



A Mother's Prayer

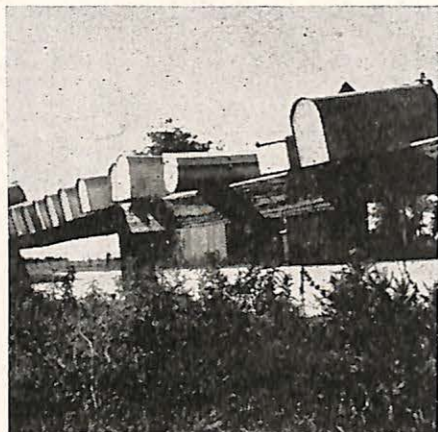
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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized four persons at the Good Friday service of the church, including a young man for the Brentwood Presbyterian Church who wished to be immersed. The other three baptized candidates and four others were received into the church's fellowship at the Easter communion service. Easter Sunday also marked the beginning of the ninth year of Mr. Holzer's ministry in the Temple Church.



GOOD NEWS!

The General Council at its annual session on April 20 designated Tacoma, Washington as the site for the next General Conference which will be held from Aug. 19 to 25, 1946. Elaborate plans are already being made for a wonderful conference, and the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, of which Rev. W. C. Damrau is pastor, is overjoyed at the prospect of serving as host to the conference.

● A week of evangelistic meetings were held during the Lenten season by the Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., with the Rev. E. Broeckel of American Falls, Idaho as the evangelist. A baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday evening with several persons baptized by the Rev. A. S. F. Felberg, including a man of 82 years of age. On Sunday evening, April 22, the B. Y. P. U. had charge of the program which was featured by the play, "The Soldier of the Cross." A monthly mimeographed church paper, especially prepared for the church's 120 Service Men and Women, is called "B. Y. SPEAKS" and is ably edited by Thelma Forsch.

● The Rev. Frank Armbruster recently presented his resignation as pastor of the Linden Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Saskatchewan, Canada with its Davin and Balgonie stations. He will begin his ministry at Edenwold shortly and will succeed the Rev. Arthur Weisser, now of Wishek, No. Dak.

● The Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, pastor of the Baptist Churches of Anamoose and Lincoln Valley, North Dakota, recently presented his resignation to his churches and announced that he would give all his time to serving the Baptist Church of Guthrie, North Dakota. This is a church of the Northern Baptist Convention which he has served in a part time capacity for several years. His resignation from our churches took effect on April 15th.

● On Palm Sunday the Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., baptized 10 persons and received them into the church on Easter Sunday. On that same Sunday evening the mixed choir rendered an inspirational cantata. On Saturday evening April 14, a "Singspiration" was held at the church with many young people of the churches in Berrien County in attendance.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas have announced that a

21 persons make their confession of faith in Christ. The Rev. John Heer, pastor, wrote: "It was a great pleasure to see the people act as missionaries once they had received forgiveness. Quite a number were brought through the unceasing effort of others."

● Chaplain Roy B. Anderson of the U. S. Navy brought the resurrection message on "His Triumph" to 1200 people at the Easter Sunrise Service for the churches of San Bernardino, Calif., held in a picturesque local park. He also brought the message on Jesus' Sixth Word spoken on the Cross at a three hour Good Friday service, Chaplain Anderson, who is stationed at a Convalescent Hospital at Arrowhead Springs near San Bernardino, is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois.

● Special meetings were held during the Passion Week at the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma. On Wednesday, March 28, the King's Daughters presented a program featuring the subject of "The Twelfth Apostle" by Dorothy Sumerau. A three hour service on Good Friday afternoon was addressed by seven pastors from Okeene and neighboring towns. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Zion Church also took part in the service. A large Easter offering was received by the church for our missionary enterprise.

● On Tuesday evening of March 27 the marriage of Miss Dorothy Scott of Rochester, New York and the Rev. Robert Zimbelman of McClusky, No. Dak., a graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, took place in the Temple Baptist Church of Rochester. The Rev. Michael Kary, a graduate of our seminary and former assistant pastor of the Temple Church, officiated at the ceremony. After a brief trip to New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Zimbelman returned to Rochester where Mr. Zimbelman will complete his studies at the University of Rochester.

● On Easter Sunday, April 1, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., baptized 3 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday, April 15, Dr. John Knechtel of Chicago, Ill., the former pastor of the Grace Church of Chicago, served as the guest speaker. Dr. Knechtel was visiting relatives in the Pacific Northwest at the time, including the Rev. and Mrs. E. Bibelheimer of Tacoma. The church has received notice with great joy that Tacoma has been selected by the denomination's General Council as the site of the next General Conference to be held in August, 1946.

● On Easter Sunday a community choir of thirty voices presented the cantata, "Hosanna" by Nolte, in the Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak. Included in the group were also a

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Two brief and very stimulating messages on the need for a real revival have been prepared by the Rev. F. W. Bartel, the denomination's general evangelist, and by Mr. A. D. Schantz of Gotebo, Okla., former colporteur of the Publication Society, for the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."

DECISIONS FOR TOMORROW

The important decisions reached by the General Missionary Committee and the General Council from April 17 to 20 at Forest Park, Ill., will be reviewed and interpreted for the benefit of all "Herald" readers by the denomination's promotional secretary.

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This Is Her Day!

A MOTHER is content to stay in the background. Quietly she toils and sacrifices for her children, but the acclaim of the world usually goes to a son or daughter who has accomplished great things in the larger arena of life. The mother at home, laboring over the kitchen stove, praying for her children, knitting clothes and darning socks, and moulding impressionable lives, is largely forgotten by the plaudits of the world.

But this is HER DAY—Mother's Sunday—the second Sunday of May! It is with difficulty that we persuade her to come out of the hot kitchen and busy workroom and to stand in the center of the crowd as we sing her praises and bestow our wreath of tribute upon her. We acknowledge thereby what William Ross Wallace expressed long ago, "For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Behind every great human accomplishment are the hidden influences of a mother's love and faith, the imperceptible, moulding powers of a mother's life.

When the statue of Frances Willard was unveiled in Statuary Hall of the Capitol Building at Washington, D. C., Senator Beveridge, in his address on that occasion, said that Miss Willard was "the first woman of the nineteenth century, the most beloved character of her time, and, under God, a benefactress of her race." But the picture of Frances Willard's brilliant career is incomplete without observing, dimly in the background, a little old mother who often repeated the admonition of God that came to her as a secret of her daughter's early training: "Bring up this child for ME in the love of humanity and the expectation of immortal life."

There is a beautiful verse of Scripture in Luke 2:19 that tells us about the mother of Jesus. The shepherds had come to the Bethlehem manger with the amazing story about the angels' song and with their praise concerning the child and the things which the Lord had made known unto them. Mary, too, remembered the words of divine revelation about the child who was to be called "the Son of God." In the midst of all this excitement as the brilliant light of attention was focused upon the child, we are told that "Mary kept (or treasured) all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Quietly she stood in the background, the handmaiden of the Lord, but as one whom God used for his glorious revelation to all mankind!

Probably one day of tribute is all that a mother wants. She is usually uncomfortable in the glaring light of attention. But this is HER DAY, and with joy and thanksgiving we bring our flowers of tribute to make her life sweeter and more fragrant.



—Samuel D. Myslis Photo

Smiles Reflect the Same Spirit of Happiness in the Hearts of Several Generations

An Ideal Mother

A Mother's Day Message by REV. LAWRENCE E. WEGNER of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

THERE are certain qualifications which are essential to the ideal mother. Those which I seek to give in this brief message are in no way exhaustive, but merely suggestive.

