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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

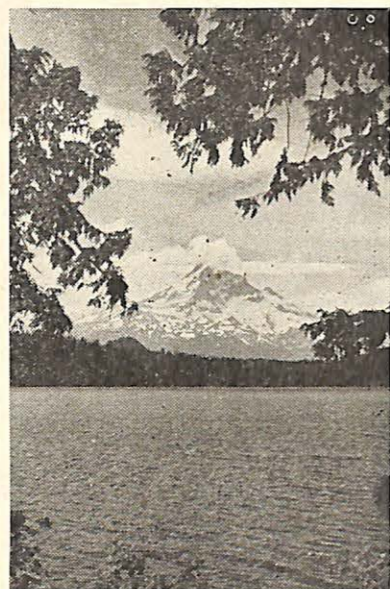
● The Baptist church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, closed its books for 1943 on a very blessed year. At the annual "family" evening on Jan. 1 the church had the pleasure of giving its pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, a substantial gift, to announce a \$300 raise in his salary, and to know that the Lord, even in temporal matters, had given them blessings so abundantly that their books on that date showed a net credit balance of approximately \$2000. "God gives prayerful hearts and willing hands," as reported by Miss Ida Hoffman.

● On Dec. 29th the Rev. A. Stelter, pastor of the Baptist Churches of American Falls and Paul, Idaho, presented his resignation to the churches which was later accepted. Mr. Stelter's resignation will become effective on March 31st. For the immediate future Mr. Stelter is awaiting the Lord's call for whatever he may have in store for him. His address is 214 Lincoln Ave., American Falls, Idaho.

● During January and February the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Landenberger of Gladwin, Mich., visited their sons in the United States Army camps at Camp Haan and Camp Beale, Calif., and the Bethel Church of Anaheim and Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles, California. They were missionaries in Brazil, South America, for 14 years from 1911 to 1926. Mr. Landenberger brought greetings in the churches which he visited.

● The North Texas Association will meet with the Bethel Heights Church near Gatesville, Texas, from March 17 to 19, beginning Friday evening at 7:30 P. M. Visitors are asked to drive directly to the church where a lunch will be served on Friday evening only until 6 P. M., to those who give notice of their coming for supper. Please write to Rev. W. H. Buening, Gatesville, Texas.

● Since August, 1943, Mr. Edward Rodda, a third year student at the Los Angeles Bible Institute, has been serving as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., of which the Rev. Karl Feldmeth used to be the minister. Morning and evening services are still being held in the church as well as midweek services on Wednesday evenings. On Friday evening, Feb. 11, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at a well attended service in the church.



MY GUIDE

By Ethel L. Rennison
of Davenport, Iowa

*Guide me, heavenly Father, guide me,
Has been my prayer today;
But I know that thou art guiding;
Henceforth I will pray,
Help me trust thy guidance, give me
Courage to obey;
Safe am I within thy keeping
Guided by thee alway.*

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 6, the Rev. Stanley F. Geis, pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized 5 converts and received these and three others by letter and experience into the fellowship of the church. A Christian Leadership Training Course is being held on 6 successive Monday evenings which is being taught by the pastor. About 12 young people are enrolled in the study of McLester's textbook, "Our Pupils and How They Learn". On Sunday, Jan. 30, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald", was guest speaker at both services of the church.

● In the report about the burning of the mortgage papers by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., which appeared in the February 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald", mention was not made of the fact that the mortgage was held by the Baptist Life Association and that \$3439.50 were actually donated by the Association to the church in reducing the mortgage indebtedness during the lean financial years. Full cognizance of this generos-

ity was taken by the church at its festive program in praising the good will and Christian spirit shown by the Baptist Life Association. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel is the pastor of the church.

● From Jan. 10 to 21 the Rev. R. Schilke, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, conducted meetings at Bloomsbury and vicinity, near Barrhead. The church has three families living there, and the pastor thought that he would go out for a week of prayer. The attendance increased from evening to evening as the people gathered in various homes. At the end of the first week they decided to continue for another week. Seeing therein God's will Mr. Schilke consented. For the second week the meetings still increased in attendance until they reached the one hundred mark. Eleven persons were saved and professed faith in Christ as Savior.

● The Turtle Lake and Tabor Baptist churches of North Dakota held their Watch Night service in the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake with every place occupied in the crowded church. The young people were in charge of the first hour's program and an offering of \$60 was received for the "Bender Memorial Trek". The pastor, the Rev. August Rosner, spoke on the theme, "At the Crossroads" during the latter part of the evening's program. The pastor's salary was recently increased by \$250. The Book of Revelation is serving as the subject matter for consideration in the midweek services of the church. The Junior Church under the leadership of Mrs. August Rosner is rendering an appreciated ministry to increasing numbers of boys and girls.

● At the recent annual meeting of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., encouraging reports were given. "The Club Plan" of the Publication Society has doubled "The Baptist Herald" subscriptions with a total of 98 subscriptions at present. Mrs. Harvey Stanke has been in charge of this work. Mr. Paul Stanke, church clerk, presented gifts from the church to the organists, Misses Lillian Patet and Grace Desler; to the choir director, Mr. Fred Paul; and to the church custodian, Mr. Fred Heckman, for their appreciated ministries. "The Herald" and "Secret Place" as well as packages are being sent to all the church's Service Men as a project of the Ladies' Missionary Society, the Junior Aid and the Sunshine Circle, the three women's groups of the church. The Rev. John W. Walkup is the pastor.

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Coming!

ONE WONDERFUL WORD
This is the intriguing title of a message originally delivered by the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, over the Kansas State Network of Mutual in the "Bit of Cheer and Sunshine Broadcast" which will be published in the next issue for the inspiration of all "Baptist Herald" readers.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER LIFE
Sergeant Robert W. Achterberg of the United States Army Air Corps has written several articles for "The Herald" which have interpreted the witness of Christian Service Men to the folks at home. In this forthcoming article he will bring a Lenten challenge to the Service Men and Women themselves.

ON THE TRAIL OF THE RED MAN
For many years the Rev. Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta, has been engaged in missionary work among the Indians of that Canadian province besides his ministry as district missionary and teacher at the Christian Training Institute. From the marvelous fund of his experiences he has written three articles about the customs, life and missionary work among "the Red Men".

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EDITORIAL

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The Truth That Makes Men Free

SEVERAL YEARS ago the theme, "The Truth Makes Men Free", was chosen for the observance of Universal Bible Sunday. That proclamation is more pertinent and challenging today than ever before. It ought to make the observance of Bible Day in our churches on Sunday, March 12, of unusual significance.

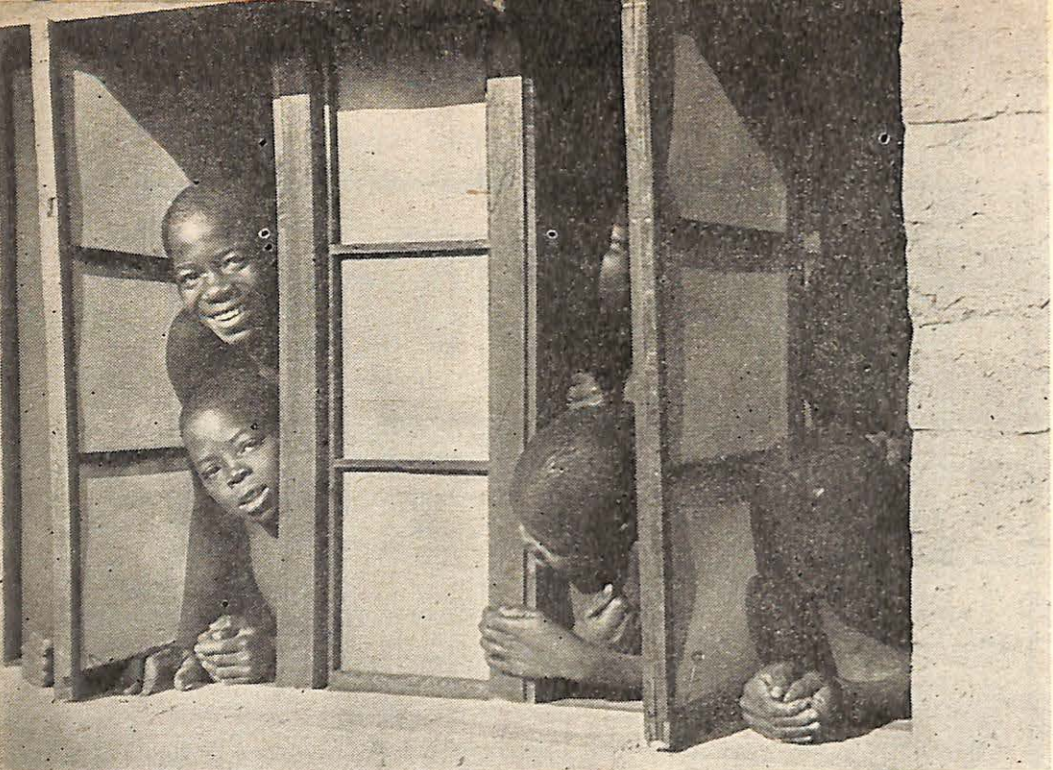
The Bible announces the glad tidings whereby men and women may be saved from their sins and freed from all shackles of evil. In Christ, the Savior of the world, they can know the truth, and the truth shall make them free. How that gospel needs to be sounded forth in this day when sin is so rampant and fears beset the pathway of many weary pilgrims of life!

Equally fearsome is the picture of the world of today. Scores of nations are hopelessly ensnared with political problems that seem to defy solution. Many peoples have been enslaved by the enemy who has overrun their territory. Every conference of our nations' leaders attempts to unravel the complex skein of events. But unless these leaders are men who look to God for guidance and who build their solutions upon the truths and principles of God's Word, the peace structure will soon fall and crumple because of its false foundations of shifting sands.

This is the textbook for the age that shouts about "Four Freedoms" into the seven seas of the world. This is the Bible for soldier and prisoner of war alike, for civilians at home and enslaved peoples across the seas, for Jew and Gentile, for foe and friend. This alone is the Truth that can make men free. Your Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, is committed to the task of distributing these Scriptures, making their contents known everywhere, and through God's Word winning others to Christ.

In a chapter on "Freedom's Textbook" in "Every Man's Book", Dr. Francis Carr Stifler quotes Thomas R. Marshall, a vice-president of the United States, as follows regarding the Statue of Liberty which stands in the harbor of New York City: "If I were to have my way, I would take the torch out of the hand of the Statue of Liberty and, in its stead, place an open Bible."

The open Bible is the most significant symbol of freedom today. If that were known and acknowledged by all men everywhere, then its teachings would be accepted.



"Come Over and Help Us" Is the Eager Call of These Cameroons Boys from the Open Windows of Opportunity in Africa

The Call of the Cameroons

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Missionary Nurse of the Cameroons

THE NEED of the Cameroons Baptist Mission in Africa is so great, that God enabled me to fly across the Atlantic so that I might make that need known to all members of our North American Baptist General Conference. I am thankful to him for this privilege of telling you about this need, and letting you see, through the guidance of his Spirit, the "fields white unto harvest".

May I first extend to all of our Baptist family again the sincerest greetings of George, Louise and Daphne Dunger? They know it is only through the prayers of the "folks at home" that they are able to carry on in their work. They are all in need of a furlough, but with the needs of a shepherd over the Cameroons Christians so great, and so many problems and situations requiring the missionaries' help, they feel that they must stay until more workers arrive. They are true servants of God, and have experienced richest blessings from above.

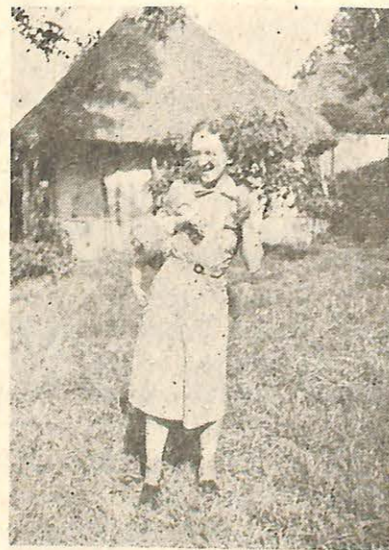
Since 1940 much has taken place on the Cameroons mission field. Clare and Paul Gebauer went home for their much needed furlough after five years of faithful service. Edith Koppin went home the first part of 1941. That left George and Louise Dunger and myself, three missionaries in our two fields of Kaka and Mambila.

