." In the mind of God the "lamb was slain before the foundation of the world." But not until the fulness of time had come, did Christ appear in history to make tangible God's propitiation for our sins.

Not only does the blood of Christ reveal the love of God; it also declares his holiness. All war propaganda seeks to stir up righteous indignation against the atrocious enemy, whose wickedness must be destroyed. Men who volunteer their service may do so from a two-fold motive: love of country and hatred for the iniquity of the enemy. Such men are willing to shed their blood that wickedness may be blotted out. John seems to have sensed such motivations in the heart of Christ. He says: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." We concede that by his death Christ did more to reveal the love of God and destroy the works of the devil than by his life.

Sinfulness Revealed

Incidentally, his blood also reveals the sinfulness of man. The nation, which had been elevated to the highest moral plane known to man, debased itself by killing the best person who had ever appeared upon the face of the earth. By the fact of its and our own unity with the human race, we are all in the same category and are basically no better and no worse than the Jews. We all share a common guilt and must seek a common salvation.

If, then, the death of Christ did not change God's mind but revealed his heart, did it do nothing to him? Yes, indeed, it made it possible for him to forgive sins and still to maintain a moral order in the universe. Sin without consequences and indiscriminate forgiveness would lead to moral chaos. But who would kill his devoted son that he might spare the life of his problem child? Many accuse God of such folly. But he is not guilty of

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A New Day of Pioneering in Africa

A Recent Letter by Missionary GEORGE A. DUNGER of the Cameroons
Addressed to the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey

OUR thoughts have often traversed the far distances between the Cameroons and the home land. At such times we wonder what it must feel like to have frequent and immediate contact with our loved ones and friends again.

The only contacts with white people which we have here are the occasional visits of a Government Officer or the manager of the United Africa Company. The Government Officers come from Bamenda, about 90 miles distant, and the businessman, living at Mamfe, has to cover about 180 miles before reaching here. Those distances do not mean much at home, but they mean a great deal in this part of the world.

Radio Reception

The only other contacts with western civilization are letters. However, we have had none from home for about two months! Yes, there is the wireless receiver also. But that is a rather limited and problematic enjoyment: limited, because, due to scarcity of batteries, we listen in only for the news—that is, about a quarter of an hour morning and night; problematic because the receiver is a rather "ancient" set and therefore reception is very poor and unreliable.

I have tried to repair it several times. Only a few weeks ago a friend and I located not less than four breaks in a transformer. We repaired them and now reception has improved somewhat. So you see that contacts are rather rare. That is one thing hard to bear, and supposedly it will tell on us when returning home.

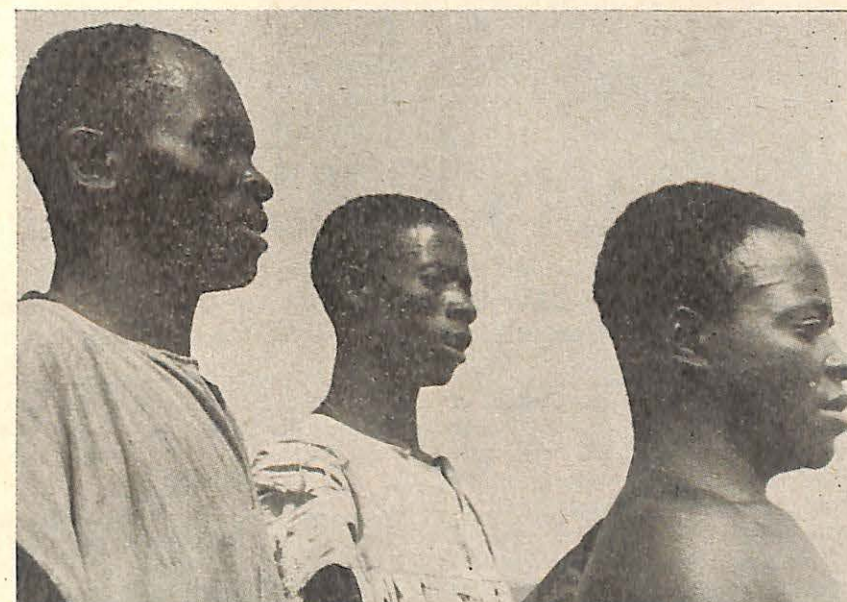
Speaking about contacts we must mention the natives also. Due to time and circumstances their contacts with white people—in this case with missionaries—are extremely seldom and fleeting. With all the traveling we are doing we are reaching not more than perhaps 25% of our church members. It is true that the church members are in contact with us through church workers, that is, evangelists and catechists. However, that contact is not immediate and therefore quite superficial. It cannot be denied that because of the lack of missionaries, teachers and doctors the work cannot be adequately administered and developed.

Missionaries Needed

Here are some facts that present the situation. Cameroons Province, and that excludes Mambila, comprises an area of 16,000 square miles. Our church membership, totaling about 4,000, is distributed over this area. Means of communications, such as

roads and vehicles, are almost nil when compared with Nigeria and French Cameroons. Besides about 150 church workers and the church members, there are several thousand Inquirers (people who receive Bible instruction and may become Christians), twenty English schools, several adult schools, scores of station laborers, numbers of craftsmen. There are numerous payrolls every month, and a great multitude of local correspondence must be attended to. And what is the strength of the missionary staff? Exactly two people!

depends largely the supply of well-equipped catechists and evangelists), our own Seminary (or Bible School, or whatever you may call it), our own Industrial School, our own Central Hospital and outlying dispensaries, our own Agricultural Institutes, our own Builders!! There should be touring missionaries, station managers, a large staff of male and female educational missionaries to supervise and develop boys and girls schools, there should be surgeons and nurses, and a staff of native travelling sanitary teachers.



These Splendid Christian Evangelists and Teachers in the Cameroons Are Only Three of Several Hundred Native Workers Who Are Letting the Light of Christ Shine Into Darkest Africa in These Troublous Times

We have fought against rapidly spreading disintegration among the former German Baptist Mission churches, have struggled against the tide of indifference and corruption—and made headway. There are now more schools, more chapels, more Sunday Schools, a small Young People's work, less strife, more cooperation, deeper sincerity in many.

We Must Go Forward!

But look ahead! We must have our own Teacher's Training Center to insure the availability of good teachers for our Mission Schools (for on them

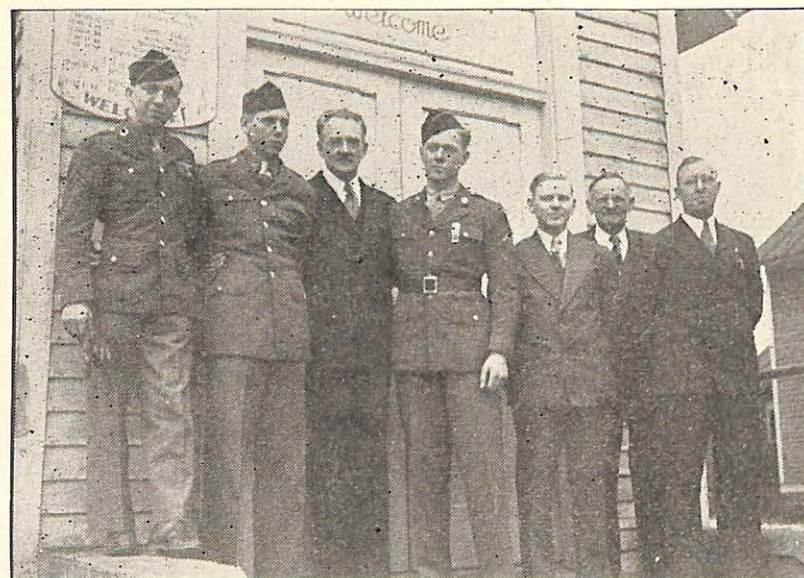
Why all this—is it not our task to save souls? Yes. A foreign mission enterprise is much like a Rescue Mission in its fundamental conception regarding the rehabilitation of man. The very nature of the Message of Christ together with our priceless Christian heritage commit us to serve the primitive in his composite being. This is a new day of pioneering. We have put our hand to the plough—and we cannot look back!

How can it be accomplished? Very simple: by the sacrifice of lives, time and money.

Aren't we doing it? Yes—on an infinitesimal scale. And we, together with our pastors and evangelists, catechists and churches, work for and sincerely and eagerly anticipate the day when American Baptist missionaries, doctors, teachers, nurses, will arrive by sea and air at Cameroon's shores—when American men and women together with the native worker will hold high the torch of Christian liberty and lift up the Cross of Jesus.

The Call to the Cameroons

A two page illustrated article on "The Call to the Cameroons" will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald" written by Miss Laura E. Reddig. She has also contributed the fascinating pictures for this fine article. Her story of the work and description of Cameroon's needs will stir the heart of every "Herald" reader. Watch for it—read it prayerfully—pass it on to others!



Service Men Are Always Welcome at the Baptist Church and Victory Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin

(Left to Right: Service Men, Rev. M. Vanderbeck, Messrs. Julius G. Wallen, August Kaaz and William Hanson, Trustees of Church and Victory Center.)

The Victory Service Center

The Service Men's Center at La Crosse, Wisconsin, Sponsored by the Seventh Street Baptist Church, the Only Center Operated by One of Our Churches as Reported by the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, Pastor

THE Victory Service Center of La Crosse, Wisconsin, is located at 115 South Third Street of La Crosse. It is operated under the auspices of the Seventh Street Baptist Church.

Many and varied were the reasons that caused the church to open up such a Center. First of all, because of the fact that there were no adequate facilities for the boys who came in on weekends to get away from the humdrum of the army camp. There were no facilities except the wide open saloons and other places of vice. The boys were almost forced to go into those places and begin on their career of sin, unless they stayed at camp, or were able to find a place in the U. S. O.

Our Center was opened about a year ago, and the boys appreciate such a place, located in the midst of the town. They come here to talk, to write, to listen to the singing of hymns, to join in the singing, and to unburden their souls. Yes, they have also come to this Center to find Jesus Christ. Literature of all kinds is available for them at this Center, including "The Baptist Herald" and tracts. Here they come to write their letters to the folks at home.

Each Saturday night refreshments are served to the men free of charge. Coffee and doughnuts, or cake, cookies, or sandwiches, as the case may be, are provided for them.

Through the avenues of the Center the boys are invited into the homes of

the people and to the services of the church. Some of the best talent which the Army has have come to this Center to try their skill on the piano, and soldiers gather around to sing together.



The Victory Service Men's Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Which Has Been Transformed by the Seventh Street Baptist Church Out of the Old Bijou Theater on Third Street

Hundreds of soldiers through the Center have been kept from going into the saloons, and those who had entered when coming into the Center were kept from going back, not because we do not believe in it, but because the Center reminded them of Christian parents and Christian homes and churches.

The Center is only open on weekends, because of the fact that very few of the soldiers come in during the week. The camp is located 33 miles

from the city of La Crosse, and not until Friday and Saturday night do the boys come into the city to enjoy their free and leisure hours.

They go in and out of the Center. Some stay the whole evening and play checkers or table tennis or read or write but the majority come and go. They drink a cup of coffee, chat a little while and then they go on their way.

The Victory Service Center is filling a place in the life of the soldier of this vicinity. It is to many "a haven of rest". Especially on a Saturday night between 100 and 200 soldiers go in and out and many are influenced by the little visit they pay to the Center.

