



“Bless the Whole World, O God, in This New Year!”

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING . . . .

● On Nov. 23 a baby girl was born to the Rev. and Mrs. John Giesbrecht of Washburn, No. Dak. She has been named Carol Louise by her parents. This is the second child in the Giesbrecht family.

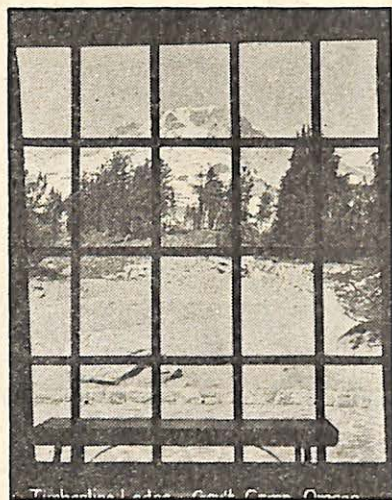
● Three new members were received by baptism into the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Dela., on Sunday, Nov. 14. Two young men, one of whom is the pastor's son-in-law, and a young woman were given the hand of fellowship into the church by the Rev. Christian Peters. "The church has many reasons for gratitude to God for his special blessings," as reported with encouragement by the pastor.

● The annual birthday party of the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, Canada, was held on Sunday evening, Nov. 7, with a large crowd in attendance. The program consisted of several numbers presented by individuals representing each month of the year. The total of birthday offerings amounted to \$55.23. Afterwards the entire congregation enjoyed the lunch which was served in the basement of the church. The Rev. C. Rempel is the pastor.

● On Friday, Nov. 19, the members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., enjoyed the fellowship around the banquet table in celebration of the 48th anniversary of the church. Afterwards the members remained for the annual business meeting and election of officers. At this time, reports were given by the presidents of the various societies relating their activities throughout the past year. The Rev. Paul E. Loth is pastor of the church.

● The Sunday School of the White Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, O., held its Harvest Festival on Sunday, Nov. 21, with the superintendent, Mr. N. G. Giesse, in charge. The mission offering amounted to the splendid sum of \$244.72. On Sunday, Dec. 19, the mixed choir and girls' chorus of the church presented a musical program. The Christmas Sunday School program was rendered on Sunday evening, Dec. 26. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff is pastor of the church.

● Evangelistic meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Medina, No. Dak., from Oct. 11 to 19, with the Rev. John Reimer from Briercreech, Sask., Canada, serving as evangelist. The pastor of the church, the Rev. G. Itter-



**A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**  
 Go with me, Master, by the way,  
 Make every day a walk with Thee;  
 New glory shall the sunshine gain,  
 And all the clouds shall lightened be.  
 Go with me on life's dusty road  
 And help me bear the weary load.  
 Talk with me, Master, by the way;  
 The voices of the world recede,  
 The shadows darken o'er the land,—  
 How poor am I, how great my need.  
 Speak to my heart disquieted  
 Till it shall lose its fear and dread.  
 Bide with me, Master, all the way,  
 Though to my blinded eyes unknown;  
 So shall I feel a Presence near  
 Where I had thought I walked alone.  
 And when, far spent, the days decline,  
 Break Thou the bread, dear Guest of mine!  
 —Annie Johnson Flint.

mann, assisted with the song service and worship programs. Four persons accepted Christ as Savior during the services. "Inspiring and heartsearching messages were brought by the evangelist", as reported by Lillian Graf.

● From Nov. 9 to 21, revival services were held in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., with the Rev. J. Frank Davis of Enid, Okla., serving as evangelist. Fourteen persons confessed their faith in Christ during the meetings and were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, on Sunday evening, Nov. 28. At the Harvest Mission Festival of the Sunday School in October, a fine program was rendered and an offering of \$260.79 was received.

● On Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated the 14th anniversary of the Rev. A. Bredy's ministry as the pastor of the church with a "Friendship Dinner". A fine program was held featuring an address by Dr. McQuire, the Baptist Executive Secretary of Indianapolis. The decorations in the social room were quite elaborate,

and the church expressed its kindness and appreciation to the pastor, Mr. Bredy, with a gift.

● Since Dec. 1, 1943, the Rev. Robert Schade has been serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, Mass., in one of the most famous historical settlements of the United States. The Baptist Church overlooks the site where the Pilgrims first landed on American shores more than 300 years ago. The Rev. Robert Schade is the youngest son of Prof. and Mrs. A. A. Schade. His wife is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Wedel. He was formerly pastor of a church in Middleboro, Mass.

● On Thursday evening, Nov. 25, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held its Thanksgiving night service with a missionary address by Dr. H. A. Lichtwardt, medical missionary to Persia, and a program to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the church. The goal of the missionary offering was \$15,000 of which 90 per cent was to go toward the church's building fund and 10 per cent toward denominational missions. The offering amounted to \$12,200. The Rev. George A. Lang is pastor of the church.

● Chaplain Leslie P. Albus, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., Canada, has been at Camp Barkeley, Texas, since Nov. 10, following his graduation from the School for Chaplains at Harvard University. His address is 616th Clearing Co., Camp Barkeley, Texas. Mrs. Albus is with her husband near the camp. Any "Baptist Herald" readers who have sons or relatives at Camp Barkeley can communicate with Chaplain Albus concerning them, and he will personally get in touch with them.

● The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., was the scene of a lovely wedding on Nov. 19 with the Rev. R. Milbrandt officiating, when Miss Frieda Kujath, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. Kujath of Kelowna, B. C., formerly of Regina, Sask., became the bride of Mr. Arthur Woycik, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Woycik of Regina. The bride has been church pianist for a number of years and both are active in church and young people's work, and we join in wishing them God's richest blessings for the future.

● Revival services were held in the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., from Nov. 8 to 22, with the Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham, Kansas, as evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. C. C. Gossen, wrote that "we realized

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### Coming!

**SERVICE MEN'S ISSUE**  
 The next number will be largely devoted to the Service Men of our churches with the publication of letters from them, reports by our chaplains, pictures and illustrations about our Armed Forces, and the story of our churches' and denomination's ministry to these young people in the various Service branches.

**THE JOY OF GIVING**  
 Several articles and poems on tithing, the Lord's Acre Mission Project and the blessings of Christian giving will make their appearance in the next issue. In this day of material prosperity, these articles ought to be of interest and challenge to every reader.

**CHILDREN'S PAGE**  
 Mrs. Louis Johnson of Wyocena, Wis., who so ably and beautifully edited "The Children's Page" during the first half of 1943, will renew her ministry in response to many urgent requests by the younger readers of "The Baptist Herald" that "The Children's Page" be continued. This page will appear once each month throughout 1944.

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# EDITORIAL

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## "The Baptist Herald" Comes of Age

WITH this first issue of the twenty-second volume "The Baptist Herald" can celebrate its twenty-first birthday. It may be said of this publication, as is reported of young men on similar occasions, that it has come of age! A great deal of truth and promise is summed up in that statement.

The year 1944 will mark several important milestones in the ministry of "The Baptist Herald." It is to be no longer just a young people's paper. It has grown up to maturity and now stands alongside "Der Sendbote" as a denominational paper to represent the English-speaking interests of our churches. It belongs to the entire denomination.

In accordance with this new recognition, its editorial supervision is to be placed into the hands of the Publication Board. An editor for "The Baptist Herald" will be elected at the next General Conference, who will also have some promotional responsibility in the denomination. The young people's secretary will no longer edit the paper.

Even more drastic may be some of the changes in "The Herald" itself. Plans for the enlargement of the publication's ministry in more frequent appearances or a larger and better magazine will be presented to the next General Conference.

This year, 1944, is being regarded politically as a year of stupendous and critical significance in the history of the world. It may also witness important developments in the history of our denomination, as the General Conference convenes in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from May 11 to 14, and possibly as doors swing wide open to mission fields in Africa, the Balkan lands of southeastern Europe, and elsewhere. In this unfolding program of our denominational enterprise throughout this year, "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" will endeavor to do their part faithfully by informing and inspiring our people for the tasks before us.

Mr. H. P. Donner, our business manger, begins his 33rd year in this capacity on Jan. 1, 1944. His enthusiastic support of "The Baptist Herald" from its inception to the present day will help to strengthen and guide its ministry during this year.

As a boy becomes a man and reaches his twenty-first birthday, he faces corresponding responsibilities of adulthood. So, also, as "The Baptist Herald" comes of age, there is greater work to be done and tasks to be met. In the name of Christ and with the help of God, we accept that challenge for "The Baptist Herald" in 1944.



—Ewing Galloway Photo

"Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New; Ring, Happy Bells, Across the Snow!  
The Year is Going, Let Him Go; Ring Out the False, Ring In the New."—Alfred Tennyson

# The Power to See it Through

A New Year's Sermon by the REV. A. J. FISCHER  
of Wessington Springs, South Dakota

THE present era is undergoing many changes. People are called upon to renounce some former pleasures and privileges and to bring greater sacrifices than ever. In spite of these greater demands required of us, we feel as though there were less spiritual power at our command. The hidden resources of the divine power need to be discovered again. There is promised to us sufficient power to see some things through, even in these hectic days.

## True Christian Discipleship

If the goals which our nation has set are sincere and of high purpose, then by all means, we want to carry them out. These worthy goals are to rid the world of the evil of this present war, and to realize the possibilities of not having to engage in any future wars. Will we have the normal persuasion to see such high ideals through? Will we be Christian enough to love the "so-called" enemies and all "wayward" nations back into the realm of international peace and neighborliness? May that be our chief concern, not only to win the war, but also the peace which is to follow!

We are, however, addressing our-

selves not alone as citizens of a country, but moreso as citizens of the heavenly Kingdom, and as such we need power to see some things through in the spiritual realm. In other words, do we live constantly in the presence of God, so that we will never lose the sense of his spirit? Are we counting the cost which Christians have to bring in order to be followers of Christ? True discipleship exacts great demands from Christians.

Jesus, when upon this earth, related a parable toward the end of his ministry illustrating the need of counting the cost. This story will serve as basis for our thought. It is found in the gospel according to Luke 14:27. The underlying lesson in this parable is that common sense teaches men not to begin any costly work without first seeing that they have the wherewithal to finish. It is folly to undertake a serious business (here, becoming a disciple of Christ), without counting the cost.

Jesus was talking to his disciples and the multitude about a certain rash builder who started to erect a tower, but who did not figure the cost in advance, both as to money and sufficient materials, and so he was unable to finish the structure. He left an unfinished

tower as a memorial of having a lack of power and ability to see some things through. His neighbors began to make light of this tragic situation, saying: "This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Jesus' purpose in relating this incident was to show the multitude who began to follow him that they have to go through with their intentions. Jesus saw their lack of persistence and affections for his cause. In introducing this story, Jesus said: "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

## Starting Power is Essential

The progress of Christianity does not consist in making excuses whenever we would dodge our responsibilities and obligations. Nor is the Kingdom of God realized by doing only what we like and approve. But there must be, as Jesus told the multitude, a determination to see some things through in life. Mere excuses, a lack of discernment, and a spirit of unconcern will ultimately bring to pass a carefree and indifferent age.

Time and again Jesus, in preaching and teaching, proclaimed, "Follow me". This is the fundamental principle of the Christian life, for it implies fol-

lowing after the Master, and it gives to the beginner in the faith a sense of direction. Every Christian who is well established in his life has had a starting point in his life's experience. This starting point was God's starting power for him.

When Jesus calls unto us, "Follow Me," he offers a power sufficient to get the Christian life underway. This starting power has the potentiality to bring one's life into conformity with the Spirit of God. It helps one to lay a firm foundation for a life that is pure and wholesome, a life that is strong and powerful, a life that is useful and helpful, and a life that is full and potentially eternal.