Wanted for the Cameroons

With the internment of the Baptist missionaries from Germany in the Cameroons, four Baptist fields were left without missionary supervision. By the end of 1941 it became urgent

that some mission group take charge of that shepherdless flock. This need came through the native leaders in the German Baptist fields, as well as the British government officials who were left to administer funds.

At that time we were but three missionaries, already only half of our original staff for two fields. How could we possibly help them out, or take charge? Yet the work was there to be done, and we were the only Baptist Mission representatives in the entire Cameroons. God seemed to say to us: "It is a great load, a heavy responsibility. But put your fullest trust in me, and in all things I will be near, guid-



Laura Reddig and Daphne Dunger at Play in Front of Miss Reddig's Home at Mbem

ing, helping, encouraging and supplying what is needed."

We now have six mission fields within the Cameroons field. They are our two original areas, Kaka and Mambila, plus four fields formerly under the German Baptist Mission of Soppo, Balondo, Bekom and Nsungli. Baptist churches and chapels now number around 200, and baptised church members total 4,000. There are about 160 native church workers or catechists. That is a parish far too large for any one missionary. Transportation hindrances, distances between fields, together with other responsibilities in schools, etc., make it a task of almost unbelievable proportions.

Six fields, and now only the Dungers to do all the work! **WANTED for the Cameroons**—six missionary-ministers for these six fields!

Native church workers, many knowing little more than how to read and write, need more training for their great work. **WANTED for the Cameroons**—a Baptist Seminary or training center for church workers in the Cameroons, and a qualified minister-missionary to take charge.

This will mean that as young men come out of our elementary schools and desire to go into Christian service, they may have the opportunity of equipping themselves right in their own land, at their own school. Through well trained native Christian leaders, the churches will be built up and strengthened. All other work in this world requires training, and how much more so those whose work is leading, teaching and evangelizing our native churches!

African Youth for Christ

To win the youth of the Cameroons to Christ, to train them toward useful service to their fellow-men, and to inspire them to fruitful Christian living, are the aims of our Cameroons Baptist Mission Schools. In non-mission schools in the Cameroons, the idiom "Education without Christianity is Barbarism" is most evident, and the Baptist Mission Schools are endeavoring to lead the way in education which will be most beneficial in the up-building of native life in the Cameroons.

In 1941 we had the fine school at Mbem, and a new school under our support at Oku. Three more schools were taken over from the German Baptist Mission. At the end of 1943 our schools totaled 21 and our pupils went from a total of 80 in 1941 to over 1200 at the end of 1943. Teachers, all natives, increased from three to 70. The training of these teachers, for the great tasks which are theirs, is most inadequate, and constant supervision of all schools is very important.

WANTED for the Cameroons—two missionary teachers, men, if possible, to supervise the Baptist mission schools, to start a teachers' training center for our own Baptist teachers,

and raise the standard of education to fit the needs of the Cameroons.

Out of our total of 1200 pupils, there are only about 90 girls. Most natives still do not believe that girls are to be placed on the same level with boys, and must forever be regarded as slaves, to be bought and sold as so much property. Child training is under the care of women, and as long as they remain uneducated, the home status of the natives will not rise, regardless of how much education the boys have. Native Christians now see the importance of girls' education and a change is taking place.

WANTED for the Cameroons—a missionary teacher qualified to conduct a girls' school where special training is given native girls to equip them as partners to the boys in building up the Cameroons home life, and the Cameroons in general.

For the Cameroons native population of between 500,000 and 600,000 there are but three doctors in the whole of the land. They are government doctors and are unfortunately far too busy to give the natives the medical and surgical care that is needed. There are no schools in the Cameroons for the training of natives as nurses, medical helpers, maternity workers, leprosy workers, dispensary and clinic workers. Without a doctor to back up the care and treatment given, the work of trained missionary nurses is greatly curtailed.

WANTED for the Cameroons—a missionary doctor and physician, so that a large percent of the uncared for, sick natives in the Cameroons may be brought not only physical but spiritual healing: A Central Hospital unit, where native workers could also be trained in medical fields, would be a blessing and help such as no one here in the States can imagine.

A New Day for Africa

Our largest schools are located at our main stations. Here are also the natives of larger villages. Pupils and natives are far from any medical care unless a nurse is at the station to minister to them.

WANTED for the Cameroons—a missionary nurse for each field, who will work in cooperation with the missionary doctor in the training of natives, and carrying out a health program which will mean the saving of countless lives, and the winning of many souls to Christ. These missionary nurses, if qualified in additional fields, could conduct training centers for native girls in maternity work, child welfare work, baby clinic work, and home visitation work.

The cry for change, advancement, education, progress and "new ways and new things" seems to have hit the Cameroons to such an extent that dissatisfaction and lack of guidance and help is forcing great numbers of Cameroons natives to leave their land



Miss Reddig and Her Servant Boy as They Go Down the Trail from Her House in Mbem of the Cameroons

for the "lights" of the bigger coastal cities. In one province alone, between 5000 and 6000 natives have left their homes, perhaps for the first time, to join the army. They travel, and see how others live, how others work, how others earn a living, how others go to school. Soon these thousands of boys will return to the Cameroons, perhaps for their last visit. No, most of them will not stay, for they have seen how others live, and want to live in a better way themselves. They will not be satisfied to settle down and live in crude mud huts. They will want brick huts with furniture in it. They will want clothes, schools, better markets, better native governments, better ways of farming, better ways of making a living.

When they come back, the Baptist Mission wants to be prepared to help them. They will be the native leaders in a few years, and now is the time to teach and train and win them to Christ and to the task of making their own native land a better land in which to live. Where they will not get help and

guidance, they will return to large coastal cities where their lives will be wasted on themselves. As Christians, we cannot but be concerned about these young people, and if they can be given training in building better homes, furniture, governments, markets, etc., they will much rather stay home in their own land and help there.

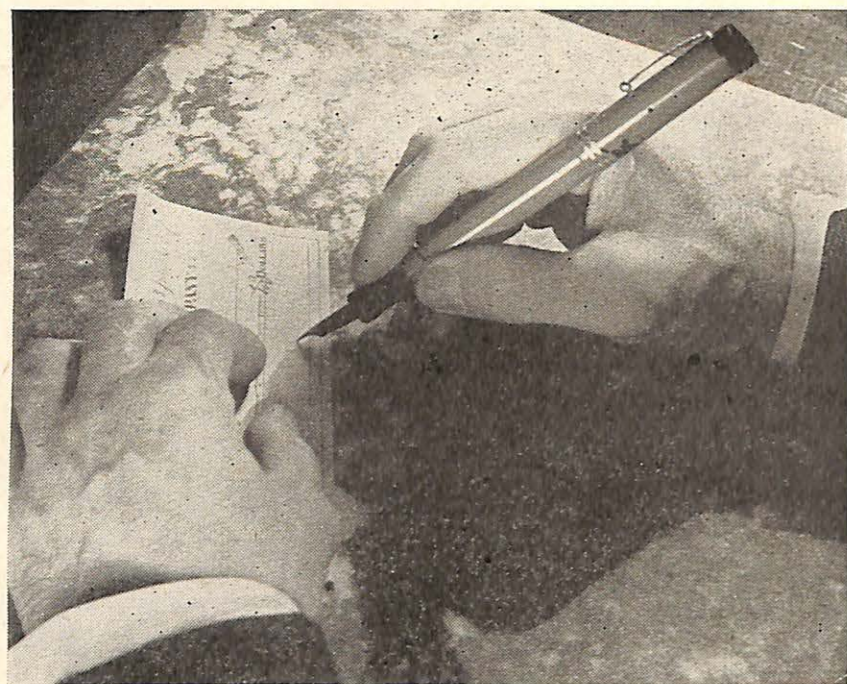
WANTED for the Cameroons—a missionary teacher in industry and manual training to conduct an industrial school where Christian tradesmen and craftsmen may be trained in useful occupations helpful to their land, and where these Cameroons youths may be saved to save and build up their homes and villages through Christian guidance.

After becoming Christians, the natives are eager to learn new things and improve every phase of their living. About 90 to 95 percent of the Cameroons natives are farmers and spend the greater part of their time and life in that work. It is only natural then that Christian farmers, both

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Wanted: a Baptist Seminary in the Cameroons to Train Native Workers Such as These from the Balondo Field



—Photo by Ellis O. Hinsey
Signed to the Glory of God and for the Extension of His Kingdom

It's Time to Think About It

A Message Concerning the Easter Offering by DR. WM. KUHN,
General Missionary Secretary

EASTER is one of the most important of the Christian memorial days. It is only by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead that we have a sure hope for the validity of Christ's redemption. All Christendom observes Easter. Among us the custom has been well established to bring an Easter Offering.

What shall our Easter Offering be? It is time to think about it quietly and prayerfully. It will prepare us in reaching our decision, if we can remember those varied ministries rendered to the Savior in those dark days of his condemnation and crucifixion.

The following ministries of encouragement are recorded in the gospels:

1. Simon, the Cyrenian, carried the cross of Jesus part of the way to Calvary.
2. John, the beloved apostle, took the mother of Jesus to his own home from Calvary.
3. Those faithful women disciples remained true to him, even when he was hanging on the cross of shame, and later they attended his burial.
4. Joseph of Arimathea, that secret disciple, secured the body of the crucified Christ from the Governor Pilate and then gave him an honorable burial in his own new tomb.
5. One soldier on Calvary quenched the thirst of Jesus with a draught of vinegar, while he was suffering the agonies of crucifixion.

6. The one malefactor on the cross beside him declared his faith in Christ as the coming king.

7. The Roman centurion who had been in charge of the crucifixion declared on Calvary: "Truly, this man was the Son of God."

8. Nicodemus brought one hundred pounds of precious embalming ointment to the grave of Jesus.

These and other ministries were offered to Christ even before he had proved himself to be the Son of God by the power of his glorious resurrection. We who know him as the crucified, risen and living Christ will give him much more. Later, the Apostle Paul, that bond servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, tells us what our Easter Offering should be:

"I beseech you, therefore, by the mercies of God, that ye present yourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Rom. 12:1)

We must give ourselves without reservation—our whole complex personality—while living in this body. Only that can be considered our "reasonable service". Forever, and in all circumstances of life, we are his bond servants.

Dedicated to him, we will serve as messengers of the crucified, risen, and living Christ. His orders to all his messengers are: "Go quickly, and tell." Today as on that first Easter morning,

many disciples are confused in their faith. Some messengers should run quickly and tell such confused disciples that the crucified Christ has triumphed over death and the grave, and now clothed with all authority in heaven and on earth he lives today. Uncounted millions of benighted souls are sitting in the shadow of death, hopeless and without joy. God is waiting to send men and women from among us to such hopeless ones in the Cameroons with the commission: "Go quickly, and tell!"

Dedicated to him, we will become supporters of the Lord's work with our money. Even today, it is unquestionably true: "The Lord has need of our money." When could we find a more appropriate time to lay our offering at his feet than during this Easter season! To be acceptable to him, our Easter Offering should come from a cheerful heart and be in proportion to our ability to give.

In full confidence we can commit the rewarding of our Easter Offering to the Lord himself. On a certain occasion, Peter said to the Lord: "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" And Jesus answered: "Every one that has forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

Make Your Easter Offering Acceptable to Christ

Christ's Redeeming Blood

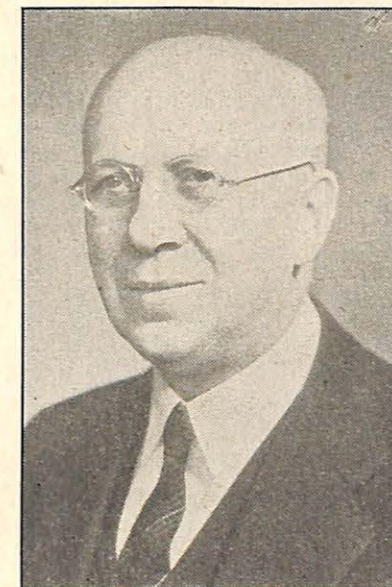
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strong man, that a sick man needs more than the example of good health, that a hungry man needs more than the image of a well nourished body. The remedy must suit the ailment. Whatever mystery is involved, "We know that we are not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold,—but with the precious blood of Christ as a lamb without blemish and without spot."

When the concentrated life and energy from the blood bank enters the blood-stream of the dying lad, color comes back to his cheeks, strength to his muscles, and healing to his wounds. He is redeemed from physical death. The thirsty ground on Calvary's hill drank up the blood which dripped from the nail-prints and flowed from the Savior's side, but when the eternal Spirit, symbolized by that blood, is transfused into our lives, we are quickened into a new life and are saved from spiritual death, and "we live in the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave himself for us."

