



A Big Job for a Little Girl on a Grand Day in June

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● On Sunday, May 20, Professor George A. Lang, president of the Rochester Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., addressed the graduating class of Sioux Falls College of South Dakota on "Facing the Future." At the commencement service President Lang was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of divinity by the college. Dr. E. E. Smith, president of the school delivered the commencement address.

● On Sunday, April 29, the Rev. Thomas Stoeri brought his ministry in the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Michigan to a close. The church had given Brother Stoeri a month's leave of absence during April because of the illness of his wife. But her health did not improve greatly and he was led of God to resign. The resignation was accepted with much regret by the church, since Brother Stoeri had endeared himself to the congregation during his pastorate there.

● On April 2 a baby boy weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Assaph Tobert, at Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Mrs. Tobert is the former Miss Carrie Swyter, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter. The boy has been named Carl John. The Toberts hope to return to their mission field soon.

● Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baurle, members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on April 21 with relatives and friends wishing them God's richest blessings in the days to come. They were married by the Rev. L. B. Holzer 25 years ago. Both of them have been members of the Immanuel Church for many years. Their pastor is the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger.

● Prof. and Mrs. J. Heinrichs, formerly missionaries in India and later associated with Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois, are changing their residence early in June from Dayton, Ohio, where they have lived for some time in retirement, to 44 A South Street, Middlebury, Vermont. They will be living in the home which was built for them by their son, Prof. Waldo Heinrichs, who is a teacher at Middlebury College.

● On Tuesday evening, April 10, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Danzig Station of the Baptist Church of Tyndall, South Dakota had the joy of listening to a missionary address by Miss Margaret Lang about her experiences in French Nigeria. The officers of the society are Mrs. Jake Berndt, president; Mrs. Jake Pritzkau, vice-president; Mrs. T. H. Berndt, secretary; and Mrs. E. A. Hebner,



This Boy Is Soon Going on a Long Trip to the Cameroons, Africa!

Norris Donald Ganstrom at the age of seven weeks, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minnesota, who hope to sail for the Cameroons in September 1945. Norris Donald was born on Feb. 11, 1945.

Children's Day will be observed in most of our churches on Sunday, June 10, with appropriate exercises and programs.

treasurer. The Rev. Albert Ittermann is pastor of the church.

● The new church building of the Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada is under construction. On April 23 the cement foundations were laid with 30 men finishing the work in 11 hours. Of these, 22 men contributed their labor without any charge. The rest of the church building rose rapidly upon the foundation and is now nearing completion. The Rev. August Kraemer is pastor of the church until July 1st.

● The Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt of Regina, Sask., Canada have announced that a baby girl was born to them on May 3rd, to whom the name Trudy Doretta has been given. On Sunday evening, April 29, the Rev. R. Milbrandt resigned as pastor of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, and announced that he would close his work in Regina on July 1st. He is to become a Northern Conference mission worker, beginning in Medicine Hat, Alberta in July, 1945 where he will spend about a year in guiding the church in its new program of expansion.

● On Sunday, April 29, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor-elect of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas and the Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Linton, No. Dak., were the guest speakers in the services of the

Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. On Sunday, May 6, Mr. Wilcke preached at both services of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, which is his home church and of which his parents are members. On Sunday, May 13, a special Mother's Day program was presented in the Linton Baptist Church by the young people's group with Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer in charge.

● On Thursday evening, April 26, a young people's rally for the five North American Baptist Churches of Detroit, Mich., was held at the Linden Baptist Church with the local young people's group in charge of the program. The Rev. Wm. Hoover, pastor of the Conners Ave. Church, was the speaker. A Union service of these same Detroit churches was held on Good Friday evening with an encouraging response. From Oct. 25 to 28 a denominational missionary conference is to be held for these churches at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Plans are being made for a top-notch program with the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger, Cameroons missionaries, other outstanding speakers and the latest missionary pictures.

● The Zion Baptist Mission Station at Havelock, North Dakota recently contributed \$30 for the Bender Memorial Trek with a novel program. The trip to Africa was marked with red flags on a map, dividing the journey into four stretches from Minneapolis, Minn., to Philadelphia, Pa., then to Lisbon, Portugal, then to Angola, Africa and from there to Victoria, Cameroons. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor, reported that the people gave gladly and eagerly and the program created a great deal of new missionary enthusiasm in the church. The same program was repeated at the Grace Baptist Church Station at Hettinger, No. Dak., with the result that \$45 were contributed for the same purpose.

● The B. Y. P. U. of Parkston, South Dakota held a fellowship program at the White Temple Baptist Church in Mitchell, S. D., on Sunday, April 15. The topic for the evening was "True Greatness." Miss La Verna Mehlhaff discussed the topic, "The World Standard of True Greatness" and Miss Viola Mehlhaff "Christ's Standard of True Greatness." Besides several musical numbers a dialogue, "True Greatness", was given by four ladies, and a tableau, "What We Are Thankful For," concluded the program. This program was in exchange for one which the Mitchell B. Y. P. U. gave in Parkston on March 15. One of their speakers was Davis Braun, a student at Dakota Wesleyan University. While attending school she takes an active part in the B. Y. P. U. and also in the Sunday School as teacher of the Juniors at the White Temple Church.

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Coming!

ARE YOU A MAN?

The Rev. John E. Grygo, pastor of the Immanuel Church of New York City in the midst of Manhattan's teeming, bustling life, has given a thought-provoking answer to an intriguing question which was recently asked of him by a curious boy in a "Hudson Tunnel Express" train.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain Roy B. Anderson of the U. S. Navy, who for some time was attached to a Seabee Unit in the South Pacific and is now stationed at the U. S. Naval Convalescent Hospital near San Bernardino, Calif., lets go with a barrage of some straight thinking and outspoken writing on what the Christian churches must do and be in order to challenge the returning Service Men.

GOD'S BATTLE LINE OF TODAY

The Rev. H. G. Dymmel as home mission secretary has done some patrol work on God's spiritual battle line in visiting our churches, becoming acquainted with mission fields, and teaching at the Edmonston Institute. These impressions of his first experiences at "the Battle Line" will be given in this informative article.

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EDITORIAL

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The Dawn of Peace

VE DAY has ushered in the dawn of peace. The first, eagerly awaited rays of this day of peace have appeared over the horizon. The full light of that day has not come, nor can we say that heavy clouds will not darken the skies again.

But we thank God for the cessation of hostilities in Europe. Over the rubble and ruins of Germany's cities a strange stillness has settled down. The trill of the skylark can be heard again, and children's laughter fills the air. There, as well as across the seas in this continent, people lift up their eyes to heaven and thank God that they can worship him undisturbed and without fear. The machines of war have been stored away for another day.

But now the real testing time comes for those who are Christians. We shall have to demonstrate our Christian faith in a ministry that can heal the deep and ugly wounds which war has cut so ruthlessly upon these lives. Like doctors and nurses on the battlefield after the shooting is over, the real work is just beginning for us who wear the armbands of Christianity. This is the day when we have our biggest job to do!

We shall have to repair the lines of communication and fellowship with our Christian brethren in these countries of Europe. The war has damaged them greatly but certainly not beyond repair. Christ is the indissoluble bond among us. But there will be human mistrust and suspicion and possibly even hatred in the hearts of those whose homes and churches and lands have been destroyed.

We shall have to regain their confidence and their trust in our good will. Our outstretched hands of brotherhood will have to be clean of any blood. Our spirit of forgiveness, in order to be genuine, will have to show itself in our attitudes and decisions in the post-war world and peace deliberations.

We must take the initiative in feeding and clothing the destitute in helping to rebuild their churches and chapels. Every Macedonian call for help will require not only our response, but an added measure of unreserved devotion and overflowing friendliness for those in need.

The day of peace has dawned. It will be the most important day for our generation. For every Christian will want to dedicate himself to this supreme task in this day: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . to preach the gospel to the poor; . . . to heal the broken-hearted, . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."



Judith Jean (Right) and James Howard Willeke (Left), Twins of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Willeke of Aplington, Iowa and Grandchildren of Mr. Charles Willeke, Former Superintendent of the Aplington Baptist Sunday School

Safe in the Arms of Jesus

The Marvelous Story of Fanny Crosby and Her Gospel Songs
by Miss VIRGINIA PERKINS, Prepared Expressly for
"Baptist Herald" Readers

EVEN a strong policeman turned away from the train and wiped tears from his eyes. He was hearing over again the words, "God bless you, dear heart. You shall have my prayers. Tell your dear wife that your little girl is safe in the arms of Jesus." He was living over again the past week and the funeral of his little girl and the moment when they sung,

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast;
There by His love o'er-shaded
Sweetly my soul shall rest."

He had just finished telling Fanny Crosby about the funeral of his little girl, as he helped her onto the train and her words of assurance had brought tears to his eyes.

Nor was the policeman the only person who has been so profoundly impressed by Fanny Crosby's hymns or perhaps more properly named her gospel songs. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was Miss Crosby's favorite hymn and has proved the most popular of all her gospel songs.

There are some, who even in their most mature years, when overwhelmed with some grief or affliction, have never outgrown the instinctive yearning of their heart to seek sheltering arms which was their childhood comfort. To these this hymn has proved a source of great comfort and help. When people are most sorely tempted and tried — then is the time when they turn to a refuge,

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care,
Safe from the world's temptations,
Sin cannot harm me there.
Free from the blight of sorrow,
Free from my doubts and fears;

Only a few more trials,
Only a few more tears."

Out of the great war has come the story of "Seven Men (who) Went Singing into Heaven" and they were singing "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The story is published in tract form and Nordenberg, an eminent engineer in Finland, tells the story.

