



"The Mountain" as Seen During the General Conference Outing

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., has called the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Carrington, No. Dak., as its pastor to which he has replied favorably. He hopes to begin his pastorate in the college city of New Haven on Sunday, October 6th, succeeding the Rev. Julius Kaaz, now retired in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Weisser has been serving as pastor of the Calvary Church of Carrington, No. Dak., since 1941.

● On Monday morning, Sept. 2, Mrs. George W. Pust, wife of the Rev. G. W. Pust of Startup, Wash., was stricken with a heart attack and within half an hour she had passed into the Great Beyond. Mr. and Mrs. Pust began their ministry in Startup only a few weeks ago, and attended most of the sessions of the General Conference in Tacoma. The obituary will appear later in "The Herald."

● The Rev. Edmund B. Keller, a 1943 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., having received a B. A. Cum Laude degree from Sioux Falls College this past May, has enrolled at Oberlin College, Ohio. He is a student-pastor in the area of Oberlin. His present address is Burbank, Ohio.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionaries stationed at Soppo in the Cameroons, Africa, have announced the birth of Judith Ann on August 21st. This is their second child. A son, Paul Edwin, was born to them in the Cameroons on March 21, 1945. Mr. Michelson is also the acting superintendent of the mission until Missionary Paul Gebauer arrives in Africa. Heartiest congratulations to the Michelson family!

● The Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Tex., is now being served by its new pastor, the Rev. Walter Liss, a young man from our Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas and a graduate of the Baptist College at Brownwood, Texas with the B. A. degree. He contemplates attending our Rochester Seminary as soon as financial conditions warrant. His ministry at the Hurnville Church has begun with accompanying blessings, as reported by the church.

● The Bethel Heights Baptist Church near Gatesville, Texas held a Vacation Bible School from July 15 to 20 with Mr. Ted Krause of the Rochester Sem-

inary as director. With an enrollment of 51 children, the school had a fine average attendance of 46. Extensive repairs are being made to the parsonage and the church soon hopes to call another minister to succeed the Rev. W. H. Buening. According to the reporter, Mrs. G. P. Schaub, the Sunday services are well attended.

● The Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., continues to preach in pulpits of Erie and vicinity, even though he has retired from the active ministry. On August 4 he supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Erie and on August 22 he preached in the First Presbyterian Church. Following his attendance at the General Conference in Tacoma, Wash., he went back to Erie to continue as interim pastor of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church of 250 members, where he has served in this capacity since April, 1946.

● On July 21 the Rev. Rudolph Schade, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., since 1933, presented his resignation to the church and announced that he had accepted a call to become a member of the faculty of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois. Beginning with this Fall term, Mr. Schade will teach Philosophy and New Testament Greek in the college. His ministry in the historical Second Church of New York City was influential and fruitful throughout the 13 years.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., and its Portland Ave. Baptist Chapel, a mission in the Sallishan district, held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Savage on Thursday evening, August 29, before their departure for Portland, Oregon to enroll in school. At the same time announcement was made of the appointment of Dr. John F. Olthoff, formerly of the Salem, Oregon Baptist Church, as the interim pastor of the Portland Avenue Chapel and mission.

● Even belatedly it can be reported that Mrs. Bertha Fetzer of Cleveland, Ohio, the widow of the late Rev. Gottlob Fetzer, for 32 years the editor of "Der Sendbote", passed away on June 25th in her 79th year. Mrs. Fetzer was a daughter of the Rev. J. C. Heselhuhn, an earlier editor of "Der Sendbote" for 22 years. To her three daughters, to the members of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, of which she was a very active member, and to her great host of saddened friends, we extend the sincerest sympathy of "The Herald" family.

● O Wednesday afternoon, July 31, Miss Esther Schmuland of Fenwood, Sask., and Mr. Raymond Dickau of Wetaskiwin, Alta., were united in marriage at the Fenwood Baptist Church with the Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, No. Dak., officiating. The former Miss Schmuland attended the Edmonton Institute for 2 years. Mr. Dickau, who is a member of the Seminary quartet, has spent the past two years at our Rochester Seminary. Mr. Roger Schmidt, another member of the quartet, sang two solo numbers at the wedding.

● On Sunday, August 4, the Unityville and Plum Creek Baptist Churches of South Dakota held a joint baptismal service at Lake Hanson near Alexandria, So. Dak. The Rev. Fred Trautner of Unityville baptized 5 persons, including two of his children, Lois Katherine and Paul Timothy. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch of the Plum Creek Church baptized 4 candidates. The presence of God was so real that many hearts in the large crowd were deeply touched as the ministers marched into the baptismal waters, as reported by a member of the congregation.

● Reprints of "Baptist Herald" articles are being requested with increased frequency to the editor's joy. The August 1946 issue of "The Way", a very popular, national missionary magazine, featured the article, "An Interview With an African Chief" by our Cameroons' missionary, Laura Reddig, which appeared in the March 1, 1946 issue of "The Herald" under the title, "Christ at Work in Strange Kingdoms." A Swedish Baptist publication, of which the Rev. John S. Nordell is the editor, has requested permission to reprint the article by Mrs. Hildegard Wuttke Schieber on "Worship in God's Sanctuary." (August 15th issue of "The Herald.")

● Sunday, July 21, was a blessed day for the Baptist Churches of Ashley, Lehr and Venturia, North Dakota. Thirty-two persons followed the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism on this day. The three churches had planned for some time to have this union baptismal service at beautiful Lake Hoskins near Ashley. The Lord provided a most pleasant day for this occasion. Under the trees near the water seating arrangements were made for almost 1000 people and other arrangements were made for all of the Sunday services at the park. Prof. Assaf Husmann of Rochester, N. Y., served as the guest speaker. The offering of \$415.00 was designated for the Fellowship Fund.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ADDRESSES
Several other General Conference messages will appear in the next issue. Prof. O. E. Krueger and the Rev. C. B. Nordland have made their manuscript available for publication. Request has also been made for the publication of Mr. Leuschner's tribute to four of our denominational leaders at the Sunday evening service.

PICTURES AND REPORTS

Many more General Conference pictures and continued reports about the sessions will be published. We are endeavoring to keep our people at home informed about the momentous Tacoma Conference and supply you with an exhaustive account of those epoch-making sessions.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Brief news and human interest items pertaining to the General Conference services and adventures to appear in the next issue ought to be of great interest to every reader. The official list of new conference officials and board members will also be published. Watch for the conference highlights!

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EDITORIAL



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A Conference on the Heights

THERE WERE MORE mountain-top experiences at the Tacoma General Conference than peaks to be counted in the heart of the Canadian Rockies! It will require two or three more issues of "The Baptist Herald" adequately to report these momentous sessions. Many months will go by before the General Conference visitors will have tired of singing the praises of those inspiring days.

The imposing height of "The Mountain," as Mt. Rainier is affectionately called in Tacoma, was a spiritual challenge to the General Conference to rise to similar heights in Christian service. From the opening keynote message by Dr. George A. Lang, moderator, to the closing summons to action by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois this thought was uppermost that we, as North American Baptists, have been prepared by God for such a critical hour as this in the world to serve our Christ and his Kingdom. To see that vision is to lift up one's eyes to the highest peak of challenge!

Great heights of spiritual accord and denominational unity were scaled in the business sessions. The threatened storm over the reorganization of the General Conference turned out to be a love feast of fellowship, in which unitedly and unanimously we made changes for a more effective denominational ministry in the future. Elections ran off smoothly and left everyone sweet-tempered with the words often heard on many lips: "We are very well satisfied with the results!" Those were heights of attainment that will not be matched for many years to come.

One awe-inspiring peak after another appeared on the horizon of the program. The pageant on the opening night strangely stirred the hearts of the 1250 persons present. All the luncheons, dinners and banquets were attended by capacity crowds. The Youth Rally on Friday night at the Temple Theater reached a new high of enthusiasm in the spiritual singing and special numbers by the young people. The Saturday outing with its caravan of 165 cars conveying 845 people to Paradise Valley overlooking "The Mountain" was epoch-making in the way in which it was carried out by the local committee on arrangements and in the way God blessed the outing with "a perfect day" to see the mountain's majesty. The Sunday afternoon commissioning service lifted the conference to another height from which one could see the mission fields around the world.

The greatest height, however, of the General Conference was the stature of Jesus Christ whose guidance was so perceptible and whose presence was so heart-warming during the conference. Because of HIM, the fellowship at the sessions was sweet, the deliberations were harmonious, and the blessings became exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think.

Partners With Christ

The Opening Address of the 28th General Conference at Tacoma, Washington by Dr. GEORGE A. LANG of Rochester, N. Y., Moderator



Dr. George A. Lang of Rochester, New York, Moderator of the General Conference, Who Brought the Opening Address on Monday Night

WHAT an important place "relationship" takes in the affairs of this world! This is seen as we view the developments of world organizations. In the family of nations relationships among nations are built up by means of diplomacy and treaties. And what a difference it makes during the years of war—and also in the establishment of peace—whether nations are called allies or enemies.

How important relationship is, considered in the eyes of the law and society in regard to the possession and responsibilities of property and social privilege. The family with husband, wife, father, mother, sister, brother,

son and daughter is basic in the establishment of such close relationships. Characteristic features, loyalties and devotion are found so often in these more intimate relationships of life.

We find the expression of spiritual and heavenly relationships expressed in the Scriptures, which are characteristic of our connection with God through Jesus Christ, his Son. They speak of his followers as "brothers, friends and children." In the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 3, verse 14, the Christian is referred to as one who is partaking of Christ or is "a partner with Christ." What a wonderful relationship and privilege this is! We are partners with Christ!

PARTNERS WITH THE ETERNAL CHRIST

What changes have taken place in the world of nations since we last met as a General Conference of North American Baptists in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during May 1944. Nations of power have been broken. Leaders have died or been killed. Governments have changed in their constituencies. Emphasis has been changed from war to peace production. Misplaced people have been reclaimed. Men and women, scattered all about the world in abnormal places and conditions have returned to be reabsorbed into a life, which likewise has not been normal.

Millions of people are meeting the tremendous problem of adjustment in

a world which, in their case, has truly caved in upon their heads. Hearts, purses and ways have been opening up—all too slowly, as we feel sometimes—to alleviate the suffering of the unfortunate millions, who are either now starving or facing starvation in a very short time. What changes in this old world of ours!

Since the beginning of our General Conference about 100 years ago, we as a nation have passed through at least four such great world changes. If we were to go through the history of mankind for these almost 2000 years since the time of Christ, we would see this story of confusion and turmoil repeated a hundred times and more.

Yet ONE stands out as the great Stabilizer and Savior of men. It is the eternal Christ who outlives all leaders, potentates and powers, and who is stronger in the lives and hearts of men and women now than ever before. To Israel God said through his prophet: "I, Jehovah, change not." To the Christians of all ages the author of the letter to the Hebrews reiterates: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." The changeless, eternal One stands in the midst of change, decay and turmoil. Truly, we may sing those words of assurance: "On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand."

"HITHERTO!"

