



Introduction of New Ministers at the General Conference

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Paul D. Hunsicker of Fredonia, North Dakota have announced the arrival of a baby girl, named Fay Rose, born to them on May 18th. Mr. Hunsicker is the pastor of the Berlin and Fredonia churches of North Dakota.

● At the 64th annual commencement of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., on June 12th the degree of Bachelor of Arts was awarded to Miss Mary Elizabeth Schmitke of Camrose, Alberta, Canada among others.

● At the commencement exercises of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 18th, held in the First Congregational Church of Chicago, Ill., announcement was made that Mr. Donald E. Williams of Detroit, Mich., had been elected by the faculty as Haegle Scholar for the next year. Mr. Williams is a member of the Bethel Church of Detroit, of which the Rev. Owen L. Miller is pastor.

● The Rev. E. A. Buening of Cherokee, Oklahoma, pastor of the Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., has been appointed as statistician for the Southwestern Conference for the unexpired term of the Rev. Roy Seibel, now pastor of a church in the Southern Conference. All report blanks of the churches in the Southwestern Conference are to be sent to Rev. E. A. Buening at Cherokee, Oklahoma.

● Prof. William A. Mueller of Philadelphia, Pa., a member of the faculty of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School of Rochester, N. Y., to become professor of church history beginning with Sept. 1, 1944. On May 18 Professor Mueller received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology from Union Seminary of New York, N. Y. He is a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary in the class of 1926, and for a number of years served as pastor of the High Street Church of Buffalo, N. Y., and of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y.

● Mr. Reuben Windisch of Philadelphia, Pa., for many years a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia and prominently identified with the Philadelphia Home for the Aged since its beginning, died suddenly on Sunday, May 21. The memorial service was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 24, with Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Illinois, an intimate friend of Mr. Windisch's since boyhood days, taking part in the service. Mr. Win-



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disch frequently conducted the song services and sang solos at General Conference sessions. His large host of friends throughout the denomination will be saddened at this news of the homegoing of one who contributed so much to our lives and the work of our churches.

● On Sunday, May 21, Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, preached in the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa and took part in the dedication of the new church at Sumner, Iowa in the afternoon and evening services, with the pastor, the Rev. Paul Zoschke, in charge. More than 120 people were seated in the remodeled mansion-church with 100 people on the spacious porches listening to the program over a loud speaker. The Sumner church, costing \$6250, was dedicated debt free. From Wednesday evening, May 24, to Sunday, May 28, Dr. Kuhn, spoke at the festive

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The picture shows three of our younger ministers, Rev. Robert Schreiber of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Rev. Fred Schmidt of Whitemouth, Manitoba and Rev. J. G. Benke, of Hebron, No. Dak., (Left to Right) who formed a part of the procession of 36 ministers in attendance at a General Conference for the first time in their lives.

Prof. O. E. Krueger, the efficient General Conference moderator, is shown in the background, standing in front of the denominational Service Flag with the blue star representing our 4,432 men and women in the service and the gold star symbolic of the 32 men who have already given their lives for their country.

exercises of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., on the occasion of the church's 50th anniversary with the Rev. John Grygo in charge.

● The Rev. J. J. Reimer, pastor of Mt. Zions Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas recently resigned and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the General Missionary Committee to undertake an important mission work among the Spanish-American people in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. He hopes to begin his work on this mission field shortly.

● On Sunday evening, May 21, the Rev. P. F. Schilling, pastor of the Baptist Church of Beulah, No. Dak., delivered the baccalaureate message for the local high school. Recently revival meetings were held in the Beulah Church with the Rev. Theo. W. Dons as evangelist with encouraging results. Mr. Schilling wrote: "We thank Brother Dons for the fine work he has done among us."

● Miss Laura E. Reddig, one of our Cameroons missionary, addressed the congregation of the Temple and Bethel Baptist Churches of Buffalo, N. Y., on Sunday, May 21. On Monday evening, May 22, she showed pictures on "Cameroons Calling" at a union service of both churches. On Sunday, May 28, Miss Reddig spoke in the Baptist churches of Stafford and Ellinwood, Kansas, and on the next two evenings brought missionary messages to our Baptist churches at Strassburg and Marion, Kansas.

● From May 21 to June 1 the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, general evangelist, conducted evangelistic meetings at the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., of which the Rev. August Rosner is the pastor. From June 4 to 16 Mr. Dons brought evangelistic messages at the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin, of which the Rev. Fred Mashner is the minister. More complete details about these meetings will appear later in "The Baptist Herald."

● The Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, held a missionary convention for 4 days from May 18 to 21, during which Miss Laura Reddig showed pictures of the Cameroons field and spoke several times and the Ladies' Quartet of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton sang with the Rev. E. P. Wahl bringing a brief message. Other speakers were Dr. Oswald J. Smith of Toronto, Ontario, Rev. T. Titcombe of the Sudan Interior Mission, Rev. Isaac Page of the China Inland Mission, Rev. John Stevenson of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, Dr. H. Virginia Blacklee of the African Inland Mission, and others. The Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor, was in charge of the meetings.

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Coming!

AFRICA GOES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
The story of the ebony skinned children of Africa going to Sunday School as described so vividly by Missionary Laura E. Reddig will be exceedingly interesting to every "Herald" reader. Our mission gifts and prayers will be much more meaningful because of this article.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MISSIONARIES
The nine new missionaries recently appointed for the Cameroons of Africa will be introduced to "The Baptist Herald" family by means of pictures, brief testimonies by each of the missionaries, and a few facts about them.

