

New Trails Ahead!

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING . . . .

● The Rev. Walter Stein of Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dakota with its Johannestal and Jewell mission stations. He began his pastorate on the new field on Sunday, Dec. 23, 1945, succeeding the Rev. W. W. Luebeck, now of Alpena, Mich. Mr. Stein had been the pastor at Minitonas since 1943.

● The Rev. Stanley F. Geis of Chicago, Ill. has announced his acceptance of a call extended to him by the Linden Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. to become its pastor where he hopes to begin his ministry on March 1, 1946. He has resigned as pastor of the Ogden Church of Chicago, Ill. where he has faithfully served since 1940. In Detroit's Linden Church he will succeed the Rev. Frank Armbruster, now of Edenwood, Sask., Canada.

● The Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zepik of Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada have announced that a daughter was born to them on Nov. 30, who has been named Lois Ruth. This is their first child.

● The Rev. Lawrence Wegner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis. since his graduation from Northern Baptist Seminary in June, 1944, has resigned and accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., where he will begin his pastorate on January 20, succeeding the Rev. Wayne Williams.

● The Rev. Thomas Stoeri began his ministry as the interim associate pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., on Dec. 1st. In this part time service Mr. Stoeri will take charge of the German services and assist the pastor, Rev. C. B. Nordland, in the church work. Mrs. Stoeri, who has been very ill, is improving and will continue to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Rudy Kovalska, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

● The Rev. Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., former professor at our Rochester Seminary and since 1944 secretary of the Allied Forces, Inc., of Rochester, has begun his new ministry as executive secretary of the South Dakota Council of Churches and Christian Education. He and his wife are residing at Huron, South Dakota. Mr. Schade has started his work in South Dakota with high ex-

pectations and challenging goals of service.

● The Thanksgiving offering of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon amounted to \$5,100, which was the largest missionary offering ever received by this church at one time. These gifts were designated for the denomination's Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. On Sunday, Dec. 23, Dr. John Leyboldt brought his farewell messages before he and Mrs. Leyboldt left for Milwaukee, Wis., to begin their ministry on Jan. 6th in the Bethany Baptist Church.

**Missionaries in Africa!**

Our four newest missionaries are now in the Cameroons of Africa! It took them a little longer than at first announced in the Dec. 1st issue of "The Herald."

Because of last minute delay in plane flights, the Misses Myrtle Hein and Hilda Tobert were not able to leave La Guardia Field of New York City until Dec. 5th, going to Monrovia, Liberia by way of South America on a Pan-American Airways plane. From Liberia they went to the Cameroons by some route, still unknown to us.

The Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom were held up in New York for several days because of the illness of their child, but they left with their son for Africa by plane on Dec. 12th. Their flight to Africa covered the same route as that of Miss Hein and Miss Tobert.

● Recently revival meetings were conducted for two weeks in the Ebenezer East Church of Saskatchewan, Canada with the Rev. H. Schatz of Regina, Sask., as the evangelist. As a result of the meetings 13 persons confessed their faith in Christ as Savior. Following an impressive harvest festival program and a message by the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, the church brought an offering of \$710 for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. Besides this, the young people's society contributed \$23 and the Ladies' Mission Society \$70, making a grand total of \$803.00.

● An inspiring play entitled, "The Silver Trumpet," was recently presented by the young people of the Freudental Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta. A large audience was present for the hour-long play in which 23 young people participated, including the pastor's wife, Mrs. E. Wegner. The dramatization was directed by Art Buyer, with Norman Ohlhauser as stage manager, and Gladys Ohlhauser and Alice Metzger as costume designers. Miss Reada Buyer served as reporter.

● The new pastor of the Immanuel Church of Loyal, Oklahoma to succeed the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, now of Morris, Manitoba, is the Rev. Alfred Thornton from Texas, a graduate of Chicago's Moody Bible Institute. He and his wife and two children are already on the field. Mr. Thornton is described as "a preacher of unusual stature," being 6 foot 10 inches in height. The Immanuel Church is also building a good sized parsonage next to the church building, a report of which will appear later in "The Herald."

● On Sunday, Dec. 2, the Rev. Emil Gruen, who is identified with the American Board of Missions to the Jews, was the guest speaker in the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., using as his text, "Let a man examine himself," (1 Cor. 11:28.) At the communion service that followed the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Gruen were received into the fellowship of the church by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Appel. At this service two deacons of the church, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein and Mr. Veninga, were dedicated by the laying on of hands.

● The Rev. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa baptized six persons on Sunday, Oct. 28, and received them into the Aplington Baptist Church. The Thanksgiving offering totalled \$1635. From Oct. 29 to Nov. 11 Mr. Lehr conducted evangelistic meetings at the West Center St. Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., with the Rev. H. Schroeder, pastor. Pfc. Charles (Bud) F. Lehr, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. Fred Lehr, was recently discharged and is now enrolled in the University of California at Los Angeles and also plays in the trombone section of the University band.

● From Thursday evening, Nov. 29 to Sunday, Dec. 2, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, spoke of God's open doors and showed denominational missionary pictures at the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa. The church brought an offering of \$105.60 on Sunday, Nov. 25, for the Fellowship Fund, and on Sunday, Dec. 2, the special offering of \$97.88 was designated by the B. Y. P. U. for the Iowa Young People's Union mission project. From Dec. 5 to 16 evangelistic services were held in the Victor Baptist Church with the Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa bringing the messages. On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Rev. John Broeder of Victor preached in the Steamboat Rock

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### Coming!

**HANDS ACROSS THE SEA**  
Several brief articles, the latest news and important announcements will portray the plight of our Baptist brethren in Europe and our plans to go to their assistance. Our "Fellowship Fund" is receiving the heart-felt attention of our people everywhere.

**IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL**  
With vividness and color Miss Lillian Jacobsen, one of our missionaries in the Cameroons, tells the story of our mission school at Soppo. This will be the first of many missionary articles to appear in "The Herald" during the year 1946.

**MEDITATIONS OF A COLLECTION PLATE**  
This provocative article was contributed by Mrs. Louis Muller of Victor, Iowa towards the new "Open Forum." It appeared originally in "The Christian Advocate." Readers of "The Herald" are invited to send their contributions to the "Open Forum" in considering matters of denominational interest.

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# EDITORIAL

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## Something New Has Arrived!

**B**EFORE January 1st the first copies of the 1946 ANNUAL will be in the hands of delighted readers. The excitement will probably spread like wild fire, for this publication will not meet with much sale's resistance. We expect the printing of four thousand copies to be completely sold out in the early weeks of the new year.

This is something new among our denominational publications. The first edition has been prepared with considerable care. In 68 thrilling pages of extra fine paper with a two-color cover, this ANNUAL will offer reading material for many days and reference data for the entire year to our people.

A galaxy of more than seventy pictures lights up the pages of the ANNUAL with breath taking beauty. The inspiring articles take the reader to "Youth for Christ" meetings, up snow-crowned mountains, to one of the largest Baptist churches in America, into historical halls of our denomination. It announces the plans for the 1946 General Conference and congratulates the Children's Home on its 75th anniversary. It presents the various mission projects of our young people's unions.

An important feature of the ANNUAL is the listing of all of our active ministers with a complete biographical sketch of each. This has been done in response to many urgent requests for this data. All of the denominational statistics, addresses of our ministers, location of our churches, and other information also appear. This will be invaluable material to everyone in our churches.

Your pastor or publication society agent can secure a copy of the 1946 ANNUAL for you. It costs forty cents each post-paid, which is somewhat less than cost price. You can also order your copy directly from our Cleveland Publication House. But be sure to get your copy without delay!

The Service Men of our churches, who have been discharged and returned to civilian life, will receive free copies of the ANNUAL, if their names and addresses are sent to Dr. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. This will be the denomination's greeting to them upon their return home! Letters of information concerning this plan have been sent to our ministers.

We believe the 1946 ANNUAL will prove to be a bundle of blessing to all of our people. It ought to be an Annual of information, an Album of inspiration, the Acme of reading joys. We have launched this new venture of the 1946 ANNUAL on faith and with high hopes. Your eager response in assuring your copy will be our happiest reward.





The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich., As He Appeared on Former Radio Broadcasts Over Station CFCO of Chatham, Ontario

## A New Year's Challenge

By Rev. E. ARTHUR McASH of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

AS WE FACE a new year, there is a challenge for every Christian in Paul's stirring words with which he summarizes his life: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7.)

According to Jerome, Paul was executed in 68 A. D. at Rome. It is generally supposed that during the first persecution of Nero, he met his death and, as befitted a Roman citizen, was beheaded in the Ostian Way. Within the record of the inspired Word, however, Paul disappears with his death unrecorded. We read of his life as a prisoner at Rome and suddenly he vanishes, reminding us of Enoch who "walked with God and he was not, for God took him."

When writing these timeless words to Timothy, Paul is forewarned that the days ahead for him are few. Only a matter of time and the fury of wicked Nero will take his life. With this knowledge in mind he says, "I am now ready to be offered." The heathen custom was to precede the sacrifice of the bullock upon the altar with an oblation of wine and oil. The apostle feels his body to be already anointed and he stands ready to be cut down for the testimony of Christ.

What untold sensations must course through a man's mind and heart when he realizes that eternity is but a few hours away. How brief life seems, and how important beyond comparison does eternity now appear! A self-professed agnostic after a life of godlessness exclaimed when dying, "O God, if there be a God, have mercy on my soul if I have a soul." Death is too awful an event in a man's existence to meet unprepared, but in

such a way many are content to meet it. "I can't die," cried a woman of twenty-eight years when told that she was mortally wounded in a railway accident. "I have only begun to live, for all I have ever done is to lead the fashion."

### SPIRITUAL VICTORIES

But Paul could say, "I am now ready to be offered." And may God help each one of us to be ready to meet him should he call us before his awful presence in this coming year. May we be like a Scotsman who lay dying in his small country house while a snow-storm raged outside. His daughter at the bedside asked, "Father, shall I read the Bible to you now?" He answered, "No, my lassie, don't trouble. I thatched my house in calm weather." He was ready.

Paul was ready to meet his God for he had "fought a good fight." We may be sure that this warrior's life was in reality a fight. And no term better characterizes each Christian's existence when fully lived for his Lord. It is a battle. For the believer there is no armistice, nor terms with the enemy of his soul. There is no cessation of hostilities until the eternal Commander is heard to say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The longest war in history is that which had its beginning recorded in Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed." Therefore, Paul counsels again, "Fight the good of faith, lay hold on eternal life whereunto thou are called, and hast

professed a good profession before many witnesses."

May each who calls himself a child of God engage, unafraid, the spiritual battles God has placed before him. And as the Indian warrior marked his victories by the number of scalps which hung from his belt, so let the believer mark definite progress and success in his Christian experience throughout the year.

### OBEDIENT SOLDIERS OF CHRIST

Paul terms this battle a good fight. Men waste their lives for ignoble causes, and many wars are fought from selfish and vain-glorious motives. But to be a soldier of Jesus Christ is to fight a worthy purpose. To preach and to live Christ was so coveted a calling in the apostle's estimation that he sacrificed home, reputation, and his all, that he might fight well. He bore the marks of the Lord Jesus upon his body.

His attitude was similar to the ancient Roman pugilist who always loved to fight because his features had long ago lost their beauty by mutilation in many conflicts, and he was not afraid of making himself appear less attractive than he was. Many Christians hesitate to fight the good fight, fearful lest they lose their beautiful reputation. Paul replies that to be faithful to his Lord is more to be desired than the vacillating opinions of men.

None can deny that this great man's life was a complete victory, despite the knowledge that he died at the hands of the executioner. We may face the days ahead with joyfulness and with no misgivings if we measure up to the good fight.