Nordenberg, an officer in the army, besieged the town and took a number of prisoners under his guard; they were to be shot at dawn of Monday.

In the basement of the town hall the seven doomed men were housed; in the passage stood Nordenberg's men with rifles.

Hatred seemed to permeate the air. The guards, overcome with victory, taunted their prisoners until they swore and beat the walls with their bleeding fists. Some called for their wives and children who were far away; but at dawn all were to die.

The course was changed. Something happened. One of the doomed men began to sing. People thought at first that he was mad, but during the whole time Koskinen had not raved and sworn as the others. He had sat in despairing quietness on his bench. Each was bearing his burden in his own way — nobody said anything to him and Koskinen sang:

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'er-shaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

"Hark, 'tis the voice of angels,
Born in a song to me
Over the fields of glory,
Over the jasper sea."

Koskinen sang the song over and over until everyone was quiet. When he finished one of the prisoners shouted

out, "Where did you get that, you fool? Are you trying to make us religious?" Koskinen's eyes filled with tears. He told them of how he heard the song at the Salvation Army. He told them how he had come to believe in his mother's God also. He spoke of how he had lain awake the night before trying to find the Savior and hide in him. Then he had prayed like the thief on the cross, that Christ before whom he would someday stand would make him ready to stand before him.

Koskinen's face shone. At last one of his comrades groaned, "Pray for me, Koskinen." The two red soldiers went down on their knees and prayed for each other. Soon all forgot their hatred. It seemed as if heaven had opened up to all of them. By four o'clock all of Koskinen's comrades had followed his example.

A wondrous change filled the atmosphere. Day was dawning and no one had slept. Koskinen was asked to sing the song once again. He sang it and several other choruses long forgotten. The town clock struck six. Nordenberg knew it would be useless to beg for grace for them.

They were marched out to execution; one of them asked permission to sing once more Koskinen's song — he was given permission. They had asked to die with uncovered faces, and with hands raised to heaven they sang with all their might:

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast."

When the last lines wore away, the lieutenant gave the word, "Fire," and the seven Red soldiers were taken out and as we like to believe were soon "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The

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Springtime, Flowers and Harmony

A Sermon by
REV. E. M. WEGNER, Pastor
of the Freudental Baptist
Church Near Carbon, Alberta,
Canada



The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner on a Recent Visit to the Floral Conservatory in Winnipeg, Manitoba

THE WINTER is past . . . the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come." (Song of Solomon 2:11, 12).

"The winter is past!" That is, indeed, a most welcome announcement of nature, particularly to a Canadian living in the West. That pleasant "spring fever" experience is not just imaginary as it is with people living in an "all-year-round-summer" climate. It is real!

New Life and New Hope

If nature should fail to usher in Spring, say, for ten years, our earth would be a lifeless, frozen ball.

"Pray tell me what is the beautiful Spring?
'Tis the resurrection of each dormant thing."

The annual return of Spring with all its blessings proves to us that God's promises never fail. Did God not say to that old saint Noah after the flood, in answer to the sweet thankoffering, "Summer and winter . . . shall not cease"? This promise of grace in the life of Noah must have been a great inspiration of hope after having witnessed that terrible judgment of God — the flood.

We, too, are witnessing God's judgment upon the world today because of the sins of men. How comforting it is to see God's sign of grace in the sky against the clouds—the rainbow, which returns with the spring season. Yes, God's grace is the only hope upon which we may build in life.

The Language of Flowers

The word, "Springtime," is laden with meaning. Flowers alone have a definite message for humanity, particularly for the Christian. People in the past have given various flowers some special meaning. For instance, the pansy speaks of "thoughtfulness"; the somewhat drowsy poppy of "sleep"; the gorgeous chrysanthemum of "wealth"; and the little, much loved forget-me-not of "remembrance". The red rose has always been a token of Christian love, and the white lily a symbol of

purity and new life and is therefore a picture of our living Savior who loved the flowers. Of him the poet says:

"He's the Lily of the Valley,
The bright and morning star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand
to my soul."

Christ, "The Lily of the Valley," has a definite message of comfort for us whom he likens to "the lilies of the field." "I say unto you take no thought for your life . . . consider the lilies of the field." This world seems to be filled with worry; let us therefore consider!

Springtime and a Loving God

It is not always easy to believe that there really is a loving God who cares about the trials and troubles of the individual. But Springtime somehow brings God closer to us. Before God spoke to humanity through the prophets and Christ, he used nature. The Psalmist says, "There is no speech nor language, their voice is not heard," meaning the silent voice of God in nature.

Elijah heard God's voice when sitting under a juniper tree and pondering the problems of life. He thought he had good reason to be discouraged, for the world looked hopeless and seemed thirsty for his very blood. But when God spoke to his heart under that tree Elijah realized that there still was much good in the world and, above all, that God cared for him.

"O yes, He cares; I know He cares
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long
nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares."

The Singing of Birds

There is no better cure for the "blues" than a song. Paul and Silas knew this for they sang praises unto God at night while in prison.

"The wind hummed the trees a melody
Listen, my heart and sing again!
Told them to broadcast a symphony
Carrying the theme, 'It's spring
again.'"

Nature is marvelously harmonious, including earthquakes, for they are

only adjustments that might be compared to the tuning of a piano in order to continue the harmony. Even to the birds God has given a melody, for our canary sings to me while I am writing this message.

"Said the Robin to the Sparrow:
'I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so.'"

"Said the Sparrow to the Robin:
'Friend, I think that it must be
That they trust no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me.'"

When we are out of harmony with our fellowman, spiritually speaking, is it not because our hearts are out of tune with God? When King Saul attempted to harm David, who was playing for him on his harp, was it not because Saul's heart was out of tune with God? Thanks be unto God that

"There is a place of quiet rest
Near to the heart of God"

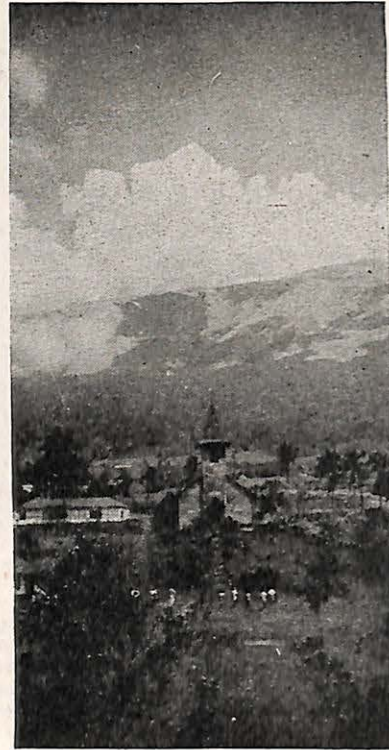
where our discords can be changed into heavenly harmony!

God's Love for the Beautiful

If God did not love the beautiful, he would not have made these singing birds, nor the glittering stars, nor that beautiful rainbow, and certainly not a thousand varieties of flowers filled with fragrance. All these things are an expression of himself. Should we therefore not look at God through nature, particularly during the Spring season?

But God does not only love beautiful things; he loves beautiful lives. That is why he made man in his own image. Man has ruined himself through sin, however, and therefore must be born again and his character must be developed. God has given his Son to save us from our sins, first of all, and after that Christ wants to be our Character-Model, for he said, "Take up your cross and follow me."

"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in
me,
All his wonderful passion and purity;
O thou Spirit divine, all my nature
refine,
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in
me."



The Bender Memorial Church at Soppo, Africa With the Lower Slopes of Mt. Cameroons in the Background

Africa Is Now My Home!

By Missionary-nurse
MARGARET KITTLITZ
of Waco, Texas



A Close-up of the Bender Memorial Church at Soppo, Showing the Approach to the Church

WHILE I sit here at Soppo, looking out of the mission house window at beautiful Mt. Cameroons, I try to picture you in your various localities at your divers tasks. The setting of palms, mango trees, paw paw trees and many others, the names of which I do not know, is so different from anything I have known before. It seems as though I were in some dreamland, and home seems very far away.

However as I recall your many assurances of prayer, your words of encouragement and your grand farewells, it seems that many of you must be here in spirit and I realize that oceans and distances cannot really separate us.

Cool breezes come down from the mountain but there is also warm sunshine, which already is having its effect on me. Slowly but surely I am turning the color of our friends "South of the Border."

God Leads All the Way

The days of preparation and waiting before leaving the United States, as well as our entire trip to Africa have given me a more positive assurance that God does lead step by step. Although uncertainties cause annoyance at first, one gradually learns to walk by faith and one sees God at work. Also the deep joy of doing God's will transcends all vexations.

Plans had been made for us to leave from Philadelphia, Pa., on a Portuguese steamer. While making last minute arrangements in the New York office, a telephone call came from the Barber Lines informing us that we could have a space on a ship sailing at the end of the week. How our hearts rejoiced! This eliminated the

long tedious journey which had been planned and would get us to the field sooner.

We had a fine trip with congenial companions. We were ten passengers in all, including two other missionary nurses. The food was excellent, including steaks such as we did not know existed any longer. We had good sailing weather most of the way so we could spend much time on deck. At night the ship was completely blacked out, giving it the appearance of a "ghost ship" as it sailed through the dark.

Crossing the Congo

The only "fly in the ointment" as it were, was our wait of three weeks in Pointe Noire, French Equatorial Africa. However, even this proved to be a blessing. We had fine fellowship and moments of spiritual refreshing at the Swedish Mission. We four nurses had formed a quartet. Having practiced each evening while on the ocean as we "sang the sun to sleep", we were good enough by the time we reached Pointe Noire to entertain the mission children with American folk songs and Negro Spirituals. The delay necessitated a trip to Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, for the extension of our passports. So we had a thrill of crossing the great, historical Congo River. We also learned better to appreciate the vastness and beauties of Africa.