THE CHRISTIAN FLAG
The account of the Christian Flag is so little known that this forthcoming article about the flag's origin and history prepared by Mr. B. L. Moore of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary will be of invaluable information to many individuals and church groups.

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For Jesus' Sake

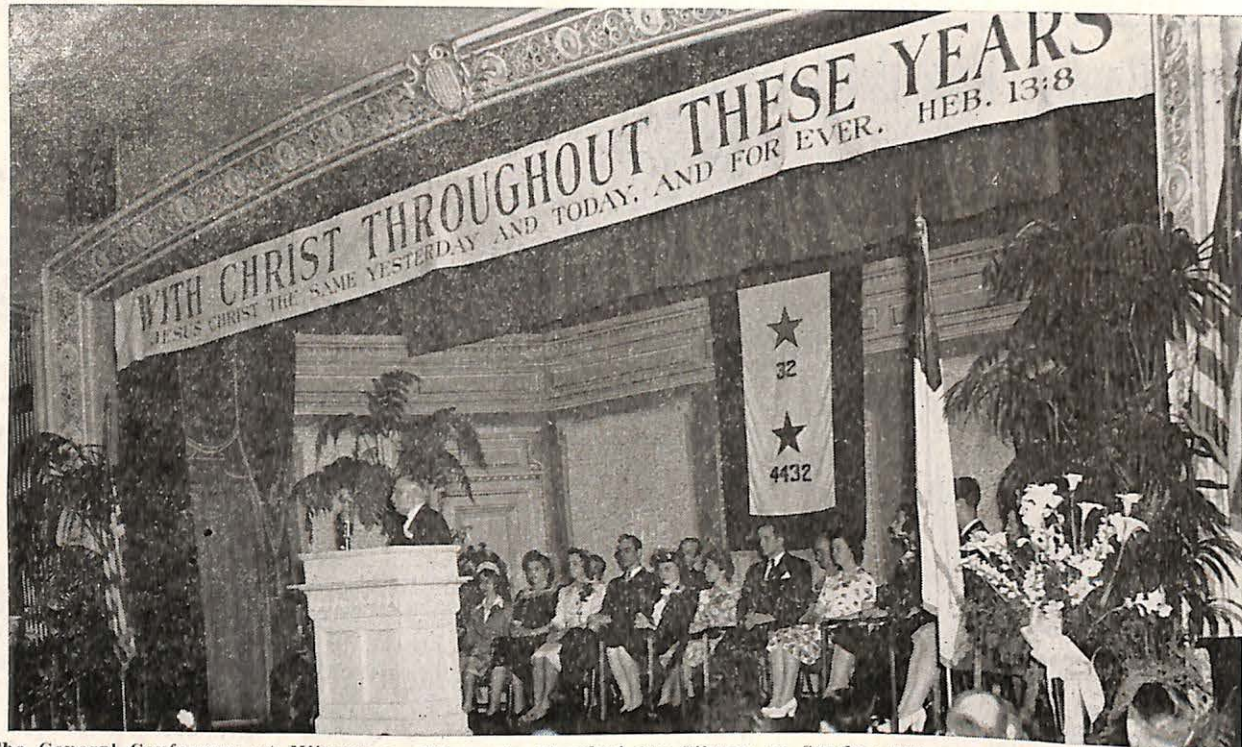
THE GOSPEL in action is summed up in the words, "For Jesus' Sake", which have been selected by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union as its motto for the coming triennium. The witness and ministry of every Christian are of abiding value only as they are rendered "for Jesus' sake." That is the exhortation of the words in Colossians 3:17 which are to serve as a text for this significant motto: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The motive of the Christian's service is given due prominence in this motto, "For Jesus' Sake", which the young people hope to emphasize at their assembly gatherings and in their church programs. All that is done in a Christian's life must be rendered "in the name of the Lord Jesus", that is, 'as unto Him', that "in all things He might have the preeminence." Any other motivation is bound to end up in selfishness or pride or self-glory. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

Equally significant is the fact that the method of the Christian's witness in proclaiming the gospel of Christ is epitomized in the words, "For Jesus Sake." Many questions are bound to arise in our lives as to the direction of God's will in complex situations and as to what is well pleasing in God's sight. But the answer is always found whenever we earnestly and sincerely ask ourselves in the light of God's Word, how Christ is to be honored and magnified in the situation. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, . . . set your affection on things above." (Col.3:1-2.)

The measure of our Christian devotion can also be found in this motto, "For Jesus Sake", with its exhaustless challenge. The more concerned we are about bringing glory to Christ and his cause, the greater will be our likeness to him, as self, the things of the world and former joys recede into the background. "For ye have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him." This motto can easily become the pathway to a more abundant and complete life in Christ Jesus.

The theme song, "Something for Jesus", with words by S. D. Phelps is in keeping with the spirit of the motto and text. In this triumvirate of motto, text and theme song are possibilities for inspiring programs and challenging thoughts. May all our lives express this motto in the days to come, "doing all in the name of the Lord Jesus", FOR JESUS' SAKE.



The General Conference at Milwaukee, Wisconsin Reached Its Climax on Sunday Afternoon, May 14, When Dr. Wm. Kuhn (Behind the Pulpit) Presented Nine New Foreign Missionaries and Three Home Missionaries to the Large Audience

“It Is the Lord!”

