



Smiles of Gratitude for God's Bountiful Blessings

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, North Dakota recently extended a call to the Rev. Fred Schmidt of Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada, to which he has replied favorably. Mr. Schmidt will begin his ministry in Turtle Lake about Dec. 1st, when he will succeed the Rev. August Rosner, now pastor of the Mowata Church of Louisiana.

● The Rev. Fred E. Klein, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, recently presented his resignation to the church and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington. This church represents a recent amalgamation of the former Wilcox Baptist Church in the country and the Baptist Church in the city of Colfax. It is cooperating with our North American Baptist General Conference. Mr. Klein will begin his ministry in Colfax about Jan. 1, 1947.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 15, the B. Y. P. U. of Plevna, Montana served as host to an interdenominational "Singspiration" with three neighboring churches participating. Musical numbers were presented in a varied program, which also included testimonies and a message by the Rev. A. Allen of the Baker Baptist Church on the timely topic, "The Bible as the True Word of God." Jeanette Losing reported the event. The Rev. David Littke is pastor of the Plevna Baptist Church.

● A week of evangelistic meetings was held in the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa from Nov. 3 to 10 with Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill., as evangelist. A week of prayer meetings under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. C. Fred Lehr, preceded the services with Dr. Koller. The Home Makers' Club for young married people was recently organized, as well as the Girls' Mission Guild which is under the leadership of Miss Mildred Willeke.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 22, the young people of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, met for the purpose of reorganizing the Baptist Training Union. The following officers were elected: president, Alvin Ray Hoppe; vice-president, Louis E. Engelbrecht; secretary, Anna Lou Hoppe; treasurer, Leo Spross, and pianist, Doris L. Engelbrecht. A program for the remainder of the year was also planned.

● On Sunday, Oct. 13, the Rev. Frank Armbruster presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Saskatchewan, Canada and stated that he felt the Lord's leading in bringing his work there to a close in spite of the fact that his pastorate was only for the brief period of about 15 months. His resignation was accepted by the church. Mr. and Mrs. Armbruster will soon move to the United States where he will be ready for a call and for further manifestations of God's leading. His address will be published in a forthcoming issue of "The Herald."

● On Sunday, Aug. 11, the members and friends of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta gathered at the Battle River for a baptismal service. The Rev. Arthur Weisser of Wishek, No. Dak., brought a challenging message on "What Do We Mean by Baptism?" Twelve young people testified in the waters of baptism to the saving power of Jesus Christ. The Rev. Karl Korella, pastor, is taking studies at the University of Alberta in Edmonton besides his church work and teaching ministry at the Edmonton Christian Training Institute.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 15, the Rev. J. J. Renz, pastor of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, baptized 11 persons and received these and two others into the church on Sunday, Oct. 13. Two weeks of evangelistic services were recently held with the Rev. John C. Schweitzer, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. The church is being remodelled and enlarged at a cost of approximately \$2500 with the labor largely contributed free by members of the church. Pews will be installed later. The pastor's salary was also increased recently by \$400.

● The Rev. John C. Schweitzer, denominational evangelist, conducted meetings from Sept. 15 to 27 in the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. From Sept. 29 to Oct. 11 he was in Elgin, Iowa, and also spoke at two services in Summer. He served the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa from Oct. 13 to 24. He is spending the days of Nov. 3 to 15 with the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba. From Nov. 17 to 29 he will conduct evangelistic meetings at Carbon, Alberta and will assist in the dedication of the new church edifice. From Dec. 1 to 3 he will be the evangelist at meetings to be held in Cathay, North Dakota.

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota is the first church to

promote the Scripture Memory Project in South Dakota. Miss Marilyn Rassmussen is sponsor and Miss Lorene Johnson and Mrs. John G. Buseman are the leaders. A special meeting for this project was held on Sunday evening, Oct. 6, at which Miss Ann Swain was the speaker and the local workers were honored. Corsages of red dahlias were pinned on the workers by Mrs. Kenneth E. Nelson, wife of the pastor. As a quartet they sang, "I Surrender All." Much interest was manifested in reaching other children of the community as well as those of the church families for Christ.

● From Sept. 17 to 27 evangelistic services were held at the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, with the Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., as speaker. His earnest, spiritual messages made a profound impression on all who heard him. On Sunday evening, Sept. 29, Dr. Torrey Johnson, director of "Youth for Christ International," spoke to a capacity audience. The Youth for Christ movement in Iowa County had its inception with the efforts of the Victor Baptist young people. Their desire to put into action what they were talking about led them to arrange for the first meeting which was held in Ladora on Sept. 4th. The Rev. John Broeder is pastor of the Victor Church.

● Evangelistic meetings were held from Nov. 4 to 15 at the Spring Creek station of the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota with the Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, So. Dak., as the evangelist. From Nov. 18 to 29 meetings will be held in the Artus station with the Rev. C. Rempel bringing the messages. On Sunday, Nov. 3, the Herreid B. Y. P. U. gave a "thanksgiving program" with the offering going to the Bender Memorial Trek, the conference's mission project. On Sunday evening, Nov. 17, the Woman's Missionary Societies of Herreid, Gnadenfeld and Artus are holding a combined anniversary program with Mrs. E. S. Fenske, president, in charge. The offering is to be designated for the Cameroons Nurses' Training Center, the project of the National Women's Union.

● Five young women from North American Baptist Churches are enrolled as new students at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois, where Miss Alethea Kose is a member of the faculty. They are Irene Froehlich of McClusky, North Dakota, a former high school teacher and principal; Lillian Kessler of Anamoose, North Dakota; Virginia Schmidt

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TAKE A LOOK AT YOURSELF

The Gospel of Christ and good psychology are blended in the fine, practical, heart-to-heart message prepared for "The Baptist Herald" by the Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Watertown, Wisconsin. It will be a message for every reader of "The Herald."

FOUNDATIONS THAT LAST

The Rev. Benjamin Schliff of Cleveland, Ohio may be on the retired list, but he preached such a good sermon last summer in the White Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland that the people asked to have it published. It will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

ADVENTURES IN WYOMING

The Rev. Herbert Koch has a stirring story to tell about his experiences as a teacher and preacher in Wyoming. Even in the midst of disappointments, a rewarding ministry has brought joy to the author and glory to the Name of Christ.

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Thanksgiving in Advance

WE WOULD be fools if we were grateful to God only for blessings already received. There is no Christian grace in being thankful for abundant crops and full barns and prosperous times. Even the heathen with their harvest rites thanked their gods for such things. That is also the thanksgiving of the world, selfishly content to enjoy all the good things of life.

But to look ahead and to be grateful to God in advance of the blessings to be received, that requires a Christian faith in God's unchanging purposes and abiding promises. That is thanksgiving at its best. It presupposes a real trust in God and his loving kindness. It requires a complete commitment of our lives to him and his care for us. It believes, even in advance, that all things work together for good to them who love God.

The Apostle Paul wrote about this as being "filled with the Spirit" in Ephesians 5:18-20. These are the people who understand what the will of the Lord is, especially as it pertains to the uncertain days ahead. Therefore they can speak to themselves "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in their hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Thanksgiving season should have this forward look in our Christian services. We need to remember the mercies of the Lord and to "forget not all his benefits," but thanksgiving in advance is on a higher spiritual plane. It enables us to be grateful for all things that come to us in the light of God's marvelous ways and providential purposes.

Such a spirit also helps us to praise the Lord without ceasing. Our gratitude is not dependent on receiving things. It is the very nature of the Christian believer to be constantly thankful to God. He is what he is and receives whatever life imparts to him by the grace of God. These are gifts from above.

The Psalmist said in the 146th Psalm: "While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." That is thanksgiving in advance, so long as God grants us life!

Such a spirit of Christian gratitude proclaims God's almighty power and wonderful grace. "Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations." (Psalm 145:13.) Therefore the Psalmist was confident that when the eyes of God's children wait upon him, he gives them their meat in due season.

Forget not God's benefits. But remember, above everything else, to be thankful for blessings still to be received. That is the sweet incense of Christian thanksgiving!

Living Life Together

God's Innumerable Blessings as Depicted by Two Young People Who Were Brought Together During the Recent World War and Whose New Home Is Established on Strong Christian Foundations

By Mr. and Mrs. JULIUS HILL of Kyle, Texas

is a step in the right direction in establishing a Christian home.

When we begin to count our many blessings, it is almost humanly impossible to enumerate by actual count the manifold revelations of God's love. Our frail, finite minds fail to comprehend the width and breadth of his infinite grace. Although we can never recall all of the manifestations of his limitless love, our thoughts can be directed to remember some of those blessings with the desire that the recollections of the priceless gifts will challenge all of us to greater achievements.

GRATEFUL FOR PEACE

Although this Thanksgiving season is not the first since our military victory, we are nevertheless grateful. There were times when the dark clouds of despair seemed to hover over our heads, but we had each other, and we lived in America where we never saw a bomb dropped. All of us were wondering when cessation of hostilities would come to pass, when the smoke clouds would disappear, when the sound of giant guns would be replaced by cheers of victory, and when the drone of warplanes would be superseded by graceful clippers on peaceful missions. Yes, we were beginning to wonder how long the night would last and when the sun would rise.

We are told that the most certain sign of morning is increasing darkness. Dr. Charles A. Beard, the famous historian, says all history teaches us that "when it's dark enough, the stars come out." Victory finally came. Thank God for the prayers of his consecrated followers. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16.)

OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Secondly, we turn our thoughts to a possession that is often forgotten, to a bequest that is sacred, to a jewel that is priceless . . . our Christian heritage. This invaluable gem goes back for centuries. Its value has been enhanced by countless lives whose sacrificial nature and daring courage give it untold worth.

Canon Duckworth has the following to say about heritage: "Paul is yours to lay, as a wise master-builder, the foundation of your faith. Apollo is yours to build on that foundation, to enrich you with his learning, and inspire you with his eloquence. Cephas is yours, with his impetuous devotion, and his stirring reminiscences, and his zeal and experience; all that these have, and all that they are, all that in them can minister to your growth in grace are made over to you. Every variety of Christian sentiment and character is yours if you are Christians at all. You, as joint-heirs with Christ, have a vested right in them which can never be taken away. You, though to the eye of man you may have nothing, in truth possess all things." At this Thanksgiving give thanks to our Father for the Christian heritage, which although invisible, has an inestimable value and influence.

LOVES SHINING GLORY

We should never forget to be thankful for one of the greatest forces in our lives. "Love is the greatest thing in the world; love is the fulfilling of the law." Love manifests itself in so many aspects. It is love that makes two lovers become attached to each other; it is love that compels mother to endure hardships for her children; it is love that prompts father to provide for his family's needs; it is love that God revealed when he gave his only Son for all mankind.

This is what Ethlene Cox has to say: "We owe much to those about us but above all we owe them love. Love renews our fellow travelers' flagging zeal and courage. It fans to life the dying embers of the hope long deferred. Love eases the burdens that grow intolerable under the yoke of duty. Love calls into action all the hidden resources of the soul."

When love fills our souls, we want to give ourselves in helpful deeds. The star of love must shine brightly; it must express itself in service and soul-winning. Is your star of love shining? A life of service means personal sacrifice, and a life of soul-winning means

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Christ's Legacy of Peace

God's Indispensable Gifts Should Evoke Our Thanksgiving, as Expounded by the Rev. PAUL HUNSICKER of Fredonia, North Dakota

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." John 14:27.

A SULLEN, disgruntled group of disciples met their Master in the Upper Room to celebrate the Feast of the Passover on the eve of our Lord's crucifixion. It was not by any means a favorable need for spiritual fellowship. In fact, their hearts were troubled and the strange atmosphere that permeated their thinking powers was not desirable for the intimate heart-to-heart, farewell talk which Jesus was anxious to give to them.

At the conclusion of the intimate farewell, Jesus made his bequest of peace to his followers. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I you."

