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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Lebanon Baptist Church near Watertown, Wisconsin, has granted its pastor, the Rev. Robert D. Wiegner, a leave of absence for three months from June to August, so that he could respond to serve two churches near Elgin, Manitoba, Can. during that time. Mr. George Tanner of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., is serving the Lebanon Church during the absence of the pastor.

● On Sunday, May 21, the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., baptized 5 converts and received these and two others into the fellowship of the church. The attendance at the church services has kept up very well, considering the fact that quite a few of the church members have moved away from Grand Forks during the past two years.

● The Rev. O. H. Gerstenkorn began his ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Niles, Michigan on May 1st after 20 years in independent church work. This church at Niles has a membership of 384, and in 1941 celebrated its centennial. Mr. Gerstenkorn was a student in our Rochester Baptist Seminary from 1913 to 1915 and is known by many of our pastors. He is an interested "Baptist Herald" reader. His address is 515 Oak St., Niles, Michigan.

● On Sunday, May 28, the Rev. L. Hoeffner, pastor of the Baptist Church in Elberta, Alabama, baptized two young people on confession of their faith in Christ. At an impressive communion service in the evening they were received into the church, with four others who had come by letters. "The Lord is blessing our work since we are on this field, and we give him all the praise for it" was reported by the pastor.

Mr. Charles Zoschke, a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas, has been serving as pastor of the Baptist churches of Appanoose and Taury, Kansas during the past year. Mr. Zoschke recently received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ottawa University. He hopes to continue his studies this Fall. He was active in his own church and Kansas young people's union until he went to Minneapolis, Minn., to Northwestern Bible School for earlier studies.

● On Sunday, June 25, a baptismal service was held at Turkey Creek for the members and friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas with the pastor, Mr. Otto Pankratz, bringing the message and

the Rev. L. H. Smith, pastor of the nearby Durham Baptist Church, baptizing the 11 converts of the Ebenezer Church. These converts were largely the results of meetings conducted in the Ebenezer Church by the Rev. L. H. Smith some months ago.

● On Sunday, May 21, the Rev. A. E. Reeh, pastor of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Col., had the privilege of baptizing two splendid young men in a service held in the First Baptist Church of Greeley, Colo. On the same day, the hand of fellowship was extended to them, prior to the communion service that followed. "The Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and all other services of the church are very well attended and bring much joy to the heart of the pastor," as reported by Mr. Reeh.

## FRONT COVER PICTURE

On July 1, 1944 Canadians the world over will celebrate the seventy-seventh anniversary of the birth of the Dominion of Canada. The city of Ottawa and Canada's beautiful capitol, shown on the front cover, will be the scene of impressive ceremonies commemorating "Dominion Day."

### Dominion Day

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"Mighty Dominion, from whose shores forlorn  
The sea-spent eyes of Cartier swept  
the heights,  
Glimpsing beyond the gloom of  
primal nights,  
A vision of a nation yet unborn;  
Across the freighted years we hail  
thee now,  
Imperishably forged in unity,  
Your provinces far-flung from sea  
to sea,  
Their diadem of peace upon your  
brow."

● The First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, has called the Rev. Fred Ferris, pastor of the Baptist Church of Somonank, Illinois, to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Ferris spent Sunday, June 4, at the Lorraine Church and captivated the hearts of the people. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris will begin their ministry at Lorraine on August 1st. Further information about the new pastor will be reported as soon as it is known. He will succeed the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., now of Marshalltown, Iowa.

● Mr. William G. Trow has been serving as pastor of the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., since February 20th. He is a graduate of Northwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis, Minn., having received the degree of Th. G. a few weeks ago. His home is in Emmetsburg, Iowa. From June 18 to July 2 evangelistic meetings were held in the Jeffers Church with the Rev. E. A. Hook of Corry, Pa., serving as evangelist. Mr. and Mrs. Trow are

now residing in the parsonage of the Jeffers Church.

● On Pentecost Sunday evening, May 28, the Rev. L. B. Berndt, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., baptized 6 persons. These converts were the results of evangelistic meetings conducted in the church from March 13 to 26 with the Rev. George A. Lang of Detroit, Mich., as evangelist. The Children's Day program on June 11, was in charge of the superintendent, Mr. Alfred Brachlow. Mr. Berndt served as dean of the Minnesota Young People's Assembly held at Snail Lake near the Twin Cities from June 15 to 18.

● The B. Y. P. U. of Olds Alberta, Canada, recently sponsored two very interesting programs. The first was a Mother's and Daughter's banquet held on Mother's Day, May 14. Mrs. Esther Wilcke served as toastmistress. Mrs. Marie Unger and Mrs. Mabel Riemer gave brief talks representing the 73 mothers and daughters present. On Sunday, May 28, a missionary quiz was led by Miss Frieda Wolschlagler. This quiz program served to inform those present on missionary activities and to show what was remembered of the missionary articles published in "The Baptist Herald".

● On Sunday evening, June 4, the young people of the Baptist Church at Holloway, Minn., presented the play, "Revive Us Again" written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, with the vice-president, Miss Evelyn Giesel, in charge. A missionary offering of \$46 for the project of the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union was received. The play was repeated on Sunday afternoon, June 11, during the Minnesota Association which convened in the Holloway Baptist Church. On Sunday, June 25, the Children's Day program was presented with the Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Alfred Ulstad, in charge. The Rev. John Broeder is pastor of the church.

● On Wednesday evening, May 27, the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas celebrated its anniversary with a fine program. On Sunday, May 21, a special service was held at Durham in honor of the elderly members of the church. A banquet dinner was held for them, followed by a German message by the Rev. R. Vassel of Bison, Kansas, songs by a mixed octet, and testimonies by the guests of honor. On Sunday evening, May 28, the graduation exercises were held for the Bible Memorization Band, of which Mrs. L. H. Smith, the pastor's wife, was in charge. Awards were given to the children at the close of the program. On Sunday evening, June 11, the Rev. J. Reimer, missionary-elect to the Spanish-American people of Colorado, gave a talk about his field.

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### Coming!

#### MY FRIENDS AMONG THE RED MEN

The Rev. Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta, a teacher at the Christian Training Institute, "circuit riding" preacher among our Northern Conference churches, and pioneer missionary along the Alaska Highway, will colorfully depict his acquaintances and friends among the Indians of Alberta, some of whom he has led to walk on "the Jesus' Way of Life."

#### GOOD HELPS US TO CARRY ON!

This article by Miss Bertha M. Lang, missionary of the China Inland Mission at Pinyang, Chentung, will be of profound interest to all readers, as she unfolds the untold hardships and glorious victories for Christ which have been hers in recent years in war torn China.

#### TOMORROW'S RAINBOW

Miss Bonnie Grosser, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., and honor student at the Oak Park High School, recently brought the valedictory address which has been requested for publication in the next issue with its stirring discussion of a very timely theme.

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# EDITORIAL

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## The Patriot Who Sees Beyond the Years

PATRIOTISM is a great deal more than waving a flag. Its fairest flowers do not blossom where men fanatically praise their country above every other nation on the earth. There are many who pose as patriots in these days who prate about "killing the enemy to the last man" and establishing peace by making the enemy nations drink the cup of defeat to the last bitter drop. But their shouting and tumult will soon die!

The true patriot is the one who sees beyond the years a world in which nations will live peaceably with each other and in which his country serves the others for the greatest good of all. A Shylock nation that demands its pound of flesh in revenge can only reap the whirlwind of wars and more wars. But a nation which sincerely establishes "a good neighbor policy" and convincingly gives evidence of it will find itself surrounded with friends eager to clasp hands across the boundaries.