The Report of the General Conference at Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 11 to 14 by the Editor, MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

NOT for many decades has a General Conference made such difficult decisions as at Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 11 to 14. In those days more problems arose and more dangerous reefs were encountered than in three or four conferences preceding. Every cooperating society found itself in the midst of a changing upheaval which brought threatening storm clouds to lower low upon the denominational horizon.

God's Marvelous Guidance

But at every turn of events and in the midst of insurmountable difficulties during the General Conference sessions, we came face to face with Christ's conquering power and God's marvelous guidance. As the apostle John in a crisis in his life could say: "It is the Lord!", (John 21:7), so we can only exclaim as we review the epoch-making and eminently successful conference at Milwaukee: "It is the Lord who led us so gloriously through those days!"

In spite of discordant notes and unpleasant tensions at the beginning of the conference, the final outcome was a wonderful spirit of harmony which abundantly pervaded the closing sessions. In the midst of organizational and administrative problems in almost every cooperating society of the denomination, light and wisdom came sufficiently to every board to find the amazing solutions near at hand. Al-

though the opening of the doors into the Cameroons is still uncertain, the Sunday afternoon presentation of new missionaries for the foreign and home mission field was the most moving and inspiring services which has been held at any General Conference in the memory of the oldest visitors.

Opportunities Ahead

Everyone at the conference left the session at the close with the conviction that is welded in strength and faith that the future course of our denomination is brighter and more challenging now than it has ever been in our century-long history. The tasks are more tremendous than ever. The opportunities are legion in number. A spiritual harmony in purpose and plan unites us. We believe that the motto of the conference, "With Christ Throughout These Years", has special significance for the unfolding days of promise that stretch before us.

The fires of a spiritual dynamic were lighted often throughout the conference days. The opening prayer meeting on Thursday afternoon called for God's Holy Spirit to be showered upon the conference. Prof. O. E. Krueger in his opening message, "Things We Have Seen and Heard", (published in the last issue of the BAPTIST HERALD) had the assembled conference close their eyes for many minutes and meditate upon "Christ and Him alone". Before the

elections on Saturday afternoon the Rev. George A. Lang led the conference in an earnest consecration service. This devotional spirit guided the conference humbly and with faith to say, even when the problems loomed big: "It is the Lord!"

Our Reorganized Seminary

It may be said that our denomination has successfully coursed through the larger part of a difficult transition period into the deeper waters of challenging tasks ahead. Our leadership and the faith of the denomination are now hopefully and eagerly set toward the future!

The board of trustees of the Rochester Baptist Seminary has effected a new setup at the Seminary whereby Professors O. E. Krueger, Albert Bretschneider and Assaf Husmann on the faculty are to be joined by the Rev. George A. Lang, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Lang has accepted the appointment. Prof. Bretschneider is to serve as a teacher only, and the administrative leadership of the Seminary is to be placed into the hands of Prof. George A. Lang. The board has assured the denomination that a profoundly spiritual and conservative seminary will minister to our churches.

During the General Conference in Milwaukee the \$150,000.00 endowment fund for the Seminary was launched at the Saturday evening session. The

eagerness of the people to have a share in this and the assurances of support were most gratifying. The Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Michigan announced through a representative that it would give \$1,000.00 towards this project. Many other churches will follow their fine example. More information about this plan will be published shortly. Suffice it to say that the Seminary is moving definitely and positively into the center of our denominational life and into the hearts of our people!

Other Important Changes

The General Missionary Committee voted to relieve Dr. William Kuhn of some of his many heavy and arduous burdens by appointing a home mission secretary who will consider all applications of churches for appropriations and promote the home mission interests of the denomination. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Anaheim, California was elected to this position by the General Missionary Committee and his election was ratified by the General Conference.

This plan further calls for a foreign mission secretary in addition to the general missionary secretary and home mission secretary. By this important division of labor and administration, it will be possible to meet the increasing missionary needs of our denominational enterprise.

The General Council concurred with the Publication Society in recommending to the General Conference that the editor of the BAPTIST HERALD shall also serve as promotional secretary of the denomination and that his salary be paid equally by both groups. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, the young people's secretary for the past ten years, was recommended to this position and elected by the General Conference. He will begin his new ministry on August 1, 1944. There will be no general field secretary serving the denomination for the immediate future.

Going Forward With Christ

Equally important were the deliberations of the Publication Board, as it moved ahead to face the exigencies of the future. Mr. H. P. Donner in his 83rd year is continuing to serve as business manager with more than satisfactory effectiveness. The Publication Board has now extended a call to Mr. Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Illinois, a young business man of that city and a son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Pankratz, as assistant business manager who will succeed Mr. Donner at the appropriate time. Mr. Pankratz is prayerfully considering the call and giving this challenging task his earnest attention. The board also approved in principle a plan to enlarge the BAPTIST HERALD to 32 pages as soon as circumstances will permit.

The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has received a new secretary-elect in the splendid selection of the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Bender's unusual gifts as an inspiring speaker with a masterful command of both languages, as an enthusiastic young people's worker,



Rev. M. L. Leuschner Is Overcome with Surprise and Delight In Receiving a Briefcase and Suitcase by Representatives of the Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union After Retiring from His Ten Year Ministry as Its General Secretary

able and efficient administrator and promoter are well known to his many friends. Mr. Bender is giving this election his earnest and prayerful consideration. He hopes to announce his decision by July 1st.