We as a Christian denomination for over a hundred years have been partners with the eternal Christ. Who would have dreamed a century ago that at this time we would be expanding and planning to expand still further after these intervening years? Many a time thoughts of curtailment and possible dissolution have appeared on the surface of our thinking. But we have grown. It is the eternal Christ, whose partner we are, who has led, guarded and directed our leaders and all of us. "Hitherto the Lord has helped us."

Nor has our eternal Partner told us to stop as we plan for the future. Uncertain as the future seems at present, still the Christian's future is as sure as our eternal Christ himself. To us as to the disciples of old, he said: "Henceforth I call you not servants . . . but I have called you friends." "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, . . . baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things . . . and, lo, I am

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A Spectacular Start in the Second Century

A Report of the 28th General Conference Sessions
by Rev. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

THE 28th GENERAL Conference held in Tacoma, Washington from August 19 to 25 was officially the first conference in the second century of North American Baptist history. Its success was spectacular in giving impetus and propulsion to this denominational enterprise of ours. Eyes were set forward and shoulders were placed against the wheels in a mighty spiritual endeavor to forge ahead in the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

That spirit of youthful eagerness and enlarged horizons of faith characterized the fellowship and program of this conference as never before in the history of our churches. There was neither fear nor timidity about "possessing the land" that God has given to us nor about scaling the mountains that rise ominously before us in the work of our God. Our denominational future was bathed in the radiance of ardent hopes and bright promise throughout the conference sessions.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION

In order to gear our denominational machinery to the times, even as it is anchored to the Rock of Christ Jesus, the General Conference was completely reorganized. Its purposes as the centralizing agency in our denomination remain the same. But it has now become more representative of our churches and democratic in spirit.

The new constitution of the General Conference was presented to the sessions by Dr. H. Theodore Sorg in a masterful manner. The final adoption of this constitution with few changes by unanimous vote was a tribute to his leadership and to the spirit of harmony in the conference body. The council is now composed of one minister and layman elected by and to serve at the will of each of the nine local conferences, of the officers of the General Conference, of one representative by each of the cooperating organizations and of not exceeding five additional members at large to be elected by the General Conference on nomination of the General Council. Copies of the new constitution will soon be made available to all of our churches to be studied at length by all interested persons.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Another feature of the reorganization of the General Conference was the provision for and election of a new executive secretary of the conference. This position has heretofore been held simultaneously by the General Missionary Secretary. The General Con-

ference placed its wholehearted confidence in Professor Frank H. Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., as its new executive secretary.

As a graduate of our seminary in 1932, pastor of our church in Meriden, Conn., from 1932 to 1936, and professor at our seminary from 1936 to 1943 he has a good acquaintance with our work and constituency. His experiences as U. S. Army chaplain for three

John Walkup of St. Paul, Minn., in singing the song, "God Is Just the Same Today." The toastmaster, Rev. Herman Palfenier of Philadelphia, Pa., and the guest speaker, Dr. William H. Wrighton, president of Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland, Oregon, took hold of that torch and held it aloft during the luncheon hour. And that lighted torch of God's truth burned brightly in all the sessions.



Dr. George Lang Comes to the Platform to Pronounce the Benediction at the Close of the Colorful Presentation, "The Pageant of Our Conferences," at the Opening of the General Conference as the Large Audience Sings, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love"

years have equipped him more thoroughly for this important administrative position. He has accepted the position and is already in conference with headquarters during September about his responsibilities. He hopes to begin his ministry actively on October 1st.

There were many changes in our denominational personnel. On Sunday night, Aug. 24, a recognition service was held for four of the retiring brethren and leaders. But in the midst of the numerous changes, there was quiet poise in the conference sessions with the assurance of God's guidance and blessing.

GOD IS JUST THE SAME!

This was evident at the Ministers' Luncheon held on Tuesday noon, August 20, in the First Baptist Church attended by a capacity crowd of 350 ministers and their wives. The spirit of that luncheon and of the entire conference was epitomized by the Rev.

The outcome of other elections was equally important. The complete list of officers and board members will be published in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald." Dr. George A. Lang was reelected as moderator of the General Conference. The new general missionary secretary is the Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Illinois. His varied experiences as home mission secretary for the past two years equip him adequately for his larger and more responsible position. His gracious personality and humble spirit will enable him to go forward effectively with God's help and the cooperation of our constituency.

DR. KUHN STILL SERVES

Dr. William Kuhn, who was ineligible for further active service because of the conference's ruling of retirement at 70 years of age, was appointed by unanimous vote of the General Conference as the assistant secretary to

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Official General Conference Picture Showing a Portion of the Congregation of 1200 People in the Auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington



More Than a Thousand People Were Seated at the Tables for the Inspiring Young People's Banquet Held on Saturday Night of the General Conference Week When This Picture Was Taken With the Galleries Rapidly Filling With Several Hundred Additional Guests for the Banquet Program

Young People's Sessions of the Conference

Report by Miss MARTHA LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

FOR ALL those who were fortunate enough to be on the special train, our General Conference had its beginning there. A miniature conference of 200 delegates had the full use of the train. Spontaneous outbursts of song came from the vivacious coach passengers as well as the elite Pullman guests, and small groups gathered to spurt off bits of treasured humor. At varied intervals special services were held as we sang and told of our love for our Christ.

"LET'S GET ACQUAINTED"

With this fellowship as a preliminary, it didn't take long for the young people to get to know each other at Tacoma. However, a special "Get Acquainted" party was held on Tuesday evening, August 20, after the church service, and Esther Blandau did a magnificent job of leading the group. An august body consisting of Rev. Paul Gebauer, Rev. Assaf Husmann and Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt judged all of the features of the evening and kept the ball rolling with their momentous decisions. Rousing song services characterized the entire conference period and the party was no exception.

A scavenger hunt was the highlight of the evening as four young people were instructed to form a chain of designated people. The gray clad seminary quartet made its first appearance at the general conference at

this young people's gathering. All during the conference, it was a favorite musical treat to hear them. Later the Christian Training Institute trio put in its appearance. Their mellow voices and close harmony gave them the name of "the Canadian nightingales."

THE SUNRISE SERVICE

Seven o'clock on Thursday morning was not too early for a large group to gather at "the grass carpeted auditorium" at Pt. Defiance Park for our sunrise service. God blessed us with beautiful weather and we were inspired as the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas brought us a message exalting our Christ as Savior and Lord.

The Tacoma young people served breakfast at the park and gave us ample time to get back to the morning sessions of the conference. Although these sessions were usually frequented by our young people, some of us went on arranged tours to some of the industrial places to satisfy a little of our intellectual curiosity.

Although lumber is its chief industry, Tacoma has other important ones which make her one of the industrial centers of the Pacific Coast. She boasts of the only smelter in the extreme west and the young people found it extremely interesting to see the ore being refined. We were too close to the fires to be comfortable as we saw the 3000 degree Fahrenheit molten

copper stream out of the hot furnace. Although Harold Petke, our national president, suggested setting up a matrimonial bureau, the closest that we came to it was visiting the Pacific Match Factory to see where matches were made.

YOUTH LUNCHEONS

A new feature in the young people's activities was a luncheon held at Loughlen's Cafe especially for regional union officers, B. Y. P. U. presidents, Sunday School superintendents and National Union officers. A representative group gathered around tables decorated with hand painted totem poles since Tacoma boasts of the largest totem pole in the world. The necessity of much greater cooperation between the young people and Sunday School work was emphasized by the toastmaster, Mr. Walter Pankratz of Chicago. Short reports were brought by all societies present which gave helpful suggestions to the others.

On Friday noon a luncheon was held to which all young people were invited. All of the young people's luncheons and banquets were very popular and the halls were crowded to capacity. Perhaps there was an advantage in this for we literally rubbed elbows—just another way of getting better acquainted.

The first president of our union, Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., was a featured guest and all other former

presidents and executive secretaries were introduced. One of these, Mr. Ed. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the capable toastmaster.

The business meeting was held immediately following at which time resolutions were presented and adopted to determine policies for the coming years. The General Conference made provisions in its new constitution for the organization of a Committee of Christian Education. The constitution provides that our young people's organization will have three representatives on this committee.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

"In harmony with the purpose of the newly created committee of education and to enable our Union to be of greater service to the Sunday Schools and youth societies in all of our churches, and realizing that there is a definite need as evidenced by specific requests on the part of several conference areas for increased field work among our churches more effectively to promote and also to aid in the conduct of Christian Leadership Training, Scripture Memory work, Vacation Bible Schools, summer assemblies, Sunday School and young people's church-neighborhood canvasses, and other constructive projects and

"Whereas, a steadily growing number of our young people are training for effective Christian Leadership and are eager to serve in some field of Christian endeavor among the churches of the North American Baptist Conference:

"Be it resolved that the executive committee of the North American Baptist Y. P. and S. S. W. Union in co-operation with the General Missionary Society, shall work out some feasible and cooperative plan, whereby the need for such workers can be met and the denominational loyalty and service of these people can be retained.

"In order to provide the financial support of the proposed part-time field workers, be it resolved, that we adopt as our goal for the next triennium the sum of \$10,000 to be known as 'The Christian Service Plan.'

"In order to intensify and make more effective in the lives of all young people and Sunday School workers, be it resolved: that the following five-fold program be adopted as a working plan for the coming triennium: Bible-centered, Missionary, Evangelistic, Training and Personal Discipline."

GREAT YOUTH RALLY

All conference meetings during the weekend were held in the Temple Theater to accommodate the larger crowds. The first of these meetings was the Youth Rally led by Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim, California. A youth conference choir sang and a brilliant display of vocal and instrumental numbers reminded us of our "Youth for Christ" meetings at home.



About Three Hundred Young People Gather at Pt. Defiance Park in a Beautiful Setting for Their General Conference Sunrise Service With Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas as the Speaker

Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Illinois gave a message challenging the youth of today to prepare now to develop discernment and wisdom to cope with the problems which are inevitably ours to face.

BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS

Beautifully decorated tables lined the dining hall for the highlights of our young peoples' program with the banquet on Saturday night. Unique favors were miniature pulpits on which were Bibles containing our new motto for the coming triennium, "Saved to Tell Others." This motto also adorned the front of the banquet hall and the chorus of the same title was the theme song of the evening.

Mountain bars served as edible favors and were placed in an appropriate setting of fir trees. These favors reminded us of Mt. Rainier with its majestic and thrilling splendor. Just that afternoon we had climbed the

mountain and in the shadow of the famous Paradise Inn had sung praises to God and worshipped him in the beauty and holiness of his outdoor temple.

Our president, Mr. Harold J. Petke of Portland, Ore., was a gracious toastmaster at our banquet and streamlined his program to the nth degree. A varied group of musical selections were rendered and the unique feature was the youth choir of forty voices from Vancouver, B. C. These young people came in specially chartered buses for this occasion and also for appearances during the Sunday services. The choir was led by Mr. Albert Sauer and many listened with a coveted envy for a comparable group of talented and willing young people in their own churches.

The speaker of the evening fitted in well with our streamlined program

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Young People Line Up for Breakfast After the Inspiring Sunrise Service Held at Pt. Defiance Park in Tacoma, Wash.