A CALM OF LIFE

When Jesus gave this legacy of peace to his disciples, he meant that they were to enjoy the same confidence, poise and calm which marked his own life. He did not imply that his followers were to have a perpetual guarantee against persecution, oppression, turmoil and the hostility of those who did not believe in him.

Imprisonment or martyrdom soon became common to the early church. He knew that the holy life to which he called his disciples would incur jealousy among them.

Christ did not promise his disciples an easy way of life or a release from their burdens. He intimated that in this world they would have persecution, hardship and death, but he promised them strength to bear their burdens.

He commanded them to be of good cheer, for he had overcome the world. He also declared that he would give them a new spirit to meet discouragement and sufficient spiritual reserves to withstand the snares and wiles of the evil one.

A GIFT TO POSSESS

The Rev. H. Krumbine illustrates the peace that Jesus gives in a delightful pen picture of an artist's conception of a thundering waterfall. A fragile birch tree bends over and almost touches the onrushing water. On the branch just above the roaring cataract is poised a bluebird singing. It is the kind of peace Jesus gives. In the midst of the rush and danger of life there is calmness and joy.

The peace Jesus gives is an indispensable gift, a quality which he ex-

pects the Christian to possess. It is independent of circumstance, however troublous it may be. It is the calm which indicates that the channels between the subconscious mind and God are open and that in the "intercourse thus established the assurance of divine support becomes the priceless possession of the human soul."

Christ's peace is more than freedom from physical austerity. Life has presented many a perplexing problem to the average man.

A noted writer speaks of life as an inscrutable mystery. Too frequently we hear critical persons asking why God allows so much suffering and injustice, and how it is that goodness and merit are so often pushed into a secondary place by "aggressive mediocrity."

Is Christian faith a reality or a shadow? Left to ourselves to answer these questions, we would arrive nowhere. In fact, we would grow weary and baffled in the process.

When we enter into partnership with the "God of all peace," a new light breaks over the enigma of our lives and they take on fresh meaning. Belief in Jesus Christ enables men to see that the triumphs of evil are only temporary and this assurance gives strength and calm. It is the peace that Jesus gives and it is identical with the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

NO RETIREMENT POSSIBLE

In quest of Christ's peace, men have drifted into several bypaths. Some have accepted the conditions of the peace of isolation. Jesus did not retire from the field of active service in order to attain the peace which he promises his people.

His peace was won by strenuous action at the very heart of the world's need. Never did he retire from the world's struggles of mankind, nor did he leave men to find their way out of their liberties unaided. Instead of running away from temptations he faced and overcame them.

The peace which Jesus gives cannot be realized except through active participation in the affairs of mankind and an earnest desire to cooperate in meeting its common obligations.

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Christ's sympathy was marked by forgiveness and affection. The world gave him the bitter cup. But he was sympathetic to all men. Consider his poise and self-composure of perfect peace as he entreated his sleeping disciples to "arise, let us go hence; behold, he that betrayeth me is at hand." What divine forgiveness is inspired by his peace in the midst of his agony on Calvary! Listen to his own peace as he prays: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Think of our mental anguish and spiritual sufferings during the recent war, how many millions of souls have been made weary and heavy-laden, how many suffered physically, mentally and spiritually. To have peace under such unsavory circumstances is to have the peace of God.

GOD'S CONSOLATIONS

In our attempts to make a living, what disturbances, disappointments, set-backs, trials and agonies arise! In trying to find the solution to our intellectual problems, we must bear added burdens which arise from our material burdens and use the modern luxuries with their attendant tyrannies. Amidst all these strange and uninviting circumstances, it is true that what we want most is the peace that Jesus bequeathed.

There is a magical charm in the Master's words, his words of peace and consolation. How often we have noticed it on occasions of great sorrow! We cannot always understand God's dealings with us, but we know they are love-promoted, for God is love. His love is strong like that of a father: "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." His love is very tender, like that of a mother. "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort thee."

THE PEACE OF HEAVEN

A minister on his death bed was being tended by his daughter. She was solicitous for his comfort and spoke of placing additional pillows under him. He said: "No, I have three pillows under me now. One is God's peace, one is God's wisdom, and the other is God's power." These are the pillows upon which every weary, troubled or heavy-laden Christian may rest and find truest peace in the time of need.

Oh, never was there such a time as this when we need so urgently the (Continued on Page 7)



The Authors of the Accompanying Article Shortly After Their Marriage in Charleston, South Carolina

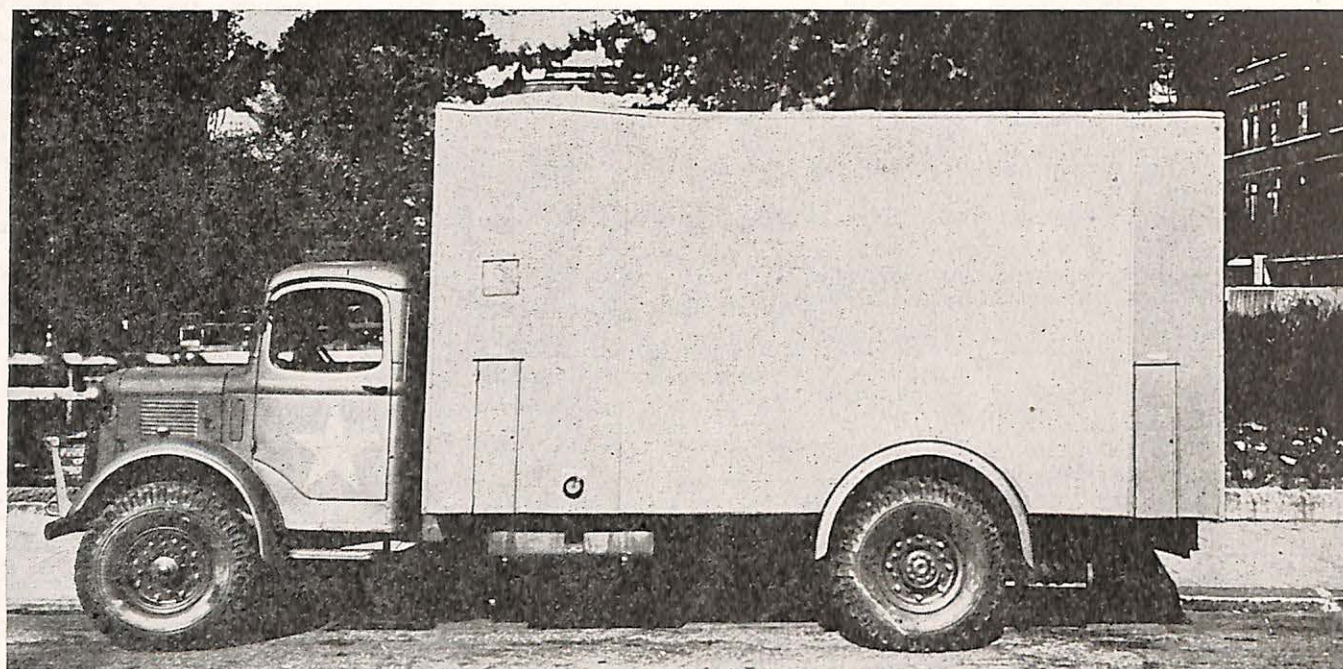
"Only a lover can understand
How the presence of God fills the
sea and land,
While the gentle touch of a
Father's hand
Falls like balm on the fevered
brow,
And the God of the ages is Here-
and-Now;
Only a lover can tell you how."

Lowell B. Hazzard.

GOD has a way of taking care of his children, and when his infinite love takes over, strange and surprising are the results. Take our case, for instance. It was in a friendly church in Charleston, South Carolina, that we made our acquaintance. Little did we realize when we met that later we were to become one and that God was leading us to live a life together. In less than a year we were married in that same church where we had met, and we began sharing the rich experience of a happy marriage.

REMINISCENCES

The recent World War has resulted in bringing together thousands of young men and women who would never have met otherwise. Our Master has a way of taking care of his children, if they will only remain true to him. There are probably many of you reading this article at this Thanksgiving season who are reminiscing and thanking God that you met and that you are both living for Christ. Meeting each other while serving him



The United States Army Truck Purchased by the Rev. Wm. Hoover in England for Use on the Continent of Europe in the Distribution of Food and Clothes Now Being Sent Overseas in the Denomination's Extensive Relief Ministry

The Ministry of the Fellowship Fund

A Report by the Rev. FRANK H. WOYKE, Chairman of the Administrative Committee

AT THE TIME of our General Conference in Tacoma, Washington, the General Council appointed a committee of four men to take over the administration of the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. The membership of this committee consists of Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, chairman; William Kuhn, assistant executive secretary; H. G. Dymmel, general secretary of the General Missionary Society; and Roland E. Ross, comptroller.

We feel that this report will be of interest and value to our people.

DIFFICULTIES

The work has been carried on under many difficulties. There have been only three ways of helping our brethren in Germany:

1. Through membership in Cralog, the group of relief societies authorized by our government to carry on this work. We have been fortunate in that this way has been opened to us through affiliation with the Mennonite Central Committee.

2. Through parcels sent from Denmark, Sweden or Switzerland.

3. In recent months, through parcels sent by mail from America.

Because of the shipping shortage and lack of transportation facilities, all bulk relief has moved very slowly.

Our particular difficulty has been, however, to receive some kind of assurance that our gifts would reach our

Baptist people. We could have spent our entire fund in a short while if we had not had this concern. But our few gifts would mean little distributed among 45 million people. With this in mind, we have proceeded only when we had the assurance that our materials would be delivered to our Baptist people.

WHAT HAS BEEN SENT

In spite of these obstacles, much has already been sent. Consider the following statistics:

I. Sent to Germany

1. Individual parcels from America	1700
2. Individual parcels from Denmark	1460
3. Bulk relief from America	
a) Bales of Clothing	258
b) Cases of soap	3
c) Carloads of powdered milk (\$17,000)	2
d) Barrel of food oil	1
e) Cases of shoes	8
f) Barrels of shoes	8
4. From Canada	
a. Cases of clothing	58
b) Carload of flour	1
5. Cash for refugees	\$2500

II. To Austria

1. Individual parcels from Denmark	200
2. CARE parcels	53
3. \$300 worth of food from Switzerland.	

III. To Refugees in Denmark

1. From America	
a) Bales of clothing	30
b) Cases of shoes	3
c) Boxes of printed matter	6
2. From Sweden	
\$2500 of clothing, blankets, shoes.	

IV. To Hungary, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Rumania

1. From America	
a) In cash	\$1000
b) Individual parcels	50
2. From Denmark, food parcels	300

No one will ever know how much effort and self-sacrifice went into the accomplishment of this task. We do know that we owe a great debt of gratitude primarily to Dr. William Kuhn, who has worked untiringly in the interest of relief from the very beginning; Mis Gretchen Remmler of our office staff, who has spent night after night in complete devotion to her task; Roland E. Ross, our comptroller; and a large number of volunteer workers from the local churches. God will reward them for this labor of love.

On November 1 we received the very good news that we shall now be able to send our bulk relief directly to our representative in the British Zone of Germany, with the assurance that delivery will be made to him. This arrangement is what we have been striving for from the beginning. Many tons of food and clothing will soon be on their way to our needy brethren.

PRESENT ACTIVITIES

Two representatives are now in Europe in the interests of our relief work. Rev. William Hoover has been there since late in September. He has purchased a three-ton truck, which is already on the way to Germany; and he has arranged for lodging and board for Rev. William Sturhahn of Morris, Manitoba. Mr. Sturhahn has arrived in Europe and is on his way to Germany. He will remain for a period of six months to receive our shipments at the port and to supervise distribution of them among our people in Germany.

Here in Forest Park we have ready for shipment:

1. 4 tons of prunes.
2. 5000 pairs of shoes.
3. 200 cartons of canned food.
4. 255 bales of clothing.
5. One carload of rice.
6. One carload of powdered milk.
7. 200 parcels of chocolates for Baptist Sunday Schools.
8. A large number of parcels is being mailed every day.