Every war has been fought under the stress of great uplifting ideals. We have announced the four freedoms which are to liberate the enslaved peoples of the world. Freedom of religion has been characterized as the greatest of these, an inalienable right with which God has endowed every man. How the Christian Church rejoices in these high goals and grants her support to every effort for the same!

But as a war increases in fury and tempo, there is a grave danger that besets the path of some patriots. The glowing ideals of a former day are forgotten, and the cold, hard business of complete defeat for the enemy and his utter annihilation become paramount. The patriot is then blinded to any concern whatsoever as to what may happen twenty-five years from now to the sons of another generation engaged in another bloody war.

God give us patriots who see beyond the years! God give us leaders of Christian insight who will establish a peace based on understanding and respect of other people. Such is the important role of Christian patriots who believe that Jesus' principles will work, even to "love your enemies, bless them that curse you and do good to them that hate you", not because they deserve it, but because it will return dividends in good will, friendship and abiding peace over the cause of many years.

O, that we had patriots who would believe these words of the Prince of peace!



—Photo by Milwaukee Journal.

Cameroons' Missionaries and Nine Newly Appointed Missionaries for Africa (Left to Right: Rev. and Mrs. Edwin H. Michelson, Missionary Laura E. Reddig, Miss Myrtle Hein, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Miss Evangeline Weger, Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Mrs. and Mr. S. Don Ganstrom, Chaplain Paul Gebauer.)

# God's Call to Nine New Cameroons' Missionaries

The Testimonies of the New Cameroons' Missionaries Commissioned of God and Presented to the General Conference at Milwaukee, Wis.

## Called of God to Minister to Africa's Needs

By MISS MARGARET KITTLITZ of Waco, Texas

Just when the idea of being a missionary began to grow upon me I cannot say. Looking back over the years I see God's leading, step by step. Every now and then the still small voice spoke, "You have so much; why not share it with those who have so little? You have God and love and security. They have doubts and fears and superstitions. You have Christ and they know him not."

God spoke to me through many varied circumstances and experiences; through the influence of my home as well as that of my church; through some verse of Scripture, such as, "Go ye into all the world," and "If ye love me, keep my commandments," through a missionary play or a missionary speaker and reports from the field.

As a nurse the challenge comes to minister to diseased and pain-racked bodies. And as such, I look forward to the time when well-equipped and properly staffed hospitals shall be

available to the people of the Cameroons, so that broken bodies may be healed.

More than that, however, it is my desire that the sick in spirit might find healing as they learn of God's love and learn to know Christ who came to bring abundant life and light to "those who sit in darkness."

## Prepared of God for Service in the Cameroons Throughout the Years

By MR. and MRS. S. DON GANSTROM of St. Paul, Minnesota

We were led by God in a very special way in our decision for foreign missions. As young Christians in our teens we felt his call for full time service and as years went on and we prepared ourselves at school, God led us in the choice of subjects and activities. Both of us prepared in college for teaching and then I continued on to the seminary where the Lord is still showing us many wonderful things.

The call to the mission field has come while here at Bethel Seminary

in St. Paul, Minn. God, through many of his workers, threw out the challenge of preaching to those who have not yet heard about him. And upon hearing Miss Reddig at the Daytons Bluff Church here in St. Paul, God spoke through her in plain and certain tones. It was a call that was so loud, it pierced our hearts through and through and we answered, "Yes, Lord, if you want to send us to the Cameroons we will go."

Everyday from that time of decision on he has shown us in a very definite way that we are to go to the Cameroons. To us now this "field is ripe unto harvest and the laborers are few." We feel that God is preparing us for this work, and as we go to do his good pleasure, he will lead us into great fields of service where we shall see the dead in sin of the Cameroons made alive in him "whom to know is life eternal."

God willing, we hope some day to see a school in the Cameroons where young Christian natives will learn how to farm and cultivate God's good earth as it should be done, and that they by this shall have abundant life here on earth as well as in him.

## God's Revealed Will for Our Lives to Go to the Cameroons

By MR. and MRS. EARL H. AHRENS of Tacoma, Washington

The one desire of Jesus Christ on this earth was "to do the will of him that sent me." Desiring to be like him, we, too, would say, "Not my will but thine be done."

We have been informed by the Word of God that he is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. What about those in Africa? In the Cameroons? Without Christ they perish, yet, "how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

The need is urgent, and God would not have those people to perish. So someone must go to them to tell them of Christ. The Lord spoke very forcibly to our hearts saying, "Whom shall I send?" His word comes back to us, "And YE shall be my witnesses."

Here is God's revealed will for our lives. With his will revealed to us, what else could we do, but say, "Here am I, send me." Now our hearts are full of joy in knowing that God has deigned to call us to work for him in the Cameroons.

Ours is a wonderful privilege, yet a great responsibility in going forth. We go not with fear, but with joy, having been assured of the continuous presence of the Lord of the harvest himself.

## God's Call Simultaneously to Each of Us to Go as Missionaries

By REV. and MRS. EDWIN MICHELSON of Martin, North Dakota

To be called to a task as big and as challenging as the Cameroons of Africa, one might expect to hear the voice of God in the wind and earthquake. But God spoke to us in the still small voice saying, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest. . . The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

We have prayerfully considered the missionary call for many years. While we were attending different schools, both of us felt the call of the Lord, and we wrestled with God without the knowledge that the other was doing the same. Both of us yielded ourselves and wrote of the experience to each other, and our letters actually crossed in the mail. So alone each of us answered God's call.

Even then we waited for the Lord to reveal himself more clearly as to his way for us. God is patient. He plainly revealed his will when we were ready to make more definite plans. He showed us the way and gave us the assurance that it is his will that we go out to Africa. We now know that we have been called to a definite undertaking.

We felt the need of specialized training, but because of the urgent need of workers in our field we have been urged to go now. We are ready and willing to go as soon as we can get our passports. We are grateful

## PRAYING WITH A PURPOSE

PRAY EARNESTLY AND PERSISTENTLY:

- 1) That natives still living in Africa's darkness may come to know Jesus Christ as Savior.
- 2) That villages still closed and as yet not reached by the gospel will hear the glad tidings of Christ.
- 3) That Jesus Christ and his Ambassadors will be victorious in overcoming the forces of darkness in heathendom and Mohammedanism.
- 4) That each missionary (remembering every one by name) may receive spiritual joy, continued patience, abundant wisdom and physical strength to witness for Christ.
- 5) That the missionaries may have the vision to see and seize new opportunities for evangelism in spreading the light of the gospel.
- 6) That the native Christians may remain faithful through persecution and temptation, which they have to face often in their heathen and materialistic environment.
- 7) That the native Christians may be definite and positive in their witness for Christ as "the living Bible" for all other nations to read.
- 8) That the native Christian leaders may grow spiritually to see their responsibilities as Christ's ambassadors and to seek first the will of God.
- 9) That God may call other young people from our churches to go as missionaries of the Cross to distant fields.
- 10) That we as a denomination may be missionary-minded and shall be found faithful in carrying out Christ's command.

for the opportunity to visit our churches, especially in our home territory in the Dakotas. We look forward in the grace of God to a life of service as evangelistic and agricultural missionaries. The prayers of our friends are coveted as our most valuable treasure.

## A Mission Call In the Words, "Let Go" and Let God!"

By MISS EVANGELINE WEGNER of Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Since grade school days the verses of Luke 9:58-62 have come forcibly to my mind, since it meant "A King Abdicated to Redeem Mankind". High school brought further interest in missionary stories, as well as the writing of a short thesis on D. L. Moody.