The anxiously awaited day came at last, and we were actually seated on the plane. I wish all of you could have such an experience. Whatever apprehension one might feel upon entering soon vanishes when the plane is once soaring among the clouds. It's a thrilling sight to see the earth below, and one gains a glorious new

perspective of this world of ours and a deeper appreciation of God's creative work.

We had planned on a few days of shopping for necessities at Duala. But upon arriving there, we learned that a special launch, taking medicine to Victoria, would leave early next morning. Again it seemed that God had a hand in our plans. It had not been possible for us to notify the missionaries at Soppo when we would arrive. It costs more and takes longer to telegraph from one colony to the other than to cable home and back again. (Inconceivable but true!) Also, we had no definite assurance of the time of our arrival until we were actually on the plane.

A Real African Welcome

Had we gone the planned route from Duala, there would have been no one to meet us and no way of getting to Soppo since the Dungers had taken the Ahrens to the grasslands with the truck. From Victoria we went up to Soppo on the mail truck over a beautiful, winding mountain road lined with many palms and banana plantations.

The feelings surging through one's being when finally arriving at God's appointed place must be experienced. Mere words on paper will never convey its full meaning.

At the welcome song of the school children, the welcome of the natives bringing their "dash" of eggs, a chicken, even flowers, a lump rises in one's throat making speech impossible, nor is it necessary. One can only stand in awe and reverence of God's marvelous leading and silently sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Warmest greetings to you, one and all!

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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A Letter and a Poem from Wanda Stalcup of Stafford, Kansas

I am so glad we have a Children's Page again. I really do enjoy it. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I wrote the poem which I am enclosing in school. I like to play the piano and I love to sing. This is my poem.

SPRING

The twentieth day of March
Is the first day of Spring,
It starts to get warmer
And the birds begin to sing.

Flowers and clover,
All begin to bloom;
When winter is over
Spring comes in with a boom.

Everyone is happy,
Everyone is gay,
Everyone is busy
All throughout the day.

Spring reminds us
Of God in heaven above,
Let us praise him
For his unfalling love.

When Spring is here
It is no longer cold,
It makes people feel younger
Even though they're old.

Everything is pretty,
All the skies are blue
I am glad when Spring has come;
Aren't you glad of it too?

I think I have a very nice Sunday School teacher. Her name is Alatheia Lichte.

A Poem from Anne Reeve, a Missionary-to-be in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

I am 13 years old and in Grade 8. I have been sick all winter and next Monday will be the first time I have gone to school in a long time. I am interested in your work and I hope some day, God willing, that I will be a missionary, too.

COMPARISON OF LIFE

Life is like a drama,
Played upon a stage;
The world is all its actors,
And we're all to engage.

No escape is possible,
Except when death you calls,
And then your acting is over,
And everything 'round you falls.

Your audience is God, the Creator,
Your prompter, Jesus the Son,
Your scripts are made up of the Bible,
So see that your part is well done.

Your part may be a long one,
It may be a short one too.
You may do a brilliant performance,
And to God prove yourself true.

There are a lot of temptations,
Times, when you wished you knew;
For what is all the acting?
And what does the future bring you?

Just trust in Jesus, your prompter,
Just trust in Him and be true,
For as long as there's a God in heaven,
A helper you'll have, when all is blue.

For when all are judged and classed,
The curtain will fall some day,
And then amid the singing of angels,
The righteous will have their say.

And there in the world of sunshine,
Acting, no more will be done,
Forever with Jesus, we'll sing and rejoice,
No more will we see the rise of the sun.

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A Letter and Story from Ardath Schmierer (Age 13) of Trochu, Alberta, Canada

I was filled with joy in receiving "The Baptist Herald" to see that the Children's Page is back again. So to show my appreciation I am contributing a story to the page which I have just written, and which, I hope, will be printed. I am sending you a handkerchief to add to your collection. Here is my story:

SAVED BY A VERSE

"Oh, Mother, Spring is here at last," Jim, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, delightfully told his mother. "Mother now that the snow is almost all gone, may I go outside to try out my new roller skates? Please, Mother," he continued.

"Now, Son, you know that today is Sunday and of course you must go to church. Now hurry and go upstairs and get dressed," his mother answered.

"But, Mother, it's so nice out and —" But mother was already upstairs and getting ready for church.

"It's no use coaxing. I guess I have to go to church. I hate it," groaned Jim and quietly went upstairs to cry. But, oh no, he mustn't cry. He was a big man now. Even daddy says so and men don't cry. Glancing out the window, he saw his friends, Dick and Mary, out on the sidewalk roller skating.

"The lucky kids!", he murmured. Then suddenly he was tempted to sneak out and join them. But then a verse flashed into his mind, the one he learned in Sunday School. — "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Suddenly, he realized that he would be disobeying his parents if he went, and anyhow there were more spring days ahead to have fun. Slowly he walked to church arriving just in time for Sunday School.

After church service, as Jim was walking home, he was startled by a loud screech of brakes and a loud, boyish scream. He turned around just in time to see the ambulance come and take Dick, who was lying in the road, away to the hospital. Suddenly a terrible thought struck Jim, which made him shudder. What if he had disobeyed his parents and had gone roller skating? What if that would have happened to him?

Quickly, he ran home and knelt by his bed. "Thank you, God, that I obeyed my parents," he prayed.

THE SLEEP STORY

Sara Lou skipped along the sidewalk with her new skipping rope. Her black curls were bobbing up and down each time she jumped. Up the sidewalk she went until she met Grandfather Jones.

"Good morning, Sara Lou," said Grandfather Jones.

"Good morning," said Sara Lou, smiling the nicest smile for Grandfather Jones. She had two of the nicest dimples.

"How are brother and sister today?" asked Grandfather.

"Oh, fine. Baby is having her bath and Brother is still sleeping."

"Shouldn't you be sleeping, too?"

"Oh no, I'm a big girl!" Grandfather's eyes twinkled as he took her hand and they started up the walk to his white, shiny bungalow.

"You know, Sara Lou, these lovely tulips go to sleep each night, too. They fold their petals together. Birds go to sleep just as soon as it gets dark, because they have to awaken so early to sing to us. God made us that way, too. We must sleep every night or else the next day we are cross and can't be happy like God wants us to be. The smaller people are the more rest they need. That is why brother needs more rest than you do."

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LOVE'S LESSON

Miss Esther's class had just finished eating the last marshmallow, weiner, and bun.

Jerry, a very jolly lad of twelve, said, "This fire is so interesting. It has always fascinated me to see how useful fire has been to mankind."

Bill said, "Well, electricity has certainly taken its place in the world."

Jean spoke up and said, "Miss Esther, do you think man will continue to produce such wonderful things in time to come?"

"Yes," said Miss Esther, "Man will continue to produce new and wonderful things. However, so often we forget that God works through thinking man. When man makes things which are of greatest good, and makes finer and more worthy things, he is working in harmony with God's laws. Those things which man produces which bring destruction, ruin, hatred, and desolation are contrary to his laws. One of the greatest laws, I think, is, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' (Mark 13:31.) If you love others as yourself, won't you see that they have the finest, too?"

Dick, a quiet lad, spoke up and said, "I'm afraid we haven't obeyed God's laws very well, even though he gave us his very best."

"Yes, we fail in many ways, but God, our Father is willing to forgive and give us another chance," explained Miss Esther.



The General Council (Left) and General Missionary Committee (Right) at Their Recent Annual Sessions Heartily Endorsed the Prayer Project, "Helping Together by Prayer." In the Center Picture (Left to Right) the Following Are Shown: Mr. Roland Ross, Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. Samuel Blum, Rev. Henry Hirsch, and Rev. L. B. Holzer.

Helpers Together By Prayer

The Denominational Project for the Winning of Many Helpers in a United Ministry of Prayer in June, July and August 1945

"Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf."
—2 Cor. 1:11.

PRAYER is our acknowledgment of dependence upon God. United prayer can open the portals of God's power to us. For our sufficiency is in God. For the 13 summer weeks of 1945 during the most critical period of the world's history when possibly some of our assemblies and conferences will not be able to meet, we shall want to pray more earnestly and unitedly than ever before.

This article suggests prayers for each week of the summer. It is hoped that every church will make them its special prayer burdens for the week. Pastors in planning their services and parents in conducting the family altar can emphasize these petitions. The denominational general workers will remind our churches frequently during the summer of his project.

June 3 to 9 (Sunday to Saturday)

Pray for Personal Blessings, that we might know the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him." —Matt. 7:11.

"O God, show us the things of Christ, and bring His words to our remembrance."

June 10 to 16

Pray for Our Children and Young People, that they might be wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

"And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." —Col. 3:17.

"O, God, all that we have and are we consecrate to thee that they might make Thy Kingdom on earth more glorious."

June 17 to 23

Pray for Our Service Men and Women, that they might constantly be assured of God's guidance and protecting care.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." —Isaiah 26:3.

"O God, impart Thy peace that only Thou canst give through Christ to our Service People and bring peace speedily to this earth again."

June 24 to 30

Pray for Our Rochester Seminary and Edmonton Bible School, that they might continue with the seal and blessing of divine approval upon them.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Tim. 2:15.

"O God, speak through the words of the teachers to the hearts of the students and bless the plans that have been made for these schools of Thine."

July 1 to 7

Pray for the Leaders of Governments, that God may give them understanding and compassion in the midst of their difficult tasks.