It will be of interest to our people to know that Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt has been appointed our relief representative in Austria, in addition to his work for the Danubian mission field.

IMMIGRATION

Many of our people are eagerly awaiting an opportunity to bring relatives to the United States or Canada. We agree that such a solution would be the best relief that could be given, especially to the refugees. The doors for immigration are not very widely opened as yet.

To the United States. The following two groups receive preference for entrance into the United States:

1. Non-quota Immigrants. The wife, unmarried children under 21 years of age, and husband (where marriage has occurred prior to July 1, 1932) of a citizen of the United States are prospective non-quota immigrants, and are exempt from all quota restrictions as such.

2. Quota - Preference Immigrants. The father and mother of a citizen of the United States who is 21 years of age or over, and the husband of a citizen of any age (where marriage has occurred subsequent to June 30, 1932) are entitled to preference in the issuance of immigration visas.

There are financial and other restrictions in addition to these. For full particulars see your local immigration bureau, which is often located in the Post Office building.

TO CANADA

Present Canadian regulations permit the following to make application for immigration:

1. The wife of Canadian resident.
2. The children of Canadian residents.
3. The parents of a Canadian resident.

URGENTLY NEEDED — CLOTHES FOR RELIEF

We are calling on our churches for more clothing so that we can respond to an urgent appeal from the refugee camps in Denmark. Our representatives there are sending us the requirements of various families, and we hope to send family parcels.

1. In most cases, it will be advisable to send the clothes to our Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. This will give us a wide selection to fill the needs of the various families.

2. If any family or group wishes to "adopt" a refugee family, we shall be happy to furnish the name and address, together with all the necessary information.

3. In Canada clothes should be sent to the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, 825 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Christ's Legacy of Peace

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peace of Heaven. If we could hear the voice of the Stranger of Galilee:

"And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you."—Matt. 10:13.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."—John 16:33.

"And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."—I Thess. 5:13.

How shall we find this peace? How shall we claim Christ's promise?

By developing a powerful will, an unconquerable spirit and a worthy purpose, all obstacles will disappear. We must live the overcoming life. The tackling of our difficulties means victory for the spirit. That victory will bring us peace.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."—Phil. 4:7.



Members of the Administrative Committee for the "Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" With Food Contents for European Relief Parcels on the Table.

Contributions to Our Denomination

An Important Announcement by Rev. FRANK H. WOYKE,
Executive Secretary

AT THE PRESENT time there is some confusion on the part of our churches with regard to the making out and mailing of denominational contributions. In the interest of uniformity, we should like to call to your attention that the following is the correct procedure.

I. Generally speaking, all checks should be made out to "The North American Baptist General Conference."

The only exceptions to this rule are:

1. Annuities. These should be made out to "The North American Baptist General Missionary Society, Inc.," since that is the only society which has made legal provisions to receive such funds.
2. Legacies. These should be made out to the department or organization for which the contribution is intended.
3. Payments on notes or loans. These should be made out to the organization to which the debt is owed.

II. Our churches are requested to send all contributions for the following causes to Rev. Frank Woyke, the executive secretary, with the re-

ceipts to be made out by him.

1. Home Missions.
2. Foreign Missions.
3. Aged Ministers and Relief.
4. Ministers Pension Fund.
5. Publication Society.
6. Children's Home.
7. The North American Baptist Seminary.
8. Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.
9. Homes for the Aged.
10. Woman's Missionary Union.
11. Chapel Building Fund.
12. Seminary Endowment Fund.
13. Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.
14. Christian Training Institute Building Fund.

III. All contributions intended for our general denominational enterprise should be designated for "The Missionary and Benevolent Offering." The only exceptions would be gifts to the following special funds:

1. The Seminary Endowment Fund.
2. The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.
3. The Christian Training Institute Building.

Dakota Mission Festivals

Reports of a Few of the Many Special Festivals Held in the Dakotas

● On Sunday morning and afternoon, Oct. 13, the Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota held its Mission Festival with the Rev. Theodore Frey of Napoleon, No. Dak., as the guest speaker. The offerings for missions received on that day amounted to \$1323. It was also reported by the Rev. C. Rempel that the church had given an offering of more than \$1300 for the building fund a few weeks previously.

● On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota held three well attended services at its annual Mission Festival. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Linton, No. Dak., brought the messages. An offering of \$3000 was received for a special fund to build a new parsonage which will be completed before the church's 50th anniversary in 1947, as the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor, expressed it.

● The Mission Festival of the Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota was held on Sunday, Oct. 13, with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, as the guest speaker. Three services were held with the morning and afternoon meetings conducted in Ger-

man. The offerings, amounting to more than \$2500, were designated for missions and the church's building fund, according to the pastor, Rev. Walter Stein. The men's chorus and the girl's choir, conducted by Mr. Ben Heitzman and Mrs. Walter Stein, respectively, sang at the services.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota held its Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 20, with the Rev. Arthur J. Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak., as the guest speaker. The offerings at the three services amounted to \$900, of which \$200 were designated for the Bender Memorial Trek, a Cameroons mission project. The church was crowded with members and friends for all the services, according to the pastor, Rev. O. W. Brenner.

● The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, North Dakota with its Berlin and Fredonia mission stations and Elendale Church held its Mission Festival on Oct. 6 and 13 with the pastor, Rev. Paul Hunsicker, preaching on one of the Sundays and the Rev. E. S.

Fenske of Herreid, So. Dak. on the other. The offerings of \$3166 were designated for the church's building fund. This was the largest single offering received in the history of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota met on Sunday, Oct. 6, for its Mission Festival in well attended services. The Rev. Theodore Frey of Napoleon, No. Dak., served as the guest speaker. The offerings of \$1612.20 were designated for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies, for the Cameroons mission field and for the church's building fund. The large choir of about 50 voices was under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. H. Waltereit.

● The Baptist Church of Napoleon, North Dakota held its Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 20, with the Rev. C. Rempel of Venturia, No. Dak., as the guest speaker. A goal of \$1000 had been set by the church for the offering, but the total sum amounted to more than \$1200, according to the pastor, Rev. Theodore Frey. This offering was largely designated for our denominational missionary program.

Editor's Note: Further reports about Mission Festivals in the Dakota Conference Churches will appear in the next issue among the "Reports from the Field."

"What's Happening" News

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of the Beaver Church, Michigan; Adeline Zimbelman of McClusky, North Dakota; and Eleanor Weisenburger of Venturia, North Dakota, a registered nurse who is preparing herself for the Cameroons and who is the recipient of the scholarship provided by the National Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Esther Burger of Cleveland, Ohio is a Junior student and Miss Bernice Westerman of Chancellor, South Dakota, is a Senior.

● On Sunday, Oct. 20, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota. He also addressed the entire Sunday School on the denomination's mission enterprise and showed some mission pictures to the Junior B. Y. P. U. On Sunday evening the Rosenfeld Woman's Mission Society presented its program with Mrs. H. Waltereit in charge. Two dialogues were presented and many fine musical numbers were rendered. After the message by Mr. Leuschner, a mission offering of \$100 was received. On the following Sunday evening, Oct. 27, the Lehr Woman's Mission Society presented its anniversary program with many inspiring numbers. Evangelistic services were held in the Lehr Baptist Church from Nov. 4 to 15 with the Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley, No. Dak., as evangelist.

A Letter of Gratitude from Germany

One of the Many Responses Received for Our Relief Ministry Through
the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

FOREWORD

(The following letter from a young Baptist of Germany is the overflow of a thankful heart for our relief ministry through the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. It is typical of scores of letters being received every week at Headquarters. The letter has not been edited but appears as written by this young man, the son of a Baptist preacher, in his unpolished English.

Editor.)



Mr. Theophil Rehse of Weiden/Oberpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, whose letter is published on this page

MANY, MANY THANKS!

A letter by Mr. Theophil Rehse of the United States Occupation Zone, Weiden, Oberpfalz, Bavaria, Germany.

Weiden/Oberpfalz, Germany.

Yesterday, when I finished my work and went home, I was very surprised by your gift parcel. I didn't know what I should say, because I was too joyful, and now I want to say: Many, many thanks! I think, you are not able to imagine what such a gift means for a German. I looked for a letter or some words and found these three only: Gott segne Euch! Well, I was very glad to find this, for these three words mean very much. I pray to God, that he may repay the kindness to you, which happened to me. May He bless you!

It makes me very sad that here in Weiden is living one member of the Baptist Church only, and that's ME! Most people are Catholic, and the other part are Lutherans; so I'm standing alone here as a Baptist. But

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I used to visit the worship services of the Lutheran Church and play the organ for the services of the refugees, too, because here in Weiden, a town with about seventy thousand people, there are six thousand refugees, nearly all of them Protestant.

By these conditions I got into some trouble. I learned the music of church with much joy and zeal, so more and more good music has been known to me and now I would be able to take an examination. Here is the difficult matter. I'm not a Lutheran, therefore I cannot take an examination, because in German Baptist Churches there are

no official organists. You see, I have to make a hard decision for myself. Well, I will not worry about this too much, but I ask my Savior. He will help me out and show me the right way!

In our Baptist churches, especially those of the English Zone, new life of the Holy Spirit is awakening the churches. The worship services are visited by more and more people. Many refugees of the eastern part of Germany are enlarging the circle of each Baptist community. My father wrote me last time that people (especially young people) have found the way to our Lord and Savior, to eternal Life and have been baptized. We are very glad about this and very thankful to our Lord that he is spending his blessings to us more and more after a long restless time of war. We ask him to give and to keep his peace in our hearts!

Feeding the Hungry in Germany

An Important Announcement from Headquarters

Since the American, British and Polish Zones in Germany and Austria have been opened for the sending of food and clothing parcels to individuals, many of these individual parcels leave our headquarters daily. Our churches have supplied us with the food to make up these parcels, but now that supply is almost exhausted.

Church sent all these cans to our headquarters, and now they have all been sent on their errand of mercy to the hungry and starving in Germany. Many rural churches might undertake a humanitarian project like that in the name of Christ.

Already we are receiving confirmations that the parcels for the American and British Zones are being received with gratitude that can not be expressed in words. Many of the recipients of these individual parcels might not be remembered in the distribution of the larger shipments, because they are living in remote places and have no contact with and are not known at the distribution center. We have letters from such persons who are the only Baptists living in a refugee group.

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GO AND DO LIKEWISE

The Connors Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., found a farmer who contributed a steer, gratis. Then a butcher slaughtered the steer and cut up the meat, also gratis. Then a canner put this meat into sealed cans, also gratis. Then the Connors Avenue

After Many Days

A Christian Novel

by JOYE HOEKZEMA

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Christopher Matthews, Chief of Staff at Cass General Hospital, had a brilliant mind and skilled hands, but—so people said—no heart. He fell in love with Jane Lee, a nurse and a consecrated Christian, and asked her to marry him. She knew that he was grieving the Spirit of God, but she consented. For their honeymoon they went to the Virgin Islands, where in bitterness of spirit, because of inexplicable tragedies, Dr. Matthews closed his mind to God and to all news from the hospital. One day the young couple made the acquaintance of a fisherman, Andre O'Hara, and his singing boy, Michael, in their quaint cottage.

CHAPTER SIX

Andre spoke like a man of culture, and Jane noticed the long shelf of books on either side of the fireplace.

