



"Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today, Alleluia!"

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WHAT'S

HAPPENING

● Chaplains Paul Gebauer and Frank H. Woyke have recently returned to the United States after active service with the U. S. Army in Europe. Chaplain Gebauer has rejoined his family at Minnville, Oregon, and Chaplain Woyke is spending several weeks of a well deserved rest with his family at Stratford, Conn. Their addresses are to be found on page 19 of this issue.

● The new officers of the young people's society of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Michigan are: Mrs. E. Schultz, president; Miss Viola Wolfe, vice-president; Miss Clara Yerke, secretary; and Mr. Tom Seipke, treasurer. The Rev. Victor H. Prendergast, pastor, has reported that "the B. Y. P. U. of the church has taken the banner for the largest attendance at the recent monthly county-wide Youth Fellowship Rally." This was the fourth consecutive time that the Round Lake group has received this honor.

● On Sunday, Feb. 17, the Rev. Robert G. Konitz resigned as pastor of the Walnut St. Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio. The resignation will take effect on May 5th, after which he will be in Kenosha, Wis., for a brief rest before continuing his studies in a midwestern college. Mr. Konitz has served as pastor of the church since his graduation from our Seminary in 1944.

● At a recent business meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., it was voted to add new Sunday School class rooms under the annex, to change the heating system and also to paint the entire church. The building program will cost approximately \$6000, of which \$5200 is on hand in the building fund. The paint job amounts to over \$1700. The Rev. Walter C. Damrau is the pastor.

● The Rev. Robert S. Hess, pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., is a chaplain in the U. S. Army on an extended leave of absence from the church. As interim pastor the church has secured the Rev. Edward J. Olson of the Gordon School of Theology. A report of the recent reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Olson by the Rock Hill Church appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue of "The Herald."

● The marriage of Chaplain Roy B. Anderson, lieutenant commander in the chaplains' corps of the U. S. Naval Reserve, and Miss Carmen Wright on Sunday, Feb. 24, at San Bernardino, Calif., has been announced. Chaplain Anderson has been stationed at the Arrowhead Springs Hospital of the U. S. Navy near San Bernardino in recent years. He has contributed a chapter to the book, "Religion in the Ranks," which will soon make its appearance.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Methodist Church of Victor, Iowa from Feb. 10 to 24 with the Baptist Church cooperating and its pastor, Rev. John Broeder, bringing the messages every other evening and on Sunday nights. The Rev. J. Pritchard of the Methodist Church also served as evangelist. On Sunday, March 24, the Victor Baptist Church enjoyed the guest ministry of the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, who preached at both of the services.

● A Leadership Training Course was held twice a week during four successive weeks in February at the River-view Church of St. Paul, Minn., with Mrs. G. Rutenber of the St. Paul Bible Institute as instructor. Courses on "Methods of Sunday School Teaching," "Child Psychology" and "Flan-nelgraph Work" were taught. A fine group of 15 young people, most of whom are Sunday School teachers, attended. On Sunday morning, March 10, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, was the guest speaker. The Rev. John Wobig is the pastor.

● Rev. Robert J. Schmidt, a graduate of our Seminary in 1943, is serving as pastor of two Northern Baptist Churches in and near Sawyer, North Dakota, and serving as a biology teacher in the school. He has the distinction of having been the only straight "A" student of Minot College last year and is a candidate for "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges, 1945-1946." After graduation in May 1946, Mr. Schmidt plans to study for a doctor's degree in theology at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

● A parsonage has been bought by the Vida Baptist Church of Montana at a cost of \$6000. About \$1500 have been paid down, and the church is making aggressive plans to finance the entire project as soon as possible. The parsonage is located in Wolf Point, Montana. On January 1st the Rev. Henry Lang, pastor, and Miss Leona Strobel of Venturia, No. Dak., were married at the Venturia Baptist Church with the

Rev. Daniel Klein officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Lang hope to move into the new parsonage in the near future.

● From Feb. 11 to 21 revival meetings were conducted in the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana with the Rev. David Littke of Plevna, Montana serving as evangelist. Four young people and one adult accepted Christ as Savior during the meetings. The Sunday School is growing steadily, and the church auditorium is now being used for the school. The Rev. R. Sigmund, pastor, wrote: "Billings is an exceedingly large mission field. There are many unsaved people here who need to be called upon and to be brought into the fold of Christ."

● The Second Church of George, Iowa, of which Rev. Ray Allen is pastor, has adopted Miss Dorothy Walker, a missionary to Ecuador, South America, under the Gospel Missionary Union. This support will come principally from the Girls' Guild and Ladies' Missionary Society of the church. Two of the native evangelists in the Cameroons of Africa under the auspices of our mission society have also been adopted with great eagerness by the Second Church of George. On Sunday, Jan. 20, Mr. Allen baptized five converts as the result of evangelistic meetings from Jan. 6 to 20, conducted by Paul and David Hammar of Minneapolis, Minn.

● Chaplain Paul G. Schade recently resigned as the pastor of the Liberty St. Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., and the church promptly extended a call to the Rev. Alex Elsesser, interim pastor, to serve as the full time minister. Chaplain Schade went overseas to Guam on Jan. 18, 1945 with the 330th Bomber Group after service in Army bases at Madras, Oregon and Fairmont, Neb. When he was released from active duty on March 11, 1946 Chaplain Schade had been promoted to "Major AUS Inactive." His plans are for settlement in the Connecticut Baptist Convention close enough to Yale University to permit completion of his studies there.

● On Jan. 16th Mr. F. W. Godtfriing of Buffalo, N. Y., completed a memorable service of 35 years as the general manager of the Baptist Life Association. He continues to serve the association with remarkable vigor, so that its solvency has remained above 110 per cent and its interest earnings from invested funds between 4 per cent and 5 per cent. A recent issue of "The Fraternal Life," a national life

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Coming

"GIVE ME THIS DAY . . ."

An unusual article has been prepared by Miss Esther Kaiser with quotations from her father's letters to her and her sister at Sioux Falls College in South Dakota in which the ties of a Christian home and the blessing of Christian parents are portrayed with winsomeness and delicate living.

SUCCESSFUL LIVING

The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of the North Ave. Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has found many traits in the life of Moses to challenge every reader of "The Herald" in this graphic, gripping sermon. The business of living ought to be a more successful adventure after reading this article.

THE FELLOWSHIP FUND

Two pages will be devoted to stirring reports by our chaplains, recently returned from Europe, and a letter by Rev. J. Meister of Berlin describing the pitiful needs of the German people, besides an important article by Dr. Wm. Kuhn about the work that is being done in the interest of European relief and the Fellowship Fund.

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Christ Can Command!

THE EASTER STORY heralds the account of Christ's stirring commands. It was because Christ had risen from the dead and was triumphantly alive that he could command the obedience of all who heard him. "Go your way; tell his disciples." "Go into Galilee, and then shall they see me." "Cast your net on the right side of the ship." "Go ye into all the world." "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." "Follow thou me!"

The risen Christ can command! God has shown "what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead." (Eph. 1:19-20.) The resurrection of Christ is the open door to our salvation and a symbol of our newness of life. "Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4.) An ever-living Christ, whom the grave could not hold, imparts his grace and power to all believers and enjoins them with his commanding orders.

Easter Sunday should awaken us to this stern truth of the risen Christ as "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords." (I Tim. 6:15.) He alone has the secret of immortality within his grasp. Only he can impart the gift of eternal life to others. His commanding Presence is as real and convincing today as in Judea and Galilee many centuries ago.

But note, the words we hear in the presence of the risen Christ are always, "Go ye!" Easter Sunday is the greatest missionary day of the year. We have never seen the full glory of the risen Christ until our hearts have been stirred by his commands. We have not shared in the real joy of the Easter festival until we have heeded his call to witness for him, to go to the far places of the world, to preach the gospel to every creature.

Christ may have to have "a little talk" with us about our love to him, as he did with Peter, before we can catch the full significance of his commands. We may have to pause in our Easter celebration diligently to seek the deeper meaning of the occasion. But to all who seek to see the face of the Risen Lord upon this day, he shows himself and with overwhelming glory gives his commanding orders.

"I heard Him call,
'Come unto Me,' that was all.
My gold grew dim;
My soul went after Him.
I rose and followed, that was all.
Who would not follow if he heard Him call?"

The Easter Truth of the Bible

An Easter Sermon by Dr. JOHN LEYPOLDT, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

DEATH is written across the pages of the Bible. It entered the first family and all families since then. It has taken good and bad men, whether Cain or Abel, Peter or Pilate, Herod or Paul. Death claims all races and nations. Everyone carries the germ of death within himself. With the first breath of life that the new-born infant inhales, it enters a journey that ends inevitably in death. The black thread of death runs through the pages of the Bible and of history.

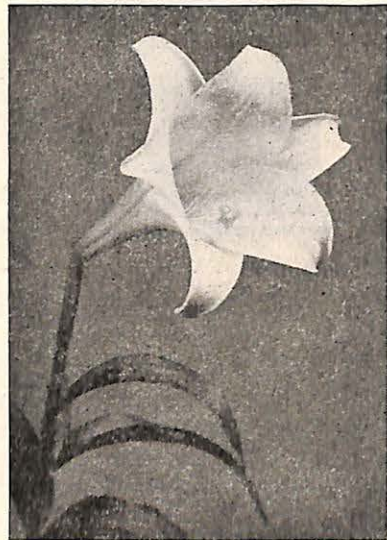
Death is a sting because it causes pain; it is a loss because it separates us from our loved ones. Paul says death is the last enemy that shall be abolished. (I Cor. 15:26.) It would, indeed, be a sad and hopeless world if we only knew of death. Science, education or governments can give us no certainty or comfort regarding our future after death. But over against the dark background of death stands the Lord of life. This is the most comforting truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

JESUS PROPHESED HIS RESURRECTION

In Matthew's gospel we have three clear predictions of Christ's death and resurrection. "From this time Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer much cruelty from the elders and the high priests and the scribes and be put to death and on the third day be raised to life again." (Matt. 16:21.) "As they were travelling about in Galilee, Jesus said to them: The Son of man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men; they will put him to death, but on the third day he will be raised to life again." (Matt. 17:22-23.) "We are going up to Jerusalem, and there the Son of man shall be betrayed to the high priests and scribes. They shall condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified; and on the third day he shall be raised to life." (Matt. 20:18-19.) These three prophecies stated that he would come back to life.

According to John's gospel Jesus said: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." "When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he spoke this; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said." (John 2:19, 21.) Christ kept his word.

We have four resurrection records. All testify to three facts: the life, death and resurrection of Christ. We



THE GLORY OF THE EASTER LILY
(Picture by Mr. Henry Stahr, a Deacon of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., Whose Mother-in-law is a "Baptist Herald" Subscriber.)

cannot expect anything more reliable than the testimony of witnesses. In the very city where Jesus was condemned to death some seven weeks earlier Peter had said, "This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses." (Acts 2:32.) Over and over again the apostles state in the book of Acts that they are witnesses of the fact that Christ rose from the dead.

CHANGES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION

There was a change in their commission. When Jesus sent his apostles on their first missionary tour, he told them not to go into any way of the Gentiles, nor enter any city of the Samaritans. They should rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matt. 10:5-6.) After Jesus' resurrection their commission was entirely different. It was not until Christ rose from the dead that he told them to make disciples of all nations. Now they were to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. (Mark. 16:15.)

They were changed disciples. At first they were skeptical. They were not easy to convince. The evidence was unmistakable. There is no fact coming to us out of the ancient past that is better established than the fact that Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again. This story stands unshaken. The apostles were absolutely convinced of the glorious fact of their Lord's resurrection. There was a change in their message. Their preach-

ing centered around a risen Christ. They were absolutely certain that God lives and God rules. He declared Jesus to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead. No wonder the apostles preached Jesus and the resurrection with such conviction, joy and power.