The ideal mother is one whose heart is filled with love. There are certain mothers whose hearts are void of all love. This is tragic reality, and such mothers are greatly to be pitied. A common occurrence is the abandonment of children by mothers whose hearts have become calloused through wild and godless living. We also are familiar with the "over-patriotic" mother who esteems her responsibility to the war effort greater than that to the home effort and, with little effect on conscience, can leave her adolescent children to shift for themselves while she seeks a war job.

The crying need of America is for mothers whose hearts are filled with love for their children and who, regardless of circumstances, with self-sacrifice, devotion and patience will care for them.

A Heart Filled with Love

One of the greatest expressions of a mother's deep love for her child is that found in John's reference to Mary, the mother of Jesus. "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother." Of course, she did! Where else could such a mother like the mother of Jesus stand on such a day? Looking through tear-dimmed eyes she beheld the angry mob smite him. She heard their rebuffs. She felt the

pain and the suffering and agony of those bleeding hands and feet. Then, finally, when the sword was pierced through Jesus' side, she knew for the first time the truth and reality of the prophecy, "A sword shall pierce through thine own soul also."

The love of Jesus' mother followed him to the brow of Calvary's hill. Everyone had forsaken the Lord Jesus, but there, by the cross, stood one who would not and could not forsake him—his own mother. What did she care if he was regarded an outcast and a criminal by others? She knew better. Others may have hated and rejected him; she loved him. What difference did it make that others spat upon him? He was her son. She loved him supremely.

Like most mothers, the mother of



Miss Muriel E. Geister and Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner of Manitowoc, Wis., Were Married on April 21 With the Rev. John Schmidt of Chicago, Ill., Helping to Officiate

Jesus stood the test and stayed with him to the very end. What wondrous love is demonstrated here! It is beyond the power of expression, as E. H. Chapin has so well stated: "No language can express the power and beauty and heroism and majesty of a mother's love. It shrinks not where man cowers, and grows stronger where man faints, and over the wastes of worldly fortune sends the radiance of quenchless fidelity like a star in heaven."

"O mother when I think of thee, 'Tis but a step to Calvary." Because of this matchless love which fills the ideal mother's heart, her life is filled with an unceasing concern for the welfare of her children. This constitutes the second qualification.

Concern for their Welfare

All of us can recall the earlier days of our lives when in times of sickness, sorrow or suffering, mother patiently and lovingly ministered to us. A mother's concern is often expressed in sleepless nights and anxious days. She is interested in our physical well-being, our material advancement, and, supremely, in our spiritual security. She often treads the road of self-denial, where she meets sacrifice and devotion. She finds her life in losing it for the sake of her children.

The third essential of the ideal mother is that her prayers be filled with power. There is no greater blessing to the family or to humanity than that of a praying mother. How many sons and daughters have been led to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior through the prevailing prayers of a godly mother! How well I recall my mother lying on her knees late at night, earnestly praying. Whether intuitively or not, it seems I knew she was praying for me, pleading with God that I would come to a deeper knowledge of the reality of Christ in my life, and that I would be willing to follow God's leading.

The familiar story of John Newton's conversion illustrates more fully the power of a godly mother's prayer. An old woman with a halo of silvered hair—the hot tears flowing down her furrowed cheeks—her worn hands busy over a washtub in a room of poverty—praying—for her son John—John who ran away from home in his teens to become a very wicked man—praying, praying always, that her son might be saved and might be of service to God.

A Mother's Prayers

The mother believed in two things—the power of prayer and the reformation of her son. So while she scrubbed she continued to pray. God answered the prayer by working a miracle in the heart of John Newton. The black of sin was washed white in the precious blood of the Lamb. The washtub prayers were heard as all prayers are when asked in his name. John Newton, the drunken sailor, became John Newton, the sailor-preacher.

Among the thousands of men and women he brought to Christ was Thomas Scott, cultured, selfish, and self-satisfied. Because of the washtub

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Mother Kaiser and Her Five Sons: (Left to Right) William, Richard, Paul, Rudolf and Fred, All of Whom, Except for Rev. Rudolf Kaiser, Live in Kenosha, Wisconsin

A Tribute to a Praying Mother

By REV. RUDOLF KAISER of Hettinger, North Dakota

IT WAS in northern Germany, close to the Baltic Sea, that Mother was born. We do not know a great deal about her childhood days, but we imagine that they must have been very impressive, living as she did, in one of the larger coastal towns surrounded with all the beauty of nature. In this setting stood her home and the blacksmith shop of her father. Six sisters and two brothers shared her childhood home. Then came the time when she was given in marriage, and with her husband made her home in the ancient city of Koenigsberg. Their home was graced by eight children of which one, a twin, died in infancy. Two daughters and five sons learned to know and love "Mother".

The Oldest Son

Paul, the eldest son, was one of those lads, who, true at heart, still stubbornly tested the patience of Mother and at times caused her to shed the pearl-like tears that only a mother sheds for the forgetful and wayward. As he grew to manhood, Paul sought his friends and his companions among those who acclaimed themselves "masters of their fate." God and eternity did not mean much to them.

Later he joined the army, went through World War I and the starvation period which followed. He suffered sore affliction in the death of some of his children. After a time, he came to America where he made a new beginning, but still without God.

During these years and experiences, Paul was never forgotten by Mother. How she yearned for him that he might come to love God! How she prayed for him without ceasing, and even in the last days of her life, sick unto death, she wanted to see him and talk with him. She wanted to be near him. She passed away before

her wish was fulfilled, but her faith was not in vain. It was soon after her death that Paul's heart was gradually turned to God.

On one memorable evening during a season of revival meetings conducted by his brother in the Immanuel Church at Kenosha, Wisconsin, he received Christ into his heart. Tears of joy were wept in the audience that night, for many knew of Paul's former life and knew of his praying mother. At last those prayers were answered. Mother's faith had convinced a lost son that God was real.

Since his experience on that night, Paul has been and is a faithful worker for his Master in the Kenosha church, where he holds a responsible position.

A Mother's Tender Influence

Fred, the second son, was of a more tender nature. Drawn by the kindness and the deep spiritual life of Mother, he gave his heart as a young lad to the Christ whom his mother loved and served. He loved the Church and the Sunday School, and during these many years he has been a faithful worker in such offices as have been entrusted to him. The influence of his Christian mother penetrated his whole family circle and has made the family a pillar of the Kenosha Church.

Richard, the third son, followed somewhat in the early footsteps of his oldest brother. Having spent a major part of his youth in the navy, he came to this country. Here he became a follower of Christ and is now also a useful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha. His life, like that of his brothers, was the object of the drawing power of a praying, loving mother.

The two daughters found their Savior early in life. Under the tender care and helpful guidance of Mother they have grown to love the church and are constantly mindful of her

deep devotional life. Margaret is privileged to share in her husband's liberal giving to the Kingdom of God from the talents that God has entrusted to them. She, as also Mary, have been true church members since their conversion, ever helpful and seeking to please the Lord.

A Mother's Counselling Spirit

Rudolf, one of the youngest children, felt the whole impact of Mother's influence upon his life. He sat at her feet when she, in the absence of the father, performed the sacred duty of family devotions. She would never allow her children to rush off to school without a precious moment of devotion. It is then no wonder that under her sweet and counseling spirit, Rudolf turned his heart to God at the early age of eleven years.

It was not before many years that Rudolf came to America and his mother soon followed him. Again he came under the direct influence of his mother. Then God spoke and he heard the call to enter the ministry. For a time he delayed but finally yielded. Mother saw him go to prepare for this work and begin his active service, which he is continuing to carry on in some of the denomination's churches.

Willie, the youngest, could not evade the touch of a loving and praying mother. Early in life he was drawn to choose her Christ to be his own. He, too, gives a good account of his faith in Christ, serving him with joy.

Mother's Christian influence is still visible everywhere in the lives of her children. Mother—can we forget her? No, she lives on and on. Next to God we pay tribute to her, for all that we have, for all that we are.