Saved by Christ's Redeeming Blood

The Second of a Series of Three Articles on "Blood in Action"
by PROFESSOR O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York



Prof. O. E. Krueger

REDEMPTION involves a price which is paid for the repossession of property or persons. The price involved does not always go to the present possessor. Millions of people today are subjected to foreign powers by recent or former aggression. A price which staggers all imagination is being paid in "sweat, blood, and tears" for the redemption of downtrodden peoples. This price is not paid to their overlords. It is not a bargain at all. It is to be a forced release. We fight and hope for a universal release, and not merely a shifting of possessions from one overlord to another.

Christ, A Ransom For Many

In the doctrine of the atonement certain words are used which cannot carry the entire thought of God and may easily be misinterpreted. The idea of a ransom always involves the thought of paying a price to the one who has gained possession of what belongs to another. Taking that for a cue, theologians have labored hard and long with the thought that God offered his Son as a ransom price to the devil, who had gained possession of the human race.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. When we sing, "He paid it all", there is no thought of making a bargain with the devil for our release. The awful price being paid now is not paid to Hitler; it is paid for freedom. This clarifying analogy should be kept in mind when we use the word, "ransom".

The words in Hebrews 9:14 throw much light upon the concept of redeeming blood. Redemption is not effected by the blood of goats and calves and bulls, nor is purity obtained by the sprinkling of the ashes of the heifer, but by the blood of Christ, who did not offer himself to the devil, nor was he apprehended and slain by God, but who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God for the purpose of purging our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Redemption has to do with the release from sin and its dead works and with the purity of devotion in the service of the living God.

Jesus Saves From Sin

The Son of God came into the world to save his people from their sins. Because he majored on that, many of his people were sorely disappointed with him. Sin is about the last thing from which people generally want to be saved. They wish to be saved from

well together. Thousands have a similar, glorious record.

Jesus could not have given the Jews a greater disappointment than his refusal to save them from the politicians. Were dictators and tyrants to be forever on the throne? Had Mary been mistaken when she sang the Magnificat: "He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degrees." No, he had not touched the throne of Herod nor of Caesar with so much as his little finger. His kingdom belonged to another realm. He had come to save his people from their sins and not from their sovereigns.

We are redeemed not for comfort but for character, which seems not to grow on beds of ease. Our goal is not security but purity, which seems to require the refining fire.

Saves From Sin's Power

Jesus came to save us from the pollution, the penalty, and the power of sin. He forgives sins; he takes them away. "Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." He saves us from the eternal penalty of sin. Not all temporal consequences are cancelled. Nevertheless he said: "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." Romans 8 begins with "no condemnation" and ends with "no separation". By saving us from the love of sin, he also saves us from its power.

It is trite to say that he saves for service. But it must be said again and again. A former Marine reporter, Earl Jacobs, who lost his right arm on Guadalcanal, tells this brief story: "The Japs' were singing, 'The Marines are going to die—the Marines are going to die', when a sudden explosion blotted out my consciousness. When I came to, the doctor and nurse were giving me a transfusion, 'The Japs' were wrong in my case, but only because someone had given his blood for me. I am going to repay in kind all seven transfusions and more!" Even a one-armed Marine wants us all to know that he has not been saved for security but for service.

Jesus has his own way of redeeming his people. He does not do it by the sword, nor by the blood of the enemy. He does not do it by words, though he does say that his words are truth and life and that they shall abide. He does not do it by example, though he does demand that we follow him.

Let it be remembered that a weak man needs more than the example of a

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poverty, persecution, pain, prison, politicians, and from all the perils of insecurity.

Many are the material by-products of Christ's redeeming work. Primarily, he did not come to save his people from poverty and pain and the many other physical ills. Let it be remembered that the stable and the tomb were both borrowed. He had no place where to lay his head. He became materially poor that we might become spiritually rich.

The Christian life makes for industry, thrift, and prosperity. Nevertheless, millions of his loyal followers have been poor people. He gave no guarantee that they should be otherwise.

As for persecution, Jesus taught his followers to expect that. They were to carry their cross, the symbol of violent death, as a badge of prophetic honor. The disciple would not be greater than his Master. Indeed, he healed many from their aches and pains, but he had come to heal deeper wounds. Normally the Christian life makes for health and well-being, but everyone has seen the combination of great sainthood and intense suffering in one person.

Captives Are Set Free

Jesus came to set the captives free, but that did not mean release from prison as John the Baptist had to learn. His great apostles suffered incarceration. That they did not lose their salvation in prison is evidenced by Paul and Silas who sang paeans of praise in the dark dungeons. Centuries later, John Bunyan demonstrated that imprisonment and redemption go very

Launching the Youth Fellowship Crusade

An Important Announcement for All Young People's Societies, Sunday Schools and Other Church Organizations by Martin L. Leuschner, Editor

THE startling cry for help gets its quickest response from young people. They are swift to move and eager to act. "Something has to be done right away" is often the spirit of youth. The desperate outcry of someone in need is a new and shuddering experience for many young people, to which their hearts have not become callous as yet. Their religion finds its most enthusiastic expression in Christ-like deeds.

and is still available for distribution. It is the love of Christ in the hearts of our people everywhere that is constraining us to minister to these world needs with everything we can do to help these brethren of ours in this hour of their anguish.

The young people of our churches are now to be enlisted to assume a definite share in this Christlike ministry. THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE has been inaugurated to

Fellowship Crusade". It will not be published in the BAPTIST HERALD nor appear otherwise and will therefore represent a scoop for the organization. The first news sheet will be sent about July 1, 1944, and already plans are under way for a fascinating and unique first edition of that leaflet.

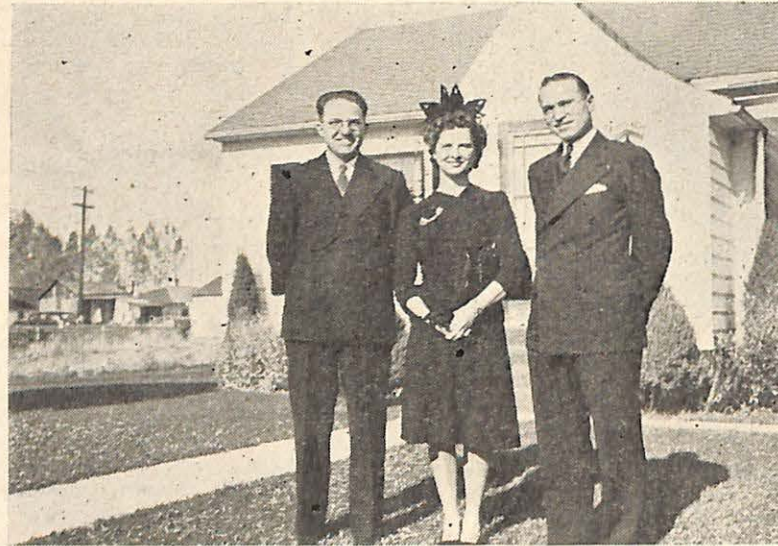
Occasionally prints of striking missionary pictures that deal with the ministry of "The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" will be sent to the participating societies, enabling them to exhibit them on the church's bulletin board or on the wall of the meeting place of the organizations. The quarterly news sheet will be sent as long as funds for this purpose are still being expended after the war.

This "Youth Fellowship Crusade" is being sponsored by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. The director of the Crusade is Mr. Henry Schmunk, Box 678, Tacoma, Wash., who is also the superintendent of the Sunday School in the Calvary Church of Tacoma and the Council Member of our National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the Pacific Conference. The president of the National Union, Mr. Harold J. Petke of Portland, Oregon, is deeply interested in the Crusade and will assist Henry Schmunk in the promotional responsibilities from time to time.

A new, colorful leaflet on the "Youth Fellowship Crusade" has been prepared for distribution. Copies of this leaflet will be sent out to pastors and church leaders requesting them of Dr. William Kuhn or M. L. Leuschner without charge. The back page of the leaflet has a form which can be filled out for a contribution or pledge toward "The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies".

This season of the year before Easter Sunday will be a memorable and good time to enlist your organization in "The Youth Fellowship Crusade". Make your pledge now or send a portion of your missionary contribution as your Easter Offering towards "The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" and mark it plainly as "Youth Fellowship Fund".

If individuals as well as churches would like to be listed in this Fellowship Crusade in order to receive the quarterly news leaflets, they may make their Easter Offering for "The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" and mark them separately for the "Youth Fellowship Fund". All of these contributions will be credited to the individual or church as an Easter Offering for the missionary enterprise of our denomination.



Aggressive and Winsome Leaders of Our Young People's Work (Left to Right: Mr. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., Director of the "Youth Fellowship Crusade"; Mrs. Paul Krueger of Colfax, Wash., President of the Pacific Northwest Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union; and Mr. Harold J. Petke of Portland, Oregon, President of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union)

One of their favorite Bible verses is found in these words of the Master: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The denomination's "Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" is making a strong appeal to the young people of our churches. They are beginning to join hands with their parents and elders in the church and with denominational leaders to help raise far more than the minimum call of the fund for \$100,000 to minister to the desperate, pitiful needs of our Christian brethren across the seas at the close of the war. They want to be the Good Samaritan in this world's situation and avoid the subtle hypocrisy of the priest and Levite.

"The Fellowship Fund" is on its way to victory. About \$40,000 have already flowed into its treasury for the day when this ministry of relief and Christian assistance can really begin. A leaflet, describing the purposes of the "Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies", was prepared sometime ago

open the door of opportunity and privilege to young people and children in our Sunday Schools and their departments and classes, to our young people's societies, to World Wide Guilds and missionary societies and to all other church organizations largely composed of young people. The challenging, stirring plan for this "Youth Fellowship Crusade" can now be announced.

Every church organization or society which gives or pledges \$25.00 or more towards "the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" will be enrolled at missionary headquarters on our "Youth Fellowship Crusade" list. These organizations through their president or secretary will receive quarterly news sheets with announcements, brief stories and the latest data about "the Fund for World Emergencies" which can be read to the members of these groups at their regular meetings.

This interesting material will be reserved exclusively for these organizations which are enrolled in "The Youth

"God Bless the Boys Everywhere!"

A Page Dedicated to the Service Men and Women from Our Churches

A United States Soldier With the Christian Armor

By PVT. RAYMOND E. WAHL
of Fort Lewis, Washington

(A Member of the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota)

Dear Editor of "Baptist Herald":

For some time I have felt like writing a few lines for "The Baptist Herald" to express my appreciation for the fine publication and to the friends who make it possible for me to get it. I really enjoy it more every time I get a copy. I read practically everything in it, and it does my soul good. I have also had occasions to hand it to some of my buddies here.

My special training is in the Infantry, but having finished my basic training, I find it somewhat easier now. We get to go on long maneuvers into the state of Washington and Oregon, and there get to see some of the far west country. The hills are pretty rugged and the valleys not too fertile, unless they irrigate. On these maneuvers we have some off-nights. It is then that I enjoy to sit down and read my New Testament and have occasions to pray for all the boys in the services and for my friends everywhere.

I sincerely covet all your prayers. Our chaplain is a sincere Christian, a helpful man of God, and always ready to aid us spiritually. His messages are interesting, and he knows how to attract men, especially for group singing. The old Christian hymns of the church do warm our hearts. Again, thank you for your services to the boys in the armed services of our country, and with hearty greetings to all.

A Prayer for Peace

By GEORGE BAUDER
of Portland, Oregon

(A Member of the Trinity Baptist Church, the Vice-president of the Oregon Youth League, and a Student at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon.)

Lord God, victorious,
Mercy we implore,
Peace be ours.
Thy peace let victory be!
The fret of nerves,
The hate of minds be lost in thee.
Thy will in us be shown,
Till we, in Truth, to thee have grown.

A Christian Witness in the Air Corps Supply in North Africa

By PFC. EDWIN H. RIEB,
Somewhere in North Africa

(A Member of the Baptist Church of Parkston, South Dakota)

I'm receiving the "Baptist Herald" quite regularly. I surely enjoy reading the good news and fine articles.

I'm happy to say that I've accepted my Lord in the early days of my youth. I owe it all to my Christian parents who taught and showed me the way to salvation. One's heart is filled with joy to know that there are Christian workers back home, who are praying for the men in the service. Keep on praying; pray hard!

Truly, we are in need of ammunition, guns, tanks, and planes, but there is something far greater which we are in need of, and that is prayer! Yes, prayer is what we are in need of, for

through the grace and the power of the One on high will this war torn world come to peace again.