What a wonderful thing if every pastor of the Baptist churches would notify us, giving us the names and addresses of their boys or girls located in Camp McCoy, Wis., and thus help us to get in touch with these boys and help them in the Christian life. Address all correspondence to the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, 721 Ferry Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Welcome at Baptist Goodwill Center in Juneau, Alaska, to All Service Men

By Miss Hilda Krause of Juneau, Alaska, a Northern Baptist Missionary (Formerly a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, O.)

If any Baptist Service Men should be in the vicinity of Alaska, we would be happy to greet them at the Baptist Goodwill Center, 18 Main Street,

Juneau, Alaska. This past summer a young man from my former church, the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, looked us up one Sunday.

We have quite a number of other Service Men from the Southern Baptist Convention visit us and take an active part in our little Mission, and we shall be happy to welcome any who come from our North American Baptist Churches.

The Baptist Fellowship Center at San Diego

By MISS JEAN ANDERSON of San Diego, California, a Member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois

"ARE you lonely?" This question is asked by a radio announcer for the Club of the Golden West, and you hear it many times during the day. Then as you walk along a street of San Diego, California, you see signs in big letters, "Why Be Lonely?", which tell of a place where one can go and meet people.

From this we know that people are lonely and are seeking companionship, and there is no exception among the Christians. Of course, none of you would go to any of these places to make new acquaintances, but there is a place in San Diego where a Christian can be happy to go and find friends who can help take away the loneliness white stationed in Southern California.

"You Are a Stranger Only Once" is the slogan of the Baptist Fellowship Center in the First Baptist Church of San Diego, California. From the moment you walk into the door, you immediately feel at home, because someone greets you, tells you where to hang your hat, has you sign your name in a book under the state from which you have come, introduces you to other people and then you are officially a member of the Center.

Strange as it may seem, this Center was opened on that immortal day of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. It is supported through the World Emergency Fund and mostly by the Baptist Churches of San Diego. At first, the main purpose of its opening was to be a place of recreation for the defense workers of this area, but soon with the overflow of men in the Service, the Center was also opened to this group.

The attendance is steadily growing and in the month of August of last year the peak was reached when 5800 men and women visited it and of this group about 1000 were there for the first time. As far as is known, thirty of these definitely accepted Christ as their Savior and all who have come here have been strengthened in their Christian faith.

The Rev. Jack Tabor is the director of the Center and is a great help to all the fellows. He is well known to all as "Jack", and beside his many duties he teaches the Bible class on Saturday nights and on Sunday mornings for the Service Men.

The Center is open every day from 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon to midnight, and there is something to do all the time one is there. Five ping-pong tables are available for those who wish to play. There is a court for badminton or, when cleared of the net, this



Jean Anderson, the Author of This Article, at the Piano Leading the Singing at the Baptist Fellowship Center in San Diego, California

space is used for games, and there are two shuffle boards. They have a separate lounge with comfortable chairs and divans for those who wish to just talk or read the paper and current magazines. Small tables are set up in this room, and those who wish to play the usually popular parlor games may do so.

Besides all the games there are three pianos for anyone to play, and usually there is a group around one of these pianos singing hymns or choruses. It is quite a noisy place when everyone and everything is going strong—a group singing, two pianos going—a volley ball game going on—the scraping of the discs from the shuffle board—the shouts of the ping-pong players, and, of course, the cries from a hard

fighting checker or domino player.

But don't think that recreation is the main interest here. A separate quiet room was recently built for those who want to be alone and spend some time with their Lord. This room is just as popular as the game room. Although, at first, some may come here to spend their odd hours in play, soon they wend their way to this quiet room and spend some time in there.

On certain nights definite entertainment is planned while on other nights one may do as he pleases. Friday night is party night and different Baptist Churches in the city have charge and furnish the entertainment and refreshments. On Tuesday night anything can happen! Before the days of ration-

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The Service Men Line Up for Their Coffee and Doughnuts at San Diego's Popular Fellowship Center

Lodging Reservations for the General Conference

An Announcement by the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER of Milwaukee

THE 27th General Conference of the North American Baptists will meet in the Milwaukee Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 11 to 14, 1944.

In view of war conditions it is impossible for the Baptists of Milwaukee to exercise their former and well known hospitality. It is, therefore, with deep regret that we are compelled to announce that delegates and visitors will need to anticipate reservations for lodging in one of our many hotels. We are confident that our churches will exert themselves to the utmost to provide the necessary funds for their pastor's attendance at the conference under these extraordinary circumstances.

Churches which are unable to provide for the hotel lodging of their pastor or one delegate are requested to write through the church clerk to the chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee at the address given below, and every effort will be made to obtain free lodging as long as avail-

able. All requests must be made before April 1, 1944.

The following hotels are located within easy walking distance of the Auditorium and represent the various kinds of accommodations with corresponding prices.

HOTELS

(The prices quoted below are minimum rates. Further information on hotel rates will be gladly furnished by the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.)

WISCONSIN HOTEL

(Conference Headquarters Hotel)

Single without bath ..\$1.65 and up
Single with bath\$2.75 and up
Double without bath ..\$2.65 and up
Double with bath\$3.75 and up

HOTEL SCHROEDER

Single with bath—\$3.30 to \$5.50
Double with bath—\$5.50 to \$7.50

(No rooms without bath available in this hotel)

MEDFORD HOTEL

Single without bath ..\$1.65 to \$2.20

Single with bath\$2.50 to \$3.00
Double without bath ..\$3.00
Double with bath\$3.50 to \$4.00

HOTEL ANTLERS

Single without bath ..\$1.25
Double without bath ..\$2.00 to \$2.25
Double (connect'g bath)\$2.50

The minimum cost of meals per day can be estimated at about \$1.75.

We cannot emphasize too strongly that it is imperative to make hotel reservations as soon as possible and absolutely not later than April 25. The Committee on Arrangements will gladly make the reservations and handle all details, and be helpful in every possible way in any matter connected with your visit to Milwaukee for the Conference. Be sure to make your reservations now. Address all communications to

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What's Happening

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● Sixteen young people of the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., Canada, recently completed two Leadership Training Courses entitled, "The Books of the Bible" by Hight C. Moore and "What Baptists Believe" by O. C. S. Wallace. These courses of study were taught by the pastor, the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, on successive Wednesday evenings from November, 1943, to January, 1944. In February and March the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit will be in Edmonton, Alberta, where Mr. Waltereit is serving on the faculty of the Christian Training Institute. Late in March they will visit Mr. Waltereit's parents in Vancouver, B. C., before returning to the Fenwood Church.

● From Jan. 11 to Feb. 15 a Training Institute is being held on Tuesday evenings by five Baptist Churches of Milwaukee, Wis., at the Immanuel Church. The Rev. T. W. Bender, pastor of the Immanuel Church, is the chairman of the Inter-Church Council which is sponsoring this institute. Training classes include "The Story of Baptists" taught by Rev. Frank Veninga of the Bethany Church, "Teaching Beginners" by Miss Ruth Doescher of the Immanuel Church, and "Teaching Juniors", by Mrs. Wm. G. Herndier of the North Avenue Church. The devotional services from 8:20 to 8:40 P. M. are in charge of the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of the North Ave. Church.

● During the night of Jan. 7 the Rev. F. A. Licht passed away quietly in his sleep at his home in Niagara Falls, N. Y. He was 92 years, 5 months and 6 days of age when he died, and as such he was the oldest minister of our denomination, having been a member of the graduating class of the seminary in 1878. He served as pastor of our churches in Boston, Mass.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Chicago, Ill.; Cleveland, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio; New York, N. Y.; and West Hoboken, N. J. Before Mr. Licht retired for the night, his wife read to him from the Jan. 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" and he seemed to be especially interested in the editorial. He conversed with his wife about the prospects of heaven and then went to bed to awaken in the Great Beyond. At the memorial service held in the First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls, N. Y., Prof. A. Bretschneider, president of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, was present and brought a brief message of tribute.

THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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ing, suppers were held for the Service people and the young people, and then a program was given after the supper. Now because of the scarcity of food there is only the program on this night. On Saturday night there is a Bible class for the Service Men only and many spiritual blessings are to be had from this class.

Sunday is a big day at the Center. At 5:00 o'clock there is a supper for

the Service people and the young people, after which those who wish may go to their respective youth meetings. After the church service "a singspiration" is held down in the Center, and there are anywhere from 200 to 300 young people in attendance. They have special hosts and hostesses who greet you at the door. If you are there for the first time you are given a white slip of paper upon which your name and home state is written and this paper is pinned onto your blouse. Later on in the evening all the new-comers are introduced to the group in some unique way.

Of course, refreshments play a big part in everyone's life and so these are served every night around 9:30 o'clock. The new ones are introduced to the group, and there is always a cheer when someone announces that he is from Hoboken and someone else in the group is from the same place.

When testimonies are given, almost every Service Man tells of the many blessings he receives from this Center and how happy they are that there is such a place where they can spend their spare time and meet Christian friends. Naturally, out of all the boys in our own denomination in the Service, there are bound to be some sent to San Diego. In the past there have been some, and if there are any others now stationed here or any who come in the future, remember that you will find a "Home Away From Home" at the Fellowship Center in the First Baptist Church of San Diego.

Missionary Adventures in West and East Africa

Recent Letters from the Toberts and Dilworths, Missionaries in Africa

Working in Nupe Land

By Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert

(Mrs. Carrie M. Tobert is a Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa)

Patigi via Bida
Nigeria, West Africa.

Dear Friends at Home:—

For the past few days my thoughts have been with the many at home who do not cease to uphold us in prayer. And as I think of you who are today joining us in the work here, I think of those also who in years past were fellow-workers, through prayer, with Mr. Lang who also worked in Nupe land of West Africa.

In the days of Mr. Lang a certain young man, named Mayaki, lived in Patigi and there heard the Word of Life. He also learned to read the Word, and by faith accepted the message therein for himself. He was baptized by Mr. Lang and took unto himself the name of Anderu. Some years later Anderu took his family and removed from Patigi which is on the south side of the Niger River. Then he came to the north side of the river where it became his lot to stand alone for many years in his new-found faith. Anderu's desire to see his fellowmen share his joy and faith was manifested in the testimony he himself gave and also in the sending of his eldest son to Patigi for more instruction in "the Better Way". This eventually led to the opening up of this unevangelized portion of Nupe Land, and Asaph Tobert, (who by the way has made me Mrs. Tobert), was the first to enter the field about four years ago.

It is now almost a year since we together have carried on the work in this place. We rejoice in what we see, for men and women have come to know the Lord. Of these, thirteen have followed the Lord in baptism and others are now preparing to take that step. These we seek to establish in the Word by preaching and teaching so that they, in turn, might draw others into the fold.

Already a desire has been awakened in the villages around, and this, in turn, makes us daily feel the pressing need for native workers. We thank the Lord for one couple who will be going out in a few months' time to settle in the town of the District Head. Because of the response in the field as a whole, it has been decided to have a main station from which the work may be carried on. We then propose to begin a standard school where boys may be equipped to carry on the work of our Lord in the many villages of this territory.

Asaph and I wish to thank the Iowa Convention for the gift of \$100 which we have just received. This gift has been applied to the building of this new station. We thank the Lord for you and we trust that as you recall the work of Brother Lang and his prayer helpers, many of whom are now with the Lord, and then remember Anderu and all that has followed that you will be encouraged to go on in the work of intercession, knowing that our labor is truly not in vain in the Lord.

