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# Denominational Reminders

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Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec.  
April 7 — Hebron, No. Dak.  
April 8-10 — Baptist Ministers' Retreat, Bismarck, No. Dak.

Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Assist. Exec. Sec.  
Easter Sunday, April 6 — Ashley and Johannestal, North Dak.  
Dedication of Johannestal Church Basement and Services in Ashley.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Sec.  
April 16-18 — Lansing, Mich.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec.  
April 12 (Saturday) — Missionary Conference, Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich.



## IMPORTANT DATES

April 10-13 — 90th Anniversary of Central Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn. — Rev. Julius Kaaz, Guest Speaker.

April 15 (Tuesday) — Annual Session of the Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT FOREST PARK

April 20-21 — Committee on Education.

April 22-24 — General Missionary Committee.

April 22 — Investment Committee.

April 22 — Ministers' Pension Study Committee.

April 23 — Finance Committee.

April 23 — General Council Review Committee.

April 24-25 — General Council.

**REMEMBER** the Easter Offering in Your Church!

**REMEMBER** the Words of the Risen Lord: "Behold, I am alive for evermore." (Rev. 1:18)

## THE BAPTIST HERALD

### FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" Shows Norris Donald Ganstrom with one of his playmates in the Cameroons. Norris is the son of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, who are stationed at Ndu in the Nsungli field. He was two years of age on February 11, 1947. Missionary Ganstrom has prepared several very fine articles about our work in Africa which will appear in forthcoming issues of "The Herald."



## THE ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

The Third Goal — The Christian Home

(a) The Maintenance of the Family Altar.

(b) The Family at Church.

(c) The Family in Christian Service. Any Ministry Rendered by the Family Together in Christian Service Beyond the Circle of the Home.

Read the article by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke on page 6 of this issue of THE HERALD. Secure copies of the leaflet, "Exceeding Abundantly," the enlistment cards and other free descriptive literature from the Rev. Frank Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

It's difficult to keep up with the important news items nowadays as they occur with great rapidity. The Schneiders have arrived in Africa. Esther Schultz left New York by plane for the Cameroons on March 8. The Hendersons and Ida Forsch are following her as soon as possible. The Gebauers have a baby son born to them on Jan. 28. (See page 12.) The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson have been given instructions to return home for their 1947 furlough. We shall try to bring more details of these "news flashes" in forthcoming issues of "The Baptist Herald."

## IN THIS ISSUE

This number emphasizes introductions to interesting people in our denominational fellowship. You will meet Eleanor Weisenburger, the scholarship girl of the Woman's Missionary Union; the Rev. Ray Allen of George, Iowa in an Easter sermon; and the four new stenographers at the Forest Park headquarters. Dr. Donald G. Davis in a thoughtful message and Miss Ann Swain, Scripture Memorization worker, have already appeared in "The Herald." The missionary article by Laura E. Reddig on pages eight and nine about the Cameroons field is unusually fascinating. The third goal of the Christian Achievement Plan is interpreted by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke.

## COMING

To enable the Seminary Endowment Fund to go over the top, the next issue will be largely devoted to our Rochester Seminary. The Rev. George Zinz, Jr., will depict a student's typical day at the school. President George A. Lang will bring the latest school news. Professor T. W. Bender's article on "Little Adam, Jr.," will evoke a great deal of interest.

The pictures of the next number will be noteworthy. Photographer Zinz has taken a great many seminary "shots" from which a considerable selection will be made. The front cover picture will be the latest photograph of the student body, in which young women appear for the first time in the school's history.

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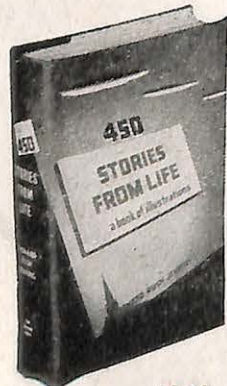
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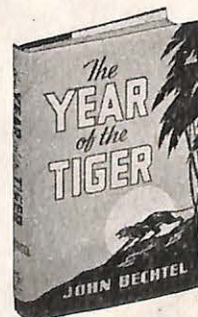


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# EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

## "Ready Unto Every Good Work"

**R**EADY! Get set! Go!" To be alert and prepared, eager to be off, READY, that is the first and foremost requirement to be successful race. That is the purport of the Apostle Paul's admonition to Titus in the words: "Ready unto every good work." God easily use such lives that are ready in this manner to carry out his purposes and to build his Kingdom.