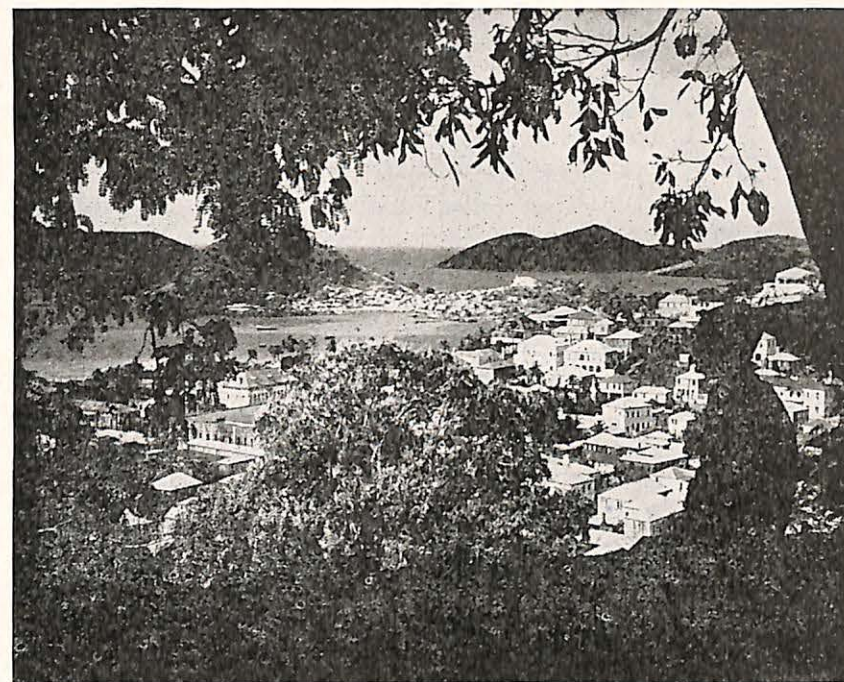
"Do you read a great deal?" she asked.

Lights glowed suddenly behind his eyes.

"Aye. Reading is about the only recreation we have. When Michael isn't singing, he reads aloud to me. His mother was educated in England and loved books. She wanted Michael to be a great student. But the lad would rather lie on a stone wall and sing to the birds."

The boy, sitting in the doorway, with his head tilted back against the jamb, gave no sign that he had heard, but a telltale flush flowed for an instant under his brown skin. The hair on his neck still curled with baby softness and his mouth was tender and young and sweet. How his mother must have loved him, Jane thought, with a sudden ache in her throat. He reminded her sharply of Robin and a wave of homesickness swept over her.

Andre saw the shadow cross her face, for he said quickly, "Michael is



—Ewing Galloway Photo

A Striking View of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands from Synagogue Hill With the French Village With Its White Church Crowning the Hill Top in the Distance. Here Chris and Jane Spent the Weeks and Months of Their Extended Honeymoon.

going to sing tomorrow at Sabbath school. Maybe you would like to come."

Jane could feel Chris forming an excuse, and so she replied quickly, "We'd love to. Is it the little stone church at the crest of the next hill?"

Andre nodded, his face beaming. "At ten o'clock. We will be very pleased to have you there."

"Thank you, Mr. O'Hara, and thank you for the cold water and the chance to rest."

"That you are always welcome to," he said graciously, and bade them a courteous "Good day."

They were scarcely around the bend before Chris said testily, "I wish you wouldn't make promises for me, Jane. I prefer to decide where I'll go and where I won't go."

"But we haven't been to church since we reached the island. I miss going."

"You are free to go any time you wish, but you needn't include me," he retorted sullenly. "I've had all I want of that sort of thing. Pious talk — empty philosophy — meaningless phrases . . ."

"Don't, Chris—please!" Jane implored, fighting a sudden storm of tears. "It breaks my heart to hear

you talk like that. You don't mean it. You're like a boy whistling in the dark. You say those terrible things just to keep up your courage. You're eating your heart out with bitterness—with mockery. You're trying to shut yourself away from God. Oh, darling, don't, don't! Try to believe that there was a divine plan behind your tragedy. God writes in characters too grand for our short sight to understand. We see only a part of the picture. God sees it all and in His own good time will . . ."

"Oh, Jane, stop that idiotic prattling! It's an insult to my intelligence. I thought that . . ."

"Tell me something," Jane interrupted desperately. "You've been a church member all your life and a professed believer in God. But the minute your faith was tested you turned on the whole thing with bitterness and mockery. You were a fair-weather believer—but you couldn't take a storm. Isn't that true? As long as God made the path smooth for you, your faith was reasonably strong. But the minute He saw fit to put your faith to a test, you turned your back on Him. And when He tried to soften you with genuine sorrow, you turned your back on duty and ran away from your job. You . . ."

"Will you be quiet!" Chris shouted suddenly, his face flushed with rage. "I can't stand your everlasting preaching. Let me alone, can't you?"

He strode ahead of her, stumbling a little in his blind fury. She let him go because she realized as never before the pitiful futility of words. He had isolated himself behind the wall

of his bitterness and only a divine miracle could reach him now.

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Jane went to the little stone church alone the next morning. Michael sang, standing like a white-robed young angel beside the old organ, sunlight making a dusty halo on his hair. Flute-clear, tender, meltingly sweet, his boy soprano rose to the old rafters—a paean of praise to his Maker.

Jane saw Andre wipe his eyes on his sleeve, but his leather-brown face was shining. His tears were not bitter tears. They were the dew of a serene and understanding heart. Andre was rich. He had dared to accept all of life—to face every part of it without flinching. He had accepted his sorrow and allowed it to mellow his relationship to others and to make him wise in understanding. Why couldn't Chris learn the same lesson? Why must he go on battering his soul against the rock of his terrible bitterness? Jane thought sadly. Then, remembering her own stubborn sin against the dictates of the Spirit, she bowed her head and wept in silent contrition.

After the simple service, Andre thanked her for coming and wisely asked no questions concerning Chris. Michael's smile danced in his eyes and his face was warm with friendliness.

"Maybe you and your husband would like to go out with the fleet next week?" Andre suggested after they had chatted a moment. "We go out for a week at a time usually. You might find it interesting. Michael and I would be pleased to have you as our guests. The living is plain, but it's clean."

"Thank you, Mr. O'Hara," she said, touched by his generous offer. "I believe my husband would like that. When do you leave?"

"Tuesday at dawn. And be sure you bring a slicker. We may run into bad weather this time of year."

To Jane's relief, Chris seemed eager for the proposed trip. He spent the next day getting what equipment they would need and stowing it in Andre's boat. Michael was everywhere at once, his lilting melodies putting many a smile on weather-beaten faces.

The fleet left early on Tuesday morning while darkness lay across the harbor. There was the noisy bustle of departure, the rattle of ropes through the big pulleys, the throaty, jovial farewells, the slap of unseen waves against the blunt prows, and somewhere on a masthead, Michael saluting the morning wind with a burst of song.

The deck of Andre's boat was shining with fresh paint. Jane sat with Chris on a coil of rope and watched the activity with keen interest. Chris' arm was around her, close and protective, and he whispered impudent scraps of love-making into her ear until her cheeks were pink with happiness. "Did I ever tell you how adorable you are, Mrs. Matthews? Your

cheek, right here, is as soft as the cup of a baby's palm. Don't turn your face too far away. It's no crime for a man to kiss his wife!"

Jane would have been superbly content had it not been for the nagging pain in her heart. Crumpled in her sweater pocket was a cablegram which had arrived the night before from Toby. Its urgent message was pounding sternly at the back of her mind.

Doctor Stone died yesterday. Situation at hospital critical. Tell Chris we need him desperately.

She hadn't given the message to Chris. She couldn't, knowing exactly what his reaction would be. She couldn't bear to hear him say again that he didn't care what happened at the hospital. Hearing his ruthless bitterness put into savage words frightened her. Sometime during the trip she would have to tell him. But wordlessly, frantically, she was praying for a miracle to happen—something that would release Chris from the shackles of bitterness and send him back to Cass General. "Situation at hospital critical." Dear God! Please!

The fleet slipped out of the harbor just as dawn was being born. A rose-gold flush tinted the sky. The dark water was coming to radiant life under the touch of morning. Michael was singing from the masthead, his beautiful young body arched into the wind, his face lifted to the glory of the sunrise.

Jane realized suddenly that Chris had been searching her face for some minutes. Now he spoke softly, his lips against her ear.

"A penny for your thoughts, sweetheart. You haven't been on this boat in spirit a minute since we started. You'd better come aboard. It's fine weather we're having, sailor!"

His eyes teased her tenderly, but she couldn't respond to his levity—not with the cablegram rustling against her side every time she moved. Suddenly she knew that she should have given it to him before they started. She should have at least given him the opportunity to do the right thing. It wasn't too late yet. Andre would put them ashore if they asked him.

A moment passed before she trusted herself to speak. "I—I got a cablegram from Toby last night. I'm sorry I didn't give it to you at once. I should have. But it isn't too late yet. Andre will put us ashore if you say so. Here!" Her voice was high and reedy like a frightened child's. "Here—read it!"

"I'm not sure I want to read it," Chris said between clenched teeth. But he unfolded the yellow sheet and scanned it briefly. Jane watched his face with a prayer in her heart.

For an instant he neither moved nor spoke. He might have been an image carved in stone. Only his eyes were alive, and the look in them made her cringe with defeat. His face grew as bleak as a storm-swept sea.

"I wish you hadn't given Toby our address," he said finally, and his voice was harsh. "We're going to move on when we get back from this trip and we aren't leaving any forwarding address! I won't be pestered with letters and cablegrams!"

"But, Chris, this is so terribly important. Doctor Stone was the only other real surgeon in the city. You know that! When Toby says the situation is critical, he means critical! You're a doctor. You've got to go back, darling. They need you . . ."

"Here we go again!" he interrupted thickly, throwing up both hands, palms outward, in a gesture that brought sudden black anger to her heart. "How many times do I have to tell you that I'm not going back to Cass General?"

"Don't say it, Chris!" Jane whispered, frightened by the storm of emotion rising in her. "Don't ever say that again. I married a doctor Chris Matthews—a genius in surgery who fought disease with all the great skill in his power. But the man I married seems to be dead. In his place is a coward—a man who allowed a sudden tragedy to whip him—a man who is constantly running away to lick his wounds instead of standing fast and fighting! Chris, you're a quitter and I can't stand a quitter. You're yellow—and I loathe a coward!"

Jane thought for an instant that he was going to strike her. He raised one hand, fist clenched, and his lips flattened against his teeth in a snarl of sheer agony. His jaws clamped so hard that the muscles stood out like whipcords, and the pulse in his bare throat throbbed with the savage rush of blood. Then he sobbed once—a hoarse sound that tore upward from the very soul of him.

For another instant he stared at her fixedly, as though he were blinded by the devastating ruin that lay about him. A muscle near his mouth twitched queerly.

"Chris, I'm sorry," Jane gasped, appalled by her own words. "I didn't mean to say that."

"No, but you meant it," he said hoarsely. "I'm yellow and you hate a coward. That's what you think of me. That's what you've been thinking all the while. But you knew what I was when you married me. I gave you fair warning. You walked into this with open eyes. So you haven't got a squawk coming. And I won't listen to any more of your—preaching!"

She cringed under the sheer brutality of his words. The bitterness and mockery had caught up with them. They were quarreling terribly, unforgettably. She spoke his name softly, pleadingly, but he wasn't listening. He was staring out to sea, and his face was hard and dark with rage.

There was no escape from Andre's boat. In body Chris and Jane were close together most of the time, but in spirit they were poles apart. He

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spoke to her only when necessary, and then in curt half-sentences. At night they undressed in the same tiny cabin and crawled into separate bunks. Jane could hear Chris tossing restlessly far into the night and knew that he was sleepless with suffering even as she was. She longed to bridge the gulf between them but she knew that as long as his spirit was a wounded, bleeding thing, he would repulse her.

By the fourth day her nerves were frayed and ragged. She undressed that night in the scrap of a cabin too drained in soul even for inarticulate prayer. The future held only shadows and the grey ashes of memories. She was afraid to face it—bitterly afraid. She couldn't go on without Chris, yet she was beginning to wonder if he would ever forgive her. She had called him a coward—yellow. A man can't forget a thing like that—especially a man like Chris. She had fatally wounded a vital part of him. In her desperate attempt to cure, the knife of her anger had gone fatally deep. It was close to dawn before she fell into troubled sleep.

The little fishing fleet had no way of knowing that on the mainland storm signals were flying. There was a bad blow coming, and small craft had been warned off the waters.