While at college and Bible School, further interest was taken in various musical programs at churches and missions, thus enabling me to see a greater spiritual need. Later gospel teams brought further need of orations, chalk drawing and reading. My oration, "As Is", meaning "Taking Time and Circumstance As Is For Self-Glory or Christ's Glory", and some reading on Adoniram Judson spoke to me about foreign service.

However, the carnal man within said, "But I have enough to do in this fine country, why should I bury myself?"

Significant was the time of my illness when the burden of Africa was heavy, and I talked Africa daily until

the nurses and doctors said: "We will make you well so that you can go to Africa." Great tribute also goes to Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Illinois for their fervent prayers and spiritual fellowship and inspiration received there.

The echoes of a friend still rang out in my heart: "Remember that many regret not having gone as ambassadors for their King, but there are no regrets from those who went." Then came the following challenge and I took my stand. "Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?" Finally, the needs and appeal of Africa were brought vividly to my mind by the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Goodrich, No. Dakota, by Dr. William Kuhn and by Miss Laura Reddig.

Looking at life in the light of eternity the materialism of this world grew strangely dim. I could not come empty-handed before my King. Through it all came back the echo: "Let go", and "Let God!"

## My Motto Is "Christ My All" As I Plan for the Cameroons

By MISS MYRTLE HEIN of Edmonton, Alberta

Perfect happiness we find only as we are found in God's Will, carrying out his plan for our lives. In his service I have found a joy and satisfaction that I know only Christ can bring.

Whether home or foreign, missions has always been of great interest to me. It was my favorite study at Bible School and eagerly I awaited each missionary visit. Missionary articles fascinated me, and I delighted in reading them again and again.

Bible portions, such as Luke 10:2 Romans 10:13-14 and Matthew 9:37-38 were not unfamiliar to me. Many times I had perhaps prayed, "Lord, sent forth laborers into the fields already white", but never did I think I might be called to go.

Through the several mission reports heard and the urgent call of workers that went forth through our denominational papers I heard God speaking definitely to my own soul about this very work, but I did not want to go!

Battling with this problem for a long time made me rather unhappy, since I was greatly enjoying the work which was mine as home missionary in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. However, God continued to speak and it was not until I had said, "If that is Thy will for me, Lord, I am willing to follow," did I find peace at heart, and victory was mine! It was then that I made my heart's desire known to our general secretary, Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

Placing my hand in the hand of the almighty God, I am fully convinced that he can and will open doors even for me regarding the decision I have made.

There is only one desire that is mine as I look forward to this great field of service and it is this: "That they, too, may know him, in whom we have life eternal."

# The Story of the Christian Flag

By Mr. B. L. Moore of Chicago, Ill., a Student of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary

The Christian Flag or Church Pennant, Which Is the Only Flag That Flies Above the American Flag During a Church Service, Is Here Shown Above the Deck of a U. S. Battleship.

—Acme Photo.

will fall. Christ, taking the place of the condemned, "was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquity; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:5, 6.)

The union of blue carries a message of faith, loyalty, and devotion, of trust and sincerity. To pledge allegiance to the Christian flag means to deny self, to crown Christ Lord of all, and to take up one's cross and follow him.

The flag of any people symbolizes their hopes and aspirations, their joys and achievements. If these are fine and noble, their flag is great, but if they are ignoble, then their flag will mean little or nothing. From this we gather that a flag is what we make it. It is known by the reverence we show it and by the manner we display it.

## The Display of the Flag

Many believe that the Christian flag should be given the place of honor when displayed with the American flag in the house of the Lord. Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords and should be given the preeminence. This problem was solved by the National Flag Conference in Washington on May 15, 1924, when fundamental rules of flag heraldry were set forth indicating the proper method of displaying the American flag with others.

These rules of 1924, as approved and amended by Congress on December 22, 1942, state in rule 16, "When the flag is displayed in the body of the church it should be from a staff placed in the position of honor at the congregation's right as they face the flag, or any other flag should be at the left of the congregation. If in the chancel or on the platform, the flag of the United States of America should be placed at the clergyman's right as he faces the congregation, and the other flags at his left."

The armed forces fly the Christian pennant and flag above the American flag during all worship services in recognition of the Divine. In Army and Naval interments the American flag is lowered to half-mast while the Christian flag is flown at full staff. It is never lowered in mourning and

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The Baptist Sunday School at Mbem, Kakaland, in the Cameroons Gathered in Front of the Mission Schoolhouse.

# Africa Goes to Sunday School

The Story of Our Cameroons' Sunday Schools by Missionary LAURA E. REDDIG

"WHY are they beating the drum this evening? Has something happened?" "Oh, no! That is to remind the people that tomorrow is Sunday, and that they should come to church and Sunday School. You see, we have an eight day week here, and people forget when Sunday comes along."

Early on Sunday mornings, the drum at the mission station or outstation will be "knocked" to call the natives to worship. Drums which once called natives to tribal wars, raids, deaths, or dances, are now being used for a new and different purpose. One often wonders what the old people of the village think on hearing these drums and on seeing more and more of the young people under their rule go over for services at the mission and come back changed and different.

## How They Love to Sing!

Long before the hour for Sunday School, pupils will gather and begin to sing as they put benches or stools in place for the service. Natives love to sing, and they sing their own melodies so much better than they do those of the "white man", so that they are encouraged to sing their own songs with new words. When a particularly interesting Bible story appeals to them, they look around for a melody for it, and sing their way through the story.

Little drums, cow-horns, and clapping hands make every song really vibrate even on a dirt floor. Songs with but one verse are sung over and

over again, and seldom is a child found who does not love to lead the singing. Up and down he will march between the boys and girls, poking those who aren't singing as well as they should.

Songs heard in the Sunday School on Sundays are often heard throughout the week. From a distant cornfield, from the firewood area, from the river, or along the market road, these songs will be heard, and often it won't be a little boy or girl singing, but an adult, who has learned it at home from the children. The melodies are often familiar to the adults, but now they have new words which tell a new story.

The roll call will follow a prayer, and how the eyes of some little youngster will sparkle when he answers: "Me, I day," which is the first bit of Pidgin English he has learned. When no answer follows the calling of one name, all eyes focus on the boy or girl who lives in that compound or nearby.

"What do you know about Bibi, and why isn't he here today?"

Everyone is held responsible for the others in his immediate neighborhood, so although they cannot often bring them all together, they try to give some reason for every absence.

## A Wonderful Bible Story

Today the teacher is telling the story of the "Good Samaritan", and the picture rolls, sent in by some Sunday School in America, are then taken out and the picture explained.

"Now who would like to tell this story as if it happened here at Mbem?"

The priest and the Levite in the story become a Hausa Mohammedan and a Fulani cow-herdsman, and the Good Samaritan is one of the Christians of Mbem. And now the story is acted out and everyone wants to be the Good Samaritan.

Little Buba is told that he cannot be the good Samaritan, for didn't he walk right behind that lame old woman who was carrying that heavy load of corn and not even offer to help her? And Kayu needn't think he will be chosen for that part for he didn't visit the teacher when he was sick. Carefully they choose the players for the part, especially for such a coveted part.

More singing, and then the teacher decides how they will do their visiting that afternoon. Another teacher decides when the pupils should bring together some corn or farm produce to sell at the market, so that they might get some money for a new football. And didn't they do well last month at their Thanksgiving offering of farm produce? Why, even the adults had to remark about it.

## Newcomers to the School

All the children planted an extra piece of ground with some crop, and the harvest was for their Thanksgiving offering. It was enough to pay the salary of a native church-teacher

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DURING Rally Day in Brighton Chapel, Coney Island, New York on September 26, 1897, a previously engaged speaker failed to meet his appointment on time. Superintendent Charles C. Overton, always quick to meet an emergency, arose and extemporized, taking for his theme, "The American Flag".