Prayer Leaflets and Enrolment Cards

Attractive, six page leaflets about "Helpers Together By Prayer" have been sent to all churches for distribution. Leaflets in German with the same message are available upon request at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Any requests for English or German leaflets to individuals will be given immediate attention.

The prayer topics for the weeks from July 29 to Sept. 1 will appear in the "Baptist Herald" in a forthcoming issue.

Send all Prayer Enrolments to Dr. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and a lovely, colored Prayer Reminder card will be mailed to you.

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions . . . be made for kings, and for all that are in authority. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior."
—1 Tim. 2:1-2.

"O God, may Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven through the decisions of our nation's leaders that they might be true servants of Thine."

July 8 to 14

Pray for our Summer Conferences, that they might kindle the fires of a new zeal and greater loyalty for Christ and His cause in many hearts.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God."
—Eph. 2:19.

"O God, may every conference and assembly held this summer be a mountain top experience of spiritual joy to everyone who can attend."

July 15 to 21

Pray for God's Ambassadors, Our Pastors, who have been divinely called and spiritually endowed to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ's gospel.

"That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in thee."
—2 Tim. 1:14.

"O God, give our pastors joy and grace in their ministry to overcome difficulties and so increase in their service for Thee."

July 22 to 28

Pray for the Great Work of Post-War Relief, that the compassionate Christ might lead us to the places of greatest need.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
—Phil. 4:19.

"Our heavenly Father, let us never pass by someone who needs us but give us the spirit of the Good Samaritan."

What the Institute Has Meant to Us

An Appeal for Gifts Toward the Edmonton Institute Building Project of \$45,000 by Members of "The C. I. T. Prairie Echoes", a Student Quartet

Spiritual Blessings at Edmonton

By Helen Paschke of Morris, Manitoba

Looking back upon two terms spent at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, I have reasons to rejoice in the Lord for the wonderful privileges and opportunities that have been mine. For some time it seemed doubtful whether I could go and attend this Christian Training Institute but the Lord in his miraculous and marvelous way has made it possible for me to receive some of this helpful Christian training.

I cannot express in words what this training at the Christian Training Institute has really done for me but, above all, it has deepened my spiritual life because of the wonderful Christian fellowship with the faculty members and students, and also because of the daily periods of quiet meditations. We were also given the opportunity to praise our Lord and Master in word as well as in song.

We thank the Lord for having so graciously provided for us and especially for having assigned this work of the Christian Training Institute to us. It is our aim and desire to see this work keep on growing and that it may become known throughout our entire land. Through the efforts of our president, Rev. E. P. Wahl, this work has begun and it is in full swing now. We also thank our Lord for such a true servant and laborer in His Kingdom.

As years go and the student body grows, the space of our Institute becomes more crowded and we definitely realize that the school is in definite need for more room. As girls at C. T. I. we have especially experienced our crowded living quarters. Dormitory rooms, where only two students might comfortably live, often have three to four students crowded into them, and it proved to be very inconvenient to have so little space and where the best work could not be done.

It is our prayer that the Lord will touch many a heart to support this great work which has its goal in bringing Christ to the world.

We Need a Larger School

By Cecilia Priebe of Leduc, Alberta

I have reason to rejoice and offer thanks to God that he permitted me to attend the Christian Training Institute this past winter. Words cannot express how much the Institute has meant to me. For several years I had the desire to attend the School, to learn more about God's precious Word, and then to prepare myself for better service.

God's Word was revealed to me wonderfully during the term under the capable instruction of our teachers. I experienced blessedness and satis-

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Has Been Set Aside as
Edmonton Institute Sunday
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faction by having fellowship with my Master. Day by day we lived within the glory of his presence, in our chapel services and prayer meetings.

The Christian fellowship with fellow students, the practical work and visitation to the different churches and missions were an enriching experience for me. Since attending the Christian Training Institute, I realize more the great work there is to be done, and therefore I have given my life for his service, ready to go where he sees fit.

Other young people need instruction in God's Word in our present world. Christian education is of great necessity.

Our Christian Training Institute is too small to accommodate the young people who are willing and able to attend. During these days of war young people are eager to hear God's Word; therefore we urgently need a larger school. Our world today needs to hear the message of Christ. We bid young people to come and prepare themselves to go forth "for God and the truth" to win souls for him.

Northern Lights of Spiritual Glory

By Bertha E. Seeman of Burstall, Saskatchewan

I carried a secret hope and longing within me for three years. The news of a Bible School in Edmonton was good news to me. I was hoping that I could attend it some day, and in 1941 this dream came true.

The classwork, practical work and Christian fellowship have done marvelous things for me. Home and Foreign Missions were my favorite classes. Africa, India and China need Christ, and many have never heard of Christ. We hear the gospel every day and still how our own country needs Christ!

I enjoyed the practical work, visiting, and serving the Edmonton churches, city missions, and churches surrounding Edmonton. Christian

fellowship with the students gave me new courage, a new aim and a higher goal in view.

It was at the Christian Training Institute that I learned to appreciate more good music and singing.

Every year I felt right at home with our big family. This family is increasing every year and this past winter especially, our Institute was overcrowded. We felt that our Institute must be enlarged, and prayed much about it.

When our Ladies' Quartet was asked to travel this Spring, I felt that I could do my little part towards our beloved school to rouse the interest of our friends to contribute towards the building fund.

I am fully confident that if we put our hand in Christ's hand, he will lead in the future as he has in the past and the Christian Training Institute will be a true Northern Light, whose rays will reach all parts of our continent and even across the waters.

Trust in God for Future Needs

By Ella Isell

It had been my desire for two years to attend the Christian Training Institute. After much waiting and praying, my prayers were answered and last Fall I prepared to spend a term at the Bible School.

We certainly had a blessed time at school in daily fellowship with God in our class periods and so on.

It was wonderful to be among seventy-five Christian students, which was a much larger number than the previous years, making the dormitories very crowded.

Chapel periods every morning seemed to be just the right thing to spur us on for the remainder of the day. We had prayer meetings in individual groups every evening which proved to be a great blessing to all.

The Saturday night prayer meetings were an hour of testimony and prayer. Thank God for the many prayers that were answered.

Class periods proved to be very interesting. I received many blessings, and it makes me realize how much there is to learn in God's Word.

We thank God for the wonderful opportunity we have in attending this school. There are many who would attend, but under present conditions it is impossible.

God has so wonderfully provided for us while there, but let us not stop here but think of those who will have the opportunity after the war.

To meet this great need we must have more room for the students who will be attending in following years. God has wonderfully met our needs until now, and we can certainly trust him for the future.

News Flashes from Our Rochester Seminary

Four Seminary Students, Graduated in Jan. 1945, Are Now Going Forth to Serve God

Report by Prof. George A. Lang, President

During normal times May would have been graduation month in our Rochester Baptist Seminary. But this May finds us in the middle of a school year with one graduation in sight for the last Sunday in July, (July 29.)

Under ordinary circumstances this report would have come from another pen. However, such a plan did not materialize. But we do not wish this year to slip past without an accounting of our graduation exercises which were held in the Andrews Street Baptist Church on Sunday, January 21,

direction of Professor Assaf Husmann. President Lang presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class: Wolfgang Gerthe, Bruno C. Schreiber, Henry Smuland and Vincent E. Sprock.

Dr. Paul J. Trudel fittingly gave on behalf of the Board of Trustees the Sigma Rho honorary key to Mr. Bruno Schreiber. This award is given to the graduate who is elected by the faculty with the help of the student body as worthy of such an honor because of his scholarship, industry, Christian character, co-operation and ability. Ordinarily a minister in the field is also chosen by the Board of Trustees for a like honor, but since we have two graduations this year this choice

Germania and Philomatheas Societies at the Rochester Seminary Hold Interesting Programs

It may be of interest of former members of the student body at the Rochester Baptist Seminary to know that both of the school societies, which were merely marking time for a while, have taken on new life during the past few months. The activities of both of the societies have been a means by which the school spirit has been stimulated.

The "wooing" of new members for each of the societies from the ranks of the Freshmen students, which is always watched with the keenest of interest by the members of both of the societies, caused great excitement. The gentlemen's agreement that no personal soliciting can be done by either of the societies so that the prospective members have absolute freedom as to which society he will join, still holds. Needless to say, this method often keeps the members of both societies in suspense and the Freshmen seem to take special joy in drawing out this period of suspense to the last moment. This all adds to the interest and friendly competition of the societies.

Both Germania and Philomatheas have had some very interesting meetings in recent weeks. At one of those meetings the Germania Society held a reception for its seven new members from the Freshmen class. At this meeting one of Rochester's outstanding preachers spoke. Former students at our Seminary will recognize the name of Dr. Crossland of the Asbury Methodist Church and we were, indeed, fortunate in having him come to tell us something of his experiences at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

At a recent meeting the Philomatheas Society showed some very interesting educational films which gave us an insight into the religions and culture of India. Along with this a film was shown about the effects of alcohol on the minds, bodies and souls of our youth. Both of the Societies are planning more meetings in the future in which the development of the student talents will be stressed, which is the purpose of the societies.

The new presidents of the societies for the coming year are Otto R. Schmidt for the Philomatheas and Fred J. Knalson for the Germanians. If there is anything of interest in connection with any of the societies which former members could supply, we would be glad to hear about it.

The readers of "The Herald" have seldom heard about our Seminary societies through its pages. We hope, from now on, to keep our alumni posted as well as possible on the activities of both societies. May we take this opportunity to extend to all our alumni our heartiest greetings.