The great apostle also describes his Christian experiences as a race. "I have finished my course." Like the faithful Phidippedes, tired by the battle with the Persians and worn from the long race from Marathon to Athens, as he falls dead with the news of victory upon his lips, so Paul cries out, "I have completed the task entrusted to me."

God appointed the course he should run, saying, "He is a chosen vessel unto me to bear my name before Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my sake." Throughout the story of Paul's life we find him constantly obedient and submissive to the Lord's direction. Suffering for the gospel's sake his characteristic sentiment was that "none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy."

The individual believer's life today is not identical with Paul's except that both are of God's designing. Whatever the divine plan for each Christian may be, let him be careful to

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# A Business Manager by the Call of God

Tributes to Mr. H. P. DONNER, Who on January 1, 1946 Concludes 34 Memorable Years as Business Manager of the Publication Society

### A TRIBUTE

By Rev. E. J. BAUMGARTNER.

During the past twenty-five years, there were many occasions in which the sacrificial spirit and the loyal devotion of Mr. H. P. Donner were brought to my mind. Mr. Donner has left a remarkable record as Business Manager and of this I can testify through first-hand experience. Since the middle of last April, my duties as Associate Manager, have given me an insight into the spirit and methods of our esteemed brother. I shall always remember his seemingly tireless energy, his keen analysis of every situation, and his unflinching determination to do what he believed to be the right and best for the Publication House and the Denomination. It was also my great joy to experience his splendid and brotherly spirit of co-operation. It was my task to learn, and no one ever cooperated more beautifully to teach and impart the many intricate angles of our Publishing House than did Mr. Donner. I have learned much from him and since he will be in the city here, I consider it a privilege and a most distinct advantage to know that I can go to him at any time for advice and suggestions. Yes, I have learned much and sincerely hope to learn much more!

In closing this brief tribute, I want to pay my respect to a man who had a vision and felt a calling. Regardless of cost, he remained loyal to the vision, depending at all times for spiritual strength and guidance on Him who is the Head of the church. It has been

my privilege to serve over 20 years as a minister and I know some of the demands the ministry makes. Since last April I have also become acquainted with the demands made of the manager of the Publication House, and hence, I can truthfully say that Mr. Donner has served as well as any minister during the 34 years of his management. He is indeed a servant of God who gave himself to the building of a part of God's great kingdom as served by our Publication House. May God grant him much joy as he looks back over the 34 years that were so freely given.

### Business Manager for God and Our Denomination

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald."

Greatness of heart and of spirit has been chiseled into the living features of Mr. H. P. Donner by the Master Sculptor. For more than eighty years he has trod the pathway of life with firm and hearty steps, growing in saintliness all along the way. On January 1, 1946 he brings to completion a monumental ministry of thirty-four years as the business manager of our Publication Society and a general worker of the denomination. He has risen to an heroic stature in our midst, as his achievements, example and perseverance challenge us to do likewise in the service of Jesus Christ.

Brother Donner knows how to set the lamps of friendliness and joy aglow

in other hearts. He has always been so thoughtful of the needs of others. He has been a Christian gentleman who has left an imprint of spiritual glory upon the lives of those with whom he came in contact. How many of our members have been enriched by his letters and articles. Long avenues of life have been brightly illuminated by his long, illustrious ministry.

The editor of "The Baptist Herald" has been especially fortunate in having so many intimate contacts and business dealings with him. His generous spirit and heartening encouragement have made large contributions toward the success of "The Baptist Herald." His spiritual counsels will not soon be forgotten. We have found him giving of himself unreservedly with physical and mental ardor in order to be a good steward of God as our business manager. The thirty-four years of his service have been full of great achievements, well earned victories over difficulties, and many sacrifices known only to his Lord.

Brother Donner has always seen himself as business manager by the grace of God. Christ has always been magnified in every business relationship. Nothing could becloud Christ's glory in the work of our publication society. One is reminded of the artist who painted a picture of our Lord pointing to the lilies of the valley. When some people saw the painting, they were so inspired by the majesty

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"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2



## A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

By Dr. HERMAN von BERGE  
of Dayton, Ohio

"WHO WROTE the Book of Acts?" asked the teacher of the men's class in our Sunday School. The answer came back promptly: "Doktor Lukas." Yes, Dr. Lukas did it, and he wrote the Gospel of Luke as well, and this Christian layman also wrote his name into the lives not only of the Christians of the apostolic age, but also of those through all the ages following.

The record of outstanding laymen in the history of the Christian Church constitutes some of its brightest chapters. That is also true of the century of our own denominational history. The names of many of these consecrated laymen have now become only sacred memories, for they are with us no longer. But many others still are, some of them in the very midst of their activities, some of them gradually approaching the time when life's vesper bells are ringing and the burdens and past responsibilities must be laid on younger shoulders.

Among the latter is now our beloved friend and brother, Mr. H. P. Donner. His resignation as manager of our Publication House ends a splendid service rendered our denomination in that office for 34 years. It will not be considered a violation of confidence when I quote from a recent letter received from him. In that he said: "You will remember how I said that the Lord would indicate to me the time when my denominational task should cease. He very definitely led me to it, and now he has, also definitely, called the halt. How grateful I am for such guidance, and I am very happy to be directed." That is Brother Donner as we have known him all these years, and that is the spirit which has made him the fine leader he has been in the work of our Publication Society for over a third of a century.

At no time was that spirit more prominently and impressively shown than when the call came to him to become the manager of our Publication House. Could we ever forget that? For him it meant giving up a very responsible position with a fine salary and a promising future in order to accept a position calling to heavy responsibilities and offering only a very meager financial compensation. To hear the voice of God in such a call is, indeed, not given to many. But what an inspiration it is when such examples of devotion and consecration are seen, and what a challenge they are to all of us!

When Brother Donner accepted the position of manager, he did it with full realization of its far-reaching importance. He realized the vital bear-

## A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD

The Board of Trustees of the ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS, meeting in annual session at Cleveland, Ohio on December 7, 1945, authorized the following resolution:

WHEREAS our Brother H. P. Donner, has tendered his resignation as Business Manager of the ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS, effective January 1, 1946; and,

WHEREAS on January 1, 1946, Brother Donner will have completed thirty-four years of uninterrupted service as the manager of our Publication Society; and,

WHEREAS this record of service is without parallel in the annals of our denominational fellowship; and

WHEREAS the leadership of Brother Donner in his capacity as manager of our Publication Society has proven itself as most prophetic and fully adequate in the midst of a tumultuous world-flux and the concomitant changing denominational needs; and

WHEREAS the services of Brother Donner were consistently and manifestly motivated by an unflinching devotion to the evangelistic and mis-

ings of our publication work upon our whole denominational life, and we all, no doubt, fully agree with him when he said: "As goes our Publication Society, so goes our denomination." For our publications not only seek to offer spiritual nurture, but they are a vital means of holding us together in our fellowship, of centering our interests upon our common tasks and responsibilities and uniting and inspiring us for our missionary effort. That has been and continues to be their mission, and to that mission our brother has heard and obeyed God's call.

The years 1912 to 1946, which constituted the period of his incumbency, brought with them many difficult problems. World War I started two years after he had begun his work. World War II ended with the last year of his service. In between these two world catastrophes we had the period of depression and all kinds of economic disturbances, the increasing acceleration of the transition from the use of the German to that of the English language among our people and in our churches, and also the changing of our Publication House from a commercial to a strictly denominational printing establishment. How fortunate we were to have had a man of Brother Donner's caliber and experience to face all these difficult problems as the manager of our Publication House!

Those of us who, as members of the Publication Board, have at least in part had to share his problems with him probably learned all the more to appreciate the value that Brother

sionary task of our denominational raison d'être; and

WHEREAS the ministry of Brother Donner at our conferences and in our churches has always been articulate in the fervent acceptance of the Scriptures as the divinely inspired Word of God; and

WHEREAS this ministry was rooted in his personal devotion to Jesus Christ, visibly expressed in a life and character of true Christian piety;

WE HEREBY RESOLVE:

First: to thank God for the life and ministry of Brother H. P. Donner as revealed in his service as manager of our Publication Society during the past thirty-four years;

Second: to express to Brother Donner our humble gratitude for a stewardship so devotedly and efficiently discharged;

Third: to voice the prayer of our entire denominational family that God in His providence may grant to Brother Donner abundant health and rich contentment for the eventide of his fruitful life.

Harold B. Johns, President.

T. W. Bender, Secretary.

Donner has been to our work. It has been the writer's privilege to be associated with him for 23 years as a member of that Board. He has found in him not only a warm personal friend but also a wise and efficient leader, a man of strong convictions, yet ever facing problems with an open mind, and always showing a fine spirit of cooperation. It has been a real pleasure to work together with him, and in that, I am sure, I also speak for all the others who have been Board members through the years. He has won the esteem and affection of us all and surely has our best wishes for whatever time the Lord will still permit him to be with us.

### Business Manager for God

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of the lilies that they exclaimed as they left the gallery: "My, what beautiful lilies." When the artist heard this, he seized his brush and went to the picture and struck out the lilies, saying, "No work of mine shall hide the Savior!"

That has been the spirit of Brother Donner to the present hour. In the thirty-four years of his ministry as business manager of our publication society, the will of God and the glory of Christ have had to be dominant in everything. He will continue to minister to our hearts in these years of so-called retirement, opening the windows of heavenly glory and giving us a glimpse of saintliness, of a life which with radiance and joy magnifies the Name and Gospel of Christ in our midst.

# One Hundred Students at the Edmonton Institute

A Report of the Opening Exercises and Program of the Christian Training Institute by Rev. J. C. GUNST, Young People's Secretary

OPENING EXERCISES for the school term of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta were held on October 31st. The term will continue to the close of March 1946. Students from four western provinces of Canada and two states, Minnesota and Washington, had gathered for the largest student enrollment in the history of the school.

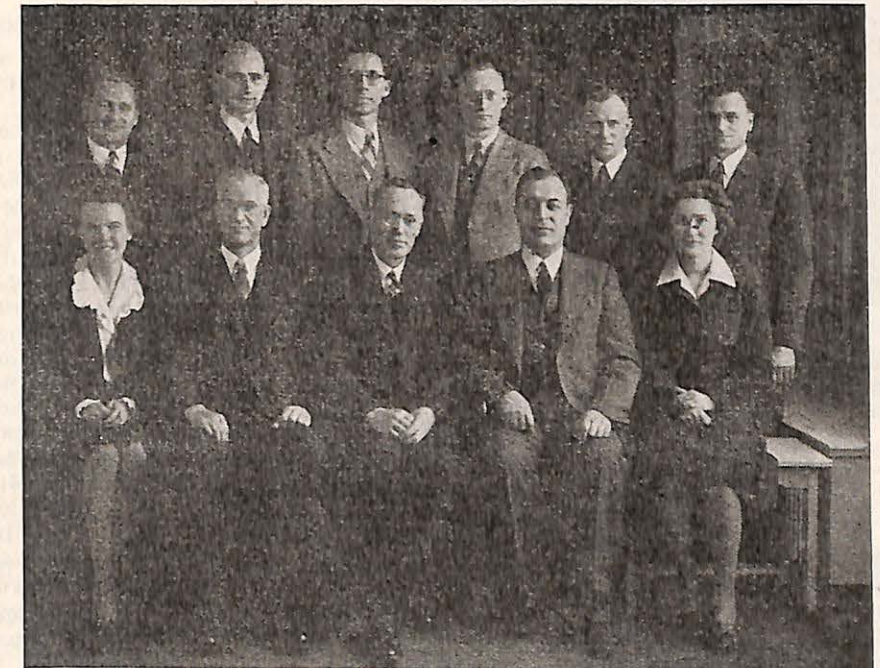
The president, Rev. E. P. Wahl, was in charge of the opening meeting. The Rev. J. Schultz, pastor of our church at Olds, Alberta, brought an inspiring and appropriate address. This was followed by two missionary messages by two returned missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Jespersen. A period of dedication with a missionary appeal followed which was closed with a season of fervent prayer in which everyone participated. This fine spirit of the opening meeting was carried over into the classroom and many other school activities.