"Partners With Christ," Dr. Lang's Address

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with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Our text reads: "For we are part-takers with Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence (conviction) stedfast unto the end." The good news which the eternal Christ has entrusted unto us to proclaim is for all ages, for all people and for all nations. The message of Christ and his salvation may seem old, but it is ever new. As the old sun is new every morning, and the old moon is new every month, so the old, old story of Christ never grows old. It is a message which continues until the end of the Christian's life and until the end of the ages. Its roots are to be found in the ages past. Its effects are realized in the lives of men and women in the present. Its full fruitage will first be completely harvested in eternity's future. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," were the last words of Christ to his Gospel partners.

THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE

Needless to say, man is wandering around among the problems of individual and corporate life as one lost in a maze. He tries first one thing and then another, hoping that he may finally come upon the right way. Jesus looked upon the multitudes and was moved with compassion centuries ago, for he saw them scattered and perplexed, wandering about as sheep not having a shepherd. He came that he might be their shepherd. He came that they might be his sheep. He came that they might come to the Father. He came that they might have life and might have it in abundance. Therefore, when some of John's disciples asked about him and his place of abode, Jesus replied: "Come and see." When men were looking for a solution to their soul's problems, he said: "Come and follow me." Christ was to them and is to people now the answer to the questions of their soul and to the problems of their life.

When Christ dominates our lives, we will not be able to live unto ourselves as we formerly did, but will live unto Christ who gave himself for us. This will be felt in the personal life of spiritual devotion, in family life, in business life, in political life and in international life. There is no area of man's existence and relationships where Christ and his influence will not be felt. That is why the Lord himself made it so imperative that his disciples should never tire in proclaiming this eternal message to a needy, lost and suffering mankind. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not

perish but have everlasting life." What a message to proclaim to a broken and confused world! Let us be true partners of Christ!

HENCEFORTH PRODUCING FRUIT

In this intimate relationship with Christ, his followers are partners with him to proclaim the eternal message which produces abiding, eternal work or fruit. "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John 15:15, 16.)

There is nowadays a great yearning for permanency. We talk about a just and permanent peace, of social security, of freedom from want and fear. All of these express the desire for permanency among things which are transitory. How can this permanency be realized?

Interestingly enough, it comes to us not in the things of matter, but in the exercise of the spirit. Possessions become permanent, not by accumulating and withholding, but by sharing with others; not by making it easy for us and hard for the other fellow, but by our working and bearing fruit. Things play such an important part in our thinking and planning. Personality plays the important part in the life and work of our Lord. "Life does not consist in the abundance of things which a man possesses" was one of his truths. Life consists in proper relationships with God, with our fellow-men, and with all the activities of living.

"INASMUCH—UNTO ME"

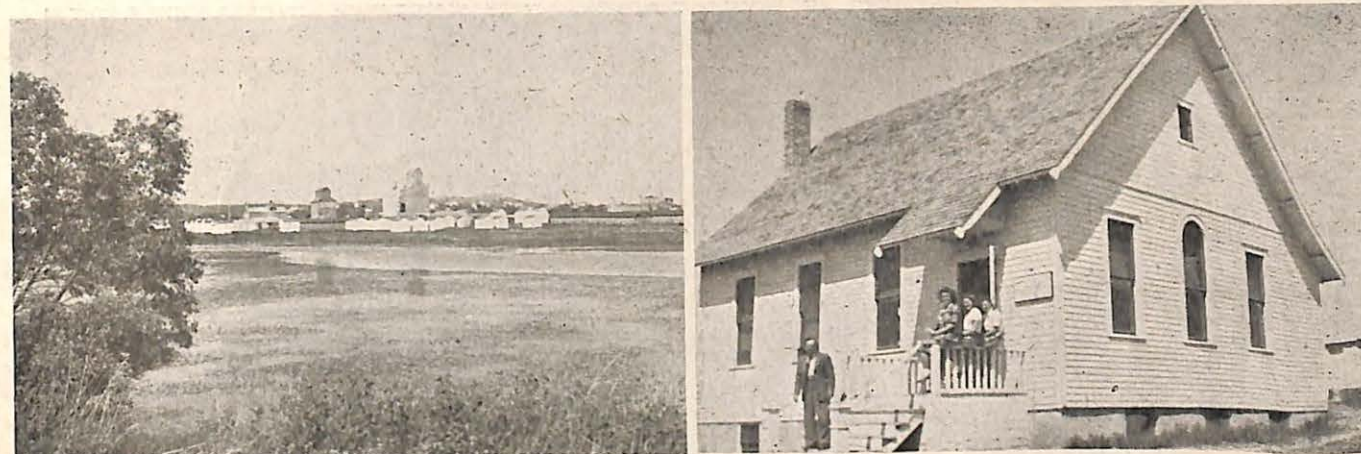
Permanency was not found in the water—H₂O—which Jesus was seeking to take out of the well at Sychar, but it was found in the water of life which he imparted to the Samaritan woman and which lived on in that personality and in all those who heard the message from her. Again, permanency was not found in the physical tears of Jesus which fell from his cheeks while thinking of the future of Jerusalem, but it was found in his deep compassion to wayward mankind which is still seeking out despised and wrecked personalities and is bringing them into lives of service and uplift. This work among men which truly brings forth the best that is in man, and seeks to give him all that is rightfully his as a personality, is the eternal work which abides.

We seek the hungry and thirsty that he may be fed and given drink; we seek the naked that he may be clothed; we seek the downhearted and discouraged that he may be lifted up and strengthened; we seek the sin-sick and lost that he may be forgiven and saved by Christ, the Sin-Bearer. We seek to fight the physical, social and spiritual evils of our day so that the souls of boys and girls, men and women may not be permanently dwarfed in their development. We seek to be busy in thinking godly thoughts, in doing uplifting deeds, in wielding positive spiritual influence so that lives may have the atmosphere necessary for growth into the image of God, which is the aim for man. The Lord Jesus thus worked in the bodies, souls and spirits of men. We likewise would do such work. And in doing such, he says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The work of the Christian church is this eternal work. It crosses barriers of age, generations, nations, continents and world systems. It strives to make a unity, so that the twentieth century Christian in a world of mechanical speed and convenience is related to the first century Christian in his physical world. By the Spirit of God within us we are all made one, whether in the Cameroons, in Europe, in Asia, in Canada, in the United States, or anywhere. We are one denomination and fellowship. And our denomination is but one segment in the great vineyard of God's world. This unity abides even amidst the tensions of life and the shambles of a great world conflict. Perfect unity? No. But unity nevertheless which is permanent and abiding, and which we would see throughout the entire earth.

TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

The church of Jesus Christ is made up of many people who are occupied in a varied array of daily pursuits. We find among them homebuilders, manufacturers, laborers, mechanics, educators, business men, diplomats, architects, doctors, lawyers, ministers, missionaries, and so on and on. As Christians, all these have been part-takers of Christ and are partners with him. To be truly such, they will carry his message and his spirit into their spheres of activity and influence, until every area of life is reached, and Christ's influence is felt to the ends of the earth. So the needy world is blessed and uplifted by the "salt of the earth and the light of the world." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "We are true partners with Christ if we really keep the conviction that we had at first, unshaken to the very end."



The Town of Hettinger, North Dakota, (Left), a Typical Community on the Dakota Prairies, in which the Grace Baptist Church (Right) Shines as a Gospel Lighthouse for Jesus Christ

The Greatest Evangelistic Hymn

The Story of the Hymn, "Just As I Am," by Miss HELEN JOHNSON
of Chicago, Illinois

JUDGING by the largeness of its use and the history it has made, no other hymn in the English tongue surpasses Charlotte Elliott's "Just As I Am, Without One Plea." Moody stated that during a fifty year period this hymn had done the most good to the greatest number, and he thought it had touched more hearts than any other hymn that could be named. Its extraordinary popularity, and its translation into almost every language in the civilized world, confirm the measure of influence the evangelist gives the hymn.

So often we sing hymns in our churches without knowing their history, or even who wrote them. So let us turn to the author of this favorite hymn for information as to its origin.

THE BIRTH OF THE HYMN

Miss Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871, was born at Clapham, England. Reared in the Church of England, she grew to womanhood "surrounded by culture and refinement, and poetry and music." In 1821 a severe illness left her a permanent invalid. She met the distinguished preacher of Geneva, Switzerland, the Rev. Caesar Malan, in 1822 on the occasion of his visit to her home. He appreciated her talent and possibilities of great Christian service.

One evening, as they were conversing, he asked her if she thought herself to be an experimental Christian. Her health was failing then rapidly, and she was harassed often with pain. The question made her petulant for the moment. She resented his searching and told him that religion was a matter which she did not wish to discuss. Dr. Malan replied, with his sweetness of manner, that he would

not pursue the subject then if it displeased her, but he would pray that she might "give her heart to Christ, and become a useful worker for him."

Several days later the young lady apologized for her abrupt treatment of the minister and confessed that his question and his parting remark had troubled her. "But I do not know how to find Christ," she said. "I want you to help me." "Come to him just as you are," said Dr. Malan. Little did he know that one day that simple reply would be repeated in song by the whole Christian world.

BLESSING FOR MANY

Illustrative of the way it appeals to the afflicted, a little anecdote was told by the eloquent John B. Gough of his accidental seat-mate in a city church service. A man of strange appearance was led by the kind usher or sexton to the pew he occupied. Mr. Gough eyed him with strong aversion. The man's face was matted, his limbs and mouth twisted, and he mumbled singular sounds.

When the congregation sang he attempted to sing, but made fearful work of it. During the organ interlude he leaned toward Mr. Gough and asked how the next verse began. It was—

"Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind."

"That's it," sobbed the strange man. "I'm blind—God help me!" . . . and the tears ran down his face . . . "and I'm wretched—and paralytic," and then he tried hard to sing the line with the rest.

"After that," said Mr. Gough, "the poor paralytic's singing was as sweet to me as a Beethoven symphony."

The Rev. W. T. Eva related that

while ministering to the wounded after the battle of Gettysburg, away in the corner of a shed crowded with wounded, he found a dying man. His limbs were already cold and the death damp was upon his brow. Fellow-sufferers were thick enough about him, yet he was dying alone. "He was still conscious when I came to him, not only conscious, but happy in the love of God. I can truly say that nowhere have I witnessed a more triumphant peace than his. We prayed by his side, and then sang:

"Just as I am, without one plea," with the chorus:

"Happy day! happy day!

When Jesus washed my sins away." As we prayed and sang, the Holy Spirit seemed to come down not only upon the dying man, but on all in that dolorous place; and here and there, from among the wounded braves as they lay upon the floor, was uttered aloud the earnest cry, "God have mercy on my soul!"

"O LAMB OF GOD"

In one of the refuges for poor, fallen women, one was admitted who had been brought up a Roman Catholic, but she was most anxious to conceal that fact lest it might lead to her exclusion, for she had neither home nor friends. Her conscience was calous and her prejudices intense, but through the influence of this hymn, she became a humble and penitent believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was brought about in this way. There was a short service every week in the chapel of the institution for the inmates; a hymn was sung and prayer offered. On one occasion the

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After Many Days

A Christian Novel

by JOYE HOEKZEMA

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SYNOPSIS

Doctor Matthews was known at Cass General Hospital as a brilliant surgeon and a man without a heart. The only person who dared to tell him how cold and lacking in feeling he was, was the nurse, Jane Lee. But Dr. Matthews was impressed by her spunk and invited her to the concert one evening. She even spoke to him about Christ but he turned a deaf ear to her testimony. "The still, small voice" warned her about falling in love with him.