While speaking, he conceived the idea of a flag for all Sunday Schools and churches. Expressing his desire, he lovingly lifted the American flag from the pulpit and suggested to the congregation a Christian flag which could not be restricted by geographical or national boundaries but would remind all men of their allegiance to God, even as their national flag reminds them of their loyalty and allegiance to their country.

## The First Use of the Flag

Drawing upon his imagination he pictured a white flag emblazoned with a blue union and a crimson cross. Such a tremendous grip did his own suggestion take, that Mr. Overton immediately had a flag made corresponding with his description and on the following Sunday draped it over the pulpit alongside the American flag.

Eleven years later, in a conference of Sunday School workers in Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. Lynn H. Hough suggested a pledge to the Christian flag, and later, while the meeting was still in session, wrote: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love." This pledge was used for the first time in the Third

Methodist Episcopal Church, Long Island, New York, of which Mr. Hough was then pastor.

The Christian flag bears no symbol of warfare or conquest. It is the banner of the Prince of Peace, standing for no creed or denomination but Christianity. There is no inconsistency in the idea of a flag for the Christian Church, for we read in Numbers 10, "And the children of Israel took their journey out of the wilderness of Sinai . . . in the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah."

Because of its universal appeal this flag is found in almost every city and village in the United States, and since World War II has been carried to all parts of the world by American soldiers, sailors, and marines.

## The Flag's Symbolic Message

The flag, although flown by American warriors, carries a message of peace and good will. For white, since the dawn of Christendom, has symbolized innocence, purity, and peace. It speaks of undivided allegiance, of universal unity and aspirations. It portrays the futility of man's efforts to save himself. There is not a thread in the field of white that doesn't scorn inconsistencies, indulgences, and self-righteousness.

The cross announces the sacrificial death and the resurrection of Christ and our identity with him through the new birth. The position of the cross in the upper left-hand corner depicts Christ's substitutionary work at Calvary, for the upper corner next to the staff is the "point of danger," the place where the sword of the enemy

# The Sound of the Trumpet

A New Novel  
by

GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL

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## SYNOPSIS

After Lisle Kingsley had met John Sargent at a Bible Class held in a mission hall, she had gone there quite regularly. One evening after the meeting, her chauffeur failed to call for her at the scheduled hour because of an accident. Then a strange man tried to pick her up and take her home. John Sargent heard about these strange doings and called Lisle over the telephone. "Oh, I am glad to hear your voice," he said. "I was afraid something might have happened to you!"

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

"No! oh, no. They told you about the car and how Joseph telephoned for the other one to come, didn't they? But I wasn't in it, you see, and didn't know that anything had happened to it till Joseph came for me."

"Well, I didn't know about the car," owned John, "but I just had a feeling you might have gone down to the Mission, and I was worried, because in a way I was responsible for you're going there in the first place. And I've been hearing—" he paused, realizing that he must somehow explain this without being too explicit, without frightening her.—"You see I've been hearing that there are some rather tough characters around that neighborhood. I had reason to think there were, and I felt you ought not to be down there alone. I wish you would promise me you won't go down there alone any more."

"Oh, but I don't, Joseph always comes for me, and if I go late he usually takes me, too."

"Well, please be careful, won't you? Don't trust anybody you aren't sure of. There are lots of unpleasant things happening these days. You are too—too—precious—to be running any risks!"

"Why, Mr. Sargent! How queer for you to talk that way! And tonight when I really had almost a scare. A man whose looks I didn't like came to me at the close of meeting, he was right outside by the door, and he told me my car had had an accident and my chauffeur had sent him to take me home."

"Oh!" groaned John. "You didn't go with him?"

"Why, of course not. You see he was a man I had seen before who seemed to be staring at me. I've seen him a couple of times in different places, and it sort of made me uneasy, so I thanked him and told him he needn't wait, that I had friends in the hall and would rather go with them, and I went back to the teacher."

"Thank the Lord!" said John Sargent fervently. "I think that is the man the police are looking for, and that was why I was worried when I called up and found you were not at home, and so late! So I called again for I was uneasy."

"Well, that was awfully kind of you. I have been wondering what had become of you. And then tonight they announced that your grandmother had died. I felt so sorry for you. And yet I know it must have been good to know that she was really at rest and in Heaven."

"Yes," said the young man. "That was the main reason for my daring to intrude upon you. I wanted to tell you of her going. You had been so kind in sending her those flowers. I shall never forget that."

"Oh, but I'm sorry that I did not send her more. I thought of it several times, but I was afraid perhaps you would think I was presuming."

"Never!" said John Sargent. "How could I feel that way about a beautiful kindness?"

"Well, I would have loved to send more kowers and also to send some to the service if I had known about it. I never read the death notices, and of course I didn't know. But I did want to let you know how I sympathize with you."

"Thank you," said John. "That means a lot to me. And some day in Heaven I'm sure my little grandmother will be thanking you too."

"Oh, what a lovely thought! I shall look forward to that!"

"And now I mustn't keep you any longer. I know you must be tired. But I do want you to promise me that you will never go down to that neighborhood again alone, please! I would love to take you down sometimes if I were free, but since I can't, please get someone to go with you? Or else don't go. Will you do that? It's important, or I wouldn't ask it."

"Why, thank you for your interest. Yes, of course I'll promise. In fact my mother is rather worked up about it, and would be more so if she knew what happened tonight. She insists that I go in the car, so you needn't worry. But I'm sorry you had to miss the meeting tonight. It was wonderful!"

They talked for several minutes about the message, and then before he hung up he asked Lisle to describe the man who tried to take her home. What did he look like? And Lisle did her best.

"He's medium height, sort of slender, and drab-looking, hat drawn down over his eyes, a little round-shouldered, with his hands in his pockets and his coat collar turned up. Of course it was rather dark out by the street door, and the light from

the street lamp shone right into my eyes, but that is the impression he gave me."

"Well, I guess it's the same man I saw one day. Wanted me to take a crooked job. Has kind of a whine when he speaks, doesn't he?"

"Oh yes, definitely."

"Well, thank you. Now, take care of yourself."

"Oh, but I don't have to take care of myself," said Lisle with a little lilt of a laugh in her voice. "The teacher quoted a verse tonight, and I'm taking it to live by. 'The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, and the Lord shall cover Him all the day long.' He helped me to see that I would not be presuming to take that for mine, and that I might count myself 'beloved of the Lord.'"

"Oh yes, of course. I'm glad you feel that way. I'll be praying too that He will guide you. Well, good night!"

"Good night," said Lisle softly, and then: "But oh, where are you now? You said you had moved. May I have the address?"

But John Sargent had hung up. "Oh, mourned Lisle. "Why didn't I find that out sooner?"

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But John Sargent seemed to have disappeared from off the face of Lisle's earth again. He did not call up the next day as she had hoped. He did not write. And when she tried to call him on a telephone at the place where he had told her he worked, they said there was no such person there at that time. He might have worked there some time ago, the janitor wasn't sure, but he wasn't there now. And, no, they didn't have his present address. He hadn't left a forwarding address.

She did not know that there had not passed a day since the night he talked with her, that he had not walked her home, sometimes several times. She did not know that there had not been a day when he had not communicated quietly over the kitchen telephone with Joseph, or with the butler, and found out in a businesslike way of the safety of the young lady of the house, for he had made a compact with the butler and the chauffeur to keep a watch on her, and had told them now to let him know if anything was wrong, or she should be missing. Not that he revealed his identity, only as a friend. "One of the boys she has helped"—he called himself, to the sergants—who had found out that certain thing with her as the victim, and he did Lisle know that he had gone that first night, as soon as he hung up and had told Mr. Kingsley all he needed to know to protect his daughter, without troubling her too much with even her mother had been made aware that great protection should be about her. And of course she did not know that the police were a guard about her continually wherever she went.