The following day the Christian Training Institute swung into activities with an enrollment of one hundred and three students for the year. It was soon necessary for three students to discontinue their studies because their help was demanded at home. This leaves, at present, a student body of exactly one hundred young people. There are eleven teachers on the faculty, consisting of four full-time teachers while all others are rendering part-time service. A very heavy curriculum is carried out by these faithful and able teachers.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A very unique and pleasing Christian spirit prevails among the students of the institute. Cooperation seems to be the watchword, since every activity functions smoothly. One can readily understand why there is such a congenial and commendable spiritual atmosphere when one has had the opportunity to mingle in fellowship with these students and when one sees them active in their duties.

Topping the list of their many activities is their faithfulness and willingness for Christian service. Every weekend a number of groups go out to the neighboring churches to testify for their Master in song, music and message. They are always prepared to teach a Sunday School class or take part in young people's work. The third and fourth year students often lead the service and bring the message during the worship hour. One group always assists the Rev. E. P. Wahl for the half hour radio broadcast over



Faculty of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta (1945-1946)  
(Left to Right, Back Row: Rev. Adam Huber, Rev. Karl Korella, Rev. George Dawe, Rev. Arthur Cornell, Mr. Robert Neske, Rev. J. C. Gunst)  
(Left to Right, Front Row: Vera Hausfeld, Rev. F. W. Benke, Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. Richard Schilke, Erna Schwanke)

CFRN every Sunday morning. This opportunity lends itself very well for the students to give expression to their fine musical and singing ability.

Those students, who do not go out for Sunday, carry on a regular Sunday School and worship service at the Institute chapel. Often, during the week nights these students render helpful service at prayer meetings, in the city churches, in young people's meetings, at the Rescue Mission, and in the "Youth For Christ" meetings in the city of Edmonton.

### PRAYER BANDS

Analyzing the zealous ambition of these students for service, one might well conclude that they get their enthusiasm from their well organized "Prayer Bands." There are nineteen such "Bands" in the school. Each student belongs to one or the other of these prayer groups. In the third prayer meeting of the year, three fine young fellows made their decision for Christ and accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. In every respect, these three are very promising young men. They are now a wonderful witness.

No young person can come to CTI as a non-Christian and be here very long without making a definite decision for Christ. All these students are on fire for the Lord and his work. They have a passion for souls. That

spirit fills the air wherever they move and work.

There are three different nationalities represented in the student body: Germans, Irish, and Norwegians. Each of eight families has two children represented. Only as you go to the records can you find that distinction; in spirit they all seem to be one.

Aside from their study hours and classroom periods and their many other activities, there seems to be a full program of music and vocal lessons carried on under the direction and leadership of Mr. Robert Neske. A male chorus, mixed choir, ladies' chorus, duets, quartets and orchestra take part in the activities. Everyone seems to be taking music lessons. It is a real joy to share the twenty minute chapel period in worship and meditation and hear these young people join in the singing of the sacred hymns. Students often are in charge of the chapel period.

### MORE BUILDINGS NEEDED

With a growing interest on the part of many of our young people in the Christian Training Institute larger facilities at the school are an urgent necessity. All of the fine activities mentioned are carried on under severely handicapped conditions. Faculty and students alike carry on their work

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# Fifty Years of Blessing

Report of the Golden Jubilee of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., by Rev. PAUL E. LOTH, Pastor

year the church had purchased property and constructed its own building at 172 Johnson St., where it is located today.

During its fifty years of life Bethel Church has had six pastors. Just a year after its organization Rev. Albert Vogel came to Bethel and ministered to both church and community for almost 20 years. His work was eminently blessed of the Lord and those who sat under his ministry remember with joy the years together. Succeeding pastors also proved themselves men of ability. The Rev. Otto Koenig, who served from 1916 to 1921, left Bethel to become professor at our denominational seminary in Rochester. The Rev. Fred Willkins, who succeeded Mr. Koenig became director of Christian Education for the Buffalo Union in 1923. Rev. Eckard Umbach, who was at Bethel from 1923 to 1927, and Rev. Peter Geissler, who ministered from 1927 to 1942, both moved to larger pastorates.

At every one of the anniversary meetings the large attendance overflowed the church auditorium and balcony into the adjoining Sunday School auditorium. God's blessing likewise was large and both filled and overflowed our hearts. Beginning with the opening keynote address of Dr. Kuhn on Sunday morning and through to the final dedicatory service there was a definite spiritual emphasis. Dr. Kuhn reminded the large congregation that the real builder of Bethel was the Lord Jesus Christ with the words, "If

Bethel should fail to honor the greatest benefactor this church has ever had, it would be remiss and would grieve sorely the heart of the Lord." In the evening of the opening day Dr. George Lang impressed upon us the necessity of going forward together with God.

Monday evening was set aside as "Community Night" with greetings brought by several pastors. The Rev. Enoch Moore, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of Buffalo, then challenged us through his stirring message to serve the community by personal soul winning. Mr. John Cappeller ably presented the history of the church in a 31 stanza poem which he composed for the occasion.

As we looked at the past on Tuesday evening, we honored the twelve charter members still in active membership at Bethel. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Otto Geissler, Mrs. Otto Koenig, and Miss Frieda Rieke. The message of the evening was brought by Rev. Peter Geissler who for almost 14 years ministered for the Lord at Bethel. His emphasis on fellowship in the Holy Spirit was a real contribution to the entire celebration.

The closing evening began with a banquet prepared by the ladies of the church at which 200 people gathered together for fellowship. In the evening service the anniversary songs written for the occasion were sung with much interest and feeling by the

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Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., Which Recently Celebrated Its 50th Anniversary

"FIFTY YEARS of service and blessing"—these words stand on the title page of the Golden Jubilee celebration booklet and significantly summarize the first half-century of progress of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. The concluding act of the four day celebration from November 4 to 7 was the rededication of people and building to the Christ of Calvary with the pledge to recognize his Lordship in our lives and work at Bethel.

In preparation for the anniversary celebration the church edifice was completely redecorated so that the many friends and former members returning to their home church found attractive surroundings as well as friendly greetings and spiritual emphasis. Among the especially invited guests and speakers were: Dr. William Kuhn and Dr. George Lang representing our denominational enterprise; Rev. Herbert Hiller, representing the Eastern Conference and also our sister church, Temple; Rev. Enoch Moore of the Riverside Baptist Church of Buffalo; Rev. Peter Geissler, former pastor, and his wife, now of the First Church of Avon, So. Dak.; Mrs. Otto Koenig, widow of former pastor, Prof. Otto Koenig; and former Sunday School missionary, Miss Frieda Rieke of Chicago.

The Bethel Baptist Church was organized fifty years ago by 21 members of the former First German Baptist Church of Buffalo. The public services which were alternately conducted by their former pastor, Rev. Conrad Bodenbender, and Deacon William Lowe were held for the first nine months in "Scheu's Hall," a second floor auditorium in the general vicinity of the present church. Within a

# My Dream for Our Seminary

A Vision by Mr. H. P. Donner, Former Business Manager of Our Publication Society, Cleveland, Ohio, as the First Contribution for "The Herald's" Open Forum

LATE IN JULY I stepped into open space and landed on the basement floor. The result, several back fractures and ten weeks in the hospital. I had to lie on my back resting on a fracture-bed, looking at the ceiling. There were, it is true, moments when my spiritual eyes penetrated the ceiling and pierced the clouds until they rested on the Throne of Grace in the distant North.

While there resting, for many days, it became my problem to do constructive thinking. Then I fell to dreaming, and among other things I dreamed of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

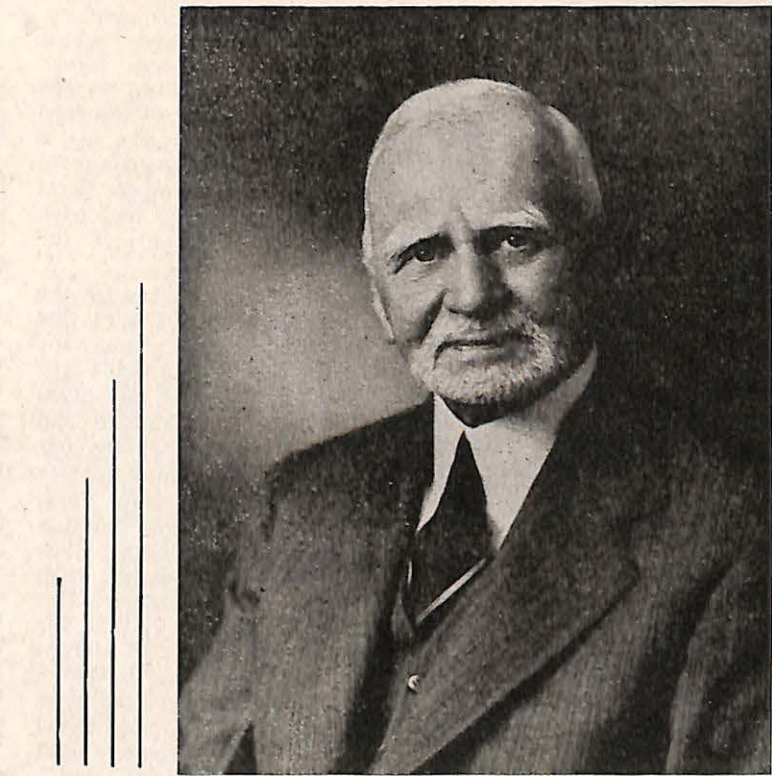
One of the startling and far-reaching matters brought before our General Conference at its last session in May, 1944 was the report of the Board of Trustees of our Rochester Seminary involving a drastic realignment of the Seminary's faculty which was the promise of an improved position of this institution within the denominational constituency. New hopes were kindled for greater usefulness of this extremely important branch of our work. Many eyes are watching this development.

The theological seminary has two functions: A. The faculty and B. the student body.

They express themselves in the imparting of basic knowledge in the field of theology with its affiliated branches, and the acquiring of these rudiments as a prerequisite to the Christian ministry, respectively.

These, however, form but the skeleton of the training of the preacher of the Gospel of God whose responsibility it is to proclaim the eternal truth. Supplemental to these elementary studies are other vital factors which dare not be omitted in the preparation of the man whom God chooses for this high and sacred calling. These are the responsibility of both functions.

1. The seminary needs, above all else, a spiritual atmosphere—an intensive spiritual atmosphere—which means holiness of life from which radiates a living faith, which believes God and which accepts God's will in humble obedience for every contingency in life's career. This must be the background for the Seminary years. It presupposes the dominating presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the theological student, for without it the training is futile.



A Recent Picture of Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, Former Business Manager of Our Publication Society

2. Another vital necessity is the mastering of the art of expository preaching. God's Word is for God's people. It is their nourishment. It has to be, therefore, interpreted to them. The will of God needs to be revealed. This quickens faith and is the source of spiritual strength. Without it God's children become anaemic and fade away. It is, therefore, of supreme importance that this type become the ruling type of preaching. It, naturally, is conditioned on an exhaustive searching of the Scriptures, but they are life-giving and inspiring.

The student of the Word will never run dry. This is the preaching our people want!

3. During the Seminary days the gospel ministry must always be dissociated from all other professions as a calling distinctively set apart from all the other vocational lines. It belongs to a class by itself. It is unique in the world's activities; it moves on a higher plane; it is under the observation of him who sits on the heavenly Throne on the right hand of Majesty, the Head of the Church. It becomes an impelling influence in the life of the student which he will never lose after he has stepped out to proclaim the good news of salvation to a dying world. This concept should be enshrined in our school of the prophets for perpetual encouragement.