CHAPTER TWO

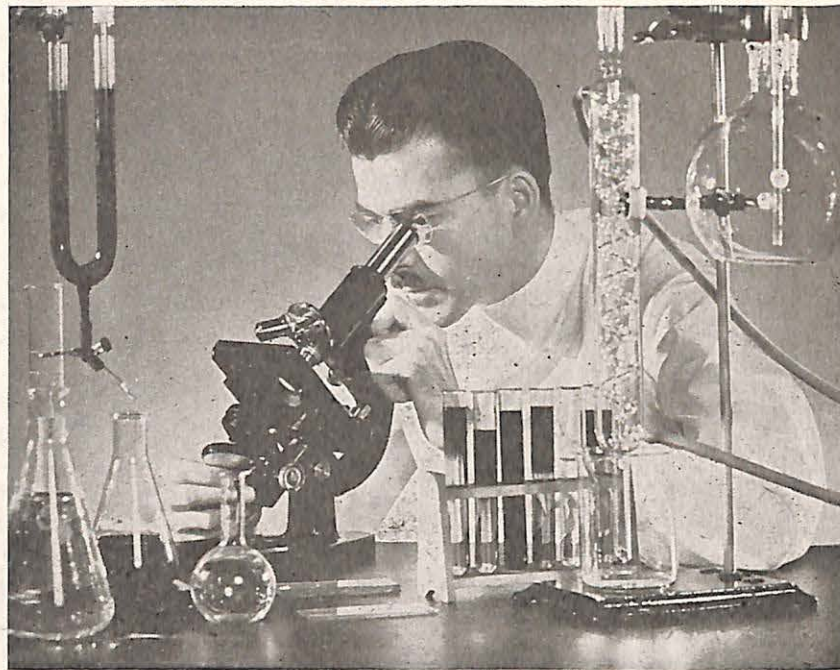
As Jane performed her duties the next morning, she was fairly intoxicated with excitement. When she sang, "God specializes in things thought impossible," she was thinking of Chris and his prodigal state. She wouldn't allow herself to think of that unanswered question. What if he didn't return to the fold? Would she be strong enough to obey the Voice of her Friend, or would she stubbornly follow the dictates of her love? She put the question from her and refused to consider it.

To her surprise it was Toby Bartholomew and not Miss Sormagg who called her aside during a brief lull in the morning's activity. The old orderly, whose snowy hair curled like a child's, and whose tireless Christian service had endeared him to countless patients during thirty years at Cass General, waved a gnarled forefinger and motioned Jane to a secluded corner. His kindly eyes had a pleased smile in them.

"I'm glad it was you, Jane. I've always hoped it would be you," he said quietly.

She didn't pretend to misunderstand him. "How did you find out?" she asked, laughing a little with embarrassment.

"Chris called me this morning," he admitted, his voice taking on a father-



—Photo by Ewing Galloway

ly tone as though he spoke of a favorite son. "He sounded ten years younger. I don't know how you did it, girl, but the point is, you did. You made him happy last night. You got his mind off his work. You made him laugh. Chris needs that—he needs it bad!"

"He needs the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus more," she said with that tender gravity so characteristic of her nature. "He will never have real joy in his heart until he yields himself to the divine will."

"I know—but we must be patient with him, child. He has suffered more than you will ever know. There is a reason why he is wandering in a spiritual wilderness right now. Who knows but what this is the first step toward his redemption? We will unite our prayers, Jane." For an instant the old face was lighted from within, as though the altar fire of his heart had just been replenished. Then he added softly, patting her arm, "I'm glad it was you. I've always hoped it would be you."

She was bathing small Mary Kalinski when Chris finally came into the ward around noon. Mary's was a stubborn case of congenital deformity, severely complicated with osteomyelitis (inflammation of both bone and marrow), and Chris had already operated twice. Her body was a pitiful little scarecrow of skin and protruding joints. Her eyes held the kind of patient suffering that only a child and the very old can have.

"There aren't any fairies in my bed this morning, Nurse Lee," she complained wistfully, pushing back her confusion of soft black hair. "Not a single one."

"Nonsense," Jane denied gaily, reaching into her pocket for a small bottle of perfume she carried for just

such emergencies. "There are always fairies hiding near a good little girl's bed. But you have to tempt them into the open. They like to tease, you know. Here, we'll put some magic scent on each of your ears—so—and a little touch on your forehead, and the tip of your nose. There! Now you watch and see—in no time at all they'll be swarming all over you."

"Busy with psychic therapy again, I see!" Chris spoke so close to Jane's ear that she jumped. She whirled to face him, the bottle of perfume behind her back. "Whatever it is, you needn't hide it. I heard you say it was magic scent and that it would soon have a lot of fairies swarming all over the bed. What nonsense for a grown woman to tell kids!"

The lilting melody in Jane's heart crashed into harsh discord. Anger surged through her as it always did in spite of her best intentions, when Chris looked cool and hard as he was looking now.

"Good morning, Doctor," she said carefully. "I didn't hear you come in."

"Obviously! Have you taken the child's temperature yet, or have you been too occupied chasing fairies?"

His irony was lost on Mary. Her pinched face blossomed into a timid smile. "Nurse Lee knows just how to make 'em come out," she confided happily. "She puts some magic scent around and first think you know, they all sneak out to smell it. Yesterday there were six little yellow fairies and they stayed a whole hour. Maybe they'll come again today. Do you think so?"

"Of course they will," Jane interposed hastily, giving Chris an eloquent look. "Wait till I lift the shade a little. There—see—they're beginning

to dance already!"

Chris managed to conceal his snort with a cough. "Sunbeams," he muttered, as they moved out of Mary's hearing. "Just plain sun from the window. The child is more of a moron than I supposed!"

"She's not a moron," Jane defended warmly. "She simply has a wealth of imagination. Naturally she knows there aren't any real fairies, but she can amuse herself by the hour pretending that she is surrounded by elf friends. Not a bad fault, would you say, Doctor?"

He picked up a chart absently, but he wasn't reading it. His freshly shaven face was a little less grim than it had been a moment before.

Suddenly he looked up with a totally disarming smile. "Now I've gone and done it again—got in your hair as per usual. And I didn't intend to, honestly! Sprinkle all the kids in the ward with toilet water if it'll make you any happier! But please do it when I'm not around, can't you?"

She gasped. This was the Chris she had glimpsed the night before—the half mocking, half serious Chris, who had whispered during a dreamy concerto, "There ought to be special pink uniforms for nurses with eyes like yours."

She looked at him now and the indignation faded. In its place came the old familiar compassion, the prayerful desire to help this seeking soul find the peace and happiness only the Lord of Life can give.

"I have no right to be angry, Doctor," she said thinly. "After all, I'm only a nurse and my business is to carry out orders. But—if I could only somehow make you understand the importance of mental as well as physical healing. People come in here with sick minds as well as diseased bodies. You concentrate on the body and . . ."

"Skip it!" he interrupted rudely. "I seem to know the rest of that record! So I make no attempt to treat the mind! You bet your life I don't. I'm no psychiatrist. I'm a surgeon. I do what I'm trained to do and let what doesn't concern me strictly alone! I don't believe in mixing business with a lot of sickly sentiment. Let's get that settled and straight once and for all. And then, let's quit talking about it!"

"Yes, Doctor."

"We'll take a look at that stitch abscess the Grentholis boy developed yesterday," he said shortly, but he made no move toward the west wing. Instead, he stood for another instant. Then abruptly he was grinning. "Can't you swipe a rose for that cap?" he demanded. "If there's anything in this mental therapy idea of yours, the sight of you and a pink rose together, ought to cure the whole hospital! Tell you what—I'll get one for you from Old Lady Manus. She's rich anyway, and doesn't deserve all those flowers."

"Doctor!"

"It'll be just plain Chris tonight," he reminded her.

"Tonight?" Jane asked. "What do you mean?"

"Oh, yes, I forgot to tell you. I have to operate over in North Madison. I need a good nurse. Have any objections to going along?"

"No objections," she repeated. The song of hope was in her heart again—louder and more joyous than ever.

She knew from that Sunday night that Chris would someday ask her to marry him. It was there in his almost savage reluctance, in the conflict of emotions warring within him, in the resentful bewilderment his own reactions caused him. He was being attracted to her against his will. He was grimly determined not to fall in love with her, yet he continued along the very path his better judgment cautioned him to avoid.

Jane, knowing that she could never marry him unless he first yielded himself to God and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior, continued to pray constantly for his salvation.

By June the whole hospital was buzzing with interested speculation. The other nurses were openly envious, and even Miss Sormagg mellowed somewhat and pretended not to know when Jane infringed slightly on traditional hospital regulations.

Jane would have been completely and magnificently happy had Chris shown the slightest evidence of change regarding either his prodigal state or his attitude toward his patients.

But he was still the coldly professional scientist and an embittered backslider, and their friendship was characterized by earnest discussions and often painful misunderstandings.

It was after a particularly agonizing controversy over Chris' curt treatment of a young girl brought in with a compound fracture, caused when she attempted to commit suicide by jumping from a third-story window, that old Toby asked Jane to visit his little office. Somehow she knew he wanted to discuss Chris, and she went with a faltering heart.

Toby's gentleness disarmed her. His white hair and wistful smile gave her tired mind new vigor.

"You wanted to talk to me about Chris?" she asked, patting his wrinkled hand. "You've been friends for a long time, haven't you? I notice Chris sneaks down here every chance he gets just to talk with you awhile."

Toby nodded, but now his smile was gone and he looked almost frightened. He hesitated an instant, one clenched fist striking his desk absently. Then, taking a long breath, he plunged into a torrent of words.

"This is none of my business, Jane, and if Chris knew I was going to tell you this story, he'd wring my neck. You've got to promise me you'll keep it secret to your dyin' day!"

Jane was startled by the passion in his quiet voice. "Is it something I really ought to know, Toby?"

"It's something you've got to know," he corrected, gripping both hands to stop their trembling. "Chris is in love with you and I know you must love him or you wouldn't have encouraged him as you have. But you aren't happy—either of you. You had another argument again this morning, didn't you? I can always tell because he comes here and sits around as glum as a sick hound."

"You should have heard the way he talked to that poor girl they brought in here last night," Jane interrupted unhappily. "She tried to kill herself, you know, but she only succeeded in messing up one hip. Anyone with understanding can see that her heart is bruised much worse than her body. What good will it do to patch up her broken bones and send her back to living, still limping in her soul?"

Toby held up his hand. "I know—I know! I'm not blaming you for taking Chris to task. I want to see a change in his attitude as well as you do! I've prayed for it, Jane, for six years—maybe longer. But you aren't going about helping him in the right way. That's why you've got to hear this story."

"All right, Toby. I'm listening."

Then he told her, in halting half-sentences and broken phrases, the almost incredible story of Chris' bitter disillusionment. It happened during the very last months of his promising internship. A girl was brought into the clinic suffering from nervous collapse. Chris had done more than merely treat her body. He had attempted to cure her bruised mind. Generous and tender with his sympathy, he had believed her pitiful story and given her his warm friendship and Christian charity.