Oh, it is true that John Sargent's one early evening just after dinner and ask to see her for a brief interview. And her father, after speaking

with him first, came back to Lisle with a smile on his kindly face.

"I suggest that you go in and see him, daughter," he said to her, as if it were a matter of small moment. "It is only right that we should do our best to help the police, who are our natural protectors, to do their work well. You needn't be startled, child. He merely wants to get your impression of the man who offered to take you home that night that Joseph had the accident with the car, and I think you should try your best to remember everything you can about it."

So Lisle went into the reception room, met the police officer, and did her best to describe Lacey, even mentioning the other times when she had thought she saw him watching her.

The officer thanked her, and said he thought he had a line on the man, and that her description tallied with their suspicions. He told her that it was important because it was linked up with something some spies were trying to pull off for the enemy. Although she personally just happened to be the intended victim that night through whom they hoped to work their plans. But she needn't worry lest it would happen again. They thought they had the kingpin of the gang safe in jail, and were now sure of this other man, perhaps another who was the head instigator. Then he smiled and went his way, and Lisle heard nothing more about it, and did not even know certainly that there had been a plot to kidnap her. Her main concern was that she could not get into touch with John Sargent again, and tell him of some wonderful comfort she had heard at the class that she thought might help him.

So the busy days went on, and Lisle was deeper and deeper in war work, going to classes whenever her duties at the university did not interfere, going to her Bible class at the mission whenever she could persuade someone to go with her. Sometimes it would be Joseph, or Mark, or even the butler, but often it was her mother. Once her father went, and sat studying the plain simple people with the radiance of trust and peace in their faces, wondering how these people seemed to have gotten hold of such deep wisdom, half deciding that he too some day would take time to find out just what it was all about, and if there was anything in it that they with all their wealth and culture and righteousness were in the day of missing.

Every time that Lisle went to the mission, or even went abroad on the street, she was always looking for the young man with the very blue eyes, and the true smile. But he was never there. And because she had kept silent about him so long she was shy about mentioning him, so her mother and her father, who in a way were very close to her innermost feelings, knew nothing about her contacts with John Sargent.

And then, the very next time she saw him he was in uniform. Lisle had been taking a visiting girl friend to her New York train. As she waved farewell and turned to walk back to her car where Joseph was

waiting, she saw a group of soldiers standing on the other end of the platform, and foremost among them, standing just a little apart and looking back toward the street as if he were searching for someone, stood John! In uniform!

Lisle's heart gave a sudden quick leap of mingled dread and triumph. He was in uniform! He had said he wanted to go, and now he was going. But oh, he was going! That was something else she hadn't considered yet. How she was going to feel about having him go away. Of course she hadn't been seeing him much. What right had she to have that desperate sinking feeling? He was nothing to her but a casual acquaintance. That she had allowed him to become something more in her thoughts was a matter she had not reckoned on. That would have to be dealt with later when she was by herself with her thoughts. But now, he was here, and she was seeing him! She could have this to remember! How fine he looked in his uniform!

All this was just a bit of coloring in her mind as she went with swift steps to meet him.

As if he had been drawn by her very approach to turn, he looked behind him and saw her coming. Then quickly he dropped the suitcase he was carrying and hurried to meet her, his smile lighting up his face like a flash of sunshine. He came with both hands out, a quiet eagerness upon him that she had not seen in him before. Her own hands went out to meet his, and so they met clasping each other's hands, and looking into one another's eyes.

"Oh," she said, speaking first, almost breathlessly. "You are going! I did not know you were in the army! I'm so glad I happened to meet you!"

"Yes, it is great luck for me! I almost got up the courage to call you and say good by, but I really had very little time. My orders just came through, and it was all I could do to rush what I had to finish and get off at the time ordered. But I wanted to see you. I wanted so much to know if you are all right. Of course I've had a report from the detective people who are looking after you in a way you know—" he smiled—"You knew they were going to do that didn't you?"

"Why, yes, you told me something like that, but I supposed that was only for a day or two. I thought that was over long ago."

"No," said John, looking down at her with an almost loving look in his eyes. "It is still going on. They have orders to keep you in mind as long as any of that gang is at large, although I don't believe that you'll have any more trouble now that I'll be gone. You see they had tried to rope me into one of their spy gangs, and as they happened to see us together that night of the blackout, they figured that you and I were friends, and that if they got you in trouble they could bribe me into telling them what they wanted to know, by promising to let you out if I came across. Only you see they missed fire when they tried to get you into that man's car, and their man got arrested. So

I really think you'll have no further trouble with any of that gang. If I thought you would I don't believe I would have had the heart to go away. I couldn't see anything happening to you."

All this time they were gripping each other's hands, and looking into each other's eyes, breathlessly aware that it was a train they were waiting for, and that when it came it would snatch them inexorably apart. They were irrationally unaware of any who might be observing them.

She smiled gently.

"You know, it's rather wonderful to have someone—someone outside my home I mean, take that much thought for me."

"It has been great to feel I had the right," he said meaningfully. "Just because I happened to know some danger that those who were closer to you did not know. I am so glad you did not resent my interference in your affairs."

"Resent!" said Lisle with a wonderful, understanding look. "Does one resent God's care? And yours was very much like His I think, so quiet, so thoughtful, that I didn't know it was there. I can never thank you enough."

"I don't want thanks," said John with a close pressure of the hands he held. "It is enough if you will count me in a measure as one of your friends."

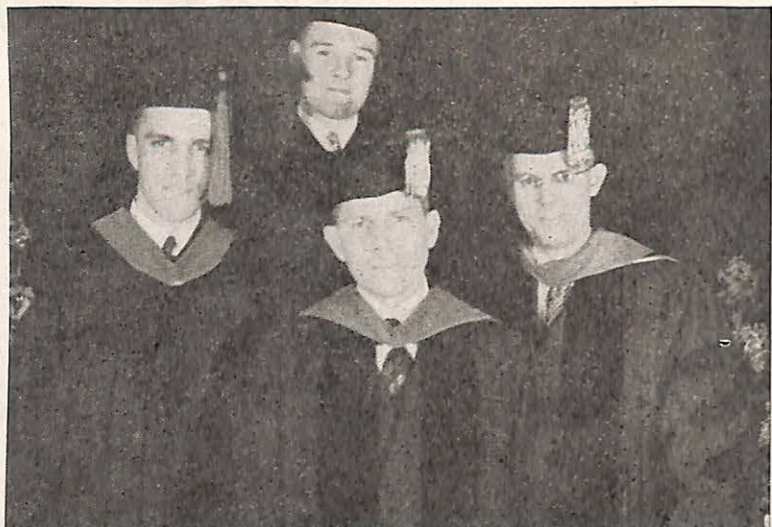
"Of course. In full measure," said Lisle warmly, nestling her hands softly in his. "I am glad you are my friend. Only, I wish you did not keep out of sight so much. I wish—I wish—you didn't have to go away. Though of course I know it is right that you should. But you were doing defense work in the shipyard, weren't you? Wasn't that just as important as going?"

John shook his head. "Yes, it was defense work, and important, but an older man who couldn't be accepted for actual fighting could do what I was doing, and I have known for sometime that as soon as I was free, I must go. It was as if I heard a trumpet sounding in my soul, calling me. I felt I must!"

"Oh, that is a beautiful way to put it!" said Lisle. "What a wonderful exceptional young man he was! The thought fairly blazed in her eyes, shone in her face, and her fingers answered the pressure of his clasp on her own.