By the time Jane awakened late the next morning, the sea was so rough that Chris curtly warned her to stay below decks. Fishing was impossible and the fleet decided to start for port rather than try to ride the storm out. The holds were already well filled with fish and all ten vessels were low in the water and bucking badly.

Jane sat in their cabin and watched angry waves lick the porthole. There was going to be a terrific storm, she realized, and, strangely, she found herself relieved. Perhaps physical dangers would ease the unbearable pain that gnawed at her heart.

An hour plodded by. Andre's brave little boat was making little or no headway against the wind. The green water rose higher and higher across the porthole, and the white-lipped waves snarled sinisterly.

Chris came in abruptly. The door banged open with the violent roll of the ship. He braced his feet and stood there in the doorway a moment, his hair rumpled and wet with spray, his face cold and white as marble. His slicker was open at the throat, and he wore a pair of borrowed boots.

"Better get a coat and we'll take a turn on deck," he said sharply, his eyes glancing at her. "I don't want you to get seasick down here."

The boat lurched suddenly, throwing Jane violently against him. She felt the iron of his muscles as he caught and steadied her for a perilous minute against his shoulder. His mouth was an uncompromising line.

"It's blowing terrifically hard," he said, releasing her as though the touch

of her flesh had burned him. "We've been trying to keep the course for an hour, but the boats can't make any headway against the wind. Steady there! You'd better hang onto something."

"Chris—I..." she began pleadingly, then stopped helplessly as his mocking, desolate eyes met hers. Blindly she reached for her slicker. Words were futile. She was battering her fists against a rock.

They climbed the stairs together, clinging to the rail for support. It wasn't until Chris forced the hatch open and they stepped out on the narrow deck that Jane realized their real danger.

She caught for support and found herself held firmly against Chris' side. A thick wave snarled down the deck, carrying everything with it. Something whipped her legs and she staggered, clutching at Chris frantically. The grey-green wall of water towered on their left. The boat was little more than a chip in the giant maw of the sea. At that moment it began to rain—a solid sheet of water that closed them in with the fury of something alive.

"Look at that!" Chris panted. "This is no ordinary storm. I shouldn't have brought you onto a little tub like this in the first place."

Suddenly a spar tore loose and crashed to the deck somewhere forward. Instantly a thin, agonized cry rose above the howl of wind. A sailor scuttled along the rail, clinging to a rope as another snarling wave buried the wallowing craft.

"Someone is hurt!" Jane cried, trying to move forward, but Chris pushed her back into the hatchway.

"Yes, and they'll be bringing him below in a minute. We've got to get out of the way."

He helped her roughly down the steep steps and into the forward cabin as two fishermen appeared above them, carrying a slight figure.

Jane's cry never reached her paralyzed lips as she recognized the long-limbed brown body, the dark tightly curling hair, the beautifully molded head.

"Michael!" she whispered soundlessly. "It's Michael."

They pushed past her into the main galley and laid the unconscious boy on the long table. A scarlet stream trickled from an ugly wound beneath his temple and there were flecks of foam on his bloodless lips.

Chris made a brief examination. "Where is Andre?" he demanded sharply. "I'll get him."

One of the men, stuffing his coat beneath Michael's head, looked up briefly.

"He saw the lad get hurt. He can't come."

"Why?"

"He's at the helm. There's no man among us can hold this boat against

a storm like this except Andre."

Chris swore violently. "But the boy is dying!"

There was no reply. Chris whirled on his heel and made for the stairs, his face as white as Michael's.

"Let me help." Jane spoke quietly to the two stunned fishermen. "I'm a nurse. We'd better get his clothing off first and treat him for shock. Can you warm some blankets for me, please?"

"Aye." They lent kindly awkward hands, their seamed faces grave with anxiety.

The patched blue shirt, a button missing... the scanty impudent breeches with a tow string for a belt... the lucky charm around the slim throat...

"Now the blanket, please, and a swallow of brandy if you have it," she asked with stiff lips.

"Aye."

"Oh, Michael, Michael." She found herself crying soundlessly. "You mustn't die. You're all Andre has in the world. You're life and light to him. And your songs... your glad, glorious songs. They mustn't be stilled. The world needs your music, Michael, and Andre needs it."

But there was no response. His body was like carved marble beneath her hands. The brandy bit at his tongue, but none of it reached his throat.

Chris appeared suddenly, his face dripping with rain and spray, his eyes leaping ahead of him into the cabin.

"How is he?"

She shook her head. "I can't find a pulse. I'm afraid..."

He pushed her aside without apology and laid his ear to the boy's chest. When he straightened up, his face was grey.

"He's dead," he stated tonelessly. "I told Andre he'd better get down here, but he wouldn't let anyone touch that wheel. He—he said it was his duty to stay there!"

His duty. Across the cabin their eyes met and locked for a startled instant. What was Chris thinking in that stark instant, with Michael's still body between them and the savage roar of the storm outside? Was he perhaps thinking of helpless children needing the skill of his hands in Cass General? Was he hearing the pitiful cry of the sick who needed him? Was he seeing the bewildered eyes of overworked nurses and aides who had looked to him for strength and inspiration? Was there echoing across his memory the words of old Toby's cablegram—"Tell Chris we need him desperately"? Duty! Andre and the boy and a helm that couldn't be deserted until the storm was over. Duty—duty—duty! Chris drew a long unsteady breath.

"He was a fool!" he said hoarsely. But there was no conviction in his voice.

(To Be Continued)

Religion in the Ranks

Reviews of an Important Book

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A WELCOME GIFT!

A Review and Appreciation of the Book, "RELIGION IN THE RANKS," by Mrs. FLORENCE SCHOEFFEL.

Surprise! A package in the mail. Quickly you remove the outer wrappings, then the tissue paper and ribbons. A book—"Religion in the Ranks"! What an attractive jacket, with an appropriate design of a chapel and soldiers in the foreground. You remove the jacket to look at the cover and binding. What a beautiful shade of blue, and imposing in gold letters, the title, "Religion in the Ranks."

You open the book—a fine quality of paper—so different from the war time books—and large, clear print.

Here is the Table of Contents—Rev. C. F. Zummach, Paul Gebauer, Chaplain Woyke, Lt. Alice Schmidt—why, these are all men and women from our churches, whose names you have often seen in "The Baptist Herald," and some of whom you know personally. How interesting! Surely this will be first-hand information, not propaganda, and now, at last, you will get a glimpse into the spiritual life of the boys in the widely scattered theaters of war. You will want to read every word of these intriguing chapters, such as: "Eyewitnesses of His Glory," "A Home Away from Home," "A Ministry of Healing," "The GI Finds Christ Everywhere." Time now just to leaf through the book.

You eye catches a sentence in the first chapter by Rev. C. F. Zummach: "We rally to the Call. Out of a total membership of less than 40,000, our churches contributed more than 5200 young men to the Armed Forces of our nation. Of these, more than 150 were reported killed in action." You turn the pages—Chaplain Gebauer speaks: "We found no glory in man's way, this war, save as we beheld the reflection of eternal glory in the lives of mortal men. Of this we speak." Shorty, Slim, Captain X—in a few sentences, a paragraph or two, a graphic character sketch is drawn, and you, too, have seen the "glory of God" revealed in a soldier.

You turn to the last chapter, some experiences of men in the ranks, told by themselves. Here is the story of Timothy, a native missionary on an island in the South Pacific. After describing his visit to that native village, Seabee Erwin Lange concludes, "To all that I have seen and witnessed, I will say to the missionaries of the world, 'Yours has been a good job well done.'"

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A Service Man Looks at "Religion in the Ranks"

By BUD LEHR of Iowa City, Iowa, a Son of Rev. and Mrs. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Ohio.

Many articles and stories of hazardous experiences and the results they left on the individual have been penned

Living Life Together

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humility, self-denial, and a heart permeated with Christ's love.

We could go on and on naming and elaborating on the things for which we are appreciative. As we think of the past and the innumerable blessings that have been ours, we must also think of the future. How uncertain it is!

As the curtain of future events unfolds its joys and sorrows, we place our faith and trust in the One who is always near. "But my God is able to supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19.)

God has been with us in the past, we feel his presence now, and by faith we know he will continue to accompany us. It is difficult to imagine what life would be without him. Dr. Robert G. Lee, famous orator and pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, gives this appropriate description of life without Christ:

during and since the cessation of hostilities of World War II. From a spiritual point of view, these impressions gained by trial and practice have, for the most part, justified and strengthened our beliefs in the Almighty God and his enormity as compared to our minuteness and obscurity.

RELIGION IN THE RANKS portrays realistically the results of various experiences realized by some of our own young people, and proves that the faith of our fathers in a risen Lord and a forgiving Savior still holds firm today in the hearts of his children, wherever they may be. Each article differs from the others in setting and experience, but the results all point to Christ and the need for him in the world today.

The activities of the Chaplains, plus the courage of others, who had the grace and moral will to let their "light" shine while in the service, and the testimony of God's people in all parts of the world as shown in this book, cause us to feel the worthiness of our small but important share in spreading and strengthening the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I often felt as I read through these various reports that I could liken some of my own experiences and friends found in the service to characters and events explained in this collection. The desire for a more worthy post-war world is very impressive and truly is a goal for which to strive. If we, in peace, call on our Heavenly Father as much as we did during the war, we cannot fail! We will not fail ourselves and our children, and most important of all, we will not fail our Master!

"Without Christ, the past is cruel enigma!

Without him, the present is tormenting perplexity!

Without him, the future is awful, inevitable catastrophe!"

To all of you as young people, who are beginning to live a life together as we are, may we admonish you to live a consecrated life. Have you ever asked yourself why your Christian life is not as full of joy as it should be? The answer to that query is—lack of consecration. God can only use as much of us as we give to him. There must be complete surrender if there is to be complete blessedness.

A country preacher of Georgia gives this laudation about the Rev. B. H. Carroll: "He can dig deeper to find God's truth and then climb higher to reveal it than any man that ever lived." What a fine tribute to this great man of God. His life was a consecrated life! That life can be yours as well!

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Annual Meeting of the New York Woman's Missionary Union on Thursday, Nov. 21st

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of New York, N. Y., and vicinity will be held at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, 373 Walnut St., Newark, N. J., on Thursday, November 21st.

The afternoon service at 3:00 P. M. will feature reports and election of officers. The guest speaker, Rev. Wm. Hoover from Detroit, Mich., will speak in the afternoon in the German language.

The evening service begins at 7:30 P. M. with a song service led by the pastor, Rev. J. Kuehl, when we shall again hear Mr. Hoover in the English language. Coffee and cake will be served.

Mrs. Emelie Becker, Secretary.

Dedication of the New Hammond Organ at the Fellowship Church of Passaic

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 9th, the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey, held a very impressive service, at which time the new Hammond Electric Organ was formally dedicated to the service of God. This was the first service of its kind ever held in the 50 years history of the church. In fact, this is the first new organ ever installed in the church, the former one having been second hand, but serving its purposes through the years.

A very fine program was arranged for the occasion, among which was a trio of men's voices, as well as a trio of young ladies' voices. There were also instrumental selections, which proved most enjoyable, by Mr. Ernest Moss and a solo by Mrs. Ernest Moss. Indeed, we were very fortunate in having the Rev. Thomas Clark of the Le Tourneau Foundation who, through the years, has been a warm friend of our church, and who presided as master of ceremonies.

The Scripture lesson was read and the evening prayer offered by Mr. Benjamin Zito of the Columbia Heights Church of Fairlawn, N. J. The Rev. Thomas Rowell, pastor, expressed his appreciation and thanksgiving to God for the church members and friends who had come to enjoy this memorable occasion.

The dedication sermon was delivered by Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J. Brother Kuhl's message will long remain in the hearts and minds of those who heard him, as he likened the organ to the body of the redeemed as they will gather before the Throne of God and the Lamb in that great day.