Light in Darkest Africa

By Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dilworth

(Mrs. Dilworth is the former Miss Florence Wessel of Los Angeles, Calif.)

Butundwe, P. O. Geita
Tanganyika Territory,
East Africa.

Dear Ones in Our Blessed Lord:—

Again may we of Butundwe have the privilege of entering your lives for at least a few minutes? Our aim is that these people, the Balongo, Bazinza, Balusubi, and the Basumva may be laid upon your hearts of prayer.

Perhaps our greatest problem is that of the languages and yet God has given us an understanding until we are feeding them each day from his Word in their own tongue. To be sure, our vocabulary hasn't reached ten thousand words or so, but it is growing as we daily contact the people.

An old man, his wife, and four sons live less than a hundred yards back of us. Yesterday as he came up to where I was working he said, "This old body is seeking to go in here" and he stamped the earth with his cane. I asked, "And where is your heart seeking to go?" "Huh, do you think I know. Perhaps in here too." (Again he stamped the ground.) Again I tried simply to tell him of life forever with our Wonderful Lord but he said nothing. His old body is suffering in pain with a disease that will never be cured unless supernaturally. Yet he continues to walk in darkness and that darkness has blinded his eyes.

Later in the day an old man came hobbling up to the house as I was working on the door frames for our home. He sat and watched a bit after which I said to the boys, "He is crazy". They all agreed and yet it was mostly due to what he had been through. Evidently through the medium of a devil-possessed witch doctor, who had found it out as he cut open a chicken, this man was a witch and guilty of killing one of the family who had recently died. He, too, as the blind man men-

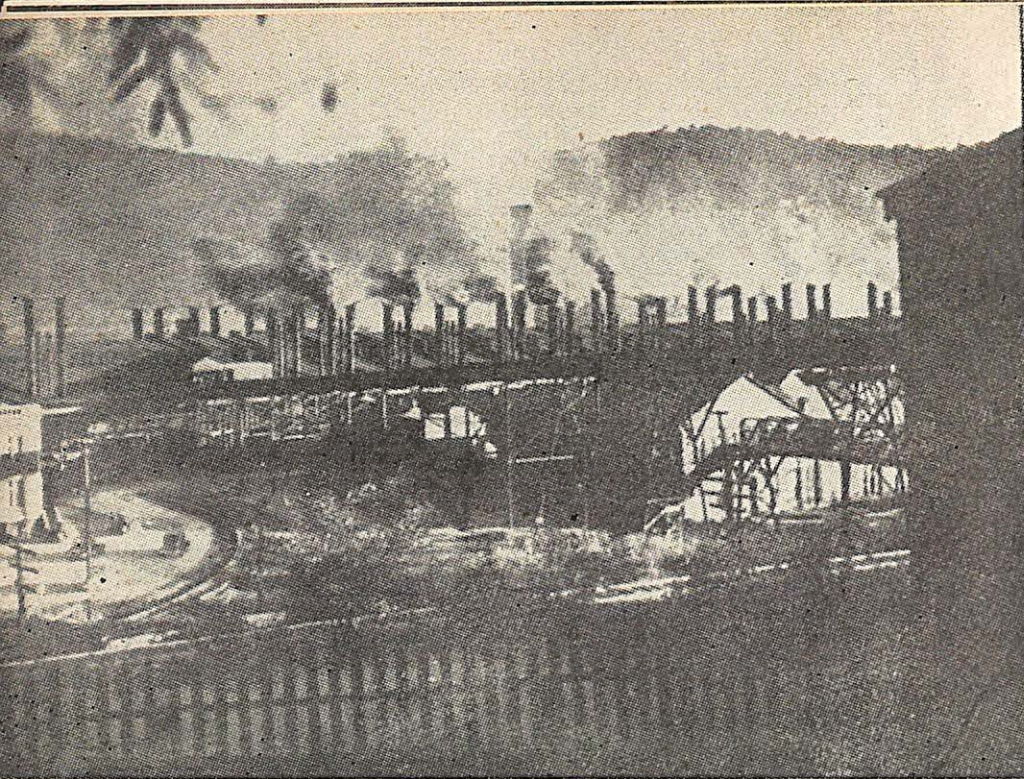
tioned above was told to go, he could no longer remain in his home. Why he too left Lusubi for Butundwe, we do not know. But he did.

On the way he kept looking and asking, "Umpa ha kutula, Umpa ha kutula". ("Give me a place to live. Give me a place to live.") He was persistent because he was desperate so he had been beaten and kicked into the grass until he had eight or ten sores on his body. Then he got a terrible infection in his foot, the stench of which reached your nostrils long before anything else. As he sat watching us you could see he was starved and most of what mind he may have had was almost gone. I gave him some potatoes and told him to roast them in the fire near by but he ate them raw and has only plea was "Bwana, leba, nasasa muno. Nalalala sha." ("Master, I am very sick. I will sleep here.") I told him we had no place here, that he must go. He continued his plea. I gave him some medicine for his sores and told him he must go. But he did not move.

I then asked those who were Christians here if they would give him a home but their answer was an emphatic "No". They all said, "Chase him if you wish, he will die tonight." To care for such a man here at present is out of the question. But our Lord's Word came with such force I shall never forget it. "He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him, he was despised and we esteemed him not." "And when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. For he hath no form nor comeliness." "And inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me."

I hope you see the picture. I asked a man living near here if he would feed him if we paid him seven shillings a month (which is far more than his food would cost). He consented, so we gave him a cloth for he was naked and we have been dressing his sores ever since. Darkness is terribly cruel, more so than you or I will ever know.

How I wish I could paint the picture my heart desires that you see. "Let the heathen alone. There is a great need here at home in America." God forbid that any of you shall ever utter such words. The hatred, grief, pain, and cruelty of heathen darkness we can never know. Our Lord had compassion on the multitudes as he stood looking down on Jerusalem because they had rejected the LIGHT. He stood longing to gather them to himself—so our hearts have been lost in Africa!



SYNOPSIS

Two men, Lacey and Weaver, made their preparations carefully as saboteurs to secure the secret plans for an important war model from the factory of Vandingham & Company. They agreed that John Sargent was their man, whom they tried to interest in the scheme. They even approached him with a definite proposal to get rich quickly if he would agree to their plans. While John Sargent was busy with a group of other men digging the ditch, beautiful Lisle Kingsley first saw him and with her quick perception recognized his fineness even in this setting. But Lisle was supposed to be engaged to Victor Vandingham, the rich manufacturer's son, and therefore seemed to be utterly beyond his reach. Victor announced the plans of his family to Lisle about the coming-of-age party for himself and insisted that he would choose the dress that she was to wear at the party. But she was losing interest in him. With firmness she said coolly: "I am not your best girl, or any kind of a possession of yours!"

CHAPTER SEVEN

Victor spoke up sharply.

"Say, now, look here, Lisle! You're acting awfully strange. Of course I want people to understand that you and I are engaged and that we are to be married very soon. I thought my party would be a good time to announce our approaching marriage, at least quietly, if not formally."

"But we're *not* engaged, Victor! And we're *not* going to be married, so that's entirely out," said Lisle almost wearily. "And I refuse entirely to be made a party to any such appearance. If you are going to keep on with any such nonsense I'm not coming to the party at all! And I mean that!"

"Now, Lisle, you're not being kind," said the boy stormily. "You didn't used to be like that. You always were co-operative. I don't like the way you act at all. I come over here to make arrangements to take you shopping and you get high-hat and decline to go. And besides, I had some shopping of my own that I want you to help me with. We're going down and select you an engagement ring tomorrow morning the first thing. Now, will you be good and do what I say?"

—Photo by Ellis O. Hinsey

"No," said Lisle gently. "That's quite out of the question. I'm not engaged and I don't intend to be engaged to anyone at present, and I certainly don't want an engagement ring. You'll just have to put such ideas entirely out of your calculation, if you want co-operation from me."

Then the telephone sounded a clear note in the hall and Lisle said: "Excuse me please," and hurried to answer it, while Victor pranced angrily back and forth in the living room, and met her with the blackest of frowns when she returned.

Lisle came back to the room with a pleasant smile on her face.

"Sorry to interrupt our conversation," she said, "but Mrs. Carlisle is bringing her niece and nephew over to introduce them. They are visiting her for a few days from Boston, and she wants them to meet some young people. Of course I had to tell her to come."

"I don't see that you did," said Victor haughtily. "You could have said you were going out, or had guests or something. You knew perfectly well that I had important things to talk to you about, and that I wouldn't want an audience."

"Why, no, I didn't," said Lisle calmly, "I didn't know you had anything more to discuss. I thought we had said all there was to say on that subject, and it would be a good thing to have a little change of scenery. I thought you'd stick around and get acquainted too. I've heard this niece is a very pretty girl. Her name is Bernice Brandon, and her brother is Arthur. Have you met them yet? We might have some music. I hear they both sing."

"Oh, my word! Sing! I suppose they have voices like a lot of cats on the back fence."

"Oh, perhaps not so bad as that!" laughed Lisle.

The Sound of the Trumpet

A New Novel

by

GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL

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And then the doorbell sounded through the house.

"Great Scott, Lisle, you don't suppose they're here already? Let me get out. I don't want to see those dopes!"

"Oh, you can't do that, Victor. I told them you were here."

"I should worry what you told them. I'm not going to be bored with a lot of dopes all the evening. Not on your life. I'll see you in the morning, Lisle. I'll be here at ten on the dot, and I don't want you to keep me waiting!"

But already the front door had opened and the three visitors had reached the entrance door of the living room.

And then they were inside the room, and Mrs. Carlisle was facing the irate Victor with a smile on her face.

"Oh, good evening, Mrs. Carlisle," said Lisle stepping forward graciously, with perfect poise. "So nice you could come over," and Mrs. Carlisle introduced her young people. Victor meantime had backed away from the doorway and was standing sullenly over by the mantel while these formalities were going on. Lisle thought to herself that it was a lucky thing that there was no other exit from that room or Victor would certainly have sought it and vanished. In fact she wasn't at all sure what he would do next, for lately he seemed to have discarded all his courtesy, in spite of his mother's care in training him. Lisle wasn't at all sure he would be even decently polite to her guests in his present state of mind. And it was all she could do to keep her gracious smile on her face and coolly turn and say, "You know Victor Vandingham, of course, Mrs. Carlisle." And then she dared to lift her eyes impersonally to Victor's face, and saw to her astonishment that he had come forward pleasantly, with eyes of admiration toward the niece and was ready to acknowledge the introductions with his best manner. So!

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That was that! Victor was conquered for the moment, and she drew a deep breath of relief and gave herself to seating her guests pleasantly.

"Excuse me a moment," she said, "I'll call mother," and slipped out of the room, leaving no choice for Victor but to sit down and talk with the guests.

When she returned she found Victor seated on the couch with Bernice Brandon eagerly engaged in a lively conversation, proving beyond a doubt that he could be entertaining if he chose. That was the meanness of him that he could be agreeable and didn't often choose to be.

Mrs. Kingsley came down in a moment and as they engaged in general conversation, Lisle watched her erstwhile lover being agreeable to the other pretty girl. So Victor was still easily influenced by beauty. She smiled to herself as she watched him furtively, saw his handsome eyes light, saw his alluring smile. And suddenly she felt how unpleasant it might be to have a man like Victor for a husband. In more ways than one he would be hard to live with.

As she thought back now in quick retrospect over the past she recalled how Victor had always wanted his own way about everything, and if he didn't get it he just wouldn't play, and always managed to break up the whole game for everybody and make an unpleasant state of things all around.