Then steadily his clasp tightened, as he looked down into her eyes and saw she was sincere. And something unspoken thrilled between them, some intangible sweetness that was almost like a physical touch, and a great joy came into Lisle's heart. It was so keen that it reminded her of that first time she had seen him in the street and they had smiled. That time that she had known they were friends, and would be always, even if they did not meet for a long long time. That memory flashed through her mind and became a part of her brief knowledge of him, even while she drank in the look in his eyes, the admiration in his face.

(To Be Continued)



Participants in Northern Baptist Seminary's recent Commencement Exercises (Left to Right: Rev. Jacob Zimmerman and Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner of the Graduating Class; President Charles W. Koller, and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, who was honored with the Doctorate Title.)

## Northern Baptist Seminary's Commencement Exercises

Report of MR. WALTER C. PANKRATZ of Chicago, Illinois

On Sunday evening, May 14, the beloved editor of our "Baptist Herald," the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, was singularly honored by being chosen by the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., to deliver the annual missionary sermon in connection with the commencement exercises held at the North Shore Baptist Church of Chicago. This engagement, incidentally, made it necessary for Mr. Leuschner to leave Milwaukee before the closing session of the General Conference.

This was only the prelude to a greater but richly deserved honor when, on Thursday, May 18, in the well-filled auditorium of the huge First Congregational Church of Chicago the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Mr. Leuschner by Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Seminary, in recognition of his outstanding achievements during the past years in the North American Baptist Conference as editor of "The Baptist Herald" and general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

On the same evening, various degrees were conferred upon the members of the graduating class, as well as those who had completed post-graduate work, and the recipients of these degrees were warmly applauded by the large audience. That the audience included a host of Mr. Leuschner's friends, many of them members of our denomination, was attested by the exceptionally spontaneous and hearty applause which followed the conferring of his degree, and the hearts of many of us swelled with a justifiable pride at the recognition accorded to one we esteem so highly.

Following this inspiring service, an informal reception was held in the

lower auditorium of the church for the faculty members of "Northern", for the members of the graduating class, and for the other recipients of degrees. Included in the graduating class were the Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner, pastor of our church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and the Rev. Jacob Zimmerman, former interim pastor of our Humboldt Park Baptist Church in Chicago, and now pastor of one of the churches of the Northern Baptist Convention in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

## Seminary Endowment Fund

The Launching of a \$150,000 Fund for Our Rochester Baptist Seminary

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Baptist Seminary the General Conference of the North American Baptist Churches at its 27th triennial session at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from May 11 to 14 went on record enthusiastically and wholeheartedly endorsing the creation of a \$150,000 ENDOWMENT FUND for the Seminary. Had time allowed opportunity, perhaps the greater part of this amount would have been subscribed at the conference.

The Board of Trustees has appointed a Special Committee to formulate and set in motion plans, in collaboration with the General Council, offering all members of our constituency an opportunity to have a share in this very important undertaking.

An integrated course has been worked out with the University of Rochester, and approved by our denomination, which gives our students a chance to leave the Seminary at the end of a six-year study program with

The picture accompanying this article shows, from left to right, Rev. Jacob Zimmerman, Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner, Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Seminary, and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

Walter C. Pankratz, Reporter

### Publication Board Resolution

The Publication Board of the North American Baptist General Conference meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 9, 1944 placed the following unanimous vote on its minutes:

Resolved, that we extend to Brother Martin L. Leuschner, esteemed denominational leader and valued member of this Board, our congratulations on the Doctor of Divinity degree presently being granted him by the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. To this well deserved honor we wish to add the sincere recognition of his denominational friends and co-workers.

On behalf of the Publication Board,  
Reuben Jeschke,  
Thorwald Bender.

### PROMOTIONAL PLANS

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PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARY!  
GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND!

a complete college education, B.A. degree, in addition to a thorough and specialized training for their ministerial work, with a minimum of expense on their part. We feel that the Lord, indeed, has led in this matter, for only a very few institutions will be able to offer such advantages to their students.

We therefore covet the prayers, the whole-hearted moral and financial support and cooperation of every member of our constituency. This Fund is to be in the hands of our Investment Committee in Forest Park, Illinois, and shall always remain the property of the denomination. A beginning has been made. You may even now send contributions, designated "SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND", to Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Educational Committee,

P. Geissler.

## The Institute Quartet Visits 66 Churches

The Report of the Recent Nine Weeks' Tour by the Edmonton Institute Girls' Quartet Prepared by MISS MYRTLE HEIN

THE Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta has meant so much to us and has so wonderfully enriched our lives spiritually as we have studied and fellowshiped together that we desired to share our blessings with others.

March 27th will remain a memorable day for us as our train slowly pulled out of the depot at Edmonton, Canada, making us realize that the Quartet's itinerary had begun. Just what the weeks to follow were to bring we did not know but we were certain of the fact that we were out on business for our King.

Our Christian Training Institute is often referred to as "the denominational baby," and it is this fine, healthy, growing babe that we want our people to know about. For this reason we undertook this tour, acquainting our people not only in Canada but also in the United States of this vital work which is still quite foreign to some.

We were conscious of God's guiding hand as we toured the three Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and seven states across the border of North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and South Dakota.

### God's Wonderful Handiwork

Mother nature was at her very best, displaying the beauties which only Springtime can convey. Leaving Edmonton the latter part of March, the ground was beautifully covered with a fresh white carpet of feathery snow. Upon the rolling Saskatchewan prairies patches of green were beginning to show forth.

Crossing the border on the 21st of April into North Dakota and then on to Minnesota and Wisconsin beautiful scenery was enjoyed. Truly, we saw a land where numerous little crystal lakes lie placid reflecting God's sunshine across the miles. Over a stretch of approximately sixty miles the highway winds its way beside these little lakes which seem to join hands and play together as happy children. Huge sprawling oak and maple trees are found everywhere, waving proudly in the welcome breeze.

Michigan with its thousands of fruit trees was far more beautiful than words can tell. The apple, peach and cherry blossoms send forth a perfume which only a mother nature can supply. In surroundings such as these the songs of the bird, the ripple of the waters, yes, even the croaking of the frogs, make God, the Creator, seem more real to one.

### Opportunities to Serve

Throughout our tour opportunity was given to render service to those on beds of sickness and to those unable to attend our meetings. In a humble way we tried to bring comfort to ailing bodies with a gospel song.

Since we are especially interested

in Bible Schools, we were happy to have the privilege of visiting four of them. It was encouraging to hear how the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis began with but a few students and now have sent many workers with a glowing testimony into needy fields. It is our prayer that someday our school will also be sending forth many laborers into the Lord's glorious vineyard.

During the course of our tour we visited two missions. The Pacific Garden Mission at Chicago, where great men such as Billy Sunday were saved,

and the Old People's Homes at Chicago, Ill., and Bismarck, N. D.

Throughout our tour the weather was very favorable. However, during the early part of Spring when the warmth of the beautiful sunshine melted the enormous banks of snow, we often faced some non-inviting mud puddles. Facing them was frightful but being in them and unable to get out was thrilling. A good team of horses and a camera were always welcome.

### Many Unusual Adventures

Traveling by boat across Lake Erie from Cleveland to Detroit was a blessing in itself. In the quietness of the evening the beautiful steamer sailed slowly away from the harbor and over the still waters. In the coolness of the night we stood on deck admiring the magnificence of the numerous



The Ladies' Quartet of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. (Left to Right: Ruth Unger, Lena Paul, Myrtle Hein and Martha Paul)

was of great interest to us and we were thrilled to hear how many souls were won through their efforts. The mission in St. James Hotel in Minneapolis broadcasted its service to the various rooms in the hotel, enabling many people to get the gospel message.