These are some of the things to be considered as essential to the completion of the process of readjustment so courageously undertaken a year ago. They would help to make our Seminary a spiritual force in our denominational life.

This is not a critique. It is a vision.

## OPEN FORUM of "THE BAPTIST HERALD"

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# We Spend Our Years

By CHARLOTTE KRUGER

A Christian Novel

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grief and then, by chance, as she glanced over the shoulder of the man in the seat in front of her, she saw a sharp reminder . . . an advertisement with the words "Remember Pearl Harbor." She bit her lip to keep back the tears, and looked out of the window.

The sun was beating in through the glass, revealing grey streaks of dirt and soot on the outside. Again the miserable ache returned to her heart. Life was so unfair! A year ago things had been so different. Mother had been alive then and Heather and her sister Judy had been so happy in their comfortable apartment in New York. But mother had passed away one day very suddenly, and then another blow had fallen. Gerald Condon had been reassigned so far from home . . . Hawaii. Then, on December 7, 1941, the terrible news came that Pearl Harbor had been attacked by the Japanese! Shortly afterwards had come the news of Gerald's death. "Remember Pearl Harbor!" Heather could never forget that slogan.

The train now entered a wooded section. On every side the soft green of trees and grass glided past. For a while, they passed great stretches of water where there were sail-boats to watch . . . then more wooded places . . . and spacious lawns with trim shrubs and stone walls.

Soldiers and sailors were seated throughout the coach, probably returning to their places of duty after happy but too brief furloughs. Some of them looked like mere boys, thought Heather, and yet such a burden rested upon their young shoulders . . . the burden of fighting for this land of America . . . the land for which Gerald had laid down his life. She watched the young men as they boarded the train at different stations. How noble and fine they were . . . so strong and tall. That was the way Gerald had looked the last time he had come home! But Gerald would never come home again. Gerald, whom she had loved with all the intensity of her twenty-two years, was dead. A feeling of dreadful emptiness and desolation pierced her heart as she remembered . . . Gerald was dead!

"Are you lonely, miss?" A man's voice interrupted her thoughts. The young soldier who had entered the

train at the last stop had taken the seat beside Heather and was regarding her forlornly.

"How did you know?" she found herself asking.

"It isn't hard to see that," he returned.

"Oh, is it written all over my face?" "Just about . . . but that's all right. There was dismay in Heather's voice. I guess a lot of girls like you feel that way today. I'll bet your beau was taken in the draft . . . right?" There was a friendly, understanding smile in his eyes.

There it was again . . . another reminder of Gerald! She felt a queer tug at her heart . . . that awful ache had returned. But it wouldn't do to let this stranger see her anguish, so she tried to answer without letting her voice sound throaty . . . close to tears . . . as it did so often of late. "Yes, he was taken," she said, "all the way. He was killed . . . last December."

What a fool he had been to make the girl feel worse than she already did! "Oh, I see . . . I'm sorry about that, miss . . . awfully sorry," he said, clumsily.

"It's so unfair . . . and cruel." The girl was staring at the seat in front of her.

"But that's the way it goes." He tried to say it cheerfully but felt sure he had failed.

Heather glanced at her companion; there were two chevrons on his sleeve . . . he must be a corporal, she thought.

"Have you just been home on a furlough?" she asked, trying to direct the conversation along different lines. "Uh-huh . . . and it was great!"

She noticed that his teeth were very even and very white. There was a friendly boyishness about his smile that she liked, so she smiled in return.

Encouraged, the young corporal began to speak about his furlough. "Boy, it was good . . . seein' Mom an' Dad an' the kids again! You don't know how a fellow misses the home folks after bein' away from them! Is that where you're goin' now, miss . . . home?"

"N-no . . . you see I haven't had a real home since my mother died recently. I'm goin' to visit an uncle of mine . . ."

The young soldier felt disgusted with himself! Here he was touching upon all the sorrows in this girl's life when he had merely started a conversation to make the time pass more rapidly. He'd better stop asking personal questions!

He regarded the girl seriously. She was clad in a soft tan suit, neatly tailored, and a simple tan hat trimmed with a perky feather. Smooth brown locks fell softly to her shoulders in a very becoming style. Her profile would have been pretty if there had not been that droop to her lips. But who wouldn't look discouraged and unhappy after losing a mother and a boy friend in such a short time!

"Are you from New York?" This time he would avoid questions that might prove difficult.

"Yes . . . Greenwich Village." She smiled faintly, and for an instant the sad profile was transmitted into one of charm.

"You're not an artist, are you?"

"After a fashion."

"Say, that's interesting! Do you sell your pictures? I've seen the way they display them . . . hang them around the fences in Washington Square . . . an' then if the people who pass by take a fancy to them they buy them. Yeah, I've been around your part of the city . . . nice place, too."

"I'll say it is . . . but I don't sell my pictures. It's just a sort of hobby, you see."

"Oh . . ."

As they engaged in conversation, the hours passed quickly. The young soldier was so clean-cut and courteous that Heather couldn't help liking him. Again the feeling of rebellion welled up within her heart. Why did God, if there was a God, allow this war? Why did all these strong young men have to leave their homes and loved ones and go to fight? Why couldn't something be done about it? Neither she nor Judy had been able to understand. They'd gone to church together and listened to long sermons, but nothing had helped the unrest in their souls. But at least Judy still had her Gary. The government considered Gary McCombs' position an essential one and so had not called him to serve his country. How could radio get along without Gary? He was one of the best announcers on one of the large networks . . . Judy was sure he was the most wonderful one in the whole country.

It was through Gary that Judy had been given an opportunity to use her voice in radio and she had been an immediate success. The public had been delighted with her singing, and Judy had actually been on the air for the past six months. It was a thrilling thought to Heather that she had a little sister whose voice was a favorite throughout the length and breadth of the country. Still, that didn't help to

stop the ache in Heather's heart. Judy had urged her to have an audition, too. Her contralto voice was just as lovely as Judy's light and lilting soprano. But Heather had lost all desire to sing when Gerald died last winter. How could a girl sing when her heart was broken? How could she ever be expected to enjoy doing anything again? The sisters had even had a bitter misunderstanding the last time Judy had suggested radio to Heather.

"How can you expect me to sing, Judy?" There had been tears in her voice. "You have Gary . . . he's safe and well, and it's easy for you to sing . . . but my life is empty now that Gerald is gone. You can sing and laugh and enjoy yourself . . . it's altogether different for me."

"Oh . . . but you're harping on your grief all the time, Heather. You are not the only girl who has lost her fiancé," Judy had retorted impatiently.

"And you haven't any sympathy for me. Oh, you're . . . you're . . ." Heather had gone into another fit of weeping. The shock of Gerald's death and brooding over it had made her very nervous.

"This won't do," Judy had said. Though she was the younger, she felt that she had to take the initiative. "Honey," she had said, "your nerves are all on edge. You need a good rest. Why don't you quit your job and go to some nice, peaceful place where you can forget about everything? I'm sorry I hurt you. I didn't mean to, darling. Honestly, it's for your own good. I want you to be happy, really I do. Won't you think about it? Won't you go somewhere for a rest? I can have one of the girls stay with me at the apartment while you're gone. I don't want to be getting on your nerves, Heather." Her warm arms had circled Heather's neck in a sisterly embrace and the bitterness in Heather's heart had vanished. Judy was a darling little sister even if she did say cutting things at times.

That day had started the plans for Heather's vacation. Judy had insisted that her sister write to their uncle Anthony and go to Vermont for a complete rest. Her employer in the large advertising concern where she worked had been willing to give her a leave of absence until she should feel able to return. And now here she was on her way to visit uncle Anthony Morrison, her mother's youngest brother, who had lived in Vermont ever since Heather could remember, but whom she had not met until her mother's funeral the year before. Vaguely she could remember her mother mentioning him to her . . . a quiet man, a bachelor, with a passion for his home and garden. Women had never interested him; they were so hard to understand. He'd much rather putter around with strange varieties of cacti than spend time in the company

of the opposite sex. But he had been very fond of his big sister, who had been such a pal to him when he was a little fellow. When she had died last year, he had gone to New York to attend the funeral services. His heart had gone out to his two pretty nieces when he met them. Only a few hundred miles had separated them and yet they had never met. It was certainly true, as Tennyson said, that people can be "so near, and yet so far." And then six months after the death of his sister, Anthony Morrison had received a letter from Heather telling about the death of her fiancé. He had wondered what he could do for the girls, and then had sent a generous check with a little note saying they were welcome to come to his home in Vermont any time they wanted to, and he would give them a real welcome.

So here she was on a train to Vermont, leaving behind her the things of home . . . hoping to find rest and peace and the courage to begin a new life.

Heather was thinking over the events of the preceding week and staring out of the smudgy window of the coach. For a while she and her young uniformed companion had lapsed into silence . . . each engrossed in his own thoughts.

As the train began to near a station and slow down, the corporal started the conversation again. "Well, here's where I get off. What about you?"

"I have another hour or two, I think." "Oh, that's not too bad. You'll be there in no time. It's a pretty trip, too . . . all through hill country. Ever been up this way before?"

"No, I haven't," she shook her head negatively.

"You'll like it then, I know." The train was slowing down perceptibly now, and the young man was fumbling around in his pockets for something. He withdrew a small folded sheet of paper with some printing on it and handed it to Heather. "Here, miss," he said in an awkward, yet kind way . . . "Here's somethin' a fellow gave me to read one day . . . and it's good. I don't know too much about it myself yet, but I'm goin' to find out more. I think it's just what you're needin' now after the tough sleddin' you've been through. I've put my name and address on the back. In case you ever feel like writin' me, I'd sure appreciate it. We soldiers get awfully lonely, you know. Well, I've enjoyed talkin' to you, miss, an' I hope . . . I hope you'll be happy again." Then he was gone.

What a queer thing to do! Heather looked down at the slip of paper in her hand. Turning it over she read the name . . . Arnold Jensen, Corporal . . . and then a long army address. For the few moments the train stopped at the station, she watched the young fellow through the streaked windows. He smiled and waved in



## CHAPTER ONE

"All aboard!"

Grand Central Station, New York, on a rushing Saturday morning! Last embraces . . . tears . . . laughter . . . loud voices raised in excitement . . . late comers making a mad dash for the black monster as it prepared to slip away along the smooth, silver ribbons of tracks. And then it began to move . . . slowly . . . deliberately. "Good-bye, Heather!" A pretty dark-haired girl, standing beside a tall young man, waved a last farewell from the platform. Then the train gathered speed, turned a sharp bend and swung into the dark tunnel.

Heather Allison, seated in the scratchy, green mohair seat, stared out into the blackness. In just a few minutes they would be out in the daylight, speeding along the Hudson River. From there . . . Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and then . . . Vermont.

Vermont! What would it hold for her? She recalled the French she'd learned in her high school days. Didn't Vermont mean "green mountains?" And didn't green stand for hope? Would life ever hold hope for her again? Not the way her leaden heart felt now. Oh, would the pain never cease?

She opened her small bag and drew out a Reader's Digest, thinking that a little reading might help to quiet her aching heart. She read an article on appendicitis, one about spies and another about mountain-climbing. For the time her mind was taken from her



a friendly manner as the train gathered speed and was on its way again.

Instead of reading the paper, Heather slipped it into the zipper compartment of her purse behind the mirror. He was a nice boy, she thought, and eager for companionship.

Once more she watched the fleeting landscape. It was lovely, as the soldier said it would be. The train wound up and down between the rolling hills which were covered with dark pines and slender birches. There were fields golden with dandelions. Cows were contentedly cropping the grass on many hillsides, paying no attention to the queer serpentlike intruder as it followed the silver tracks up and down the countryside.