A very interesting study is to discover how often in the book of Acts the apostles refer to Jesus' resurrection. We read in Acts 4:33, "And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." There was also a change in their success. After the Master's resurrection the church flourished. He had said: "Greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father." (John 14:12B.) The risen and glorified Christ gave a powerful impetus to the establishment and progress of the early church. On the day of Pentecost about three thousand souls were converted. Later this number grew to about five thousand. Other passages indicate that the number increased still more.

There was also a change in the Bible. The early followers of Christ only had the Old Testament. But because the historic and crucified Christ became a risen Christ, every gospel was written with the resurrected Christ as its climax. Without a risen Master we would have had no New Testament.

OUR MOST COMFORTING TRUTH

The Master said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." (John 14:19.) Everything hinges upon our risen and exalted Savior. Because he is the victor over death, we shall also be victorious over our last enemy. Because he lives forevermore, we too shall live eternally. The most terrible war in the world's history has caused many broken and bereaved hearts. There is only one source of light, strength and hope. It comes from the empty tomb.

He is risen. At the birth of Christ the angel brought "good news." At the resurrection of Christ a heavenly messenger again brought "good news." Our Savior is no longer dead but alive forevermore. "He is Lord of both the dead and the living." This truth stands forever. One might as well try to blot out the sun as to try and blot out the truth of Christ's glorious resurrection.

We are told that Auguste Comte, the French philosopher, was talking one day to Thomas Carlyle. He boasted that he was going to start a new system of thought to be known as Positivism and which he predicted would eventually replace Christianity. Thomas Carlyle listened to the plan and then replied, "Very good, Mr. Comte, very good. All you will need to do is to live like Christ lived, speak as he spoke, be crucified and rise again the third day, and get the world to believe

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Your Easter Offering

YOUR EASTER OFFERING
"The Lord hath need of these gifts."

OUR DENOMINATIONAL FAMILY
Every member of our denominational family of 13 groups and societies needs the constant support of your mission gifts.

Some of them are planning important expansion programs which will require additional financial aid.

Every dollar of your Easter Offering will be used immediately in the work of God's Kingdom through our denominational enterprise. None of these gifts are put aside into an endowment fund of any kind.

OUR EASTER JOY

Our Easter gifts are as fragrant and as attractive in the sight of God as Springtime's gorgeous blossoms are to our hearts. They speak of our love and devotion to the Risen Christ, our Savior.

These gifts are the expression of our thanksgiving to Christ for what he has done for us and meant to us in giving himself "as a ransom for many" that all who believe on him might be saved.

In these solemn days before Easter let the Holy Spirit tell you unmistakably what you ought to contribute toward this year's Easter Offering for the support of our beloved denominational family.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

The Publication Society is expanding its program in order to provide a larger and more efficient ministry to our churches. New publications and books, a larger staff, and new programs and features still to be announced will strengthen the society's ministry in our denomination.

Each of our four Homes for the Aged located in Philadelphia, Pa.; Chicago, Ill.; Bismarck, No. Dak.; and Portland, Ore.; receives a small percentage of the budget money. Their ministry to the aged members of our churches far transcends these small contributions toward this work.

A small portion of your gifts is used for denominational and administrative expenses. This provides, among other things, for the summer promotional trips of about 20 general workers to every conference and to many of our churches and for the efficient administration and promotion of many denominational affairs.

Your Easter Offering Will Be Received from Palm Sunday, April 14, to Easter Sunday, April 21.



The Easter Season Finds the Blossoms of Spring as Well as the Hearts of Christian People Bringing Their Praise to God, Their Creator and Heavenly Father.



The Little Church by the Side of the Road, Like This Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario, is a Spiritual Haven of Rest and Inspiration for Many People.



Every Member of Our Denominational Family Is Thankful to God for the Blessings Received from Above and for the Mission Gifts of Our Church People.



"Then his disciples were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?" Matt. 26:22

Jesus Christ Before Pilate

A Good Friday Sermon by the Rev. THOMAS LUTZ of North Freedom, Wisconsin

"And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate." (Mark 15:1.)

THE LIFE and character of Jesus Christ are like the calm blue of heaven compared with the restless world of troubled human spirits. The calmness of Jesus Christ in the presence of the excited and bewildered Pilate is full of deep significance. It is a witness to the majesty of truth.

Small men are fussy. But "still waters run deep." Christ was falsely accused of "perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar." A double charge, which was a double-dyed lie. (Matt. 22:21.) They are forever found to be liars who would seek a cause for condemning the Christ. Pilate's treatment of Jesus is an example of how multitudes today treat Jesus Christ and his gospel. To face false charges and to be judged by an ungodly man, Jesus Christ, our Savior was brought to Pilate.

PILATE'S PRIVILEGE

Jesus was literally given to Pilate, for we read: "They delivered him to Pilate." What an opportunity! What a privilege for Pilate! In one brief moment he had an opportunity to do right and to make right for all the sins and wrongs he had ever committed in life. In one moment he could have

done an act that would have brought to him the cleansing and forgiveness of every sin he had ever committed.

The great opportunity was presented to him when Jesus was delivered to him. How easily he could have justified himself by justifying Christ. "O, Pilate! We plead with you, let not this great opportunity slip by! It may never return." "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

It is a high and merciful honor to have Jesus Christ brought before us, and he is brought before us each time the Gospel is preached to us in the power of the Spirit. He is delivered to us for our acceptance or rejection, just as surely as he was delivered to Pilate to be judged. How often has he been brought within your reach? God's messenger has pleaded with you, has given you the same opportunity that Pilate had. How did you receive him? What a solemn privilege!

PILATE'S CONFESSION

"I find no fault in this man." The challenge which Christ threw out in the early part of his ministry still stands unanswered in its holy defiance. "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" (John 8:46.) Pilate's confession was true; he could find no fault in Christ. Neither can anyone else if he is honest and not ruled by pride or prejudice.

The officers who had been sent by the chief priests on another occasion to capture him came back with this report but not with the captured Jesus, "Never man spake like this man."

(John 7:46.) No guile will ever be found in Jesus' mouth. He was the Lamb without blemish. He was slain for us; he was sacrificed for us. Christ could never have been an acceptable sacrifice for our sins if there had been any fault in him. He was the Wonderful! He was God's beloved Son.

Christ had no faults, and even his enemies, like Pilate, bore witness to the fact. The soldier at the cross confessed, "Certainly this was a righteous man." (Luke 23:47.) Infidels in every age have been compelled to make the same confession. Pilate found no fault in him and said so. He was disposed to release him.

OUR CONFESSION

As I write these lines I feel that we as Christians need to confess him more. We need to confess to the world what a wonderful Savior Jesus Christ is. We need to confess that he alone was able to bear our sins because he was without any faults. We need to confess that he is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." (Luke 12:8.) Have we not at times felt like releasing him by confessing him before men?

On the other hand, perhaps, like Pilate's wife, we have "suffered many things" because we failed to confess him before men.

Though Pilate found no fault in Jesus, "he delivered him up to be crucified." He handed him over as one who wished to have no more to do with him. But Pilate will meet Jesus again at the Bar of Justice where Jesus will be the Judge. Pilate's opportunity to help Jesus and himself had passed. He missed it completely.

Once on the rocky coast of Scotland a man was lowered by a rope from the top of a cliff to a ledge in order to gather the eggs of wild sea fowl. In a careless moment he let the rope slip away from him. Realizing his great mistake and peril, and seeing the rope come swinging toward him again, and knowing that its second swing would be shorter than the first, he waited till it reached the end of the swing and then leaped to seize it—and was drawn up the cliff to safety. In a moment of time he had to choose and act.

This is always so in the destiny of the human soul. Jesus has been delivered up by God for you and in his Word to you. Are you, like Pilate, anxious, perhaps under pressure, to dispose of him, or, are you waiting for the opportunity to accept him when he is brought to you as the rope swinging from the cliff? Pilate, with all his great privileges in having Jesus brought to him, profited nothing, but augmented his guilt.

What have you profited by many similar opportunities? Will you not receive him? Oh, what a privilege! Do not let it slip by; HE may not come this way again.

Memorable Events on the Cameroons' Field

Two Brief Reports by Missionaries EARL and LOIS AHRENS of Ndu, Nsungli, Africa

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT NDU

LATE in 1945, the seven missionaries then on the Cameroons field gathered together at Ndu for the bi-annual missionary conference. We had come from all parts of the Cameroons.

The grassland natives had met all but the Michelsons previous to that time, and it was such fun seeing them welcome them and observe their glee over baby Paul. He in turn eyed them with honest scrutiny, his blue eyes wide open, and even favored a few with a rare smile.

Our little mud-block house was fairly bulging at meal times, where we shared good fellowship and fun. The cook had rather a difficult problem, trying to think up ways of preparing meats with our limited supplies of food.

From nine o'clock in the morning to four or five in the afternoon, with time out for lunch and a brief rest, we were attending meetings, at which time we discussed all items of business and problems on the mission field. The Lord was very near to us in all of our meetings, and we worked together in the harmony of the spirit. Before and after conference hours we were all busy, one typing the minutes of the previous meeting, another supervising station activity, and others arranging for the business of the next meeting.

After the evening meal we were glad to have a brief time of delightful fellowship, after having worked singly or in couples for some months. Evening prayers were a blessing, each one taking his turn.

On the closing day of the conference, we decided to celebrate Thanksgiving Day together. We even managed to find a duck to stuff and roast! We all had so much for which to be thankful, that it was indeed a joyous time. We "newer" missionaries again thanked God for allowing us to work here for Christ and for having the privilege and joy to be introduced to the work by missionary Dunger. We were also thankful to have Miss Reddig as our constant advisor and wise counselor. Needless to say, we were thankful, above all, for the nearness and dear-ness of our ever-present Lord and for the coming of more missionaries.

That same evening we communed together around the Lord's table, first singing many of the old precious hymns. We sang for a long while after the service, reluctant to break up our gathering; so precious was our fellow-

ship together with the Lord. The evening was one of the dearest that we had experienced in Africa, and we all felt strengthened and refreshed for the tasks that lay ahead.

Our prayer is that each of us might be used to the fullest extent in God's work here, and that other ambassadors of Christ will be called here to share in carrying out the great commission.

were Christians, the remaining half having come out of sheer curiosity.

When the sermon was over, some five hundred people marched to the school's swimming pool, singing as they went, with the thirteen candidates in the foreground. Somehow we were reminded of the Holy Land, as we witnessed this baptism, for it took place in the midst of rolling hills, and many of the natives carried huge palm



A Baptismal Service in the Cameroons of Africa with a Native Christian Pastor Baptizing Several Converts on Profession of Their Faith in Christ.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT NDU

Why was the bell being run so long? Why all the excitement outside? It seemed to be coming from the direction of the church, but it was barely six o'clock on this Sunday morning, and the church service was not to begin until around ten o'clock. Then we realized quickly that thirteen Christians were to be baptized on that very day. From dawn until church time, we could hear groups of Christians walking around the compound singing native hymns of praise.

By ten o'clock the grass roofed church was more than full, with people standing by every window on the outside, and little shiny black-skinned boys and girls sitting on the platform inside to make room for the adults to sit on the crude wooden benches. On this particular morning there was little coughing, and even the infants were comparatively quiet, which we regard as no less than a miracle.

The evangelist presented an excellent sermon on giving our bodies to Christ, applying it mainly to the baptismal candidates, but actually good for all. Only half of the people present

branches, waving them in joy as they walked.