While in the city of Chicago with its millions of people, we had the privilege of visiting the Art Gallery with its magnificent sculpture work, master paintings and chinaware. The Field Museum was another place of vital interest, making us realize anew the creative power of God. We are thankful for the opportunity which was ours in visiting our publishing house in Cleveland, Ohio and seeing our denominational papers being put through the press, folded, wrapped and stamped for mailing.

We greatly appreciated our visit to the Children's Home at St. Joseph,

lights of Cleveland as they reflected upon the waters, making a very picturesque scene.

The highlight of our journey was the General Conference at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Those were days that will ever linger in our memory.

### Gratitude to All Friends

The hospitality and friendliness shown in the many homes to which we were invited was greatly appreciated as we enjoyed the warm welcome. Never shall we forget the blessed times we were privileged to experience in this service for our Lord.

In the nine weeks of touring we conducted 66 services, singing approximately 525 songs, distributing a large number of the Christian Training Institute Year Books, indicating the interest which our people have in this our school.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### PACIFIC CONFERENCE

#### The Primary Department of Portland's Trinity Church Introduces Itself to "Herald" Readers

We are the Primary Department of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. There are 21 of us enrolled, all six, seven and eight years old, and we have an average attendance of 16 to 17. We have three teachers, Mrs. Bertha Losli, Miss Evelyn Kuehn, and Mrs. Anna Bertuleit, and a superintendent, Mrs. Martha Becker. We have our own song service and worship period, and we are studying the Primary lessons from the Gospel Light Press.

We have been memorizing verses from the Bible spelling "Sin, Blood, Saved, Heaven, and Grow" taken from the Wordless Book. All together, our department has already learned 174 verses under this plan, which will help us in our future Christian life. Two or our members have given their hearts to Jesus and are members of the church. We wish to welcome any Primary girl or boy to visit our department any Sunday they are in Portland.

Martha Becker, Reporter.



Scholars and Teachers of the Primary Department of the Trinity Baptist Sunday School of Portland, Oregon

#### May Activities at the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Gerald D. Scheufler, a member of our Baptist Church at Ellinwood, Kansas, was a visitor at the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., on Sunday, May 7. He is now Seaman First Class of the U. S. Navy and was stationed at Newport, Rhode Island. Receiving a furlough, which was too short for him to return home, he took the denominational directory (thanks to the work it is doing), and looked up and found his way to Rock Hill. He spent several days in Boston as the guest of one of our members and enjoyed his visit very much.

On Mother's Day, May 14, the pastor, the Rev. Robert Hess, brought the morning message from Genesis 18:1-19 on the theme "America's Fundamental Need." At the evening service ten persons were extended the hand of fellowship, having united with the church by letter. A baptismal service is expected sometime in the future.

On Wednesday, May 24, the church observed its 56th annual May Roll Call. Goals set for the occasion were 70 for supper and \$400.00 as the offering. Both were exceeded for which we are indeed thankful. A portion of the offering will be used for missions.

Fred Sawyer, Clerk.

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Impressive Mother's Day Program at the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas

On Sunday evening, May 14, members of the Baptist Training Union of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas presented a very impressive Mother's Day program. The presentation of the program was under the direction of Miss Esther Behr, and we attribute much of the success of the program to her fine work.

Contributions to the program were made by members of each Training

J. Kaaz, Reporter.

Union Group. We have much talent among our youngest members, and we take great pleasure in knowing that even these younger ones are eager to use their talents to the glory of God.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. Chas. A. Fannin, a leader in Church work in Dallas. She spoke on "Music of Life". The evening's offering of \$32.62 is to be used for the Victory Trek of the Southern Conference mission project.

Mrs. Wm. Benton, Reporter.

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Girl's Auxiliary of the Bethany Church of Camrose, Alberta, Celebrates First Anniversary

Recently the Girl's Auxiliary of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, calling themselves "The Silver Lining Girls," celebrated its first anniversary. Each girl, was presented with a sterling ring with insignia by the club. Later we were surprised by our mothers with birthday cakes and lunch in the church's dining room.

On Mother's Day, May 14, we honored our mothers with a special program. The playlet, "Mother, the Queen of Our Hearts", was presented by the girls. Each mother was presented with a rose cake.

When our club was organized under the capable leadership of Mrs. Edwin Schmitke, we chose as our aim to put a silver lining into every dark cloud.

Janice Traster, Reporter.

#### Young People's Society Organized in the Knee Hill Creek Church of Torrington

On Sunday, May 28, the young people of our Baptist Church at Torrington, Alberta, Canada, met in order to organize a Baptist young people's society. Our pastor, Rev. H. J. Wilcke, led our devotional program. Elvira Eslinger spoke about the Bible and the blind, while John Fuchs, Lilly Walters and Elvira Walters gave talks on the spread of the Bible into other lands. A reading, "My Bible," was given by Edna Fuchs and a story of a boy's love for his Bible was given by Lydia Bachler. Ernst Bachler also took part in the program, as did Harold Weiss, president of the Olds B. Y. P. U., and a duet was sung by Elvira and Lilly Walters.

In the business session we organized with 10 members. The officers elected were Elvira Eslinger, president; Lydia Bachler, vice president; Elvira Walters, secretary-treasurer; Lilly Walters, pianist.

We earnestly hope and pray that our church may serve as a beacon light in its new location in Torrington and that we as a young people's group may help win others for Christ.

Elvira Walters, Secretary.

### SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Dedication of New Basement of the Baptist Church at Durham, Kansas

A dedication service for the new basement of the Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas was held on Sunday, June 4th. Dinner was served by the ladies which was followed by a brief program upstairs, consisting of numbers by the choir, by a women's trio by a girls quartet and a short talk by the Rev. L. H. Smith.

Over \$400 was still to be paid as expenses toward the basement. Pledges were given by those who were present. The rest was paid by our faithful workers of the Ladies' Aid.

For the remainder of the afternoon the congregation gathered in the basement where the Rev. C. Weibie of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Tampa gave the dedicatory address. The male quartet of that church also brought two musical numbers.

Arlene Hamm, Reporter.

#### Pentecost Festival Is Observed by the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas

The observance of Pentecost has become an outstanding custom for the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas.

Special services have been held annually on that day, if it was at all possible, since the church was first founded over sixty years ago.

On May 28 we were privileged again to observe Pentecost in such a manner that it was a blessing to all who attended. Although some of the roads were in bad shape because of recent rains, the church was filled for each of the three services of the day.

At the morning worship the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago delivered a Pentecostal message in German. This was followed by an inspirational sermon on missions by the Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham, Kansas.

In the afternoon Mr. Leuschner spoke on the theme, "A Partnership With the Holy Spirit." In the evening his sermon was based on Psalm 40, especially the words, "He hath put a new song in my mouth." These were very helpful and instructive to the listeners.

Special music was furnished by the girls octet of Marion, Mr. Harvey Kruse and the men's chorus of the Strassburg Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Fadenrecht of Dillon and a ladies' quartet from Durham.

Mrs. Otto Roth of Portland, Ore., was a special guest. She spoke briefly at the evening service. She renewed her acquaintance with many friends whom she learned to know while the Rev. Otto Roth was pastor of the church. It was a joy to see her again.

Meals were served both at noon and evening in the basement of the church. The amount of \$238.13 was received for missions. All who attended took special blessing back to their individual churches.



Ministers in Attendance at the Pentecost Festival at Marion, Kansas (Left to Right: Reverends C. C. Gossen, B. Fadenrecht, J. Adrian, D. Neve, A. Newfeld and L. H. Smith.)