New Cameroons Missionaries

But the greatest event of the General Conference was the thrilling missionary and young people's rally on Sunday afternoon, May 14. A few months ago it appeared as if the Cameroons fields might be orphaned. The call for workers had been extended, but there had been no response. The need for at least thirty new workers in Africa was apparent. But the task seemed to be beyond our ability to grasp and our means to undertake.

But again we have come to see and

to say, "It is the Lord", as we contemplate the recent course of events. Dr. Kuhn was able to present nine new missionaries for the Cameroons mission field to the Sunday afternoon audience. They are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Martin, North Dakota; Miss Margaret Kittlitz of Waco, Texas, (now at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago); Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Evangeline Wegner of Two Rivers, Wis.; Miss Myrtle Hein of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; and Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens of Tacoma, Wash. In an earnest prayer which Dr. Kuhn offered these new missionaries were consecrated for the wonderful tasks that will unfold to them.

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Many Smiles Are in Evidence in This Group Picture of Delegates and Visitors at the General Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

General Conference Chips

Some Interesting News Items and Facts About the Recent General Conference Sessions

position by personal choice, stating that he was "trying to set a good example for other presidents not to run for a fourth term." The Rev. George A. Lang of Detroit, Mich., the professor-elect of our seminary faculty, has been chosen as his successor.

● The presentation of the play, "Golden Keys", on Saturday evening, May 13, was certainly one of the highlights of the conference. It was written and directed by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, the very busy pastor of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee and the general chairman of the local committee on arrangements for the conference. A large cast of characters took part with leading roles taken by Bernice Goertz, William Herndier, Rev. Frank Veninga and Albert Goertz. Many conference visitors expressed their praise that it was the best and the most deeply moving dramatization which Mr. Baumgartner has written.

● Sickiness always plays a sad role during convention gatherings. Mr. Fred Knelson one of the members of the Rochester Seminary Glee Club, became very ill on Sunday, May 14, and could not sing with the chorus at the afternoon program. Mr. Roland Ross of Forest Park, Ill., the comptroller of our missionary headquarters, was in attendance at the important committee sessions before the conference and then became ill so that he could not participate as planned in the conference program. Both of these men have recovered since then. Mrs. Selma Schieber of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, arrived in Milwaukee on Thursday, May 11, and became ill with acute appendicitis soon thereafter. The operation was not successful and she passed away on May 20, leaving her deeply bereaved husband, a six year old child and also a sorrowing church.

● A total of 525 adults and seven children were seated at the tables in the large dining hall of the Milwaukee Auditorium for the special Mother's Day dinner on Sunday, May 14. Many more tried to secure reservations without success. Among the many restaurants which were well patronized by conference visitors, Maeder's Restaurant with its quaint German atmosphere and "Schnitzelbank Song" cards was probably the most popular.

● The spacious hallway just outside the auditorium was a popular meeting place for friends to visit with one another and for new friendships to be knit. The exhibits featuring Cameeromission charts and pictures, promotional literature of the denomination, our publications, sectional papers of young people's unions, and pictures of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., were viewed and studied by many of the delegates and visitors.

● For several days preceding the General Conference the annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee and General Council were held in Milwaukee, Wis., with important special sessions of the Publication Board, Board of Trustees of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, and the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union also held at the auditorium. This was undoubtedly the busiest conference with committee and board sessions ever held in the century-long history of our denomination.

● Five important and well attended services were held in our three churches of Milwaukee, Wis. on Sunday morning, May 14. The Rev. Herbert Hiller of Buffalo, N. Y. and the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Detroit, Mich., were the guest speakers at the German and English services of the Bethany Baptist Church. The Immanuel Baptist Church held two services on that Sunday morning with the Rev. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio and the Rev. Fred W. Mueller of Portland, Oregon as guest speakers. The Rev. R. P. Jeschke of Dayton, Ohio brought the message at the Sunday morning worship service of the North Avenue Baptist Church.

● The many chorus selections by the Rochester Seminary Glee Club brought a great deal of joy and inspiration to the conference. Both the students and Prof. Assaf Husmann are to be congratulated upon their fine contributions to the conference program. The Ladies' Quartet of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta sang on numerous occasions and were repeatedly asked for encores or special numbers. The Seminary Quartet of several years ago composed of Gideon Zimmerman, Earl Abel, Melvin Pekrul and Lorenz Michelson made "a big hit" with the conference. Their rendition of the Negro spiritual, "The Old Ark's a Moverin'", was tops!



Even Little Ones Enjoyed the Milwaukee Conference. Mrs. John Giesbrecht, the Wife of Rev. John Giesbrecht of Washburn, No. Dak., and Their Daughter, Carol Louise



With Intense Earnestness the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa, Brings His Message on "Hear Ye Him" at the Friday Evening Session of the General Conference

● A total of 663 people registered for the General Conference. Many other visitors were in attendance who did not register. This was a very gratifying total considering the times. The largest attendance at the convention meetings was on Saturday night, May 13, when the play "Golden Keys", was presented.

● It was an amazing surprise to many to realize that 36 ministers of our churches were in attendance at the General Conference for the first time in their lives. These new men came forward in an impressive procession on Saturday, May 13, and introduced themselves by giving their names and churches. The front cover picture of this issue shows three of these men standing beside the pulpit.

● Three invitations were extended by our churches for the next General Conference to be held during the third week of August 1946. These invitations came from the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Washington, the Bethel Church of Anaheim, California, and the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. The selection of the place of the next conference will be made by the General Council before the summer of 1945.