The starting point in the life of a Christian demands careful thought and a firm determination. He needs to ask of himself such questions as these: Am I able to continue in the Christian life? When temptations come will I be able to withstand them? The prayer habit must be acquired, and also the fellowship of God's people must be sought in order to grow and to develop a Christian life. What is true in beginning a Christian life is also true in other experiences in connection with the work of the Church.

For almost all achievements in the Kingdom of God necessarily presuppose a good starting point. The Baptist Youth Fellowship has as its motto: "Together with Christ we can do it." "When youth works for Christ things begin to happen." The demand to start out on an adventure of high resolve and determination to build a world for Christ was never as great as it is today. May God fill with his Spirit all those who thus highly resolve! "The Revitalization of Our Churches" is a holy desire on the part of our concerned leaders to bring about a spiritual revival. May it please God that this will be achieved!

## Staying Power is Imperative

H. G. Wells in one of his writings puts these words into the mouth of his chief character: "Religion is the first and the last thing, and until a man has found God, and has been found by God, he begins at no beginning, he works to no end." This beginning of the Christian life brings us into contact with a force that furnishes us with power. Religion gives us the power to start, for it alone can transmit power, and it can reclaim broken lives and equip one for a life of service. We need to read a few pages of Begbie's book, TWICE BORN MEN, to convince us again that the spirit of God supplies a source of vitality to reclaim and restore marred vessels of humanity. Religion creates within us a dynamo to produce power to send us along life's way.

The Christian religion not alone furnishes man with a starting power, but it has been proven time and time

## BLAZE ON, "BAPTIST HERALD"

By MRS. W. S. JAEGER  
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For twenty-one years this "Herald" of joy

Has gone forth to make us glad;  
It followed the thirty years employ  
Of the "Jugend-Herold" we had.

In those past years, so long ago,  
Our glad young hearts rejoiced,  
The need, our leaders began to know,  
And a paper for youth was voiced.

Reading each issue through all those years,

Instructed by blessings it brought,  
Even now it still the old heart cheers  
In thanks for what has been wrought.

Blaze on, "Baptist Herald", against the wrong,

Come to us o'er land and sea;  
Accept His challenge; youth, be strong,  
Till we are what Christ wants us to be.

again that it has a staying power to match the starting power. When Jesus said, "Follow me", he did not only give unto the person who ventured out, who left all behind, and who followed after him a sufficient power to get underway, but as time went on, he experienced an even greater sustaining power than the starting power was. It is this continual abiding power in our lives which makes Christianity possible.

So much effort is lost because so many people are not able to finish what they have at one time begun. The tragedy of half-finished projects haunts us altogether too much. And what is more tragic is found in young people and adults who at one time had a ringing testimony and now are listless. Their empty lives are a demonstration against the staying power of God's protection and love. For a good beginning does not always ensure against a bad ending. Many a man has had a good start in youth and was on the road to a successful and established career, and only later in his life, when all his friends were counting on him to complete his task, he failed when there was no need of it whatsoever. The road of life is strewn with per-

### Revitalization Leaflets

New attractive leaflets on revitalization prepared and printed in the German language are now available upon request of Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. A limited number of the previous leaflets in English are still available.

All Christian friends who are concerned about supporting this movement with their prayers are urged to enlist with Dr. Wm. Kuhn. A lovely Prayer Helper Enrollment Card will be sent to each person writing to him with this assurance of prayer support.

sonalities who had good beginnings, but as time went on, the test became too severe and now they lie by the wayside.

There is revealed in Scripture and in human experience the secret of obtaining this staying power. Jesus often used a word which carries a depth of meaning. It is the word "abideth". "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5) May we as individuals, as a church, as a denomination, and as nations come to have a greater understanding of these words of Jesus.

Another secret that provides us with a staying power is to feel that it is a privilege to be called co-laborers and partners with God to carry out his great Commission. What a great privilege to be a Christian in these days, to make our influence felt in a dark and godless world. A real Christian is one who, as the Apostle Paul said, counts himself worthy to be in the Lord's service.

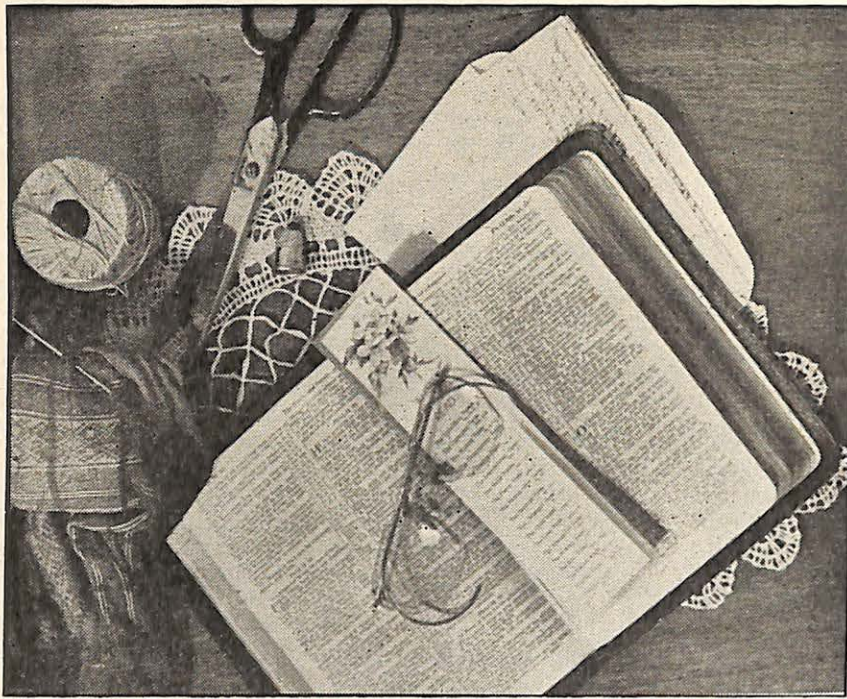
Another secret in this endurance contest of the Christian experience is to have patience. Paul said: "Ye have need of patience." These are a few of the necessary requirements in order to become established in the Christian faith.

## A Power to Finish is Promised

After a man has started well and has run his course successfully, his heart will leap up because he has succeeded. A feeling of satisfaction will come over him. When Jesus hung on the Cross in great agony for the greatest part of three hours, he then realized that man's redemption was completed and then cried out: "It is finished". He must have experienced the truth that God's power was sufficient for him to finish his uncompleted task, namely, to die on the Cross for the salvation of mankind. The ultimate test of any life and the purpose of living is to finish what we are called upon to do, as far as that is possible.

Paul waited anxiously for the last scene in the crowning act of the great drama in his life to be executed. He was confident that he had done his very best. In one of his last letters, he wrote: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Being ever mindful that he was far from being perfect, he strove ahead, and said: "Forgetting the things which were behind, and reaching unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

It is this spirit which will lead us on in our vocation to a glorious completion. May we in this New Year build, so that when the year is over, we can look back upon the past twelve months with confidence that we have done our task well. If we begin with the Lord, he will give us his sustaining grace to bring the year to a glorious close.



God's Open Word is the Safe and Secure Guide for the New Year as Well as the Secret of All Spiritual Revitalization

AT a ministers' conference, the question was being discussed how best to promote a revival. One pastor remarked: "It is dangerous to pray for a revival, because," said he, "if the revival should fail to come, the people will lose their faith."

It was in April, 1943, when the General Missionary Committee launched the project, "The Revitalization of our Churches". Since then this project has been actively promoted. Many appropriate sermons have been preached; ministers' convocations have been held; the BAPTIST HERALD and the SENDBOTE have published numerous articles; tens of thousands of special leaflets have been distributed; countless prayers have reached the Throne of Grace.

Today there may be some ministers and laymen, who say: "Where are the signs of the coming of this revitalization? Conditions in our own churches have not noticeably changed since April, 1943." All who speak thus may be disappointed and therefore in danger of losing their faith in the realization of this project.

For all of us, but especially for the benefit of some doubting souls, we would repeat what the apostle wrote to those persecuted Hebrew Christians, while they were looking for the establishment of that new world order, and which had not yet appeared:

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward." (Heb. 10:35)

We need to lift up our heads, and look over our denominational field with enlightened eyes. Then we will behold many convincing proofs in our very midst that the revitalization has actually come and is now with us. The following five evidences will dispel the

questionings from doubting hearts, so that in place of disappointment in our own midst the song of praise can be heard: "Thank God, the revitalization has begun."

Let us briefly consider these evidences.

1. *The favorable acceptance of this project by our people everywhere.*

Never before have we experienced anything like it, except possibly with the launching of the Million Dollar Offering. The General Missionary Committee unanimously with expressed enthusiasm gave its approval. Many personal letters with favorable comments were received. During 1943 our nine conferences built their programs around this theme of revitalization. During last summer our young people's assemblies were gripped by this one thought. Like the coming of spring after a hard winter, this truth of revitalization asserted itself in many phases of our denominational life.

2. *Many churches and individuals confessed their need of revitalization.*

At times, these confessions were made publicly in the spirit of humility and repentance. With certain pastors the fruits of their own revitalization have become apparent in their ministry.

3. *The launching of many successful evangelistic campaigns.*

Our two evangelists, the Rev. Theo W. Dons and the Rev. F. W. Bartel, have full schedules. Many pastors are assisting each other in evangelistic meetings. There is joy in heaven before the angels of God over the homecoming of many repentant souls from our own churches.

## With Unflinching Faith and Patience

An Article on "Revitalization" by

DR. WILLIAM KUHN,  
General Missionary Secretary

4. *A real awakening of passionate missionary enthusiasm.*

Many voices are suggesting that we establish new contacts on our Home Mission fields. Almost with impatience some are clamoring for an advance in the Foreign Mission fields.

5. *The outpouring of the Grace of Giving upon us as evidenced in the generous missionary contributions.*

Our budget receipts for the last month of November amounted to \$21,832.91. That is an outstanding record for any month of November since the Million Dollar Offering. From Aug. 1, 1943, to Nov. 30, 1943, our budget receipts totaled \$62,923.01. That total exceeded the receipts during the same period for the last five years. As of November 30, 1943, we had received for the Centenary Offering \$116,638.54, and for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies \$30,312.43.

Although many of us have not lost our faith regarding the coming of this spiritual revitalization, the time of waiting seems too long. We will do well earnestly to listen to the message that the apostle wrote to those same persecuted Hebrew Christians:

"For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." (Heb. 10:36)

In order to receive any promise of God, we must exercise faith and patience; we must patiently wait for God's hour to strike. All Kingdom affairs are run on God's time table; that also applies to the revitalization of our churches. This time of patient waiting can not be spent by us in idleness. Before we can "receive the promise" we will have to fulfill "the will of God".

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# Miracles Still Happen to Missionaries

The Thrilling Story of Missionary Laura Reddig's Plane Flight of 6400 Miles from Africa to America

AM I REALLY HERE? Is this really I coming home? Or am I dreaming? Yes, it all seems like a glorious dream, the kind from which you don't want to awaken. But it is real, and I am home! Enough people have helped to convince me of this fact.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 12, at 10:30 P. M., I got on the British Airways plane, "the Bangor", at Lagos, Nigeria (southern part of the African hump), bound for good old U. S. A.

What a thrill, really, a double thrill! My first ride through the clouds, and my homecoming after 5 years, 2 months and 9 days in Africa. I've always loved going up and down in elevators; so I greatly enjoyed riding in an airplane.

### The British Airways Seaplane

What a gorgeous winged house in which to be! We were 7 passengers, (I was the only American; the rest were British); so we had plenty of room to have a sofa-bed for each. The compartments were wider than those in a Pullman train, having 3 beds or seating space for 10 passengers in each. The windows were kept locked, for this ship wouldn't stop to pick up anybody's hat. Cloth walls let in the air and kept us fairly cool and air conditioned.