I haven't had the hard, intensive training like the kind I read some of the men are having, due to the fact that I've been training more in Air Corps Supply. Now on foreign soil we are doing our utmost and to the best of our ability in the small part one plays, that we may continue to have this freedom, above all, this freedom of religion which has been ours in the past, present, and will be in the future.

In closing, I wish to include a little poem which I wrote one evening after returning from work, as I was lying down on my bunk, tired, and thinking of loved ones at home. I thought, although thousands of miles away from home, how encouraging it is to know that one is never alone, and that there is one on high who watches and cares for you.

NEVER ALONE

Never alone down dusty roads,
Jesus is there to lighten our loads.
There are days of darkness, lonesome,
and blue,
But Jesus alone guides safely through.

Never alone as we toil and strive
Jesus alone can save our lives.
O'er hills, o'er plains, o'er desert and seas,
Jesus' right hand enlightens with ease.

Never alone down pathways of life,
To reach that goal for which we strive,
Freedom of speech, religion, and peace,
With Jesus' assurance we can rest at ease.

God Bless Our Lads

Tune: "Abide With Me"

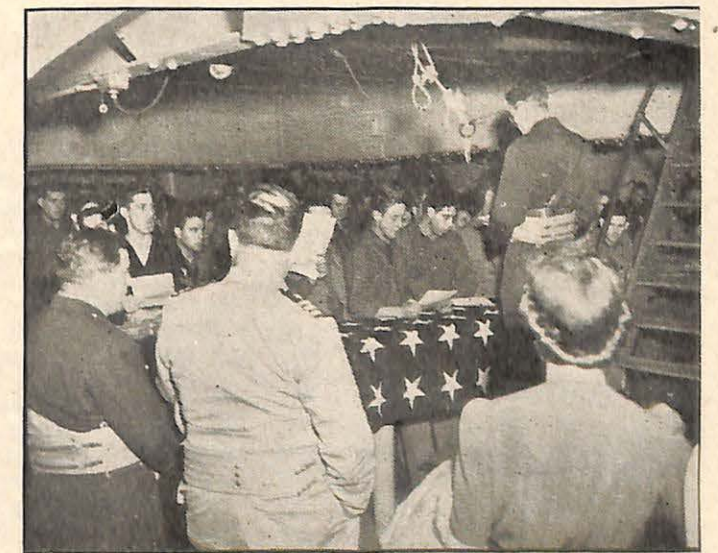
(This Poem is Published by Request of Numerous Church Groups. Editor)

God bless our lads in air, on land and sea!
For well we know how dear they are to Thee.
Where'er they go, whatever they may dare,
God keep them in Thy ever gracious care.

God guard our lads by night as well as day,
For we at home for them will ever pray
That war and strife and enmity may cease,
And Thou wilt send us "Everlasting Peace".

God guard our lads, Oh keep them ever near!
Make strong their faith and drive out all their fear.
Give them a vision of Thy saving love,
That nothing in this world can ever move.

God guard our lads, and though just now they roam,
Grant us our prayer and bring them safely home.
God bless our foes and cause their eyes to see,
That peace alone, can only come from Thee.



—Acme Photo
Religious Services "Between Decks" on One of the U. S. Troop Transports Which Brought Members of the American Expeditionary Force to a Northern Ireland Base. Note That All Are Wearing Their Life Belts.

March 1, 1944

The Sound of the Trumpet

A New Novel

by

GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL

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SYNOPSIS

Two men, Lacey and Weaver, made their preparations carefully as saboteurs to secure the secret plans for an important war model from the factory of Vandingham and Company. They agreed that John Sargent was their man, whom they tried to interest in the scheme. While John Sargent was busy with a group of other men, digging a ditch, beautiful Lisle Kingsley first saw him and with her quick perception recognized the fineness even in this setting. But Lisle was supposed to be engaged to Victor Vandingham, the rich manufacturer's son, with whom she had quarreled over the strange, modern ideas that he had about life and marriage since he had come home from college. Lisle wasn't enthused about his coming-of-age party nor even interested in the engagement ring which he wanted to buy for her. Victor left Lisle's house in great disgust.

CHAPTER EIGHT

On his hurried way home Victor caught his first glimpse of another girl, a girl he had never seen before. She must be a stranger in town. She certainly was a glamour girl all right if there ever was one. Exquisite complexion, lovely eyes, silver-blonde hair low on her shoulders in the very latest roll, daring make-up. Ah! That was sophistication! He wished he had Lisle there to point it out to her, his ideal of the way she ought to dress and make-up. Would there be any way to get Lisle to see her? That was the kind of girl who could bring Lisle to her senses if any other girl could, and let her see how she would lose him if she kept on in her present staid old-fashioned style.

He looked so hard at the new girl, really staring at her, that she stared back at him, and finally gave a slow understanding smile, with a lifting of her long gold lashes that the boys at college used to call a "come-hither sweep."

As he came nearer to her his eyes said things, and he half hesitated, then came forward quickly with his wholly engaging smile, and lifting his hat gaily said:

"Say, I've met you somewhere before, haven't I? Tell me where, glamour girl. It certainly seems that we are old friends?"

The girl turned on a warmer light in her eyes and a subtler smile.

"It does seem that way, doesn't it?" she said easily, pausing as if they were old acquaintances.

"Well, say, this is great!" said Victor. "You're just the one I was longing to meet. How about a date with me? Going anywhere to lunch?"

"No, not definitely."

"Good! Then we'll make it definite. Ever try the Dark Star restaurant? Then come, I'll show you something new."

The girl looked him straight in the eye with a quizzical expression, and hesitated.

"Who are you?" she asked coolly. "I'm a little particular who I choose for my friends."

"Oh, are you?" said Victor. "I hadn't thought so, but that's all right with me. I'm Victor Vandingham. Ever hear of me?"

"Why, yes," said the girl, "I think I have. Are you related to the V. C. Vandingham of the steel plant?"

"I sure am!" swelled Victor with a grin. "The very same. He's my father."

"Well, that's interesting," said the girl. "Sure, I'll take lunch with you. What do I call you? Mr. Vandingham?"

"No, that's too formal for the way we met. You'd better call me Van. That's what I was called at college. And what do they call you, little one?" She smiled down into her face, and sincerely hoped that someone in the Kingsley house was looking out the window to report this drama to Lisle. For Victor seldom put on an act without an eye to a possible audience.

The girl looked up nonchalantly and answered:

"Oh, my name is Erda. That's

enough for the present, isn't it? The rest wouldn't mean a thing to you yet, anyway," and she turned with a smile, slipped her hand within Victor's arm, and modulating her step to his, walked on up the street with him.

"We'll take a taxi downtown," said the young man, "and later if we decide to go somewhere else I can phone to have the man bring my car down. Okay with you?"

"Perfectly okay with me," said Erda smiling, and stepped gaily on, entirely at her ease.

So that was what Victor Vandingham was doing, instead of choosing a diamond for Lisle Kingsley's engagement ring.

When Lisle returned to the house about the middle of the afternoon her mother had just come in and they sat down together to have a cup of tea and some sandwiches, for neither had had time for lunch.

"Did Victor come over for me this morning, mother?" asked Lisle.

"Yes, he did, and he was certainly angry that you were not here, and more rude than I would ever have believed he could be. He said you promised to go shopping with him to buy a new dress for his party, and to select your engagement ring, and you stood him up! Is that true, Lisle?"

"No! He asked me to go, but I told him I was not buying a new dress, and that I didn't want an engagement ring for I wasn't engaged and didn't intend to be. He got very angry about the dress. Asked if I was going to wear some dowdy old rag. He said you were old-fashioned and wouldn't know how to select the right kind of a sophisticated dress, and a lot of stuff like that, just as he talked that day in the store. He said he and I were to be married right away, and he wanted the wedding date announced at the

party, and everybody invited. Oh, mother, he was simply impossible! And then before I could do anything except to say I wouldn't go and I didn't want to be married, or have an engagement ring, Mrs. Carlisle and her young people came in. You know how late they stayed and how he went home with them. There simply wasn't anything I could do about it. I hadn't had a chance to explain to him that I had to go to a committee meeting, and I didn't think it mattered anyway since I had told him I didn't want him to go shopping with me. Oh, mother, do you think I should have stayed at home for him after he had been so outrageous?"

"No, my dear, you were perfectly right to go, and besides I explained to him that you had a committee."

"And mother, do I have to go to that awful party? I know just how he will act. Just as if I was his property."

"Well, we'll see my dear. I really think you could manage to keep somewhat in the background if you tried. Just be sweet and dignified and don't give him a chance to say unwelcome things. You must remember there will be a great many people there, and you wouldn't need to be too early, you know. I had hoped there wouldn't be any party, but it seems it is to go through."

"Yes, mother, and did he tell you he is not going to war at all? He's going into his father's plant."

"Yes, he told me," sighed the mother. "It's rather disappointing of course. I think he needs the discipline of the army. But perhaps the responsibility of business will do the same for him."

"I doubt it," said Lisle sharply, and her mother gave her a quick look. Was Lisle deeply cut by all this? Oh, she hoped that her child would be saved from having a broken heart.

But Lisle, after her talk with her mother, seemed quite gay, as if her heart had been unburdened and she felt relieved. Her mother watched her carefully the next few days, and drew a relieved breath whenever Lisle came in with a smile. Perhaps her daughter would escape sorrow, but it had seemed so beautiful to have those children grow up together and care for one another. But Lisle was by no means pining away, and her mother wondered. Had she some other interest that she had not told about? Some young man perhaps in her classes at her university. Perhaps that was it. She must keep a close watch, for sometimes when a natural friendship was broken a girl would take to anyone who was good-looking and admired her. She must be careful that Lisle made no unwise contacts. That mustn't happen twice to Lisle.

And what would she have said if she could have known that the only young man whose smile and merry eyes had lingered in her child's memory

she had seen first working on the street with common workmen. Mrs. Kingsley wasn't a snob, or at least would have been dismayed to find that she was, but she had been brought up with a firm belief in class distinction.

Lisle was happy and fully occupied with her war work now, and especially with the little day nursery in which she and some of her friends were interested. She grudged the hours when she must leave it all and hurry down to the city to her university classes. But this her parents insisted was the right thing for her to do, to finish her college course and be ready to graduate with her class.

Lisle was a good student, never neglected her studies, and arranged her hours so that she was able to carry out all the plans she had made for her war work. So when Victor, after philtering a few evenings with Cherry and her ilk, and with Erda more than a few, concluded it was time to get back to Lisle and bring her to time, he found she was out.

She had gone that evening to take the place of one of her older friends who was ill, and who was a teacher of a Red Cross class in the lower end of the city. She was not familiar with that part of the city, but was at once interested in these new people, and lingered afterward to answer eager questions put by some women who were both poor and ignorant. It was late before she started home. And because they as a family were being most careful about conserving gas and tires, she had gone on the bus that night. But when she arrived at the corner where she should take the return bus, no bus came along. She had probably missed the one she intended taking. Or had she made a mistake about which corner she should wait? Then suddenly as she stood there uncertainly, looking at her watch, casting anxious glances in the direction from which she thought the bus should arrive, the sirens began to shriek for a blackout, and one by one the lights in the buildings and houses around her went out. Then all at once the street lights were gone, and there was utter darkness. It seemed to Lisle she had never seen such dense black darkness in her life. She turned this way and that in her bewilderment, and realized that she was completely turned around. She did not know which way to go. She wanted to hurry, but how could she hurry in utter darkness, and in a region with which she was not familiar?

Then she saw a blue light flash from a doorway. A man was standing in the door with a flashlight in his hand, covered with blue cellophane! Perhaps it was an air warden! She stepped over to him and asked where she could go to telephone for a taxi. But he shook his head. There was no telephone near by and no taxis could be had during a blackout.

"Come inside," he said pleasantly. "You will be perfectly safe in here until it is over. This is a rather tough neighborhood for a lady to be alone, you know, but this is a Bible class. You are Miss Kingsley, aren't you? I'm John Sargent. You don't know me, but I've seen you before. Come this way and I'll put a chair for you just inside the class room where you can listen. Sorry we're all in the dark, but we haven't got our blackout curtains up yet."

He flashed his blue light, she got a glimpse of his face, and suddenly she knew him. He was the man with the blue eyes she had seen in the street working that day. She had never forgotten him. She looked at him in a daze of wonder. She felt as if she were among friends. A Bible class! Surely that would be all right. How wonderful that she had found a place like this, for now she realized that she had been frightened. She sat down and relaxed, conscious of the presence of other people in the room, a goodly number of them. How strange that she should meet that man again and in a place like this!