● The Service Flag showed a large blue star representing 4432 men and women from our churches in the service of the United States and Canadian governments in our united war effort. A gold star represented the 32 men who have already given their lives in the service. The inspiration for a denominational Service Flag came originally in a suggestion made by the Rev. F. W. Bartel, the Dakota Conference evangelist.

● Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y. rounded out ten significant years as Moderator of the General Conference. He was elected to this office in 1934 in the same city of Milwaukee. His quiet, winsome leadership won for him the acclaim of all who attended the conference. He retired from the

● On Sunday, June 4, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., and send his letter of acceptance of the position tendered him by the General Missionary Committee as the new home mission secretary to Dr. Kuhn. He will begin his new ministry towards the end of 1944. The Rev. George A. Lang has resigned as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., and has accepted the position as a member of the faculty of the Rochester Baptist Seminary tendered him by the board of trustees. The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis., has not come to a decision as yet regarding his election by the General Conference as the new general secretary of the National Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union.

● Everyone at the General Conference was agreed that the local Committee on Arrangements had done a marvelous job in making all preparations for the conference and for the hospitality of the delegates and visitors. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, the general chairman, and his associates deserve a good deal of credit for the success of the conference.

Statements by Professor A. A. SCHADE of the Rochester Baptist Seminary and by Dr. Paul A. Trudel of the Board of Trustees as Presented to the General Conference

Prof. A. A. Schade has requested the publication of this statement to clarify his personal position in the Seminary matter:

"Sixteen years ago you called me from a happy pastorate to devote myself to the teaching of your youth, first as a field secretary, and since 1932 as a Professor in our Rochester Seminary. I have always regarded it as a high privilege and as a sacred responsibility to lead young people so that they might find their best self and their best relation to the world, their fellows and their Lord. Imperfect as my labors have been, I can assure you that they were performed in the spirit of holy reverence and were motivated by true love for people, for the truth and for God.

In order to clarify the relationship between myself and the Seminary it should be stated that I have long recognized that the criticism of the teaching in the Seminary to quite some extent centers about me, and in order to make possible the adjustment between the Seminary and the Conference, I have repeatedly suggested my resignation to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, and I had written it well in advance of the recent meeting of the whole Board.

Further I gladly relinquish my position on the Seminary faculty in preference to doing violence to my persuasions in the field of Bible teaching."

Signed: Arthur A. Schade.
The President of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary has authorized the statement that Prof. Schade's cooperation in this matter to enable the Board to make the adjustment referred to is deeply appreciated. It



The Newly Elected Officers of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. (Left to Right: Walter Pankratz, Vice-president; Harold J. Petke, President; Alice Kaaz, Secretary; and Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, General Secretary)

General Conference Election Results

General Conference Officers

Moderator—
Rev. George A. Lang, Detroit, Mich.
Vice-moderator—
Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, Burlington, Ia.
Recording Secretary—
Rev. George Hensel, Bridgeport, Conn.
Statistical Secretary—
Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Milwaukee, Wis.

General Council Members

(Elected at Large)
Mr. E. H. Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. Herbert Hiller, Buffalo, N. Y.
Mr. E. Elmer Staub, Detroit, Mich.
Mr. Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa
Rev. G. W. Pust, Fessenden, No. Dak.
Rev. E. P. Wahl, Edmonton, Alberta
Mr. O. G. Graalman, Okeene, Okla.
Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Loyal, Okla.
Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, Waco, Texas
Prof. O. E. Krueger, Rochester, N. Y.

Missionary Society

General Secretary—
Dr. William Kuhn, Forest Park, Ill.
General Treasurer—
Mr. Fred A. Grosser, Forest Park, Ill.

Minister's Pension

Mr. E. Elmer Staub, Detroit, Mich. (1949)
Rev. John Schmidt, Chicago, Ill. (1949)
Rev. C. Fred Lehr, Aplington, Iowa (1946)

Children's Home

Mr. G. A. Achterberg (1949)
Mr. Henry Bartz (1949)
Mr. W. W. Grosser (1949)

Mrs. A. F. Johns (1949)
Mrs. N. B. Neelen (1949)
Mr. C. J. Netting (1949)
Mr. C. L. Sommerfeld (1949)

Rochester Baptist Seminary

Properties Committee (1949)
Messrs. Frank Arnold, Joseph Klausman, Walter Marklein, Wilbur Neuffer, Walter Schmidt, Dr. P. A. Trudel, Peter Herkner and John Zurn.

Educational Committee (1949)
Rev. Alfred Bernadt, Rev. George Hensel, Rev. Peter Geissler, Rev. John Wobig.

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Editor of "Der Sendbote"—
Rev. Samuel Blum
Editor of "The Baptist Herald"—
Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.
Business Manager— Mr. H. P. Donner
Board of Publications (1949)
Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, Rev. Henry Hirsch, Mr. Helmuth Wobig, Mr. O. G. Graalman and Mr. Walter Kohrs.

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President—
Mr. Harold J. Petke, Portland, Oregon
Vice-president—
Mr. Walter Pankratz, Chicago, Illinois
Secretary—
Miss Alice Kaaz, New Haven, Conn.
General Secretary—
Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, Milwaukee, Wis.

should be further stated in justice to Professor Schade, that his teaching has been uniformly consistent with his

convictions and in fine Christian spirit."

Signed: Paul A. Trudel.

It Is the Lord!