She had repaid his kindness by the most despicable trick a woman can play on a man. She pretended to fall desperately in love with him, and Chris, young and inexperienced as he was, attempted to free himself, without hurting her.

After she left the hospital she wrote to him, saying that she was waiting for the day when they could be married. Afraid that she might suffer another nervous collapse, he wrote several letters to her, trying to reason her out of what he naturally supposed was sincere affection. But when she found he did not intend to marry her, she threatened to see the head of the hospital and tell her story—embroidered with lies, of course.

"Chris came to me. He was nearly crazy with worry," Toby added, his face suddenly white with indignation. "He said that he wasn't afraid of a nasty scandal, but he didn't want the hospital dragged into it and he didn't want his mother worried. You haven't met his mother yet, but he'll take you

to her someday and then you'll understand why he didn't want any sordid thing to touch her."

"So you went to that girl," Jane guessed, "and you kept her from going through with her threat, but you couldn't keep Chris from turning bitter. Oh, Toby, what a tragedy..."

"Yes—a tragedy! Nobody really understands him now; he doesn't understand himself. He's generous to a fault, and loyal, but he's afraid of being soft again—afraid of being vulnerable. You're the only one who can ever win him away from that hardness, Jane. You've got to reach him through your love. Don't argue with him, honey; just love him. Love can work miracles. Someday you'll find him changed."

Jane didn't realize that she was crying until Toby gravely offered her his handkerchief. "But, Toby, I can't marry him, even though I do love him," she whispered miserably. "The Scripture tells us we must not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, and I..."

"Wait a minute, Jane," Toby interrupted sternly. "Chris isn't an unbeliever. I happen to know! I was there the night he was saved. Oh, he won't talk about it now because he is under constant conviction. But I saw him born again one bitter February night in the little church his mother loves so well. He was only fifteen then, and a fine lad. He went to the altar when the invitation hymn was sung, and he shed tears of honest repentance and confessed his sins before the entire congregation. I never saw a happier boy or more earnest one. For years he attended that little church faithfully, and even after he entered medicine he was as firm as a rock in his Christian life. But after this thing happened he began to wander in a spiritual wilderness. Now he's eating with the swine, like the first prodigal, but he'll come to his senses one of these days and, like the other prodigal, cry, 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.' And the Father will say as He always does when a prodigal returns, 'Let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.'"

There was silence in the little office as Toby finished. Jane felt for an instant that she was standing on holy ground. Her heart hurt with joy.

"You'll never know how happy you've made me, Toby darling," she whispered unsteadily. "And thank you for trusting me. I—I love Chris very much, and now you've made my way clear for me. But I haven't any wisdom of my own, so please pray earnestly that the Lord will direct me and not let me say the wrong things."

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It was the following Saturday night that Chris, with the abruptness so

characteristic of him, asked Jane to be his wife. She was convinced that no girl had ever had a more gruff proposal, yet one that was more poignantly tender.

They had been driving along the North Madison road, not going anywhere in particular, when Chris suddenly pulled off the road into the thick shadow of a hawthorne hedge.

Jane thought for a moment that they had a flat tire; but when Chris' arm went around her—rough and unschooled—and he was saying hoarsely:

"All right, so I love you! So I'm a first-class idiot and can't help it! This isn't a proposal, mind you, but if you don't promise to marry me, I'll throw the car key into those bushes and you can walk home all by yourself!"

"Chris Matthews!" she gasped, and then she laughed—helpless laughter that was close to tears.

"Are you crying or laughing?" he demanded anxiously, fumbling for her chin with an unsteady hand and tilting her face to his.

"I—I don't know." She shook. "Oh, Chris, is that the best you can do?"

His voice trembled when he spoke again. "It was a pretty ghastly effort, wasn't it? But you'll have to give me credit for trying. Anyhow, I got the idea across, didn't I, honey?"

"Vaguely."

"Well?" He sounded almost savage, yet the punishing thunder of his heart shook even that sharp interrogation.

"I'd—I'd hate awfully to walk home," she whispered breathlessly. "I'm wearing high heels."

"Jane!" He shook her a little. Then abruptly he took her face between his hands and kissed her, lightly at first, then compellingly. "Does that evasive reply mean you'll marry me?"

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minister gave out that touching hymn: "Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,"

and, contrary to his custom, read it through, each verse ending,

"O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"

These last words reached her heart, the stone was taken away, the unspeakable love of Jesus, which she had long resisted, softened her into tenderness and deep contrition, and the language of her soul was, "May I, so vile a sinner, come? Does Jesus bid me come? Will he wash my every sin away in his blood?" She doubted no more, but believed.

READ AND BE BLESSED!

This hymn has reached many hearts and as you read these words of the hymn may you be blessed by the Lord.

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,

"It might—if you can convince me you'll make a good husband."

"But I won't," he protested, "You ought to know. I'll keep awful hours and never be around when you need me most, and if we plan a date, that's the very time I'll be called out. I'll make a miserable husband, but I'll love you, darling, oh, how I will love you—if that makes any difference..."

"It happens to make all the difference," she murmured, drawing his face to hers. She was startled to feel tears on his cheeks. The knowledge that he was so deeply moved filled her with tender elation, yet the unanswered question demanded an answer. Chris was still the prodigal. He was still grieving the sweet Spirit of God. She had no right to marry him until he changed and returned to his Father's house. "But love has already begun its miracle work," she argued silently. "He'll change after we're married." But she knew even as she said it that many souls had wrecked their happiness on that supposition. Nevertheless, she lifted her head and whispered with the defiance of her love, "I'll be very proud to be your wife, Doctor Matthews."

"Jane, that's wonderful! That's great!" His laughter was exultant. He pulled her to him and kissed her again, but this time with tender humility. "You're getting a rotten bargain, but I need you so! I—I didn't know I had it in me to be so happy! Marry me next week, will you, honey?"

"Next week! Chris, be sensible!"

"Who wants to be sensible? We're in love—and there's only one week left in June. I'm partial to June weddings. Next week—Sunday at high noon. Then we can run off for a short honeymoon and..."

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And that thou bid'st me come
to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse
each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come!

General Conference Report

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the new executive secretary. He will assist with the Fellowship Fund and relief program, with counsel and spiritual guidance, and with appreciated aid at headquarters in planning the denomination's program for the future. As such, he will continue to have a large place in this work that is so dear to his heart and for which he has expended himself so unstintingly.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst was reelected as young people's secretary. (See "Young People's Sessions"—pages 6 and 7.) As promotional secretary and editor of "The Baptist Herald" the vote of the General Conference again was given to the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. To succeed the Rev. Samuel Blum as editor of "Der Sendbote," the General Conference chose the Rev. Willy J. Luebeck of Alpena, Michigan who will begin his new ministry on January 1, 1947. Mr. Luebeck is well known for his fine interpretation in German of the Sunday School lesson material and for his lucid and interesting "Sendbote" articles.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

A new General Conference Committee on Education of nine members has been appointed, three of whom represent the seminary, three the Edmonton Christian Training Institute, and three the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. This also is a step forward in the right direction with the promise of more aggressive action and more effective service in the future.

The keynote address by the General Conference moderator, Dr. George A. Lang, on "Partners With Christ" (see page 4 of this issue) set the sails of the denominational ship for the new century. It was a forward looking, forceful, radiantly hopeful message.

PAGEANT OF OUR CONFERENCES

The opening session was brought to a colorful climax with the presentation of "The Pageant of Our Conferences," directed by Miss Gertrude Ahrens of Tacoma. Against an array of beautiful flowers and decorations with lights playing upon the participants, ten stately, attractively gowned young women of Tacoma's Calvary Church came to the platform and spoke for the nine conferences and the General Conference of our denomination. This epic poem by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio appeared in the last issue of "The Herald."

Between the conference readings, colored moving pictures of our respective conference areas were shown and special musical numbers were rendered. As the congregation rose to sing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the United States and Canadian flags were brought to the center of the platform and the Christian flag was raised to a height above both. "Unto Christ Jesus be glory forever more!" It was

a spectacular opening for the conference and as such epitomized the spirit of this first General Conference in the second century of our history.

EUROPEAN RELIEF NEEDS

The tremendous tasks of meeting the relief needs of Europe and of going immediately to the aid of our stricken brethren across the seas was portrayed dramatically to the General Conference. On Tuesday night before a large congregation that filled the First Baptist Church auditorium, Chaplains Frank H. Woyke, Otto Naltinger and Paul Gebauer spoke out of the fulness of their experiences in telling what they had seen with their own eyes in Germany. On Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Walter O. Lewis, the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, brought a graphic report of deteriorating world conditions and pressing relief needs. On Thursday morning the Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Mich., electrified his audience with the story of his experiences in Europe.

The story of the new mission fields which were depicted, the adventurous account of the mountain caravan to Paradise Valley on Saturday, the review of other inspiring sessions and the portrayal of a hundred and one little but fascinating details of the General Conference will have to be left for the next issue of "The Herald."

REGISTRATIONS TOTALLED 1164.

The official paid registrations for the General Conference week totalled 1164, making the 28th General Conference the largest ever held in our history. A total of 1037 tickets for the Saturday evening young people's banquet were sold, topping all previous banquet attendance marks by almost two hundred. On Saturday about 850 people were transported in 165 cars a distance of 74 miles to an elevation of 5500 feet at Paradise Valley in full view of "The Mountain." An amazing total of 793 box lunches were sold to these hungry pilgrims.

The Sunday dinner of roast turkey was served "piping hot" to more than 1000 guests. Two thousand copies of the daily "General Conference News Bulletin" were printed and distributed, many of which were sent home for the enjoyment of those who could not attend. Yes, in figures and statistics it was a great conference with spectacular attainments.

Such has been the beginning of our second century as North American Baptists following our first General Conference in the new era. With the spirit of those General Conference sessions still warming our hearts and the challenge of the program still stirring our souls, we unite our hands with the almighty hand of our God to go forth for great achievements in order to let God's light shine with blazing brightness into the darkness of tomorrow's world.

Young People's Sessions

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since missionary Paul Gebauer brought a message in his characteristically concise manner, demonstrating his art of saying much in a few words.

The climax of our youth activities was the presentation of our missionary projects on Sunday afternoon. Twenty-two young people graced the platform displaying colorful signs designating the goals of the individual youth conferences all over the United States and Canada, the total amounting to \$42,700. It was a thrilling sight to see the enthusiastic interest of all of our churches in our Youth Crusade.

The new officers of our union are Mr. Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., president; Mr. Harold Gieseke of Trenton, Ill., vice-president; and Carolyn Stassen of St. Paul, Minn., secretary. Words of appreciation were given to the retiring officers, Mr. Harold Petke and Miss Alice Kaaz, for their faithful and enthusiastic service during the past six years.