After a 6:30 P. M. tea, we landed in Bathurst, British Gambia (on the western part of the African hump) in the morning, Dec. 13, and had a real breakfast. Then they took us all in the British Airways Bus to a resthouse about 15 miles out, where each of us had a room with bath and could rest or do as we pleased. Lunch was served, and such a variety of foods, before we returned to the seaplane base.

It was about 5 P. M. on Monday, Dec. 13, that I saw the last of Africa. Tiny compounds, roads as pencil marks, and palm trees and mangroves in a deep green! How nice it all looks from such a high view! Once out over the Atlantic, there is nothing to see but clouds, water and waves, and the sky. We were all thrilled with the sunsets and morning skies. Clouds look somewhat unreal in their splendor when seen against a background of water instead of sky.

### Across the Atlantic

The next lap of our journey was across the Atlantic down to Trinidad, an island near South America. It was a beautifully bright day, and Trinidad is even more picturesque than travel books can show it. There we were

guests of the Pan American Airways since the British Airways have no base there. Open-faced sandwiches, pickles, fruit juices and coca cola made me realize that I was getting close to home.

We were taken to the Queen Park Hotel, Trinidad's finest, and again had rooms with bath. I heard they had ice cream, and so I ordered some, and it was more fun eating real ice cream again! Later on we had more. Trinidad is abounding in colorful stamps; so I sent out 22 letters, mostly envelopes and notes.

Street scenes are a striking contrast of two-wheeled carts drawn by mules or horses, and up-to-date cars. Balmy breezes and palms and such sunshine all day! At about 4 P. M. we returned to our seaplane base, took on a few more passengers and began the third lap of our trip.

The next stop, Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 6 A. M. was at the island of Bermuda.

### Arrival in America

When we left Bermuda, I changed from sandals to shoes and hose and put on warmer clothing (at 6 A. M., Wednesday, the 14th). New passengers taken on at Bermuda brought the total passenger list to 52 besides a crew of about 10.

For the next lap of the trip we had our first rough weather. "Bumpy roads," we called them. But none of the original passengers got air sick. This, unfortunately, was not true of almost all of the newer passengers. We had to go down to about 3000 or 4000 feet to get out of the roughest stretch.

Six and one half hours from Bermuda, we dropped down from the skies above. Baltimore, Maryland, was at hand at last after 44 actual flying hours and 6000 miles covered since Lagos. To think of seeing Africa on Monday evening and wiring Dr. Kuhn and my family about my safe arrival in the United States on Wednesday noon! My hat goes off to the British Airways! They treated us like royalty!

You may ask, "How did you ever manage to get a plane passage during the war?" Only God knows that. The American Consul wired us at Bamenda saying that there was no possibility of getting to America, except by sea via England. The Dungers and I felt if I once got to Lagos, God would make a plane trip possible. On our arrival in Lagos, Nov. 20th, word came that British Airways were sending some planes over, but government officials and war staff were first considerations.

There would be no passenger planes after those for some time. The first plane took 30 odd passengers.

### God's Wondrous Ways

I was really supposed to take this first plane and even had my baggage weighed and ticket made out, when it was noticed that my yellow fever inoculation hadn't had time to "take". By the time I would have landed in the United States, the inoculation would have been 13 instead of 15 days old. They are very strict about that.

I still felt I would be home for Christmas. Ten days later I got word that I was to leave on Dec. 12th. In between, in fact, the very day I should have left, I came down with a malaria fever bout. Four days without food in hot Lagos left me looking very washed out and yellow. But I'm sure that's why God didn't let me on the first plane. The trip with a fever would not have been so pleasant as my trip was on the second plane.

Dr. Kuhn received word only on Wednesday, Dec. 15, that Pan-American Airways couldn't possibly arrange for my passage and an hour and a half later, he received the wire announcing my arrival in Baltimore! A miracle? Yes! God was very merciful and it was all so wonderfully grand to come home by plane.

### Greetings From Africa

George, Louise and Daphne Dunger left me at Victoria, Africa, after coming all the way from Ndu with me to see me off. They send their loving greetings to all in our Baptist family. They appreciate your prayers, letters, and loving care. They want to come home and should come home for a rest. God is performing miracles even today in sustaining them until that great day when more missionaries can go out to Africa to relieve them. March, 1944, will complete six years for them and the tasks of the past two years alone should earn for them their furlough.

African natives repeatedly said: "Salute all the Baptist friends in America and tell them 'Thank you for your help and love'. Tell them we want more missionaries to help us out here." God has helped me to fly home with that call for help. After physical needs are met, I shall begin my trekking around to bring the Cameroons right into your hearts as it is in ours.

My best wishes to each of you Baptist friends for a New Year of joyous adventures in God's Kingdom work and new advancements in richer Christian living.

# Northern Baptist Seminary Celebrates

Report of the 30th Anniversary Program of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., by DR. CARL F. H. HENRY, Author of "Bender in the Cameroons"

IN the church of its birth, which it outgrew in 1920, the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., marked its 30th anniversary on Monday night, Dec. 6, with a historical tableau witnessed by a capacity throng. The faculty and students, trustees and women's auxiliary, with husbands and wives, and delegates from Chicagoland churches, were welcomed by President Charles W. Koller, who delivered the culminating address.

The story of the seminary's growth in three decades, from its cradle in the prayer room of the Second Baptist Church to the largest student body of the Northern Baptist Convention's 12 seminaries, was related effectively by an arrangement directed by Professor Emerson C. Cox. While an announcer read the narrative in concealed quarters, the story unraveled with the aid of pantomime, and an illustrated book, the huge pages of which were turned periodically by Father Time, and the screen projection of notable characters, buildings and scenes. The entire program was carried through by students, the history having been provided by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, with Mrs. Helga Henry, a daughter of the Cameroons Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender, preparing the script.

After the opening song, "How Firm

a Foundation", the assembly was welcomed by the Rev. W. A. Diman, pastor of the mother church, himself a graduate of the seminary. Mr. Walter W. Grosser, chairman of the board, called attention to the prayer room, behind the pulpit, in which the school was prayed into being.

Then the tableau was presented. In its closing scenes, it was shown how God had provided leadership, bringing to the place of seminary usefulness during the past three decades the men now at Northern's helm. Thirty years ago Dr. Charles W. Koller had entered business in Texas, never suspecting a future call to the ministry; Dr. Stiansen was pastor of a Brooklyn church; Dr. Mantey was a sophomore at William Jewell college; Dr. Fouts was a sophomore at University of Chicago; Dr. Whitesell was bookkeeper in a rural department store; Mrs. Groom was a student at Southwestern Baptist Seminary; Professor Schlichting was a sophomore at Hillsboro; Dr. Mason was preaching in a Michigan city; Prof. Cox was a seventh grader in Vancouver, British Columbia; Dr. Lewis was a sixth grader in Oklahoma; Dr. Henry was frolicking about a New York apartment at the tender age of eight months.

President Koller, in the main address, praised the vision of the foun-

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Sessions from Thursday Evening, May 11, 1944, to Sunday, May 14, 1944. All Who Can Provide Hotel Lodging and Board for Themselves Are Invited to Attend. Otherwise Delegations Will Be Limited. Program Will Be Announced Later.

ders, who gave the institution a big name, not a small one, to which to correspond. "There have been so many manifestations of divine intervention along the route of our history," he declared, "that if we began reading as unbelievers, we could not but see the hand of God reaching down and guiding the life of our school."

Dr. Koller listed five harbingers of a great future for the institution: (1) its noble history and traditions; (2) its favored location, unsurpassed in the nation; (3) its growing outreach, with a corresponding increased demand for Northern-trained pastors; (4) the growing student applications, despite the fact that many other seminaries are pressed in the recruiting of ministerial student; and (5) the post-war period with its need for rehabilitation.

## COME, LORD JESUS, COME!

By DR. HERMAN VON BERGE  
of Dayton, Ohio

We do not know the day or hour  
Of thine eternal plan,  
Thy wisdom and thy thoughts are all  
Too deep for mortal man.  
But lamps of midnight watchers burn,  
And hearts with eager longing yearn  
To see the hour of thy return:  
Oh, come, Lord Jesus, come!

The measure of a thousand years  
Is nothing in thy sight;  
They pass like waning yesterdays  
Or watches in the night.  
But tho' too long seems the delay  
It is for us to watch and pray:  
Oh, come, Lord Jesus, come!

The promise thou thyself hast giv'n  
Can never fail, O Lord;  
In simple faith and confidence  
We lean upon thy Word.  
And tho' all else may come to naught,  
To thee again our plea is brought  
In prayer thy Holy Word has taught:  
Oh, come, Lord Jesus, come!



—Harold M. Lambert Photo

# In the Service of the King

A Message and Report by the REV. THEO W. DONS, General Evangelist

MANY PEOPLE made an attempt to plant a "victory garden" last summer. Some succeeded, and some did not. We prepared the soil and sowed the seed and then waited for sunshine and rain. But we noticed that with the coming up of the seed there were weeds that threatened the prospect of a harvest. We all enjoy garden products, but we often forget the care that is needed to give the seed and the plants a chance to produce.



Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of the Baptist Church of Goodrich, North Dakota

I have seen a picture of our church life in the victory garden. There is a desire for a quickening rain and for a harvest of souls. But the responsibility connected with this is so often overlooked or minimized. The soil must be plowed by the Holy Spirit, and the seed must be sown into it, and there must be the sunshine of God's grace. But along with it is the cleansing of our lives and the renewing of the Spirit within us. There are weeds which must be pulled out and the roots may be deep. And we must keep at it to pull weeds wherever they appear. Topping is not sufficient, for the weeds will continue to grow and choke the plant.

How strange our reasoning sometimes is! We think God must do it all and we forget that God has placed upon us a certain responsibility which we must meet at all cost. Things that are often in the way of a thoroughgoing revival are old sores, the spirit of unforgiveness, petty jealousies, etc. The Word of God is ready to cultivate the soil and remove the weeds with

root and all. When we give the Word of God a chance, the revitalization is bound to come. In the natural world we do not expect anything unless we have met the conditions, but in the spiritual world we expect the impossible.

Revitalization will come when we have the Word of God made plain and when the preacher preaches with conviction. At a time like this there is no place for soft-peddling, but men are looking to the ministry for guidance and direction. And the church needs the bread of life to stabilize its members in the present struggle. God must become real in the midst of his people.

A revival begins in the inner circle of the church and from that inner circle it spreads throughout the entire church and beyond it. It does not come with noise and it is not "gotten up", but as life comes into all plant life in spring, thus new life comes to the church when God sends springtime into our midst.

This last itinerary began with the Sunday School Convention at Turtle Lake, No. Dak. We were happy to serve with several addresses. New emphasis was given to our privileges and responsibilities as Sunday School officers and teachers. May the suggestions made find practical application in the Sunday Schools of the churches in that vicinity!

From Turtle Lake we proceeded to Goodrich, No. Dak., where Rev. and Mrs. J. Kraenzler are serving the Lord. Here we had a special dedication service for the renovated auditorium. The spacious church was filled and the Lord was present in our midst. The two weeks of special meetings were not without visible results and deepened the life of the children of God. Would to God that we could have had another Pentecostal experience! Goodrich has possibilities for a great ministry if dedication of life would take place.

We were very much at home with the pastor's family and wish to express our appreciation for their kindness toward us. The Kraenzlers are serving

### Evangelist Dons' Next Engagements

Jan. 1-14, 1944—Carrington, North Dakota.  
Jan. 15-28, 1944—Anamoose, North Dakota.  
Jan. 29 to Feb. 11, 1944—Martin, North Dakota.  
Feb. 19 to March 3, 1944—Harvey, North Dakota.  
March 4-17, 1944—Madison, South Dakota.  
March 26 to April 7, 1944—Fessenden, North Dakota.

the Lord in Goodrich with a real understanding of the people and with a vision.