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In response to the call for volunteers, given by Chaplain Paul Gebauer, five young people came forward and were included in this prayer of consecration. They are considering the mission call and offering themselves for future appointment by the General Missionary Committee. These young people are the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Teske of Camrose, Alberta; Miss Ida Forsch of Calgary, Alberta and Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., students at the Chicago Baptist Missionary Training School; and Miss Esther Schulz of the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan.

Still More to Come

It ought to be said that at least a score of other young people have written to Dr. Kuhn and have spoken to Miss Reddig about the way in which God is speaking to their hearts with the call to go to some mission field. Our churches are becoming intensely and passionately missionary-minded, as Dr. Kuhn called upon them to be in his comprehensive report as General Missionary Secretary. The next issue of the BAPTIST HERALD will introduce these new missionaries and describe the latest developments in our Cameroons work that is so promising.

At this Sunday afternoon service the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer of Junction City, Kansas were also presented as the new missionaries for the work among the Spanish-American people in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, and Miss Ann Swain of Forest Park, Illinois as the new worker for the Southwestern Conference in the interest of Bible memorization courses, Vacation Bible Schools and Sunday School work.

Far beyond the fondest dreams of anyone, the doors of opportunity have opened wide into the Cameroons and needy home mission fields. The entire denomination, as represented at the General Conference, seemed to catch the spirit of this momentum and to begin with eagerness to run the race in the work that lies before us.

Addresses and Play

This spirit was epitomized by almost all of the speakers on the General Conference program. The Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa and the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Franklin, Calif., magnified Christ in their stirring addresses on Friday evening. Miss Laura E. Reddig and Chaplain Paul Gebauer depicted the needs of Africa with colorful vividness and earnest zeal at the Sunday afternoon meeting. Dr. Kuhn brought the conference to a mountain peak of inspiration by his address on Sunday night as he showed "the Greatest Need of Today" to be that of having faith in God.

In many regards the dramatization, "Golden Keys", as presented on Saturday evening to a large and appreciative audience, was the memorable summary of those events of history and of the General Conference days. The past century with all of its hard-

ships and victories unfolded before our eyes. The joys of a fully consecrated and revitalized life were depicted. The future as a challenge to every North American Baptist was symbolized in the "Golden Keys" of God's precious promises. The General Conference is indebted to the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and his cast of characters for the unforgettable truths presented by this play.

Denominational Loyalty

One could continue at great length to discourse about the other sessions and other events. The Women's Missionary Union held its meeting on Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. with a program of spiritual beauty and emotional feeling and stirring challenge, such as the women of our churches can only present. The social for young people after the Friday evening meeting was attended by a happy throng of several hundred young people, as they sang the choruses directed by the Rev. Arthur Schultz, played the games prepared for them by Miss Elsie Rose Dons, and enjoyed the refreshments served by Mrs. Erbach and her committee. The fraternal greetings and the comprehensive address by Dr. William O. Lewis, Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, was warmly received by the conference.

Originally scheduled as a rather unimportant part of the program was an hour divided among five ministers on Saturday afternoon who went to speak informally on the theme, "What My Denomination Means to Me". That hour and the hour which followed turned out to be one of the happiest adventures for every conference visitor. These five men on the program and about ten other ministers and laymen who came up from the audience to follow them told in brief but deeply moving testimonies how much the denomination means to them. The bonds of denominational loyalty are much stronger than we often surmise!

The Glory of Christ

This 27th General Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin certainly made history for our enterprise. It ended in a blaze of harmony that was inspiring to see. Its bugle call, summoning all to the great tasks of the future, stirred every heart. It was a miracle that its consummation was so much brighter and more successful than some had pessimistically contemplated. It must have convinced even the timid and doubtful soul that our denomination has a glorious, challenging future.

As we review the busy turbulent events of the General Conference week with all of its important committee meetings and crowded conference sessions and view the height of spiritual glory which was attained, all that we can do is to restate with thankful hearts of praise: "It is the Lord!"

The Woman's Missionary Union Session at the General Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Report by MRS. EMMA C. KAAZ
of New Haven, Conn.

In 1907 when the General Conference convened in Buffalo, N. Y., the National Women's Missionary Union was organized. Seventy of our Ladies' Mission Societies became charter members.

Mrs. Maeder of New York was chosen president, and Mrs. Hoefflin, also of New York, served as secretary from 1907 until the time of her death a few years ago. Mrs. Wm. Ritzman was the first editor of the "Missions Perle." Mrs. William Kuhn has been serving in that capacity for some years. This Union of Christian women has carried on, striving to be helpful both in the homeland and abroad.

On Friday, May 12, 1944, it was a privilege again to attend the ladies' meeting in conjunction with the General Conference at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was a very inspirational meeting.

Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, our president, presided and extended a hearty welcome to all present. Mrs. A. G. Schlesinger of Chicago, Ill., led in our devotional period. Mrs. Arthur Kannwischer favored us with a vocal solo. Brief inspirational talks were given by Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., Miss Margaret Kittlitz of Waco, Texas, and Miss Ida Forsch of Calgary, Alberta, students of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago who are preparing to give of their best to the Master in leading others to Christ.

It was a real treat to welcome Miss Laura E. Reddig at this session. She has performed a very fine work in and around the Cameroons of Africa. As we were informed, she expects to return and to continue to bring the Gospel to those who are in darkness. May the Lord bless all these efforts made so that many souls may see the light and find eternal life.

The Edmonton Institute Quartet composed of four young students favored us with their fine music in song. A Milwaukee Ladies' Trio also sang a lovely number.