Even the pagans became quiet as the evangelist went into the water and raised his hands for silence. We prayed earnestly that these pagan onlookers would that day be touched by the hearing of the Word and by witnessing the testimony of these new converts. One by one the candidates went into the water and confessed Christ as Savior. It was a simple but blessed service, and we have learned of at least one man who was influenced through the services that day to become a Christian.

After the baptism, the Christians again marched to the church, singing lustily, if somewhat inharmoniously. There at the church we fellowshiped together around the Lord's table. The Lord Jesus seemed especially near to us at that time.

During the remainder of the day, the Christians had a feast and later they went to visit all the newly baptized and had prayer in each of their homes. We, too, visited those new Christians and had a wonderful time

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At the Fork of the Road

The Fourth and Last of a Series of Articles on "Getting a Good Grip on Spiritual Certainties" by Prof. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, N. Y.

IN 1928 Dr. J. F. Olthoff and I were returning from the meetings of the Baptist World Alliance held in Atlanta, Georgia. Traveling in New York State on number 15, we came to a fork in the road. A telephone pole, marked 15, stood on the left branch. Our sense of direction indicated that we should turn to the right. Inquiring at the service station at the point, we were informed that a storm had blown down the poles and that the linemen had misplaced them. In this case, our sense of direction coincided with reality.

Man's sense of direction is not always reliable. Dogs, cats, storks and many other forms of wild life have an infallible sense of direction. Traveling to Rochester from the west as a student in the nineties, my sense of direction went into reverse and it seemed we were going west all night. I knew I had boarded the right train and felt quite confident that no one had taken me off while asleep and placed me on another train going west just for a joke. When the sun arose the next morning, I realized how unreliable is man's sense of direction.

Our main highway of life is well marked. Our moral sense of direction is not reliable either. But behold the Sun of Righteousness! Behold the Polar Star! God's will for our character is well known. The standard of right and wrong is well fixed. If your shortsighted vision says, "I see no harm in it," that does not change reality. You may have cataracts over your lenses.

There is no doubt about what God wants us to be. He has given us the eternal pattern of the perfect life in his Son, who challenges us with the demand, "Follow me." God has predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. "He is the true light that lighteth every man that comes into the world."

Before his historical appearance, he acted as the inward light. Beyond the range of the gospel knowledge that is still his function. He has full action in and with the Word and limited influence even where the written word is unknown. Failure to respond to the inner light has brought blindness upon the peoples who now sit in darkness. We need the inner light today to apply the things of Christ to our time and conditions. We identify the inner light with the Holy Spirit. We distinguish between the work of Christ for us as Savior, and the work

of the Holy Spirit IN us as Sanctifier and Guide.

The matter as to what God wants us to be is simple. Not so simple is the question as to what he wants us to DO and where our work is to be done. Henry Drummond, with many other Christians, held that God has a will for our career as well as for our character. Horace Bushnell preached that remarkable sermon on "Every Man's Life a Plan of God."

But what difference should geography make? Most of our German Baptists in Australia have relatives and friends over here. How did they come to go to Australia? Some of them told me that they had not fixed the destination when they decided to migrate. At port they found a ship ready to sail for Australia and to Australia they went. As long as the life is Christlike, what difference does it make where it is lived?

Cannot the same be said as to calling? Whether I am a carpenter or a brick layer—is not my character the main thing? It does however make a difference where the 1500 different parts in an automobile are placed. You cannot interchange spark plugs with cylinder rings. The steering wheel goes on the steering shaft and the running wheel on the axle. But does it matter which steering wheel is fitted to any particular shaft, since every one of the million steering wheels fits any one of the million shafts?

A good and happy husband declared God had predestined him and his wife for each other from the foundation of the world. Someone suggested that there might have been the same happiness for each of them in any one of thousand different combinations, just as at the assembly line in the Ford factory any one of a thousand nuts in a hopper might fit any one of the thousand bolts in another hopper. The good man made this rejoinder: "That is all right with Ford, but God never made any two nuts alike." Indeed, man is not a piece of mechanism. God's plan for his character involves his entire career.

When you come to a fork in the road, how are you going to discover God's will for you? How are you going to know where God wants you to do your work and what that work is to be? Many people would be happy if they could arrive at assurance in these matters. Paul had been planning his own life until Jesus blocked his road. Any one who seriously asks the question, asked by Paul, will find a solution. "What wilt thou have me

to do?" Willingness to do his will brings assurance.

May I make just a few suggestions:

1—God certainly does not want you to be where it is impossible for you to function as a Christian. The conscientious objectors took that seriously and suffered for it. Even those who think they were wrong must honor them for their courage. Others went into the service upon the call of their country with this reasoning: "The war is not of our choosing; the government has a right to command its citizens; if you do not help your government, you aid the enemy. We are in it, and the harder we fight, the sooner it will be over, and the more lives will be spared." There is a possibility of arriving at different answers in the matter of career. But when it is clear to you that you cannot be a Christian in a certain place doing a certain task, it is evident God does not want you to be there.

2—It seems altogether reasonable that God wants you to do the thing for which you are best fitted. If I cannot distinguish between harmony and sour notes, he certainly does not want me to be a musician. If I am better at farming than at anything else, let me put my hand to the plow for the glory of God.

3—God certainly does not want a young man to marry a certain girl simply because she looks good to him. Samson insisted that his father get for him that girl from Timnath, saying: "Get her for me, for she pleaseth me well." A young man had to choose between Mary and Molly in the good old horse and buggy days. The night of decision had come. The old mag knew both places well, so the young swain dropped the reins on the dashboard and let her decide. She turned into the lane where Molly lived, but the young man confessed he had influenced the rein just a bit with his foot! It would be foolish to let a horse make our decisions, but what many need is more common "horse sense." The trouble is that we are too reluctant in letting God help us make our decisions. It seems quite out of fashion to pray for God's guidance in the choice of a companion for life, and so the divorce mills continue to grind on and on.

4—God wants us to use all the instruments available for the discovery of his will. Saturate your mind and out the accumulated experience of the ages. Seek the wisdom of Christian sages. Use your head; pray to God; follow the Gleam!

The Youth of Our Churches Speak

Young People's Page of
"THE BAPTIST HERALD"

By Rev. J. C. GUNST,
General Secretary of the National
Young People's and Sunday School
Workers Union

IN BEHALF of the executive officers of our National Union the General Secretary extends sincere Easter greetings to all members and friends of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. May the risen Lord Jesus be more real to us all this Easter season than ever before!

At this time it is important that we sense more keenly our responsibilities as Christians. More than ever Christians everywhere ought to manifest the love of Jesus and show forth his sympathy and compassion for those in need of a Savior and a Comforter.

As a Union we are very grateful to the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "THE BAPTIST HERALD" and to the members of the Publication Board for making possible a Young People's Page to appear monthly in THE HERALD. We trust this page will meet a definite need for our young people everywhere. Your comments on this page addressed to the editor of THE BAPTIST HERALD will be greatly appreciated, to be sure. Feature articles and material of general interest for youth, prepared by young people and youth leaders, will appear on this page. Those who will be given the opportunity to contribute to this page will be rendering a very helpful service to our youth.

We wish to call your attention to the first of these articles by Miss Thelea Schroeder. Miss Schroeder is president of the Southwestern Conference Union and holds the position of a high school teacher in Kansas.

By now all of you have noticed the announcement about the Junior Union Quarterly and the Junior Leader in the February 15 issue of THE BAPTIST HERALD. Wherever there are Junior Societies or Junior Churches, leaders will find this material most helpful in the organization. We want to encourage our leaders to make good use of this material. Supplementary mission material, prepared by one of our own youth leaders on our own missionary activities as well as other mission fields, will be available in the near future.

YOUTH COMPASS, our new Young People's Quarterly, is now in preparation for the first issue. Watch for the official announcement of the Quarterly. This will be a unique



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert
Youth Alerted to the Tasks of the Day!

publication meeting a definite need in our young people's societies.

In nearly all of our Conference Unions and groups special emphasis has been given to various mission projects. This venture is most timely and commendable in the light of present day needs. Such a vision for the needs of the many destitute people in the world today, and our willingness to have a part in helping the suffering and starving will naturally give greater spiritual zeal and understanding to our young people. Such active participation in the Christian ministry will strengthen our fellowship and faith for larger service in the home field.

The editors of the conference, state, and regional papers are doing a grand job in keeping local societies informed concerning the activities of the church groups within the conference. Denominational activities in general are often brought out by these editors.

NEW TRAILS AHEAD

By Miss THELEA SCHROEDER

of Lorraine, Kansas, President of the Southwestern Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

NEW TRAILS Ahead! What could have been more challenging and invigorating to us young people than that picture on the very first issue of this year's "Baptist Herald!" This, of course, concerned the new trails into our New Year. The skier is pictured going up the mountainside—

not a sign of a trail on that pure snow which lies ahead. He is going upward though, and he is facing the light.

As we gaze upward, can we catch the vision with God of our new trails? First, what are some of the obstacles and problems which are confronting us now? Let's look at ourselves. What are we doing with our youth program? What are you doing in the Pacific Conference, the Dakota Conference, and all the others? We're interested in the plans which you carry out. On the other hand, wouldn't you like to find interest builders and also some of those big ideas that "really worked" in another's program?

How do you feel when you read invigorating reports from our young people who have been "daring to do," working perhaps in a Bible School, or some home mission project which was perhaps in the slum area, or else in a forgotten little section of their own town or community?

One of my friends wrote this after our experiences on a gospel team last summer. "This summer is the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me. When I used to go to encampments I'd hear a lot of inspirational messages and I'd get a lot of ideas. Now, I can see what they talk about all the time. The missionary books about preachers walking from village to village in India don't mean anything until your own feet are burning and a door or two slammed in your face."

Another friend wrote this. "God is so real and close. I really know now what the song, 'My God and I walk in the fields together,' means. We're getting to be awfully good friends, God and I. We all know he has been very near and has been helping us."

These are experiences of young people just like yourself! Youth is doing worthwhile things. All of us are interested in Christian action, and we'd like to share our experiences.

How are some of your groups promoting our "Youth Fellowship Crusade" of the Fellowship Fund? Day after day we discuss the needs—and the great possibilities in these devastated countries. What are we actually doing? Are we pushing this thing by as many methods as we can? We'd like some of your ideas, such as Refugee Dinners, etc., which would help individual unions to promote this great crusade.

Is a youth page an answer to these questions we've been considering?

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We Spend Our Years

By CHARLOTTE KRUGER

A Christian Novel

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SYNOPSIS

"All aboard!" Dazed Heather Allison, mechanically heeding these significant words, was on her way to Vermont—"the land of green mountains." Her soul was restless, her heart without hope. Her fiancé had been killed in a faraway land; her mother, too, had died. But her uncle, Anthony Morrison, soon made her feel at home in his lovely mansion. She found friendly people in the little church and discovered a new joy in helping the Fletchers whose house had burned to the ground. She also met a remarkable young man, Jonathan Kent, a missionary to Africa. While she was doing some landscape painting in the nearby hills one day, a thunder storm came up suddenly and in rushing to the shelter of a nearby church, she stumbled and sprained her ankle. Was it a coincidence that Jonathan Kent was passing by just then and, while he went to secure aid for her, Jim Fletcher also arrived on the scene?

CHAPTER SEVEN

"Oh, I'm glad you're here, Heather!" With an exclamation of relief and thanksgiving, Jim hurried into the old church.

"I just reached shelter before the cloud-burst," Heather explained. "Uncle Anthony had told me about this building."

"Maria Strauss wouldn't let us have lunch until I found you. She sent me to look for you, and I promised her I'd bring you back."

"How did you know I was here?" "Instinct, I s'pose." A broad grin crept across his sun-tanned face, and

he continued, "Come on, now, we'd better get back as fast as possible." It was then that he realized Heather was continuing to sit quietly on the church bench and saw that her foot was injured.