"It pays to be true to Mother;
When Mother is true to God;
There is no better helper
On the road of life which we trod."



"Don't Fence Me In!"

A Sermon by REV. J. C. SCHWEITZER of Bismarck, North Dakota

Psalm 13:19; 31:8; 118:5.

THE POPULAR song by that title, like so many of its kind, makes little sense as to meaning or harmony, but the above phrase is most suggestive for profitable study. The Scripture references above refer to man's loss of freedom and to God's intervention to set him at liberty once more.

Man was created in God's image with the freedom of the universe. He was invested with the free approach to and fellowship with God, his Creator. Only with man's disobedience came the barring from the garden of Eden and the hiding from the presence of the Lord. As the downward path of sin continued, man became increasingly fenced in. This vicious process of evil and its consequent segregation has separated man from man, and nation from nation.

The ancient walls around China illustrate this point most vividly, for these people, because of fear and hatred and other motives, erected these fences or walls, to shut other nations out.

One of the major obstacles in our day toward a lasting and just peace is narrow provincialism and race hatred. The effects of this spirit are particularly felt in the spiritual or religious realm. Many have drawn a circle about themselves so narrow that those of even minor differences of opinion, of different names and colors, have been shut out and even hated and persecuted.

It is only by a "largeness of heart" (2 Cor. 6:13) that some greater souls have been able to respond in the words of Edwin Markham:

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in."

Sin in every form, and selfishness in particular, robs man of his freedom. It restricts him in his influence.

It hampers his service. In one word, "it fences him in." King David had committed a great sin and consequently sustained a great loss in his life. In Psalm 51, David's great prayer of repentance, we note the loss of purity and joy, (verses 7, 8 and 12), God's presence, (verse 11), ability to instruct, (verse 13), praise, (verse 14), and his testimony, (verse 15). It was little wonder that at the memory of his sin and God's liberating forgiveness, David exclaimed, "Thou hast not shut me up . . . thou hast set my feet in a large room." (Ps. 31:8).

It was to the proud Jews, who boasted of their racial priority and pride of freedom, that Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committed sin is the servant of sin." (John 8:32, 34).

Sin today is still the same and its effects are still unchanged. Like of old, pride and selfishness incapacitate the followers of Christ and their joy. A man without the love and peace of Christ in his heart is fenced in by self-interest, self-pity, and the narrow horizon of an inflated ego. Pity such a person!

It is an unending experience that when Christ enters the life of a person, a larger vision, a larger faith, a larger hope and love, and a larger work and joy come into that life. According to the words of the prophet, Christ came "to preach deliverance to the captives". (Luke 4:18). Fences and barriers have been battered down.

The new day of missionary enterprises and of youth leadership in the world, as well as in our own denominational ranks, challenges us with a great opportunity and vision. If we are not to fail, we must be in close fellowship with Christ, and fortified with our spiritual armor, (Eph. 6:11), we must dare to face sin in its every form as conquerors and "not permit it to fence us in."

AN IDEAL MOTHER

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prayers another miracle was worked and Thomas Scott used his pen and voice to lead thousands of unbelieving hearts to Christ — among them a melancholic young man, William Cowper, by name. He, too, was transformed by the power of Christ, and in a moment of inspiration wrote,

"There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that
flood,

Lose all their guilty stains."

And this song has brought countless thousands to the Man who died on Calvary. All this resulted because a mother took God at his Word and prayed that her son's heart might become as white as the soap-suds in the washtub.

Words of Counsel

The fourth essential to the ideal mother is that her voice be filled with counsel. She often warns her children to flee youthful lusts. She brings them face to face with the evils of life. She pleads with them to be careful of the friendships and associations which they make, for she knows that evil communications corrupt good manners. She is one to whom her children can come with their problems and perplexities.

The ideal mother will also seek to instruct her children in the ways of God and earnestly entreat them to follow God's leading at all times. Many a pastor has unhappy remembrances of parents seeking to keep their children from giving their lives to full-time Christian service. Heart-aches, sorrows, and tragedies have followed where God did not have his way.

Let every parent remember that all human relationships are inferior, and ought to be subject to the spiritual relationship. "If any man hate not father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26)

Rewards of Blessedness

Finally, an ideal mother is one whose reward is filled with blessedness. "Her children rise up, and call her blessed." Many men and women can look back upon their lives, and looking back, can say, "Thank God for my mother!" Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my Sainted Mother."

Talmadge used to say that when the two Wesleys — John and Charles — approach their throne in heaven they will find one in the middle, higher than either, for mother.

Yes, we owe a great deal to the ideal mother! Often she has kept the souls of her children from the pit and their lives from destruction. The fruitfulness of our lives we owe largely to the faithfulness of hers. Thank God for ideal Mothers!

CHILDREN'S PAGE

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JEAN'S WALK

Jean went out for a walk one day, and as she walked along she seemed to hear the grass say, "We are wearing our lovely green skirts to make you happy."

She walked a little farther and saw the trees with the new green leaves. It was fun to look up into the sky and see the white puffy clouds through the branches of the trees. The trees seemed to say, "We look upward and say, 'Thank you, God, for the birds who build in our branches.'"

As Jean listened to the birds sing, they seemed to say, "We sing to God to thank him for the trees, flowers, sunshine, food, and rain."

Jean said, "What do I do to show God that I love him? The birds, flowers, trees, sunshine, clouds have a way to say it. The least I can do is to say 'Thank you' when I say my prayers this evening."

The Editor's Suggestions

Here is a list of library books which I can have sent to you if you will send a penny post card to me at 5555 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois. You may keep the books for two weeks.

1. TELL ME ABOUT JESUS
by Mary Alice Jones
2. TELL ME ABOUT GOD
by Mary Alice Jones
3. BOY'S STORIES OF GREAT MEN
by Egermeier
4. FOREST FRIENDS
by Evans
5. CHILD NEIGHBOR IN AMERICA
by McConnell

When your letters, poems, and stories began to come I thought, "These are so interesting, I must make a scrapbook!" I also thought perhaps I could take them to Africa with me. I know that I'd have many happy hours reading them. Those of you who haven't written, please write soon so that your contributions may also be added.

THE FIRST CONTRIBUTION

by Marvin Zimmerman of Napoleon, North Dakota.

I read the Children's page and also "The Baptist Herald." I read the stories and the poems. I felt I should do something too. I will write a poem but don't know if it will be good enough for "The Baptist Herald" or not, but I will do my best.

A Song of Sending

Lord Jesus, thou art waiting still,
We hear thee call, so clearly call:
"They who love me—come forth and follow me!
In God's own Spirit will I lead thee!"
He shall not fall, no never fall,
Who puts his trust in me,
Who gives to me his all.



What a Lot of Fun This Boy Is Having Feeding the Chickens!

Notebook Assignment

Take your notebooks and pencils to church and write down one important thing you learned from what the preacher said. Try and live it for a week.

A CHEERFUL GIVER

William came to his Sunday School teacher and said, "Now that I have joined the church, what can I do?"

Miss Esther said, "We learned in all of our BIBLE stories that Jesus was always busy doing good for others. Thus he taught us to love those round about us, to help those who didn't have all that we have."

"The first thing you should do is be in church, in young people's meeting, and in Sunday School every Sunday," said William.

"For the present, let's just talk about giving," said Miss Esther.

"That's easy, I have an allowance and I give out of that every Sunday!" exclaimed William.

"No, William, that is only one kind of giving. It is fine to give money. There are many uses for it, such as minister's salaries, fuel, lights, books, water, janitor, home mission, and foreign mission work, etc. In the early

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BIBLE days we see that Jacob said he would give a tenth of what God had given him. (Genesis 28:22). We give a tenth today and call it 'tithing.'

"When you accepted Christ as your Savior you did your first real giving—giving yourself.