McClusky, No. Dak., was our next stop. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser and his wonderful family have served this church for a number of years. Here as elsewhere a desire for revitalization is felt. The people responded splendidly in coming to the services. How deep and how far reaching our ministry has been in this church only the future and eternity will reveal. We



Rev. Theo W. Dons (Left) With Mrs. Adolf Reeh and Daughter, Narola, and Dr. William Kuhn Visit the Snow Covered Mountains Near La Salle, Colorado

are so apt to measure our success by counting the ones who have made a public confession, but success goes beyond that. If God and his Word have a chance in our church life there is bound to be a definite change, and God will add unto the church.

The Lord blessed our work in McClusky for "we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord". The pastor's family showed me every consideration, for which we are thankful. We also wish to say "thank you" to all the people who entertained us for meals.

Our last stop was La Salle, Colo. The Rev. A. E. Reeh has a fine hold on the situation and the people rally around him. This is always a great asset. God blessed our ministry together. During this revival campaign the 50th anniversary of the church was observed. Dr. Wm. Kuhn had come for this occasion and Sunday and Monday (Nov. 28, 29) were red letter days for the church. We went to the mountain peak of blessing. The splendid offering

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# The Sound of the Trumpet

A New Novel

by

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## 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 and Company. They agreed that John Sargent was their man, whom they tried to interest in the scheme. While John Sargent was busy with a group of other men, digging a 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, who had lunch with the young lady and her mother and abruptly announced that he and Lisle were going to be married right away. Lisle was terribly upset by his audacity and returned home with tense feelings of resentment in her heart. Now she was awaiting her mother's arrival at home.

## CHAPTER FOUR

So Lisle changed into a little blue dress with daisies embroidered in a circle about the neck line, a dress that had been a favorite of the family for three years. It wasn't quite in its pristine freshness, but it was one of the dresses that Lisle had hunted out from the store closet when she and her mother had decided to be patriotic and not buy any more new clothes, nor anything that they did not absolutely need. Her mother always said that the blue of the fabric in this dress exactly matched Lisle's eyes.

As she stood in front of the mirror tucking a cute little blue bow among her curls, there came a memory of that boy working in the street this morning whose blue eyes matched his blue shirt, and she smiled at the thought of how he and she had smiled at one another. Strange! Just a working sort of fellow, but he had a really sunny smile! Strange that that little incident should have left such a pleasant impression on her memory!

When she had made herself tidy-looking for her mother she got out a bit of needlework she was working on, with Christmas in mind, and made ready to be as cheerful as possible and

have one of the real talks with her mother that had always been such a delight to her. Mother had a way of searching her soul without seeming to do so, and planning ways to set anything right that proved to be out of kilter, a way of soothing hurts and giving courage to go forward in forgiveness and kindness.

So by the time her mother arrived half the work of healing was done, because the daughter was ready to accept any suggestions that her mother would have.

Lisle saw that her mother was more disturbed than she had owned over the telephone, and she immediately set to work to soothe her, so that when they sat down before a delightful fire in the library, Lisle with her bit of petit point in her lap and her gold thimble on her slender finger, there was a real smile on her face, and no trace of tears left.

The mother was sitting in her own comfortable chair, with her head back, a look of rest beginning to come over her weary features. And so they began to talk.

"Now, Lisle, my dear, I think if I were you I would just put this whole matter out of mind entirely and forget it," began her mother.

"Why, yes, mother, of course," said Lisle briskly. "But mother, you did see what I mean when I said Victor was changed, didn't you?"

"I certainly did!" said Mrs. Kingsley. "I couldn't have believed it possible. It seems incredible. But then, I suppose that is the trend of the times. A ruthlessness of thought and speech, that of course sometimes covers the deeper lovely feelings that used to be counted the better emotions. Of course it may be caused by a lingering adolescence. A dislike to speak in gentler terms. I don't know. I've been trying to figure it out on my way home, but I really can't fully understand it. I have always been so sure that Victor was

courteous, and that he was deeply attached to you. I couldn't have believed that he would be so blunt and rude as he was today."

"Well, mother, surely you see after what happened today that I simply can't go to that party! You understand how I feel about it, don't you?"

"Why, of course, dear! I've been thinking of that, too. I have been hoping that something will occur in time to stop that party entirely. In fact I can't see how his mother can bear to go on with a party when her son is liable to have to go away to war very soon. Parties are occasions for gaiety and joy, and not for sorrowful times. One doesn't want great hordes of people around when the heart is aching with imminent partings in the offing."

"Yes, I know," said Lisle. "I don't see how she can. But mother, somehow it never seemed to me that she cared for her son that way. She cares more for how he will look to the world, than for what he is. She—wants him to—show off, mother! She really does. I think she is a great deal to blame for the way Victor thinks and acts, now that he is grown up. She has taught him to look out for such things, to get everything for himself, get all the breaks, and evade all the hard work and hard things."

"Yes, I'm afraid she is to blame a great deal. But still, Victor has a good mind. He might think these things out for himself."

"Mother, I don't think he has been taught to think, not reasonably. I think in all the teaching he has had, himself has always been made the center, and now that he has reached the age when he considers himself grown up, he feels that he can assert himself and take what he wants out of life, and nobody dares to prevent him. I don't think I ever really allowed myself to think that clear through to the conclusion before. But for several years,

whenever I've been seeing him for a few hours, at a party or some game, I have noticed that more and more in him, although for the sake of old times I hated to admit it. But I couldn't help seeing it, and it troubled me a lot. It somehow interfered with all my early standards and spoiled a lot of my childhood memories."

"My dear! Why did you never say anything about it before?"

"Well, I don't know. I think I did come near telling you several times during vacations, but I always hesitated because it seemed to me that if I admitted such a thing enough to tell you about it, that would make it true. And I just couldn't bear to spoil things. But this time, well, I was really upset when I heard he was taking lunch with us, or I wouldn't have let you see it. You see he said a lot of things yesterday when he took me to dinner and for the evening, that disturbed me, and I hadn't had a chance to think what I could say in reply that would make him see what I meant. I never like to quarrel you know. But there were some things he took for granted that I couldn't let go, and I wanted a chance to think them over before I saw him again. But oh, mother, the way he talked this afternoon, that was awful! Taking it for granted he was going to marry me, just like that, without ever having asked me what I thought about it! It was so as if he was making a bargain, or buying a horse or dog. I just hated it! Even if I'd cared anything about him I would have hated it. Do you think I was wrong, mother? Was I just a silly child?"

"I certainly do not think so, my dear. You were perfectly right. I was deeply offended for you myself. I was outraged at him! I felt he was fairly insulting. But, my dear, I blame myself for not having seen this coming and saved you from the experience this afternoon."

"No, mother, you mustn't blame yourself. I should have told you before. Though those things that made me so indignant before were nothing to what he said this afternoon. Is marriage like that, mother, just a sort of a commercial arrangement? Mother, daddy wasn't like that with you, was he? I'm sure he wasn't. He didn't just tell you you had to marry him at a certain time, not even asking you if you wanted to. Men can't do that, can they? Because if they can I will never get married. Not even if I thought I loved a man would I just walk after him when he said I had to. Would you, mother?"

There were tears in her eyes and voice now, and she was almost on the verge of breaking down again.

"Why of course not, dear. That is not true marriage. There is no real marriage where there is not love, and true love does not order the beloved one. A joyful marriage can only be where there is real love, and tender

courtship, and a real lover would never force his attentions on one. I cannot think that Victor understands, or that he is really grown up. His whole performance this afternoon was like a selfish wilful child."

"But mother, I think he believes that is the modern way and that you and I are old-fashioned. That is what makes it all so hopeless. Not hopeless either, mother, for I do not feel it matters very much if he is like that. Oh, he is an old friend, I know, and one hates to lose the companion of one's childhood. But he isn't important to me, really, any more."

"Are you sure, my dear? Oh, I would be so glad if I could be certain that that is true! For nothing that I can think of would seem more terrible to me than to have you married to a young man with such standards. Or broken-hearted because he had turned out to be what he evidently has become. I used to be so glad that you had a boy friend like Victor Vandingham, but now I am greatly thankful that we have discovered what he is before it is forever too late! Oh, my dear!"

"Well, now Emi—I beg your pardon, Mother Kingsley—just what fault do you have to find with me? What's the matter with me that you're making such a scene about? You certainly put on a dramatic act in the tea room. I didn't know either if you were capable of that. I thought you were too well bred."

It was Victor Vandingham's voice that drawled into the conversation lazily. They had not heard him coming. He had just walked into the house much as he used to do in the old days when he was a mere child, listened a moment to locate the low voices he could hear and then walked straight to the library door. The door had opened stealthily and he stood just behind Mrs. Kingsley's chair before he spoke. Then he calmly stalked over to an unoccupied chair near the fire and slumped down into it, gracefully, his hat in his hand, swung carelessly, very nonchalantly, he looked from the mother to the daughter and back again.

"Well, really!" said Mrs. Kingsley springing to her feet, her pleasant eyes fairly snapping with indignation, her whole body expressing dignity and utter outrage. "Since when did you start walking into people's rooms and interrupting private conversations? Haven't you humiliated us enough today without this? Of course in your childhood days when you were a friend of the family you had the privilege of walking in unannounced, but I consider that by your conversation this afternoon you forfeited that right. I certainly am disappointed in you, Victor, and—ashamed of you!"

"Now, what did I do, I ask you? Didn't I ask your daughter to marry me? What is humiliating about that?"

"You announced to my daughter that you were going to marry her,"

said Mrs. Kingsley. "That is not the way an offer of marriage is usually made. Especially between young people who have seen very little of each other for nearly four years, and who are both rather young to be even considering marriage at present. But even if you were not so young you certainly know that there are ways of conducting such a suit for a girl's hand that you have entirely ignored. Why would you think any girl would want to marry you with such an invitation? The veriest savage would know better than that."

A wide devilish grin overspread the handsome face of the boy.

"Oh, you mean all that antique junk about love? Why, where have you been that you don't know that that kind of mush is entirely out of date? You've known me for years. You know what my family is, and that I am financially able to support your daughter in a style even better than she has been accustomed to all her life. What's the idea of your giving me the high hat that way? Haven't I a right to demand certain things of the girl I've decided to marry? You've kept her down to your own notions so long that she really doesn't have a mind of her own, and you've made her old-fashioned to the extent that she can scarcely hold her own with young people of her age. I say it's a shame, and I was only trying to be frank and make you understand. But if you can't see it that way just call it a joke, and let it go at that. I was only joking, and I certainly think you both ought to be able to take a joke. You used to be able to see a joke, what's become of your sense of humor?"

"I see no humor in making a joke of sacred things," said Mrs. Kingsley.

"The bunk! What's sacred about what we were talking about, I'd like to know? We weren't talking about religion."

"You were talking about marriage!" said the lady coldly. "It is the most sacred relation on earth. It is the foundation of the family, and of all right human relations."

"Not any more," said the boy importantly. "Not since divorce has become so common, so almost universal. You can't put over that old stuff about marriage being sacred. I tell you it's been clearly demonstrated today that marriage is what you want to make of it, and if the man is the head of the house, it's his business to order what the marriage shall turn out, see? So it's up to the man! And I was just showing you that I understand my part in this arrangement." He grinned affably at them as they sat there speechless, unable to believe their senses that their erstwhile friend could so have changed.

"And just what have you come here for?" asked the mother haughtily. "I thought when you first came in that you had come to apologize for all your

### Missionary Laura Reddig Arrives Home Safely from Africa!

The Story of Her First Aeroplane Trip, the Exciting and Thrilling Journey Across the Atlantic Ocean in a British Imperial Airways Plane is Told on Page Seven of This Issue.