"What on earth happened to you, girl?" With a pained expression he stared at the bandaged ankle.

"Sprained it on the way here . . . but my picture's safe anyway." A look of triumph showed in her eyes as she glanced over to where the precious painting stood against the wall.

But Jim's mind was not on the painting. "You poor girl!" There was compassion in his voice. "Come, I'll carry you to the car and have a doctor look at it immediately. But . . . but . . . where'd you get the bandage?" He eyed the neatly-arranged strips of white that showed through her sheer hose.

"Jonathan Kent fixed it for me. He's gone home for his sister's car. I was just waiting for him to come back so he could take me home."

"Kent was here? You met him, you mean? He's been watching you paint?" A dazed look came into Jim's eyes.

"No. It was purely accidental. He came here for shelter just . . ."

Another car had driven up. Heather and Jim heard the door slam, a few bars of whistling, and then Jonathan Kent's drenched figure appeared at the threshold.

The two men faced each other.

"Oh, it's just you, Jim!" There was a note of relief in Jonathan's voice. "I wondered who it could be. I saw the car when I came up the hill."

"Mrs. Strauss sent Jim to look for me, Jonathan." Unconsciously, Heather used the missionary's first name. "If I had known it, you wouldn't have had to go to the trouble of getting your car."

"Who's going to take the 'invalid' home?" Jim asked the missionary while in his heart he wondered . . .

"You might as well, Jim, as long as you're here." Jonathan regarded the farmer frankly.

"I'm awfully sorry that I caused you so much trouble." Heather looked up into Jonathan's friendly hazel eyes.

"Thanks again for the bandage. Do you think I ought to call a doctor when I get home?"

"If you'd prefer one, Miss Allison . . . it's up to you, of course. But rest will do the trick . . . rest, plus hot and cold applications."

"And that's all?" There was a question in Heather's eyes.

"Uh-huh, that's all."

"That's simple enough . . . 'Doctor' Kent. I promise to obey your instructions." There was a smile in Heather's deep blue eyes that made Jim wonder still more.

"We'd better get going," he said. "Maria Strauss will think I'm lost, too." Then, to Jonathan, he said, "If you'll carry the painting and things to my car, I'll carry Heather."

In a few minutes Heather and Jim were speeding along the road back to the brown house on the hill, while Jonathan returned to his mother's house down by the meadows.

When they reached home, Jim carried Heather down the flagstone walk in silence. In his heart all sorts of questions had arisen. Did Heather know Jonathan well? Had she met him each morning on the hillside as she painted? Did she perhaps care for him? Could that be the reason why she had refused his proposal of marriage?

Maria Strauss saw the two descending the flagstone path . . . Heather in Jim's arms. With fear and trembling she rushed to the door to meet them. "Ach! What now has happened?"

"Just a twisted ankle, Mrs. Strauss." Jim lowered Heather to the floor as he said it. Standing there in the hallway on her good leg she felt that she must look much like a disheveled crane.

"It's nothing bad, Maria dear." Heather smiled. "Besides I've already had a doctor's attention. Jonathan Kent happened along soon after I fell and he bound my ankle." Here she displayed the snug bandage.

After luncheon Maria remembered the letter that had arrived that morning. Heather, propped up comfortably on a beach chair on the back terrace overlooking the garden, tore open the dainty blue envelope with the familiar writing on it.

"Heather dearest," she read . . . "Gary and I were married last week and immediately took a plane out to Hollywood!"

So Judy, her little sister, was married! Heather stared at the signature in the left-hand corner of the envelope . . . there it was . . . Mrs. G. McCombs. Yet, it was true! And she had not even been present at the wedding. A queer empty feeling swept over her. Perhaps she was foolish and sentimental . . . but the part each would play in the other's wedding had been something she had looked forward to from the day that she and Judy had been little girls, dressed alike in week-day gingham and percales and Sunday taffetas. They had even wished they could fall in love with brothers and have a double wedding. Now Judy was married, and there had been no lovely wedding . . . no beautiful music . . . no lilies of the valley . . . no white gown and veil . . . no rice.

For a few moments Heather stared out into space . . . seeing nothing. Then she forced herself to continue reading . . .

It was queer not having you with me, darling, but you can understand how fast things had to move. The film company wanted me here as soon as possible.

California is more wonderful than I thought it would be, Heather! I never dreamed I'd actually be in Hollywood one day as an actress. It's so thrilling, honey. And just think! Before long you'll be seeing my name in those twinkling signs outside of theaters . . . "Judy Allison!" (I'm using my old name. It's prettier than the one Gary gave me.)

You need all kinds of clothes to fit into things out here, Heather . . . especially many formals. And the furnished apartment Gary and I have is fit for a king and queen! It's going to cost us a little fortune to rent it . . . but we'll be making a great deal of money soon. And to think of all those years I wasted in a stuffy office before Gary discovered me and my voice! Sometimes it all still seems like a dream.

One thing I'm not too keen about is the night life. Mother didn't encourage us girls along those lines back in New York, did she? Here you must enter into the fun or they'll think you're a wet blanket. We've had cocktails each afternoon since we've been here, and the parties we've attended! Well . . . words just can't describe them. They're super!

You'd really snap out of your blues in Hollywood, honey. Wouldn't you reconsider having your voice auditioned? Maybe we could be in pictures together. You know how marvelously you used to sing those slow, crooning numbers. And I know you'd film superbly. Gary has always said that you photographed better than I. And you see how I've passed the test. It

would be a snap for you.

Well, darling, I must rush back to the studio for the afternoon. They put me to work right away. Gary's not too keen about having me act with men. I have the hardest time trying to convince him that it doesn't mean anything . . . but the green-eyed monster is already rearing its ugly head. Men are funny creatures, aren't they?

Bye now.

Your loving sister, Judy.

Judy in Hollywood! Somehow it still seemed like a dream . . . Judy married to Gary . . . being filmed for motion pictures! For a while Heather sat there . . . lost in meditation. Her thoughts were suddenly interrupted by Maria Strauss' voice.

"Heather Kind," she called from the back door, "Mr. Kent, he is on the 'phone and wants to know could he come out to see you today yet. He asks how you feel."

"Why . . . tell him 'yes,' Maria . . . if he would like to. Tell him I'm feeling all right."

A half hour later Jonathan arrived. Billy and Ruth were having their naps. Uncle Anthony was in the library reading. Maria had returned to the gardener's cottage. It was very peaceful in the garden where Heather sat. There was only the sound of an occasional bird overhead, the happy trickling of the little fountain as it played in the center of the fish pool, and the murmur of the leaves on the maple trees that sheltered the house. Heather looked up when a car door slammed near the gate. Then there were footsteps on the flagstone walk, accompanied by the whistled tune, and Jonathan rounded the corner of the house. He spied her there in the garden and called, "How's the patient?"

Heather smiled up into his friendly face. "The patient is doing wonderfully well, thank you," she said. "How could it be otherwise, when she's had such excellent medical attention?" Then, motioning to a brightly-painted garden chair, she invited him to be seated and Jonathan settled down for an enjoyable visit.

The afternoon was a pleasant one. Heather completely forgot the pain in her ankle, so interested was she in hearing the missionary relate some of his experiences on the foreign field. In her heart were many questions. Why had he gone to Africa in the first place? Surely he could have found many opportunities for Christian work here in America. Hadn't it been hard for him to leave his home and mother with such tenderness, and Heather knew that Mrs. Kent was an invalid. Why had he never married? Surely a fine young man such as he could have easily won the heart of some worthy young girl.

In Jonathan's heart, too, there was a struggle. Somehow it was much harder for him to introduce the subject of the Gospel to an attractive young woman in a Vermont garden than to a benighted black man in the African wilds. As he spoke, he prayed silently for courage to steer the conversation into the channel of spiritual things.

"It's been so worth while to watch the results in the lives of those men and women who have really become new creatures in Christ," Jonathan was saying, at the same time watching Heather's face to see if she understood.

"Why . . . what do you mean . . . 'new creatures in Christ?'" There was a bewildered look in her eyes. "I don't believe I understand."

Here was his opportunity! Jonathan breathed a quiet prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord and asked Him for strength, as he gently explained the way of life to his young listener. He told her of Nicodemus who had come to the Lord by night. He explained the necessity of being born again . . . of being born of the Spirit. He testified as to how the Spirit of God had changed the hearts of men in Africa . . . men for whom it seemed there could not possibly be any hope . . . he told how God had changed his own heart one day many years ago just after he had finished high school.

Heather listened respectfully, and as she did so, a growing uneasiness filled her heart. She had never experienced such a change in her own life. No one had ever told her there was a necessity for such an experience. Suddenly she felt very small and unworthy and mean. As she listened to this man of God she realized that her own selfish desires had stood between her and God. Probably that was the reason she could not find the peace that she longed for. But she was not ready to give in . . . at least, not yet. The bitter questions that had so often rankled within her heart since Gerald's death were put into words. She found herself asking Jonathan, "If God loves us as you say He does, then why does He permit this awful war that's going on today? Why doesn't He do something about it? Why doesn't He stop it before all our men are killed?" There were tears in her eyes and in her voice . . . tears of pity for herself because of her own personal loss.

"God sometimes uses war to bring people back to their senses, Heather," Jonathan reasoned. There was a sweet seriousness in his eyes as he said it. "People wander far away from God and forget all about Him, and it often takes hard measures to bring them back where they'll realize their own failure and their need of Him. I believe this war is going to be the means

of bringing countless thousands of pleasure-mad people to the place where they will acknowledge their own weakness and God's omniscience."

"But what about those who have to suffer? What about those who lose the ones they love? Do you think it'll be easy for them to believe that God is loving?"

This was another Heather . . . one whom Jonathan had not met before. He sensed bitterness and self-pity in her words and could tell that it would be a hard task to get her to the place where she would recognize God's love in Christ.

He explained as gently as he could that it was not God but man's sin that had brought about the world's strife. Heather listened, but Jonathan knew by the look in her deep blue eyes that she didn't agree with him.

A challenge was burning its way into his heart and he vowed within himself that, with God's help, he, Jonathan Kent, was going to be the means of bringing true joy into the life of this lovely young woman. Something must have happened in her life, he thought . . . something that was making it hard for her to understand the Gospel truths he had been stressing. He recalled the puzzled look in her eyes a few evenings before when he had been visiting with her fine Christian uncle and the neighbor, Jim Fletcher . . . recalled the sadness that had shown in her face a number of times during the hours together. That there was a reason for it, he was sure. Perhaps some day he would understand.

Jonathan left at three-thirty and a few minutes later the children, awakened from their naps, came skipping into the garden. They immediately headed for the sandbox which Uncle Anthony had built especially for them. Heather watched them from her reclining chair. Some low bushes hid her from their sight and they hadn't noticed her when they entered the garden. A warm glow filled Heather's heart as she watched the little ones. What a privilege to be a mother to those children! What a joy it would be to care for them! She watched them lovingly. Billy was laughing delightedly as the clean sand poured through his fat little fingers. Ruth was laboriously filling a box with her cupped hands, on her face a look of determination. The thought of belonging to those adorable children almost overwhelmed Heather. For a moment she thought that perhaps the best thing for her to do would be to accept Jim's offer . . . to marry him and live in the new house . . . to keep the home shining and pretty . . . to watch over the little boy and girl. But then fear gripped her heart. Suppose she never learned to love Jim! That would be a tragedy. They said you could learn to love a person if you real-

ly tried . . . but suppose it didn't work! No, the risk was too great! Heather would not be willing to take such an important step without being absolutely sure.

Ruthie had filled her box with sand and was now softly singing . . . probably one of the little songs she had learned in the village Sunday school. Heather listened carefully to the clear childish tones . . .

Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me . . .

A feeling of awe swept over Heather as the little girl's voice sang the very message that Jonathan Kent had been trying to impress on her that afternoon . . . the message of God's love and His desire to help her through His Son, Jesus Christ. A sense of shame filled her heart and she felt a lump rising in her throat.

"Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!"

If only she were a little girl again! Perhaps then, she, too, could believe.

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"I've decided to go back to New York." Heather made this startling announcement one morning early in July.

"What?" Uncle Anthony stared at his niece in astonishment. He dropped the trowel with which he had been loosening the dirt around his favorite columbine plants. "Why . . . what's the matter, Heather girl? Don't you love us any more?"

"It's not that, Uncle Anthony. I'll love you always . . . and Maria and Fritz and . . . and the children . . . but I feel that I'm well enough to go back to work again. Besides I've been a real nuisance the past month with this sore ankle . . . and . . . I think I should go back to work."

It was as though a leaden weight had

been dropped on Anthony Morrison's heart. His sister Myra's girl had been in his home for two and a half months, and he felt that he had failed miserably in his attempt to present Christ to her. Each night and morning he had brought the matter before God . . . but there was no evidence of an answer to his prayers. At times she would seem to show some interest in spiritual things and he would feel that she was almost on the verge of giving her heart to the Lord . . . and then suddenly she would become strangely silent and indifferent. On the days that she painted she was happiest. However, she could not roam the hillsides for subjects now due to her injured ankle. Fritz or Maria Strauss therefore would pick flowers for her and arrange them in different vases so that she could paint in the garden in the shade of the tall maples. During the first two weeks after the mishap she had painted to her heart's content. Jonathan Kent had been a regular visitor. Each afternoon while Jim was away he had come to read to the young patient and chat with her. He, too, had felt he was making little or no progress in bringing her to Christ.

And now . . . this announcement.

Later in the day, when Uncle Anthony told Maria Strauss of Heather's decision, the little German lady was inconsolable. "Ach no, Kind! You would not leave us . . . already so soon?"

The shining tears that welled up in Maria's eyes almost made Heather change her mind. For a moment she felt like throwing her arms around the buxom gardener's wife and telling her she would never leave her nor Fritz nor Uncle Anthony. But she steeled herself, and ignoring the tears, swallowed hard, and said, "I must go."

No amount of persuasion would change her mind.

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The Youth of Our Churches Speak

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Could it be a new trail before us?

Wouldn't it be thrilling to have a definite page to which to turn for special youth news—those things of vital interest to us? We often have particular needs for books as guides in our young people's work. We could voice our opinions on certain questions in a forum discussion.

Personality sketches of our National Officers would be interesting. Let's get acquainted before the General Conference this year! Incidentally, wouldn't we be enthused about some previews of this great conference in Tacoma? Also, we'd like to begin to think more realistically of the possibilities of our "Youth Compass" which will be off the press within several months.

We can think of many possibilities for a youth page, even that of viewing all of the other union projects, one by one. It is our prayer that through this means we can begin to become more fully aware of the extensive and vital program that we ought to be carrying out, a program that would help us include all the aspects of a well-rounded Christian life.

New Trails For Christ

Many of our Service Men and Women are now returning to us. Our hope is that even as their personal experiences and their letters in "The Baptist Herald" have been an inspiration to everyone, their actual presence now will be helpful to us as they forge ahead with us on new trails for Christ and Democracy.

The Seminary for Times Like These

Reports in the Interest of the \$150,000 Endowment Fund for the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York

The Seminary Endowment Fund

By Dr. PAUL J. TRUDEL,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

EMERGING from the ghastly agony of "war slaughter," we find ourselves now dashing through a "whirlpool of power." Our daily papers exhibit a dangerous avidity for "national and economic power." And, whether we like it or not, you and I have a part in this universal complex of power.

Atomic energies, cosmic radiations and whatever may be next—altogether new and already basic sciences of this modern age—require an infinite "power of mind." To evaluate and utilize this heritage of science and make it transmissible, it becomes inevitable for our present system of education to make corresponding adjustments.

The G. I. Bill of Rights has flung open all doors for a thorough intellectual training of every American soldier with the result that most of our educational institutions already report a registration of three to ten times their normal student bodies. It does not therefore come as a surprise, that our State authorities are swamped with new charter applications from institutions that are making frantic efforts to raise the necessary funds which are required for the granting of such a charter.

The North American Baptist Seminary was very fortunate to be at least one step ahead of many other institutions. When our denomination voted in favor of an Endowment Fund of \$150,000, many of us looked somewhat sceptical toward the ultimate outcome of this denominational enterprise.

But with the firm determination to give our future pastors and spiritual leaders the best we have, our people have responded in such a marvelous way that our Missionary Society has already received \$110,000 in cash contributions, and there is little doubt that by the time our next General Conference will be in session all pledges will be paid in full. This Endowment Fund, as a financial guarantee, now fulfills one of the principal conditions which the Board of Regents of the State of New York has laid down for the granting of a charter.

To be sure, there will be other factors we must be ready to meet and it is to be expected that with the many applications submitted to the Board, the Regents will considerably stiffen all requirements for new charter issues.

Whatever the future may have in store for our Seminary, the members of our faculty will do all they can to transmit to their students a very high intellectual training on a profound spiritual and Biblical foundation.

The Board of Trustees is, indeed, grateful to all the members of our denomination who have contributed so marvelously to the Endowment Fund and who have demonstrated such keen interest in the training of our future pastors. The spirit in our Seminary is indeed excellent, the teaching clear and strong, and "a strong Seminary reflects a strong denomination."

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Encouraging Progress at the Seminary

By Dr. GEORGE A. LANG,
President of the Seminary

Life is not static. It gives evidence of progress or retrogression. We are always pleased to see progress. This is true also in the life of a seminary.

It gives us much pleasure to report progress in our Seminary. It was apparent that our entering class this year must be large to meet the loss of numbers because of two graduating classes. We prayed much and labored hard to make new contacts. Now we are able to balance the accounts. Nine men were graduated in 1945. Fourteen new men came to us this year. Thus, the Lord supplied the double need and gave us half again as many.

Besides the fourteen men, five young women are enrolled as part-time students, four of whom are wives of students. Thus, a new chapter in the history of our Seminary is being written. We shall be pleased to receive ten. We shall be pleased to receive any of our Christian young women who wish to take our regular course of study in preparation for missionary or assistant pastor's work, limited however by our small faculty and facilities.

The response on the part of prospective students is most encouraging. Many, many inquiries have been received. About 25 applications have been under consideration. If half of these or a few more will be able to start with us in September, we shall be very happy, since our accommodations are limited. We have need of a dormitory, especially for married students with children. Without exception these applicants are of maturer age than those who have come to us during recent years. This is easily understood, since previously students had to be in the Seminary be-

fore they reached draft age. Likewise more German-speaking applicants are appearing which will aid us in meeting the needs of our German-speaking churches in Canada and the United States.

Another encouraging item is that our small faculty can look forward to an enlargement soon through the presence of Chaplain Frank Woyke who has returned to the U. S. A. Just how soon he will commence his work here is still indefinite. But his coming will increase our educational standing and efficiency.

The spirit in the faculty and student body is that of love and cordiality. All are engaged in some form of Christian service in some church. The spirit of prayer is much in evidence. The Friday chapel service is utilized for intercession, prayer and meditation. One of our outstanding laymen sent to each member of the student body and faculty a copy of John Strong's book, JESUS THE MAN OF PRAYER, which has been an inspiration to all.

May 12 will be Commencement Sunday for the Seminary. Four splendid young men are to be graduated. We know that the denomination will be thinking of us on that day. We appreciate your support in prayer, gifts, interest and God-called students.

On the Cameroon's Field

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pointing out Scripture passages to them which would help them in Christian growth. It was a happy day for all of them and for us, and we still heard them singing at twelve o'clock that night.

Two months have passed since that time, and out of those thirteen we have had the opportunity to observe one of their number closely. We cannot help but thank God for the change in his life. Shortly after his baptism he was called upon to make a very difficult sacrifice, in which it would have been easy for him to renounce his newfound faith. However, through many trying days he showed forth Christ and was blessing indirectly to a number of people. We need those at home to help us pray for the growth of every African Christian. There have not been enough missionaries on the field to give them the teaching they so sorely need.

These are only a few out of the thousands in Africa who have not yet heard about Jesus. How many more could be reached if there were more missionaries!

Professor Albert J. Ramaker, 1860-1946

In Reverent Tribute to Professor ALBERT J. RAMAKER

By Rev. DANIEL FUCHS, Pastor
of the Andrews Street Baptist Church,
Rochester, N. Y.

ONLY A FEW weeks ago a large gathering met in the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., in reverent tribute and respect to our beloved Professor Lewis Kaiser, whom the Lord had called home to glory. Four weeks later on Thursday afternoon, February 14, a similar gathering met in the church. This time it was Professor A. J. Ramaker, our esteemed and honored former Dean of our Seminary, who had been called to his eternal reward. It was on February 12th that it pleased our heavenly Father to call also this his faithful servant from his earthly labors into the life beyond.

And now they are again united with one another in glory, those three radiant teachers: F. W. C. Meyer, Lewis Kaiser and Albert J. Ramaker. For many years the Lord saw fit to use them together in a very special way to do the work of our Seminary. Professor Ramaker was for 46 years the esteemed teacher of Church History, the Book of Acts and the Pauline Epistles at our Seminary in Rochester.

Those who participated in the service besides the pastor of the church were Professor Theodore Trost of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, who spoke appropriate words of appreciation. Also Professor A. Bretschneider brought a short message of tribute in behalf of our Seminary and our denomination. Professor O. E. Krueger led in prayer. A student quartet sang two appropriate numbers.

It is always a solemn hour when we meet in silent respect of one whom we have known and loved for many years, and with whom we have been privileged to have much profitable fellowship, but who has been translated into the life that lies beyond the horizon of our physical vision in the nearer presence of God. But we are thankful that such an hour needs not to mean defeat or collapse, but victory, achievement and triumph.

The death of the mortal body never constitutes defeat for a man such as our departed Professor Ramaker. He himself never thought of death as defeat; he lived heroically and died heroically. Death to him could only mean one thing: victory, achievement, triumph. And "thanks be unto God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Our comfort in an hour such as this lies in that hope, which in the life of our departed teacher was very real. But not only in hope lies our comfort, but also in memory. We rejoice today and thank God for a life such as that of our esteemed Professor Ramaker, a life which leaves behind a radiance of purity, goodness and peace.

The testimony of all who knew him and his work in the prominent places he occupied for so many years can speak of outstanding qualities of his Christian character. His ability, fidelity, consecration, missionary zeal, earnestness, wisdom, administrative capacity—all of these great qualities can be set forth in tribute to his life.

We have learned to know and appreciate, particularly also in our Andrews Street Church, his steadfastness of purpose, his purity of aim and endeavor, and above all his fidelity to the Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoiced in his sterling Christian character.

From the very beginning of his life Professor Ramaker was blessed with many advantages, among which we may place a vigorous body. His family never knew what it meant to see him sick. He was blessed with physical courage, a well-balanced mind, enough of a family history to insure healthy self-respect. From early youth he was trained to labor and wrestle with difficult affairs, and so he gained his strength and became a man of physical vigor and elasticity, full of hope and ambition, richly endowed with resources of mind and heart.

Early in life he learned to put his faith in Christ. And all through his life the great spiritual verities, the deeper truths of the higher life, were very real to him. His faith penetrated the visible forms of things and grasped the invisible. God and Christ and eternal life were actual to him. He was not easily moved by superficial things.