"Another giving is giving of time. Are you willing to work on committees, run errands, bring others to Sunday School, to your young people's meetings, and to church?"

"Giving your talents. It happens that you have a fine speaking voice and can sing. Those are talents. You should be willing to use them freely in telling others about Christ. I know you have those abilities, so expect to use them in the worship service we are preparing for you Juniors to give for your parents.

"Giving time for study is another very important step in Christian growth. Your BIBLE and commentaries are so important to help you understand people and their needs of long ago."

"Why, all those projects of carrying baskets to the poor, singing at the Old People's Home, sending money to the Children's Home, were all means of giving!" exclaimed William.

"Yes, God loves a cheerful giver," remarked Miss Esther.

ALICE ZERBIN of Regina Saskatchewan Sends her Poem about Jesus

As I was reading the "BAPTIST HERALD" this morning, I thought it was a wonderful idea to have the Children's Page. It tempted me to compose a poem, too.

I am 13 years old and am in grade nine. I go to Balfour Technical School in Regina. It was saved about two years ago and was also baptized. Here goes my verse:

The Marks on Christ's Hands

As I sit here in the sunshine bright,
I wonder why the world is so dark,
It is because people have never known right
And have never seen Christ's mark.

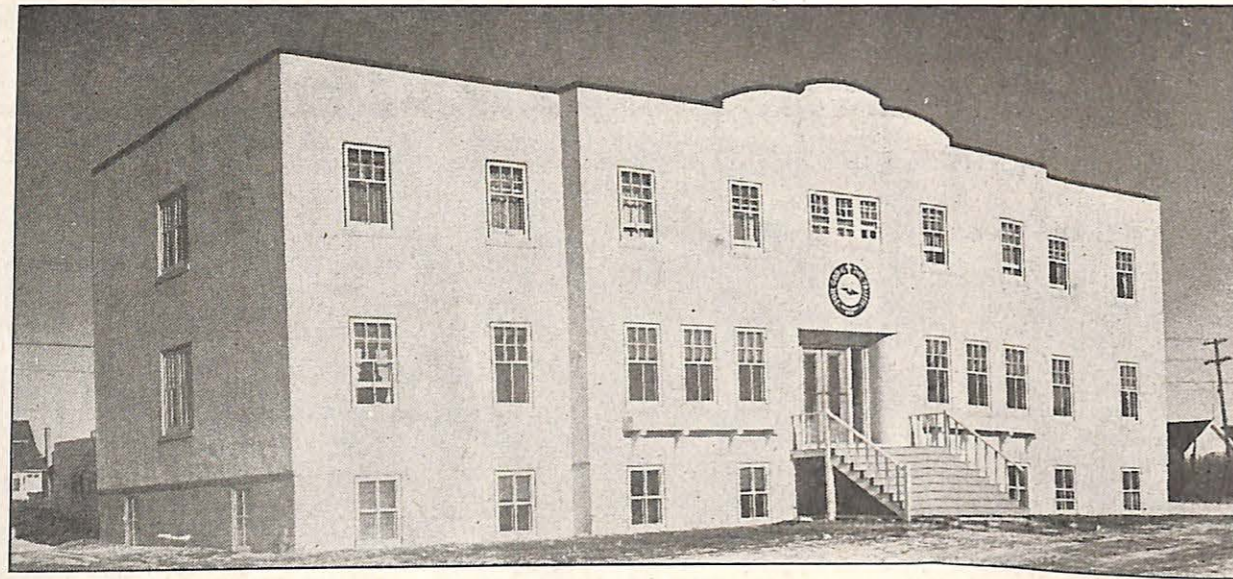
Now, say some people, what is Christ's mark?

Did they ever hear that Easter story,
When Jesus was nailed to the cross,
And how he suffered in God's glory?

Christ had died to save us from sin,
And now, I hope people will understand
Just why Christians love him,
It's because of those marks on his hand.

Our Cameroons Missionary

On Thursday, April 19, Miss Esther Schultz, editor of "The Children's Page", was one of seven new missionaries appointed by the General Missionary Committee for the Cameroon field of Africa. She will not go to Africa, however, until after the summer of 1946 following the completion of her studies at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago.



The Proposed New Building of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, Will Be Similar in Size to the Present School Edifice Which is Shown in the Above Picture

The Edmonton Institute Building Project

The Purposes of the \$45,000 Building Project Interpreted by M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

OUR EDMONTON Bible School has had an amazing harvest of spiritual blessings in the brief five year span since its doors opened to students in 1940. It's a hundred fold harvest if you can open your eyes to the spiritual returns which are clearly evident in the lives of its students.

A Christian Training Institute

This school has run true to its name. It is first and foremost a "Christian Institute." Hundreds of young people from rural communities and immigrant homes have been taken out of their backward surroundings and have been trained to become Christian leaders in their Sunday Schools, young people's societies, churches and homes. Everyone of these many lives unfolds like a rose into a full grown, attractive blossom during his or her student days at the institute.

The school has reaped evangelistic harvests, as well. A number of students have found Christ as Savior at the Institute. The classes in personal work and tract distribution have inspired them to buttonhole all kinds of people on the streets of Edmonton with the question, "Are you a Christian?" The gospel team trips and many activities of the students in teaching Sunday School classes, conducting radio programs and organizing "Child Evangelism" groups are being used of God to bring scores of people each year into the light of his Kingdom.

A Spiritual Feeder

Some institutions are called "Spiritual Feeders". That is, they supply other groups, which have a more advantageous location and favorable facilities, with the best material upon

which to work. In this sense of the word, our Edmonton Institute is one of our finest "spiritual feeders." It is supplying our Rochester Baptist Seminary with promising students and pastors' wives for the ministry. Eight young men, now at Rochester, completed the Edmonton Institute course or took some studies there. Three young women, who were students at the school are the wives of brethren studying for the ministry. Miss Myrtle Hein, a graduate of the school, is an appointee of our General Missionary Committee for the Cameroons field of Africa. Many other students are considering the mission field as their life's calling.

But that isn't the end of the story. New fields are opening to us in Northern Alberta and other parts of Canada. The pioneer conditions in these areas are uninviting to most seminary graduates. But the Institute students are glad to spend the summer months in witnessing to the gospel and conducting services in such places.

Crowded Full!

The most amazing thing about the school has been that it has been crowded beyond capacity ever since it opened. In spite of the war and its restrictions upon students' studies, the Edmonton Institute has not been large enough to accommodate all the young people who would like to attend. During the past school year a total of 74 students were squeezed into a building with a capacity of 50.

There is only one answer to a situation like that. God makes it very clear to us by giving his manifold blessings to the seed that has been sown. That answer is A NEW BUILDING! We must enlarge "our tent" and provide more adequate facilities.

We must try to match our efforts with the blessings that God has bestowed. We must go forward in his work!

The Building Project, \$45,000

So the Edmonton Institute Building Project has been launched. A total of \$45,000 is to be raised by our churches for the erection of a second building unit which will double the capacity and facilities of the school. Plans are now being made to build the new edifice during the forthcoming summer months. There can be no delay in our eagerness to support this worthy project.

From April to August two quartets of young women from the Edmonton Institute will visit many of the churches in the Northern, Pacific, Dakota and Southwestern Conferences. About 125 programs will be held by them, at which the gospel message and the needs of the school will be presented. These churches, which will be visited by the quartets, will probably hold their offerings for the Edmonton Institute projects at these special occasions.