No, decidedly she wouldn't ever marry him. Not even if she loved him, which she was suddenly sure she did not. It would be horrible to marry a man who thought he was always right in everything, and who would brook no difference of opinion, nor allow his wife to do as she pleased in anything.

So it was a great relief to her to sit smiling and talking with Arthur Brandon, really enjoying his conversation. He was little more than a shy boy yet, but he had read a great deal, and he knew what he was talking about. He was really interesting. He was not only well read but he was well versed in music and a number of scientific subjects, and before long they were launched into some truly deep discussions, which made Lisle entirely forget that Victor was present.

He however appeared entirely satisfied with Bernice Brandon, and did not seem to notice that the girl was deep in talk with another fairly personable young man. And somehow it gave Lisle a great relief to realize that when the time came to make him definitely understand her own decision, she need not feel that he would suffer in any way. Unless perhaps it might be through his pride, that any girl whom he had honored would reject his hand. Well, that was a relief to know, for now she felt beyond the shadow of a doubt that he did not love her, and never had. She doubted if he knew what love meant. And it was no won-

der that he called it "Oh, that mush!" In the midst of these thoughts she managed to keep fairly well in touch with the conversation that was going on about her. Then her mother spoke:

"Lisle, dear, did you know that these young people are fine musicians? Don't you think it would be nice if we were to have a little music?"

"Oh, lovely!" said Lisle. "Do you play or sing or both?" she asked Bernice.

"Oh, a little of both, although we mainly sing," laughed the other girl. "My older sister usually plays our accompaniments when she's around, and our little sister plays the violin. But they are neither of them here of course. I'm not much on accompaniments, and so Arthur and I seldom sing much when we are away from home, it is so hard to find a good accompanist. But my aunt says you are a fine pianist."

"I play," said Lisle modestly, "but I never was much on singing. I haven't a great voice. And not caring for my own voice makes me shy of singing. But come on, let's have some music!"

She went over to the piano and sat down, pointing to a pile of music. "What shall we begin on?"

The other girl hesitated.

"The other gentleman? He's musical, isn't he? We've been talking about the symphony orchestra."

Lisle looked at Victor.

"Yes, Victor sings, sometimes, when he wants to," she said with a smile.

And so presently the four young people were singing. Victor lifting a lazy tenor and joining in with the other voices, and Lisle coming in with a soft true alto.

Mrs. Kingsley sat and watched them all, studying Victor, and thinking with relief that he was acting quite like his better self. Perhaps after all Victor would mature and come into his own, come back to the promise of his younger days. It had been such a happy thought to feel that Lisle's future was to be laid in pleasant pastures, with a good young man for her companion. Such a terrible shock to hear him talk as he had talked that day in the store restaurant. Could Lisle ever forget that? Could she? And yet as she looked at the young man now it seemed incredible that he could ever honestly have meant those sentiments he had expressed then.

Suddenly the evening was over and Mrs. Carlisle arose with hasty apologies for staying so long. Victor with grace and dignity accompanied Bernice to her aunt's, all of them expressing the joy they had had in the companionship, and especially in the music. For ship, and even Victor had swelled together, and said how good they all were, and how well their voices "went with his".

So that night when Lisle at last went to her rest she was well content at the way the evening had worked

out. Nevertheless, she was firmly resolved that she and Victor would *not* go shopping together in the morning.

When Victor came to the house the next morning to get Lisle she was gone. She had arranged to go out with two other members of a committee who were making arrangements for a nursery school to care for the young children of the women who were going into the factories and defense plants to work. It was a wonderful plan and Lisle was deeply interested in it. So she was very glad that the rest of the committee chose this special morning to get started with the work.

Lisle did not have much opportunity to talk with her mother before she left, and it had been quite late when the guests left the evening before, so Mrs. Kingsley had not heard any report of what had passed between her daughter and Victor. She did not even know that the whole wartime situation had been entirely changed for the young man. So when Victor came in and asked for Lisle he was told that she was out on committee work and no one knew exactly where that work was located.

Naturally Victor was much annoyed. Not only had his girl ignored his suggestions, and turned down his plans, but she had gone away and made it practically an impossibility for him to get in touch with her. This, regardless of the fact that it was important for him to be at the jeweler's at a certain arranged time, to look over diamonds under expert advice. He was so upset at this change of his plans that he finally demanded to see Lisle's mother, and complained in no uncertain language about her daughter's conduct.

Mrs. Kingsley reaction was quiet dignity.

"Suppose you sit down, Victor, and talk quietly. Let me understand this whole matter. You see I have not heard anything about it at all. Do you say that Lisle promised to go out with you this morning?"

"Well, not exactly promised," said the young man haughtily. "But she knew I wanted her to go for we had been talking about it, and she knew why, and then those people came in and we had no further opportunity to talk. But she knew perfectly well what I wanted, and now she has done this! Gone off without leaving any word for me. I didn't think Lisle would treat me that way."

"I'm very sorry if you think she has been unfair to you," said Lisle's mother, "but I am sure there is some reasonable explanation. I know that she has been appointed on this committee, and of course it is important that it get its work started immediately. She perhaps started to explain this to you and thought she had done so, not realizing that you would not understand why she could not go with you

this morning."

"No, she didn't say a word about her old committee," said Victor crossly. "She just didn't want to go. In fact she said she wouldn't. But I, of course, thought she was kidding. You see I had an appointment with a very important man and I wanted her to go with me. Well, I may as well tell you, we were to select the diamond for her engagement ring. I naturally wanted her to choose the one she liked the best, and to take the advice of this expert. And if a thing like that isn't more important than any old war committee, I'd like to know the reason why."

Mrs. Kingsley looked at the young man with startled worry in her eyes.

"Wait, Victor. I'm afraid I don't understand. You say you asked her to go with you to choose her engagement ring? Did she understand that? Are you sure?"

"Why of course," said the boy with his old cross tone. "I told her."

"Well, but I don't understand, Victor. Had you asked her if she would marry you? When were you engaged?"

"You heard me tell her we were going to be married the other day at the store."

"But telling her you are going to marry her is not asking her if she is willing. What makes you think she is willing? What did she say when you asked her?"

"Oh, she just laughed and gave me a lot of back talk that she didn't want to marry anybody, and all that, but I knew she didn't mean it. Girls never mean things like that. We've always expected to get married, ever since we were kids. And I don't like the way she is acting. Now I'm in a heck of a fix. Got a diamond expert coming all the way from New York to meet us and she won't be there! If that isn't standing me up, then I don't know what is."

"Victor, have you ever told my daughter that you love her?" Mrs. Kingsley's voice was very clear. Her eyes searched the boy's face as she spoke, and the young man lifted his chin in offended haughtiness.

"Mrs. Kingsley, you and I have always been good friends, but I think you are going a little too far this time. I think that matter is strictly between Lisle and myself."

Mrs. Kingsley looked at him in perfect amazement for an instant, and then she arose and said quietly:

"Oh, very well, then I suppose the matter of how Lisle decides to treat you will be another thing strictly between Lisle and yourself, therefore I shall not need to trouble any more about it. I'll ask you to excuse me now. I have important matters to attend to at once. Good morning!" and she turned to go out of the room. But Victor quickly intercepted her.

"But that isn't all," he said, still in his complaining voice. "I offered to go along with Lisle and help her select

her dress for the party at our house. There isn't so much time, you know, and I want to be sure she looks just right."

"Oh, indeed!" said Lisle's mother. "Well, I don't wonder that Lisle went away without explanation if you said that to her. Certainly we won't need to trouble you to pass censorship on Lisle's clothes. I think you had better go home and think over the things you have been saying and doing, and you may possibly find out why Lisle did not care to wait for you."

"But don't you think we ought to decide such things together, Mrs. Kingsley?"

"Why no, I don't see that it is a matter that you have anything to do with. A woman selects her own garments."

"Well, what is she going to wear? I want to know. I think I have a right. What is the color and style? I thought I'd like to suggest some ideas to her. She hasn't bought her dress yet, has she? Or has she?"

"Why Victor, I'm not sure, but I think whatever she decides upon, it is already bought. You see we felt very uncertain as to whether that party would ever come off—at least at this time. I understood that you were to be called to war any day now."

"That's all off," said Victor coldly. "I'm not going to war at all. I'm needed at home for defense purposes. I'm to take over the management of my father's business. He hasn't been well, and the government has awarded some very important work to our plant. I'm to take over in the office as soon as my majority party is over. So you can see why I'm anxious to get everything settled up and my life started the way it ought to be, and I don't think Lisle had any right to stand me up this way."

"Oh!" said Mrs. Kingsley, with a sound in her voice as if it were a lovely balloon that had suddenly been pricked. "Oh! Well in that case I'm afraid I can't help you any. And about the matter of Lisle's dress, I think that is entirely her own affair, to wear whatever seems suitable to her. Good by!" and Mrs. Kingsley went out of the house, walking swiftly down the street in the direction of her morning errands. But by the time she had gone the first block she began to feel that Lisle had better sense than she had thought she had. This young man was not a person to whom she wanted to trust her only daughter's life. Not the way he was now, anyway. She had thought, she had hoped that Victor had not really changed, that he had just experienced a small season of aberration at the store that day, and that he was later reverting to type. But the way he talked today Mrs. Kingsley could see that Victor really had changed, taken on new ideas, new views of life, that were quite impossible. She could not blame Lisle for turning against him, for running away

from a shopping expedition with him, running away even from a gorgeous diamond ring, for anything that a Vandingham would purchase would of course be gorgeous.

Victor stood watching her go down the street with amazement and utter incredulity in his face. He had not dreamed that again he would encounter such unbelievable Victorianism in the people he had been sure were his devoted slaves. Always Mrs. Kingsley had been so kind to him, always suggesting pleasant things that Lisle might do to make a happy time for him. He could not understand it that they did not want his advice about Lisle's dress on such an important occasion, that they actually seemed to resent his suggestions as if he were interfering. And as for the ring and the marriage, they were actually ignoring the idea as if he were a child and had no right to ask her to marry him. And making so much of that antique idea of love, as if that were important. Well, of course if they insisted on living on traditional ideas he might have to give in and give them a line of talk, what he had come to look upon as "mush" talk. But it would go sadly against the grain to back down on the ways he had been learning the last four years, and he would hate to think afterward that he had to get his wife by such an ancient method. Where had Mrs. Kingsley been that she didn't know that romance and all that was the bunk? Couldn't she look around her and see how many divorces there were and remarriages? Why, people didn't think anything of it today. They married because they enjoyed each other's company for a while, and when they got tired of each other and saw someone they had a better time with, they got a divorce and annexed somebody else.

Well, probably the best way to bring her to her senses would be to ignore her for a few days. Even bring another girl around and let her see him going hard with her. That Bernice would do as well as anyone perhaps. She was pretty and quite interesting. Of course she was due to go back to Boston in a few days, but perhaps if his mother invited her to the party she would stay for it. He would see about that at once. Go right home and tell his mother to send that girl an invitation. And perhaps there were other girls he could think up that would put Lisle on her toes to bring him back to her. But he wouldn't be too quick to do that either. He must get her good and anxious before he gave in and returned to her side.

So Victor hurried home to get an invitation sent off to Bernice, and her brother. Of course the brother was a bit young for his coming-of-age party, but as he and his sister were visiting here it was probably the proper thing to do to invite him.