He had great faith in prayer. In latter years his speech had been considerably affected, and he found it difficult to make himself understood. Although it was often impossible to

understand what he was saying, nevertheless he had his family devotions regularly by reading from the Bible and offering prayer.

And now he will walk among us no more. His eagle eye has gone out. His earthly journey has come to an end. But his memory will be cherished with enduring affection and sincere reverence. What he was to his family, his pastor and his church, and what he was to his denomination and the larger work of the Kingdom, will continue to be as a voice saying to us: "Be ye followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." "Remember those who have gone before you, who have taught you the word of God; behold the end of their conversation, and imitate their faith."

God has given him a long and most useful life among us; we are deeply thankful for that. And now that his earthly life is over, we hear a great voice falling from the skies above his record, and the voice is saying: "Servant of God, well done! Enter thou into the reward of thy Lord."

A Brief Review of Professor A. J. RAMAKER's Life

By Prof. THEODORE LOUIS TROST
of Rochester, New York.

R. ALBERT J. RAMAKER was a cultured, Christian gentleman. Quiet-spoken and possessed of a rare humility, yet gifted with scholarly insight and erudition, he has left an indelible impression upon the denomination to which he gave an unstinted loyalty, upon the community of which for nearly half a century he was proud to be a citizen, upon the seminary—his pride and joy—where he taught and labored so effectively, upon the hundreds of young men whom he taught and who are today giving of their talents in the Cause for which he stood.

Coming to Rochester from his native city, Milwaukee, Wis., at the age of sixteen, Albert Ramaker enrolled in the Preparatory Course offered by the German Department of Rochester Theological Seminary. His theological study was begun in 1883 and continued for three years. Upon graduation in 1886, he served a church for three years when he was called to the German Department as instructor and subsequently as professor of Church History and the Greek language. Here he carried on a most successful ministry in both classroom and study. In the year 1895, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of

MEMORIAL ARTICLE

A memorial article about the great Seminary triumvirate, the late Professors F. W. C. Meyer, Lewis Kaiser and Albert J. Ramaker, is being prepared for publication in the 1947 ANNUAL. It is being written by Prof. Albert Bretschneider, a friend of many years of these teachers and successor to Prof. A. J. Ramaker as the Seminary dean. Many pictures will illustrate this fine article.

Rochester. In recognition of his scholarly attainments, Sioux Falls College conferred upon him its honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1917.

Throughout all his years, his thirst for knowledge continued. From his studies, there was fashioned a mind stored with knowledge which was expressed in stimulating lectures and scholarly writing. His interest was not confined to theology; he had a keen appreciation for science, especially astronomy. In 1927 the Rochester Theological Seminary conferred upon him the degree of Master of Theology. His thesis, entitled "Hymns and Hymnwriters Among the Anabaptists of the 16th Century," is the most significant and scholarly treatise in the field. Among his books, "Ein Ueberblick über die Geschichte der deutschen Baptisten von Nord-Amerika" later translated under the title, "The German Baptists in the United States," won for itself a widespread acclaim. In this brief tribute to Dr. Ramaker's memory, one cannot deal extensively with this unusual rich and long literary activity which expressed itself, not only in a number of books that have served more than a generation of theological students, but also in an almost countless array of articles written for the denominational periodicals.

Sincerest Appreciation!

Mrs. Albert J. Ramaker of Rochester, New York wishes to express her sincere appreciation to the many friends who sent messages of sympathy following the homegoing of her husband, Prof. A. J. Ramaker, on Feb. 12th. Mrs. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., also wants to convey her gratitude to the many persons who remembered her in her recent bereavement with the passing of her husband, Prof. Lewis Kaiser. It will be impossible for both of these widows to reply personally to the scores of letters, cards, and telegrams which they received.

The Easter Truth of the Bible

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you are still alive and then your new religion will have a chance to get on." Only Christianity has a risen Savior. Do we believe it with all our being?

Reichel was conducting the final rehearsal of his great choir for the production of the "Messiah." The chorus had sung through to the point where the soprano solo takes up the refrain, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The soloist's technique was perfect. She had faultless breathing, accurate note placing, flawless enunciation.

But after the final note all eyes were fixed on Reichel to catch his look of approval. Instead he silenced the orchestra, walked up to the singer with sorrowful eyes, and said, "My daughter,

A Tribute to Chaplain G. Lutz

From a Recent Letter by GLEN H. LEE of Sutton Bay, Michigan,
Who Served as Chaplain Lutz' Assistant



Major Sorgensen Standing Beside the
Grave of Chaplain Gustav Lutz in
Eisenach, Germany

I HAD WORKED with Chaplain Lutz for two years before he was called home to be with his Lord and Savior. We had been together under all types of conditions, in sociological gatherings, in business meetings, in our own office, under fire up on the front lines in battle, in religious services, and on long and sometimes tiring trips, but always he had been as close and often much closer to me than my own brothers.

Regardless of conditions or circumstances, it was our standing orders that at least once a week all the men of our unit would be offered the opportunity to attend a worship service in accordance with their faith. Yes, it was often difficult and trying to hold services under existing conditions but we always felt that it was God's will to test our faith and to try our patience.

Chaplain Lutz was very well liked by all the men and officers in each unit that he served. He was always very active and spent much time with the men, and the men always enjoyed having him with them.

It was a dreadful shock to all of us to learn that his life's work on earth had been ended so abruptly, for he looked forward with us to the ending of the war which he missed witnessing over there by less than a month's time. Never will I forget that fateful day, for we had traveled many hours together and I was enjoying his humor and cheerfulness.

We had stopped for a rest near a bridge which had been bombed. At this time there were several men from an engineer's battalion working on it. Because of Chaplain Lutz' love and interest for men, he was with them on a part of the bridge still standing, but they ventured too near the edge and it crumbled and dropped to the river bed about 70 feet below.

They were rescued immediately but there was only one who had any indication of life in his body. It is believed that the lives were taken by falling stone rather than by drowning as was indicated by the bruises on the bodies. One of the men of my unit came to me a short time later and said to me, "Do you know we've lost two great men recently, our President and our Chaplain."

"Then sing it," cried Reichel. "Tell it to me so that I will know, and all who hear you, and know that you know the joy and power of it."

Then he motioned the orchestra to play again. This time she sang the truth as she knew it and had experienced it in her own soul, and all who heard went under the spell of it. The old master approached her with tear-dimmed eyes, and said, "You do know for you have told me."

May we sing with renewed conviction at this Eastertide:

"He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today.

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart.

You ask me how I know he lives—
He lives within my heart!"

Your Easter Offering will
Be Received from Palm
Sunday, April 14, to Easter
Sunday, April 22.

"The Lord hath need
of these gifts"

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Plum Creek Church Young People Give \$169 Towards the South Dakota 5000 Club

Under the capable leadership of our president, Mildred Jucht, a fine mission program was planned and effectively carried out on Sunday, Feb. 24, in the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak.

The program consisted of readings, vocal and instrumental numbers, after which a dialogue entitled, "America Help Us," was given by the young people.

A few words of explanation about the 5000 Club, which the South Dakota young people have adopted was given by Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, followed by a short address by our pastor, Rev. G. W. Rutsch. The special mission offering of the evening, which was \$169, was designated for our \$5000 goal in South Dakota.

Darleen Rutsch, Reporter.

Four Generations of the Herr Family of the Wishek Baptist Church

When looking over a span of years and seeing God's guidance and leading, we must agree with the prophet who said, "Ye shall praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you."

Four generations of the Herr family of the Wishek Baptist Church, Wishek, No. Dak., look back over the years in which the Lord "hath dealt wondrously" with them. In 1871 George Herr was born in Kassel, South Russia and in the year 1884 he came to America and settled in McIntosh County, North Dakota. Here he came in contact with the Baptist faith, accepted Christ as his Savior, and became a staunch leader of the Beaver Creek branch of the Wishek Baptist Church. The Lord blessed his first marriage with ten children, of whom most still reside at Beaver Creek and are active in the church.

Emanuel Herr has followed his father's footsteps and is ably carrying on the work of the church. He has been superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. Allen, the son of Emanuel, with his son Bobby and wife reside in Lodi, California and are members of the Lodi Baptist Church.

May the Lord continue his blessings by guiding the Herr family and each succeeding generation into greater zeal for the Master and for his Kingdom.

Arthur R. Weissner, Pastor.

Ladies' Aid of Bismarck, No. Dak., Is Given A Treat by the Church Men

A rare treat was experienced by the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church of



Four Generations of the Herr Family of Wishek, No. Dak.

(Right to Left, Front Row: George Herr and Bobby Herr; Back Row: Emanuel Herr and Allen Herr)

Bismarck, No. Dak., on a recent evening when the members of the Men's Brotherhood served them a most delicious baked ham supper in the church parlors. The three cooks, the Rev. Edward Kary, ably assisted by Mr. K. F. Gutsche and Mr. Ed. Stohler, spurned all feminine assistance and planned their own menu, did their own buying and triumphantly served their dinner promptly and without any "casualties."

It was a joy to note the enthusiasm with which the younger boys, who acted as waiters, brought in the steaming platters. There were exclamations of amazement at the perfection of the food—especially the ham—amazement, too, as to where the ham had been secured, in the first place.

When it came to the program following the meal, we were even more surprised that so many of our men had been hiding their talents under a bushel. Mr. Gutsche, we discovered, was equally skilled at wielding the violin bow as well as the potato masher. The program included a little skit and readings with a humorous note. Voices were harmoniously blended in several quartets. We listened to brief messages by the local pastor, Rev. E. Kary, and the Rev. Karl Gieser. The Rev. J. R. Matz, president of the Men's Brotherhood, served as toastmaster for the evening.

At the close, opportunity was given to the women to "speak the truth" as we were told, concerning the evening in general. What could we do but admit publicly what remarkable men were ours and what good fortune was our lot to have been treated so nobly! We thought that this might be one way to secure a repeat performance, at any rate!

Mrs. Edward Kary, Reporter.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Community Canvass by Thirty-three Workers of the Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

On Sunday afternoon, February 3, the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York had a house-to-house visitation to extend an invitation to those in our community to attend our services. Thirty-three workers took part visiting about 1000 homes. Gospel tracts and a calendar listing the services of our church were given out.

It was a real joy and blessing to witness and testify for the Savior to those near us. Several have been in attendance in Sunday School and church as a result of this visitation. We trust that God will continue to bless our efforts to win others for him.

Pauline Forkl, Chairman House-to-House Visitation.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The Rock Hill Church of Boston Welcomes Its Interim Pastor, Rev. E. J. Olson

The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our home mission secretary, was the guest speaker at the evening service of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., on Sunday evening, January 6. His visit was among the first in his itinerary of visits to the churches of the Atlantic Conference.

"Rock Hill" was again the host to a "Youth for Christ" Rally on Saturday, February 2. Rev. Archie Turner of Cambridge, Mass., was the speaker. His forceful message on the "Love of God" was most inspiring and uplifting.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 13, a reception was tendered our interim pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Edward J. Olson. It was really a double occasion, for two weeks earlier Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Kimball of Bangor, Maine. Mrs. Olson is a graduate of Gordon College.

Mr. Frederick Garceau, one of our deacons, was the chairman. Greetings were brought by Deacon Gordon McDonald for the church; John McDonald, ass't superintendent, for the Sunday School; Mrs. Edith Waterman for the Progressive Daughters, who also presented Mrs. Olson with a beautiful corsage; Mrs. M. Atwater for the Ladies' Aid Society; Mrs. Emma Durgin for the Ladies' Prayer Group; and Martin McGowan for the young people.

A beautiful floor lamp besides a purse of money were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Olson by Mrs. Fred Sawyer. Musical numbers were brought by Mr. Richard Cook at the piano. Mr. Keith Hatfield rendered several vocal solos. Fred Sawyer, Clerk.