Institute Sunday, June 24

But for most of our churches the Sunday of June 24th has been set aside as **Edmonton Institute Sunday**. We hope that our churches, as far as possible, will remember the school on that day. Illustrated six page leaflets will be sent to all our pastors in the people on that Sunday. Offering envelopes will also be sent in ample quantities, so that our people can have an active part in this missionary project with their cash gifts or pledges. If the church should decide upon a more opportune date later in

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Commencement at Edmonton

The Report of the Graduation Exercises at the Edmonton Institute by REV. E. P. WAHL, President

MARCH 27 and 28 were the days on which the closing exercises of another successful school year of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta took place. With good weather and passable roads a goodly number of friends from outside of Edmonton were able to enjoy blessed mountaintop experiences with the faculty and students of the Christian Training Institute. More than 750 meals were served in the dining hall of the Institute in these two days.

On Tuesday all meetings during the day were held in the school. The principal speakers were the Rev's. L. F. Cockram, Hugo Lueck, R. Schilke, W. C. Smalley, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, and C. Rempel.

In the evening the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton was filled to capacity to hear Chaplain Lt.-Col. Robert Lee Dougherty bring a message on the theme, "The Imperative Need for Jesus," and to have the Rev. F. W. Benke present the 18 young people of the Bible School who have been appointed to go out to do some special missionary work during the summer months. Two ladies' quartets will visit the Dakota, Pacific and Southwestern Conference churches, special evangelistic work will be carried on by a mixed quartet in the province of Manitoba, a group of four students will be assisting Mr. Benke in missionary work in the Peace River Block, and two young men will take student pastorates. To be sure, a great deal of missionary work will be accomplished by these devoted lives.

Wednesday morning was begun with a prayer hour conducted by Rev. G. R. Dawe. Two mission talks were given, one on work in India by Miss Edwards, returned missionary from India, and the other by Rev. Hugo Lueck on "Mission Work in Poland." After a palatable dinner and blessed Christian fellowship around the tables the afternoon meeting gathered again at our Edmonton church to enjoy the messages by the graduates and a talk by Rev. J. Redberger, pastor of the Moravian church.

On Wednesday evening, the climax of the days, the commencement exercises took place. Long before the time to begin, every seat had been taken and even standing room was no longer available. The platform was beautifully decorated with the class colors, rose and white, and besides the four graduates and Rev. F. W. Benke, the chairman of the meeting, there were seated the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our home mission secretary, the Hon. E. C. Manning, premier of Alberta, and the Rev. E. P. Wahl, the president of the Institute. The Premier spoke very effectively on "The Dynamic Christian Force Needed" and emphasized the value of a school like the Christian Institute. Mr. Dymmel brought the commencement address on his subject, "The Harp of Life." He compared the harp with the principles of living.

Mr. Wahl presented the graduating students with their diplomas, admonishing the class as the diplomas were passed out to be ever true to the motto of the class, "Forward With Christ." The Hon. E. C. Manning led in the closing prayer and benediction. Offerings received during these closing meetings were designated for the Building Fund of the Institute and amounted to \$552.36.



Edmonton, a city of 110,000 citizens, is growing rapidly. Our Institute has remarkable opportunities to make itself a vital part of the religious life of the city and the province of Alberta. May we thank God for such a privilege and seize this opportunity without fail!

The Institute Quartets

The quartet of young women, known as "The C. T. I. Prairie Echoes", is visiting about 50 churches in North and South Dakota and in the Northern Conference of Canada from April 1st to June 1st. This quartet is shown in the picture at the bottom of this page. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Institute, accompanied the quartet for several weeks early in April in the Dakota Conference.

The second quartet, calling itself "The C. T. I. Melodians," is shown at the top of this page. It is undertaking a more extensive itinerary visiting about 60 churches from Kelowna and Vancouver, British Columbia, to Anaheim, Calif., in the Pacific Conference and many churches and assemblies of the Southwestern Conference in Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Later they will sing in our churches of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Their trip began on April 29 and will probably continue until about June 30th.

The Building Project

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the summer, that will be very satisfactory.

With the receipt of every contribution received for the Edmonton Institute Project, an attractive printed picture of the student body and faculty of 1944-45 (size 7 by 9 inches) will be sent. It will be a revelation to many people to look at the many faces of those who have been identified with the school during the past term of the five winter months.

This is not another money raising project. It is a missionary cause which should awaken our earnest prayers and desires to support the work which God has blessed with such amazing harvests. It is one of our denomination's home mission fields, upon which we ought to lift up our eyes to behold its promise of even greater things to come.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Evangelistic Meetings and Easter Services at the Shell Creek Church of Nebraska

This is the third year that we have been ministering in our home church, the Shell Creek Church, near Columbus, Neb. All the branches of the church are quite active, even though some of them could be more alive.

From Feb. 11 to 27 we held evangelistic meetings, which were conducted by Evangelist Alfred Hardy, Director of Evangelism for the State of Nebraska. His well grounded and Biblical messages were uplifting and heart stirring for the church. As a result of these meetings, six young people accepted Christ as their Savior.

Easter Sunday was a blessed day for our church. The evening was set aside for a baptismal service. The church was filled to capacity by members and friends to witness the sacred ordinance of baptism. Six persons from the Shell Creek Church and three from the Baptist Church at Creston, Neb., entered the baptismal waters to give their public confession of faith in Jesus Christ. The Creston candidates were baptized by their pastor, the Rev. Theodore Frey.

May God's richest blessings rest on our denominational work in these trying days. We covet the prayers of God's people for the work here.

John Borchers, Pastor.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Rev. A. J. Fischer Reviews His Ministry of Seven Years in Wessington Springs, S. D.

We brought our services in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota to a close on March 25, after serving the church for seven years and three months. During that time we had eleven baptismal services, baptizing 38 people, and receiving into the church 44 members. Over half of our present membership came into the church during our ministry there. On March 25 we held another baptismal service, baptizing six adults. These people came from a neighboring church, and have been attending our services for several years. Now it was our joy to receive them into the church.

Our newly erected church is a joy and inspiration to all of us. It is completed and all paid for, costing us more than \$6500.00. We raised the money for the church within one year.

The Rev. G. W. Rutsch helped us with special services during the winter months and the Lord has blessed our humble efforts. The church was greatly benefitted by his services.

A. J. Fischer, Former Pastor.

Rev. Vernon McKnight of the Savage Baptist Church of Montana Is Ordained

An ordination council convened at the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana on March 9 for the purpose of considering the ordination of the candidate, Vernon Craig McKnight, at the request of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, of which the Rev. Otto Fiesel is pastor. The council was organized with the Rev. F. Bartel as moderator and the Rev. A. W. Teske as clerk. The representatives of the council consisted of 11 members from five Baptist churches of Vida, Williston, Sidney, Plevna, and Hebron.

The candidate presented a simple, convincing testimony concerning his conversion, a satisfactory statement concerning his personal call into the ministry, and gladly testified with sincere love on the doctrinal teachings of the Holy Scriptures. The council felt it was one of the finest expressions and reported a unanimous vote to ordain him.

The following were chosen to participate in the ordination service: Rev. O. Fiesel, ordination sermon; Rev. F. W. Bartel, the ordination prayer; Rev. J. Benke, welcome into the Christian ministry; Rev. A. W. Teske, charge to the candidate; Rev. D. Littke, charge to the congregation. The Rev. Vernon Craig McKnight of the Savage church pronounced the benediction.

The Rev. Vernon Craig McKnight was born at Charlotte, N. C. When he was 11 years of age, his mother passed on to her eternal reward. Vernon finished his High School training at Petersburg, Fla., finished three years of college training in Cleveland, Tenn., with Bob Jones College, and has had considerable training at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. He is expecting to finish his academic year at the Northwestern University at Chicago.

Arthur Wm. Teske, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Reception by the North Freedom Baptist Church for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz

The services on Sunday, March 18, were a joyous occasion for the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin. On that morning the majority of our people had the happy privilege of meeting our new pastor's family, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz and Thomas, Jr., for the first time.