The most impressive and inspiring part of the service came as the ministers gathered around the organ, about which had been tied a red satin rib-



Officers of the Central Dakota Young People's Union

(Left to right: Dolores Fehr of Hebron, president; Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Linton, dean; Caroline Barbie of Bismarck, vice-pres.; Iola Bertsch of Ashley, treasurer; Miss Jeanne Mehlhoff of Wishek, secretary, Not on Picture.)

bon. The organist, Miss Erna Adels, quietly seated herself at the console and as she untied the scarlet ribbon as representative of the blood of Christ Mr. Arvle Roper offered the dedicatory prayer.

Mrs. Thomas Rowell, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Annual Rally of the Central Dakota Young People's Association at Linton, No. Dak.

Between 9:30 and 10:00 A. M. on Sunday, September 15, the streets of Linton, North Dakota were filled with cars coming from near and far bringing young and old to the high school auditorium for the annual Rally Day of the Central Dakota Young People's Association. The Sunday School session was opened by Mr. G. Kremer, the local superintendent. The Rev. Theo. Frey of Napoleon spoke in the German language and the Rev. E. Kary of Bismarck in English.

It was our great privilege to have Dr. G. B. Winrod of Wichita, Kansas with us and his message on the theme, "There is a God," was uplifting to all present. The local choir rendered two selections under the able leadership of Mr. Wilcke.

At 2:30 P. M. the auditorium was filled with music as we all joined in the singing of old favorite hymns and choruses under the leadership of Rev. R. Klein of Gackle. All societies were assembled in groups, ready to answer the roll call. The banner for best attendance was taken by the Bismarck

young people. The message for the afternoon was given by the Rev. C. T. Rempel of Venturia on the topic, "The Unaccountable Man."

The park benches were again occupied for the evening lunch and at 7:30 P. M. we met for the closing service of the day. A mass choir directed by Rev. R. Klein rendered two numbers and heart touching words were spoken by the Rev. Leslie Albus of Carrington, N. D., telling us of some of the experiences that were his while serving as chaplain in the U. S. Army. After seeing three reels of pictures showing us the mission work in Africa, and acquainting us with the Pacific Conference churches, we happily departed to our respective homes with memories of a blessed day.

Jothan G. Benke, Reporter.

One Hundredth Session of South Dakota's Convention at the Spring Valley Church

South Dakota North American Baptists commemorated the 100th session of their State Convention from Oct. 1 to 3 at the Spring Valley Church, the place of the original meeting, whose pastor now is the Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson. Thirteen churches were well represented with 48 delegates and many visitors. Splendid weather was prayed for and received. About 400 attended the final session at the high school building.

The Rev. C. B. Nordland, pastor of the "Home Church" at Forest Park, Ill., was the main speaker and proved himself a man of God and a man of the Book. Miss Ann Swain explained the Scripture Memory Project for the Dakotas.

The Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison spoke on the past history of our State Convention, and the Rev. Daniel Klein described "Pioneer Preaching of the Gospel in Our Churches." Other pastors brought brief messages on the theme, "Holding Forth the Word of Life," interweaving the origin, growth and some experiences of their respective churches. Many interesting events were related. They gripped our hearts with renewed appreciation of the foundational work that has been laid for us. Mr. Arthur Voigt of Avon, a representative at the State Capital, related many incidents with a fine spiritual application.

Mr. Maynard Hookman of Corona, state president of the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, and Mr. Harold J. Lippert of Tripp brought us forward visions of work still to be done. Home Missions is good, foreign missions better, but submission is best—that full allegiance to Christ to do and to go wherever he sends. The sum of \$6,000 for the Cameroons is the goal for 1946-1947.

Officers elected are: moderator, Rev. P. J. Weins of Chancellor; vice-moderator, Rev. Albert Ittermann of Tyndall; secretary, Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson of Canistota; treasurer, Mr. George Terveen of Emery.

Kenneth E. Nelson, Reporter.

Sessions of the Badlands Sunday School Convention at Billings, Montana

The Badlands Sunday School Convention of the Dakotas and Montana convened in Billings, Montana from October 11 to 13. After the greetings by the moderator, Rev. D. Littke, and the response by the local pastor, Rev. R. Sigmund, a very forceful message on the topic, "Prove the Spirits," was brought by Rev. Alex Sootzmann.

The Saturday morning session was prefaced by a devotional message brought by Rev. O. Lohse of McIntosh. His theme was based on two words of Jesus used in John 17: "I have . . ." Because of the absence of one of our speakers, an open forum was held on, "The Purpose of the Sunday School." Miss Nelson, a Swedish Baptist home missionary, discussed the very important problem of "Securing Consecrated Sunday School Teachers." Rev. D. Little drew our attention to "The Aim of the Sunday School Teacher." The morning session was then concluded by Rev. H. Dymmel in an uplifting devotional message based on joy in the Christian life.

After a song service, Rev. O. Fiesel brought the first message of the afternoon, reminding us of "The Responsibility of the Home to the Sunday School." A business session followed in which the officers of the convention were elected. Rev. R. G. Kaiser became the new moderator; Rev. B. C. Schreiber, vice-moderator; Rev. O. Lohse, secretary and treasurer. In closing, Mr. Dymmel spoke on "The Need of the Sunday School as I see It." A very strong evangelistic note was sounded in the evening when he again addressed us, this time on the topic, "Come—Jesus Invites You."

On Sunday morning various delegates were given the opportunity of speaking to the Sunday School, followed by an inspiring missionary message by Mr. Dymmel. A liberal mission offering was received in conclusion. The afternoon session was in charge of the young people, who gave a varied musical program. In closing, Rev. B. C. Schreiber brought the message based on the topic, "Jesus Arrived." Those delegates and friends who remained for the evening services were blessed by listening to Mr. Dymmel's last message, "That Ye Love One Another."

Billings is one of our latest additions to the denomination and we were all impressed with the work done under the leadership of Rev. R. Sigmund, the first full-time minister of the church.

B. C. Schreiber, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Fall Activities of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

Since the return of our pastor, the Rev. Roy B. Anderson, from the General Conference at Tacoma, each organization of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois has entered into the Fall program with renewed enthusiasm. The attendance at all of



Rev. and Mrs. Roy B. Anderson of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

the church services has shown a marked increase and there is a greater interest in the new building fund. As soon as they are available, new pews will be purchased. As a special project, the living room of the parsonage is being furnished as a Fellowship Room, which will be available for prayer meetings, Sunday School classes, and young people's activities.

The members of our church, who served in the Armed Forces during World War II, were honored by a dinner given by the Men's Brotherhood on October 15th. Miss Ruth Frish, a former Army Nurse, told of her experiences as a Christian nurse on the field during combat. The Rev. Dale Ihrie of our Bellwood Baptist Church served as guest speaker on the three days preceding October 20th, our Homecoming Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Roy B. Anderson began their ministry on July 1st, and a reception was held for them on July 10th, when Dr. William Kuhn and the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, along with the pastors of the Chicago area, were present to wish them and the church God's blessings. Mr. Anderson spent four years in the U. S. Navy as a chaplain, and is at present taking work toward his doctor's degree at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Three Young People's Societies in Full Swing in Detroit's Burns Avenue Church

As the fall season began another year of church work for the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., so the Young People's Societies also began their new year. There are

three Young People's Societies in the Burns Ave. Church. They are the Junior Fellowship, the High School Fellowship and the Missionary Fellowship. Their combined attendance averages 127 on a Sunday night meeting. In the evening meeting of September 8th the new officers for both the Missionary Fellowship Group and the High School Group were installed. Words of encouragement were given by our pastor, Dr. A. J. Harms, to each officer.

The Missionary Fellowship has chosen for its theme of this year, "Unity." Together with the Lord's help we are striving for greater "unity" in our work. The newly elected officers for this group are: Albert Bol-disar, president; Walter Pieschke, Jr., vice-president; Marvin Medel, secretary; and Robert Herrmann, treasurer.

Our High School Group is working toward the goal of being a greater testimony in the world. Four points, as pointed out by their president, have been selected for this year, namely: Soul Winning, Bible Study, Creative Memory Work, and Personal Evangelism. Newly elected officers in this group are: David Penner, president; Anita Mengerhausen, vice-president; Shirley Herrmann, secretary; and Richard Russell, treasurer.

The officers for the Junior Fellowship at present are: Marian Schultz, president; Stanley Ernst, Jr., vice-president; Edward Tallarek, treasurer; Bernice Palnau, recording secretary; and Marjorie Munson, corresponding secretary. The Junior Fellowship elects its officers every six months.

Mildred Wolfe, Reporter.



Delegates and Visitors at the Badlands Sunday School Convention Held at Billings, Montana



"The Christian Truth Illuminators" of Edmonton's Christian Training Institute
(Left to right: Lynda Rempel, Erna Schwanke and Vera Hausfeld)

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

"Welcome Home" Social for Service Men by the East Ebenezer Church

The basement of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, Canada was the scene of a large gathering on October 10 when the young people's society of the church sponsored a "Welcome Home" social in honor of the boys who were in the Armed Forces. Guests of honor were Wilfred Patzer, David Scheller, Eric Hoffman, Nick Kushman, Benny Dreger, Lloyd Hoffman, Joe Yorkoski and Norman Yanke.

The president, Melvyn Hoffman, was in charge of the program during which all the boys spoke in a few well chosen words. Miss Alice Patzer presented each with a small gift from the society. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

Mrs. Leslie Reiman, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School of One Week at Olds, Alberta, Canada

We held a Vacation Bible School of one week in the Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta from August 12 to 18 with 20 pupils and two regular teachers. School began at nine o'clock each morning. The worship service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. P. Schultz. Then came instructive les-

sons from the Bible, memory work, stories, catechism, handwork, singing choruses and songs. The teachers were Miss Ruth Unger and Rev. J. P. Schultz.

There was a fine spirit of cooperation and we believe a good seed has been sown which will bring forth its harvest in due season. On Sunday evening, August 18, a program was presented which gave the parents an idea of what the children had been doing in school.

Reporter.

Vacation Bible Schools are Held at Medicine Hat and Walsh, Alberta

The first Vacation Bible School held at the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada was conducted from August 5 to 16. The Nazareth Church joined in our undertaking, and so we had an enrollment of 95. The daily schedule began at 9 A. M. with the children marching into the church and giving salutes to the Canadian and Christian flags and to the Bible. The brief worship period was led by Eldon Janzen, student pastor, and his wife, Bertha, as pianist.

The closing exercises were held on Friday evening, August 16, when each group presented a program. The Juniors gave a pantomime of Joseph's life, the Primary department children showed their knowledge of memory work, and the Beginners presented the Creation story on flannelgraph. Chorus singing was a real thrill to all when they heard the children sing.

A week of a Vacation Bible School

was also held at Walsh, Alberta with an enrollment of 34. The Rev. R. Milbrandt taught the Seniors, Eldon Janzen the Primary department, Ruth Sponholz the Beginners. This was the first school of its kind held in this district and the children as well as parents appreciated it.

Ruth Sponholz.

Tour of Edmonton's C. T. I. Gospel Team, "The Christian Truth Illuminators"

With the words of our school motto, "For God and the Truth," and its emblem as the burning torch in our minds and hearts, we as "the Christian Truth Illuminators" set out on the summer's activities for our Lord in the interest of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta.

A fitting preparation was enjoyed at the Moravian Camp at a nearby lake. The week at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, with 42 children from our various churches, proved to be a blessing, indeed. They were so eager to learn about the Word of God and our hearts filled with praise when eight made a decision for Christ and seven rededicated themselves to their Savior for more victorious Christian living.

At this time we were joined by the two other members of our gospel team: Mr. Willy Miller, a C. T. I. graduate of 1946, and Mr. Lester Bertsch, whose chalk drawings and piano accomplishments were always a special joy. Our first engagements took us to Baptist churches as well as to Moravian churches in the vicinity of Edmonton. Then we crossed the mountains around the "big bend" to Kamloops, British Columbia. For some of us it was the first time we were able to view God's marvelous handiwork in those large snowcapped mountains of the Canadian Rockies.

In the Okanagan Valley it was our privilege to minister in city churches as well as in isolated mountain areas where we held our services in school houses.