(To be continued)

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Edited by MRS. BERTHA JOHNSON of Wyocena, Wisconsin

The Twelve Disciples' Names

(To Memorize)

These are the twelve disciples' names, Andrew, Peter, John, and James, Two pairs of brothers who lived by the sea

When Jesus said to them "Follow Me".

Then James the less and Jude were called too,

Phillip and also Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas both answered the call—

Simon and Judas, that is all.

—Contributed by Shirley Unruh, Glenn Ullin, No. Dak.

The Lost Sewing Machine

By FRANCES FOX

ONE TIME in the Northern Michigan forests, a happy family lived all summer in a lumber camp. The father was the boss of the camp where tall pine trees were cut down and sawed into logs to be made into boards at the saw-mills. When it was possible, the mother with her eight children used to live in camp so the family could be together.

The camp was only twenty miles from their home, so when mother said one morning that she would like to have her sewing machine, her two big boys, who worked for their father, promised her that the next time they had to drive to town for a load of supplies, they would go to their home and get the sewing machine.

In those days, before there were automobiles anywhere, nearly all the clothes worn by a family had to be made at home. With eight children to take care of, mother had so much work to do, that it was not easy to get time for sewing with a needle in her hand, and a thimble on her finger. She was glad she owned a sewing machine.

Besides her biggest little girl had been promised a new white dress to wear on Sundays with the wide blue sash that had been a gift. But, with blouses to be made for the boys, and several shirts to be made for Father, a stitch at a time, stitch, stitch, and thread the needle, and put a knot in the end of the thread, then stitch, stitch, one stitch at a time, oh, it was slow work!

The little girl danced for joy the morning she heard her grown-up brothers say, "Well, good-by, everybody, we are going to town today after a load of supplies for the camp, and we won't forget your sewing machine, mother!"



—Samuel D. Myslis Photo
Two Eager Boys and Their Best Pals Are Ready for Some Real Adventures and Fun!

But they did forget the sewing machine. You see, they had to drive two horses twenty miles through the wild woods over rough roads to town. There they bought the supplies, flour, beans, sugar, and everything like that, and packed them in the lumber wagon. Finally a load of hay was piled on top of the groceries. Then away the boys started over the rough roads.

Suddenly, when they had gone two miles, one of the boys called, "Whoa!" In sad tones the boy explained, "We forgot mother's sewing machine."

Slowly and carefully they turned around and went back for the sewing machine. The two boys could not lift and fasten that old-fashioned machine to their load, so they took it apart. They removed the belt from the big wheel, and unscrewed the head of the machine, and there it was in two parts

that fitted nicely into the top of the bed of hay.

In the morning when the supplies were unloaded, only the lower part of the sewing machine was in the hay. The part called the head, with the small wheel, the spindle which held the spool of thread, the arm and the shining needle, all were missing. For days a search was made along the roadside by all who passed that way, but the sewing machine was lost!

The biggest little girl didn't want anyone to see her cry because all in the family were sad enough anyway. Now she knew that her busy mother could not make her a white dress, by hand, when she had important work to do, so she walked out of the camp where they lived, and down the wilderness road, and cried and cried.

She decided to kneel right there on a carpet of moss beside the road and say her prayers. She would ask God where to find her sewing machine! Thinking thus of heaven and the angels, she looked up.

There, straight above her head in a branch of the tree, was the top of mother's sewing machine. A limb of the tree, reaching out on a level with the top of the load of hay, had gone under the arm of the machine, and had lifted it from the hay. There it was, with wisps of the hay waving in the wind, safe and sound, and hanging on the branch of the tree.

The little girl said a prayer, but it was a short one. She clasped her hands, and with wide-open, shining eyes said, "We thank Thee!" Then away she flew to tell her good news to the family.

It wasn't long after that before mother's sewing machine was in good running order, and fairly singing together the seams of a sister's new white dress, to be worn on Sunday mornings with a blue silk sash and a smile. — (Reprinted from "The Sunday School Times".)

Special Notice

I appreciate very much the response to the first issue of the Children's Page for this year. I hope the interest will continue throughout the year. I have a suggestion to make about the contributions which you have sent in. When sending a poem or story, if you have made it up yourself, please tell me. If you copy something, please tell me where you have copied it and the author's name. It is necessary for me to have this information. Thank you all!

Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Editor.

Something To Do at Home

Every other month, I shall try to give you something to do that will help you to learn to know your Bible stories better. We shall entitle this series *Friends of God*, and each time we shall study a different character. This month it will be Joseph. Read Genesis 37, and then answer the following questions. (These answers need not be sent to me. This is only to help you learn the stories. I am sure your Sunday School teacher will be glad to tell you if your answers are correct.)

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Annual Report of the Baptist Young People's Society of Trochu, Alberta, Canada

The young people of the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, can truly say that the Lord has really blessed us during the past year. Now as we launch into a new year of service we hope and pray that God may again see fit to make us a blessing.

During the past year we visited our neighboring churches with programs and also rendered a program once a month in our own church. Offerings obtained in this way amounted to \$100 and were all sent to the Alberta Tri Union.

This year, as also in 1943, we have our young people's society divided into four committees. Each committee serves for three months and in that time renders three programs besides two socials.

Officers for the new year are as follows: advisor, Emil Schimke; president, Elsie Reschke; vice-president, Irene Schmieder; secretary, Rodney Haller; treasurer, Loraine Falkenberg; pianist, Vivian Yost.

We have, indeed, found a wonderful helper in our pastor, the Rev. C. J. Rempel. We hope and pray that God may continue to use him in helping us further our work for Christ.

RODNEY HALLER, Secretary.

Rosenfeld Young People's Society of Saskatchewan Has Sixty-five Members

Beginning the new year with a membership of 65, the young people's society of the Rosenfeld Church near Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada, held its annual business meeting on January 4.

We had a blessed year in serving our Lord under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Ben Erman, and now in the coming year we wish to go forward with renewed vigor. We are looking forward to this year, 1944, in Christ's service and under his guidance.

The officers elected at the meeting were Mrs. Ben Erman, president; Albert Unrath, vice-president; Alma Adam, secretary; Ray Unrath, treasurer; Bertha Jacksteit, pianist; Albert Jaster and August Unrath, ushers; and Alma Adam, librarian.

We also elected a booster committee which consists of the following: Bertha Jacksteit, Martha Unrath, Stella Muhlbeier, and Verna Jaster, with Barbara Unrath in the program committee.

ALMA ADAM, Secretary.

Young People of Leduc's First Baptist Church Share Their Joys With Others

The saying that "shared joy brings double joy" came true recently as the Young People's Society of the First

Baptist Church at Leduc, Alberta, shared its Christmas joys in visiting and singing carols to the aged and shut-in's of our community. The young people divided into two groups, with the Rev. J. Kornalewski leading one and Mrs. Kornalewski leading the other. In spite of gas and tire rationing the two groups made approximately fifty miles as the four cars carried them to the eight different homes. Our joy in singing the carols and giving our testimonies was truly doubled as we saw the light of gladness in the faces of those whom we visited.

On our return we gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kornalewski for the remainder of the evening. A group of students from our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, spending their Christmas vacation in our community, was also with us.

Thirteen of our young people are taking a course on Practical Christian Work by correspondence, since they all cannot attend a Bible School and yet feel the desire and need for Christian training. The class is under the leadership of Mrs. Kornalewski and we discuss the lessons at our regular young people's meetings. We are specially thankful to God for the salvation of seven of our young people who along with thirteen others were also saved at the special services that we held in December, and then followed their Lord in baptism on New Year's Eve.

Nine of our young men in the service of our country were remembered at Christmas time with daily devotional books. For this year our prayer is that God may keep us from desiring anything greater than to live for him!

CECILIA PRIEBE, Reporter.

Annual Business Meeting of the Wiesenthal Young People's Society of Alberta

The B. Y. P. U. of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Alberta, Canada, held its annual business meeting on Dec. 14th. During the last year 9 meetings were held, consisting of lantern slide and quiz lectures, musical and missionary evenings, all of which proved interesting and helpful in our work for Christ.

Our society has 51 members, 3 of whom are serving in the Armed Forces. The election of officers brought about a complete change of names with these results: president, Louis Ertman; vice-president, Alvin Pohl; secretary, Leona Scheeler; ass't. secretary, Alma Ertman; treasurer, Evert Pohl; and pianist, Verda Scheeler.

During the last weeks in December the young people's choir of our church, under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, visited four neighboring churches and presented the Christmas cantata, "The Chorus in the Skies".

The Lord has truly blessed us in our work as young people, and with God's guidance and help we will continue to work for our Lord and Master to the best of our ability.

RALPH SMITH, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Sunday School Contest and Holiday Events in the Baptist Church of Bridgeport

The Sunday School of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., held a contest beginning Sept. 19, 1943, and ending Dec. 5, 1943. Each scholar was granted one point for being punctual, one point for reading a designated chapter of the Bible each week, one point for bringing a visitor the first Sunday, two points for bringing the same visitor the second consecutive Sunday, and five points when that visitor became a regular scholar the third consecutive Sunday. The following were the six winners in the contest: Marjorie Bliss, 48 points; Pauline Belehgrad, 46; Charlotte Lukas, 46; Mary Ellen Daniels, 36; Thomas Daniels, 33; and Carol Flynn, 31.

At a special celebration on Saturday, Dec. 18, for all the boys and girls and their parents, prizes were awarded to the winners and a small gift was presented to each scholar enrolled. The first prize was a singing canary in a fine cage presented by one of our older members, Mr. Gustav Hellwig, Sr., who is a bird fancier. The second and third prizes were a fine, leather-covered student's Bible and a pen and pencil set. The other prizes consisted of two Hurlbut's Bible Stories and a loose-leaf memo and propeller pencil. Mr. G. Hellwig, Jr., superintendent of the school, and his wife donated ten dollars toward the prizes.

The attendance of our school was increased by about 75%. During the contest period 144 visitors attended and the offerings amounted to \$103.19. We believe a new interest in our school and its work was the result of this contest.

Our Christmas program by the Sunday School was held at 3:30 P. M. on Dec. 25th. In spite of much illness a fine varied program was presented by the boys and girls. The offering was given to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., and amounted to \$36.50.

At the close of the program, the superintendent, Mr. G. Hellwig, Jr., presented to the pastor, Rev. George Hensel, on behalf of the church an envelope with a generous Christmas gift. At the annual business session it was also voted to pay the pastor's annual pension premium with the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. These tokens of generosity were very much appreciated.

Our Watch Night service, which had not been observed for some time, was again introduced and was very well attended. Several good films were shown followed by a social hour and refreshments. During the closing hour we enjoyed a hymn-sing and listened to a fine address by Alvin Foster, a member of our church who is a student at the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

GEORGE HENSEL, Pastor.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

A Salute to 17 Service Men by the Seventh Street Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin

A unique service was held in the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., on the last Sunday of the old year, Dec. 26, as the church gave a "Salute" in honor of the 17 boys who have joined the forces of the United States Army, Navy and Air Corps. The lives of all 17 of these boys have been preserved up to the time of this salute.

The Sunday School boys and girls took part in this service under the leadership of their teacher, Miss LaVerne Bess, who read the name of each boy. As the name was read one of the scholars of the Sunday School lighted the candle for that boy and finally a great candle was lighted for all the men and women in the Armed Forces on land and sea and air. Psalm 91 was read and at the close of the candle lighting ceremony, the congregation sang, "God Bless Our Soldier Boys", after which the pastor, the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The church rejoices over two baptisms on Dec. 19 and Jan. 9 as two of the soldier boys, one from Camp McCoy, and another home on a furlough, put on the uniform of Jesus Christ in baptism and joined the ranks of those who shall constitute the Bride of Christ.