We had been without a regular minister since last October when Rev. Ralph Rett became a chaplain in the U. S. Army. During the interval our services were ably conducted by the Rev. C. Dippel, a former pastor and now a member of our church, and the Rev. C. F. Stoekman, then pastor of our neighboring church at Ableman.

Now we again consider ourselves fortunate during these days to have had our prayers answered. The smiling faces of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz and Tommy, together with their abundant cheerfulness, are a real testimony to him whom they serve. In his first message to us, Mr. Lutz used Philippians 3:13-14 for his sermon text.

Immediately following our morning service, we gathered in the basement of the church for a pot luck fellowship dinner, after which we again assembled in the auditorium for the formal reception of our pastor's family. Even the visitors who fellowshiped with us agreed that it was a unique reception in that it centered around an original play written by a gifted friend, Mrs. Dunchee, from a neighboring church.

As the play opened Miss Edna Voeck, our organist was sitting at the organ in a dejected mood, wondering how we could welcome our new pastor's family. Another speaker, Miss Genevieve Brilliot, who was discussing the matter with the organist, remarked: "If only churches could speak!" Almost immediately the "Voice of the Church" was heard off stage, this part being taken by our church clerk, Mr. Ben Pawlisch. Mrs. Reuben Black represented the "Voice of the Organ." Together these two voices introduced to our minister's family representatives of the various organizations of our church, who came onto the stage and responded in an original way with poems and songs.

Addresses of welcome were given by the Rev. C. Dippel, by several neighboring pastors, and by our church treasurer, Mr. Sam Borck. Several musical numbers were also given. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz graciously responded to the addresses of welcome. May the Lord grant them a fruitful ministry in our midst and may we unitedly pray that very soon peace may come so that our young men may return to us and make the reception really complete.

Elsie H. Jahnke, Reporter.

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Evidences of Prosperity at the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa

We had pre-Easter services at the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa beginning Tuesday, March 20, and closing with the Easter Sunday night service. Nine adults were baptized on Sunday, March 18, and nine were received into the church on Easter Sunday morning preceding the communion service.

The church has prospered financially and plans to accept the support of another missionary as soon as arrangements can be made. The parsonage has been insulated this spring and the front porch is being glassed in.

The first of March our Sunday School purchased two hundred new song books for the church. Our church attendance has almost doubled this past year. Plans are under way for a Daily Vacation Bible School to begin the last week of May. I might add, the pastor also received a \$300 raise in salary on January first.

L. F. Church, Pastor.

Easter Offering of Almost \$2000 at the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Easter Sunday was another red letter day in the forward march of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wis. At 9:30 A. M. the departments of the Sunday School joined together in the presentation of a fine Easter program. At our morning worship service six young people entered the baptistry, there to acknowledge before a capacity audience, their allegiance to the risen Lord and Savior. Our choir then rendered the Easter Cantata, "The Garden and the Sepulchre" by Protheroe, after which our pastor, Rev. T. W. Bender, delivered a stirring Easter message, using for his text the words of St. John, "Alive Forevermore," (Rev. 1:18).

The Easter offering amounted to approximately \$1950.00. This was well over and above the sum which we had pledged for Easter to pay the balance due on the mortgage on our church property.

E. C. Quade, Reporter.

Inspirational Lenten and Easter Services at the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin

The people and pastor of the Baptist Church at Watertown, Wisconsin, have endeavored to do the work of the Lord in the way best suited to their abilities and needs. In the performance of the varied tasks, God has not left us without specific evidence of his blessing.

A special series of Sunday evening services was held during Lent with a different speaker each successive Sunday. Step by step we were led into a deepening of the Christian life. The guest speakers were: Dr. Ezra G. Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention; Rev. Wm. Nowack, returned missionary of China; Rev. L. Wilson, Rev. Fred Erion, Rev. F. E. Weber, and Prof. Alton E. Wichman, an instructor at the Wayland Junior College.

Easter Sunday was a blessed day for us. In the morning the pastor, Rev.



Staff Members of "The Handclasp", a Monthly Paper of the Young People's Class of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois

Rudolph Woyke, spoke on "Personal Immortality," and a mission offering was received. In the evening the choir rendered a program of Easter songs to an appreciative audience. Christ was born anew in the hearts of many.

The Christ-like and kind-hearted cooperation of the people made it possible for the pastor to attend college during the past three years. On March 23rd he had the thrilling experience of receiving his B. A. degree.

Rudolph Woyke, Pastor.

Farewell Reception by Milwaukee's North Avenue Church for Rev. & Mrs. E. J. Baumgartner

On Sunday afternoon, April 8, members and friends of the North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin met in the church to say goodbye to Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Baumgartner. Mr. Nelson Holzer served as chairman of the meeting.

Words of appreciation were spoken by Dr. E. Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention; Rev. Fred Erion, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Allis; Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church; Rev. Thorwald Bender, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church; and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." Members of the church gave expression to their appreciation in words and in a bank draft for \$400.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Baumgartner responded with words of appreciation for all kindness and loyalty given them during the past eight years. When Mr. Baumgartner came to us, he was given a large key and told that he was to use it to gain entrance to our hearts. His closing act on the day of the reception was to return the key to Mrs. N. E. Neelen with the request that the church instruct her to present it to the new pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, and to give to him the same loyal devotion.

During those past many years Mr. Baumgartner has fully demonstrated, through application, those noble principles and ideals which Jesus taught his followers. He has given of himself freely without reservation and

without thought of the cost to himself. He has guided us wisely and well and brought to fulfillment many cherished aims.

His new position as associate manager of the Publication Society will permit even greater service to a greater number. Our best wishes and our prayers will go with him and Mrs. Baumgartner who shared his ideals.

Florence Wenzel, Church Clerk.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

A Review of the Two Years' Ministry of "The Handclasp" of Trenton, Illinois

In the month of February, 1943 the Young People's Class of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois decided to publish a church paper to be sent to the Service Men and absent members of the church.

On the Sunday evening when we held our organization meeting we had the pleasure of having the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," with us. Mr. Leuschner quietly listened as we made our plans and elected our officers. At the close of the meeting he became our first subscriber so that he would be sure to receive "The Handclasp," as we named our paper that night.

We started our first edition with prayer, fear and trembling. It contained eight pages. We started with 50 cents for the subscriptions and a mailing list of 25 names.

Now it is two years later. Our edition has 12 pages at present. "The Handclasp" is published the first Sunday of every month. It contains news of our boys all over the world, news of the meetings of our church, what the present and absent members are doing, and a devotional page. The devotional message is written by a different member of the class each month. We now have a mailing list of sixty and \$30.00 on hand in our treasury. Through our paper we try to keep Christ close to our Service Men and our members.

Mrs. Lydia Luginbuhl, Sponsor.

Many Activities of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society of St. Joseph, Mich.

In a series of meetings under the general program topic, "Ambassadors for Christ," the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph,



Young People's Sunday School Class of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, With Rev. L. F. Gassner, Teacher at Right Rear

Mich., are directing their interests in far reaching and ever widening beacons of Christian light from the church that is a "Gospel Lighthouse on the Shores of Lake Michigan."

The new missionary endeavor now under way is the building of a school in the Cameroons. The society plans to complete this project over a two year period. To this end prayers are offered and gifts are received regularly.

In the meantime, during the national emergency, the women are doing their bit to help the wounded boys who are confined to government hospitals. Sunday School papers and lesson quarterlies, together with other good Christian literature, games and handwork are collected for their enjoyment. Toilet cases, crutch pads, etc., were made and canes were purchased to aid the wounded.

In January, in conjunction with the Brotherhood, 800 psychopathic patients of World War I were served light refreshments and entertained with a Sunday evening program. Their profound attention and deep appreciation were a real inspiration.

The home missionary project is focused in Kentucky, to which are sent layettes, children's garments and pieced quilts made by this group. Used clothing also is collected and, in the hands of the missionaries, serves as a medium of contact with those who are poor in this world's goods but poorer still in the riches of salvation.