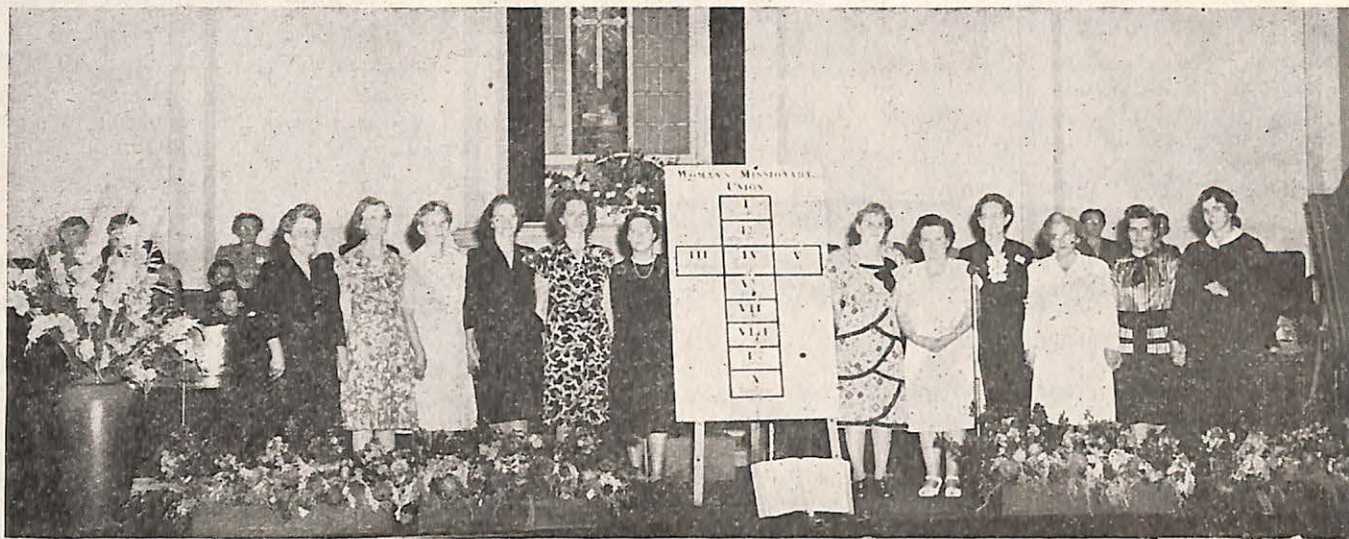
We are now looking forward to a greater progress in the coming years and expect marvelous things under the direction of the Rev. J. C. Gunst who will continue to lead us as executive secretary.

What's Happening News

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When the Reverends C. Rempel of Venturia, Walter Stein of Ashley, and H. Waltereit of Lehr went into the lake with the candidates, about 1500 people lined the lake shore to witness this impressive baptismal service.

● Several recent wedding announcements of prominent young people in our churches will be of interest to "Baptist Herald" readers. On July 30 Miss Magdalene Luebeck of Alpena, Mich., and Mr. Donald W. McCabe, a student at Sioux Falls College, were married by the bride's father, Rev. W. J. Luebeck. The former Miss Luebeck served as council member for the Dakota Conference on the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union. On Sunday, August 11, the Rev. Charles Zoschke of the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas, and Miss Ennice Tiffin of Ada, Okla., were united in marriage with the pastor, Rev. J. H. Kruegel, officiating. Mr. Zoschke, a graduate of Northwestern Bible School and Theological Seminary and of Ottawa University, is now working for his Master's degree at Kansas University. On Sept. 7 Miss Jean Carol Grosser, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., and Mr. Wayne C. Smith were married at an impressive evening ceremony in the Forest Park Baptist Church with the bride's grandfather, Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., officiating.



Women Who Participated in the Devotional Meeting, "The Cross of Service," at the Thursday Afternoon Session of the National Woman's Missionary Union During the General Conference

Women's Meetings at the General Conference

Report by Mrs. EMMA B. MEIER of Portland, Oregon

MORE than 350 women gathered around the lovely luncheon tables in the spacious dining hall of the First Baptist Church on Wednesday noon, August 21, for a delicious luncheon, which was followed by the business session of the Union. At a table on the platform, in full view of all, sat our officers and those taking part in the program.

Our beloved president, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, in her usual gracious manner, opened the meeting with appropriate words of greeting. Mrs. H. Zachay of Anaheim, Calif., led in a "Fellowship Sing" in which all joined heartily. Mrs. V. Prendinger of Gladwin, Mich., followed with an inspirational devotional message which lifted our hearts to the throne of grace. A solo, beautifully rendered by Mrs. H. Hiller of Buffalo, N. Y., called to our minds the words of our Master to those who minister in his behalf: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you."

INTERESTING REPORTS

These were not dry, stilted reports full of figures and facts, but glowing accounts of work done or attempted in Christ's name. Our efficient and tireless secretary, Miss Eva Yung, read the report as it appears in the "Official Reports to the General Conference" pamphlet. This contains a condensed statement of the aims and activities of our Union. Read it! You are sure to learn something you did not know.

Particular credit is due Eva Yung for her splendid work on the BROADCAST, that mimeographed bulletin which has proved so helpful to the

presidents of our societies by keeping them informed of what was going on elsewhere and by giving many excellent program suggestions. More power to you, Eva! Keep up the good work! By rights, you should have written this report for "The Herald"—only then you could not have said these nice things about yourself which you deserve so well.

Our treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, gave her report, which indicated that our societies, on the whole, are meeting their responsibility toward the Union in good fashion.

Mrs. E. E. Staub of Detroit, our vice-president, gave us information concerning the magazine subscriptions which the officers voted to give our foreign missionaries. It was interesting to learn what particular magazine each missionary chose, and we may be sure that our workers are going to be better informed on religious as well as world affairs because of these subscriptions.

Mrs. A. Reeh of La Salle, Colo., chairman of our Missionary Education program, called attention to the pages of German material included in the BROADCAST for the use of societies still using the German language. She deserves credit also for supplying material for frequent reports in "Der Sendbote."

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago reported on our scholarship fund and named the girls who had been benefited by it. She explained that the Baptist Missionary Training School had been chosen in preference to other

schools because its sponsors, the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, for many years supported our work, even to the extent of paying the salaries of workers in our churches.

Mrs. William Schoeffel demurely reported that we would see the results of the program committee's work the next afternoon. We did! And it was grand!

We missed Mrs. Wm. Kuhn, our historian, also, but we learned that she had gathered material for a scrapbook, depicting the history of our Union and that she had been ably assisted by Miss Lydia Mihm and Mr. Benjamin Mihm in the preparation of this book which was on display in the Exhibit Room. It is an interesting document. Let's take good care of it.

Mrs. Dymmel spoke of the 10 goal Chart project and what it has accomplished in unifying our societies, in giving them definite goals and in stimulating Bible reading and interest in our denominational institutions and missionary projects. She called upon representatives from all the conferences for their evaluations of the chart. It seems that all who had given it a fair trial found the chart helpful and stimulating and many expressed their desire to continue and to enlarge its use.

With the election of officers and a closing prayer this luncheon of business and fellowship came to a close.

WOMEN'S UNION PROGRAM

The program to which we had all looked forward so long took place on Thursday afternoon, August 22. The auditorium was well filled, with women predominating, of course, but with a

goodly number of faithful husbands sprinkled throughout the audience. Mrs. L. Berndt of Minneapolis, Minn., led in a stirring song service. Mrs. H. Schmunk of Tacoma spoke warm words of welcome in behalf of the local society. The women of Tacoma! God bless them! We can only imagine the tremendous amount of sacrificial work they must have done in preparing for the conference, in caring for guests at home, in serving meals to multitudes and in so many ways looking after our well-being. Our president, Mrs. Dymmel, graciously responded to the words of welcome.

In this unique devotional service, entitled, "The Cross of Service," one woman from each of our conferences placed a lighted candle on a cross and spoke on one of the ten goals of our project chart. Mrs. J. J. Abel of Marion, Kansas gave the challenge, and Mrs. A. Reeh of La Salle, Colo., represented the "Woman of Today." Miss Katherine Yung represented the Atlantic Conference; Miss Frieda Sayenga, the Eastern Conference; Mrs. William Wilcke, the Central Conference; Mrs. A. Irestone, the Northwestern Conference; Mrs. J. Heil, the Dakota Conference; Mrs. J. Kornalewski, the Northern Conference; Mrs. J. S. Howen, the Pacific Conference; Mrs. Robert Schreiber, the Southern Conference; Mrs. Harry Geis, the Southwestern Conference; Mrs. H. Bertuleit, the 10th Goal. With the lighted cross before us, we joined hands and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds."

A vocal duet, "I Waited for the Lord" by Mendelssohn, was skillfully and beautifully rendered by Mrs. H. Zachay and Mrs. A. Schmidt, accompanied by Miss Eva Yung. Mrs. G. Rutsch led in a brief memorial service in which she paid a fine tribute to our sisters who have departed to be with the Lord.

"Bells Over Jordan" was an appropriate anthem to follow the memorial

service. Modesty prevents the writer, who also happens to be the conductor, from praising this performance. However, when eminent critics such as Professor Herman von Berge and the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt are enthusiastic in their comments and express their surprise that a group of 65 women in two rehearsals can produce such lovely singing, we have reason to be gratified. Thanks, again, M-W's, for your eager cooperation.

And a word for our accompanist. Too often they are forgotten. Miss Margaret Stuermer played for our service as well as most of the services of the conference and did an excellent job of it.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Dr. William Kuhn in his inimitable way installed the new officers. He has always had a warm spot in his heart for women—first of all, of course, for the one at home in Forest Park, but also for the many who have supported the work in our churches and our "beloved denomination." The newly-elected officers are: president, Mrs. William Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio; vice-president, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill.; secretary, Mrs. Robert Schreiber of Crawford, Texas; treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Lehr of Aplington, Iowa; editor of the "Broadcast," Miss Eva Yung of New York, N. Y.

The second anthem by the Ministers' Wives Chorus had the forward look:

Christ of the upward way,
My guide divine,
Where thou has set thy feet,
May I place mine.

Mrs. A. R. Weisser delighted us with an artistically played violin selection.

"Why Missionaries Leave Home," was the title of the address of the afternoon given by Mrs. P. Friederichsen. Out of her rich and varied experiences as a missionary in the Philippine Islands she developed her theme.



The New Officers of the National Woman's Missionary Union and Dr. Wm. Kuhn at the Installation Service

(Right to Left: Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, President; Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, Vice-President; Dr. Wm. Kuhn; Mrs. Robert Schreiber, Secretary; Mrs. C. F. Lehr, Treasurer)

There was pathos and humor in her narratives which took us into the homes of the islanders, and even into the prison camps. Women, hear her if you can. She has a message you will not forget and you will understand better "why missionaries leave home." An offering of over \$400.00 was raised that afternoon.

FELLOWSHIP TEA

We women like teas. We found that men like them, too, for not only did a large number of women attend our Fellowship Tea, but quite a number of men also. Mrs. E. E. Staub of (Continued on Page 20)



Serving Table Beautifully Arranged for the Women's Fellowship Tea at the Tacoma General Conference With Mrs. Herman von Berge (Left) and Mrs. C. Netting (Right) Seated at the Table

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Buenning and Anniversary Service at Gatesville, Tex.

A combined anniversary and farewell service was held at the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas on Sunday afternoon, June 30. To celebrate its 30th anniversary, the Woman's Missionary Union presented a program consisting of songs, poems, reports, a play, "In the Palace of the King," and a talk by our pastor.