Fred J. Knalson,
Student Body Reporter.



The January Graduating Class of Our Rochester Baptist Seminary
(Left to Right: Vincent E. Sprock, Henry Smuland, Bruno C. Schreiber, and Wolfgang Gerthe.)

1945. It was an unusual commencement in more ways than one. The time did not permit many visitors from far to be present, but friends in the city and immediate communities came in large numbers.

One of our honored alumni, the Rev. W. A. Argow of Erie, Pa., delivered a most impressive commencement sermon during the morning service on the theme, "The Ambassador's Marching Orders." The church choir, directed by student Earl Abel, beautified the service with the anthem, "O Be Joyful All Ye Lands." The pastor of the church, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, likewise had an important share in this service.

With the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Paul J. Trudel, presiding, the graduation festivities took place before a full house on Sunday evening. President George A. Lang brought the commencement address on "The Christian Ministry", challenging the young ministers with the great opportunities found in the ministry for our Lord. The student chorus rendered most effectively the selection, "Gloria in Excelsis", under the

was left until the graduation services in July.

The Rev. Frank Kaiser gave the commencement prayer. Though most of the trustees could not be present, nevertheless several came and participated in the colorful academic procession at the beginning of the exercises. The ladies of the church graciously served the guests and friends with refreshments in the social rooms of the church with the professors' wives as hostesses and the graduates received enthusiastic congratulations.

At this time in May our young ministers are beginning their pastoral services. Rev. Wolfgang Gerthe serves the Germantown - Harvey Church in North Dakota. Rev. Henry Smuland is the new pastor at Southey, Saskatchewan, Canada. These two brethren were ordained in the Andrews Street Church the week following graduation. Rev. Bruno Schreiber has taken our church in New Leipzig, North Dakota. Mr. Vincent Sprock is completing his work at the University of Rochester, after which he expects to do pioneer work in Canada. Thus, all of our graduates are placed.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Letter from Missionaries Edwin and Verna Michelson About Their Baby Boy

It is with joy that we write to tell you that our son, Paul Edwin, was born in Central Hospital, Presbyterian Mission, Ebolowa, French Cameroons, at 5:40 A. M. on Monday, March 19, 1945. He is a healthy baby weighing five pounds and eleven ounces. We are pretty sure he is the most beautiful baby that ever was born.

Our hearts are filled with praise to God for such a blessing, and our prayer is that we might be worthy parents and bring him up in the fear of the Lord. We want wisdom and strength so to live as missionaries that the work will be attractive and, if it please God to call him some day that he will respond favorably. He is named after the greatest missionary that ever lived, the Apostle Paul. The second name is, of course, his mother's idea.

Verna has made a normal recovery, for which we are indeed grateful. We will begin our trip home to Soppo as soon as transportation can be secured after Easter. The trip is long and sometimes trying. This is Africa!

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The 88th Anniversary of the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn.

The Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., celebrated its 88th anniversary on Tuesday evening, April 10. A fine musical program was rendered and the Rev. William Appel of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the guest speaker. Words of greeting were brought by various friends of the church. The pastor, the Rev. J. Kaaz, was surprised with a financial gift which was gratefully accepted.

Mr. Appel also served the church on Sunday, April 8, in evangelistic services. Fine results were visible. The pastor baptized five Sunday School members on Sunday, April 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lendroth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 22. Mr. Lendroth is one of our senior deacons, loyal and ready for any service he may be able to render. Many cards and flowers were presented to the happy couple. A very pleasant evening was spent with their large family and a group of friends.

J. Kaaz, Pastor.

West Baltimore Church Joins the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade of Southern Baptists

On Easter Sunday the Rev. G. Schmidt, pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., baptized four persons on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and were received into the membership of the church.

We as the West Baltimore Church joined the 29 Baptist churches in Baltimore in the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade in revival meetings from April 15 to 29. Each church had its one evangelist. We had Rev. R. W. Stone from the state of Kentucky. The object of this Centennial Crusade is "One Million Souls for Christ in the Southern Baptist Convention." The total gain in these 29 churches was 323.

May we as the North American Baptist Conference join the others in winning souls. Christ is the only hope. To win souls for the Savior will glorify God and crown Christ as Lord and King.

Gustav Schmidt, Pastor.

Special Events and Guest Speakers at the King's Highway Church of Bridgeport, Conn.

It was the privilege of the Rev. George Hensel, pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., to baptize four of the Junior and Intermediate members of the Church School on Palm Sunday. We had a period of instruction for a number of weeks preceding baptism. There were seven in the instruction class, but the parents of three of the children did not approve of them taking this step. Denominational cleavages are still quite a barrier.

On Friday, April 20, our Church School, of which Mr. Ludwig Hellwig is the efficient superintendent, had a "Get-Together" for the children and parents. About 95 turned out for the occasion. After a brief devotional period and a welcome by the superintendent and the pastor, a musical program was presented by the pupils of the school. A number of interesting films were then shown by Mr. R. J. Dittrich. We were glad to welcome Rev. and Mrs. A. Elssesser of Meriden, Conn., who happened to be present at this service. Our Sunday School is still growing and our facilities are being taxed. We pray that we may be able to respond to the challenge.

On Sunday, April 15, we had as our speaker at the worship service Dr. E. H. Giedt, missionary in Kityang, China, for over 20 years. He serves under the Board of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society but has a German Baptist background. He brought a very stirring message of his work in China.

Our guest-speaker on Sunday, April 22, was Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, Long Island. He came as a representative of the Atlantic Conference Mission Committee which seeks to foster a more fraternal spirit among the churches of our conference. In his message Brother Kannwischer pointed out how the great missionary Paul overcame some of the obstacles of his time such as distance, racial and cultural differences and preached Christ, the answer for every need and for every race.

George Hensel, Pastor.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Recent Inspirational Events at the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, North Dakota

Evangelistic services were held during the two weeks preceding Easter Sunday in the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak., with Rev. J. Reimer of Brier Crest, Sask., Canada as evangelist. Even though no one responded to the invitations to accept Christ as personal Savior, the church was greatly blessed by his inspiring messages. In spite of bad roads, we enjoyed a fine Easter service. An offering of \$157 was received in the morning service.

On April 12 the "Prairie Echoes" Ladies' Quartet from our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., Canada with the Rev. E. P. Wahl, its president, rendered a fine program at our church. We showed our appreciation by giving an offering of over \$81 for the Training Institute Building Project.

Our Bible Day program given by our Sunday School on the evening of April 22 was well received by the large and attentive audience present. An offering of \$45.80 to purchase New Testaments in Basic English for the Cameroons, Africa was gratefully given.

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

Baptismal Service and Edmonton Institute Quartet Program at Napoleon, North Dakota

Easter day was a happy one for the members of the Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak., for again we were witnesses of the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men. In an impressive baptismal service three adults declared before the world their new-found faith.

Since we have no baptistry in our church here in Napoleon, the church at Gackle graciously consented to let us use theirs. The Rev. J. J. Abel of Gackle was in charge of the service. The Gackle choir and Girl's Trio sang several numbers. A Ladies' Trio from Napoleon sang "Lord, Be My Companion," dedicated especially to the baptismal candidates. The Rev. Edward Kary of Napoleon brought the main message after which Mr. Abel gave the charge to the candidates. God's Spirit was certainly manifested.

On Sunday evening, April 15, our Ladies' Aid returned a favor to the Alfred Church by presenting a program there. A fine missionary offering was received.

We were also happy to have had the Ladies' Quartet from the Edmonton Christian Training Institute and we enjoyed their program. The girls were able to witness before a large group. A missionary offering of \$65.00 was received. May God's richest blessings rest upon all of these endeavors!

Edward Kary, Pastor.

Northern North Dakota Association at Fessenden from June 7 to 10

The Northern North Dakota Association will meet with the Baptist Church at Fessenden, No. Dak., from June 7 to 10. Since we are under government restrictions, we must comply with orders and keep within 50 delegates. Churches with stations, or churches under one pastorate must be satisfied with 3 delegates. The Ladies' Societies should be considered in the appointment of delegates. The church undertakes to furnish room and breakfast. Other meals can be had at the restaurants. We are assured to have two of our leaders from the general work of the denomination with us. Come with a blessing, and return to be a blessing!

The Committee On Arrangements.

Farewell Reception by the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs for Mr. and Mrs. Fischer

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer and family on Sunday evening, March 25. Friends gathered from near and far and filled the church to its capacity. The Rev. H. G. Braun of Parkston, So. Dakota, was our guest speaker. Representatives of the various societies spoke as follows: Carl Leidtke for the deacons; Willie Radke for the Sunday School; Elaine Bender for the B. Y. P. U.; and Mrs. Louise Kludt for the Ladies' Aid. The B. Y. P. U. presented them with a beautiful mirror, and the ladies and church presented them with a purse of money.

After the program we gathered in the basement for a fellowship lunch prepared by the Ladies' Aid. Thus ended the faithful services of Mr. and Mrs. Fischer in our church after 7 years and 3 months of service here.

We wish them God's richest blessings in their new field at McClusky, North Dakota but there will always remain a special place for them in our hearts.

Mrs. Carry Weber, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Annual Session of the North Texas Association at the Cottonwood Baptist Church

The North Texas Association held its annual session from March 23 to 25 at the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas. "Christlikeness In Every Church Member" was the associational theme. The thought expressed in the theme was developed in three papers, "Christlikeness In Observing the Lord's Day," "Christlikeness in Prayer Life," and "Christlikeness in Daily Living," delivered by Rev. Roy Seibel, Rev. D. Klein, and Rev. W. Helwig.