On Tuesday evening, May 30, Miss Laura Reddig spoke in our church. She gave a very interesting account of her work in the Cameroons on the African field. The offering received amounted to \$37.87. On Wednesday afternoon Miss Reddig spoke at our Ladies' Missionary meeting.

Mrs. E. M. Popp, Reporter.

four churches in Michigan, two in Illinois, one in Canada, and from five in other sections of Wisconsin. Dr. Ezra G. Roth served as moderator for the council, with the Rev. Raymond E. Ditlevson as clerk.

The ordination service, held the same day at the Presbyterian Church of Manitowoc, included the charge to the



Women Who Served as Cooks and Waitresses at the Pentecost Festival Dinner of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas with the Rev. C. C. Gossen at Right.

### NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### The Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis. Ordains the Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner

At the call of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, delegates from twenty-two Baptist churches met in an ordination council on Monday, May 15, to examine its pastor, Lawrence E. Wegner, for ordination to the full gospel ministry.

Along with ten churches from the Green Bay Association who sent delegates, there were representatives from

church by Julius R. Mantey of Chicago, and the charge to the candidate by Rev. P. G. Neumann of Detroit.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, and the ordination prayer was given by Rev. John Schmidt of Chicago. After the welcome to the ministry by Dr. Ezra G. Roth, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner.

The ordaining church moved recently from the town of Kossuth into the city of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where they anticipate, as a part of an aggressive, advance program, a new building project.

Raymond E. Ditlevson, Clerk.





## AFRICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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for almost two months. And they were happy to have that chance of helping in God's work.

"Who are the new ones here today who have never come before?"

Some shy youngster will be pushed to his feet by a friend who brought him. If there are any little picture cards left, the newcomer will be given one to put up in his house and is invited to come again. If they come three times, they have their name added to the roll.

"This week the church teachers from all this area will be here for a conference. We will all come together the first morning and sing for them. Perhaps they will bring greetings from their own Sunday Schools."

"The missionary wants to make a new shed for the bricks and on Friday morning, we will all come to the mission for a few hours and help carry the grass for the roof, and cut the bamboos for the roof so the men can do the rest of it."

"Don't forget, this afternoon when you hear the second drum, we will all meet at Taku's house to go visiting. Remember the story of this morning, and after the story, Jija, Kalu and Mamu will lead in prayer, and then we will sing that new song for the people we visit."

Many hundreds of Cameroons children are now attending Sunday Schools. The teachers need much training in this work. Supplies such as picture rolls and picture cards are a thing of memory, and lesson leaflets for the teachers are not available. Young people who are not won to Christ in their youth, become members of the native secret societies, and are filled with the teachings of fear, hate, revenge, and every-man-for-himself.

"And a little child shall lead them." How often that happens in the Cameroons. Natives do not bother to teach the small children, thinking they are unable to learn anything worthwhile until they are young adults.

**Suggestions How We Can Help**

Here are some suggestions for Sunday School groups in our churches in America: Help out the Cameroons Sunday Schools! How? First, pray that God will call out many more missionaries to go out there to teach these people.

Pray for the young teachers, all young Baptist Christians, who are the leaders in the little villages in the grasslands and tropical forests.

Take good care of the picture rolls and picture cards that you get, so that when you are through with them, missionaries can take them out to the Cameroons.

Sunday School teachers can save their quarterlies, and the pupils can save theirs, so that complete sets can be sent out for our mission station Sunday Schools where most of the pupils can read a little bit.

Some Sunday Schools can save their money for Bibles for the teachers and pupils out there. More information on what specific needs can be supplied, will be given in time to

## Twenty Years Ago Do You Know That...?

July 1-15, 1924.

❖ On Sunday, July 13, a large crowd of young people from the B. Y. P. U.'s of the Gatesville, Waco and Cottonwood Churches of Texas gathered for a rally at Harris Creek. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser of Gatesville brought a message on the "Calling of Moses for Higher Service."

❖ On Sunday, July 6, a total of 58 candidates were baptized in the waters of Coal Mine Lake and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Goodrich, North Dakota by the pastor, the Rev. S. J. Fuxa. Forty of those who were baptized were young people under 20 years of age.

❖ Recent resignations reported were those of Rev. Samuel Blum of Wasco, Calif.; Rev. Philip Daum going to the Rabbit Hill Church of Alberta, Can.; Rev. H. P. Kayser of the Germantown Church going to Parkston, So. Dak.; Rev. E. Bibelheimer of North Freedom, Wis.; and Rev. A. Orthner of Sheffield, Iowa going to Bay City, Michigan.

❖ The Rev. A. Bretschneider, pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., sailed on the S. S. "Ohio" on July 5 for a two months' tour of Europe. Before he sailed, his church presented him with a purse of \$525. Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., supplied his pulpit during July and August.

❖ On July 1st the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., (now the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Long Island), left its old house of worship, built in 1897, having sold it to the Jews for \$32,500. This Jewish influx into the neighborhood came after the building of the Williamsburg Bridge over the East River which was later called, "The Jewish Passover." The Rev. Paul Wengel reports that a new edifice will be constructed for the church.

❖ On Sunday, July 12, the young people of our 11 churches living along the Soo Line and the Northern Pacific Railway branches of North Dakota organized at Fessenden, No. Dak., as the German Baptist Young People's Union of this area. Mr. A. V. Zuber of Fessenden, No. Dak., was elected the first president. Two pageants, "The Striking of America's Hour" and "The World for Christ", were presented by the Fessenden and Pleasant Valley societies, respectively.

get ready for the first missionary to take along to the Cameroons.

The Sunday Schools are tools which God is using in the Cameroons to win the young people to Christ, so that they may be freed from the pagan beliefs and practices of their elders to lives surrendered to Christ and an abundant life. These young people are eager to learn more of Jesus and how they might live for him and serve him, and we are the only people now who will send them more missionaries and work and pray for them.

## Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the  
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Dr. Edwin McNeil Poteat of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School urges training ministers in religious journalism, radio, and television.

**There are only two kinds of pedestrians—the quick and the dead.**

Southern Baptists have again protested the banning of Protestant missionaries from South America.

**Voice over the telephone, "Pop, guess who just got kicked out of college?"**

Four Indians were given maximum penalties in New Mexico recently for selling cheap jewelry at fancy prices to white travelers. Remember the trinkets the whites used to give the Indians for miles of land?

**A nickel isn't supposed to be as good as a dollar, but it goes to church more often.**

Hero Major Bong of World War II fighter pilot fame was sent a case of whiskey even though he always said he preferred soft drinks.

**A job worth doing and friends worth having makes life worth living.**

50 years ago 70% of the reading material in a First Reader dealt with the religious and character building lessons of life. Today less than 3% of the space in these books used by the same age groups deals with such matter.

**Very few people have the courage of my convictions.**

Only 1% of the Chinese people are Christian, but one out of every six names listed in China's "Who's Who" is Christian.

**A depression is a period when people do without things their parents never had.**

Hartshorne-Mays, noted educators, rate the influences in a child's life as follows: Influence of the parents 54%, the group 35%, leaders of the gang 13%, school teachers 6%, and Bible School teachers 2/10 of one per cent!

**Nations drift into war but must be guided into peace.**

Australia has such strict Sabbath rules that General McArthur doesn't allow amusements to be used for soldiers on Sunday.

**Sign on a Scottish golf course—members will please refrain from picking up lost golf balls until they have stopped rolling.**

A 100 dollar mission gift offering was made at the Burlington Church some months ago as a thank-offering for the safety of a boy who escaped an explosion at a naval base.

**Some people think of religion as an insurance policy. They hope they won't need it but feel they must have it—just in case.**