Spiritual and Numerical Gains Are Recorded by the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J.

The reports at the annual meeting of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held on Feb. 1st, were most encouraging with great gains evidenced in practically every phase of the church's ministry.

Average attendance at practically all services of the church proved the increasing interest and faithfulness on the part of members and friends. An average of more than sixty visitors at each Sunday service gives evidence to the "outreach" of Evangel's ministry. The average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting of the church was 205 with an increase of 94 over the 1942 figures. (The prayer meetings are just old-fashioned prayer, praise and testimony meetings with a brief Bible study each week.)

Missionary giving reached another new high of \$19,210.18 and this is more than 25 per cent higher than the current expense budget of the church. These figures do not include the radio ministry nor the building fund. The church has completely remodelled its building in order to provide additional facilities for its Bible School and its general ministry. The total giving of the church for the year was \$52,924.55, considerably more than double 1942 figures.

The church is on a high spiritual level and its ministry is consistently evangelistic and missionary. It seeks to fulfill the great commission of its Lord: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ."

January figures already indicate a considerable growth in 1946 over last year and the church looks forward to a greater outreach as some eleven of their young people are away at school training for "full time" Christian service on the mission fields or in the homeland. Dr. M. A. Darroch is the pastor.

Reporter.

Dedication of New Edifice of Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

"This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes." This was the theme of Dr. William Kuhn's sermon of dedication when members and friends of the Calvary Church of Bethlehem, Pa., rejoiced together in their newly completed church building on Sunday, Feb. 24.

After congratulating the pastor, Rev. Philip Potzner, and the church members upon the erection of such a beautiful and comfortable building in so short a time because "the people had a mind to work," Dr. Kuhn showed how this church may be filled with the glory of God if it is to be a place of worship of the true God, if God's Word is faithfully proclaimed and souls are saved through the ministry of the members.

Rev. Charles Spangenberg, a neighboring pastor and also the architect of

Donation Day at Chicago's Home for the Aged on April 22nd

The annual Donation Day for the benefit of the German Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., will be observed on Easter Monday, April 22, 1946, at 1.30 P. M. at the Home. A very interesting program will be rendered under the auspices of the Women's Mission Union of Chicago and vicinity.

Donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent directly to the German Baptist Home for the Aged, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

Mrs. Julia W. Deutschman, Secretary.

the building, led in prayer, and the prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. W. J. Appel of Brooklyn, New York.

The afternoon session was well attended and visiting ministers from the city brought greetings from their churches. Rev. John Waser spoke as president in behalf of the Bethlehem Ministers' Association. A trio from the Ebenezer Mennonite Church brought a message with trumpets and voices and Albert Schuster rendered a trumpet solo. The address was given by Rev. E. Frey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bethlehem. Dr. Kuhn preached on the subject, "God's Family," and a young man who had recently become a member of God's family made his public confession of faith in Christ by following his command in the ceremony of baptism.

Services continued on Tuesday evening when visiting pastors from out of the city spoke on "The Church and Its Ministry." The speakers were Rev. G. Woodward of the First Nazarene Church; Rev. H. Palfenier of Philadelphia, Penn.; Rev. W. Kahler of Union City, New Jersey, and Rev. W. J. Appel of Brooklyn. Music was furnished by members of Christ Rescue Mission under the leadership of Mr. W. Kunsman.

On Wednesday evening with its Home Coming Service the speaker was Mr. P. Alexy, Sr., who was used of God in starting the mission which culminated in the organization of this church.

Through the years the church, though small in numbers, has been blessed of God in calling out of her sons and daughters to full time service for Christ and in the leadership of those who gladly give their time and talents in consecrated service. All the services were enriched by trios, duets and solos rendered by these members.

It seems fitting that the new house of worship was opened for two weeks of revival meetings with the evangelist, Rev. F. W. Bartel, who commenced his service on March 3rd. May God grant this to have been the beginning of a rich ministry in the community.

Mrs. W. J. Appel, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Choir Members of Peoria's State Park Church Ave. Feted at Annual Dinner

Thirty-two members and friends of the choir of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., gathered for an annual dinner held in the church dining hall on Friday, Feb. 8. A delicious dinner prepared by our cooks and the fine Christian fellowship made the evening one of joy to all in attendance.

The occasion was especially auspicious for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Broeker, our faithful organist and director, were on this day observing their 26th wedding anniversary. Present, too, were Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Kohrs who had observed their 11th wedding anniversary. The most recently married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Anderson, had returned from their wedding trip and were present for the annual dinner. Our pastor, Rev. Frank Veninga, extended congratulations and expressed the appreciation of the church to the choir for its faithfulness in the ministry of music.

Alma L. Vinz, Reporter.

Farewell to Rev. Stanley F. Geis and Family at Chicago's Ogden Park Church

Members and friends of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois reluctantly bade farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Stanley F. Geis and their family at a service which was held on Friday, Feb. 22, in the church.

Guest speaker of the evening was the Rev. Louis Johnson of the East Side Baptist Church, a friend of Mr. Geis for many years, who delivered a heart-felt address of farewell. Musical tributes were offered by the Ladies' Chorus under the direction of Mr. Otto Horn. Representatives of the various organizations of the church and Sunday School expressed the sentiments of their respective groups and presented love gifts.

Mr. Geis faithfully served as pastor of this church for over six years. During this time he realized many ambitions for spiritual and numerical growth in the congregation. Most important of all, in looking back over the years of ministering in the community is the fact that many souls were born again, and Christians were inspired to live consistent Christian lives because of the influence of his preaching.

Much of his time and effort was devoted to the young people, who knew in him a wise counselor and true friend. A young people's Bible class, a recreation program for the teenagers of the church and neighborhood, and a Junior B.Y.P.U. group are some of the direct outgrowths of his supervision.

The faithful service of this servant of God came to a rewarding close on Sunday evening, Feb. 24, when a baptismal service was held, and new members were added to the church.

Ruth E. Frish, Reporter.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Birthday Surprise for Mrs. Adam Huber at the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc

On the fourteenth of February (Valentine's Day) Cupid is kept busy shooting arrows of love around. However, this year he shot an arrow of love and surprise at our beloved minister's wife, Mrs. Adam Huber of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. The members of the Ladies Aid, their husbands, and a few extra friends got together and arranged a birthday party for her.

Mrs. Huber was brought into the dimly lighted church to face a crowd singing, "Happy Birthday to You." The evening was spent with the reading of God's Word, recitations, some of which Mr. Huber had written, choruses, musical numbers and many good wishes expressed in brief talks. Besides a decorated birthday cake, Mrs. Huber also received gifts of a pressure cooker and a pair of silver salt and pepper shakers.

Mrs. Huber also responded with a touching message. The joy of seeing the love and gifts bestowed upon her simply beamed from her eyes. We as a congregation of the Temple Church wish Mrs. Huber many more happy birthdays as the Lord richly blesses her and her husband among us.

Mrs. Gus. Teske, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Annual Fellowship Dinner of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas

The Annual Fellowship Dinner of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas was held on February 18 in the church's banquet hall. The school orchestra played while the guests were being seated, and Gordon Janssen led the group in singing.

The Rev. Fred Ferris, our pastor, acted as toastmaster and introduced the program, which included a welcome to the discharged Service Men and numbers by a mixed quartet, piano duet, men's trio and the ladies' chorus. Dr. Thorne, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, was the speaker of the evening. His delightful humor and timely message were an inspiration to everyone.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter.

The Bethany Ladies' Missionary Circle of Kansas Observes Its 25th Anniversary

The Ladies' Missionary Circle of the Bethany Church of Vesper, Kansas celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sunday, February 17.

Following the morning worship service, a dinner was served to members and friends of the congregation. In the afternoon there was a program of special music, missionary talks by Miss Ann Swain and Rev. W. W. Knauf, and

a candle-light pageant given by past presidents and secretaries, reviewing the 25 years of activity.

One is amazed at the amount of material and money that have gone out for missions as well as the improvement of the home church and parsonage. The women have given freely of their time and of their income from "Sunday eggs" and poultry projects. This was one of the first organizations to sponsor Scripture Memory Work in Kansas.

Mrs. W. S. Jaeger and Mrs. C. E. Wirth have each held long terms as presidents. Officers for the past year have been: Mrs. Frank Will, president; Mrs. Harry Gabelman, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Miller, secretary; Mrs. Norman Schulz, treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Wirth, program chairman; and Mrs. Eric Nitsch, visitation chairman.

The Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the church, brought appropriate missionary messages at the Sunday morning and evening services.

Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Recent Activities and a Baptismal Service at the Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." This is our earnest exhortation, when we look back upon the four months of our stay with the Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho. Although the church is small in membership and young in years (organized about a year ago), it offers ample opportunity for Christian service. We have a number of young people here, for whom we are thankful. Our young people's society, which was organized several months ago, renders a great service to the young people of the church.

We have also been invited to render a program in the Congregational Church of this town. This invitation came from their young people's society. We are also glad to have a mixed choir which at present consists of 18 members. This is a record for a small church. Our Sunday School is growing, and the Ladies' Aid is very active. They presented a program for their anniversary occasion on March 3rd.

But the greatest occasion for praise is the fact that the Lord has used us as instruments in the salvation of others. Sunday, February 17, was the climax for the church, when the pastor stepped into the baptismal waters with seven candidates to baptize them in the name of the Holy Trinity. For this occasion we used the First Baptist Church in Rupert, five miles from Paul. The church was filled to capacity with spectators who had not seen a baptismal service for years. After the service we came back to our own church, where the hand of fellowship was extended to nine members, two of whom were received by letter. In recent months the church has had an increase of twelve members. We look with great expectations into the future.

Emil Riemer, Pastor.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Four Years of Service in Cottonwood, Texas by the Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp

On the 1st of February it was four years since I began my ministry in Texas. I came here under the leadership of God, but as I had never been this far South, I had much to which to look forward, oftentimes wondering what I would meet and encounter.

Upon our arrival and in a very short time to follow we were made to feel at home. The Southern friendliness and hospitality, which greeted us, left no room for doubt and uneasiness.

Now four years have passed and truly we have experienced many blessings. Of course, all who try to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in truth and Spirit know that nowhere on earth will we find a perfect church where the pastor will not go through trying times as he leads the flock. However, if we go with God and where he leads us, we will find him truly an ever present God, ready to give strength and wisdom as needed.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church is a very active and spiritually minded church. The members are willing to sacrifice time and money to help build Christ's Kingdom in this place. One very commendable characteristic of this group is the ready response to any appeal to a worthy cause whether in time, money, clothing or food; a whole-hearted cooperation can be expected.

This spirit of cooperation was fully displayed when we lost our church in 1942. With renewed effort and a rededicated life all rallied together to plan and erect a new edifice, which was built and dedicated within a year and today stands in the community as a lighthouse of God, free of debt. The total cost of this building was \$33,000.

The church has also been mindful of the physical welfare of their pastor and family in that they kept pace with the rising prices, for the salary has been raised in proportion. The members have been very generous in bringing eatables of every kind to the parsonage, which is most heartily accepted. Many have been the tokens of love received at special occasions throughout these years.

God has endowed his people here with great musical talents so that four choirs find room in the church program, as well as other special music, which, of course, is a great drawing feature at the services. The B. T. U. with its organized groups and planned programs meets every Sunday night offering a spiritual blessing to everyone, regardless of age. The Sunday School is just as active and has set new goals for the coming year by which to increase attendance.