Rev. D. Klein, a new member of the Southern Conference church family, delivered the keynote address on Friday night on the theme, "Let This Mind

Children's Day Program, June 10

Most of our churches will observe Children's Day on Sunday, June 10, with special exercises and services. The programs and recitation material for this occasion have been prepared by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, home mission secretary, and have been distributed among our churches. It is exceedingly interesting reading material.

The offerings of the Children's Day programs are designated for the Chapel Building Fund. They are to be sent to the General Missionary Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Be in You Which Was in Christ Jesus." Rev. W. H. Buening delivered the message Saturday night. A challenging mission address was given on Sunday morning by Rev. W. Helwig, the mission secretary for the Southern Conference. The mission offering, which was received, amounted to \$100.45.

For the Sunday afternoon session the young people prepared a splendid program of devotional music and inspirational messages supplied by the various young people's unions of the association. The challenge, "Can God?", was presented to the young people by Rev. Roy Seibel.

The association was brought to a triumphant conclusion with a devotional message from Rev. D. Klein on the thought, "The Crucifixion of Christ."

Officers appointed for the coming year are: Rev. C. H. Seecamp, moderator; Rev. D. Klein, vice-moderator; Rev. Roy Seibel, secretary-treasurer.

Roy Seibel, Secretary.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Missionary Offering of \$1374 and Special Programs at the Salt Creek Church

We had a splendid Easter sunrise service in a union effort in Dallas, Oregon. It was a beautiful day on the West Coast. Our Easter missionary offering for the Salt Creek Baptist Church was \$1374.69. We trust that this may help in the great cause of missions that lies ahead now in this world.

60th Anniversary of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors and members of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, to unite with us on June 8 and 10 in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of our church. Direct all correspondence to

Mrs. Fred. Riech,
4140 Carlyle Avenue,
Cleveland 9, Ohio

Our young people are doing very well, although a good number have gone into the Armed Forces. Their musical talent and the special effort on the part of the younger group are greatly appreciated in the church. The Junior young people gave a musical program over KSLM on Sunday afternoon, April 29th.

Plans are now under way for the summer Vacation Bible School. This year we plan to have a school in the Salt Creek School. Last year we ran a bus to the Union School in Dallas where we had 465 pupils enrolled. The Salt Creek Church pastor is the assistant superintendent of that school this year and we plan to run two buses, so the enrollment may reach 600.

Two other programs are also of great importance. They are Religious Education in the public schools, which is taught by Miss Bughler who is a former missionary to China. Miss Bughler teaches 4 days in and around Dallas, holding 40 minute classes in each school room. She is paid by the churches and areas where she teaches.

The other program is that of Child Evangelism. A few months ago this was organized and held in 4 or 5 homes in Dallas after school, but soon spread to 11 homes. The children are very eager and have surprised us beyond measure. May the Lord ever continue to bless this great work for the building of the Kingdom of God.

Walter C. Radke, Pastor.

Women's Missionary Society of Lodi, Cal. Contributed \$3675 Toward Missionary Enterprises

Sunday, April 8, was a day of rejoicing for the Women's Missionary Society of Lodi, Calif. For this day marked a new milestone, the beginning of a new year. The program was led by our able president, Mrs. A. S. F. Felberg. It consisted of special music, readings and a dialogue, "More Love to Thee, O Christ." The different reports were given, from which we could see that the women of the Lodi Church are at work in many ways, working hard for their Lord and Master.

At the beginning of the year we divided the society into four groups. Each group met once a month for Red Cross work at a devotion. Then we met thirteen times as an entire society for different types of programs. Our pastor, Rev. A. S. F. Felberg, was always willing to help whenever he was called on for guidance and spiritual advice.

In our society we do a great deal of visiting the sick and bringing flowers, and, most of all, we endeavor to bring a word of cheer and comfort by reading the Scriptures and praying with them. These are trying days for both old and young and if we can bring a little sunshine and encouragement to those in need we have done our part in Christ's service.

We had a very good year financially. We were able to give \$3675.44 for various missionary enterprises. Our membership was enlarged and we now have a membership of 140 persons.

We wish to send greetings to all the societies of our Fellowship and encourage you to labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

Mrs. A. Auch, Secretary.



The Sunday School of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, as Photographed by Mr. Alfred Stahnke on One of the Early Sundays in Its Spirited Attendance Contest With the Bethany Sunday School of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary is Observed by Professor and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser

Present and past faculty families and others closely associated with the Rochester Baptist Seminary, Andrews Street Baptist Church, and the Kaiser family were dinner guests of Professor and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., in recognition of their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Friday evening, April 13.

President George A. Lang spoke on behalf of the Seminary and Rev. Daniel Fuchs on behalf of the Andrews Street Baptist Church in felicitating the distinguished couple on sixty years of happy and exemplary wedded life. Beautiful flowers including a gorgeous orchid for Mrs. Kaiser, also spoke of the high esteem in which the celebrating couple is held.

After a delicious dinner the undersigned upon request presented a film taken on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary by Dr. Albert D. Kaiser, some kodachrome still pictures taken of the Kaisers and others present over a period of years, and a sound-film, "Across India," which presented, among other things, something of a missionary challenge. After taking of pictures of the group and further joyous fellowship, the guests departed late in the evening to their respective homes, glad for another delightful experience of Christian fellowship.

The many friends of the former seminary faculty will be overjoyed to read and to know that these, to whom the North American Baptists owe so much, are still enjoying a measure of health and strength. Professor and Mrs. A. J. Ramaker, Mrs. F. W. C. Meyer, Mrs. G. Schneider and Mrs. Pauline Rauschenbusch were all able to be present. May the Lord continue to let his face shine upon his faithful servants!

Arthur A. Schade, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Attendance Contest Between St. Paul's Dayton's Bluff S. S. and Milwaukee's Bethany Church

Believing that the Sunday School is a soul-winning arm of the church, we felt that we ought to strengthen that arm to perform a greater work, if possible. The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Sunday School of St. Paul, Minnesota therefore invited the Bethany Baptist Sunday School of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to engage in a ten week attendance contest beginning April 8th and running through June 10th. The Bethany Sunday School responded favorably and has proved to be a real contestant, stimulating us to greater effort and challenging us from week to week with ever increasing results.

The score at the half-way mark indicates how keen the interest really has been. The points accumulated at Bethany totaled 813 while the points accumulated at Dayton's Bluff totaled 813. A worthwhile award is being planned for presentation to the winning group. In addition individual awards are also to be made to those scholars whose personal efforts have produced the greatest gain in visitors, new scholars, and points.

Both schools have already been blessed through this endeavor and their joint aim is to gather men, women, boys and girls about God's Word, to quench their thirst, feed their souls, and hear the "good news" that will permit them to go on their way rejoicing.

George Patet, Reporter.

Services at the Country Church of Concord, Wisconsin Are Again Resumed

On Sunday morning, April 29, a small group gathered at the country church of Concord, Wisconsin for Christian fellowship. Since the members wished to hold their services again this year as in previous years, this was selected as the opening Sunday.

After the Sunday School session and morning worship service, we united in the fellowship of the Lord's Supper. A mission offering of \$21.00 was received, thus manifesting the spirit of giving among these people.

May the Lord again bless his people here at Concord, which also represents a small group of the Northwestern Conference.

Mrs. David Goetsch, Reporter.

New Parsonage and Baptismal Service for the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa

A Latin poet once wrote, "Nothing is swifter than the passing of time." This phrase came to us when we realized that a number of months have rushed by since we began our work with the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa on Oct. 1, 1944. We recall many blessings during these months of intense activity upon this unlimited field.

We want to share two important ones with you. We feel that we owe a great debt to our local members who took it upon themselves to go far out of their way to give us their cooperative support. In December, they evidenced their enthusiasm by purchasing a pleasant parsonage in the city of George, and by giving unstintingly the large sum of money was brought together before the minister's family took possession.

It is also a joy to see the number of people who attend the prayer meetings. It was during some of these meetings that three persons decided to become children of God. As a result of one week of evangelistic meetings by the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Renz, five persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior. It was the privilege of M. R. Renz to baptize 8 persons before a capacity audience on a Sunday evening.

Previous to this, one Sunday School scholar was accepted into membership by letter from an English church. But there are still many souls who are in the valley of indecision.

Mrs. J. J. Renz, Reporter.

Sixtieth Anniversary Is Celebrated by the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn.

The days of May 3, 4 and 6 were exceptionally busy and interesting ones for the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. By the grace of God, we were privileged to reach the 60th milestone in our church's existence, and to him alone do we give all honor and glory. It was a joy to turn back the pages of our book of memories and to review the past history of our church through the vista of sixty years.

We would give due credit to the missionary minded pastors of the Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, who more than 73 years ago helped to establish a definite work here in Minneapolis. It was through their patient efforts that finally on March 1, 1885 the First German Baptist Church was organized.

There were 35 charter members in all, 29 of them coming from the St. Paul Church. Of this group only two survive, Mrs. John Rehbein (nee Josephine Siemers) of St. Bonifacius, Minn., and Mrs. Michael Bertuleit now residing in Portland, Ore. We were fortunate in having Mrs. Rehbein as our guest of honor on this festive occasion and she was presented with a lovely corsage from the church. The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch of Cleveland, Ohio were also in our midst, and rejoiced with us at this significant time in our church's history.

Thursday evening, May 3, was Church Night, and after a fellowship supper, we were entertained by a group of older members who were in the "limelight." They had much to relate with wistful recollections and reminiscences of the "good old days."