It was nearly sunset when the train reached the little village that was Heather's destination. Dusty and travel-stained, she descended the steps of the coach and with eager eyes looked about for the kindly face of her uncle Anthony. She spied him instantly. There he was . . . coming toward her with rapid strides. After giving her a fatherly kiss on the forehead, he said simply, "I'm glad you've come, child." Then he picked up Heather's bags and started off across the station platform.

"My car's over this way." Heather followed and was soon seated beside her uncle . . . speeding off to a new life. Would she find healing for her heart in this land of green mountains?

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The late afternoon sun was slanting across the countryside, as the car sped along the smooth winding roads . . . now up a hill . . . now down into a valley . . . past cozy white farmhouses and big red barns. Occasionally they passed through a town where trim little houses surrounded by fragrant flower gardens were guarded by soldierlike picket fences.

Heather felt a sense of exhilaration as she watched the picturesque scenery. The fresh air was so invigorating . . . the open spaces so different from the crowded streets of New York City.

Uncle Anthony made comments now and then as they passed certain landmarks. A nice old widow lived in that little brown house perched on the hill. That was the Perry house with the three blue stars in the window. All the Perry boys had been called into the service . . . two into the army, one into the air corps . . . fine boys, these sturdy New Englanders, who knew hard work and liked it.

Heather listened interestedly in spite of the fact that she was weary after the eight-hour train ride. Uncle Anthony was a congenial companion; he had made her feel at ease immediately. Why had he never married, she wondered. Surely some young woman must have loved him when he was younger. Occasionally she glanced at his friendly profile as he carefully

watched the winding road ahead.

And then they reached the house that was to be Heather's home during her stay in Vermont. This was the house in which her mother had grown up and married. As Heather jumped from the car, she uttered an exclamation of delight. For an instant, she forgot her aching heart as she looked in wonderment upon the lovely scene before her.

The house was that quaint type you see on birthday cards . . . built on the steep slope of a hill. Large flat rocks formed an inviting pathway down across an emerald carpet of grass to a picturesque front door with a shiny brass knocker. Tall maple trees, whose trunks were twined with graceful ivy, stood like solemn sentinels around this old but comfortable-looking home of weather-beaten brown shingles, with roof of soft rose. Lovely natural rock gardens surrounded the house. Between the clefts of the great grey rocks, softly colored blossoms showed the artistic ability of the gardener who had planned this.

As Uncle Anthony opened the neat white door and they stepped over the threshold, Heather was again filled with wonder. A beautiful golden oak staircase ascended from the hallway. Beyond lay exciting-looking rooms . . . one lined from ceiling to floor with soft leather volumes . . . one with an immense stone fireplace and a beautiful grand piano. Tears came to her eyes . . . no doubt mother had played on this piano when she was a girl.

"Whoever keeps this big place for you, uncle Anthony?" Heather asked. "Why? Don't you think an old bachelor can take care of a house, Heather girl?" His grey eyes smiled at her.

"Well, yes . . . but it's so big, uncle. I don't see how you can do it alone."

"I'll tell you a secret," he said. "My gardener and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Strauss, have a cottage just below here. They do most of the work for me. As soon as you've washed up a bit and made yourself comfortable, I'll take you down to meet them. We'll have our supper at their place tonight. They're expecting us."

"Oh, I see."

There was more beauty in store for Heather when she ascended to the room that was to be hers. It was located at the back of the house overlooking the valley. The last faint beams of sunlight were trickling through the sturdy maple trees, and a little lake sparkled at the bottom of the hill. There was a wide window-seat in the room, crisp white curtains and walls dotted with dainty nosegays of pink and blue. The great colonial bed was covered with a soft monk's-cloth spread of a rosy hue. There was a large walnut dresser, a dressing table and a plump overstuffed chair covered with the same rose-colored monk's-cloth. Heather liked the room

immediately. Maybe this had been mother's room. She gazed lovingly upon the old pieces of furniture and the few fine pictures on the walls. One was an etching of an old mill; another a reproduction of a leafy Corot scene; the third was a floral study done in oils. She remembered that mother had told her uncle Anthony was an artist of no mean ability, and that Heather's own aptitude for art work was a Morrison trait.

In a few minutes Heather had moved her belongings from the two suitcases into the commodious dresser and spacious closet. Then she bathed and arrayed herself in fresh clothing. After fastening the last button on her trim blue sports frock, she dabbed powder on her straight young nose and vigorously brushed the brown hair that fell softly to her shoulders. This completed, she descended the great oak staircase, where Uncle Anthony awaited her.

Together they stepped out into the coolness of the twilight hour and followed a flagstone path down around the back of the house. In a few minutes they arrived at the gardener's cottage. It was a quaint little brown house, surrounded by a trim border of late spring flowers. Fragrant wisteria vines tumbled in purple profusion over the doorway.

When uncle Anthony rapped on the door, it was flung wide open immediately. There stood a plump motherly woman girl about with a stiffly starched blue percale apron.

"Ach!" she exclaimed, "so you come at last . . . and you bring the little one!" With warm, Old World hospitality, she embraced the astonished Heather.

Released from the plump, yet firm arms, Heather regarded the little lady with wide-eyed amazement.

"Here, Kind," she continued, "come and sit right down. The supper, it is all ready to eat."

With much rustling of her starched clothing, she bustled to a doorway leading to the next room and called, "Fritz, come right away quick. Everything is on the table set. Herr Toni is here with the little Fräulein."

Heather glanced about the comfortable-looking room. They had entered by the kitchen door, and the room was filled with delicious aromas . . . especially tantalizing to one who had not seen any food for the last five hours.

There was a fat grey cat sleeping beneath the stove. On the wall, a large shelf displayed a shining array of copper kettles. A cheerful, loud-ticking clock on which two blue boats sailed showed the hour to be eight.

In an incredibly short time, Mrs. Strauss had whisked steaming platters of food onto the table . . . roast beef, potatoes, thick gravy, fresh peas and juicy beets.

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

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## NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Each one of you may have been making resolutions along with other people. They are fun, but the trouble is that most people forget them before they have become a habit. If you really want yours to count, write it out and be sure to put it where you can see it every day without missing until it becomes a habit. Then without trying you can do the thing you want to do.

Here are some that I think every Christian boy and girl should do:

1. Read the Bible every day, at least once.
2. Study the Sunday School lessons before Sunday morning.
3. Resolve to be in Sunday School every Sunday, if possible.
4. Always be at Young People's meeting, whenever they meet.
5. Never forget to pray, not only for yourself but also for others.
6. Always strive to live the Christ Way.

Sounds like a big order, but I know it can be done, if we are willing.

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## LIBRARY BOOKS

Mrs. Steintorf's Book, "Children of South Africa," came out last month and I like it better than the book on North Africa which is very fine. We expect to have the book for you by the time you get this issue of the paper. Be sure to return the books promptly so others may use them.

May I extend my best wishes for a very Happy New Year! We are going to be running some very fine surprises for you soon, so keep watching.

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## JERRY'S PLAN

Jerry was the oldest boy in the little country school. He was the one on whom the teacher could call to help do the extra things, for he was always willing to be of help if there was a need.

One cold January day he looked out of the window and thought of the times they could play ball in the Spring, and now the weather was so cold that they rarely wanted to go out unless they had to. What could they do?

In the back of the school was a store room where all the old desks, books, and maps were put. Surely, that could make a nice playroom or even a place where they could do hand-work.

At recess time he talked to the teacher and she said that they could see what it was like. So they put



Three Little Canadian Friends!

Diana Hamer (Center) of Wetaskiwin, Alberta With Two Indian Friends, Bella Bull (Right) and Joseph Crane (Left) from the Indian Bull Reserve

## THINGS TO DO

Have any of you girls tried to draw a free hand pattern of a flower? Dutch girl, butter-fly, or even an animal and then applique it on cloth to make a pillow top for your room?

Did you ever take felt from old hats, press it flat with a damp cloth, and cut out flowers and also make a very lovely pillow top that made your room look ever so much nicer? The flowers can be pasted on to felt, but it is nicer if you can sew them on with thread to match.

For Valentine's Day you could make very lovely holders for your mother by taking pieces of cloth 6 inches square, (if they are flannel use four, if thinner use more.) Sew them together so that they do not slip. Place inside a piece of cloth 13 inches long and 7 inches wide. If your mother has cloth that is the color of the trimming in the kitchen, use that. Turn in the edges about half an inch and sew. In one corner sew a loop. It is made by taking cloth about 3 inches long and 1 inch wide. Fold in the edges 1/4 of an inch on each side, then fold it together again. Sew the edges.

Boys are always looking for the things that they can make in wood. You can always take the pattern of an animal and trace it on a board that is about an inch thick. Drill a tiny hole on the base of the wood and insert wire. Use cement glue to make it tighter. Then after it is sand-papered very smoothly, paint it the color you would like it to be. Because paint dries more slowly in winter, be sure that you allow plenty of time for the paint to dry. Then take a very fine brush and paint in the lines for the ears, eyes, and all the other lines you think will make it look natural.

You can also use the same animal patterns, and cut them out of wood about an inch thick. Sand-paper it until it is very smooth, then paint it the color that you like best. Take a piece of wood as long as the animal is and about 2 1/2 inches wide. Sand-paper it until it is smooth. Find the exact center and carefully paste the animal to the board. Be sure that the board is an inch thick. Let dry thoroughly. Paint the same color as the animal. Take an old broomstick that your mother is not using anymore, cut 4 circles the same size about 1/2 inch wide. Sand-paper until smooth. Put a very tiny drill hole in the very center of the disk. Paint bright red. Nail on each side of the base, thus making a toy for baby.

more coal in the stove in the corner and soon they could open the door without it being so cold that the little ones shivered in their seats.

After they had the hot soup which Mrs. Jones sent for that day, the older children and the teacher went out to see what could be done. After the books were sorted and put in boxes, and the desks stacked neatly in one corner, they were surprised how much room that they had.

In English class the teacher said, "Today we are thinking of what we can do in the room that we cleaned during the noon hours. Does anyone think of anything we might be doing as a school during the noon hour since it is so cold that we cannot be out all hour?"

Judy said, "Why don't we make things in wood?"

Miss Schultz, the teacher, said, "Would you make the things for yourself or were you thinking of someone else?"

Francis said, "Why don't we plan to make something for our mothers? It will take us a long time, for paint will take us a long time, and then we dries slowly in winter, and then we may not work every day, for there are days when we like to go skating on the ice in back of the school, as well as sleigh riding."

So the boys and girls decided that they would make things for their mothers. What fun they had hunting for patterns, sewing, sand-papering for patterns, sewing, sand-papering and painting! It was surprising how fast the time went by just because one boy, Jerry, had thought of something to do.



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Ministry of the Junior Choir at the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minnesota

In May a Junior Choir was organized in the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn. consisting of children between the ages of 8 to 14 years. They practiced every Friday and sang at the morning worship service every other Sunday.

On October 26 the choir had its last practise for the season at the parsonage. After the usual rehearsal, the children played games and enjoyed refreshments. The Rev. Ben Zimmerman, the pastor, was the director and Mrs. Art Miller was the pianist.

Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, Reporter.

#### Thanksgiving Dinner and Young People's Choral Program at Holloway, Minnesota

On Sunday noon, November 18, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner as a Baptist church group at Holloway, Minn. We appreciate the love, planning and work of our host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer A. Buenning, which made this fellowship dinner possible.

The ladies of the church contributed the food, and the food committee served the entire group in the parsonage.

In the afternoon the young people presented a choral reading and songs appropriate for the day. The program was planned by Evelyn Giese and directed by Mrs. Alfred Ulstad.

Mrs. Leonard Smith, Clerk.

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Anniversary Program of the Training Union of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

The Training Union of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas celebrated its annual anniversary recently.

Special numbers were given by the individual unions, after which the play followed, "What Thou Lackest," which was presented by the young people. The play was directed by Miss Viola Hansen. After the play Dr. C. H. Seecamp, our pastor, brought inspiring words to us.