Bidding adieu to Canada, we made our way to Missoula, Montana. Our work was to conduct a Vacation Bible School in the morning and services at night for a period of nine days. We must admit it was somewhat a problem for us when, instead of the estimated 40 pupils, we had 72. The Rev. and Mrs. F. Alf did everything possible to bring the children to church as well as to arrange for our hospitality and meals.

After serving the Spokane and Colfax churches in Washington, we enjoyed the sessions of the General Conference at Tacoma, Wash. The Lord spoke to us in many meetings and together with many others we were shown: "The Lord wants you for a great and needy world. Will you answer, 'Here am I, send me'?" To the leaders of the conference as well as to the churches which were our hosts is due a tribute for the clockwork precision with which everything worked.

The three services in both Baptist and Moravian churches in Vancouver, B. C., were to us a continuation of the Tacoma blessings. We enjoyed worshipping with friends from near and far.

Lynda Rempel, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Inspiring Homecoming and Rally Day Programs at Kenosha's Immanuel Baptist Church

At the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin a sincere welcome was extended to all our guests and friends during our fellowship together on Sunday, October 6.

An interesting Rally Day program was given by the Sunday School. Special numbers were included such as men's quartet, readings, piano solo, trio and a short period for classes. The attendance increased to 129. The cradle roll has 17 new members since August 1, 1946, and a total of 24 babies.

The Homecoming Worship Service was well attended by having the church filled to seating capacity. Our minister, the Rev. North E. West, completed this thought through a very fitting sermon, "The Fellowship of Kindred Minds." Communion was given at this service and it was necessary to secure new communion glasses in order to have sufficient for all members.

In the afternoon a varied program was presented by the Berg family of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. They are Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Berg, Paul, Ruth and Eva Marie, all of whom are musicians. This was a great day filled with joy and blessing.

Mrs. Fred Marquardt, Clerk.

Sessions of the Iowa Association at the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield

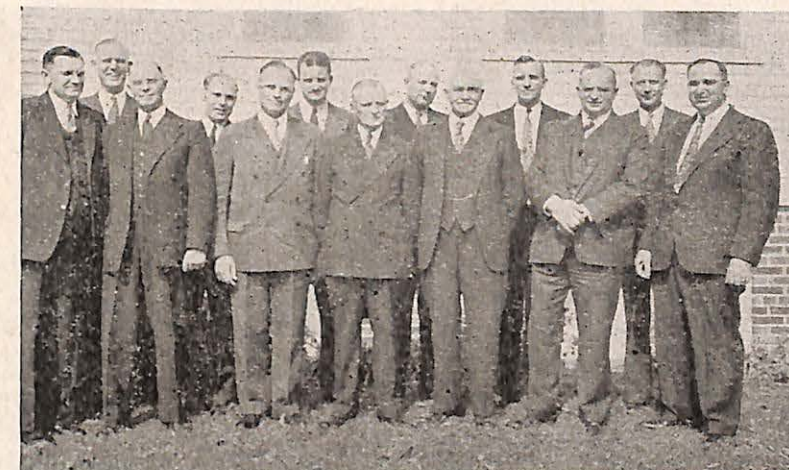
The Grace Baptist Church at Sheffield, Iowa was host to the convention of the Iowa Association of North American Baptists on October 7, 8 and 9. The church was beautifully decorated with a large number of bouquets of fresh flowers, with daily replacements.

The theme of the convention was "Evangelism," a subject to challenge any Christian organization in such days as these. The assigned topics dealing with various phases of the theme were given by pastors of the Iowa churches. After each message a period was given to discussion of the subject. These periods were all too short because of the vital interest shown in this great task of the Church of Jesus Christ. Therefore a special period was set aside on the last day for further discussion.

The evening messages were delivered by Rev. Ray Allen of the Second Church of George, Iowa, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, whose challenging message called for the best that is in us. The Rev. Milton Dowden, the assistant pastor at the Walnut St. Baptist Church of Waterloo, Iowa, gave an interesting and informative address showing valuable personal experiences as Air Corps Chaplain.

At two of the meetings offerings were taken which were largely designated for the building projects so vitally needed in the denomination's enlarged responsibilities in the Cameroons. This offering is called the Cameroons Sacrifice Offering. The amount received was \$221.37.

Rev. Herman Renkema, Reporter.



Ministers of the Gospel at the Sessions of the Iowa Association Held at Sheffield, Iowa

News of Joyous Blessings and Sadness from Racine's Grace Baptist Church

Upon return from their vacations, the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Schlader and our organist and choir director, Mr. Alfred Hilker, were given a warm reception by the members of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin. A fine program, appropriate to the occasion, and a social time were enjoyed during the evening, after which a lovely gift was presented to both, Mr. and Mrs. Schlader, and to Mr. Hilker as a token of our appreciation to them.

The Walthworth Baptist Association held an all-day session in our church on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Breakfast, dinner and supper were served by the women of our church to the delegates and others attending the sessions. The special speakers were Rev. M. C. Elliot, state director of the World Mission Crusade; Dr. Ezra Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention; and Rev. Phillip S. Curtis, evangelistic missionary since 1928 to the Telegus in India. The theme was, "Redeeming the Time."

In celebration of the 64th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society, a special program and social time

were enjoyed by the women of the church and their friends on October 10th. The Rev. A. C. Edwards, superintendent of the Milwaukee Hebrew Mission, was the speaker at this occasion. On Friday evening, Oct. 11, the Sunday School sponsored a "Family Night." A fine program was given, including a playlet, after which a social time was enjoyed.

Our church and Sunday School suffered a great loss in the sudden death of Mr. Fred Singer. He was superintendent of the Racine Rescue Mission which he and his partner, Mr. James M. Fenton, started together about 20 years ago. More than 700,000 men passed through the doors of their mission, nearly one million meals were served and 42 beds were ready every night for men who had no other place to go. Mr. Singer's epitaph was best written many years ago in different words, the words of the sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven . . . Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." "Fred," as we knew him, was a faithful and zealous worker in our church, in addition to carrying on his mission work, and we shall greatly miss him.

Viola Goedeke, Reporter.



Some of the Many People in Attendance at the Iowa Association Which Convened at the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Recently Held by the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Southern Conference Young People's Rally at the Central Church of Waco, Texas

On Sunday, Sept. 29, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southern Conference, met at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas for its annual Rally Day. Seven churches were represented.

Our president, Mr. Julius Hill, was in charge. The regular Sunday School session was held with classes and teachers as follows: Adults, Rev. W. Helwig; Young People, Rev. Roy Seibel; Intermediates, Rev. J. J. Lippert; Juniors, Mrs. J. J. Lippert and Mrs. Julius Hill.

The Rev. Robert Schreiber of Crawford conducted the worship service and the Rev. Walter E. Liss of Hurnville brought the morning message on "Christ." (Matt. 27:26-54.) The Youth Choir of the Cottonwood Church rendered a special number during the morning session.

The afternoon service consisted of special numbers from the churches present. Dr. George C. Humphrey of Baylor University of Waco brought the message of the afternoon, based on "Living a Victorious Life for Christ." Enriched with the blessings of the day, we made our way homeward.

Christine Oster, Secretary.

Sunday School Promotion Day and Training Programs at Waco's Central Baptist Church

On Sunday, October 6, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas observed Promotion Day in the Sunday School. A fine program was presented by the Primary and Junior Departments under the able leadership of our Primary superintendent, Mrs. Roy Seibel. It made our hearts glad to see the beaming faces of those who received their certificates of promotion.

At the Baptist Training Union hour we again had a program brought by the Young People's Union. They presented the playlette, "The Spirit of Missions," which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Our Union is divided into three groups for adults, young people, and Juniors, meeting every Sunday night in separate unions but on the first Sunday of each month we all meet in the auditorium for a general program given by one of the groups.

We are looking forward to our revival services to be held from November 10 to 24. Our evangelist will be the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Ill. We covet the prayers of all Christians for the success of this revival, for Jesus Sake.

Mrs. Edwin Gummelt, Reporter.

Mission Study on India at the Woman's Missionary Society of Waco, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas has been doing its bit in the Lord's work. During the past year the society has been actively engaged

OBITUARY

Mr. REINHOLD PATET of St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Reinhold Patet of St. Paul, Minn., was born on Feb. 25, 1869 at Thorn, West Prussia, Germany. He died after a prolonged illness on Sept. 30, 1946 at St. Paul, Minn. He was married to Louise Flahr in Germany. They came to this country in 1892 and made St. Paul their home. To this union 13 children were born, 8 sons and 5 daughters, of whom 3 sons and 2 daughters preceded the father in death. His wife died on June 16, 1940. In 1892 he was converted and baptized in Germany and upon his arrival here joined the First German Baptist Church, now Daytons Bluff, and was a member until his death.

Those left to mourn his loss are 5 sons: Paul, Arthur, Albert and George, all of St. Paul, and Walter of Glendale, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. A. Irestone, Mrs. Leo Fritz, Mrs. Geo. Galusha; two sisters; 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, all of St. Paul. By special request the undersigned preached the sermon.

Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church,
St. Paul, Minn.
C. F. Stoeckmann, Offic. Minister.

Mrs. MARY GUENTHER KNUTH of Kohler, Wisconsin

Mrs. Mary Guenther Knuth of Kohler, Wis., was born at Alma, Wisconsin on Sept. 19, 1883. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Guenther. Twenty-two years ago she came to Kohler and resided there until her death. She was married to John Knuth of Sheboygan on June 6, 1905. She was baptized by the Rev. William Zirbes on April 5, 1896 upon confession of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The deceased was a faithful member of the church and showed her loyalty to her Lord and the church in many practical ways. Her last thoughts before her death were about her church, and she gave expression to that thoughtfulness in giving a liberal gift to the church for the purchase of an organ. This was done only three days before her death.

Mrs. Knuth passed away on Sept. 15, 1946, only four days before her 63rd birthday. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lester (Violet) Heyn of Kohler; one grandson; three granddaughters; four sisters and two brothers. She was preceded in death by her husband who died six years ago, and a daughter, Mary. Funeral services were held at Sheboygan with the undersigned speaking words of comfort on Rev. 14:13. She leaves a big gap in the ranks of the faithful and loyal in our church as well as in the Kingdom work of God.

Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
Fred J. Knalson, Pastor.

Mrs. HATTIE PATTULLO

Mrs. Hattie Pattullo (nee Freiwald) was born in Chicago, Illinois on the East Side on Sept. 29, 1906. At the age of 14 she was baptized upon the confession of her faith and received into the membership of the East Side Baptist Church, of which she remained a faithful member until her death.

She was a lover of music and sang in the choir and on special occasions until her illness kept her from doing so, which was a great disappointment to her.

She was united in marriage to Walter Pattullo on Feb. 27, 1927. God blessed them with two children, a daughter Maryllon who died in infancy, and a son Gerald.

The Lord called her to her eternal home on Friday morning, Sept. 20, 1946. She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband Walter; her son Gerald; four sisters; a brother; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the East Side Baptist Church on Sept. 23, with the local pastor officiating. The pastor's words were based on John chapter 14 which was Mrs. Pattullo's favorite Scripture passage. Two songs, "Be Still My Soul" and "Hold My Hand,"

and Miss Margaret Kittlitz. Also one sick member and three young mothers were remembered with flowers and gifts. The three new babes are Barbara Ann Marsteller, Sharon Louise Hansen, and Douglas N. Boyd, Jr., who have been added to the Cradle Roll.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. John Wobig by Portland's Trinity Baptist Church

The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon formally welcomed its new pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, and his family at a reception in their honor on Wednesday evening, September 25. More than 500 members and friends of the church gathered in the auditorium that evening to greet the new pastor. After Rev. T. Leger welcomed the new pastor on behalf of the Trinity Baptist Church, words of greeting were brought by the pastors of the Oregon churches of the North American Baptist Convention representing the following churches: Bethany, Stafford, Bethel, Immanuel, Laurelhurst, Salt Creek and Villa Ridge.