M. VANDERBECK, Pastor.

Rejoicing in Watertown's Baptist Church for God's Manifest Blessings and Guidance

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The members and friends of the Baptist Church at Watertown, Wis., are rejoicing with joy unspeakable for the many blessings, both spiritual and material, which they have received during the past year.

Although the membership numbers less than 100, we have an average morning attendance of 80 and an average of 25 for the evening services.

As a result of the inspiring evangelistic, or revitalization, services with the Rev. Ralph Rott of North Freedom as speaker, there was one addition to the church by conversion and baptism. Four others were added by letter during the year. Our pastor, the Rev. R. Woyke, also held a week of meetings at North Freedom.

Besides paying most of our standing debts this past year, an electric organ has been installed and dedicated and a choir loft built. There was also a dedication service for new hymn books which were purchased.

Our 10 men and one woman in service are remembered regularly in prayer and with gifts and letters. Two of these are able to worship with us nearly every Sunday for which we are glad.

The various organizations of the church are active in their own field and add much to the interest and power of the church.

MRS. ROGER NORMAN, Reporter.

A Year of Victory and Blessing for the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota

The past year of 1943 has been an eventful one for the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. The Lord has been gracious and wondrously good to us in so many ways, but space will not permit more than mention of the most important high lights. We are, indeed, very fortunate in having the best and most inspiring messages each Sunday. The Rev. L. B. Berndt, our pastor, never fails to preach God's Word in a clear and most convincing manner.

Last fall we had the joy of having four of our young people follow the Lord in baptism. There still remain many on our prayer list, but we have the assurance that our prayers will be answered in God's own way. We also had an impressive service in which two flags were presented to the church by several of our organizations.

Less than two years ago, our church sold the old parsonage and purchased a lovely modern bungalow. On Nov. 15 we rejoiced in the knowledge that this home was entirely paid for. That Sunday afternoon our pastor and his wife invited the members to "Open House" and we were delighted to see how lovely the parsonage is arranged.

The evening service was very unique, in that many of our people had never witnessed the burning of a mortgage. Our deacon, Mr. Fred Woyke, took a lighted candle, and as the fire touched the papers and the flame and smoke curled upwards, the stillness and holiness of God seemed to permeate the atmosphere and our hearts were thrilled with various emotions. The Rev. L. B. Berndt then led us in an impressive dedicatory service, dedicating the parsonage for the Lord's use and invoking his blessing on it.

Our Sunday School is growing by leaps and bounds until our church facilities are inadequate and necessitate the crowding of classes into every available space. God willing, our new project must be a new church, especially a Sunday School building.

As even the best music must have its pathos and minor chords, so our blessings must be intermingled with sadness. Quite a few of our young men have left for the Armed Forces, leaving homes lonely and family circles broken. We have them in almost every branch of the service, but we re-

joice in the knowledge that they are all Christian boys, and they left us with a testimony on their lips, and a song in their hearts. One of our boys, Albert Lang, Jr., is the chaplain's assistant in New Guinea and he writes of his work and how he has the opportunity to speak to the boys about their souls, distribute tracts, and in many other ways help the boys to find their Lord and Savior.

May God in his infinite mercy and eternal wisdom be our Pilot through this new year!

MRS. JOHN ADAM, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Session of the Nebraska Association at Creston Considers Theme, "First Called Christians"

The Fall session of the Nebraska Association convened from November 25 to 28 with the Church at Creston, Neb., carrying out the theme, "First Called Christians".

The associational sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Beatrice.

The prayer service on Friday morning was led by William Niemann of Beatrice on the theme, "Contrition and Prayer". Following the business session, the Quiet Half Hour was conducted by the Rev. John Borchers, pastor of the church at Shell Creek. The afternoon devotional on "Whole-Hearted Prayer" was led by Gustav Garbers. This was followed by an address, "The Christian's Promise" by the Rev. Theodore Frey of Creston, an address, "The Christian and the World" by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, and the Quiet Half Hour by the Rev. John Borchers. The evening sermon, "The Christian's Watchfulness," was delivered by the Rev. Paul Lemke, pastor of the Baptist church in Columbus.

The Saturday morning devotional, "Faith and Prayer," was led by William Brunken, Jr., of Creston. This being Bible Study Day, there were two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. These were conducted by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf and the Rev. Theodore Frey and were taken from a course on the Ten Commandments. Following the morning study sessions the inspirational message was delivered by the Rev. John Borchers on Exodus 4:2. The afternoon devotional, "Obedience and Prayer" was led by William Lange of Shell Creek.

At the Sunday morning service the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf delivered the mission sermon. The afternoon session was in the hands of the young people. There were readings and musical numbers rendered by the societies of the association. The Standard of Excellence Awards for both the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. were presented to the Creston groups at this time by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf. The guest speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. Paul Lemke who spoke on the subject, "Youth Faces the World".

The closing sermon, "The Urgent Need of the Holy Spirit," was delivered by the Rev. John Borchers. The mission offering amounted to \$190.00.

EDNA LANGE, Reporter.

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Annual Report of the Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society of La Salle, Colorado

Another milestone has been passed for us as a Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., and we have endeavored to live up to our motto: "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." During the past year we have been privileged to scatter bits of sunshine here and there.

Our monthly meetings were held in the church as well as our annual bazaar. We followed our program book and each member had a definite part in the success of the meetings during the year. It proved a great blessing to have the Rev. A. Husmann and our general evangelist, the Rev. Theo W. Dons, as guest speakers in our midst. The meetings were well attended and we are glad to be co-workers with Christ. We have remembered our Centenary Offering and the Fellowship Fund. The women took it as their project to have the church redecorated and contributed to the furnace which was installed in the parsonage.

The annual program was well attended and the missionary play, "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush", presented a real challenge to the audience. For the coming year we want to pledge ourselves anew to the service of our King and hope to do great things with his divine help.

MRS. DAN BOHLANDER, Secretary.

The Dorcas Society of the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas Promotes God's Kingdom

"Widening Circles" was the play recently presented by the 15 members of our Dorcas Society of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas. The occasion was the annual missionary program of the society at which an offering amounting to \$18.00 was received for foreign missions. It was only one of the many inspirational events through the year in which we experienced God's blessings and were exhorted to promote God's Kingdom in cooperation with our church.

Together with our neighboring church women we observed the denominational Day of Prayer in our church in March. In April we had our Silver Tea in the church basement to which each member had invited three friends in the community. Our June meeting was marked by missionary messages by the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Gomez from Minneapolis, Minn. For Children's Day we sent 30 dozen eggs to St. Joseph, Mich., and we hope that the children enjoyed them as much as we enjoyed sending them. In October we sent a gift box to the Chicago Home for the Aged.

Our total financial income, which included food sales at public sales, was \$388.80 of which \$121.00 were dedicated to missions and \$147.50 were paid on our parsonage debt. We are happy that we were able to clear our last debt on our church property this year. Besides this, we made many sick visits, and always remembered them with small gifts, cards and flowers.

MRS. NOTON MARTINITZ, President.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Praying Mothers in the Helping Hand Sunday School Class of Benton Harbor, Michigan

The Helping Hand Sunday School Class of the Clay Street Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, Mich., has concluded its 14th year of service as an organized class and with God's help we are starting our 15th year.

Our heavenly Father has blessed us in so many ways. He has given us a teacher, Mrs. J. Stubenrauch, who is starting her 20th year as our teacher and who never tires to instruct us in God's holy Word, for which we are thankful. Our class meets once a month at the home of one of our members. Under the leadership of our president, Mrs. J. Feige, who has always encouraged us in our work, we have had a blessed year. We were able to contribute sums of money for missions, the Centenary Offering, a Leper Colony and many other causes.

We are a class of praying mothers since most of us have sons in the Armed Forces, some of whom are overseas. We place them in the Lord's keeping where they are safe, and our prayer is that the Savior may abide with us and bless us in the future, as he has wonderfully blessed us in the past.

MARTHA RENNEAUX, Secretary.

In Memory of Mrs. August Pistor of Forest Park, Ill., a Saint of God

It could hardly have been anticipated that the daughter born to Melchior and Anna Wanner on Jan. 30, 1862, to whom they gave the name Verena, would grow to womanhood and be the instrument of blessing to so many lives, as has been revealed through a careful survey of the life of Mrs. August Pistor of Forest Park, Ill., now that she has gone to be with her Lord. Many had already preceded her, but the wealth of floral tributes, and the presence of so large a company at the funeral service on Friday afternoon, Jan. 21, spoke volumes of the extent to which she had endeared herself to all who knew her.

Mrs. Pistor came to the United States when nineteen years old, and locating in Kansas there met and was married to the Rev. August Pistor in 1862. Three sons and seven daughters were born to this happy couple and, except for a son and two daughters who previously died, they remained to cheer and comfort their aged mother through the years of trial and testing which fell to her lot following the death of her husband.

She was a devoted mother and an equally devoted wife and helpmeet to her husband. With a keen awareness of her responsibility as a pastor's wife she built herself into the life of the members and friends of the churches he served. Perhaps the largest contribution she made in this respect was seen in her work as pastor's wife in the Forest Park Church of Forest Park, Illinois.

Afflicted with blindness more than twenty-two years before her death, she

never once questioned the providence of God which permitted this affliction. Her unwavering faith enabled her to rise above it and, if anything, the fact that she could not see deepened her interest in spiritual things. She followed with unceasing delight the progress of the work of the church and the denomination as a whole and was, indeed, better informed than most people concerning that which was happening in the churches and in the missionary of our denomination.

Nearly twenty years ago, in conversation with Dr. William Kuhn, she gave him the text she desired him to speak on at her funeral service. It is found in Psalm 17:15—"I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." Speaking to this text Dr. Kuhn brought a message of comfort and challenge. Her pastor, Rev. C. B. Nordland, was in charge of the service.

The seven children who survive are: Mrs. L. P. Cassel, wife of the Rev. L. P. Cassel of First Baptist Church of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Edwin Heinmiller of Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. Ernest Pistor of Dundee, Ill.; August Pistor of Oak Park, Ill.; Mrs. Carey R. Moser, wife of the Rev. C. R. Moser of Decatur, Ind.; Mrs. Ray Clark, Gray's Lake, Ill.; and Mrs. Otto Busch of Oak Park, Ill. In addition there are twenty-eight grandchildren, eight of whom are in the Armed Forces and eight great-grandchildren.

C. B. NORDLAND, Pastor.

Recent Holiday Events at the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Recent happenings here at the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., included a program by a number of Moody Bible Institute students under the leadership of one of our own girls, Miss Theodora Ruff. The Mixed Choir rendered a cantata entitled, "The Chimes of the Holy Night", on the Sunday before Christmas Day.

The male choir, of which the pastor, Rev. E. Gutsche, is the director and Mrs. E. Gutsche the pianist, arranged for a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Gutsche in the basement of the church. A ham supper was served and a gift was presented to the pastor. Further Christmas presents to both were substantial money gifts.

Another surprise party was arranged by the King's Daughters class, of which Mrs. E. Gutsche is the teacher. After the rendition of a program the party went to the church, where the presentation of a number of nature reels by Mr. Braun, a friend of the church, followed a delicious lunch.