Then suddenly her attention was caught by the speaker, the teacher of the class of course.

"People are asking," he said, "'Why doesn't God stop this war? Why does He allow such awful things to go on?' And we turn to the Bible for an answer. Has God ever done this before to the world? Allowed terrible things to sweep over a calm and prosperous people? Allowed whole cities to be destroyed, beautiful memorials laid waste, treasures of art and sculpture utterly disfigured, human lives by the thousand, yes, by the million, cast off at a stroke? Has He ever allowed that before? The answer is yes. And why has He done it? Turn in your mind back to the first chapter of Isaiah and see how God sent word through the prophet Isaiah to the kings of Judah of the calamities that were to befall them as a consequence of their sinfulness, their forgetting of the Lord, 'Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity' he calls them. He brings to their remembrance their great sin of forsaking the Lord, of provoking the Holy One of Israel. So the reason of these wars and that destruction that God sent to His people is not far to seek. And we, in this day, are we wondering why God is letting us see so much trouble? 'We haven't done anything wrong,' we say. 'Why, we are called a Christian nation,' yet we have to give up our sugar, and our coffee, and most of our meat and butter too, besides our gasoline and our tires. No more holiday rides. And some of us have to give up our sons, and our own lives. Why should God let all this come upon us? Why should He be so cruel when we are a Christian nation? We are not sinful like Hitler or the Japan-

ese! Oh but we are forgetting all the time that sin, the main sin, the real root of all sin is unbelief. 'But we do believe in God,' we cry out. 'We join the church, we give to missions, we help the needy. Why, certainly we believe there is a God. We even believe in Jesus Christ, and that He is God's Son. Certainly we are believers and why should all this happen to us? We cannot believe that God would let such good people as ourselves suffer this way. Some of our sons and brothers and sweethearts are even being killed.' But you know that is not belief, just accepting with your intellect all those doctrines. To really believe we must individually accept what Christ did for us in taking all our sin upon Himself. He paid the penalty of death by shedding His own blood on the cross in our stead. A true believer accepts Christ as his own personal Savior. And it is not atheism, but unbelief, mere neglect of God, that is the great national sin. And it is to show the nations what their sin of unbelief has been, that He has to bring them through tribulations, that he has to let war come and kill their sons, destroy their homes, make desolate their goodly works which their hands have wrought and of which they have been so proud. And God through all his horror of war is yearning over His people, whom He has loved and who have forsaken Him and gone after strange gods, gods of silver and gold, the work of their own hands. Oh, those sins of the nations of the Old Testament, how they mock us with their similarity to our own times, our own world, and these sad days in which we are living now, with perils in the offing, and not so very far off either. God is calling His people today by the war which He is allowing.

"But some are thinking that wickedness is perhaps stronger than God, and the devil is getting away with it. No, never! Our God knows what He is doing. And these experiences we are living through are not things that Satan has sprung upon an unprepared God. 'Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world!' Acts 15:18, and nothing can take Him unaware. 'For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.' Psalms 119:89. So God, before the foundation of the world knew that you and I and our world today were going to have to go through all this turmoil and awfulness. He knew about just your life, and my life, and how the war was going to make us suffer. But He knew also what it was going to do to us, how it would purify some of us. The important thing to Him is whether you and I shall come through it to know Him, our Savior, and to be like Him, be 'conformed to the image of His Son.' His object in all this is that you and I shall be like Christ, and ready for an eternity with Him."

There was more of this. The speaker went on to tell of other wars in the

Old Testament times, and of God's sanction for wars, that through them evil should be punished. He showed how God often used one wicked nation to punish another and then punished the nation he used because they were puffed up, thinking they had won the war by their own strength.

And Lisle sat there in the dark listening, filled with wonder, startled into thinking, brought suddenly face to face with a living God whom she had never realized before, amazed that the Bible had truths like these for bewildered souls in every perplexity of their human lives. She had never taken in the Bible before as anything more than a beautiful inspirational book, filled with traditional stories and vaguely related to life as a whole, supposed to be in some way connected with God and salvation for the time that comes after this life. She believed it of course because she had been brought up to believe it, but more as a family precaution against lawlessness and ill-breeding, than as something that involved any obligation to her personally. And now suddenly it seemed that it did, though she just couldn't have told why. This teaching seemed somehow to destroy all the former steady foundations of her life and made her feel that she had been walking in a dangerous way, and she didn't just understand why, nor what she ought to do now.

Vaguely she felt that someone had taken the chair beside her and there was suddenly a sympathy in her heart for all the unknown people in that dark room who were listening with her to this most startling message. Then suddenly the blue light flashed just a wink and she realized that the person beside her must be John Sargent. The knowledge was strangely pleasant, but did not distract her thoughts from the teacher's words which suddenly there in the darkness made a figure shine out, a figure with divine light in His face, looking toward them all, with nail-pierced hands and face that bore glory and love. She saw for the first time in her life what Jesus Christ was, and what He wanted to be to her. Did the speaker just tell all that? Could mere human words paint a picture like that in the dark, that brought a light to her soul she had never known before, a light of whose existence she had never before dreamed? Afterwards, thinking back, she could not remember words, only truths, great new truths that she had not known before. Did other people besides this little group among whom she found herself tonight, know these things? Did her mother and father know them, and live their placid lives without ever speaking of them, not even now and then?

Then all too quickly that siren blared forth, proclaiming that the blackout was over, and the lights in the room sprang up and gradually she could see the people around her, and could watch the face of the teacher. He brought his

lesson to a close with the great proclamation that this Jesus who was now in Heaven, the Jesus who had died for them all, and had risen from the dead, and been caught up to Heaven, was coming back to claim His own! Was coming soon! He had said so Himself. And all these people evidently believed it. Lisle looked from one to another of those about her, looked up to John Sargent who had stepped away to see that the lights went on when the sirens blew, but had returned to the chair beside her.

So she looked up and met that same smile, those same blue eyes tender with reverence now, as he smiled. And her look of wonder filled him with a great ecstasy.

Then the little company bust into soft singing, started by a sweet voice:

I have seen the face of Jesus,
Tell me not of aught beside,
I have heard the voice of Jesus
And my soul is satisfied;
For He shed His blood on Calvary,
And He saves me by His grace,
And I find my all in Jesus,
My eternal resting place.

They sang it so tenderly with such clear voicing of the words that they seemed to be wrought into her soul, and she tried to remember them for when she would be away.

Then there followed a tender prayer, and when Lisle lifted her head and looked again at the young man beside her it was as if his eyes told her that it was all true that she had been hearing. That he had tried it and he knew.

But he only said when they stood up and the group were beginning to go quietly away:

"If you can wait five minutes I'll be glad to take you to wherever you want to go. You see I'm janitor here tonight and I'll have to see that the fire is right for the night, and the door is locked."

"Oh, thank you," said Lisle looking a little startled at the thought of going back into her world again. "I don't know whether I would be able to find my way back home or not. I got rather turned around in the blackout."

"All right, I'll be with you as soon as I can," he said.

And then all unexpectedly a plainly dressed girl with shy eyes came up to her and said "Good evening," and Lisle, taking a lesson from those she saw about her, put out her own hand and grasped the girl's which was held out awkwardly. Somehow she felt as if these people were almost kin to her in some strange subtle way. How it would have amused Victor to know that she felt that way.

"You are a stranger here," said the other girl. "We hope you'll come again."

"I would like to," said Lisle, giving her a warm smile.

(To be continued)

Announcements Regarding the General Conference

By PROFESSOR O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, N. Y.,
General Conference Moderator

Conference Program

The General Conference program will be published in the April 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" after all scheduled speakers and leaders have confirmed their appointments.

Dak.; Linda Klein, Kenosha; Ed. Marklein, Brooklyn; Rudolph Woyke, Wisconsin.

For the Children's Home—

L. H. Broeker, Mich., chairman; W. W. Knauft, Mich.; A. W. Bibelheimer, No. Dak.; Wm. Hoover, Detroit; Emanuel Wolff, Cleveland.

If any of these appointees are unable to serve on these pre-conference resolutions committees they are requested to notify the moderator, Prof. O. E. Krueger, 13 Tracy St., Rochester, New York.

The cooperating societies are hereby urgently asked to have their reports

with the statement of needs and requests attached thereto in the hands of the chairman of the resolutions committees for the respective societies at the earliest possible date. These reports are to cover the regular triennial and an additional separate report on the last year as far as that is possible. It will doubtless be our decision to hold our next conference two years hence in 1946 so as to get into the regular triennial scheme.

In the time allotted to us we cannot provide for outings. Special dinners and banquets are out of the question. The inspirational services will be reduced in quantity. Having quality, the matter of quantity is of less importance. If we cannot have the lift of great numbers, we can have THE PRESENCE OF HIM who promised his blessing upon the few. We believe this conference holds great things in store for us.

Seminary to Stay in Rochester

The Official Recommendation of the Joint Session of the
General Council and Board of Trustees

AN important session of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Baptist Seminary and of the General Council was held in Rochester, N. Y., on Friday and Saturday, September 3 and 4. Both at separate and joint meetings of these groups the proposal looking toward the affiliation of the Seminary with Sioux Falls College was taken under serious and prayerful advisement.

After due consideration of all the factors involved in the complex situation, the members of both groups concurred with unanimity of opinion and with Christian grace that our Rochester Baptist Seminary should continue at its present location for such a time in the future until unforeseen circumstances should make it advisable otherwise and all present negotiations with Sioux Falls College regarding a possible affiliation with the college be dropped.

We, the members of both these groups, regardless of personal convictions, concurred unanimously in this matter in the interest of denominational harmony and of the Seminary's spiritual and administrative welfare. We believe that the problems of the Seminary, still confronting us, will be solved with God's grace and help if all our churches throughout our entire

denomination will grant the Seminary, its Faculty and the Board of Trustees their whole-hearted support and endorsement.

We are of the firm conviction that God has led us in these critical deliberations of the past few days and we are equally of the conviction that God's leadership will be dominant in the plans of the Board of Trustees for the Seminary and in the ministry of the school in the days to come. Believing this with unqualified faith, we call upon our churches to grant their prayerful and whole-hearted support in the spirit of confidence and dedication to the ministry of the school, which has been ordained of God to serve as His instrument in the preparation of ambassadors of the gospel of Jesus Christ for our churches. May the Holy Spirit weld our hearts together in this cause of his that is so dear to all our hearts!

Signed by members of the General Council in attendance: O. E. Krueger, H. von Berge, William Kuhn, Arthur Schwerin, Albert Bretschneider, Mrs. A. A. Schade, Pieter Smit, Fred A. Grosser, E. P. Wahl and Martin L. Leuschner.

Signed by members of the Seminary Board in attendance: Assaf Husmann, Alfred Bernadt, George Henschel, Peter Geissler, A. F. Runtz, George A. Lang, E. J. Baumgartner, Albert Bretschneider, A. A. Schade, Paul A. Trudel, W. Schmidt, Walter Marklein, F. Grosser, Frank Arnold, and Robert von Nolting.

For the General Council—

C. J. Netting, Detroit, chairman; Fred Wm. Mueller, Portland; J. J. Rentz, Plevna, Mont.; H. Streuber, Winnipeg; Alfred Weisser, No. Dak.; John Wobig, St. Paul; Chas. F. Zummach, Trenton, Ill.

For the General Missionary Society—

Assaf Husmann, Rochester, chairman; W. J. Appel, Brooklyn; Phil. Daum, Winnipeg; E. J. Baumgartner, Milwaukee; H. Hirsch, Cleveland; J. Leyboldt, Portland; J. H. Kornelsen, Kansas.

For the Seminary—

J. F. Olthoff, Oregon, chairman; A. Felberg, Calif.; G. E. Friedenberg, Conn.; H. Hiller, Buffalo; Willy J. Luebeck, No. Dak.; Rudolf Schade, New York; E. P. Wahl, Edmonton.

For the Publication Society—

A. E. Kannwischer, Brooklyn, chairman; H. Dymmel, Calif.; W. W. Grosser, Oak Park; J. B. Klausman, Newark; C. F. Lehr, Iowa; C. B. Nordland, Forest Park; John Schmidt, Chicago.

For the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union—

H. Schmunk, Tacoma, chairman; E. R. Engelbrecht, Texas; Harold Gieseke, Trenton; Esther Kaiser, No.

Greetings and Literature for Our Service Men

A Report About the Denomination's Ministry to Our Service Men and Women by MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

"ALL over our land our young men are marching off to camps, forts, airfields, training schools, battleships, battle fronts—into every phase and branch of active military service. They are our sons and brothers and fellow church members, these boys whose lives have been so swiftly and sharply altered by today's tragic events. Placed in the strange environs of war time, they are often disturbed and lonely.

a friendly letter, some Christian literature and several good tracts might be sent to these men to supplement the fine work of the local churches. The first list of addresses contained about 500 names. This ministry has grown by leaps and bounds, in the meantime, until approximately 2500 to 3000 names of Service Men and Women have appeared on our mailing lists.