The Rev. R. J. Thomas, Baptist City Missionary of Portland, who represented the Oregon Baptist State Convention, welcomed the pastor into the work of the Oregon Baptists in the Portland area. A few of the other religious leaders of the city of Portland were then given an opportunity to greet the pastor while others showed their welcome by participating in the opening and closing moments of the program.

After a welcome song written by Mrs. Emma Meier in honor of the Wobigs had been sung by the choir and a group of children, the Wobigs were welcomed into the work of the Trinity Baptist Church by the presidents of the Ladies' Missionary Society, Baptist Youth Fellowship, Choir and Sunday School. Each officer expressed the belief that God had answered the prayer of the church that it would be led to the right man and pledged support to the pastor and the work of the church.

The responses of Mr. and Mrs. Wobig were sincere in the knowledge that God had called them to this particular church and that his guidance plus the efforts of the Wobigs and the members of the Trinity Baptist Church would lead to the winning of souls and the building of a greater program for God in our church. The happy note of the reception was helped considerably by the messages in song presented by the choir, the male quartet, the sextet and a thrilling organ and piano duet.

After the responses by the pastor and his wife and an introduction of their three children, Bernietta, Sylvia and John Lee, a reception line was held during which time the members and friends were able to welcome the pastor by a hearty handshake and a personal word of greeting. The meeting was then adjourned to the lower auditorium where the women of the church served very delicious refreshments.

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in giving sums of money for home and foreign missions and for our denominational projects. The women are busy at the present time making shirts for the Red Cross, which are to be used for World Relief.

The National Project Chart has been adopted by the society. Twice it has been a Gold Seal Society, starting in September on the third chart. This chart has been very helpful and the members are very enthusiastic in trying to reach all the goals. The society is a member of the council of church women of Waco, and cooperates in all its activities, such as furnishing a layette for a needy mother, donating to child welfare, Red Cross, Relief, and all other charity and missionary activities.

The October program was a mission study on India. Mrs. Roy Seibel, the pastor's wife, brought a most interesting report on the book, "India at the Threshold," by L. Winifred Boyce. At this meeting our mission boxes were opened and the money was designated for our four Old People's Homes. These mission boxes are opened twice a year.

Christmas greetings, signed by each member present, were sent to our missionaries in Africa, Miss Laura Reddig

had also been requested by her before her death and were beautifully sung by Mrs. Carrie Gnass. The profusion of flowers and the many who attended the funeral service gave expression of the love and sympathy of her relatives and many friends.

East Side Baptist Church,
Chicago, Illinois

Louis R. Johnson, Pastor.

Mr. EDWARD RHODE of Arnprior, Ontario

Mr. Edward Rhode of Arnprior, Ontario was born in Germany on July 13, 1864 and died on Tuesday, October 8, 1946. In his infancy his parents migrated to the Sebastopol district, and so he is known as one of the early pioneers of this vicinity. As a young man he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was received by baptism into the fellowship of the Sebastopol Baptist Church. He remained a faithful member and elder of this church until his death.

At the age of 21 he was married to Louise Riske who pre-deceased him in 1908. Five children were born into the family, four of whom survive their father: Charlie Rhode of Sebastopol, Mrs. Edith Woermke, Mrs. Annie Scheel, Mrs. Martha Scheel of Arnprior.

Besides his children Mr. Rhode leaves to mourn his departure 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, one half-sister, Mrs. Karl Litke, also a sorrowing church and many friends and relatives. Since 1939 Mr. Rhode made his home with his daughter Mrs. Clarence Scheel of Arnprior, where he remained until the end. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, October 11, in the Sebastopol Baptist Church. Rev. A. E. Jaster of Arnprior spoke words of comfort using as his text Gen. 5:22a. Rev. A. Stelter of the Arnprior Baptist Church also assisted the local pastor, Rev. J. Kuehn, who was in charge of the service. May the Lord comfort the mourners!

Sebastopol District, Ontario
J. Kuehn, Pastor.

Mr. GOTTLIEB WETTER of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Mr. Gottlieb Wetter of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born on Nov. 2, 1859 at Bushin, Poland and died on Oct. 8, 1946 at the Mercy Hospital, Benton Harbor, Mich., at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 5 days. He slumbered peacefully into eternity. On March 2, 1886 he was married to Miss Louise Behr at Lutzenoff, Wolhynia by the Rev. Frederick Miller. This union was blessed with 9 children. On March 2, 1936 the couple was privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in the midst of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His beloved wife preceded him into eternity on Aug. 1, 1940.

Born in Poland, the departed changed residence with his parents at the age of four, when the family moved to Wolhynia, Russia. In May 1894 the Wetter family emigrated to Canada, and settled near Leduc, Alberta, and in May 1903 moved to Berrien County, Mich. The final years of Mr. Wetter's life were spent in the city of Benton Harbor. The departed was converted at the age of 13, and bap-

tized by the Rev. Mr. Schieve. At the organization of the Lutzenoff Baptist Church five years later, he became one of the founders and charter members. He also became one of the founders of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta and the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. In all of these churches he served as singer, teacher, clerk, trustee, deacon and in other capacities. He always served his Lord with gladness. In Dec. 1939 the Clay Street Baptist Church appointed him honorary deacon, in which capacity he served to the end.

The departed leaves to mourn: his sons, Otto, Gustav, Robert, Rudolph and Arthur Wetter; the daughters, Lydia Baier, Mathilda Kubsch, Emily Wilwock and Bertha Berglund; 18 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. At the funeral his pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, spoke words of comfort to the bereaved about Genesis 30:25. Mrs. E. Gutsche and Mrs. E. Prillwitz sang for the occasion.

Benton Harbor, Mich.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.

Rev. JOHN LEBER of Forest Park, Illinois

The Rev. John Leber of Forest Park, Illinois was born in the suburbs of Budapest, Hungary on October 12, 1872 and went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 26. He was married to Miss Theresa Bartel in 1896 and came to America in 1905.

Converted as a young man, he was baptized when he was 19 years old. He apparently felt the call of God to Christian service in his early Christian life for he began his ministerial preparation in the Old Country, completed it in America and was ordained into the Christian ministry. He had a holy zeal for the things of God and suffered much in Hungary for the cause of Christ which he represented valiantly in meetings held in homes, churches and on the streets of the city.

He took his family to Pittsburgh, Pa., but stayed there only long enough to get adjusted to the new land and make ready for the first of a series of calls to pastor churches in our denomination. Among the fields he served were Minot, N. Dak., including three mission stations; and New Castle, Pa., where he started a new church. Mrs. Leber's health made removal necessary and the following years witnessed ministries in Fairfax, Napier and Gregory, S. Dak. Here he was instrumental in beginning a mission at Winter, S. Dak., an Indian outpost. Two pastorates in Martins Ferry, Ohio and Scottsbluff, Nebraska followed before it became necessary for his wife's health sake to retire from the active pastorate.

The family removed to the Chicago area and made their permanent home in Forest Park in 1920. Brother Leber became immediately active in the Forest Park Church, was a deacon for almost a quarter century and became teacher and leader of the German Adult Class, a responsibility he continued until incapacitated through ill health. He made many contributions to the strengthening of the church and was a leader in establishing the Bellwood Mission, now a self-supporting and thriving church.

Mrs. Leber died in 1941, and in God's providence he met and later married Miss Marie Hartman who shared with him his joys and service through the latter years of his life. He is survived by three sons: John, Daniel and Theodore; and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Granzow. There are also eleven grandchildren.

His was a great though simple faith. To him the Word of God was finality. He lived in the expectancy of the Lord's return and earnestly hoped that he might be among those who would hear the trumpet of God calling the saints in rapture into the glory. Never without hope, he trusted fully in his blessed Lord and the last audible word on his lips was the name of his adorable Lord.

The funeral service was conducted by the pastor at the Forest Park Church with Dr. William Kuhn assisting.

Forest Park, Ill.
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"Reports from Field" (Continued)

Portland's Trinity Church Holds Farewell Reception for Missionaries Paul and Clara Gebauer

On Wednesday evening, September 4, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon said "Farewell" to Paul and Clara Gebauer and little Ann at a surprise reception held in their honor. More than 250 members and friends of the church and the Gebauers were there that evening to wish them Godspeed on their journey to Africa and the many opportunities to do the Lord's work there.

The Rev. Paul Gebauer had served the church very ably as the interim pastor during the months of July and August, and we as a church greatly appreciated the many inspiring messages which he gave from the pulpit and also personally. Each organization of the church gave a special musical number which was followed by a short farewell and appreciative message from a representative of the organization. The representative of the deacons gave monetary appreciation to be used by the Gebauers to equip themselves personally in some material way for their coming tasks.

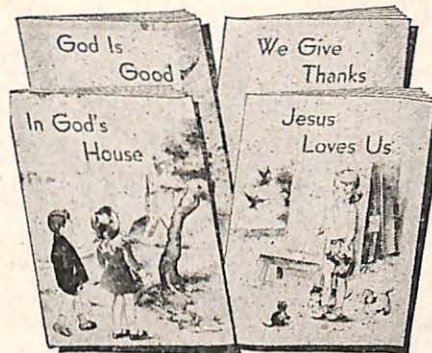
After both Paul and Clara had given short responses during which they thanked the church for the way they had taken care of them for so many years, both materially and spiritually, Paul Gebauer finished his last talk in "the Baptist Principles" series which he had been holding in prayer meeting during the previous weeks. Then the ladies of the church showed their appreciation through the delicious refreshments that were served.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. F. Dobrovolny at Lodi, California

On Tuesday evening, September 17, the Social Hall of the Baptist Church of Lodi, California was the scene of a lovely celebration for the Rev. and Mrs. F. Dobrovolny on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Surprising the honored couple were 175 members of the Bible Class, of which Brother Dobrovolny has been the teacher over many years, and of the Progressive Bible Class.

The Rev. Paul Blosschee served as chairman of the program. A huge wedding cake was placed in front of the honored couple, after which refreshments were served. Mr. Blosschee congratulated the couple and welcomed the guests, concluding his remarks with a poem entitled, "Let Us Erect an Altar of Thanks Beneath the Cross of Golgotha." He also presented a gift to them as an expression of a "treasured friendship of many years standing."

Mrs. A. F. Felberg read a poem and conveyed greetings from the Rev. Albert Felberg, who could not be present. A poem rendered in Pennsylvania Dutch was given by Mr. John Edinger. The Rev. Emanuel Broeckel brought an interesting resume of their acquaintance with Mr. Dobrovolny in Hungary and also of the wedding day.

A quartet composed of the Mesdames G. Kroll, J. Schmiedt, S. Martin and E. Stabbert sang, "Fifty Years Have Gone as in a Dream." An appropriate recitation was given by Mrs. Minnie Engel. Mrs. J. A. Meidinger who was present at the Dobrovolny's silver wedding anniversary gave an interesting talk. The Rev. J. Rummel also brought a message.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Reichle, who reside in Fresno, California, came to Lodi to be present at this occasion and to express their greetings, having met the couple at a conference 43 years ago. Mr. August Auch, also an acquaintance of many years, spoke on Hebrews 11. "What Is Golden?" was the interesting recitation given by Mrs. P. Blosschee. The Rev. Christ Reiniche spoke of the many pleasant years of Christian fellowship enjoyed with the couple.

Dr. Ernest Dobrovolny, a son who came from Montana for the occasion, spoke in behalf of the children and expressed their gratitude to their parents for their love and Christian training.

Mr. Sam Martin, the treasurer of the Bible Class, presented a gift of money from the class amounting to \$135. Mrs. Emil Boese, president of the Progressive Bible Class, also presented them with a gift of money in behalf of this class. The Rev. F. Dobrovolny expressed deep appreciation for the lovely gifts in behalf of his wife and himself.

On the following Sunday evening the Rev. A. Felberg requested the couple to the platform, and in behalf of the church presented them with a golden wreath, after which an appropriate song was rendered by the choir.

Mrs. Bertha Wolff, Reporter.