On the last day of the year the annual Watch Night was observed. The male choir took care of the program, and the ladies of the church served a lunch. In order to be better acquainted with the Clay Street Church, the Rev. A. F. Runtz, newly installed superintendent of the St. Joseph Children's Home, preached on Sunday, Jan. 9, to the congregation of the Benton Harbor church.

At the annual New Year's Day service Mr. Edwin Miller, student of our Rochester Baptist Seminary and a son of the church, took part in the service.

E. GUTSCHE, Pastor.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Women's Missionary Society of the Linton Baptist Church Reviews the Past Year

The Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., has completed another year of service under the leadership of its president, Mrs. G. P. Schroeder. Our monthly programs centered around a short Bible instruction conducted by the pastor, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder.

Our denominational enterprise in home and foreign missions was given a prominent place in our full program. God has truly been good to us in the past year. He has given us out of his great abundance. Our prayer is that we might be found faithful stewards.

We lost four members with several families moving away. At present we have a membership of nineteen. At our anniversary program the guest speaker was the Rev. Theo. W. Dons. A social get-together with our husbands and friends featured our birthday program. The total income for the year was \$532.75. We remembered our boys with the Armed Forces and overseas with a Christmas package.

Officers for the new year are president, Mrs. G. P. Schroeder; vice-president, Emilia Kremer; treasurer, Tillie Kremer; secretary, Eva Graf.

MRS. EMILIA KREMER, Reporter.

The Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota, Ends Year With a Baptismal Service

Instead of the usual Watch Night service, we of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., brought the year 1943 to a close with a baptismal service, and our new minister, the Rev. J. G. Benke, had the joy and privilege of baptizing four young men and five girls as a visible result of the evangelistic services we had in our churches during the fall months. The church at Hebron was packed, and it was a most appropriate ending of the year, at the same time giving these young people every opportunity to start the new year right. It is our hope and prayer that we will soon have another baptismal service for others who have not yet decided to follow our Lord and Master and his example.

Mr. and Mrs. Benke have been hard at work since they started with us in June, 1943. The Lord has been with them, and blessed them in their efforts. All branches of the church are active. We have again adopted the Club Plan for the distribution of "The Baptist Herald" and "Sendbote" among us. The 34 young men in the Armed Forces receive "The Baptist Herald" and "The Secret Place" regularly.

We now have English services in our church once a month. Our B. Y. P. U. now meets each Sunday evening in the basement of our church at 7:00 P. M. for 45 minutes before the regular evening church service, under the leadership of the new president, Mrs. Benke, and the assistance of four group leaders with short programs on the topics of Music, Education, Missions and Devotions. The Junior Church also is making progress under

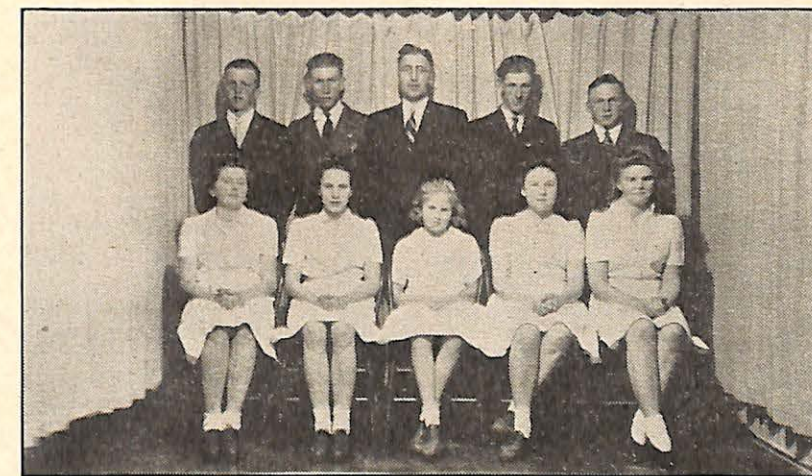
the able leadership of Mrs. Benke.

A number of our families have moved to town this fall, and others are making similar plans, so that already some post-war plans are being mentioned in regard to the enlargement of the church at Hebron. The salary of our minister was increased \$200 at the annual meeting, and the church has assisted him in joining the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund of the Northern Baptist Convention. The Lord has blessed us abundantly during the past year.

I. E. GIEDT, Correspondent.

men have accepted Christ as their Savior. Yet, we shall be prepared and determined to bring the Christian joy into their hearts. Our goal shall remain to be: "All and everything for Christ and nothing for the world." We realize that such is not an easy undertaking but if Christ be with us, who shall be against us? Men and women are ready to live Christ; the choir is ready to proclaim the gospel through song—with great expectations and assurance, we of Berlin and Fredonia have entered into the New Year.

P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor.



Nine Young People Recently Baptized by the Rev. Jothan Benke and Received Into the Fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota

Reviewing the First Four Months of Rev. P. T. Hunsicker's Ministry in the Berlin Church

As we of the Baptist Church of Berlin and Fredonia, No. Dak., passed over the threshold into a new year, we viewed with gratitude the first four months of service upon our new field. God has been kind to us all. When we came here in September, 1943, our people assured us of their loyalty and full cooperation. The following weeks proved their sincerity, for motion after motion was passed: first, to become self-supporting with the coming of the new year, and then to improve the communion service by purchasing individual communion ware. New land was added to the property around the parsonage and plans were made to beautify the grounds. The inside of the parsonage experienced remodeling and redecoration. Old lighting fixtures were replaced with fluorescent lighting fixtures, and new cupboards added to the kitchen. Plans have been made to remodel and redecorate both churches to meet pressing needs. To crown it all, we counted a Thanksgiving and Mission Offering of \$576, an amount which by far exceeds the offerings of past years.

We give recognition to our newly organized choir which gave its first concert on Christmas to the joy of a great audience. This concert was also presented in Gackle upon the invitation of that church. We are mighty proud of our young people who are ever willing and ready to use their talents to the joy of their church.

However, we express regret to see so many of our youth yet outside the fellowship of the church. For reasons unexplained only a very few of the young

First Report and Greetings from the Junior Society of Avon, South Dakota

Hello to all the Junior girls and boys of "The Baptist Herald" family! May God bless you, every one! This is the first time we of the Junior Society of the First Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., appear in print. Our "first day out" as it were, but we've been so very busy here at home.

During the past year we have had 49 Sunday evening meetings. Our programs vary. On Sunday evenings we have had flannelgraph stories on the life of Christ and programs made up by the children themselves. Some of the Sunday School teachers have given us very fine talks, and our beloved pastor, the Rev. P. Geissler, always delights us with fine object lessons. During the year we were also privileged to have the Rev. Theo. Dons for two meetings, and Mrs. L. Hoeffner of Elberta, Ala., for one meeting.

During July we thought we would like to do something more worth while, so we decided to have an offering on two Sunday evenings a month. This money we used to send Testaments to boys in the Armed Forces. Thus far we have sent 15 New Testaments to all ends of the earth. You should hear the letters of appreciation some of the boys have written!

Miss Marie Burfeindt is our leader, and Mrs. Dan C. Van Gerpen is her faithful assistant. We have 31 members in our group. And best of all, most of them know Christ as their personal Savior. Will you pray with us that the boys who receive our New Testaments may also accept Christ as their Redeemer?

Just One of Us.

The Baptist Mission Society of Vida, Montana, Reviews Blessings and Events of 1943

We of the Women's Mission Society of the Baptist Church of Vida, Mont., rejoice over the bountiful blessings and abundant harvest bestowed upon us in the past year. As Vida is just a little rural church, it seems so easily forgotten but just the same our society has been very progressive. Our Fall bazaar and chicken supper was a great success with the returns for the evening amounting to \$185.20. The year's income totaled \$285.85 from which we contributed toward the Mission and Red Cross, and helped in our church whenever it was necessary.

The officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. R. H. Berreth, president; Mrs. R. Remmich, vice-president; Mrs. Albert Reik, secretary; and Mrs. Gary Beuchler, treasurer.

Our program has again been planned in advance with each member acting as program leader at different meetings. We are also including a short Bible study at each meeting. We have begun the work of making two hand made quilts.

God has blessed us richly, and our prayer is that in a small way we may measure up to his many favors.

MRS. R. H. BERRETH, Secretary.

Election of Officers and Special Youth Rally Held by the Corona B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Corona, So. Dak., has again elected its officers for the new year. They are president, Esther Peters; vice-president, Maynard Hoekman; secretary, Dorothy DeBoer; treasurer, Elmer Harms; librarian, Mable Loof; and pianist, Mrs. Herman Poppen.

We have our meetings once every week on Sunday night, or on a Friday evening. Our regular meetings consist of song studies, Bible ball games, Bible studies and the like.

Because we could not attend our regular rally, our society invited other nearby societies to a rally of our own on January 13. The societies which attended our rally were the Danish Baptist Church of Marvin, and the Baptist Church of Holloway, Minn., of which the Rev. John Broeder is pastor. He gave us a short talk in the church service.

Our program for the evening was a banquet supper served by the ladies at which 70 people were present. During the supper hour we heard reports from the different societies with our pastor, the Rev. R. Klein, acting as toastmaster.

At the evening meeting each society gave two numbers among which were readings and musical numbers. Mr. Broeder's message was taken from Isaiah 43:1. Each one at the supper was given the book of Isaiah as a little remembrance of the rally.

DOROTHY DE BOER, Secretary.

Recent Activities and Successful Projects at the Baptist Church of Goodrich, North Dakota

Only 10 months ago the Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak., gathered to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler as minister and work-

ers for its large field. From the beginning we have been actively engaged in the service of our Lord and Master, and as a church we express our profound gratitude to God for the signal blessings attending our efforts. In appreciation the people have given freely.

Our church edifice has been greatly beautified by relining the interior with "Masonite", sanding the floors, painting and varnishing the woodwork. The greatest part of the work was donated by our members. On Oct. 24 a rededication service was held with the Rev. Theo. W. Dons serving as our guest speaker. Mr. Dons remained with us for two weeks and served us faithfully in a series of revival meetings in which he lifted us upon higher ground with his striking messages and his spiritual emphasis. Three young people gave their lives to the Lord.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held in July, 1943, with 61 children enrolled. A missionary offering, amounting to \$30, was taken and sent to Miss Margaret Lang and Miss Carrie Swyter in the Sudan Interior Mission.

Many of our young people were encouraged to work with more zeal for Christ when the Northern North Dakota Young People's Union met in our church on Nov. 26 for its annual Rally Day. On Sunday, Nov. 21, we observed Mission Sunday. It was the pastor's privilege to speak to a large congregation on the "Joy and Blessings of Giving". The offering of the day for missions amounted to \$677. Adding this sum to the amount contributed for missions before and since that time, a total of approximately \$1400 was given for missions during the last 10 months. This is indeed very gratifying, since this is in addition to the money raised for the renovation of our church and the improvements in the parsonage.

At our annual business meeting all our treasuries showed substantial balances on hand. The pastor's salary was also increased, which is gratefully appreciated. On New Year's eve the

members gathered for a Watch Night service. With songs of praise and prayer we entered the New Year. During the first week of January we observed Prayer Week with marked blessings to the many participating. Our church also received encouragement for our various tasks from the following brethren who visited us during the last year: the Rev's. J. Kepl, J. Wobig, F. Trautner, H. P. Kaiser, A. Schultz, R. Kaiser and A. Bibelheimer.