At quarterly intervals throughout the year some packet of Christian

Another packet contained the fascinating account of "Miracles in a Doctor's Life" by Dr. Walter L. Wilson and published by the Bible Institute Colportage Association. This book of 125 pages was supplemented by a friendly letter of greetings and a lovely brochure with Warner Sallman's "Head of Christ" on the front cover and the message, "What God Has Promised".

On another occasion the Service Men and Women received the booklet, "Whither Bound", with 63 pages chuck full of brief stories, poems, anecdotes and thought nuggets about the Christian life. The attractive brochures, "Precious Promises of God", and "Victorious Christian Living" with well selected Bible verses, favorite hymns and brief pungent messages have been exceedingly popular with the Service Men. One of the best things sent to the men in the camps and across the seas was the missionary booklet, "Where Humble Hearts Receive Him", edited by Jessie R. Wilson and published by the American Baptist Publication Society. This contains scores of narrative incidents from Baptist mission fields all over the world where natives have come to know the wonderful grace of Jesus in their own lives. The stories of far off places where the men themselves might have to fight seemed to appeal to them.

For the Easter season in 1943 more than a thousand Service Men and Women received the beautiful Easter issue of "the War Cry" published by the Salvation Army. The pictures by Warner Sallman and the inspiring articles and stories in this issue seemed to captivate the attention and interest of those who received it. A special Service Men's issue of "HIS", a dynamic Christian magazine for young people, was also sent out to about a thousand of our men. The April, 1944, issue of "The Christian Digest" edited by Dr. Herbert Lockyer, that is patterned somewhat after "The Reader's Digest", will be sent to our Service Men and Women for Easter of this year.

These Service Men's packets have also contained our attractive denominational Jubilee Calendar for 1943, the several leaflets on "Revitalization" and "the Centenary Mission Project" leaflet. At the beginning of January the Denominational Directory for this year 1944 was mailed to 1300 Service Men and Women who are still located in training camps in the United States and Canada. A card of greeting was also sent with the booklet, instructing

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—Samuel D. Myslis Photo

Interesting and Inspiring Christian Literature in Tract and Booklet Form Is Being Made Available to Thousands of Service Men by our Churches and Denomination

Day by day they are confronted with conditions that test their strength of body, mind and spirit. Removed as they are from the safeguards of normal life, they need something, some special strength and friendly touch, to keep them strong, virile and noble."

These stirring words from the opening paragraph of a recent article in "The Baptist Leader" on "The Church's Ministry to Men in the Armed Forces" describe the situation which has offered the local church and denomination a unique opportunity to minister to a great host of men and women in an hour of real need when friendly help counts for most.

Our denomination through its General Council and missionary headquarters has been "on its toes" in this ministry to Service Men from the outset. Soon after Pearl Harbor in December, 1941, the names and addresses of all Service Men from our churches were requested of the pastors, so that

literature is mailed to these Service young people whose addresses have been received. This ministry is authorized by the General Council and taken care of by the Centenary Offering Fund. The multitudinous phases of secretarial work and shipping in sending out this literature are carried out by the office force of our missionary headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., under the supervision of Dr. William Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary, and Mr. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary.

In the forepart of 1942 a 96 page book entitled "God's Picked Young Men" by Henry K. Pasma was sent to these Service Men. In language that packs a punch and with vivid imagery this book describes Bible heroes in the light of God's call for strong, virile young men today. The response of the Service Men was amazing, and encouraged us to go ahead with this ministry.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Recent Activities and Achievements of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich.

We, the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., would like to report some of our activities during the past year. With the Lord's help we were able to go way beyond the goal which was set for missions.

On every third Sunday of the month the loose offering received in the morning and evening services is designated for the Building Fund. This money is temporarily turned into Defense Savings Bonds.

The parsonage was remodeled last summer, which makes a great improvement. After the remodeling was finished, the Rev. W. W. Knauf invited all members and friends to the parsonage for a housewarming. A purse was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Knauf and family, and the pastor's salary was also increased by \$200.

The sixth anniversary of organization of the Men's Brotherhood was observed at their monthly meeting in November. The members of the Ladies' Missionary Society were guests of the Brotherhood for the occasion. The men gave a very interesting program, including a number of vocal selections, and group singing. The menu for the refreshments was prepared by the men and served by young women of the congregation. Seventy-five were present for the occasion.

The Young People's Fellowship Club goes to the Alpena General Hospital every Sunday after the morning service to sing and pass out gospel tracts to the patients. They also go to the County Infirmary every other Sunday afternoon to have a service with the people there.

ALMA PAAD, Reporter.

Inspiring Missionary Conference at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois

Beginning with Sunday, Jan. 23, and ending Wednesday, Jan. 26, a missionary conference in the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., was a spiritual treat and stimulus to all who attended its various sessions. During the Sunday School period the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner showed moving pictures of the work in the Cameroons, stressing the importance of the work in that far off land. Dr. Kuhn spoke in the morning worship service on "Post-war Missionary Opportunities", looking ahead to the time when our European work in the Balkans will be taken up once more in addition to furthering our work in the Cameroons.

On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Saunders, missionaries to India, were present in both the young people's meeting and evening service to bring the challenge of India's millions who have never had the message

A Service Men's Christian Center at Dallas, Texas

A Service Men's Christian Center has recently been opened at 108-110 South Field Street, Dallas, Texas. This is a Christian Home for all men and women in the service. When visiting Dallas, be sure and spend your spare time there.

Inasmuch as Dallas is becoming a great military center, the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas wishes to make known that all Service Men are most cordially invited to worship with us every Sunday when in Dallas. We want you to make this your church home while in the city.

The church is located at 118 Carroll Avenue in Dallas. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Wilfred Helwig whose address is 1116 No. Carroll Ave., Dallas, Texas.

of redeeming grace. They showed pictures and brought curios of Indian life and customs.

On Monday evening the Rev. and Mrs. David L. Forsythe presented the work of the Rural Bible Crusade, a work which reaches the children in rural areas with the Bible.

On Tuesday evening the Rev. B. M. Nottage of Detroit, Mich., a Negro preacher of great forcefulness, presented a new and unusual approach to the race question and home mission work as it is related to foreign mission work.

The conference came to a close on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. Leonard Gittings of Battle Creek, Mich., recounted his experiences as a missionary in the Belgian Congo. Truly, a missionary's life is one of sacrifice for and devotion to his Lord.

Just how far-reaching the conference has been, we cannot tell. We do know that God's blessing was on it and that his Word shall not return unto him void. Many dedicated their lives to Christ and one accepted him as Savior. We, as a church, look forward with anticipation to future missionary conferences.

HARRIET L. GRIEGER, Reporter.

Seventh Anniversary of the Rev. C. F. Zummach's Ministry at Trenton, Ill., is Celebrated

On Sunday morning, Feb. 6th, the Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., took notice of the beginning of its eighth year of the second ministry of its pastor, the Rev. Chas. F. Zummach, with two beautiful bouquets of this church. Two beautiful bouquets of flowers for the pastor's wife graced the pulpit. Mr. Elmer Ranz, one of the deacons, presented the pastor with a timely and worthwhile gift as a token of appreciation from the church, and expressed the hope that the harmonious relationship between pastor and church

might continue for many years to come.

The past year has brought us many blessings. Financially it has been the best in years. For benevolences alone we contributed over \$1100 and closed the year with more than \$500 in the current fund. Extensive improvements on the parsonage were completed during the year. At the annual meeting the church decided to pay the annual dues of the pastor for the Ministers' Pension Fund and include this in the regular church budget.

We had three baptisms during the year. While the ranks of the older members are gradually thinning, we rejoice that the younger generation is nobly filling in the ranks, taking up the torch laid down from failing hands, and taking up the tasks which advanced years compelled others to relinquish.

The pastor gives part of his time to the work of Hudelson Baptist Home at Centralia, of which he is the acting superintendent. We pray that the loyalty and devotion to the Kingdom of God, which has always characterized this group, may continue in the years to come.

CHAS. F. ZUMMACH, Pastor.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Baptismal Service and Guest Speakers at the Grace Church of Racine, Wisconsin

On New Year's Eve the Rev. Ray Schlader, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., baptized two women and one young lady on profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This service was a real inspiration to all who attended.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, the Sunday School was host to the parents and friends of the scholars. Mr. Al Conn of Chicago, who conducts the "Old Sunday School" program on the radio, was guest speaker. He was assisted in the service by his children's choir, which sang several numbers and gave their own personal testimonies.

Another year has begun for the B. Y. P. U. Our Sunday evening services have been very interesting. On Sunday, Jan. 30, we had Mr. Rulapaugh, a missionary who served in the Kentucky mountains, as guest speaker. Following the regular church service our young people were host to about 150 young people from three Racine churches and one Kenosha church at a "singspiration". John Kooistra of the Baptist Tabernacle in Kenosha led the service. Special musical numbers were given by each church represented. The time of testimonies and the singing of choruses were enjoyed by all those in attendance. There was a fine spirit during the whole service and every one left with a song in their hearts.

ADELIN JANDER, Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. A. Monroe of Sheffield, Iowa, Sail as Missionaries for Africa

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Monroe, members of the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, have gone to the Belgian Congo of Africa as missionaries of the Congo Gospel Mission. The story of their association with the Sheffield Church and of God's call to mission field is exceedingly interesting. For in 1936 Mr. Monroe was converted in the church under the ministry of the Rev. Carl Sentman.

A new chapter began in his life when he entered the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in January, 1939, enrolling in the missionary course. Working his way through was not an easy matter, but taking a little longer time, he was graduated in August, 1942. As a student his practical work was often done among the Negro people. Souls were won to Christ in this work, and as other contacts with mission organizations presented themselves, he again felt God's call to a definite field, namely Africa. On Oct. 6, 1942, he was ordained to the gospel ministry at Sheffield, Iowa.

His life work decided, time could now be given to other important decisions, one of which concerned a lovely Missourian by the name of Pearl Ernsbarger. She said "Yes" and on Christmas Eve of 1942 they were joined in marriage by the Rev. John W. Walkup, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe are of the same quiet and bright nature, and the Lord gave them many friends who liberally contributed toward their equipment, passage and support funds. Our churches at Elgin, Buffalo Center, George, Victor, Steamboat Rock, Parkersburg and Aplington, Iowa, were visited and liberal offerings received, while the Sheffield Church has assumed their support. Prayer helpers enlisted on their behalf and in April they were rushed away to New York in the fond hope of being able to sail.

Complications developed. The Steamship Line under which they had planned to sail would not take any women passengers. Another way to go to Africa had to be devised. Finally, a new line was contacted, passport applications were changed accordingly and a long wait was endured while our State Department investigated the mission and its new workers, but finally in September passports were granted. Visas from Portugal were next to be secured. Another long delay followed until November when the visas arrived. Rumors of refusal, reasons for delay were weighed, faith was tried, patience had her perfect work, but finally the date for sailing came on December 2, 1943.

The Belgian Congo is their field of labor under the Congo Gospel Mission. Although one of the smaller African missions, it has had a marvelous beginning and is enjoying the blessing of God. We praise God who has answered prayer in the sending forth of the Monroes, and we covet for them a fruitful ministry. Word has been received that they arrived safely at Lisbon, Portugal, on Dec. 22nd.

JOHN W. WALKUP, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The Rock Hill Baptist Church in Boston, Mass., Observes the Holiday Season

The musical cantata, "Night of Holy Memories" was presented by the choir of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., on Sunday evening, Dec. 26. It was the first to be given in many years and was in place of the program usually presented by the Sunday School.

Mr. F. Eifert, a student of voice at the Boston Conservatory of Music, directed the choir in the presentation of the cantata. Coming to us as a stranger, he has given freely of his time and talent in the worship services of the church.

A Watch Night Service was held on the last night of the old year. A great blessing was received by all who were present. During the first week of January the church cooperated in special services with the Centre Street Baptist Church.

We are thankful for the many blessings we have received and look hopefully to the year that is ahead to be of service to all who enter through its doors. Our pastor is the Rev. Robert Hess.

FRED SCHLICHTING, Clerk.