Since this was the last Sunday for our pastor, the Rev. W. H. Buenning, to be with us, the second part of the program was devoted to farewell addresses. Leaders of each of the organizations of the church expressed their appreciation for the faithful leadership and loving services of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Buenning during their 12½ years with us. Both the pastor and his wife were presented with gifts from the church and the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Carroll P. Smith, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union Meeting Held at Wausau, Wisconsin

The women's meeting of the Northwestern Conference took place on Friday afternoon, July 12, at Wausau, Wis., with our vice-president, Mrs. T. Lutz, in charge.

The meeting was opened with a piano duet by Mrs. Kiwus and Ronald Lohr. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. Walkup, followed by a solo by Mrs. L. Berndt. A hearty welcome was extended to us by the local president, Mrs. Frank Buss, after which the chart credit awards were given to the different societies. Two more vocal numbers were enjoyed, a duet by Mrs. I. Anderson and daughter Gloria, and a solo by Mrs. Ed. Gering. A memorial service, honoring our departed sisters, was led by Mrs. F. Mashner.

The installation of officers followed. Our new officers, elected at the business meeting previous to the program, are as follows: president, Mrs. T. Lutz; vice-president, Mrs. B. Zimmerman; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. L. Johnson; project chairman, Mrs. F. Mashner.

The grand finale of the afternoon's program was the inspirational and challenging message given by Miss Esther Schultz, our missionary-elect to the Cameroons. Her message was based on Matthew 16:15, pointing out "Our Walk With Christ." Our meeting came to a close with the very fitting hymn, "A Passion for Souls," and thankfulness for the blessings received.

Melanda Berndt, Reporter.



Rev. Fred Mashner (Left) of Pound, Wisconsin and Five Baptismal Candidates

Baptismal Service, Vacation Bible School, and Musical Programs at Pound, Wisconsin

The Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin, again witnessed a beautiful baptismal service on Sunday morning, July 21. To the joy of all, the pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, baptized five candidates upon the profession of their faith. The accompanying picture shows the pastor and the candidates: Mrs. Fred Suchalla and daughter Betty, Elaine and John Herzog, and James Schwittay, a returned Service Man. The choir sang appropriate selections between the baptizing.

From June 3 to 16 another successful Vacation Bible School was held in union with the First Polish Baptist Church. Children were again transported in chartered buses and cars. The enrollment reached 170.

The members of the C. T. I. ladies' quartet of Edmonton, Alberta known as the "Prairie Echoes," were guests for an entire week, visiting and presenting sacred concerts in the churches of the vicinity. Their sincerity and devoted lives made a deep impression. Two young people are anticipating entering the school this Fall. A week later the seminary quartet rendered a sacred concert and was well received.

The moving picture, "God of Creation" by Irvin Moon, was presented to a large audience on the night of July 28th.

Fred Mashner, Pastor.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Revival Meeting With 18 Converts at the Lyndock and Sebastopol Churches of Ontario

"The Lord, truly, has done wondrous things for us for which we are glad." During the two weeks from July 16 to 2, the people of the Lyndock and Sebastopol churches of Ontario, Canada enjoyed a time of spiritual blessing. Mr. R. D. Chaddock, a student in our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., brought the messages for the

two weeks. Each evening Mrs. Chaddock gave a flannelgraph story to the boys and girls. These were enjoyed greatly and the children were eager to hear them. Christians were spiritually lifted up and some consecrated their lives anew unto the Lord. It was our joy to have 18 young people accept Christ as their personal Savior.

On Sunday, July 28, a beautiful baptismal service was held at an island lake which climaxed the two weeks of meetings in an inspiring way. The Rev. John Kuehn, pastor of the churches, officiated at the baptismal service. After the baptism, everyone went to the Lyndock church for the communion service and the new converts were received into the membership of the church.

Mrs. R. D. Chaddock, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Farewell Reception for Dr. and Mrs. J. Olthoff of the Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

The things that seem to happen in the best of families also occurred in the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon on Sunday evening, July 14, when the church bade farewell to its beloved pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. John Olthoff.

For over 10 years Dr. Olthoff had faithfully and earnestly proclaimed the Word of God to his congregation. During his ministry the church grew in grace and in the knowledge of the Word as well as in numbers. Considerably over 100 members were added to the church during his ten years of ministry. Dr. Olthoff was held in high regard by his congregation. His wise judgment and spiritual leadership were highly esteemed by the members and officers of the church. Their aim was ever "that Christ might have the preeminence."

Dr. Olthoff might have labored here for many years to come but, in keeping with the laws of God, he finally came to that stage in life when retirement extends its hand of fellowship to the individual. However, he is not one who wants to take things easy. He is not satisfied with a static life. He will continue to work for God wherever and whenever God calls him to perform a definite task.

The various organizations of the church took part in word, song and gifts to express their appreciation for faithful services rendered. A love offering given by the church amounted to \$543.00. The undersigned spoke on Psalm 40:10, which seemed very fitting to our brother to whom we had to say farewell.

To close the evening, Dr. and Mrs. Olthoff responded with words of appreciation to the church for their kindness and splendid cooperation during their ten years of ministry.

Otto Nallinger, Reporter.

California Young People's Assembly Is Held at Mt. Hermon With a Bible Encampment

The 20th annual California Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union conference was held at Mount Hermon near Santa Cruz, Calif., in conjunction with the Northern California Baptist Bible Encampment from July 28 to August 4. Mount Hermon, which is named after the Biblical mountain in Palestine, is a beautiful place with its wealth of majestic trees, birds, and numerous streams and creeks, and so with these natural endowments it is, indeed, a fitting place for mountain-top experiences in Christian lives!

The motto, "Really Know Christ," hung in large letters in front of the auditorium, and the program of each day from the "Morning Watch" devotions to the evening cottage prayer circles emphasized this theme. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., led us in a very interesting and practical class session each morning on "Living Abundantly." Only the Christian who is willing to invest all his resources in the service of God can expect to live the abounding, radiantly happy life. Other interesting classes held in the forenoons and taught by various Baptist pastors were: "Missions," "Evangelism," "Teacher Training," "Sacred Music and Conducting," "Prophecy" and "Christian Life Service."

The Bible Hour held from 10:00 to 11:00 each morning with Dr. Vance Havner of Greensboro, N. C., as speaker, was one of the highlights of the conference in that we all were shown anew the practical lessons we can take for this day and age from such Old Testament characters as Elijah, Joel, Amos and Malachi.

The afternoons were devoted to recreation, such as swimming, boating, baseball, hikes to nearby "Santa Cruz Big Trees," "Garden of Eden," etc.

The hour preceding each evening's evangelistic service was especially inspiring in "Victory Circle" meetings, one held for the older people in one of the buildings, and another held for young people out in a natural amphitheater surrounded by various trees and the blue skies overhead. Rev. Roy Kraft of the Twin Lakes Baptist Church ably led the young people's "Victory Circle" in testimonies, singing of choruses, and appealing challenges to the unsaved to accept Christ as their Savior, and for Christians to dedicate themselves to a deeper, consecrated life for him.

The evangelistic service each evening, in which all conference guests participated, was also a great blessing as the word of salvation was proclaimed by Dr. John F. MacArthur of Los Angeles, and scores of young people answered the altar call, confessing the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior, while others made decisions for full time Christian service.

The business sessions held by the California Y. P. and S. S. W. Union were preceded by devotional services led by Dr. Donald Davis of Wasco, and Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim. The finance report revealed that over \$1300 was contributed the past year towards



California Young People at Their Mt. Hermon Assembly Are Photographed on an Outing to the Nearby Santa Cruz Big Trees Park

the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies by our association. Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: dean, Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim; president, Esther Leuschner of Anaheim; vice-president, John Wageman of Franklin; secretary, Martha Roth of Lodi; association treasurer, Helen Winkelman of 15th St. Church, Los Angeles; camp treasurer, Carl Feldmeth of Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles; member at large, Albert Lequieu of Wasco.

May the bountiful blessings received during this week help each of us who were there to be more faithful servants of our Master!

Emma Rawe, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

105 Children Enrolled in Vacation Bible School of Chicago's East Side Church

Excited with the prospect of two whole weeks at Vacation Bible School, 54 happy youngsters from 2½ to 15 years were on hand on Monday morning, July 8, to register at the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. During the next two weeks, the enrollment climbed steadily until it reached 105, almost doubling the results of the first day.

At the opening of each new morning

of Bible School, the children participated in a particularly well planned worship program, including singing (you should have heard those children sing out those choruses), and prayer.

Then the children marched to their classrooms for 45 minutes of planned Bible Study and memory work which was conducted by several capable volunteer workers and their assistances. Mrs. Marie Diezi directed the Beginners; Mrs. Edith Riddle and Miss Ethelyn Riedhauser had charge of the Primary children, and Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson took over the teaching of the Intermediate and Junior classes.

After a fifteen minute recess in which supervised recreation in the form of group games took place, the children marched into the auditorium again to hear the latest chapter of the new novel, "The Austin Boys Marooned" by Ken Anderson, which depicts the life of two young sons of a missionary in the South Pacific during the war. The youngsters could hardly wait from one day to the next to hear how the story was going to turn out.

Our "Commencement exercises" were held on Friday, July 19, and the church was packed with parents! After the program, they went downstairs to look at the hand-craft exhibits.

Perhaps the attitude of most of the people could be summarized in the remark of one little boy as he left the church on Friday night, "You mean I can't come back Monday!"

Jean Allfree, Secretary.



Large Assembly of Boys and Girls and Teachers in Attendance at the Vacation Bible School of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Stubenrauch of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stubenrauch of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., were privileged to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, July 7. For the occasion the Rev. G. Wetter, son-in-law of the Stubenrauchs, had arranged an appropriate program, for which he acted as toastmaster.

The Stubenrauchs have been prominent members of this church for 30 years. Mrs. Stubenrauch is president of the Ladies' Missionary Society and teacher of the Helping Hand class of the Sunday School. Mr. Stubenrauch has served as deacon of the church for many years.

As the couple walked down the church aisle, accompanied by their two daughters, Mrs. G. Wetter and Mrs. Ernest Prillwitz, Mrs. P. Domke, who played the wedding march when they were married 50 years ago, played "The Bridal March" from Lohengrin. The congregation sang "Count Your Blessings." Gustav Wetter gave a Scripture reading and offered prayer, and Mrs. P. Schamanski contributed a reading. A quartet, composed of Mrs. J. Feige, Mrs. J. Rennaux, Mrs. L. Grieser and Mrs. W. Gatchel, sang. Mrs. C. Skibitzki favored with a recitation and Mrs. Th. Menchinger and Mrs. A. Prillwitz entertained with a duet. The afternoon address was given by the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche.

Mrs. O. Muehlenbeck and Mrs. W. Engelke sang. Mrs. E. Prillwitz read an original poem, written by Mrs. E. Menchinger. Other numbers were: a duet, Mr. and Mrs. Engelke; solo by Mrs. G. Wetter; male quartet, Messrs. G. Maikowski, O. Rennhack, L. Grieser and E. Wolf. The program closed with all of the relatives singing: "God Will Take Care of You." In behalf of the Missionary Society and the Helping Hand class and the members, husbands and friends, Mrs. E. Gutsche presented Mrs. Stubenrauch with a shower bouquet of yellow roses. Tied



The Rev. Abraham Hager (Center), Pioneer Preacher of Prince George, British Columbia, With His Children, Mrs. Falkenberg and Mr. Ben Hager of Edmonton, Alberta

into its yellow ribbon-streamers was a substantial money gift.