Members from neighboring churches were present, and we were also happy to have some of our Service Men present for the program.

The Training Union is going forward under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Ekrut. Dr. Seecamp is always ready and willing to help also. We appreciate the work of both.

Eleonore Bremer, Reporter.



Baptist Junior Choir of Randolph, Minn., with Rev. Ben Zimmerman, Director, at right.

### ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

#### Couple Needed at Philadelphia's Home for the Aged as Matron and Superintendent

Our Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., is confronted with the urgent need of securing a matron and a superintendent. The vacancy could be ideally filled by a Christian married couple without dependent children or other domestic obligations. A Baptist background and facility in both the German and English languages are also desirable. The matron is responsible for the direct supervision of all the household help, dietary supervision in our kitchen, and purchasing of food and supplies. The superintendent is responsible for the supervision of the grounds and property, assisting with the general bookkeeping, and making minor repairs of a miscellaneous nature. At the present time our Home houses 48 guests.

For complete information write to The House Committee, c/o The German Baptist Home for the Aged, 7023 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.



Young People of the Cottonwood Church of Texas who presented the play, "What Thou Lackest."

(First Row, Left to Right: Jarrell Wedemeyer, Katherine Lampert, Ralph Hansen, Rowena Henkel.—Second Row: Roy Purczynsky, J. C. Fredrich.)

#### The Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia Greets Missionaries and Plans Building Project

Sunday, Nov. 25th, when our most recent Cameroons missionaries spent the day at the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., was the climax of a series of special events in the life of the church. In the Sunday School session, the morning worship service, and again in the Young People's Society meeting and the evening worship service, the Misses Hilda Tobert and Myrtle Hein of Edmonton, Alberta, were guests of honor. The various organizations of the church presented tokens of love and good wishes to the missionaries, and Miss Alice Kaaz, secretary of the National Union, spoke in behalf of the young people of all our churches in the United States and Canada, and presented a five-year diary and friendship pin to each missionary.

The Pilgrim Church is going forward in determined fashion on its Building Fund Project. Recently at a special "Family Night" almost \$2000 were contributed toward the fund. On Sunday, Nov. 24th, at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, the male chorus of the church, assisted by the church choir and others, presented a sacred concert.

Ida J. Draeger, Reporter.

#### Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia Welcomes Miss Ruth Doescher as Missionary

On November 7th the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., had the joy of welcoming Miss Ruth Doescher, who, a month earlier, had responded to the church's call for a full time missionary. This is the third ministry which Miss Doescher has seen in this fellowship, which fact eloquently indicates the love and affection of the members for her. By virtue of a marvelous answer to prayer the Lord raised her up from a desperate illness in 1938, and after seven years of service in the midwest returned her to this historic church, where twenty-two years ago she began her career of Christian service.

The reception program was simple but impressive. It was opened by a half hour of prayer and worship after which the pastor, Rev. John F. Crouthamel, brought a message from the Word entitled, "Fellow-workers With God." Words of greeting and pledges of cooperation were extended by the following: Mr. Frank Kuenne, for the board of deacons; Mr. Gustav Werner, for the board of trustees; Mr. Gustav Straub, for the Sunday School; Mrs. William Rekatzy, for the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Dorothea King, for the Philathea Class; and Mr. Edward Griesel, for the Young People's Society. After a response of gratitude and joy joined with a word of challenge from Miss Doescher a social period of refreshment was enjoyed in the church's Social Hall.

John F. Crouthamel, Pastor.

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

#### The Annual Banquet of the Sunday School Teacher's Union of Chicago, Ill.

The German Baptist Sunday School Teachers Union of Chicago, Ill. and vicinity held its annual banquet on November 17th, with Mr. Herman Siumund, president, and Mr. Fred Grosser, vice-president, presiding. The decorations and candlelight setting for the banquet were beautiful and the good food was nicely served by the girls from the Humboldt, Bellwood and Immanuel Churches.

There were musical novelties, some inspirational and some entertaining, particularly the marimba music and the pastors quartet by the Reverends C. B. Nordland, H. Johnson, L. E. Winfrey and Wm. H. Jeschke, who were expert in "in-between harmony." The highlight of the evening was Rev. Dale Ihrie's inspirational address, "The Flame that Won't Go Out."

M. Kleindienst, Reporter.

#### Many Joyous Events at the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25, the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich., celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seipke in our church with a lovely program of music, songs and messages. The couple are the parents of the president of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union of the Central Conference, Mr. Herbert Seipke of Detroit, Mich. He and the other children and grandchildren were present to bring their congratulations. The church presented the couple with a golden wreath, the Ladies' Missionary society with a set of dishes, and many others brought gifts. After the program all were invited to the basement of the church, where the ladies of the church had prepared sandwiches, cake and coffee. Mr. Seipke praised God for his keeping power and thanked everyone for the pleasant surprise that was given to him and Mrs. Seipke.

We are happy in our new work here, and pray that God may give grace and wisdom to be a blessing to the people of this church. Our young people won the banner at our last Gladwin County Youth Meeting. On December 10 our church was host to this Youth meeting and the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman of the Beaver Church was the speaker of the evening. We have a fine group of young people here, who love the Lord and want to serve him and win others for the Lord.

We also had the joy of having our son, Victor, back from the Pacific unharmed. We praise the grace of God, that held his mighty hand over his life. On Nov. 3 Victor married Verna Aeschliman, the vice-president of the Young People's Fellowship of New York and Vicinity. The wedding was held at the Second Church of Union City, N. J., and his father had to tie the knot.

Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor.



—Photo by Mr. Herman Siumund

Young Women of the Immanuel, Bellwood and Humboldt Park Churches, who served as waitresses at the recent banquet of the Chicago Sunday School Workers' Union

#### Memorial Services Are Held for the Rev. Hans Steiger of St. Joseph, Mich.

The Rev. Hans Steiger, affectionately known as "Pa Steiger" because of the 21 years during which he served as superintendent of our Children's Home at Saint Joseph, Mich., passed away on Thursday morning, November 29, at 8 o'clock.

A large burial service in his memory and honor was held on Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church. Prof. Otto Krueger of our Rochester Seminary, who was the first individual of our denomination whom Mr. Steiger met when he came to this country and since then a friend of Brother Steiger, delivered the funeral address. Charles Bradley, one of the young men brought up in the home, sang two solos, "Face to Face" and "Abide With Me." The pastor of the church, Rev. L. H. Broeker, presided at the service. The body was laid to rest in the City Cemetery in a quiet, private service on Monday morning.

Brother Steiger was born in Switzerland on February 14, 1874. He attended the Universities of Hamburg and Berlin and entered the ministry in 1900. He came to the United States in 1911 and served as minister of our church at Steamboat Rock, Iowa for six years, after which he served our Englewood Church, now the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, during which time he also attended the University of Chicago. It was in 1922 that he, with Mrs. Steiger, came to St. Joseph to take over the leadership of our Children's Home where both served valiantly and efficiently until their retirement from that work two years ago. For six years he was the secretary of our North American Baptist General Conference.

He is survived by his widow to whom all of our Baptist family extend sympathy and whom they will remember in prayer. He has also two brothers in Switzerland. The present Children's Home Family sat together at the burial service, as did also former members of the Board, and it was fitting that six of the former young men, that six of the Home served as pallbearers, three of whom had just been released from military service.

L. H. Broeker, Minister.

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pohlkotte of Indianapolis, Indiana

On Tuesday evening, November 13, members and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pohlkotte of Indianapolis, Ind. assembled in the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. After appropriate music and singing of hymns, the Rev. A. Bredy brought a short sermon on the text Genesis 2:18, whereupon the couple renewed their vows. At the close of the service, those present retired to the social room where refreshments were served and an enjoyable hour was spent in exchanging greetings. The members presented the couple with a beautiful lamp.

Mr. and Mrs. Pohlkotte have been members of the church for 40 years, having been baptized by the Rev. Henry Sellhorn. They have two sons and two daughters, all of whom are present.

A. Bredy, Reporter.

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Revival Meetings at the Rosenfeld Church of Golden Prairie, Sask. With Rev. H. Zepik

After having been so long without a pastor, we of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada, thank the Lord that we have the Rev. Hugo Zepik with us now. We were fortunate to have Mr. Joe Sonnenberg, a Christian Training Institute student, with us during the summer months and his ministry was greatly blessed. He left us to train for the ministry at the Rochester Baptist Seminary and we very much regret his leaving.

We had one week of revival meetings recently with our pastor, Rev. Hugo Zepik, and were greatly blessed during that time. We are also planning one week of meetings at Golden Prairie and Annetthal, respectively. We wish to be supported in prayer so that the Lord can do great things. Our prayer is: "Lord, send the old time power, the Pentecostal power."

Jacob Jaster, Reporter.

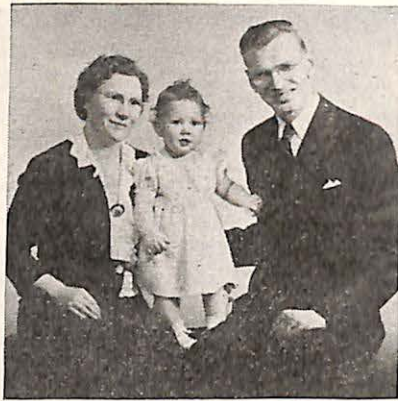


**Young People's Rally for Three Churches is Held in Carbon, Alta., Canada**

On Sunday, Nov. 25, the Freudental, Zion and Bethel Baptist Churches near Carbon, Alberta held a young people's rally in the Carbon Hall. The Sunday School, in charge of the three superintendents, was addressed by the local speakers, and our denominational young people's secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst. The morning service, led by the Rev. E. M. Wegner, was beautified by three choirs, each rendering one song. Our guest speaker, Mr. Gunst, brought the message and spoke on "God's Nearness."

After a fine lunch, the afternoon service devoted to the young people was opened with lively congregational singing led by our minister. The three presidents of the young people's societies participated in the introduction. Then followed musical numbers. Two anthems were sung by the mass choir under the direction of the Rev. E. Wegner. Our guest speaker, Mr. Gunst, brought an inspiring message on "Witnessing for Christ." Thus a fine day in the fellowship of Christ was enjoyed by all.

Chris Harsch, Reporter.



Rev. and Mrs. Frank Armbruster of Edenwold, Sask., Canada and Their Daughter

directed the choir, and Mr. Peter Penner rendered a very fine violin solo. The program was very much appreciated by the audience.

The Sunday School service preceded the song festival with a Thanksgiving program and an offering of \$28.65 was received, while the offering at the song festival was \$44.82. These offerings were designated for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.



Young People from Alberta's Freudental, Zion and Bethel Churches and Guest Speakers Who Took Part in a Recent Youth Mass Meeting at Carbon

**The Winnipeg Church Choir Renders a Thanksgiving Song Festival at Oak Bank**

On Sunday, Nov. 4, the Choir of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba visited the Oak Bank Church, a Mission of Winnipeg and very ably rendered a Thanksgiving Song festival, which was done for the third successive time in three years.

The Rev. Otto Patzia was in charge of the program and was the guest speaker. Mr. Hans Schirmacher

At the close fellowship was enjoyed with coffee, sandwiches and chicken. In high spirits the visitors thanked us promising to return again at a favorable opportunity.

Rudolph Ruttig, Reporter.

**The Country Church Building of Edenwold's Baptist Church Is Destroyed by Fire**

Since the Rev. Frank Armbruster has been with us in the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada beginning

with July 1945, the spiritual life of our people has been renewed. We have had regular meetings again at the three different points every Sunday and also prayer meetings once at each center. The Sunday School, young people's society and choir are all active. We are also thankful for the work rendered by our Ladies' Mission Aid and our "Busy Bees," a Girls' Club. A male chorus has been organized and meets once a week for practice.