The Evangel Church of Newark, N. J., Carries On a Great Missionary Program

"It is my prayer and hope that the Lord may permit me to lead a church in giving annually more to missions than to its own local expenses", were the words of Dr. M. A. Darroch, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., to the board of that church when he became its pastor in 1942. But it was beyond his fondest hopes that this would be his privilege during the first full year of his ministry there.

At the annual church meeting on Jan. 26th there was real rejoicing among the membership when the reports for the year were read. The church now has 21 missionaries which it supports in full or in part. The Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger of the Camerouns are among these missionaries. The church gave a total of \$15,776.46 for missions, or 42% increase over 1942 and 62% over 1941, and \$1,500 higher than the local church expenses for the year. All of this was additional to the giving for the radio ministry, known as "The Evangel Hour", which was started last April. The total income of the church showed an increase of 47% over any previous year.

Other reports showed 184 persons confessed Christ as their personal Savior during the year and an average increased attendance throughout the year, at the Sunday morning services of 33, of 40 at the evening services and of 65 at the prayer meetings. The weekly prayer meetings of the church averaged 176.

Four young people from Evangel Church are now studying for "full time" Christian service either in foreign countries or in this country.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Planning Great Things for 1944 by the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas elected the general officers of the Baptist Training Union and Sunday School. The B. T. U. officers are: director, Miss Elenore Bremer; secretary, James Braun; corresponding secretary, Miss Viola Hansen; pianist, Miss Lorraine Gummelt; chorister, Gerald Wedemeyer; librarian, Miss Roena Henkel; Reporter, Mrs. Theodore Nehring, Extension Committee, Miss Edna Frederick and Mr. Herbert Ekert; president of Brotherhood, Mr. Ernest Gummelt; president of Ladies' Union, Mrs. Edwin Gummelt; sponsor of young people, Mr. Arthur Schraeder; leader of Juniors, Mrs. Walter Gummelt.

The general officers of Sunday School are: superintendent, Mr. Edwin Gummelt; secretary and treasurer, Giles Kincannon; pianist, Miss Elenore Bremer; chorister, Louis Wedemeyer, Jr.; reporter, Mrs. Theodore Nehring.

The B. T. U. officers had their general meeting on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2nd, and planned our program for the year. Every fifth Sunday one of the Unions gives us a special program. We then take an offering which is used to buy new books for our library. We intend to take a study course in the near future.

We remembered our Service Men with boxes of candies and cookies at Christmas. Our Extension Committee never fails to remind us of our Service Men's birthdays. They also write each boy a monthly letter and often a sermonette by our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, is sent to them. The B. T. U.'s have collected \$500 on their projects, which helped buy some of the necessary furniture for our church.

The Adult Sunday School doubled its offering which amounted to \$175 which was given to the Building Fund. Our Primary Department collected \$55 on its project, which helped to buy some of the equipment for the Cradle Roll and Nursery Departments. It gave the children great joy to help rebuild and furnish God's house. We as Sunday School are taking a study course on "New Testament Studies" which is splendidly taught by our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp.

MRS. THEODORE NEHRING, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Young People's Institute Is Held by the Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota

The Rev. Gene Harmon, a Sunday School missionary of Madison, So. Dak., conducted a Young People's Institute from the evening of Jan. 23 through Jan. 28 in the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., of which the Rev. John P. Epp is the pastor.

Mr. Harmon gave seven messages on "The Seven Double Calls of the Great Characters of the Bible". It seemed as though the interest was at a high peak all the time. The Lord blessed these meetings in a wonderful way. There were as high as 86 young people out for one service. It was a joy to see a number of young people step out for full time consecration on the closing night of these meetings.

The Rev. John P. Epp, pastor, is holding a weekly service in a school house nine miles northeast of Chancellor. A number of people, who do not make it their practice to attend church services anywhere, are coming out to these services. We trust and pray that a number of souls will be saved in these weekly meetings.

JOHN P. EPP, Pastor.

New Addition Now Being Used by Our Bismarck Home For the Aged

The Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, No. Dak., the fourth of our Homes strung across the continent from Philadelphia to Portland, is outstanding as our fastest growing Home for the Aged. Its growth in its capacity for guests and as an institution of Christian love has been well nigh phenomenal.

Recently the Bismarck Home completed a large and attractive addition to the building which has enhanced its outside appearance and its effectiveness in ministering to the guests. This addition provided a new, large kitchen, which now includes sufficient cupboard space, a heavy duty range, a dumb waiter and other modern conveniences. The dining room was enlarged to a capacity for 32 persons, and seven new rooms, a bathroom and a storage room were added thereby to this Home.

The addition itself was constructed at a cost of approximately \$4700. A new furnace, costing about \$500, has also been installed. The Home now has about 50 guests, some of whom are "permanent guests" while the others are boarders and aged people who are receiving pension aid from the state.

A wonderful family spirit prevails in the Home guided by the gracious and friendly management of the superintendent and matron, the Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser. The girls who form the personnel of the Home, shown on this page, are Miss Elsie Will and Miss Levina Will of Lehr, No. Dak., Miss Rose Just of Wishek, No. Dak.; and Miss Edna Heinle of Anamose, North Dakota.

It was especially interesting for the editor of "The Baptist Herald" after having viewed the splendid Home for the Aged in Bismarck and talked with the superintendent about its fine spirit, to spend a Sunday recently at our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., when the ice cream treat for the children on that Sunday was the thoughtful gift from the guests of the Bismarck Home for the Aged. The greatest thing in all the world is that kind of love, symbolized by such an institution as a Home for the Aged, and demonstrated in particular at our Bismarck Home to the glory of God.

M. L. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.



The Personnel of the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged (Left to Right: Elsie Will, Practical Nurse; Levina Will, First Floor Girl; Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser, Superintendent and Matron; Rose Just, Laundry Girl; Edna Heinle, Cook.)

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Baptist Young People's Society of Valley View, Alberta, Elects New Officers

On Friday, Jan. 14, the members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Valley View, Alberta, gathered for the purposes of reorganization. We elected the following officers for this year: president, Mr. Charles Fleck; vice-president, Mr. Casper Lehman; secretary, Elsie Reichert; ass't. secretary, Christina Hufnagel; treasurer, Norma Hess; organist, Mrs. Ruth Lehman; librarian, Henry Hufnagel; ushers, John and Henry Hufnagel.

Even though we have only a little group of 16 members in our society and are far away from our other churches, the Lord does not forget us, for which we praise and thank him. We decided to hold our meetings on the first and third Friday of each month. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless us and make us a blessing.

CHRISTINA HUFNAGEL, Reporter.

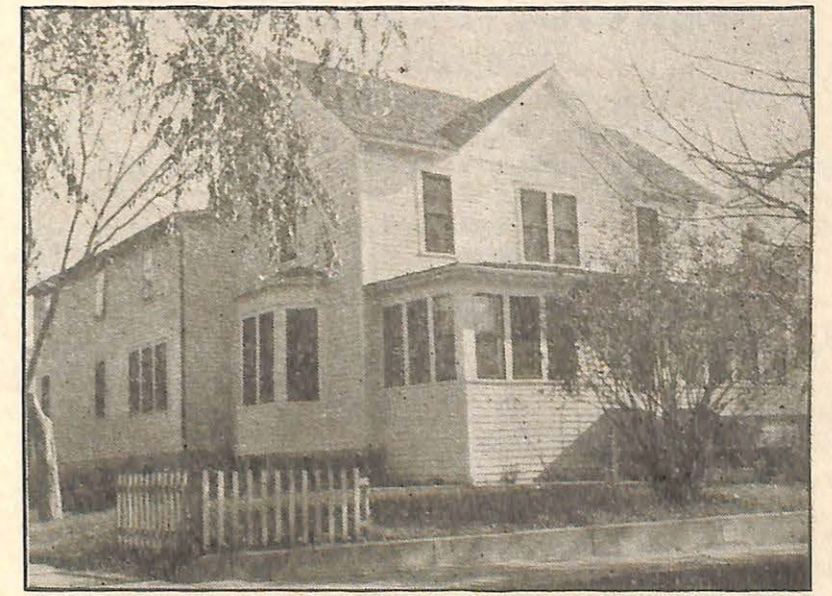
Reorganization of the B. Y. P. U. of the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

A number of years have elapsed since the young people of the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, have had a young people's society. However our pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, encouraged us again to resume our activities.

We met in the church on Jan. 19th to reorganize our society under the capable leadership of our pastor, Mr. Schreiber. The newly elected officers are as follows: president, William Strohschein; vice-president, Raymond Strohschein; secretary, Minnie Strohschein; treasurer, Ruben Hammer; pianist, Martha Strohschein; ass't. pianist, Janet Sommers; reporter, Doris Hammer; and ushers, Bennie Strohschein and Allan Strohschein.

The executive committee divided part of the group into several committees, consisting of devotional, mission and social activities. We too shall be having Bible studies, which will be under the direction of our pastor. As a group we pray for God's blessing.

DORIS HAMMER, Reporter.



The Enlarged Home for the Aged at Bismarck, No. Dak., With the Addition, Providing a Large Kitchen, Seven New Rooms and Other Space, at the Left

Holiday Observance at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

It was the privilege of the writer recently to live as a member for seven weeks in the fine Christian home circle of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, and to partake of the blessings of the Christmas season.

The 22nd day of December was a very busy one at the Institute. The Christmas tree had to be decorated, the assembly room had to be specially arranged, the blackboard artistically touched up. Doughnuts had to be made, and the refreshment committee had to arrange for the coffee and the serving in the evening. One of the students had to be secretly spirited away to become St. Nicholas at the proper moment and a hundred and one other little things, that need a great deal of attention to make a program successful, had to be completed.

However, at eight o'clock the students, together with friends from Shilo and Central Baptist Churches, were comfortably seated in the brilliantly lighted Assembly Hall and were giving all their attention to their Philologus president, who was giving an introductory speech and who then extended a hearty welcome to all visitors.

Everybody had been thought of and was made to feel home. Indeed, so generously was the spirit of Christmas manifested that during the visit of Santa Claus, this worthy personality of giving and self-sacrifice was himself so pleasantly surprised by a young lady as to lose his poise for the moment.

After the distribution of the gifts a long table, heaped high with doughnuts and fruit, was brought in, and a very delightful hour was spent around it. But as "the edibles" dwindled down and time sped on it became evident that even the 22nd of December must come to a close. So with hands clasped and lights dimmed all present sang, with hushed voices, the sacred cradle song of our Savior, "Silent Night, Holy Night".

IDA HOFFMAN, Reporter.

SECTIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAPERS

- 1) *Our Assembly Journal* of the Central Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Editor, Mrs. Edward Kary.
- 2) *Union Record* of the Northern North Dakota Young People's Union. Editors, Misses Lydia Kaiser and Betty Rott.
- 3) *The Voice of Our Union* of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Editor, Mr. Charles Voigt.
- 4) *The C. T. I. and Tri-Union News* of the Tri-Unions of the Northern Conference. Editor, Rev. Robert Schreiber.
- 5) *The Messenger* of the Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Editors, Jeannette Lang and Eleanor Taubensee.
- 6) *The Assembly Broadcaster* of the Wisconsin Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Editor, Miss Betty Giesecke.
- 7) *Oregon League Handclasp* of the Oregon Baptist Youth League. Editors, Miss Mildred Schneider and Miss Eleanor Schaefer.
- 8) *The Reporter* of the Pacific Northwest Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Editors, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krueger.
- 9) *The Challenger* of the Southwestern Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Editor, Rev. Roy Seibel.
- 10) *Convention Chronicle* of the Kansas Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Editor, Mrs. Wm. Wirth.
- 11) *Young People's News* of the Southern Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. Editor, Adolph Hill.

OBITUARY

MR. BEN BUDDE of Stafford, Kansas

Mr. Ben Budde of Stafford, Kansas, was born in Gasconade County, Mo., on March 24, 1899, and passed away at his home on Sunday morning, Jan. 16, 1944. Twenty-two years ago he moved to Stafford County, Kansas, and has lived here ever since. On the 21st of August, 1923, he was united in marriage with Dora Wendelburg. In the spring of 1924 he accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized by the Rev. W. H. Buening and united in the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford. For six years he served his church on the board of trustees.

He is survived by Mrs. Budde, one sister, Miss Freda Budde of St. Louis, Mo.; six brothers: Charles of St. Louis, Mo.; Louis and William of Meade, Kans.; Eckard and Henry of Detroit, Mich.; and Ed of Modoc, Kansas. With his cheerful, optimistic spirit Brother Budde had won a great number of friends. He was held in high esteem by all those who knew him. He was a generous supporter of his church and was always interested in the progress and growth of the good Cause. For his convictions and ideals he was respected by those who made his acquaintance. His life was well spent.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. F. E. Klein, who was assisted by Rev. Chas. B. Thole. Interment was made in the Stafford cemetery.