Friday evening was Community Night and the pastors and friends of our neighborhood churches participated. Rev. D. Finstrom, representing the Twin City Baptist Union, brought greetings and congratulations. Rev. R. V. Clearwater of the Fourth Baptist Church spoke on the stirring and timely theme "The Challenge of the Church." Sunday morning, May 6, dawned bright and beautiful for the concluding services. Our own pastor, the Rev. L. B. Berndt, brought us the anniversary sermon on the appropriate theme, "Ascertaining the Spiritual Value of the Church." Special music by the choir, quartets and soloists, contributed much to the success of the celebration.

Sunday evening came too soon. Rev. John Wobig brought congratulations and encouraging words from the River-view Church in St. Paul. Letters were read from our Mother Church and from other pastors and churches. We paused for a few moments of tribute to our men in uniform, offering special prayer for all our boys. Our guest speaker, Rev. H. Hirsch, preached an earnest message on "Let My People Go," and urged us to re-consecrate ourselves for the great tasks which lie before us.

During these three score years we have had 10 pastors. We owe a debt of gratitude to these conscientious men who have "contended earnestly for the faith which was delivered unto the saints." They have been as follows: F. A. Peterit, 1884-1886; J. Albert, 1886-1893; Herman Kaaz, 1894-1898; Frank Goergens, 1898-1901; August Boelter,



Sgt. Norman W. Reck of Portland, Oregon
† 1919 — 1945 †

Memorial Service for Sgt. Norman Reck Is Held by Portland's Immanuel Baptist Church

By Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer, Reporter

Sgt. Norman W. Reck of Portland, Oregon, gunner on a flying fortress, was killed in action on Feb. 20, 1945.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1919 in La Salle, Colorado. The family moved to Portland, Oregon in 1935 and this remained his home until he entered the service of his country soon after Pearl Harbor. Norman accepted Jesus as his personal Savior in March 1940 and was baptized by the Rev. Otto Roth.

On Sunday evening, March 18, a memorial service was held in the Immanuel Baptist Church at Portland, where he was a member. The opening song service was composed of his favorite songs, among them being "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus," given as a duet.

His Sunday School teacher spoke of Sgt. Norman Reck's sincere search for the walk in the footsteps of the Master, his searching questions and ready answers. His happy smile and willingness to cooperate in any of the class or church activities will long be remembered.

His pastor, Rev. O. Roth, spoke comforting words to family and friends based on Rev. 22. We were reminded of the much better lot of every child of God who has overcome. Norman's hearty handshake, contagious smile and willingness to serve made him beloved by all, and he will be gratefully remembered for his sacrificial service to home, church and country.

From her hymns, alone, one could almost write her spiritual biography for they reflected in a great degree her own inner experiences which were all drawn from being shut off from the outside world as she was, and to a certain extent they reflect the changing phases of her spiritual life.

Fanny Crosby spent much of her time working in missions in the Bowery in New York. She was deeply interested in the fellow who was down and out. She held the theory that you can't save a man by telling him of his sins because he knows them already; you have to tell him of a Savior's love awaiting him and pardon for his sins.

On the Friday morning of February 12, 1915 Fanny Crosby's longing heart was satisfied and she saw her Savior face to face.

SAFE IN JESUS' ARMS

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other men reverently bowed their heads in silent prayer.

It would seem that a hymn which has proven such an untold blessing in the life of thousands would have grown out of some deep experience in the life of the little blind singer, Fanny Crosby, but quite the opposite is true.

Mr. Doane, who wrote music to many of her hymns was sitting in the parlor playing a melody and he asked her to write words to this tune. After having listened to him play the melody through, she jumped up and exclaimed, "Why, that says 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus,'" and going to her room she wrote the words to this hymn exactly as we have it now, and after a hundred years it is still one of the most popular gospel songs used at funerals in Catholic as well as Protestant services.

We can expect something like this, however, from a life such as Fanny Crosby's, which was one deep experience with God. The blind singer seemed always close in touch with God. One of her closest friends testified of Fanny that she had never known her to speak on unkind word nor a word of regret.

Miss Crosby did have an experience, though, which though known to few may have given rise to the sentiment this gospel hymn expresses. Shortly after she was married to Mr. Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind musician who attended the same institution as Fanny, a baby was born to them but as she expressed it, "God saw fit to take him", and she accepted this as obediently and humbly as she had always faced her afflictions and losses.

At the age of eight she had written the little verse which became the motto of her life:

"O what a happy soul am I!
Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't,
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't."

Her affliction never made her gloomy, and, in fact, she hardly realized that she was blind except when people reminded her.

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OBITUARY

MRS. HENRY KNACK of Detroit, Michigan

Mrs. Ida Adeline Knack (nee Voss) of Detroit, Mich., went to be with her Lord after a long and painful illness on March 28, 1945 and her funeral was held from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, on April 2, 1945.

Mrs. Knack was born in Germany on Jan. 25, 1873, and at an early age gave her heart to Christ and was baptized. In 1895 she was married to Mr. Henry Knack, and they lived to see their fiftieth anniversary last January 1st. In 1900 Mrs. Knack came to America with her husband.

She has always been faithful in the Lord's work in the church and at every opportunity that presented itself. Giving help also to those who were in need was one of her prominent characteristics. Her departure is mourned by her husband, two daughters, three sons, six grandchildren, and her many friends.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Detroit, Michigan.

ARTHUR McASH, Pastor.

MRS. ELISABETH NITSCH of Detroit, Michigan

Mrs. Elisabeth Nitsch of Detroit, Mich., was born on October 20, 1889 in Insterburg, East Prussia. In her early youth she accepted Christ as her Savior. On Nov. 11, 1911 she was united in marriage with Mr. Otto Nitsch. She was a faithful worker at home and in the church, loving her Lord above all and serving him wherever possible. Mrs. Nitsch raised two daughters who are both active in the work of God. An only son, Otto, Jr., went to be with the Lord while very young.

On Nov. 18, 1924 Mrs. Nitsch came with her family to Chicago, and one year later moved to Detroit where she and the family united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church. On Sunday morning, April 8th, after a short illness she went to be in the presence of the Lord. There are left to mourn her passing her husband, and two daughters, Ellen and Charlotte, along with many friends.

The funeral service took place from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit on April 11th. "Some day we will understand."

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Detroit, Michigan.

ARTHUR McASH, Pastor.

MRS. CHARLES SPECHT of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Mrs. Charles Specht of Manitowoc, Wis., was born on December 8, 1876 in the town of Manitowoc, Wisconsin and passed to her heavenly reward on April 4, 1945 at the age of 68 years, 3 months and 28 days.

On April 18, 1899 she was married to Mr. Charles Specht with whom she enjoyed a happy wedded Christian life until the time of her death. She was baptized into the fellowship of the Kossuth Baptist Church at the age of 17 by the Rev. G. C. Engleman.

Surviving her are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Herman Falkner of Philadelphia, Mrs. George Anthold and Mrs. Donald Liesch, both of Manitowoc; one son, Harvey of Manitowoc; one brother, Benjamin Rohrbach of Milwaukee; and two sisters, Mrs. Herman Specht of Coleman, Wis., and Mrs. Rose Ahls-wede of Manitowoc, Wis.

May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved!

Manitowoc, Wis.
LAWRENCE E. WEGNER, Pastor.

MRS. FLORENCE WATSON of Elberta, Alabama

Mrs. Florence Watson, nee Gardner, of Elberta, Alabama, was born at Round-abbil, Mississippi on April 8, 1907, and was called home to her eternal rest on April 23, 1945 at the age of 38 years. Her

sudden death in the Bay View Hospital was a great shock to the family and friends.

Mrs. Watson was converted and baptized in 1936 by the Rev. Phil. Potzner and became a faithful member of the Baptist Church in Elberta, Ala. Her ever ready smile and gentle nature won many friends. She will be greatly missed in the home and church.

In 1922 she was united in marriage to Mr. Leroy Watson. This union was blessed with 11 children. Among the mother's fine contributions to the home was her tender care for her family. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband; six sons and five daughters; her aged father and four brothers, besides many relatives and friends. 1 Cor. 13:12 served as a word of consolation.

Elberta, Alabama.

L. HOEFFNER, Pastor.

Important Notice!

The Post Master General of the U. S. has issued a new ruling which the publishers of the "Baptist Herald" must observe in mailing the publication to NAVY, MARINE CORPS and COAST GUARD personnel on duty overseas receiving their magazines via the fleet post offices at New York or San Francisco.

THIS NEW REGULATION MAKES IT OBLIGATORY TO HAVE THE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICEMEN BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE MADE EFFECTIVE.

This is, therefore, a notice to our churches to recognize this order by securing the request from the individual servicemen for new subscriptions, and that for every RENEWAL of a subscription after the present one expires such request be obtained. Blanks will be furnished on request.

If such prescribed written requests do not reach this office by the date of expiration the service must necessarily be discontinued.

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MR. FREDERICK A. KNOOP of North Freedom, Wisconsin

Frederick August Koop of North Freedom, Wis., was born in the town of Baraboo, Wisconsin, on November 21, 1871, and passed away at his home in the town of North Freedom, Wis., on Sunday afternoon, April 22, 1945, at the age of 73 years, 5 months and 10 days.

On the 22nd of March, 1898 he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Zochert and to this union four children were born: two daughters, Mrs. Clara Zantow of Baraboo, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Rachel McIntyre of North Freedom, Wisconsin; two sons, Ruben of the Farm near the town of North Freedom, and Harvey of North Freedom.

Brother Knoop was baptized in 1903 by the Rev. Julius Kaaz and became a member of the North Freedom Baptist Church, of which he remained a member until his death. During the past ten years he had been in ill health but not until the last two weeks was he confined to his bed, after which he began to fail very rapidly and on the morning before his death he informed his family that he was "going home."