Now we have experienced a great loss in the destruction of our country church by fire on Nov. 14th. This was the main church edifice, which in the fire was a total loss including pews, organ, hymnals and other books. We cannot state the reason for the loss, but the Lord only knows the purpose.

We are now in the making of future plans, but we are not definite whether it will be a new church in the same place or elsewhere. Our prayer is that the Lord may lead us to do the right thing. We will accept with our hearty thanks any kind of assistance given us from any other source for the furtherance of our work. At present, we hold all our meetings in our little mission church in the town of Edenwold.

Mrs. F. Bruckner, Reporter.

**Thanksgiving and Evangelistic Services at the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba**

We at the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada were privileged to welcome our new pastor, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and his family into our midst the last weekend in September. Each organization, represented by its leader, extended a hearty welcome to them. The Rev. O. Patzia and others from Winnipeg spoke briefly and fittingly on this occasion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sturhahn responded in their friendly, wholehearted way. A tasty luncheon was served by the ladies of our church in the basement.

During the first week in October we celebrated "Thanksgiving." The beautiful sermons contained in the songs and verses brought by the children, and the earnest message by our pastor contributed greatly toward the feeling of thankfulness which caused the offering to be the highest ever in Morris. A total of \$870 was laid on the offering plates, and this was augmented the following Sunday by \$409 from the station Overstone.

Then, too, on October 28, the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Junior Church held a bazaar, from which the Ladies' Aid realized \$163 and the Junior Church a total of \$55.00.

Last, but not least, we held evangelistic meetings with our pastor as the evangelist. The meetings were held for two weeks and were closed on Sunday, Nov. 25. The spirit of God was in our midst and worked wonders. Several persons found peace in God, others were moved to rededication, and all were inspired to greater efforts in Christ's service.

Ida Hoffman, Reporter.

**DAKOTA CONFERENCE**

**The New Baptist Church of Tripp, South Dakota is Dedicated at Festive Services**

The dedication of the new Baptist Church of Tripp, South Dakota on Sunday, Nov. 4, demonstrated the fact that a faith that can still remove mountains of difficulty exists in the year of our Lord 1945. This small group of people, numbering 44 members, which for many years had been meeting in a small building that looks like a match box, dedicated its new church, costing \$8000, almost debt free without asking for any financial aid from the General Missionary Society.



Rev. H. P. Kayser, Former Pastor, (left), and Rev. H. G. Braun, Present Pastor of the Baptist Churches of Tripp and Parkston, So. Dak.

It is no wonder that everyone was happy and grateful to God. The Rev. H. G. Braun, pastor of the Parkston and Tripp churches, showed this spirit as he took charge of the festive services. The Rev. H. P. Kayser, former pastor, and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner emphasized that note in their messages. Mr. Harold B. Lippert, Sunday



The Baptist Church of Tripp, South Dakota Dedicated at Impressive Services on Sunday, Nov. 4, 1945

School superintendent and building committee chairman, and other leaders of the church attributed all glory to God for the success of their efforts. The large crowds, that taxed the 250 seating capacity of the new church, shared in this joy of the day and contributed \$615 in offerings and pledges to the church fund. More than 300 meals were served by the women of the church in the fine, spacious dining room located in the basement.

In November 1944, the Tripp Church after much earnest prayer secured \$1800 in subscriptions and voted to build. The edifice of the Reformed Church was offered to them at a bargain price to be rebuilt. But OPA rulings flatly rejected their request for their building program. So the Tripp members bought the old Dry Creek Church for \$250 and used the lumber to remodel their new church. The building was raised to permit a full basement and additions were built on both sides of the tower. The interior was redecorated and fluorescent lights were installed. Most of the men of the church contributed days and weeks of free labor, some working ten hours a day for two months of time. At the close of the day of dedication

a total of \$7251 of expenses could almost be met with a total income of \$6665 for the church. The rest was clearly in sight with the great faith of these people.

Several groups of the church edified the large audience with their songs, among whom were the children of the Sunday School, church choir, ladies' chorus and others. The young people presented the play, "The Lost Church," in the evening with effective dramatic power. The German service in the afternoon was addressed by several neighboring pastors, including the Reverends G. W. Rutsch, Albert Ittermann and Arthur Ittermann. Rev. H. P. Kayser as a former pastor touched the hearts of all present with his inspiring message. He also offered the prayer of dedication at the morning service.

The Baptist Church of Tripp with its new church is continuing to set high, challenging goals before itself. In the community and surrounding countryside this church will let its light shine brightly for Christ and demonstrate the reality of a dynamic faith in the power of God!

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.



Large, Festive Crowd in Attendance at the Dedication of the New Edifice of the Baptist Church of Tripp, South Dakota



The Choir of the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba Beside the Oak Bank Church With Mr. H. Schirmacher, Director, Second from Left



### Special Meetings at the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota

Even though the little Baptist Church of Harvey, No. Dak., labors under many difficulties and setbacks, it is truly a miracle to see the spirit that prevails.

Although its present pastor can be there only for the evening service, the church follows a complete program. The Sunday School attendance is above the enrollment, and the capable teachers are very zealous and devoted to their task. The brethren change off in serving with the Word during the morning services, and there, likewise, we can always find a good attendance.

On November 1, 1945 we had the privilege of having our home mission secretary, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, in our midst, and he spoke to us at a special evening service.

From November 11 to 25 the church was engaged in evangelistic meetings, and the messages of Rev. R. A. Grenz entitled, "You and Your God," proved a blessing to all. People came from far and near in spite of bad weather conditions, and frequently there were not enough benches to seat all of the audience. We rejoice that a young boy accepted his Savior during these meetings.

The city of Harvey itself is rapidly growing and various business places are being enlarged and new residential sections are sprouting up.

The Bethel Church of Harvey is looking forward to becoming a full-time church, since the opportunities are excellent, and our prayer is that it might be the willing instrument in the hand of the Lord to lead many to Christ in the community.

Rev. W. G. Gerthe, Pastor.

### Spiritual Highlights Enjoyed by the Grace Church of Grand Forks

A feast of good things began for us at the Grace Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak. when the Northern North Dakota Sunday School Convention met with us from October 16 to 18.

Although we were not privileged to have a guest speaker, we were richly blessed by the addresses and sermons of the ministers.

From October 22 to November 2 we as a church met for our special services, with the Rev. A. Weisser of Carrington, No. Dak., as speaker. The evangelist brought very fine and inspiring messages. Fruits of his labors have been realized.

Then from November 11 to 16 the Rev. M. L. Leuschner spent a week with us in teaching a leadership training course, "From Pentecost to Patmos," and in showing home and foreign missionary pictures. Every evening seemed like "The highlight." Thirty young people had signed up for the training course, and twenty-five took the examination for credit. The attendance averaged more than twice as many.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, we as a church received a special mission offering and were able to send along the amount of \$308.72.

The Ladies' Missionary Society availed themselves of every opportuni-

ty of putting on good programs, and had both Mr. Weisser and Mr. Leuschner speak and show missionary pictures at two recent meetings. Mrs. E. W. Klatt is the president of the Ladies' Aid.

God has blessed the efforts of our pastor, Rev. E. W. Klatt, and his wife and that of the church members a great deal in the past years. Our Sunday church services are very well attended. We are looking forward to worshiping in a new church edifice as soon as we can build or possibly purchase a fine church building.

Eleanor Dutt, Reporter.

## SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

### Times of Spiritual Refreshing at the Oklahoma Association at the Immanuel Church

The Oklahoma association was held at the Immanuel Church near Loyal, Okla. The spiritual atmosphere was most refreshing, topics discussed very practical, and the hospitality of the Loyal church splendid. The climax of the whole association was the last evening when one boy stepped out for Christ. We know that angels rejoiced over this fact.

Our theme was, "Facing the Future With Christ." The future problems of evangelism, prayer in the church, Sunday School, our foreign missions, and the returning Service Men and Women were discussed by the five Oklahoma pastors and the delegates of the six churches.

The Scripture memory and reading phase of evangelism enlivened our association meetings. Glowing reports of enrollment and of enthusiasm in this work were given by the local church sponsors, by the state directors, Rev. G. W. Neubert and Rev. John Heer, by our camp manager, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, and by our conference missionary, Miss Ann Swain. There are 215 boys and girls who are enrolled in memorization.

The evening and Sunday services were well attended. Three offerings were taken, two for Scripture Camp, and one for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergency. The latter totaled 277.00 dollars.

The officers elected to serve the coming year are as follows: secretary, Rev. John Heer; treasurer, Rufus Vilhauer; mission committee, Rev. G. W. Neubert, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, and Mr. J. J. Hill; program committee, Rev. John Heer, Mr. David Weigand, and Mr. Sam Geis.

Menno Harms, Reporter.

## PACIFIC CONFERENCE

### The Homegoing of the Rev. L. F. Gassner of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver

The Rev. Leo F. Gassner of Vancouver, British Columbia was born on June 17, 1891 in Sereth, Bukowina, Austria. He was the oldest son of a staunch Roman Catholic family. His

father passed away while Leo Gassner was still a lad. Due to the father's early death, the oldest son had to shoulder the responsibility for the sustenance of the family.

Mr. Gassner came to Saskatchewan at the age of 19 years. Here he came under the evangelistic influence of our German Baptist churches, became converted, and was baptized in the spring of 1914 by the Rev. O. Brenner. In the following fall he entered our Rochester Seminary and was graduated in the Spring of 1917. He was married on May 22, 1917 to Frieda M. Mueller, a daughter of our deceased minister, Rev. F. A. Mueller, a pioneer preacher of our Northern Conference Baptist churches.

Brother Gassner was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1917 in Nokomis, Sask. Since his ordination he served the following churches: Nokomis, Sask., 1917-19; Wiesental and Wetaskiwin, Alberta, (simultaneously) 1919-1923; Streeter, No. Dak., 1923-28; Cottonwood, Texas, 1928-31; Benton Harbor, Mich., 1931-39; Gladwin, Mich., 1939-42; Ebenezer, Vancouver, B. C. Can., 1942-45. Thus, he was a messenger of the Gospel of our Lord for 28 years. It is impossible to report of all the blessings that were created through his ministry, but eternity will reveal them.

There were four children born to Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Gassner, two sons and two daughters. Irma and Arlo are living in Vancouver with their mother. Arno is with the Canadian Armed Forces, but is now home on a temporary furlough, and Ivy Kroll is in St. Paul, Minn. Besides the children, he is survived by his wife and many friends.

Brother Gassner was suffering for several months from heart and kidney ailments. He was called from his terrestrial into his heavenly home early in the morning of November 23, 1945 at the age of 54 years, 5 months, and 6 days.

The funeral rites were conducted in the afternoon of Nov. 26 from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, whereof the departed was the official pastor until our Lord called him home. Rev. E. Becker was in charge of the service and spoke in the German language on Matt. 25:21. The Rev. Fred W. Mueller of Portland, Ore., a brother-in-law of the departed, spoke words of tribute in the English language, as did also Rev. E. E. Jessop, president of the Baptist Ministerial Association of the city. Other pastors, the Reverends Phil. Daum of Chilliwack; A. Kujath of Kelowna, and J. G. Thiessen of Vancouver, took part with the reading of Scripture and prayers. Six deacons of the church served as pallbearers.

The last word spoken by our brother were, "Let me go!" When his bereaved wife asked him, "Leo, where do you want to go?" he replied, "To the park," and passed away. After the burial place in the Oceanview Cemetery had been secured, the family became aware of the fact that that very section of the cemetery is called, "The Park." God's blessing be upon him in the Eternal Park of God! Emil Becker, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association at the Grace Church of Kelowna, B. C.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Association met at Kelowna, B. C., from November 14 to 18, with the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna as host. The delegates came to Kelowna through beautiful, snow-covered mountains and hills, and found Kelowna by the great Okanagon Lake nestled between the mountains.