Stafford, Kansas.

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

MRS. ANDREW J. SCHAFER of Underwood, North Dakota

Christina Schafer, daughter of Matheis and Christina Strecker, was born in Grossliebentahl, South Prussia, on Dec. 2, 1893, and died in her Bismarck apartment at Bismarck, No. Dak., on Jan. 19, 1944.

She came with her parents to this country 44 years ago and spent the major part of her childhood in Nebraska and South Dakota. In 1913 she came to Washburn with her parents, where she was married to Andrew J. Schafer in 1915. They made their home in the Underwood community until a few weeks prior to her death. At this time it became essential to move to Bismarck where she could receive the proper medical care.

She was converted and baptized while living in Washburn during the ministry of the Rev. E. Broeckel. So complete was her trust in her Savior, that she could only speak of God's love in the midst of her pain. Two days prior to her final sleep, she expressed the desire to hear her favorite hymn once more: "The Love of God, So Rich and Pure". This request was granted and even more, for it turned out to be a most beautiful farewell service. Her daughter and a friend of the family sang several of her favorite hymns and the pastor read God's Word and led in a prayer of thanksgiving for such pure joy amidst such great sorrow. She was one, who not only enjoyed life, but also made of death a joyful occasion.

She leaves her sorrowful husband; 3 daughters: Mrs. Raymond Scholl of Washburn, Mrs. Wilfred Baska of Bismarck and Doreen of Bismarck; 2 brothers, 4 sisters, 2 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

More than 800 friends and relatives crowded the Underwood High School Auditorium to pay her final tribute. Music was furnished by a mixed quartet, and a soloist sang her favorite hymn. The Rev. Karl Gieser spoke words of comfort in the German language and her pastor brought a message of comfort based on the words of a text of her own choice: "Tomorrow is the new moon, and you shall be missed, because your seat will be empty" (I. Sam. 10:13). We shall all miss her very deeply, but our lives are the richer for having known her in death as well as in life.

Washburn, No. Dak.

JOHN GIESBRECHT, Pastor.

THE CALL OF THE CAMEROONS

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men and women, should want to improve their ways of farming. Two chickens is a lot of expect from a setting of 12 eggs. Out of a litter of six pigs, perhaps only one will grow up. Food shortages and seasonal hunger take place, although the native works from morn till night almost the whole year through on his farms. In a land of green grass all the year around, animals for food are so scarce that most of the time there is a real meat-hunger with the natives. This seems almost unbelievable in a land of sunshine, abundant rains, two crop seasons a year, and plenty of tillable soil.

WANTED for the Cameroons—a missionary agriculturalist to teach the natives how to get the most from their efforts so that they might live healthier, happier and less poverty-stricken lives.

God's Open Doors

In the Cameroons the doors for advancement are open. We as Christians, to whom God has given this work, dare not sit back and think it is not our responsibility. Advancement will come, but if it isn't through Christian channels, it is not lasting, nor even worthwhile. The government officials look to us missionaries, especially to the Americans, to advance. Natives who have seen a better light, Christians who want a fuller life, are begging for a chance which we have no right to refuse them or to say that they are not worthy of it. When this light of belief and understanding comes into their eyes, it calls to the missionary to give of his best to help them in every way possible to express his new belief and understanding in terms of richer and more abundant and useful living as Christians in a dark land.

The future of the Baptist work in the Cameroons looks as if God were especially favoring us and giving us privileges and responsibilities such as have never existed before in the Cameroons. Although the German Baptists first started the mission work in the Cameroons, (it was then a German colony), the first missionaries to be sent out to the Cameroons were from our Baptist Churches in America. Now God has given the entire work to our denomination, and through the way he has so richly blessed it as a whole work these past two years, we can go forward in the greatest of faith, advancing for his glory.

Many Cameroons natives have as yet not heard the Gospel. Only one out of every five children attends a school. Many villages are without a church or native church teacher to give them spiritual food. The needs, as already presented in preceding paragraphs, should show us there is much to be done, and we ought to lose no time in getting at the work.

Many will ask this question: "From where are all those missionaries going to come?" Yes, there is a war on, and we have to face many facts which it has brought about. There will be barriers and handicaps, but let us not hinder God through our lack of faith. Let us go forward, remembering that "with God, all things are possible". Surely, he who opened so many doors in the Cameroons is also going to help bring out the workers to enter those doors.

God's Call, "Come, Follow"

Young people, some of you have already heard God's call to go out as a missionary in his harvest fields. Obstacles and doubts will arise, but if God called you, he will also remove all these hindrances. Some of you are now preparing for foreign mission work. Others, still younger, will hear the call and spend years in careful and prayerful preparation for a life of greater service to the Master. Wherever you are, don't close your life to God's call. I have met people, now too old to go out, who regret it deeply that they didn't answer when God called them in their youth.

Perhaps there are some experienced ministers who would be willing to go out for a few years, to relieve the Hungers, and to help until a greater number of missionaries may go out. The Gebauers are waiting anxiously until they will be able to return, and I am already looking forward to the time when I can go back. Teachers, ministers, a doctor, nurses, an agriculturalist, somewhere you are reading this. Let God speak to you through the cry of the Cameroons Christian: "You have enabled us to find the light, but we need help to understand and follow it as we should. You have given us schools, and we want the best of training for our children. You have given us many things which we have never known. Most of all you have brought us the Gospel and through that the knowledge that though our skins are black, we can yet be God's children. Take our hand and lead us on a bit farther, for we are as children, and the fears and superstitions of our ancestors are still trying to get us off the true path." If we remember the sacrifice of Christ for each of us, dare any of us think that missionary work entails too many sacrifices? In the light of what he did for us, even the greatest sacrifices should only be regarded as privileges.

"In the ranks of Christian workers, there are places yet to fill." And if God calls you to fill one of these needy places in the Cameroons, you may be sure that his way is the best for you.

"I heard God's call: 'Come, follow,' that was all.

"My gold grew dim, my heart went after Him.

Who would not follow if they heard God's call?"

LITERATURE FOR SERVICE MEN

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them how they could use this in locating nearby churches of ours and visiting them.

"Christmas Time," a lovely Christmas annual of pictures and stories, was mailed for the recent holiday season to 1500 men in camps and by first class mail across the seas. Tracts, small brochures, and Service Men's booklets prepared by the Good News Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill., have frequently been included in the packets. The best of these have been the 31 page leaflet on "The Christian's Guide".

The letters from the men in response have been the best proof of appreciation for this ministry which will show its most definite results as the young men return home. Sergeant John C. Bettle of the Medical Detachment of Selmon Field at Monroe, Louisiana, wrote a letter that is typical of many others. "Booklets like you have been sending really have brought a lot of spiritual blessings. I have enjoyed every minute I spent reading them and I know the boys to whom I passed them on have enjoyed reading them too."

From Corporal Walter Fischer in Africa the following V mail letter arrived: "I can't begin to thank you for the kind of friendly letter you sent me, also the fine booklet in which I was very much interested. There are times here in Africa when it is impossible to attend a church. It is during such times that this literature does the most good. After reading the booklets thoroughly many things have clarified for me which before have been a bit vague. It does one good to think that there are people at home who are interested in one's well being, physical as well as spiritual. I am sure the prayers of those good people are being answered in many cases."

From Pfc. Robert Bennett who is somewhere overseas the following communication was received: "These are the first pamphlet and letter which I have received from you since I have gone overseas. I have been overseas for quite some time now and it is pretty lonesome here. It sure is good to get things like that!"

How heart warming are these words of this soldier's testimony. "It sure is good to get things like that!" These packets of good Christian things will continue to go out to the Service Men and Women in the name of our churches and denomination as long as there are young people in need of them. Pray for this work, friends and loved ones at home! Send your Service Men's lists promptly when asked for them, pastors! Give us your letters and testimonies, Service Men and Women, when these packets of good things have been a blessing to you!

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Twenty Years Ago

(March 1 to 15, 1924)

❖ Mr. William Grafmeyer of the Willow Avenue Church of Hoboken, N. J., has a record of 50 years of attendance at Sunday School, having started at the age of three. He has also been organist of the church for 30 years. Mr. H. Brummer of the same church has recently completed 35 years of Sunday School attendance. These are fine records for faithfulness and usefulness.

❖ On March 11 the young people of the Second Church (now Pilgrim Church) of Philadelphia, Pa., held an exciting debate on the subject: "Resolved, that the world is getting better." The speakers on the affirmative side were Eva Yung and Alfred Yahn, and on the negative side Mildred Berger and Charles Widmaier. After the spirited discussions, the judges voted that the debate had been won by the affirmative side.

❖ The 60th anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., was celebrated on Wednesday evening, March 12, with the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, pastor, in charge. At that time (1924) Mrs. Maria Jansen of Chicago, Ill., was the only living charter member. The report stated that the church building had been enlarged and remodeled in 1923 at a cost of over \$20,000 for the splendid present edifice.

❖ The Rev. F. W. Keese of the Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware, is enthusiastic about his "Loyal Seniors" class and calls them, "My boys and girls". It is a question and answer class with fine attendance, interest and smiling faces. "The Loyal Juniors", full of pep, studious and polite, are also the pastor's pride. They meet every Saturday at 3 P. M. Bible verses are learned galore. Cocoa and cookies are enjoyed every six weeks.

❖ The March, 1924, cover of "The Baptist Herald" featured the picture of Mr. Roland Riepe of Seattle, Wash., who was the council member for the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, representing the Pacific Conference. At the age of 9 years he was baptized by the Rev. J. H. Merkel of Burlington, Iowa. After hearing a sermon by the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke at Tacoma, Wash., in 1907 he began to tithe. He helped to organize the Pacific Conference Synzagus Bund in 1912 and was its executive secretary for several years. In 1924 he was chief clerk in the General Superintendent's Office of the Northern Pacific Railway in Seattle. His fine contributions appeared frequently in the pages of "The Baptist Herald".

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Do You Know That...?

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Mr. Julius Muth, member of our First Baptist Church at Minitonas, Manitoba, has three grandchildren born exactly three years apart. They are: Keneth, born July 30, 1957; Elaine, born July 30, 1940; and Douglas, born July 30, 1943. Try to beat that denominational oddity!!

On Sunday morning it used to be a debate between "ought" and "auto". Strange what conditions the war won't change.

Man in biblical times wipes dishes, too. If you doubt it, why not read 2 Kings 21:13 "... I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish."

Noah sent out a dove to find a dry spot, but we fear the bird would have a harder time in our own land right now.

Our Burlington Church now has 142 young men and 2 young women in the military service of our country. The pastor has received mail from everyone of these at some time or other.

Don't think that the Bible is dry just because it is dusty on the outside.

There are 773,746 words in the English Bible.

Plan now to spend more on your Easter heart than on your Easter head!

There are 87 different personal names in the Bible that begin with the letter Z, and these represent 188 different individuals. There are 27 Zechariahs, 12 Zichris, 9 Zebadiahs, 9 Zadoks, 7 Zabads, 7 Zaccurs, etc.

The only reason why so many are against the Bible is that they know the Bible is against them and their mode of living.

A \$1,000.00 war bond pays for less than one-half second of the total war cost, for last reports tell us the war is costing \$2,200.00 per second.

Alcohol kills everything that is living and preserves everything that is dead.

Who is the most ambitious man in the Bible? Jonah, because even a whale couldn't keep him down!

400,000 copies of that great Baptist devotional booklet, "Secret Place", are now being distributed regularly.

The Virgin Mary has been made an honorary general in the Argentine Army and is paid 10 dollars a day which is collected by the Catholic Church.

There is an ironic slogan going the rounds in Berlin, "Enjoy the war, the peace will be frightful".

Ezra stood in the only pulpit mentioned in the Bible. Nehemiah 8:4-6 gives us the story of this record.

There is a ten-year-old girl in Georgia who has been preaching for two years accompanied by her grandfather, a Baptist minister.

Laura Reddig to Speak at Missionary Rally in Wishek, N. D., on Sunday, March 12

A great missionary rally will be held in Wishek, No. Dakota, on Sunday, March 12, with the Wishek Baptist Church serving as host for the day. The meetings will be held in the spacious Wishek Auditorium in the morning, afternoon and evening of that day.

Miss Laura Reddig, one of our Cameroon missionaries, will speak at the three services. Our churches at Lehr, Fredonia, Napoleon, Ashley, Venturia, Linton, Streeter and Eureka have been invited.