At the reception following, the Helping Hand class assisted in serving a delicious two-course lunch. A handsome wedding cake, embellished with gold leaves, graced the bridal table. During the reception Mrs. P. Schamanski gave another reading and the male quartet sang. Mrs. E. Prillwitz read an original poem, written by G. Appleget, and there was community singing.

Originally the Stubenrauchs came from the First Church of Chicago, Ill., and joined the Benton Harbor church in October, 1913. In these years of service they were richly blessed by their Lord, whom they are eager to serve. Our prayer is that the Lord will be with them to the end to receive their eternal reward.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. John Stubenrauch of Benton Harbor, Michigan Who Recently Celebrated Their Golden Wedding Anniversary With Relatives and Members of the Clay Street Baptist Church

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Farewell Reception for Rev. Abraham Hager at Prince George, British Columbia

Sunday, July 21, was a date that will be long remembered by the members of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia since it was Father Hager's last Sunday with the church. The Rev. Abraham Hager celebrated his 89th birthday on July 23.

In honor of the father and founder of the church, he was given a combined farewell and birthday reception, which was attended by over 60 people who wished to pay tribute to this pioneer Baptist missionary.

Mr. Hager's daughter, Mrs. Falkenberg of Edmonton, Alberta with whom he is now making his home, was also present, as well as a son, Mr. Ben Hager, also of Edmonton.

Mr. Hager organized this church in 1913 and through the years he has watched over it with the interest of a father. For a number of years the church was without a pastor.

The Rev. Vincent E. Sprock of Houston, Texas, a 1945 graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, became pastor of the church on June 30th of this year.

Prince George is a fast developing industrial city with a present population of over 4,000. The Hager Memorial Baptist Church is the only Baptist church in the city. If the church takes advantage of the present great opportunities, there is a marvelous future for it, which will be an eternal tribute to the founder and members of the church.

V. E. Sprock, Pastor.

Vacation Bible Schools Held at Valley View, Alberta and the Peace River Valley

In June a Community Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks at Valley View, Alberta, Canada in the Peace River district. Since the district is somewhat scattered, it was necessary to hold it at two places. The Smoky Valley School was held in the morning with an enrollment of 12 children, and at the town hall in the afternoon with an enrollment of 45.

We were also privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. R. Rapske of Morris, Manitoba with us for these two weeks who took an active part in this work, for which we are very grateful to them and also to the Lord who blessed the work. Other teachers were Miss Alma Hess, Miss Christina Hufnagel and Mrs. Ruth Lehman.

Another Vacation Bible School was held at an outpost from July 25 to 31. Here the attendance was very small since most of the children had to help at home. Another school was also held beginning August 5 at another new point about 35 miles away. We trust the Lord will bless all these efforts and that his Word will not return void but that many may be led to know him as their personal Savior and Lord and Master in this life.

Mrs. Ruth Lehman, Church Clerk.

:: OBITUARY ::

Mrs. KATHARINA DUFLATH of Alfred, North Dakota

Mrs. Katharina Duflath, nee Klundt, of Alfred, No. Dakota was born in South Russia on September 23, 1875 and came to the United States in 1884 with her parents, settling in the vicinity of Long Lake, So. Dak. At the age of 17 she accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. F. Domke and added to the church at Berlin on July 4, 1891.

On March 16, 1894 she was solemnly united in marriage with David Duflath. In the year 1896 they moved to the vicinity of Alfred and homesteaded two miles west of the town. This union was blessed with seven children. Two sons and her husband preceded her in death. She had been sick for many years and was hospitalized since last December. She passed away on July 26 at the Jamestown hospital.

She leaves to mourn her departure 4 daughters and one son: Mrs. Selmar Dahl, David Duflath, Mrs. John Henne, Mrs. Alex Henne, all of Alfred; and Mrs. Christ Henne of Jamestown; 15 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Sophia Fowler of Scottsville, Michigan, and Mrs. Margaret Hermann of Mabton, Washington; 2 brothers, John Klundt and Edward Klundt of Alfred.

The Rev. R. A. Klein spoke in German and the Rev. N. E. McCoy in English at the Grace Baptist Church of Alfred, N. D.

Gackle, North Dakota

R. A. Klein, Pastor.

Miss SANTA CLARA BENS of Bismarck, North Dakota

Miss Santa Clara Bens of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born on Sept. 22, 1886 in New York, N. Y., and to the joy of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Bens, grew up to become a talented and intelligent child. She received her education in the schools of Minonk, Ill.; Baileyville, Ill.; St. Bonifacius, Minn.; Watertown, Wis.; Yankton College, Yankton, S. Dak.; and Teachers' College in Aberdeen, S. Dak.

She was converted at the age of 11 and was baptized by her father on March 7, 1897. Soon thereafter she became very active in church work. Not only did she play the organ at the church services but she also served faithfully in the Sunday School and among the young people. She was especially helpful to her father at revival meetings.

Her sick mother, who suffered for 15 years with diabetes, was nursed by Clara with sacrificial love and patience until her home-going in 1936. After this Clara kept house for her father until she, too, passed on to her heavenly home.

Early she revealed a special gift for music, and later having become a teacher of music, she was always ready and willing to serve God with her talents. It may be interesting to mention that at the time of the organization of the Dakota Conference, it was Clara who played the organ at the services.

For many years she had suffered ill health during which she found it necessary to undergo several operations. Her sickness finally developed into cancer, which hastened her death. She passed away on Sunday morning, July 28, at 11:35 A. M. Her father stood at her bedside and prayed with her and while he was pronouncing the benediction over her and interceding for the peace of God for her, she silently slipped out of this life into the life beyond.

Besides her deeply-grieving father, Clara leaves her sister, Irene, of Seattle, Wash., and three brothers: Walter of Clearbrook, Minn.; Paul of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Henry of Igloo, S. Dak. One brother, Roy, and one sister, Ella (Mrs. Edward Koth) preceded her in death.

In many respects Clara had been her father's "right hand" and he will sorely miss her. But he comforts himself with

the joyful hope of soon being reunited

with her. Clara knew that she was to die and was fully prepared. The funeral services were conducted in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Edward Kary in charge. Rev. Dan Rueb read Psalm 90 and led in prayer.

Two former Sunday School scholars of Clara, who are now pastors, upon special request brought the messages. Rev. F. Volzke of Hastings, Minn., spoke in English on the Scripture verse: "She hath done what she could," and Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak., spoke in German on the words of Paul: "For now we see through a glass, darkly."

Bismarck, No. Dakota

Edward Kary, Pastor.

Mr. HUGO SCHMIDT of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Hugo Schmidt of Chicago, Ill., honorary deacon of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, was born in Thuringia, Germany on November 7, 1857, and was called home to be with the Lord on July 4, 1946, having reached a full age of 88 years and 8 months. In his youth he came to America, accepted Christ as his Savior, and was baptized by the Rev. C. Knobloch at Newark, N. J. Several years later he moved to Chicago and joined our church. Here he served his Lord gladly as Sunday School teacher, as trustee and deacon in the church, and ten years as superintendent at the Home for the Aged. Our brother loved the Lord and God's Word, and enjoyed the fellowship with God's people.

He is survived by his son, Mr. Arthur Schmidt of Denver, Colorado, and by his widow, Mrs. Henriette Zellmer Schmidt of Chicago, Ill.

First German Baptist Church

Chicago, Ill.

John Schmidt, Pastor.

Miss MARTHA REMUS of Forest Park, Illinois

Miss Martha Remus of Forest Park, Ill., a member of the Forest Park Church since 1904, went home to be with the Lord on July 19 after having been seriously ill since last December. A major operation proved too late to be of help and release came only after many weeks of intense suffering. Her devotion to her Lord and Savior found expression in joyful service in various activities in her beloved church. She was for 17 years the valued superintendent of the Primary Department. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Florence Remus, now 89 years of age, a sister and three brothers. Her father, five sisters and five brothers have preceded her in death.

Joyful and patient even under the most severe trials, Martha will be remembered by all who knew her. Hers was truly a life yielded to God and her aim was "by life or by death" to glorify her Lord.

Forest Park, Illinois

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Women's Conference Meetings

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Detroit, our charming hostess, spoke words of welcome and invited all to become quiet for a brief musical program. Mrs. A. Weisser played a violin selection and Mrs. Victor Rocho sang a gospel song—an old favorite of the late Reuben Windisch, who used to have a prominent part in our conferences.

Mrs. Staub then introduced the "ladies who poured" at the head of the beautifully appointed tables: Mrs. Henry Schmunk of the host church in Tacoma, Mrs. J. Rocho of Detroit, Mrs. C. Netting of Detroit, Mrs. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio.

Many lingered long over the tea-cups, chatting with friends from near

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and far. It was a grand idea, this tea. Let's do it again, ladies.

Last, but not least, may we mention that our Woman's Union has now been recognized as one of the cooperating Societies of our General Conference. Just what that involves will, no doubt, be explained in our "Broadcast." At any rate, it is cause for thanksgiving.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE**Baptismal Service and Building Plans at the Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota**

It was our privilege this Spring to conduct revival meetings and the Lord gave us 15 precious souls. The meetings proved to be a great blessing for the church and town.

On July 23 it was the joy of our pastor, Rev. C. T. Rempel, to baptize 21 persons in the presence of many people. On the same day we accepted a few other members and now our church is strengthened to do greater things for God. We praise God for these many blessings.

The work as a whole is going ahead and the future for us is bright. The station at Kassel has closed, and our minister has now only two preaching appointments. The Bertsch station, only 5 miles out of town, has been completely renovated inside and outside. It is now a wonderful place. The church edifice in town is old and too small. But this is to be changed in the near future. We have started a building fund and as soon as lumber is available we are going to build. With our faces toward God we as a church with our minister are going ahead.

Christ Bertsch, Church Clerk.

Vacation Bible School and Women's Birthday Celebration at Goodrich, North Dakota

The Vacation Bible School of the Goodrich Baptist Church of Goodrich, North Dakota which was held in July was successful from every angle. The 34 eager children, who comprised the enrollment, were instructed by five qualified teachers. The many Scripture verses memorized and the Bible and missionary stories taught, along with the hymns and choruses, which the willing children learned, were a great blessing to them. The daily mission offerings amounted to over \$10.00. Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, the pastor's wife, was the director of the school. A large group attended the commencement program on the final evening of the school, when memory work and other presentations of the school were heard.

Recently the interior as well as the exterior of our church has been newly decorated. The ladies of the church did the inside work. As a result our church edifice looks very attractive and inviting.

On Sunday, August 4th, following the impressive morning worship service, the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to a young couple, who came to us by letter. In the evening the Ladies Missionary Society held its birthday celebration. Church members and friends of all ages gathered in the basement around decorated tables, where under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler a program consisting of various musical numbers, Bible Quiz and several short talks was rendered. The birthday offerings amounted to over \$57.00.

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