The North American Baptist Children's Home, too, receives a measure of help. There are special treats for the children on holidays and several hundred quarts of canned fruit are provided for their consumption during the winter months.

Monetary help goes to the Rural Bible Mission for its very important work among the country school children, many of whom have never attended a Sunday School nor heard the Bible read.

This organization believes in good reading and furnishes Christian magazines for the church library, the city library and the sanitarium. Substan-

tial donations are extended to the Gideons and Auxiliary for Testaments to be distributed to those in service. With willingness to work, prayers for the unsaved, gifts for the needy, help for the missionaries, and love for all the saints the women of this society are carrying on the King's business.

Mrs. John Decker, Reporter.

The picture appearing with the report was taken a few weeks ago after the Sunday morning service. The average Sunday School attendance of the class is 30.

We wish to extend a most hearty welcome to all young people especially in the service of the country to visit the Sunday School class of the Friendly Church whenever in Vancouver.

Holdina Miller, President.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Easter Program Presented by the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethel Church of Carbon, Alberta

On Easter Sunday evening, April 1, the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethel Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta presented an interesting Easter program under the leadership of the president, Mr. David Gieck.

The program consisted of Easter recitations and the play, "He Lives," very ably rendered by the young people. It portrayed the scenes around the cross and also brought a sequel to the life of the rich young ruler. Appropriate songs were rendered during the presentation of the play.

After the Easter offering, every one joined in singing, "He Lives," followed by the benediction.

Agnes Ohlhauser, Reporter.

Bethel Church Edifice and Parsonage of Carbon, Alberta Are Debt Free

Sunday, March 11, was a day of great significance for the Bethel Church of Carbon, Alberta. As a church we observed that day as a Thanksgiving Sunday, for we had paid in full for the church building and also for the parsonage. This gave us a great occasion to show our gratitude to our heavenly Father through the observance of this special Thanksgiving service.

The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, was the guest speaker on that day. He served in the morning and evening with sermons very fitting for that occasion. The representatives of the various branches of the church assisted by their contributions to the beautification of the program.

The climax of the program came when the promissory notes were burned. While the congregation sang, "Nun danket alle Gott," the pastor gave the notes to the senior deacon of the church, Mr. John Gieck, who led in a prayer of thanksgiving for the Lord's beneficial blessings. After the prayer the Rev. E. Riemer lighted the notes in the presence of the three deacons. After the notes were destroyed, the pastor of the church, Rev. E. Riemer, led in a prayer of consecration.

In the thirteen years of its existence the church has raised for the church building and the parsonage the sum of \$5,360.31. The church is self-supporting for over two years. As we look back we find the trace of God's love in all our undertakings, and we are aware of our inability to thank the Lord enough for all his benefits in the past.

Theodore Bitz, Clerk.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Our Rochester Baptist Seminary Students Are Active in Inter-Seminary Movement

Several years ago a few students at the Rochester Baptist Seminary introduced to the rest of the student body an organization bearing as its name a term which was enough to arouse the interest of the student body in the work and the program of the Inter-Seminary Movement of the Middle Atlantic Region.

To begin with, the work and the purpose of this movement was vague in the minds of the students, but as time passed and we became better acquainted with its work we found that it represented something with which every seminary student should have at least some knowledge; that of the ecumenical ideal. Whether we agree with it or its methods or not, we have nevertheless been convinced of the fact that it needs our careful consideration and study as future ministers in the post-war world where it will without doubt take a major place.

NOW MORE THAN EVER:

"There's no virtue in being moved to tears if we're moved to nothing else. Nothing weeps so copiously as a block of ice."

In November of 1943 our seminary sent to the regional conference two representatives. This conference was held at Crozer Seminary in Chester, Pa. The glowing reports which these representatives brought back to the student body were an inspiration for us to continue our association with the movement for the present at least.

In November of the present school year our Seminary had a representation of six students at the regional conference which was held at the Elm Park Methodist Church of Scranton, Pa.

We were privileged to hear such outstanding men as Dr. Innes of the American Tract Society who was a successful pastor in London, England and in Canada until he took up his duties with the Society. We also were challenged by the messages of Dr. M. Johnson of Howard University in Washington, D. C., Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen, professor of Christian Education of Princeton Seminary, Dr. Ralph E. Diefendorf, executive secretary of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, and other Christian leaders in discussions on interesting topics such as race relations, counseling and the ministry, and the understanding of Judaism.

On March 9 and 10 of this year an Inter-Seminary planning council met at the Evangelical and Reformed Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to make plans and to receive suggestions for the next regional conference which will be held in November of the coming fall. Our

:: OBITUARY ::

MRS. ETHEL WILLIS of Rochester, New York

Mrs. Ethel Willis, daughter of Charles Reynolds and Ida Rubert, was born on June 5, 1887 in Monroeton, Pa., and passed away on February 23, 1945 at Rochester, N. Y., at the age of 57 years, 8 months and 18 days.

In 1908 she married Mr. F. E. Thayer to which union were born 3 daughters, one dying in infancy. In 1922 she was united in marriage to Mr. Floyd Willis, and in 1938 she was baptized into the fellowship of the Andrews Street Baptist Church.

Her passing is mourned by her husband; her two daughters: Mrs. Winston Evans of Durham, N. H., and Mrs. Elmer Buening; her father, Mr. C. H. Reynolds of Waverly, N. Y.; two nephews: Staff Sgt. F. Reynolds and Harold Reynolds; and a niece, Mrs. Ralph Westerman; four grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

Andrews St. Baptist Church,
Rochester, New York.

DANIEL FUCHS, Pastor.

MRS. BERTHA KNEUBUEHLER of Watertown, Wisconsin

Mrs. Bertha Kneubuehler, nee Biefeld, of Watertown, Wisconsin, was born on June 25, 1865 in Saxony. She emigrated to Watertown, Wisconsin at the age of 18 years. She was converted to the Christian faith in her youth. Shortly after her conversion she followed her Lord in baptism and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Watertown. She remained a faithful and devoted member of this church until her death. In 1887 she was married to Mr. Kneubuehler, who preceded her in death twelve years ago. Mrs. Kneubuehler is survived by two daughters, three sons, one granddaughter, and two sisters. The undersigned spoke words of comfort at her last rites.

Watertown, Wisconsin.

RUDDOLPH WOYKE, Pastor.

MR. HENRY STEINFELD of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Henry Steinfeld was born in Russia on July 26, 1884. He came to America as a youth of 16 years and settled with his parents in Kansas. In 1909 he was married to Barbara Hehn in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Following their wedding they came to Portland, Oregon to take up permanent residence. Three sons and one daughter were born to this union, all of whom are living and belong to the Lord.

Brother Steinfeld was converted to the Lord under the preaching of the Rev. Wiesley, who later also baptized him. Our brother was an earnest, active, Christian layman, who did much for the Lord's cause with his talents and gifts. In his former churches he served as deacon, and in our Laurelhurst Baptist Church at the time of his passing he was chairman of the board of trustees. The Gideons honored his departure in that they dedicated a goodly number of Bibles in his memory.

Seminary sent one voting delegate to this council meeting which was the limit for all seminaries. Here plans were laid for area conferences in the future as a means of bringing students from different seminaries together more often.

Opportunities are also given for frank discussion of all phases of the program and to object to any phase of the program, if a representative so desired. In this relation our representative, Mr. Fred J. Knalson, made the suggestion that we put a major emphasis on the future of missions in the opening of "New Frontiers" for Protestant and evangelical missionary

work. Objection was also made to the all-inclusive banner under which to unite, which is "The Gospel of God." We felt that this was too general in its application and that if we are to be known as an evangelical group we must have a Christ-centered emphasis.