Our people have worked together harmoniously and zealously and we feel that by the grace of God we have gone forward. In the coming year may each member of our church be found to be a loyal soldier in the army of the King, and may we win many souls for him who died for us!

J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Every Member of the Lodi B. Y. P. U. of California is Active in the Work

We of the Baptist Church at Lodi, Calif., are happy to report that our B. Y. P. U. is very active, with every member eager to take part. This has been due to the capable staff of officers, whose sole interest is for the bettering of Christian leadership. Elton Burgstahler is president of the society; the vice-president is Tillie Schweigert; Lo Rayne Engel is secretary; Rose Hyke is the treasurer; and Bertha Melcher the pianist.

Once a month after the evening service, the young people go to the social hall and have an hour of singpiration and Christian fellowship. Also on one evening a month, we attend a city wide singpiration held at the various Lodi churches.

A hand painted copy of Sallman's "Head of Christ" was presented and unveiled at one of the recent B.Y.P.U. singspirations. Mrs. G. A. Burgstahler very effectively spoke on the painting. A quartet consisting of Calvin Lohr, Dave Gray, Connie Randalls sang, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus", followed by other similar beautiful and appropriate hymns.

We were privileged again to hear Chaplain Harry O. Anderson on Sunday evening, Jan. 9, speaking about the hospitals and shelters for Service Men while on leave. After his message, David Weigum, deacon in the church, went to the microphone and announced he was going to place a soldier, Sgt. Howard Wheeler, and a sailor, Lt. (j.g.) who is home on a 30 day furlough from Algiers, Africa, Edmund Gentner, U. S. N. R., at each door with plates, and that he would match anything that was given. Our total was \$800.00 to give to Chaplain Anderson for the Christian work of the Armed Forces.

After the service the congregation gathered in the social hall of the church and pleasantly surprised the pastor, Rev. A. Felberg. Upon entering the room, they all joined in the singing of "Happy Birthday to You". We wish him many of God's blessings throughout this year, 1944.

MRS. EDWIN C. WOLFF, Reporter.

Review of the Past Year's Activities of Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

At the close of our church year we of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., have every reason to thank God for the many blessings we were permitted to enjoy. Our church membership at present is 280 with a net increase of 27 members during the past year, 11 of whom were added by baptism. The Rev. G. G. Rauser of Franklin, Calif., blessed us with special meetings in April.

A Vacation Bible School was held in June and a number of children accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The church granted a license to preach to one of our young men. We now have three young men preparing for the Christian ministry. Three young women are also attending Bible Schools. Our service flag shows 36 stars.

We were again privileged to have special Bible studies on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with our prayer meetings under the ministry of the Rev. S. E. Forsberg of Portland, Oregon. This arrangement not only increased our Bible knowledge, but our attendance as well.

This year a great missionary opportunity presented itself to us. As we have several housing projects for defense workers in this city, we undertook to establish a mission at Salishan, which is the largest of these projects in Tacoma. It has a population of about 8000 people. Many difficulties have arisen from time to time due to war restrictions, but we have made this a subject of much prayer and so far we have been able to surmount these difficulties and have come to the point where we have been able to purchase the Projects' Office buildings to be used as chapel and Sunday School rooms.

Although our hearts have been centered on this missionary venture, other fields have not suffered. During this past year we have contributed approximately \$3200 to our general missionary enterprise, about \$700 to miscellaneous missions, and about \$800 has been appropriated for our Salishan mission project.

All organizations of the church have been cooperating with our pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, who has been faithful in proclaiming the fundamental gospel to the unsaved and to the edification of us all.

MRS. E. HELMRICH, Church Clerk.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM PETER EGERER of Ableman, Wisconsin

Mr. William Peter Egerer was born on Jan. 3, 1864, in the town of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

In the year 1891 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ninnemann who lived in Loganville, Wis. They then made their home on a farm west of North Freedom until 1917 when they moved to Ableman, and it was from this home in Ableman that Mr. Egerer preceded his devoted wife to his prepared mansion on high.

On April 11, 1909, he was baptized by the Rev. W. S. Argow and united with the North Freedom Baptist Church of which he remained a faithful member.

When Mr. Egerer closed his earthly mission on Saturday evening, Jan. 8, he had reached the age of 80 years and 5 days.

He leaves to mourn his wife, and one brother, George, of Chicago, Illinois.

Funeral services were held in the North Freedom Baptist Church on Jan. 11, with the Rev's. C. F. Stoeckmann and Ralph Rott officiating.

North Freedom, Wis.

RALPH ROTT, Pastor.

MRS. HANNAH KIETZKE of Larmatine, Wisconsin

Mrs. Hannah Kietzke, nee Clemens, was called to her heavenly reward on Saturday evening, Dec. 18, at the beautiful age of 86 years, 1 month, and 11 days.

Mrs. Kietzke was born on Nov. 8, 1857, in Treblein, Germany, and when only a small child came to this country with her parents. On March 29, 1879, she was united in marriage to Mr. Fredrick Kietzke in Fond du Lac, Wis. Two years later they moved to North Freedom where they resided until 1937. In May of that year Mr. and Mrs. Kietzke moved to Larmatine, Wis., and made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Hugo Hintz.

On April 13, 1884, she was baptized by the Rev. W. Kroesch and became a member of the North Freedom Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters and four sons: Mrs. Lawrence Stock of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. George Hintz of Appleton, Wis.; Mr. Hugo Hintz of Larmatine; Julius of Prairie Du Sac; Clement and Fredrick of Madison, Wis.; and Alfred of Bondurant, Iowa.

Funeral services were held in the

North Freedom Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 22. Words of comfort were spoken by his pastor, the Rev. Ralph Rott, and the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann.

North Freedom, Wis.

RALPH ROTT, Pastor.

MR. F. WILLIAM DROESE of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. F. William Droese was born in Elbing, East Prussia, Aug. 7, 1867, and was called to his heavenly home on Dec. 29, 1943. He came to this country as a lad of 15. For a number of years he resided in Detroit, Mich., but later he came to Cleveland where he made his home for more than 40 years. In 1895 he was united in marriage with Emma Louise Gerbitz. This happy union was blessed with one daughter.

Those who knew Mr. Droese best speak of him as a devout and faithful Christian. The Droeses had been members of this church for almost 40 years. They were deeply spiritual, loyal in their attendance and support of the church, and true lovers of mankind. They had won the friendship of a great number of people.

On Oct. 12, 1943, Mrs. Droese went to be with her Lord. Two months and 17 days later she was followed by her husband. Mr. Droese leaves to mourn his departure: one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Anders; a grandson, William Anders, both of Cleveland; a brother, Rudolph, of Painesville, Ohio, and a large number of friends.

White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

EMANUEL WOLFF, Pastor.

Your Sunday School Has a Sales Job!



One of the basic reasons for decline in Sunday School attendance lies at the door of Johnny's and Mary's home. Their mother and daddy are not concerned enough—or even concerned at all—that their children attend regularly. They are busy all week. Maybe Johnny's mother has a war-time job. Sunday then becomes a day for "catching up," late rising, and you know the rest. Appalling, but true.

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OPEN LETTER TO CHURCH MEMBERS REGARDING THE BAPTIST MINISTERS' PENSION PLAN

Dear Brother and Sister Baptist:

Did it ever occur to you that as a member of a Baptist church you are an employer? Your vote to call your pastor placed on you that responsibility. You expect him to give his best to the church and to you. But do you realize that some day he will be too old to work? No church will want him then. Neither will you.

What will become of him and his wife in their old age?

Do you care enough to do something about it?

Because I believe you do care, I make this suggestion: Membership for your pastor in the Ministers' and Missionaries' Retiring Pension Plan will provide an income for them in their sunset years.

As a member of your church you can propose that an item be placed in the church budget for its share of the pastor's pension dues. Of course, you would add enough to your own pledge to pay your share of the cost. It will take so little from you and the other church members. It will mean so very much to the pastor and his wife.

For the details of the Plan write to me and I will gladly tell you all about it.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert E. Hinton,
3905 Carrollton Avenue,
Indianapolis-5, Indiana.

Editor's Postscript—Dr. Hinton, a former Baptist missionary and state secretary, is now associated with the Baptist Ministers and Missionaries Pension Fund in which many of our churches are deeply interested at present. Dr. Hinton can be heartily recommended to our churches for further information regarding the plan.

REVEALING BLOOD

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that. Remember that God dwelt in the spirit-filled Christ and that Christ gave himself voluntarily. The Roman soldiers did not drag him to the cross. He faced death with a will.

Calvary's Blood

All the suffering from which the repentant sinner is released is absorbed by the Godhead just as any loss is suffered by the creditor when the debtor goes into bankruptcy. "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." A world full of "blood, sweat, and tears" should not find it difficult to understand the meaning of vicarious suffering.

Let us remember, then, that the blood on Calvary reveals the height of God's holy love, the depth of human sin, and the principle upon which rests the moral order of the universe. This demonstration of God calls for a demonstration on our part. "Let us love him, because he first loved us." And let us say: "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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1. What kind of men were most of Jacob's sons?
2. Why did the brothers hate Joseph?
3. What did Jacob give Joseph one day?
4. While the brothers were gone, what did Jacob ask Joseph to do one day?
5. What did the brothers do to Joseph when he came to them?
6. What happened to Joseph at last?

Twenty Years Ago

(February 15 to 28, 1924)

❖ The Rev. R. T. Wegner, pastor of the German Baptist Church in San Francisco, Calif., brought his ministry there to a close in February. The continued ill health of his wife necessitated this step. Later he accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J.

❖ The annual banquet of the Baraca Class of the South Chicago Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., was held on Monday evening, Feb. 25. The speaker, Prof. A. H. Steinhaus of the Y. M. C. A. College and president of the Chicago Jugendbund, delivered a message on "World Problems, How We Solve Them?" A picture of the class of 25 men appeared on the front cover of the June, 1924, issue of "The Herald".

❖ The 23rd anniversary of the Oak Park Young People's Society of Illinois was held on Thursday evening, Feb. 27. The speaker of the occasion was Professor J. Heinrichs, former missionary to India, who spoke on "The Spiritual Value of Missionary Zeal". The following new officers were installed: Carl Jungkunz, president; Ethel Kinderman, vice-president; Anna Czyz, secretary; and Arthur Rappuhn, treasurer.

❖ Revival fires broke out in February, 1924, in a number of Saskatchewan churches of Canada as a result of meetings conducted by the Saskatchewan ministers' quartet composed of the Rev's. A. J. Milner, Schmidt, R. E. Reschke and V. Ratchkowsky, assisted by the Rev's. G. W. Rutsch and Phil. Daum. Sixteen conversions were reported in Southey, 25 in Nokomis, 15 in Lemberg, 70 in East Ebenezer, and 15 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

❖ The Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., is making extensive improvements in the basement of its edifice, which will also provide a very up-to-date kitchen besides other conveniences. The young people's society of the church contributed a sum of \$100 toward the total cost which will be \$800. A Home Department has been inaugurated in the Sunday School with Mrs. J. B. Dampke, superintendent. The Rev. W. J. Zirbes was pastor of the church at that time.

❖ From Feb. 23 to 27 the Rev. A. P. Mihm, editor of "The Baptist Herald", visited the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, of which the Rev. John Leyboldt is pastor. Mr. Mihm attended the meeting of the Crusaders under the direction of Miss Bertha Knopf, church missionary, spoke at the Sunday School session and services of the church and at the Oak Bank station on Sunday, and presented various phases of Sunday School and young people's work at the services.

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