The offering for missions amounted to \$129.83. With God's blessing and in His Name we shall strive to expect great things from God and do great things for Him.

The newly elected officers are Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, president; Mrs. E. Elmer Staub, vice-president; Miss Eva Yung, secretary; Mrs. F. Lehr, treasurer; and Mrs. A. Husmann, Mrs. H. Koch and Miss Alethea Kose, program committee.

A new constitution for the Union was drafted by Miss Alethea Kose and Mrs. Irma Grosser which was presented to and adopted by the Union. Copies of this constitution will be sent to each of the Ladies' Missionary Societies.



The Rochester Seminary Glee Club on the Platform of the Milwaukee Auditorium for the Recent Sessions of the General Conference

Commencement Exercises of Our Seminary

Report by REV. AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Secretary of the Board of Trustees

ON THURSDAY morning, May 4th, the Educational Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Baptist Seminary met for its annual session in the reception room of the Seminary building in Rochester, N. Y., for what proved to be critical days. The following brethren were present: Peter Geissler, E. J. Baumgartner, A. Bernadt, G. Hensel, G. Lang and A. F. Runtz.

Among the various reports that were read, one of particular interest, especially to the young men of our churches, was the report of Prof. A. A. Schade dealing with the working agreement of the Seminary with the University of Rochester. By this agreement our students may be able to take their academic courses there simultaneously with their Seminary courses; some courses in the Seminary being accredited by the University. By this arrangement our young men can receive their B.A. degree by the time they graduate from the Seminary. The entire courses would take a period of six years.

If our hopes are realized, as we have every reason to believe that they will be, we shall soon be able to grant theological degrees also. With available scholarships and other financial help a wonderful opportunity is hereby offered the young men of our churches who plan to enter the Christian ministry.

Four Freshmen appeared before the committee and were received into the student fellowship to continue their studies here. They are Leroy Moser of Henrietta, Texas; Reinhold Kannwischer of Calgary, Alberta; Roger Schmidt of Buffalo, N. Y.; John Vanderbeck of LaCrosse, Wis.

Prof. A. A. Schade, who had served so effectively as instructor for the

past twelve years, tendered his resignation. There are forces within our denominational life with which Professor Schade seemed to be out of step. However, we as a denomination are deeply indebted to Prof. Schade for his untiring efforts in behalf of our school. Largely through his efforts we were able to reach the agreement with the University of Rochester. Our Seminary has gained a recognition in the city of Rochester for which he is largely responsible. The fine quality of graduates bear testimony of his work. Many will regret to hear that he is no longer one of our professors.

The Rev. George Lang of Detroit, Mich. was chosen to be his successor, subject to the ratification of the General Conference. If Mr. Lang accepts our invitation, we are confident that we shall find in him another fine teacher and leader.

At the Saturday evening banquet in the dining room of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School a scroll from the War and Navy Department in recognition of the splendid services of Prof. Frank Woyke as chaplain was presented and read. This scroll is to hang in the classroom of Professor Woyke. Among the distinguished

guests at this banquet were Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, who had recently been installed as president of the Divinity School, and Dean Edward Hoffmeister of the University of Rochester.

The Commencement Exercises were held on Sunday, May 7th, at the Andrews Street Baptist Church. At the morning worship the Rev. George Lang presided, and the Rev. Peter Geissler of Avon, South Dakota brought a message on the words, "A Man Sent From God". At the Sunday evening graduation exercises President Albert Bretschneider presided. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Herman von Berge who used the words, "Approved Unto God," as his theme.

During the past year your Board of Trustees decided to present two Sigma Rho gold awards each year. ("Sigma" for "Seminary" and "Rho" for "Rochester".) One is to be presented to the pastor who has done most for our Seminary, and the other is for the student with the finest spirit of cooperation and all-around helpfulness together with a good scholastic standing. Dr. Herman von Berge was the first recipient of the first mentioned award. Dr. Paul Trudel made the presentation. Student Robert F. Zimbelman was the first to receive the student award, which was presented by Mr. J. B. Klausmann.

President Bretschneider addressed the Seniors on the theme, "Ye are My Witnesses". The following men were graduated: Robert Konitz of Kenosha, Wis., who will continue his studies, Alex Sootzman of New York City, who will become the pastor of our church in McLaughlin, So. Dak.; Ervin Faul of Cathay, No. Dak., who

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Seminary Notice

Statements by Prof. Arthur A. Schade and Dr. Paul A. Trudel referring to the Seminary appear on page 7 of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." They were released for publication by the recording secretary of the conference.

Announcement is also being made in this issue of the acceptance of the position as a member of the seminary faculty by the Rev. George A. Lang of Detroit, Michigan, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of that city.

Northern Baptist Seminary Alumni Hold Luncheon During General Conference

On Saturday noon, May 13, between sessions of the General Conference in Milwaukee, an unofficial, informal and delightful luncheon was held at the Hotel Schroeder. This luncheon was originally planned for students and alumni of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary by the Rev. Walter C. Damrau of Tacoma, Washington, and the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Alpena, Michigan, both graduates of the Seminary, but invitations were also extended to conference guests from other schools outside our denomination.

The purpose of this gathering was to foster a deeper fellowship among those present, to give recognition to the schools represented in supplying ministers and Christian workers to our denomination, to extend a welcome to those who had recently been "adopted" into the fellowship of our denomination, and to encourage a greater loyalty to our denomination.