Plans are being made for a national conference in June of 1947. It is hoped that at this meeting at least one thousand delegates will be present and that future ministers will have some common ground on which they can work together. This is still to be seen for we know that there will be no unity unless it is founded on Christ.

Laurelhurst Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon.

FRED W. MUELLER, Pastor.

DR. WILLIAM R. DALLMAN of Parkersburg, Iowa

Dr. William Reinhard Dallman was born in Leer, Germany on Jan. 24, 1863. His parents emigrated to this country when he was only 3 years old. From Pekin, Ill., where they had lived for some time, the Dallman family came to Grundy County, Iowa, where they settled on a farm several miles south of Applington. Here the deceased grew up and attended school.

From Grundy County the family moved to Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Here Brother Dallman found his life companion in Miss Anna van Dornum, with whom he was united in marriage in 1891. To this union one son was born, Henry, who preceded his father in death in 1940.

It was also in Steamboat Rock that Mr. Dallman found Christ as his personal Savior. In 1894 he was baptized by Rev. J. de Weerd and became a member of the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church. He always took his Christian life seriously and in various ways devoted his time and talents to be of some service in the Lord's work, especially in personal work.

In 1895 the Dallmans moved to George, Iowa, where they engaged in the mercantile business. In 1913 Mr. Dallman decided to complete his earlier studies (along this line) by an additional course in the science of Chiropractic. After receiving his D. C. degree he started the practice of this profession, which he followed with deep interest and much zeal. He practiced in George, Iowa, Tyndall, S. Dak., and for the past 25 years in Parkersburg, Iowa. During the period of their residence in Parkersburg, the Dallmans lived for two years with their son in Waterloo, Iowa.

Though failing somewhat in health, Dr. Dallman was sick for only one week, and passed away early on Sunday morning, March 18th at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 24 days, leaving to mourn his death, his wife, one grandson and the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry Dallman of Waterloo, Iowa.

Funeral services were conducted from the home and at the Baptist Church in Parkersburg on Tuesday afternoon, March 20. As the Rev. H. Lohr, pastor of the church, was in Rochester, Minn., at the time on account of Mrs. Lohr's ill health, the undersigned was asked to conduct the services. The Rev's. G. F. Ehrhorn, Howard Johnson and J. Jordan assisted in the services. May the God of all comfort sustain the bereaved widow!

Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

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What's Happening

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number of singers from the German-town Baptist Church. The presentation was well received by a large audience, and the offering taken was designated for missions. On Friday evening, March 30, the group presented this same cantata at the Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak. Mrs. Albert E. Reddig was the director, and Mrs. E. W. Bothner pianist. The pastor of the Cathay Church is Rev. R. A. Grenz.

● Mr. Carl Glewwe of St. Paul, Minn., a member of the Riverview Baptist Church, recently won the distinction of having been chosen valedictorian and senior boy citizen of the 1945 graduating class of South St. Paul High School. Carl competed for these honors with 152 class members. He maintained an average of 3.948 out of a highest ranking of 4.000 average during his entire high school career. He is serving as secretary of the Riverview Sunday School at present, sings in the choir and is very active in the Senior B. Y. P. U..

● The Civic Medal for 1945 of the Museum of Arts and Sciences of Rochester, N. Y., will be presented at the annual convention on May 3rd to Dr. Albert Kaiser, a son of Prof. and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser of that city. Dr. Kaiser was selected for the award for his service to the community in many fields, for "his civic responsiveness, his standing as a physician, his professional interest in public health, and his achievements in the field of exploration, scholarship and leadership." His worldwide explorations include expeditions to the Alaskan Coast and to Africa, where he served as physician on the George Eastman expedition.

● It was a particular happy Easter Day for the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., this year; since both members and friends came with great expectation to participate in the baptismal service. A promising young man of about 30 years, who had ac-

cepted Christ a few weeks before, followed his Master in baptism. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms. The choir selection, "The Stranger of Galilee," was very fitting for the occasion. The Rev. Christian Peters, pastor, wrote: "We are prayerfully looking toward the day when others will enter into the fellowship of Christ and the church."

● At the Easter Sunday morning service, the choir of 31 voices of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., rendered the second part of the oratorio, "Death and Resurrection of Christ", composed by Prof. Edw. B. Scheve, former organist and choir director of the church. The choir was directed by Mrs. Walter Pankratz. At the Easter sunrise service, attended by about 80 people, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald", brought the message on "Easter's Revelation of God's Love." At a recent young people's meeting, the life of Martin Luther was reviewed and his message to the world interpreted by Mr. Ernst Bergatt. The Rev. John Schmidt is pastor of the church.

● Easter Sunday was the 7th anniversary of the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt's ministry in the Oak St. Church of Burlington, Iowa. During these seven eventful years 278 persons were received into the church by baptism alone. The church's mortgage was paid for and burned, leaving the church free of debt. Four young men have entered the ministry and a young woman plans to be a church missionary. A \$9000 pipe organ was secured and extensive improvements made to the church. The pastor has served for six years as dean of the School of Religion for Burlington with an average registration of 220 teachers and church workers. There are 193 young men and women from the church and Sunday School in the service of their country. On Sunday evening, April 18, the church held a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Bernadt and presented them with a refreshment parlor table.

Do You Know That...?

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



Prohibition sentiment has risen from 30% in 1934 to a present 37%, according to the latest survey by the Institute of Public Opinion.

One hitch-hiker was heard say to the other, "That's right, just sit there and let me work my finger to the bone."

Protestants in France have won increased prestige because of their resistance to the Nazis during the occupation period.

Queer that men should take up a life of crime when there are so many legal ways, these days, to be dishonest.

Only 16%, according to a poll, are willing to grant the Japanese equal chance with the whites here in America for post-war jobs.

If he dodges jitneys, he is a pedestrian; if he dodges taxes, he is a financier; if he dodges responsibility, he is a statesman.

Out of the seven films produced by Hollywood in recent months as their recognition of religion, all seven advocate in some way or other the practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

A foreigner who killed himself because he was unable to learn English in New York City seems to have thought it was spoken there.

More than 6 billion dollars were spent last year for alcoholic liquor or approximately 46 dollars for every man, woman, and child in the country.

It should be easy for any government to please the people; all they want is lower taxes and higher appropriations.

Peru has forbidden Protestant worship in any place except in already established Protestant Churches.

It is stated that the average stout man lives longer than the thin man. Just a case of survival of the fittest.

A curtain in the Methodist Church at Springfield, Ohio weighs ten tons and is opened and closed with an electric motor.

Riches are no menace if you do not divorce dollars from sense.

64 out of every 100 people arrested in Washington, D. C., are just plain "drunks."

He was so dumb that when he got into a taxi, they would always leave the "Vacant" sign up.

There are 1007 occupied homes in New York City which have no water supply within 50 feet of the kitchen sink; in 327, women get their dishwasher from outside hand pumps.

The man with the hoe doesn't get nearly as far as the man with the hokum.

Jews are 3/4 of one percent of the people of the Western World, but constitute 10 percent of the Nobel prize winners.

Don't be afraid of having too many irons in the fire, as long as the fire is hot enough.

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Conference	March 1945	March 1944
Atlantic	\$ 724.20	\$ 1,137.69
Eastern	536.40	674.83
Central	3,209.11	1,009.05
Northwestern	1,843.03	851.68
Southwestern	3,336.11	1,230.83
Southern	928.04	144.80
Pacific	4,537.57	6,573.80
Northern	1,913.60	927.08
Dakota	1,664.76	2,223.84
Totals	\$18,692.82	\$14,773.60

Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

March 1945	\$ 2,993.81
March 1944	1,645.94
Total to March 31, 1945	\$119,226.55

Seminary Endowment Fund

March 1945	\$ 2,211.01
Total to March 31, 1945	\$ 72,084.66