Miss Reddig spent the Christmas holidays with members of her family and friends at Cathay, North Dakota. Except for a few brief trips, she will take a much needed rest for several months until the General Conference in May, 1944, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she will make several important addresses. Thereafter she will visit as many conferences and churches as possible.

She may be reached at the address of Cathay, North Dakota.

rudeness, but you seem only to be adding more insult to what you have already said."

Then that impish grin broke out on the boy's face once more, an echo of the look he used to wear when he came over to tell some joke after school when he was a child.

"Say, I was just kidding! Can't you understand? I just came over to say so, and to tell you I really want to take Lisle to that football game. Come on, Lisle, forget it all and let's have a swell time the way we used to do!"

"I don't think that would be possible," said Lisle with a haughty lift of her pretty chin. "I'm afraid I couldn't forget some of the awful things you have been saying."

"But haven't I just told you I was only kidding?"

"Yes," said the girl with an understanding look in her young eyes that seemed suddenly to be looking deep into life and knowing many things that had hitherto been hidden, "I know you say you were only kidding, but you see I don't believe that! I have known you a good many years, Victor, and I know pretty well when you are telling the truth and when you are only kidding, and I don't believe that you are entirely amusing yourself by taking us for a ride. I am quite sure that you were trying out a new standard of life which you have recently acquired, and I don't like it. I don't want to have anything to do with it, and I won't hear any more about it. And now if you will excuse me I have a lesson to prepare for my Red Cross work this evening."

Lisle arose and started toward the door, but suddenly Victor sprang to his feet and burst forth in his old impulsive way, walking over to her and grasping her wrists familiarly:

"Aw, don't be that way, Lisle! Be a good sport and go with me to that game. I really want you, and I really came after you, and I swear I'll make you have a good time. Come on and let me show you I mean it."

Lisle drew away from him.

"No, Victor, I can't go. I don't want to go. I'm fed up with this whole

subject, and I would much rather stay at home and work."

"Aw now, Lisle. You aren't going to be a flat tire when I went to all the trouble to get these special tickets just for you. You might try me out for one hour and let me prove to you that I'm not so black as you have tried to paint me. Come on, Lisle, for the sake of old times, and the days when you and I were pals! I can't bear to have you get this way. It isn't like you. It isn't according to your old code. You always were fair with everybody and you're not being fair with me now when I've apologized for my thoughtlessness. I'm only asking another chance to prove to you that I'm the same old guy you used to like. Come on, Lisle! Don't be a quitter!"

Lisle looked troubled and drew her hands away.

"I'm not a quitter, Victor, but it seems to me that you are. You had good standards and principles when we were children, and now you have cast them all aside. I do not like the way you talk."

"Say, Lisle, be yourself, and give me another chance to show you. Just one more chance, Lisle! Be a little fair to an old friend!"

Victor knew how to make his handsome eyes plead, how to use his expressive voice in wordless arguments, how to throw utter sorrow and despair into his mobile face, till one glance his way would make strong argument for him, bring doubt in the mind whether one was quite fair to him.

Lisle turned perplexed eyes toward her mother.

"Should I, mother?" she asked. Her mother gave a troubled glance toward the boy, and then looked at her young daughter with worried eyes.

"I—am sure—whatever you decide to do will be right," she said hesitantly, but there was question in her own voice.

The boy grew even eager:

"Aw, now Lisle, be your old self. Stick to your old code! Be fair to me just once more!" he pleaded.

So Lisle's face, though it did not soften, grew decisive:

"Very well," she said almost coldly, "I'll go, this once!"

"But you can't go in that dress," said her mother rousing. "You'll have to dress, and it's getting late." She glanced at the clock. "Besides it's growing colder."

"Take your time," said Victor settling back in his chair again with a look of defiant triumph in his eyes.

"I'll put on my fur coat," said Lisle, "it's right here in the hall closet. I won't be a minute."

"That old shabby coat," complained her mother distressfully, as Lisle made a dash across the hall and came back sliding into her old beaver coat, and a little brown felt hat.

"It's all right," said the girl with a wry smile. "It really doesn't matter what I wear. Come on, Victor! Let's get this thing over!"

"Oh!" said the young man with an offended grin. "Is that the way you're taking it? Well, come on! I'll see it through no matter what odds you give me!"

And so with unsmiling faces they went away to their test, and the mother went to the window and watched them with troubled eyes. Had she done right to assent to her daughter's going? Would harm come from it, or would there come a possible reconciliation? And would that be good for her child, or ill? She turned away from the window with a sigh after they were out of sight, and in her dignified conservative way did what she understood to be right in the way of making a troubled prayer to offset what harm might be done.

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### IN THE KING'S SERVICE

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of over \$600 was placed upon the altar for missions.

The special meetings came to a close on Dec. 5 with large attendance and with the spirit of dedication upon us. Thanks to the pastor's family for their love and kindness toward us while being in their home!

A pleasant surprise came to me when my birthday was remembered on Dec. 3rd with a birthday cake and a birthday song. Being away from home now for the third time in succession, the thoughtfulness of friends is very much appreciated.

There is one observation that we have made and that is that our denominational family is blessed with consecrated pastors who have a concern for souls and who give themselves unstintingly to the building of the churches they serve. If churches would only try and make their burdens lighter by increasing their remuneration a bit!

Now we are at home for the Christmas season but before the old year has passed out we will be on our way to serve the Lord in the Dakotas.

### What's Happening

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God's blessings in a wonderful way. Members of the church who had ill feelings and a wrong attitude toward others broke down and made things right." A fellowship service was being planned for Friday evening, Dec. 31, to which all the members and friends of the church were being invited.

● Evangelistic meetings were held for more than two weeks from Nov. 24 to Dec. 10 at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., with the pastor, the Rev. R. Schilke, bringing the messages in German and English. Several Sunday School scholars took a definite stand for Christ as Savior and Lord. After the service on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, the Soldiers and Airmen Christian Association of Edmonton held another program of music, song and testimony. Sgt. Fred Holzimmer of Detroit, Mich., who takes an active part in the work of the church, led in the song service.

● The Rev's. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., and H. Zepik of Startup, Wash., exchanged pulpits on Sunday, Nov. 28, and spoke on the theme of revitalization to their respective congregations. A Thanksgiving Day program was held on Nov. 25 under the sponsorship of the young people with Mr. Lenard Gustafson, vice-president of the Christian Business Men's Committee of Seattle, Wash., as guest speaker. Miss Margaret Stuermer also rendered a brief organ concert on this occasion with Mrs. Glenn Hardy assisting her at the piano.

● The King's Daughters Class of the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., held its mission program on Sunday evening, Nov. 21. Various musical numbers were rendered and readings and recitations were given. The dialogue, "Go Ye Into All the

World", featured the program and was presented by Clare Patzlaff, Dorothy Prince, Dena Ackerman, and Minnie Bittmer. Of their gifts, the sum of \$70 was designated for missions, \$30 for the African Medical Unit of the Central Conference and \$30 for general missions. Mrs. Emil Weiss is president and Mrs. E. Gutsche the teacher of the class.

● The 74th birthday of Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, was celebrated by the office staff and a few friends at a luncheon on Dec. 9th. Those who shared in the gala occasion were Mrs. Irma Koch, Miss Clara Schulte, Mr. Roland Ross, Rev. Theo W. Dons, Rev. C. B. Nordland and Rev. M. L. Leuschner. Mr. Nordland, the pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church extended heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Kuhn in a gracious, informal message, and several gifts were presented to the guest of honor. May God continue to bestow his blessings of health and strength upon Dr. Kuhn!

● The Mission Festival of the Freudental Baptist Church near Carbon, Alta., Canada, was held recently with the Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Olds, Alta., as the guest speaker. The fine sum of \$572.00 was brought as a missionary offering. On Sunday, Nov. 14, a memorial service was held for one of the church's young men who was killed while on active duty with the Canadian Armed Forces in England. Evangelistic meetings were held from Nov. 8 to 19 at the Zion Mission Station with the Rev. Ruben Kern of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., serving as evangelist. Eleven Sunday School scholars confessed their faith in Christ as Savior. The Rev. E. S. Fenske is pastor of the church.

● The Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., held evangelistic services from Nov. 8 to 19 with the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa, a son of the church, as evangelist.

Several converts represented the results of these fine meetings. The Women's Missionary Society held its anniversary program on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, with Mrs. John Stubenrauch, president, in charge. The Rev. A. F. Runtz, superintendent of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., was the guest speaker. The Centenary Offering of the church on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, during the visit of the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, was \$176.66.

● Mr. Raymond Dickau of Wetaskiwin, Alta., has been serving the Baptist Church of Prince George, B. C., since Dec. 1st as pastor. He will receive continued missionary support for his ministry until the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1944. Mr. Dickau is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta. He had hoped to enter the Rochester Baptist Seminary in the Fall of 1943, but this became impossible for him. The last appointed missionary pastor for the Prince George field was the Rev. C. A. Gruhn. Recently the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Wetaskiwin, Alta., spent a week at the Prince George Church, holding inspirational meetings.

● The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, experienced a time of rich spiritual blessing during special meetings held recently. The speaker was the Rev. L. M. Clark of Joliet, Ill. The spiritual harvest was fourteen persons who made confession of their faith in Christ, and on Sunday evening, Nov. 21, followed the Lord in believers' baptism. On Sunday morning, Dec. 5, these fourteen were given the right hand of fellowship by the pastor, the Rev. Howard Johnson, and received into the membership of the church. A correspondence course class, with approximately 40 young people enrolled, has been organized to take the "Scripture Truth Course" from the Moody Bible Institute.

### Statistics of Our Churches, 1943

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Membership	Local Expenses	Contributions Missions	Total	Value of Property	Sunday Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars	B. Y. P. U.'s		Ladies' Aids	
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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Inspiring Gospel Meetings Are Held in the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held a series of gospel meetings from Oct. 31 to Nov. 7 with the Rev. Harvey Olney of Butler, Pa., as the speaker.

The Sunday services and the four weeks of services were well attended and the blessing of God was greatly manifested in our midst. Several people including members of the Junior department accepted Christ as their personal Savior and two members of the church came forward on the invitation to rededicate their lives to his service.

Mr. Olney, who is a great soul winner, spent much of his time visiting the unsaved in the community. One of the highlights of the campaign was the conversion of a Jewess, whom Mr. Olney had dealt with during the week.

We believe the church as a whole was greatly blessed as the result of these meetings and has been inspired to more zealous efforts in the winning of the lost.

MRS. CARLTON E. SMITH, Reporter.

#### Revival Meetings and Farewell Service for Rev. and Mrs. R. Grenz in Neustadt, Ontario

Oct. 18 to 31 were days of spiritual blessings for the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario. During these days we had our revival meetings. The Rev. W. H. Moore of the Owen Sound Baptist Church brought the gospel messages to us during the first week and the Rev. E. H. Young of Hanover during the second week.

The weather during this time was quite bad but the members turned out faithfully. Two young girls confessed to have found salvation in Christ. All were richly blessed by the meetings. The Rev. R. A. Grenz became ill during the last week of meetings and Mrs. Grenz carried on very acceptably in his absence.

On Nov. 12 the Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., who was making a tour of the Ontario churches, paid us a visit which was enjoyed by all.

On Nov. 16 the members assembled in the church basement to pay tribute to the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz and their son, Lyle. After a brief song service and other preliminaries the church and Sunday School presented Mr. Grenz with a purse. The Ladies' Missionary Society presented Mrs. Grenz with a silver plate. The young people's society presented them with a woolen blanket. A wartime banquet was then served. On Sunday, Nov. 21, Mr. Grenz preached his farewell sermons to well attended meetings. On the next day they left for their new field of labor in Cathay, No. Dakota.

STEPHAN C. BICKEL, Reporter.