As the meeting was called on very short notice, not all the students and alumni of the various schools could be contacted. Nevertheless, there was a gratifying attendance of thirty-seven, including several wives, husbands and friends of students and graduates, as well as Rev. and Mrs. Martin L. Leuschner, and their son, Ronald.

After the spirited singing of choruses, led by the Rev. John Walkup of St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. Damrau, as chairman, called upon those present to introduce themselves and give the names of their schools. During the tasty meal which followed, the guests became further acquainted with their neighbors in a period of happy and animated fellowship.

Following the meal, Mr. Leuschner was presented to the group as the prospective recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, which was conferred during the following week by the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. E. Roth, an alumnus and trustee of the Seminary, and Wisconsin State Secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention, who had given a fascinating report at the morning session of the Conference on the war in its relationship to our world-wide Baptist work, then brought greetings in behalf of "Northern." Other brief but interesting talks followed, including remarks by Mr. Walter W. Grosser, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. The Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois, then led in a closing meditation and prayer.

The luncheon was pronounced a real success, and it was voted to hold similar luncheons for students and alumni of all seminaries and Bible schools at future conferences.

Mrs. Walter C. Pankratz, Reporter.

**A Timely Thought:
"A PRAYER A DAY
FOR THE SERVICE MAN
WHO IS AWAY"**

What's Happening

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● All registrations for the Eastern Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union to be held at the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., from June 30 to July 2 must be received by Mrs. Carl Knobloch, 552 West Seventh St., Erie, Pa., before June 24, if possible. A fine program has been planned for this conference.

● The Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., extended a call to Mr. Ben Zimmerman, a recent graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, to become its pastor. He has replied favorably and both he and his wife are already on the field in active work. Mr. Zimmerman has succeeded the Rev. J. R. Matz, now residing in Bismarck, No. Dak.

● On Sunday afternoon, May 28, Miss Melba Runtz, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz of St. Joseph, Mich., was married to Mr. Lemuel Petersen in the chapel of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill. Her father, the Rev. A. F. Runtz, officiated. Mr. Petersen is a student at the Yale Divinity School at New Haven, Conn., where he will continue his preparatory studies for the ministry.

● The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Herald", was the guest preacher at the Sunday morning German and English services of the Baptist Church in Corona, South Dakota on May 21. In the evening he brought the baccalaureate address for the local high school in a service held in the Baptist Church. On Tuesday evening, May 16, the Rev. Richard Schilke of Edmonton, Alberta, brought a message to a large audience in the Corona church.

● At the Wednesday evening prayer service on May 24 in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., the Rev. George A. Lang presented his resignation to the church and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the board of trustees of the Rochester Baptist Seminary to become a member of the seminary faculty. He will begin his ministry at our "school of the prophets" on Sept. 1st, when his resignation as pastor of the Detroit Church will also take effect.

● Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Mielitz of Big Stone, South Dakota celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, May 21, with their three sons and three daughters present as well as many relatives and friends from the nearby Corona Baptist Church. The Reverends R. A. Klein of Corona and M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois, brought messages of congratulation. Mr. and Mrs. Mielitz were married by the Rev. Carstens, and for many years were prominent in our former Big Stone Baptist Church. They extend their greetings to all friends in our churches who remember them.

Twenty Years Ago

June 15-30, 1924

❖ A men's service was held in the First German Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey on Monday evening, June 16, under the auspices of the Victory Bible Class. Mr. E. Earl Travers was in charge of the program. The Rev. W. J. Zirbes of Brooklyn, N. Y., spoke on "Peace and Peacemakers."

❖ The Pacific Conference met in Anaheim, California from June 20 to 24 with the Rev. A. P. Mihm addressing the young people's session on "The Young People and the Church" and Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio also bringing a message. Dr. Jacob Kratt of Portland, Oregon sang a solo at this service.

❖ The annual convention of the Iowa Jugendbund was held from June 17 to 19 at Elgin, Iowa with 200 delegates and visitors in attendance. Professor Lewis Kaiser, the principal speaker, brought messages on "The Symmetrical Christian Life", "God's Claim Upon Youth" and "A Call to the Supreme Service." Mr. H. B. Wiesley of Aplington was elected president of the Union.

❖ On Monday evening, June 23, the choir of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., gave a musical program under the direction of Mr. Walter Bertuleit, director. Special numbers were also rendered by Mr. Henry Bertuleit and Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon who sang "The Wanderer" and "Fear Not Ye, O Israel", respectively.

SOUND OF THE TRUMPET

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"Yes," said John, "I was trying to get her myself, but she hasn't come in yet."

"That so? Well, we'll keep watching. Don'tcha worry, kid. You ain't ta blame. We'll get the other birds and find out all about it."

It was a little more than half an hour before John ventured to call the Kingsley house again, and then he held his breath till the answer came.

"Is Miss Kingsley at home yet?"

"Yes, Mr. Sargent. They have just come in. There was an accident to the car, that is, they ran over some glass or nails or something, and they had to telephone for the service car to be sent for them. But they are just entering now. I'll call Miss Lisle."

John stood there in the booth with the cold sweat standing on his forehead, and he found an inward trembling from head to foot. The horror and fear were over, for the time. Thank the Lord! Then he heard her voice, and it thrilled him as a voice had never done before. Afterward he called himself to account for that, but just now he was too weak with gladness to take account of it.

"Oh, I am glad to hear your voice," he said, his own trembling with relief. "I was afraid—I was afraid something might have happened to you."

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