The convention began in the Zenith Hall. The service was led by Rev. A. Kujath, the host pastor. Rev. W. C. Damrau of Tacoma, Wash., gave the response and Rev. E. Becker of Vancouver, B. C., brought the opening message, "Peculiar People."

The business sessions opened on Thursday with the following election results: moderator, Rev. Phil Daum of Chilliwack, B. C.; vice-moderator, Rev. Virgil R. Savage of Tacoma, Wash.; secretary, Rev. F. Alf of Missoula, Montana; treasurer, Miss Sophie Klundt of Spokane, Wash.

The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, the home missionary secretary, spoke three mornings on "The Church." On Thursday afternoon the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil of Colfax brought the message on "Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Speaking in Tongues." The Rev. W. Damrau spoke on "Sabbath or the Lord's Day." On Thursday evening, Rev. P. Daum and Mr. Dymmel brought evangelistic messages. The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning devotions were led by Rev. Alf.

On Friday morning the Rev. A. A. Foll of Odessa spoke about "Russellism." Mr. Daum spoke on, "Why I am a Baptist." Friday afternoon was the Woman's Missionary Union program. Mr. Dymmel spoke at this meeting. The new officers for this year are: president, Mrs. F. Alf; secretary, Mrs. Hiller. In the evening the Reverends W. C. Damrau and Mr. James Halbert brought evangelistic messages.

On Saturday morning Mr. Savage spoke on the Sunday School and Young People's Societies. In the afternoon the minister's conference was held. Mr. Dymmel brought the lecture at this service on "Why the Cults Grow." Saturday night was the young people's banquet program. Mr. Savage and Mr. Halbert, the two youngest ministers of the conference, gave brief messages.

Sunday, the last day of the convention, was a real blessing to all of us. The morning messages were given by Mr. Klingbeil and Mr. Savage. The afternoon mass meeting was addressed by Mr. Dymmel. The mass choir of all the various churches under the leadership of Vernon Alf of Missoula sang at this service. The Rev. A. Foll and Rev. H. G. Dymmel brought the closing messages in the evening.

Mrs. Virgil R. Savage, Reporter.

### The 36th California Association and the 40th Anniversary of Lodi's Baptist Church

From November 15 to 18 delegates and members of the churches of the California Association met at Lodi, Calif. There was occasion for much rejoicing, because we could meet at

## 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.)

### IVAN DALE KRUGER of Sibley, Iowa

Ivan Dale Kruger of Sibley, Iowa, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Mynard Kruger, was born on June 15, 1936 in Osceola County, Iowa. He was an obedient child and a devoted Sunday School scholar of the Baptist Church of Sibley, Iowa. His brief life was brought to a sudden close by an accidental discharge of a gun on Nov. 24, 1945. He leaves to mourn his passing: his parents, one brother, two sisters and other relatives and friends. Rev. C. Dacken of the Sibley Baptist Church and the undersigned spoke words of comfort.

First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

### MRS. ELNORA KRUG of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. Elnora Krug of Madison, South Dakota, nee Hanneman, was born in Cresco, Iowa on April 5, 1881 and passed to her reward on Nov. 30, 1945 at the age of 64 years, 7 months and 25 days. She lived in Iowa until she was married to Mr. Paul Krug on Nov. 9, 1905 when they came to South Dakota and made Madison their home. She was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Hack and received into the fellowship of this church, proving herself an active member in every possible way.

She is survived by her husband and two children, Mrs. J. R. Henning of Mitchell, S. Dak., and Donald, recently returned from service overseas. One sis-

ter and three brothers in Iowa also mourn her untimely death, as well as three grandchildren and a host of friends. She was a very devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed in her home, in the church and by all who knew her. The funeral service was held on Sunday, Dec. 2, and a very large attendance and the many floral gifts showed how beloved she was.

West Center St. Baptist Church  
Madison, So. Dak.

Henry R. Schroeder, Pastor.

### MR. OTTO MERCNER of Philadelphia, Pa.

The church family of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., was saddened on October 15, 1945 with the passing of one of its oldest and most venerable members, Mr. Otto Mercner.

Otto Mercner was born in West Prussia, Germany on April 5, 1869. He came to America with his elder brother, Herrman, in 1884, during his 15th year. While staying with relatives near Jamesburg, N. J., he came under the influence of Rev. Charles Schlipf, pastor of a group of German Baptists gathered there, and accepted the Lord as his personal Savior. At the age of nineteen he came to Philadelphia and soon after joined the First German Baptist Church.

Brother Mercner early found his place in the church's life and activities. He served as secretary of the Young People's Society, taught a Sunday School Class, used his musical talent in playing the flute to assist the choral work, and acted as librarian for the Sunday School. In later years he filled the important post of church clerk.

Mr. Mercner maintained a vigorous and progressive interest in all branches of the church's activities until the intervention of his last illness.

Fleischmann Memorial Church  
Philadelphia, Pa.

John F. Crouthamel, Pastor.

this time to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Lodi church and to gather as a group to hear how God has prospered us during the past year.

The meetings opened with the moderator, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of Los Angeles, bringing the opening sermon, "The Exalted Christ," from Phil. 2:9-11. The opening Jubilee message was then brought by our denominational secretary, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who spoke on the text, "Such as I have, give I."

Dr. Kuhn made a special airplane trip to Lodi in order to be here for these meetings, and we praise God for making it possible that he could arrange his business so that he might serve us and bring us the joy of having had him in our midst again. Without Dr. Kuhn at these meetings it would have left a gap that would have been hard, if not impossible, to fill.

On Friday morning Rev. Paul Coulombe, interim pastor from Wasco, led in our morning devotions. During the business session that followed Rev. Albert Felberg of Lodi was automatically elected as moderator for 1946. The following were elected to serve during the present sessions: Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim, vice-moderator; Edmund E. Bohnet of Anaheim, secretary; and C. R. Homefelt of Wasco, treasurer.

After the business session we heard Mr. H. F. Hengstler of Los Angeles bring a message, using Hebrews 10:22 as his text. Rev. Ernest Sitenhof of Anaheim, who had been in England

and Scotland during the past 12 years, also spoke.

On Friday afternoon the California Woman's Union met in business session after which they presented a mission program. Dr. Kuhn brought the sermon on "The Fragrant Life of a Christian as Illustrated by Scriptures."

Saturday morning we assembled and were led in devotions by the Rev. H. F. Hengstler, who spoke on the theme, "As he is, so are we in this world." The unfinished business was completed at this time after which we heard Rev. P. G. Neumann speak on the subject, "The Church and Her Program of Evangelism." We then heard Rev. Paul Coulombe's message on, "The Church and Her Program of Home and Foreign Missions." Dr. Kuhn spoke of our brethren in the Danubian countries and told of the hardships that they have gone through and are still suffering. Chaplain Kraemer of the U. S. Army from Mather Field near Sacramento, our guest speaker, told us about his work with the men in the Army.

Saturday night was, indeed, a glorious evening for the well packed church, gathered together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the First Baptist Church of Lodi. Testimonies were given by Mrs. Kroll, the only living charter member, and by others who have been in the church soon after its beginning. The program was well rounded out with music and messages of congratulation of the various churches in the association and of other organizations of Lodi.

Jubilee Sunday brought us together



into a crowded church to hear Dr. Kuhn bring his message to the German worship service, and later to the morning service. We also assembled with the Sunday School to hear words of greetings and reports of the California Sunday Schools represented. In the afternoon the Youth Fellowship presented a mission program consisting of a well presented dialogue, "Send the Light," and a message by Rev. Melvin Pekrul of Berkeley, Calif.

On Sunday evening the church was again packed, and many hearts were warmed and stirred as the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim brought an evangelistic sermon on Gen. 7:11, "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and thy house into the Ark." This closed our association meetings and we cannot help but praise the Lord for having permitted us to have feasted on his words.

Edmund E. Bohnet, Reporter.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESSES**

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**Fifty Years of Blessing**

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people. Then, following a brief message by the present pastor, the Rev. Paul E. Loth, the people gathered around the table of the Lord. There at the Lord's Supper we recognized our complete dependence on his shed blood and broken body for our eternal salvation. This was followed immediately by the reading of the church doctrinal statement and church covenant and the service of rededication of building and people.

Our theme and prayer throughout the meetings were the words of Habakkuk, the prophet, ". . . O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years . . ."

**One Hundred Students**

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as best they can in very crowded quarters.

One cannot speak of the Christian Training Institute and do justice to all the worthy praise it deserves without mentioning the genuine Christian ministry of the Rev. E. P. Wahl, of his wife, and their daughter, Inez. They bring many a sacrifice for the school and in an unselfish and untiring way they work hard and long hours each day. Brother Wahl serves as instructor, president of the school, and looks after the administration of the institute as well. Mrs. Wahl, as matron, has her concern in planning meals for these many people and looking after the many other duties connected with such work. Inez is the office secretary. The fine family is loved by the students and enjoys the respect of all who know something about the work connected with such an institution.

**What's Happening News**

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Baptist Church while Mr. Johnson was serving the Victor church.

● On Sunday, Nov. 25, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas received an offering for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies amounting to almost \$400. Several months ago the church raised \$324 for the Gypsy Mission field in Bulgaria. On Sunday evening, Dec. 2, the play, "Better than Gold," was presented and an offering of \$214 was received for the Gypsy Mission Project. On Sunday, Dec. 9 (Bible Sunday,) the church received an offering of \$129.21 for Sunday School literature and material for the Cameroons field where Miss Margaret Kittlitz, "a daughter" of the church, is stationed. The Rev. Roy Seibel is leading this church in this aggressive missionary program!

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**A New Year's Challenge**

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follow in it and in due time bring it to completion. God's way is without improvement—superior to all, that the believer may choose of himself.

It is true that the course which the Lord has appointed is beset with many difficulties. There is the slough of despond to discourage; the wicked Apollyon to attack; Vanity Fair to tempt; and the Hill Difficulty to bring weariness. But God has made ample provision in his grace with armor to protect from the evil one; faithful companions to encourage; rest havens along the way; the glories of the Delectable Mountains of his goodness; and the Celestial City as a constant source of hope with its gleaming towers in the distance. Besides all this he has given the assurance, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

May each redeemed child of God this year set himself to fight well, run quickly and keep fast the faith, that he may rejoice in the fulfillment of these words: "Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be." At the glorious day of his coming again the righteous judge will recall every work of faithfulness and there shall be appropriate reward. How sad if he should review the life as consisting only of hay, wood, and stubble, and its works fit for nothing but burning. The all-sufficient grace which gave Paul the victory is available for each one who will mean business with God.

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

Conference	November 1945	November 1944
Atlantic . . . . .	\$ 1,122.39	\$ 2,607.22
Eastern . . . . .	1,154.89	5,380.58
Central . . . . .	6,944.36	8,031.44
Northwestern . . . . .	4,384.78	6,713.63
Southwestern . . . . .	5,504.68	2,713.64
Southern . . . . .	926.52	1,385.25
Pacific . . . . .	17,834.82	9,925.29
Northern . . . . .	5,327.38	5,481.14
Dakota . . . . .	12,979.70	13,228.42
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>\$56,179.52</b>	<b>\$55,466.61</b>

**Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies**

November 1945 . . . . .	\$ 23,297.69
November 1944 . . . . .	12,796.89
<b>Total to November 1945 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$176,305.27</b>

**Seminary Endowment Fund**

November 1945 . . . . .	\$ 4,454.51
November 1944 . . . . .	26,794.01
<b>Total to Nov. 30, 1945 . . . . .</b>	<b>95,665.45</b>

**Christian Training Institute Building Fund**

November 1945 . . . . .	\$ 906.01
<b>Total to Nov. 30, 1945 . . . . .</b>	<b>17,970.38</b>