He leaves to mourn his homegoing his beloved wife, four children, nine grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

North Freedom, Wis.

THOMAS D. LUTZ, Pastor.

MR. GEORGE BUECHLER of the Germantown Church Near Cathay, North Dakota

Mr. George Buechler was born on Aug. 19, 1883 in South Russia. Two years later had parents and the family emigrated to America, settling first at Scotland, South

Dakota. Ten years later the Buechler family moved to Wells County, North Dakota, where Mr. Buechler resided until his death.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Rudel on November 7, 1907 by the Rev. Wm. L. Wahl. In 1911 he was baptized and joined the Germantown Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member for 34 years.

For the past year he was in poor health and during the last week his sickness developed into bronchial pneumonia, the cause of his death. He passed away on April 19, at the age of 61 years and 8 months. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife; 2 sons; 4 daughters; 4 brothers; one sister; and a host of friends.

The undersigned officiated because the new pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church had not yet arrived.

Cathay, North Dakota.

R. A. GRENZ, Pastor.

MR. MARTIN FREYER of Crawford, Texas

Mr. Martin Freyer of Crawford, Texas, was born in Austria-Hungary, and came to this country at the age of nine years. He lived in the same community and county for 51 years.

He married Miss Julia Ann Landfried on January 27, 1910 at Crawford, Texas, to which union were born six children, five of whom survive at his death. They are, besides his wife: Mrs. C. F. Schmeitkopf, Kyle, Texas; Mrs. C. W. Leseman, Elgin, Texas; Miss Elizabeth Freyer, Crawford, Texas; Ernest of Roscoe, Texas; and John of Crawford. He also leaves to mourn his departure two sisters, Mrs. Frank Fisher of Buckholts, Texas; and Mrs. Frank Lander of Brandon, Texas; one brother, Jacob Freyer of Britain, Oklahoma; four grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

In September 1925, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and served him faithfully until death.

Mr. Freyer died at the Hillcrest Memorial Hospital on March 14, 1945, from a cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services were held at the family residence, and at the Canaan Baptist Church, with the Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco officiating. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Crawford, Texas.

ROY SEIBEL, Officiating Minister.

MR. FRED GROMER of Wasco, California

Mr. Fred Gromer of Wasco, Calif., was born in the town of Dundee, near Elgin, Illinois on May 24, 1873. He died on April 17, 1945 at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elise Gromer, and ten children.

The sons are Rev. Harry M. Gromer of Banning, Calif.; Elmer C. Gromer of Seattle, Wash.; Clarence Gromer of McKittrick, Calif.; Carl Gromer of Taft, Calif.; Mailman 2nd class Fred. Gromer, U. S. Navy, at San Diego; Staff Sergeant Gordon Gromer, U. S. Air Corps, now serving in the Western Pacific Area; and Lloyd Gromer of Santa Rosa, Calif. The daughters are: Mrs. Cornelius Siemens of Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. George Bloom of Wasco, Calif.; and Mrs. Robert Quast of Anaheim, Calif. Three brothers, Charles, Henry, and William of Elgin, Illinois; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Runge of St. James, and 16 grandchildren also mourn his passing.

Brother Gromer accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 19 in the Evangelical Church. About ten years later, he joined the Baptist Church in Illinois, and was ordained a deacon in Texas in the year 1916. He was one of the oldest deacons in the First Baptist Church of Wasco, where he served faithfully and unselfishly for many years. He was a friend to all who were in need, giving of his time and substance unstintingly. He will long be remembered in Wasco for his Christ-like spirit. What a heritage this saintly father leaves to his many children!

He will be greatly missed in our church and community, but we know that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord," so we cannot wish him back. Our loss is heaven's gain, for we read in God's word, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Wasco, California.

PAUL T. COULOMBE, Ass't. Pastor.

Chaplain Gustav Lutz Is Killed in Germany

Word has been received from the United States War Department that Chaplain Gustav Lutz was killed in Germany on April 16th. This brief communication is all that has been received concerning the first casualty among our 17 chaplains in service.

Chaplain Lutz, who has two brothers in the Christian ministry, was a graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary in 1940. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey before enlisting as a chaplain in the United States Army in 1943. His widow, Mrs. Ruth Lutz, is a member of the Jamesburg Baptist Church. She is residing at Cranbury, New Jersey.

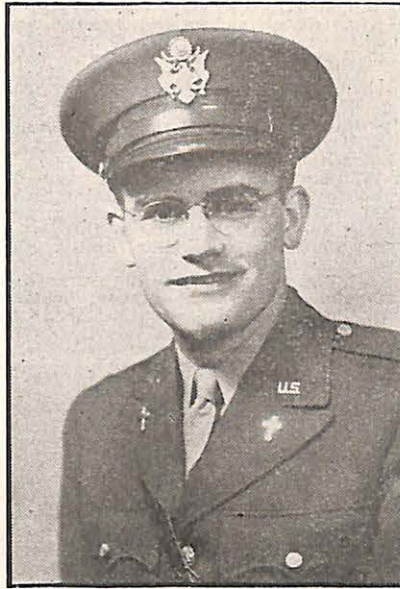
We are assured of the faithful service of Chaplain Lutz as he gave himself for his men without any thought of his personal safety in order that Christ might be honored through his ministry as a chaplain. We thank God for such loyal ambassadors of His!

Chaplain Paul Gebauer Wins the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service

Chaplain Paul Gebauer, attached to the 14th Armored Division of General Patch's 7th United States Army, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Alsace. When asked for further news about the honor, he insisted that he did not deserve it and had nothing else to say. But the courage and valor of this missionary-chaplain are well known to his friends. We trust that he and Clara with their daughter, Ann Elizabeth, may soon be on their way to the Cameroons.

Pfc. Richard Braun, a son of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Braun of Parkston, South Dakota, has heard Chaplain Gebauer frequently in Germany and has assisted him at communion services, since he is attached to a similar tank division.

"The Oregon Journal" recently published an overseas letter from Pvt. Bruce Hanson of the 7th Army in which he wrote that the most outstanding



Chaplain Gustav T. Lutz, Formerly Pastor of the Baptist Church at Jamesburg, N. J., who was killed in Germany on April 16, 1945

Chaplain he had met was Chaplain Paul Gebauer. "He is out on our front lines daily," he wrote, "giving any sort of encouragement that he can. We've learned to expect him at any time he has free for a devotional period, with hymns, and a few quotations from Scripture for which he always has vivid illustrations."

More power to you, Chaplain Paul Gebauer!

Important June Dates

Four Weeks of June — "Helpers Together By Prayer"

See Page 8 of This Issue.

Secure your Prayer Leaflet in Your Church.

Sunday June 10 — Children's Day

Sunday, June 24 — Edmonton Institute Sunday

See Page 9 of This Issue.

Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
REV. A. R. BERNADT
of Burlington, Iowa



In the past nine years more than 200 of the 1900 churches serving rural areas in South Dakota have closed their doors.

A dollar doesn't go as far as it used to—but it sure goes much faster!

According to a recent religious survey, 8 out of every 10 people living in Minnesota attend church quite regularly.

After all, the mind is like the stomach, for it isn't how much you put in but how much you digest that counts.

Churches are not yet included among the groups which will receive priorities for purchasing surplus materials from the government after the war.

An optimist is a man who gets tired by a lion but, nevertheless, enjoys the scenery.

Layman John D. Rockefeller Jr. recently stated that the survival of the Church in the postwar world is hinged on all churches joining in a great re-birth and must subordinate all ordinance, ritual, creed and non-essentials to the spirit of life.

54 dollars for every person in the United States were spent for liquor last year, while the per-capita giving for the Protestant Churches for that same period was \$15.69.

The late President Roosevelt was senior warden of St. James Episcopal Church at Hyde Park, N. Y. They often arranged vestry meetings when he could be there, and they worked until the late hours dealing with church financial problems!

The wingspread of a B29 is greater than the distance the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk.

Northern Baptists have 63 schools, colleges, and seminaries in their Conference and hope that scholarships can be offered at all of them for deserving Baptist young people.

A secret is something that is hushed about from place to place.

There are now 19 Negro Catholic priests in this country.

560 million pounds of grain will produce 50 million gallons of whiskey or will feed 5 million starving people in the postwar period.

The World Security Conference at San Francisco, Calif., was not opened with prayer, as was pointed out by pastors who sent reprimanding letters.

6,300,000,000 cigarettes were produced last year that cost smokers more than 6 billion dollars—and still such a shortage!

Roman Catholic conversions in England and Wales during 1943 were the lowest in two decades.

One man defined evolution as follows: dress, \$3.75; frock, \$19.98; gown, \$65; creation, \$225.00.

Gideons are not permitted to distribute New Testaments in Los Angeles Parks since the law forbids the distribution of controversial literature.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Total Contributions

Conference	April 1945	April 1944
Atlantic	\$ 2,714.96	\$ 3,243.85
Eastern	3,466.92	944.47
Central	11,504.01	5,663.03
Northwestern	6,199.51	5,312.36
Southwestern	5,518.92	4,173.15
Southern	807.17	882.68
Pacific	8,873.78	5,046.24
Northern	3,214.78	3,004.89
Dakota	5,483.95	5,274.40
Totals	\$47,784.00	\$33,545.07

Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

April 1945	\$ 2,008.72
April 1944	4,781.99
Total to April 30, 1945	\$121,235.27

Seminary Endowment Fund

April 1945	\$ 4,173.01
Total to April 30, 1945	\$ 76,257.67