Members of the Women's Missionary Circle of the Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario

#### Annual Report of the Baptist Women's Missionary Circle of Lyndock, Ontario

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Lyndock, Ont., Canada, can look back with grateful hearts upon a year of activity for our Lord and Master. We meet once a month in the homes of members and have interesting programs in which all take part under the leadership of our president, Mrs. John Kuehn.

We gave our annual program in October which consisted of two dialogues, musical numbers and a reading. The Rev. John Kuehn also gave an interesting address. Our offering was \$30.62 at this occasion.

Besides visiting the sick and helping in various ways in our home church we were privileged to send a gift for the Eastern Conference and also ordered "The Baptist Herald" for the boys in the Armed Forces overseas, hoping that this will remind them of God's love and mercy.

MRS. B. YAHN, Secretary.

### PACIFIC CONFERENCE

#### Sessions of the California Association at the First Baptist Church of Wasco

The California Association met with the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., from Nov. 11 to 14. We were welcomed most heartily by the pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis. The meeting continued with the moderator, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, in charge.

All pastors were present from the six churches, who brought heart-searching messages on the theme, "That I May Know Him". They presented Christ as High Priest, in his meekness, and as Sovereign. We were also blessed on Friday afternoon when the Women's Missionary Union gave a program.

Sunday evening brought our blessed time to a close with the topic, "That I May Know Him as Savior". Our prayer is that God may help us to know him better from day to day.

JOHN WOLFF, Reporter.

#### Mission Festival and Evangelistic Services in the Zion Church of Franklin, California

We of the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., held our Mission and Harvest day observance on Oct. 31, on which day we made special efforts for a good mission offering. The amount given on that day was as follows: Church, \$1006; Sunday School, \$20; Intermediate Class, \$10; and the Ladies' Missionary Society \$150, making a total of \$1186.00 for missions. We have a very faithful group of people here in Franklin, and God will reward them for their faithfulness.

From Nov. 15 to 28 we held special meetings with the Rev. F. W. Mueller of Portland, Ore., as our evangelist. Great blessings were received through his spirit-filled messages and through the fine testimonial meetings. Five Sunday School pupils accepted Christ as Savior and two others, who at one time professed conversion, were reinstated. The church received a refreshing. We are thankful to Brother Mueller and the Laurelhurst Church for the service rendered in the Lord's name.

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

#### Oregon Baptist League Adopts a \$1,200 Mission Project at Its Recent Rally

The Oregon Baptist League met for a rally, in connection with the Oregon Baptist Association, at the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14. It was an ideal autumn day and a host of Sunday School workers and young people were able to attend this service.

The meeting was opened with a song service led by Margery Graf. The Scripture, Romans 13, was read by Doris Eggman. This was followed with a mixed quartet entitled, "Nature's Anthem of Praise," sung by Dorothy Rattey, Florence Rattey, Howard Roth, and Otto Roth. Silent prayers were then offered remembering those who are in the service of our country, after which the Rev. Otto Nallinger led in prayer.

At that time it was voted that the Oregon Baptist League adopt a \$1,200 project to help finance "The African Return of the Gebauers". The West is especially attached to the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, and we want to contribute as much as possible for their return to the work that they are called to do. The offering of the afternoon was designated to begin this new project. Jean Schleiss played a piano solo during this time.

Chaplain G. T. Lutz from Camp Adair, Ore., who formerly served the Baptist Church at Jamesburg, N. J., gave a timely message. His topic was "The Gospel According to You". The text was taken from 1. Thess. 2:8. After the message Chaplain Lutz answered questions asked by some of the audience regarding the chaplaincy work. Arlene Boehi and Elsie Krebs then sang, "The Stranger of Galilee," before the close of the service.

VIOLA SCHRENK, Secretary.

#### Bethany Church of Oregon Welcomes Its New Pastor and Wife, Rev. and Mrs. F. Friesen

Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, was a happy occasion for the members of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore. For on that evening the reception for our new pastor, the Rev. Frank Friesen, and his wife was held. Before his acceptance of the call to the pastorate of the Bethany Church Mr. Friesen was the able superintendent of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland. Although Mr. Friesen has been with us only a short time, he has already won the love and esteem of the people here at Bethany. He has proven himself to be a very able speaker and a hard worker in the Sunday School and in the work of the young people.

Mrs. B. D. Graf, the president of the Women's Missionary Guild, was in charge of the program for the evening. After several special numbers of music, addresses of welcome were given by Mrs. Samuel Rich, who spoke in behalf of the Sunday School; Mrs. Nora Hopton, who represented all the women of the church; and Mr. Sam Joss, who spoke words of welcome for the men. After the program Mr. Friesen was given a chance to respond. He gave a short talk in which he divulged some of his plans for the future of the church, among which he expressed his determination to preach the gospel, even as recorded in the words of the Apostle Paul, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

GEO. LINDLEY, Reporter.

#### Recent Activities of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California

The B. Y. P. U. of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., will remember the pleasant hours spent in the home of our pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, and various homes of our members during the past year, conducting song fests, devotional meetings and get-togethers. Our present membership is 55.

We as young people have not forgotten our mission duty at home and abroad, contributing quite a sum to the Centenary Offering, to missionary enterprises here at home, our building fund, and especially our own two missionaries, Mrs. Richard Dilworth and Miss Florence Eisele.

On October 31 we held our annual program. We had the privilege of having as our guest speaker Mr. Ed Hillis, a former missionary to the Chinese. Mr. Hillis gave a very challenging message on "The Work and Life of a Missionary". At this occasion an offering amounting to \$100.10 was given to our missionaries, Mrs. Richard Dilworth and Miss Florence Eisele.

At the annual B. Y. P. U. business meeting in October the following officers were elected: Walter Heiman, president; Gladys Wessel, vice-president; Harriet Reichert, secretary; Esther Johnston, treasurer. For this coming year our society has been divided into four groups. The four group leaders are Anamarie Maah, Sarah Bansemer, Margaret Stark, Ruth Eichblatt. The program for the year will center around the four main subjects chosen

#### The Linton B. Y. P. U. of North Dakota Remembers and Honors Its Service Men

The month of October was one of blessing and joy for us and for the Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak. We started the month with a dedication program for our new flags, beautiful silk American and Christian flags. We also presented our service flag that evening, which now has 20 stars on it. We also placed into the church an honor roll which represents not only those leaving from our local church, but all men and women from the four stations. We now have 55 names on that list, and feel honored to have the names of two army nurses included in this list. The outstanding feature of the program was the display of photos of close to 50 of the service men on the honor roll. Our offering was \$51.

Our mission festival also was held in October, with the Rev. Karl Gieser of the Bismarck Home for the Aged as speaker. A fine day was enjoyed by all, many blessings were received, and a good offering was held.

We also busied ourselves during the month of October with our packages to the men overseas. As a B. Y. P. U. we also sent a news letter to all on our mailing list, a fine four-page letter, the last sheet of which contained words of comfort and guidance by our minister, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder. In our news letter we enclosed snapshots of different groups of the four churches, which we hope our service men and girls have enjoyed.

ALMA DOCKTER, Reporter.

#### Mission Festival and Thanksgiving Day Services at the Baptist Church of Napoleon

On Nov. 14th the Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak., celebrated its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. We were rather late, but we had invited Dr. William Kuhn and that was the only date still available. However, we did deem it a great privilege to have had him in our midst.

God has truly been good to us in this past year. He has given us out of his great abundance and we received it gratefully. We realize, too, that we are only his stewards, and our constant prayer is that we might be found faithful in this trust. Even though we are but a very small group, nevertheless, we were able to lay upon the altar of God the fine sum of \$625.50. This sum was divided into three parts: \$312.50 went to our Central Association; \$212.50 went to our general treasurer; and \$100.00 went into the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

We also had a very fine thanksgiving program on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day. Several of the young people participated by telling what we as a nation, as a denomination, as a local church and as individual Christians have to be thankful for. This part of the program aroused many thanksgiving thoughts among the members of the audience. These were freely expressed in a testimonial meeting that followed. The evening came to its close with a fellowship prayer.

EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

#### Invitation to Service Men by Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all Service Men of our denomination who are stationed at Waco Army Air Field, Blackland Army Air Field, and Camp Hood, Texas, to attend our services at the Central Baptist Church, 9th & Clay Ave., Waco, Texas, and also to visit the Baptist Service Center at 923 Austin Ave., Waco, Texas.

Any information as to various services and transportation will be cheerfully furnished if you will telephone 9196-X.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, WACO, TEXAS.

by the group leaders, namely: Mission, Education, Music, and Biographies.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim extended an invitation to our choir to give a sacred concert in their church. This we gladly did on Sunday evening, Nov. 7. We are very grateful to the Anaheim church for their kind invitation, their warm reception and the splendid offering of \$233 which they gave toward our building fund on this occasion.

Nov. 21 was observed by the church as Thanksgiving Sunday beginning with a Sunday School Harvest and Mission Festival given during the Sunday School hour. That God has blessed us was shown by the abundant display of vegetables, fruits and flowers on the platform. These vegetables and fruits were designated to be given to our Baptist Children's Home in Inglewood, Calif. Our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, climaxed the morning service with a Thanksgiving message. The missionary offering was given for our General Missionary Society.

RUTH BAER, Reporter.

### DAKOTA CONFERENCE

#### The Bismarck Baptist Church and Its Pastor Carry On a Busy Program

The pastor of the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, brought the annual Harvest-Mission messages at the church in Cathay, No. Dak., on Oct. 31st and in Washburn, No. Dak., on Nov. 14th. On Oct. 24 our church in Bismarck observed its annual Mission Festival with the local pastor as the messenger. The offering was \$119.85.

On Oct. 19th we had the joy of having the Rev. M. L. Leuschner with us. His inspiring and challenging message of the evening on that day will long be remembered.

From Nov. 15 to 19 the pastor assisted the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Wishek, No. Dak., in one week of revival meetings. The services were all very well attended, and the large number of young people in attendance was especially inspiring.

A young people's leadership training course was given in our church from Dec. 6 to 10 with the Rev. A. Weisser of Carrington, No. Dak., assisting in teaching "The Life of Christ".

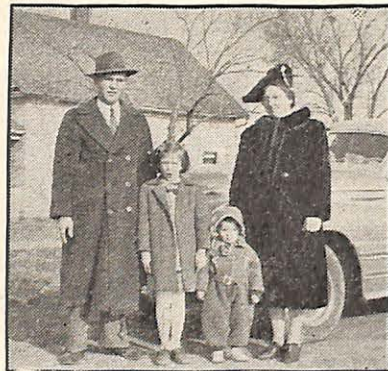
Reporter.



**Bountiful Blessings Enjoyed by the New Leipzig Baptist Church and Mission Stations**

We of the New Leipzig Baptist Church of New Leipzig, No. Dak., are thankful to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us during the past year. The Lord blessed us with a bountiful harvest.

In May of this year the members of the Ebenezer Station decided to reshingle and paint their church, and later decided to remodel the church. The steeple was taken down and in its place two Sunday School rooms were built at a total cost of \$700. The building was done by the members under the able direction of the pastor, the Rev. David Littke.



The Rev. and Mrs. David Littke and Family of New Leipzig, North Dakota

The members of the Pilgerheim Station also repainted their church and Venetian blinds were put in. The town church was also reshingled.

In the town church, the pastor, Rev. D. Littke, held two weeks of evangelistic meetings. Sixteen persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The pastor had the privilege of baptizing 5 persons at a later date.

Three mission festivals were held. The Rev. P. F. Schilling of Beulah, No. Dak., brought the messages in the Pilgerheim Station on Sunday, Oct. 10. The offering was \$377. The Ebenezer Station and the town church had their mission festivals on Oct. 24, with our pastor bringing the messages. The offerings were \$650 in the Ebenezer Church and \$270 in the town church, with a grand total of \$1297.