The Woman's Union is a live organization, carrying out its duty to the church, while the Brotherhood undertakes many little items and thus relieves the church of many responsibilities. The mission spirit is the main characteristic of both organizations. C. H. Seecamp, Pastor.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Miss Augusta Seils of North Freedom, Wis., Quietly Celebrates Her 95th Birthday

Miss Augusta Seils of the North Freedom Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday on February 11, 1946. Perhaps her church and her friends were looking forward to this happy event with more enthusiasm than Miss Seils, for she is retiring about such matters in her life. Greeting cards and letters came from far and near. Members of her church and many friends dropped in to express their personal good wishes. A group of relatives surprised her with a little gathering which was a delight to her. The Sunday School, where she enjoyed working most, presented her with a little remembrance. How happy these visits and thoughts of remembrance made her feel and, yet, the joy was not all for Miss Seils, for who can visit this dear little lady and not come away feeling that you have been in the presence of one of God's saints.

Miss Seils continues to take keen interest in God's work as it is carried on by her beloved denomination and her church. Tears of joy come to her eyes when she learns that another soul has made peace with God. She continues to look to the future, for upon being asked what her greatest desire is, she replied, "That I might be able to get up and be active in the Lord's work." This is only natural since nearly her entire life has been spent in Christian work. She carries on a large correspondence, especially with people whose lives have been won for Christ through her work. She keeps in touch with many, admonishing and encouraging them to continue to live for Christ.

It is our prayer that, as she lies on her bed and meditates about God and his mercy, for it is to his love and mercy that she attributes her many years of life, that he whom she has served so well in love and devotion may continue to bring her much joy. May her greatest joy still lie before her!

Thomas D. Lutz, Pastor.

Mid-Winter Institute of the Minnesota Young People's Union at the Minnetrista Church

The Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met for its 17th annual Mid-Winter Institute at the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., from February 15 to 19. The theme was "Truth for Youth Today" and the text was taken from John 8:32.

Our opening meeting was on Friday evening, at which time Rev. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wisconsin brought the message. He spoke on "Ye Shall Know the Truth."

The first class on Saturday morning was led by Rev. E. Buening of Hollo-way on "Truth and Salvation." The second class was divided, with Rev. B. Zimmerman of Randolph, speaking on "Truth and School Life" to the Juniors, and Rev. L. Berndt of the Faith Bap-

:: OBITUARY ::

((All obituary notices must be limited to 175 words or 25 lines hereafter. Please take note of this new ruling of the Publication Board. The charge for obituaries will be at the rate of five cents a line. Editor.))

Mrs. ANNA SCHLEHUBER of Durham, Kansas

Mrs. Anna Schlehuber was born on Oct. 14, 1864 at Yareswaldie, Germany, and departed this life in the home of her daughter, Ella, on Oct. 11, 1945 at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 27 days. She came to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wenzel, in 1877, settling at Alta Vista, Kansas. She accepted Christ at the age of 11 and became a member of the Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas. Forty-seven years ago she transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, where she remained a faithful member until the time of her death. For 12 years she taught the Primary Sunday School class and was an active member of the Ladies' Aid for 35 years. On Feb. 19, 1883 she was married to Mr. Fred Schlehuber. Eight children were born to them, two of whom preceded her in death. Her husband also departed this life on June 5, 1927.

Durham, Kansas

Rev. L. H. Smith, Pastor.

Mr. RUDOLPH BROST of Calgary, Alta.

Mr. Rudolph Brost of Calgary, Alberta was born in Parkston, South Dakota on Oct. 6, 1891. As a young man he came to Canada where he settled as a farmer in the Carbon district. In 1917 he was united in marriage to Louise Forsch. In that same year he also accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Since 1924 he suffered with a nervous condition, due to which he had to retire from the farm, coming to live in Calgary. He accepted the command of Christ in the waters of baptism and became a faithful member of the Bridgeland Baptist Church. On Feb. 4, 1946 he was called to his heavenly reward. He leaves to mourn his departure his loving wife, his father, three brothers, one half-brother, and many relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted on Feb. 6. May God comfort the bereaved!

Calgary, Alberta

R. Kern, Pastor.

Miss ANDENA MILLER of Napoleon, North Dakota

Andena Miller of Napoleon, No. Dak., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, was born on July 31, 1918 at Kulm, No. Dak. On October 25, 1932 she was converted and was baptized by the Rev. Albert Alf. She became a member of the Wishek Baptist Church, later transferring her membership to Napoleon, No. Dakota.

It was discovered nearly eight years ago that she had contracted tuberculosis and it became necessary for her to enter the North Dakota Sanatorium at Dunseith. Here she remained until her death, making her Christian influence felt among the nurses and patients alike. During the last week of her life she became steadily weaker and died on Feb. 16.

Preceding Andena in death were her father, three brothers, and one sister. She leaves to mourn her early passing, her mother, now Mrs. Fred Pfeifle; her step-father, her brother, and three step-sisters and one step-brother. The Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck, the former pastor, conducted funeral services using as a basis for his message several Bible passages that Andena had underscored in her Bible.

Napoleon, No. Dak.

Edward Kary, Officiating Minister.

Mrs. ELISABETH SCHMIDT of Gackle, North Dakota

Mrs. Elisabeth Schmidt of Gackle, N. D., nee Goehring, was born in Neudorf, South Russia on Oct. 25, 1869 and passed to her reward on Feb. 21 in the Trinity Hospital in Jamestown, N. D., at the age of 76 years, 3 months and 26 days. In her youth she came with her parents to America and settled near Menno, S. D. She was united in marriage to Philip Schmidt in 1890. They homesteaded in McIntosh Co., N. D., and after 8 years they moved near Gackle, N. D. In 1919 they made their home in Gackle.

On Dec. 20, 1891 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and on June 28, 1894 she was baptized by Rev. Marks and united with the Danzig Baptist Church. After 4 years she became a charter member of the Blumenfeld Station near Streeter, N. D. After moving to Gackle, she became a member of the Grace Baptist Church, in which she remained a faithful member. She and her husband were blessed with 14 children. The husband, 4 sons and one daughter preceded her.

Funeral services at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. D., were on Feb. 26.

Gackle, No. Dak.

R. A. Klein, Pastor.

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tist Church, Minneapolis, speaking to the Seniors on "Truth and the Business Life." The Saturday afternoon session was led by Rev. J. Walkup of the Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, and Rev. J. Wobig of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, on the subject, "Truth and Church Ordinances." On Saturday evening a special musical program was given by some guest young people.

On Sunday morning the Sunday School session was taught by Rev. J. Walkup of St. Paul. Rev. B. Zimmerman of Randolph brought the morning sermon. On Sunday afternoon Bill Adam of Minneapolis spoke on "Truth and the Social Life." At the closing session on Sunday evening, Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Hutchinson, spoke to us on "Truth and Future Life."

The recreation, which consisted of a get-together and an exciting basketball game was provided by the St. Bonifacius group. The offering was designated toward the \$750 goal for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. Average attendance at classes was sixty-three.

Edith Glewwe, Secretary.

"What's Happening" News

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insurance magazine, featured a full page article about the association with the story and pictures of Mr. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., president for the past 12 years; the honorable Harold E. Stassen, a member of the board of directors; and Mr. F. W. Godtfriing, general manager.

● The young people of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas had charge of the service on Sunday evening, March 10, at which members of the nearby Strassburg Church were also present. The program featured a message and the showing of moving pictures of mission fields at home and abroad by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary. The offering of \$62.03 was designated for the mission project of the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union and for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. Miss Frances Mehlinger, president, spoke briefly. Mr. Leuschner was also the guest speaker in the morning service of the Marion Church, of which the Rev. J. J. Abel is pastor.

● On Thursday, February 28, the men of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas met at the Elite Cafe for their annual Father and Son banquet. Dr. Geo. C. Humphrey, head of the Bible Department of Baylor University, brought a very fitting message on "The Relationship of Father and Son." Other speakers included the pastor, Rev. Roy Seibel, and Mr. Warren Brenner. Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht was the toastmaster. At a special service on March 3 gifts of clothing were dedicated for our relief work in Central Europe, and an offering was re-

ceived for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies, which amounted to \$241.92.

● On Thursday, Feb. 28, the Rev. J. J. Reimer, missionary among the Spanish-Americans in Colorado, was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak. He presented the fine progress and plans of the St. Luis Valley mission field. The church at the communion service on the following Sunday gave a liberal offering towards a station wagon which Mr. Reimer desires to have on his field. On the previous Sunday the Sunday School gave over \$1000 to take care of the traveling expenses and equipment for the Ganstroms on the Cameroons field in Africa. The young people's society is going strong with a study course they have followed entitled, "Practical Christian Living," led by Mrs. Arthur Ittermann.

● From March 24 to 31 evangelistic meetings were held at the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis., with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Witt of Minneapolis, Minn., as evangelists. Mr. Witt, who is a cousin of the Sheboygan pastor, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, is blind but is rendering a splendid ministry as preacher and singer. On Wednesday evening, March 13, the church held a "Family Night" with a pot luck supper, the meeting of various church boards and a musical program and service at which the Rev. Frank Scorza of St. Paul, Minn., also spoke. On Wednesday evening, March 6, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, showed moving pictures of foreign and home mission fields in a service under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. They also held the annual Women's Day of Prayer service that evening.

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST**GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Conference	February 1946	February 1945
Atlantic	\$ 1,036.05	\$ 1,620.22
Eastern	1,283.10	1,689.07
Central	3,596.42	3,358.10
Northwestern	2,816.87	1,743.98
Southwestern	1,533.99	1,894.55
Southern	1,197.71	557.94
Pacific	4,264.21	1,302.78
Northern	1,961.82	502.65
Dakota	2,431.03	740.86
Totals	\$20,121.20	\$13,410.15

Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

February 1946	\$ 8,620.41
February 1945	1,034.93
Total to Feb. 28, 1946	\$246,374.16

Seminary Endowment Fund

February 1946	\$ 960.39
February 1945	3,117.54
Total to Feb. 28, 1946	\$104,429.08

Christian Training Institute Building Fund

February 1946	\$ 588.03
Total to Feb. 28, 1946	\$20,463.84

Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
REV. A. R. BERNADT
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Hiroshima and Nagasaki, atom bomb target areas in Japan, were centers of Methodist missionary activity and included many schools and social centers.

A knock is as good as a boost—unless you happen to be looking over a transom.

Research psychologists say that church attendance is better on the nerves, mind and health than golfing or fishing.

A man took up a correspondence course in fighting, but he lost his first bout. He claimed the school forgot to send him the muscles.

In the Middle Ages there were venerated a rung from Jacob's ladder and a feather from the wing of the Archangel Michael!

The pilot of the jet plane that recently spanned the country at nose-diving speed, sneezed in California and a fellow in New York said, "Gesundheit."

There are three times as many criminals in America as college students and more bar-maids than college girls.

I once heard a patriotic singer—red hair, white skin, and blue songs.

95 per cent of the men who belong to service clubs also belong to some Christian church.

The "Youth for Christ" movement has a goal of 1500 meetings with a Spring "invasion of England."

A colored man once complained about his community that "the good ain't able, and the able ain't good."

More money is spent for tobacco than for all schools, including teachers and books.

95 per cent of the higher education institutions in America arose out of Christian denominations.

The first zoo in the world was opened in China about 1100 BC and was called "Intelligence Park."

The Cross is the ladder of heaven!

A B-29 would completely fill a room that would seat 1,000 people.

The Archbishop Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa, said at Quebec recently, "We come to honor the mother of the mother of God . . . the grandmother of God."

The largest denomination in the world is the Seventh Day Absentists!

Where both parents are Protestants, only 6.8 per cent of the homes are broken; where both parents are Catholic, 6.4 per cent are broken; but in mixed marriages 15.2 per cent are broken; and where there is no religious connection the percentage is much greater.

"You have to live a lot of your life with yourself; so you might as well learn to enjoy your own company."
—(Fred Barton.)