Last, but not least, on Sunday, Nov. 21, we held the dedication service for the enlarged church of the Ebenezer Station free of debt. In the afternoon on this day the members of the three stations gathered at the Ebenezer Station in honor of the third anniversary of the ministry of our pastor and his wife. The different officers of the church and Ladies' Aids expressed their appreciation of working with Mr. and Mrs. Littke. The church presented them with \$100 and the Ladies' Aid with \$25 as a token of love and appreciation. CARL OKKEN, Reporter.

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

**Mission Program and Redecoration Project of the Beaver Baptist Church**

Sunday, Nov. 28, was Mission Sun-

day in the Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Mich., of which the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman is pastor. Since it was Thanksgiving season we thought it especially appropriate to express our thanks for the many blessings of the year by a special offering for the furthering of Christ's Kingdom. The offering of the day amounted to \$131.05.

The church recently completed a redcoration project which totaled over \$1,000. We have beautified our place of worship, and our desire is that the Lord will beautify our lives spiritually as we continue to serve him.

RUTH MAJESKE, Reporter.

**Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., Receives Thanksgiving Day Offering of \$5100**

We of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., thank God for the wonderful day which he gave us on Thursday, Nov. 25, which is set apart as a day of special thanksgiving to him for his great faithfulness to us at all times.

We came together on Thursday evening, Nov. 25, to our thanksgiving service, beginning the service with songs and testimonies. Since this evening is the time for our "Echoes of Heaven" broadcast, we carried on with our broadcast in the usual way.

After the broadcast we were favored with various vocal and musical numbers rendered by members from our mission in Centerline and the Ambassador Church, formerly our mission but now self-supporting. Mr. Hunter, pastor of the Ambassador Church, delivered the thanksgiving message which was very inspiring.

At the close of the service an offering was taken. Our goal was set for \$10,000, one half to be designated for missions and one-half for our building fund. A total of \$5,100 was received on Thanksgiving Day and we believe our goal will be met. God has blessed us greatly for which we are grateful.

DOROTHY NIENHUIS, Reporter.

**Annual Program of the King's Daughters Society of Lansing's Holmes Street Church**

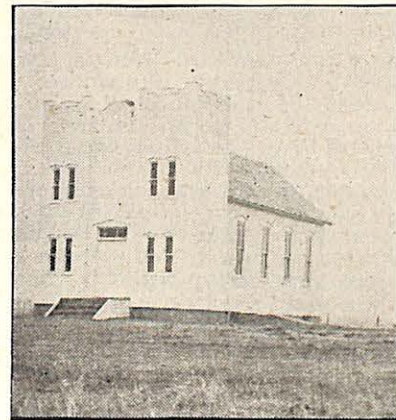
The King's Daughters Society of the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., gave its annual program on Sunday, Nov. 21. A cross in the background of the platform, with interchangeable colored lights reflecting on the cross, was an inspiring effect of the first part of the program. A dialogue was given entitled, "The Greatest of These is Love," and musical numbers were rendered by the members of the society.

During the year we have accomplished the following projects: Christmas packages were sent to our boys in service and to the sick, old and bereaved. Home-made candy was sent to the Rochester Baptist Seminary. At Easter time eggs were colored and sent to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. During the winter months we have been embroidering pillow cases and assembling scrapbooks for the Children's Home. Seventy-five dollars were contributed toward the support of our native missionary in Africa, Johannes Tanto.

We are thankful to our Master for the many blessings we have received. Our prayer is that we as a society may carry on in our future undertakings and uphold our motto, "Saved to Serve", and find encouragement in our Society's Bible verse, 1. Cor. 15:58. ANNABELLE DACHTLER, Secretary.

**Annual Banquet of the Chicago Sunday School Teachers' Union Is a Gala Occasion**

The Sunday School Teachers' Union of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity held its 8th annual banquet on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Lincoln-Belmont Y.M.C.A. with 162 teachers and workers of the eight churches attending.



The Remodeled Church of the Ebenezer Station Northwest of New Leipzig, North Dakota

Mr. Herman Siemund, president, was chairman assisted by Mr. Fred A. Grosser, vice-president, as song leader. As usual at our Sunday School teacher banquets it requires no effort to sing with feeling and enthusiasm.

After partaking of a very delicious dinner, Sunday Schools contributed with some of their talent and rendered a very fine program consisting of the following: a baritone solo, "The Lord's Prayer", by Mr. Walter Lautenbach of the Humboldt Park Church; a ladies trio number from Bellwood; a French horn solo by Mr. Fippinger of the Forest Park Church; ladies' chorus numbers from the Grace Church; a clever demonstration of cutting colored sheets of paper and making a Jacob's Ladder and the Christmas Tree by Mr. Carl Schroeder of the East Side Church; a vocal solo, "Thanks Be To God", by Mrs. Carl Orth of the First Church; and a ladies' quartet number from the Ogden Park Church.

The guest speaker of the evening was a new-comer in our midst, a Baptist minister and graduate of Wheaton College, the Rev. W. E. Bouslough, pastor of Downers Grove Community Church. He reminded us that as teachers and workers we are the instruments of God and our purpose is to convey the message of the Master. We were very much impressed with the earnestness of his message.

We sang our accustomed farewell song, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again", and were dismissed with a prayer by Mr. Jacob Zimmerman, pastor interim of the Humboldt Park Church. Echoes of this memorable meeting will linger in our hearts for many days to come.

MARION KLEINDIENST, Reporter.

**Homecoming Sunday and Revival Meetings at the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Illinois**

The Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., held its Rally Day and Homecoming on Oct. 31 with a full program. In spite of gas rationing, many friends gathered with us to celebrate the day.

Dr. F. D. Whitesell of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago was the guest speaker at the morning and evening services. The Sunday School presented a program during the school period.

In the afternoon a very impressive Service Men's program was held in honor of our boys and one young lady in the service of our country. A candle was lighted for each one and a short sketch of their lives was given. Special music was rendered and patriotic hymns were sung. An original sketch of a day in the army entitled, "A Private's Dream", was given by Edith Frish.

A delicious and bountiful chicken dinner was served on beautifully decorated tables by the Ladies' Aid. The World Wide Guild served the evening meal around tables that were decorated in red, white, and blue colors.

From Nov. 16 to 21 revival meetings were conducted with Dr. Whitesell doing the preaching. All services were very well attended and the spirit of God was present. We rejoice in that four persons accepted Christ as Savior and several others openly consecrated their lives to the Lord. We gratefully thank our heavenly Father for blessing his work here at Ogden Park Church, of which the Rev. Stanley F. Geis is the pastor.

MRS. WARNER THOMPSON, Reporter.

**NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Wisconsin Young People Hold Their Fall Rally at the Watertown Baptist Church**

On Oct. 30 and 31 a large group of Wisconsin young people assembled at the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., for the Fall Rally. The theme of the rally was "Revive Us Again". On Saturday afternoon we had a very interesting symposium on "Factors Involved in a Revival" with the Rev. Thomas D. Lutz of Sheboygan as the leader.

The society of the Bethany Baptist Church from Milwaukee, Wis., opened the evening service in the form of a "Pepspiration" service followed by the evening message given by the Rev. Wm. Schoeffel of Kenosha.

Immediately after the Sunday School service we had the privilege of hearing Mr. R. D. Wiegner of Lebanon during the morning worship service. The afternoon meetings continued with a special prayer service for the members in the Armed Forces with the Rev. R. Rott of North Freedom officiating. Mr. Lawrence Wegner of Manitowoc then gave the address, "The Key to Revival".

The closing service on Sunday evening was given by the Rev. Fred Mashner of Pound on, "Prayer in Revival". RUTH BATHAUER, Secretary.

**Baptist Young People's Society of Pound, Wis., Elects and Installs New Officers**

On Friday evening, Nov. 12, the members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., gathered at the church for the purpose of reorganization. Our B. Y. P. U. had been inactive during the summer months. With the aid of our new pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, we expect to work for Christ's cause and to go forward with him.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Agnes Konstanski; vice-president, Theodore Gross; secretary and treasurer, Lucretia Squires; pianist, La Verna Gross; reporter, Mrs. Reuben Graetz; and song leader, Herbert Suchalla. A candlelight installation service for the new officers was held on the following Monday evening, Nov. 15, with Mr. Mashner in charge.

We decided to have our meetings semi-monthly. Our society has been divided into groups, which will present programs on the following topics: missions, devotion, hymns, poetry and education. Our prayer is that God's blessing will rest upon our efforts for this coming year.

MRS. REUBEN GRAETZ, Reporter.

**Reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. Walkup by Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minnesota**

On Friday evening, Dec. 3, the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., was joined by our neighboring Baptist church and our two sister churches of St. Paul and Minneapolis in a "welcome reception for our new pastor, the Rev. John Walkup and family. A grand spirit of friendliness and sociability prevailed among the large gathering.

The welcome wishes were extended as follows: Rev. L. Berndt in behalf of the Minnesota fellowship; Rev. John Wobig in behalf of the Twin City fellowship; Rev. N. Wiens in behalf of the local community.

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These wishes were interspersed with numbers of special music, song and word contributed by all branches and all societies of the church. Combined organ, piano and violin numbers as well as the choir added much to the happy occasion. Mr. Vernon Heckmann presided and extended welcome greetings from Prof. Wingblade, president of Bethel College.

Mr. and Mrs. Walkup responded with words of sincere appreciation of the warmth extended to them, (including the warmth of the new stoker installation in the parsonage). He closed with the wish of 2. Cor. 9:8.

MRS. H. STANKE, Reporter.

**Milwaukee's Immanuel Church Holds a School of Missions on Six Consecutive Wednesdays**

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has enjoyed a great Christian experience through the School of Missions held at our church for six recent consecutive Wednesday evenings under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, and our church worker, Miss Ruth Doescher. Our Women's Missionary Society sponsored this school. Our average attendance was ninety, with classes arranged for all ages from nine to ninety years of age.

Our School of Missions came to a close on Wednesday evening, Nov. 17, with a pot luck supper. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Ray Schlader from Racine, Wis., who brought us a great missionary message.

We are also happy to report of new life in our church. Seven adults and thirteen children have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and followed him in baptism. As a church we are grateful and rejoice in the Lord always.

H. E. WICHTEL, Reporter.

**NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

**Young People of Leduc's First Baptist Church Begin a New Year**

We as the young people of Leduc's First Baptist Church of Alberta, Can., are happy to report that another year began for us on Nov. 16 with a prayer better to serve our Master.

During the past year we were able to hold 19 meetings which consisted of prayer, special programs and guest speakers. It also was our pleasure to gain 10 new members for our society, the total now being 50 members. We also were happy to contribute \$45.00 for missions.

On the evening of Nov. 16 we had our yearly election of new officers with the following results: president, Mrs. J. Kornalewski; vice-president, Tillie Wiedman; secretary, Dorothy Fillenberg; asst. secretary, Cecelia Priebe; treasurer, Rudolf Ohlman; pianist, Doris Holland; asst. pianist, Ruth Grabia; librarian, Elsie Mashoskie; asst. librarian, Victor Priebe; and ushers, Bernhard Fillenberg, Bill Ohlman and Waldemar Grabia.

We are thankful for God's blessings. DOROTHY FILLENBERG, Secretary.

**Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke by the Central Church of Edmonton**

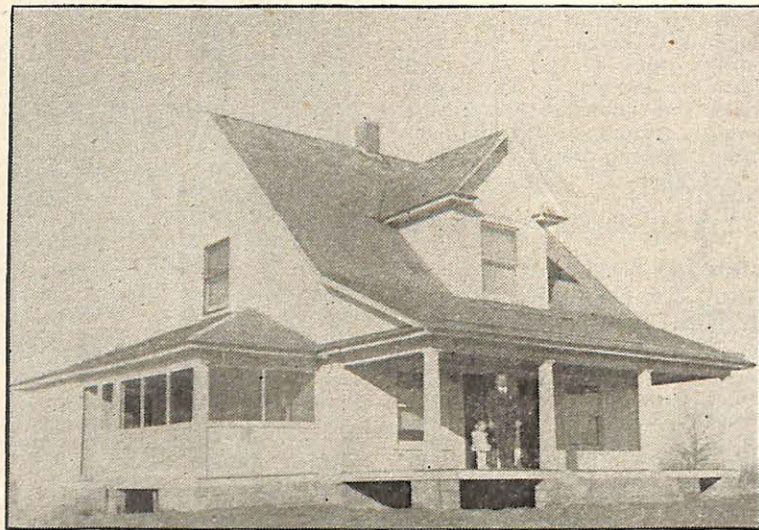
On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, held a reception to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke, with the Rev. E. P. Wahl in charge of the program. Before a capacity audience messages of greeting and welcome were extended by the Rev's. F. W. Benke and A. Huber, and Dr. Smalley of the Western Baptist Union.

Greetings were brought by Mr. Adolf Layetzke, deacon of the church; by Mr. H. Rinas, superintendent of the Sunday School; by Mrs. E. P. Wahl for the Ladies' Aid Society; and by Mr. C. Schroeder for the young people's society. The choir was represented by Mr. Albert Layetzke and Mr. Walter Schultz, and the orchestra by

Thanksgiving Roll Call and the 65th church anniversary.

A brief synopsis of the history of the church was read by the clerk, Mr. Fred Schlichting. From the small number of 20 members who organized themselves on October 13, 1878, as the First German Baptist Church it has grown, not great in numbers, but true to the knowledge of the Word of God. In 1934 it was voted to change the name to the Rock Hill Baptist Church. During the 65 years eleven pastors have served the church. One of these was a member of the church, the Rev. Samuel Blum, and now editor of "Der Sendbote". The Rev. Robert S. Hess, the present pastor, is the twelfth, and has been on the field about a year.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. John P. Kuehl, a former pastor, and now serving the Walnut St. Baptist Church of Newark, N. J.



The New Parsonage of the Strassburg Baptist Church Near Marion, Kansas, With the Rev. Roy Seibel and Daughter, Janice, on the Front Porch

Mr. A. Schmalzgruber. The Junior and Intermediate Society was represented by Arwin Eggert and Jenny Schultz. Musical selections were given by the church choir, the male chorus and the orchestra. Then Mr. and Mrs. Schilke spoke and expressed the firm belief that it was God's will that they should come here.

The Rev. R. Schilke has succeeded the Rev. E. P. Wahl, who served the church for the past three years and who resigned in order to become the full time president of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. After the reception refreshments were served by the women of the church. We are thankful to have the Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke in our midst and pray that their effort here may bear much fruit in the days to come.

DAN KIRSCH, Church Clerk.

**ATLANTIC CONFERENCE**

**The Rock Hill Baptist Church Near Boston, Massachusetts, Observes a Double Event**

The members and friends of the Rock Hill Baptist Church in Boston, Mass., gathered in the social hall of the church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 3, to observe the 9th annual

spoke on "Christian Giving" and stirred the audience deeply.

The afternoon meeting was held in connection with the dedication of the parsonage. Mr. Gossen gave the dedicatory sermon with the Durham church furnishing the special music. The entire congregation then assembled at our new parsonage which was recently moved beside the church. Mr. Harvey Kruse, our Sunday School superintendent, sang "Bless This House". Mr. Seibel gave the dedicatory prayer. Then he spoke a few words about the sacrificial work and contributions of the members for the parsonage.

The church was filled to overflowing for the evening service. The Strassburg choir, consisting of forty members, rendered the special music for the evening service. Dr. V. R. Lange, professor at Tabor College of Hillsboro, Kansas, brought an evangelistic message on the theme, "That I Might Know Him".

The offerings for the day totaled \$270. Approximately 500 people were served during the day.

AGNES QUIRING, Reporter.

**The Golden Jubilee of the Immanuel Baptist Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma**

Under the motto, "Fifty Years With God", the Immanuel Baptist Church at Loyal, Okla., celebrated her fiftieth anniversary on Monday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 24. Many visitors came from every direction to celebrate the birthday of the mother church of our German Baptist work in Oklahoma. The oldest daughter church, the Zion church of Okeene, came in full representation for the morning and afternoon services.

On Monday night a fellowship supper united the members of mother and daughter churches around the tables for a few happy hours. Mr. O. G. Graalman of Okeene expressed the joy of "the children" to be back home at mother's table. In this unique way he recalled experiences and memories of the early pioneer days, when his father, the Rev. Ed. Graalman, ministered in the newly opened territory.

For three Sunday services the church was filled to capacity. During the Sunday School period representatives of different generations told of the marvelous guidance of the Lord in the work. The anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Pfeifer, pastor of the Zion Church in Okeene, on the subject, "The Foundation of the Church". In the afternoon representatives of the Oklahoma churches spoke brief words of joy and encouragement. Letters by former pastors and absent members were read.

The historical sketch "Fifty Years With God" developed before our soul the labors and sacrifices of our fathers, and the wonderful leadership of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. Mr. H. A. Meyer of Ingersoll, former pastor, and Mr. Melvin Geis, former interim pastor, shared some of their experiences with us in the evening service. Representatives of local churches also brought their congratulations.

The beginnings of the "Emanuel-Gemeinde" lies in the period of the opening of the Cheyenne-Arapahoe ter-

ritory in 1892, when several German Baptist families from Kansas "made the run". The first Sunday School was held in the one-room home of Mr. and Mrs. David Schmidt, just a half a mile north of the church's present location.

The church was organized in March, 1893, with 13 charter members. Mrs. Frick and Mr. Franz Weber of Okeene are still with us of the original thirteen pioneers. The Rev. Ed. Graalman was the first pastor, beginning his ministry in December, 1893. For a total of twenty-five years Mr. Graalman preached and ministered over a large territory. The first church was erected in the fall of 1894; the present building replaced the old church in 1935. The brethren August Rosner, Bornschlaegel, H. A. Meyer, student pastor S. S. Feldman, interim pastor



Rev. William Sturbahn

Melvin Geis, R. A. Klein and Wm. Sturbahn served the church as pastors, following Mr. Graalman's ministry. During these fifty years 194 souls were converted and baptized. The present membership is 107.

God was with us during fifty years of storm and sunshine. The story of yesteryear should and will be an inspiration for the youth of today. May the Lord continue to build his church!

WM. STURHAHN, Pastor.

**:: OBITUARY ::**

**MRS. JULIA CONNER of Wilmington, Delaware**

Mrs. Julia Conner of Wilmington, Del., was born in Warsaw, Poland, on Nov. 11, 1906. Later she came with her parents to this country. In the year 1928 she was united in marriage to Mr. Percy Conner. After having accepted Christ as Savior, she was received into the fellowship of the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., on April 13, 1941, where she retained her membership until her death on Nov. 19, 1943. As a faithful mother she leaves to mourn her death her husband and three children, the youngest of which is only 3 months of age. May the dear Lord of all grace abundantly bless and console the bereaved ones. Psalm 90:12 served as a word of comfort at the funeral service.

Wilmington, Delaware.  
CHRISTIAN PETERS, Pastor.

**WITH UNFLINCHING FAITH**  
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Certain very definite demands are made upon us according to the will of God in order to experience this revitalization.

1. *By earnest, united and patient prayer we must prove to God that we desire the revitalization with all our heart.* Every day we receive the enlistment of prayer-helpers. So far, 389 have registered themselves at Forest Park. By faith we had 5000 enlistment cards printed. We are now looking for a shower of these enlistments here at Forest Park.

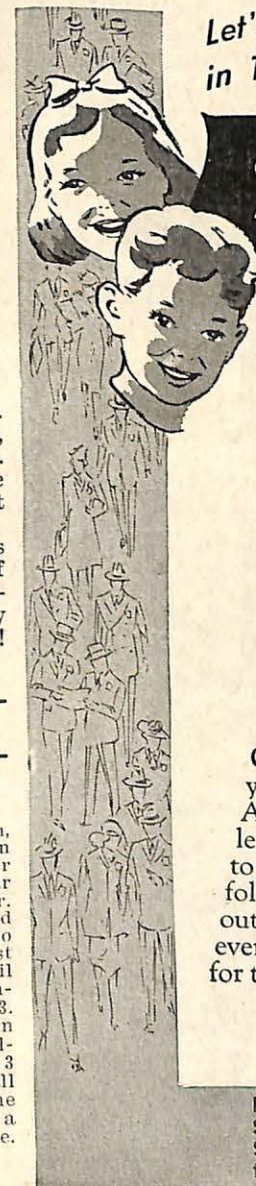
2. *Remember and repent, or else* — The message from the glorified Christ was not only for the church at Ephesus but for our churches as well. He said: "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee: because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candle stick out of his place, except thou repent."

3. The church of the Laodiceans was not the only church that had banished Christ because of their lukewarmness. To that church and to us he says: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

4. *By going forward at his bidding and undertaking by faith alone any tasks he may assign to us.* As we stand at the grave of many a spiritually-dead Lazarus, he says to us as there in the cemetery at Bethany: "Take ye away the stone." Only after we have obeyed by faith, can we hope to see the glory of God, when he says: "Lazarus, come forth." Not only to Martha, but to each member of the North American Baptist General Conference the Lord is saying today: "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?"

"For yet a little while, and he (also our revitalization) that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we have no pleasure in them who draw back but are not of them that believe."

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# Twenty Years Ago

(January 1 to 15, 1924)

❖ On January 1, 1924, the Rev. Julius Ehrhorn, pastor of the Baptist Church at Brenham, Texas, began his new pastorate in the Second Church of George, Iowa.

❖ Almost two full pages in the Jan. 1, 1924, issue of "The Baptist Herald" were devoted to the story of the 40th anniversary of the Rev. Reinhard Hoefflin as pastor of the Third German Baptist Church of the Bronx, New York City. The guest speakers for the anniversary program were Professor Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., who a week before had just arrived from a six months tour of Europe, and the Rev. A. P. Mihm of Chicago, Ill., editor of "The Herald" and a spiritual son of the church.

❖ The Rev. A. J. Harms, pastor of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, baptized 16 persons on Dec. 30, 1923. During the first six months of his pastorate, the attendance of the services increased 50 per cent over the preceding year; the Sunday School 30 per cent; and the prayer meeting attendance 200 per cent. The church surprised its pastor at the close of the year with a goodly sum of money for the purchase of an automobile. The membership of the church on Jan. 1, 1924, was 301.

Do you want this new department, "Twenty Years Ago", continued? The editor will be glad to hear from "Baptist Herald" readers as to the popularity of this brief section that reviews the past of twenty years ago.  
M. L. Leuschner.

❖ The B. Y. P. U. of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, brought its annual report for 1923 in the Jan. 1, 1924, issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. The membership of the society at the beginning of 1923 consisted of 59 persons, and at the close of the year it was 137, making a net gain of 78. The entire anniversary offering of \$103 was given to the mission work in Hungary and to the support of the old people, who were helpless in the city of Budapest, Hungary. The Rev. H. C. Baum was pastor of the church at the time.

❖ The picture on the front cover of the Jan. 1, 1924, issue of "The Baptist Herald" showed the young people's society of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, California. Officers of the society, who were seated in the front row in the picture, were Dan Marshall, president; Eddie Urbigkeit, vice-president; Olga Stranske, secretary; and Joe Quast, treasurer. The guest speaker at the anniversary program of the Anaheim B. Y. P. U. was the Rev. Carl Swyter of Los Angeles, Calif., who spoke on "Amaziah, who willingly offered himself unto the Lord". (2. Chron. 17:16)

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REV. A. R. BERNADT  
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