Such a person will show definite spiritual traits that he is ready unto every good work. He will hold himself in readiness to do the Lord's bidding. He will quickly drop other things if "first things" concerning God's Kingdom and his righteousness claim priority. He will respond eagerly and joyously to every call of Christian service. He will exult in the hardships and sacrifices that are required of him, if only God's work is done. He will be impatient with unnecessary delays that hold up the march of the Gospel across the face of the globe.

"Ready unto every good work!" Samuel as a boy showed the spirit that prepared him for a monumental service as God's prophet to Israel. Isaiah's dedication of himself in the familiar words, "Here am I; send me," (Isa. 6:8), have inspired many young people to respond to God's call. It is the glory of the Christian life to face the world and the difficult tasks of today, on the one hand, and the program of service, on the other, and then to say with the Apostle Paul: "So, as much as in me is, I am ready!" (Romans 1:15.)

We shall need a two fold conviction if we are to be ready at all times. We must realize beyond a shadow of doubt that this is the Lord's work. He is the Master Builder; we are only unprofitable servants. Christ Jesus has laid the corner stone; we are only laborers together with him. The words which Mary, the mother of Jesus, spoke to the servants at the marriage in Cana are timely and true for us today: "Whatsoever, he (Christ) saith unto you, do it." (John 2:5.) Such a faith in the unfading splendor and in the timeless values of the Lord's enterprise will certainly help us to be ready always unto every good work.

A second conviction needs to grow upon us. We are bound together in the fellowship of churches, conferences, associations and a denomination. No one of us stands alone. We share in the blessings of missionary service in the Cameroons, among the Mexicans and Indians of the North American Continent, in the marvelous relief ministry to European refugees and sufferers because of our united efforts. Every one of us is only a small part but an important part of the entire enterprise.

The hand might say, "I'm not so important as far as the body is concerned," but its loss would be definitely felt by the entire organism. The instruments of an orchestra seem to be entirely lost in the symphonic music, but the silence of the little oboe would mar the perfection of the music. Your church and your denomination need you and your services, for you are that fellowship together with many others.

As the Risen Lord goes with us into the far flung fields of the world and calls upon us to carry out his divine commission, may we always, whole-heartedly, be ready unto every good work!

### BIBLE TEXT

"Ye shall rejoice in all that you put your hand unto." Deuteronomy 12:7.

That is a remarkable promise which was given to the Israelites if they observed the statutes and ordinances of God in the land which they were to possess. It is still the promise of God to his children everywhere.

Joy that bubbles over in Christian radiance and that sees the silver lining behind every cloud is the unique possession of the child of God. "Be of good cheer," were the words of Jesus. Paul's admonition sounds like a trumpet call to a spiritual celebration: "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

In that sense all things are yours to receive as blessings from above. To those who have this spirit of Christ within them, these words of God's covenant are ever new: "Ye shall rejoice in all that yet put your hand unto."

### THAT TIRED FEELING

We are all plagued at times with that tired feeling. Preachers have their "blue Mondays." Church leaders sometimes know the tragedy of going stale. It is strange, as J. H. Miller has suggested in his book, "Why We Act That Way," that "Christian people who are supposed to feel beneath them the everlasting arms, instead feel on top of them the everlasting demands."

To a large extent, that tired feeling comes from overoccupation with oneself, putting oneself into the spotlight of attention, taking oneself too seriously, hampering oneself with too many desires and worries. As we lose ourselves in devotion to some noble cause and our lives are lifted out of ourselves by the inspiration of this service, we find new strength and grace for every task and every ministry.

In the repose of worship we need to look unto Jesus until he has become the Master of all of life for us. We need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, by waiting on our ministry, by being kindly affectioned one to another, by being fervent in spirit, by serving the Lord. There is a way of getting over that tired feeling!

### THE EASTER OFFERING

There is still time to give your Easter offering to the Lord's work as it is being carried on through our denominational enterprise. The last issue of "The Baptist Herald" showed how these Easter gifts would help to proclaim the message of the Living Christ upon far flung mission fields and through the ministry of our denominational societies. Christ's words are a challenge to us today to make his redeeming grace and triumphant reality known to people everywhere. "Behold, I am alive for evermore!" The opportunity for service is yours. God has given it to you. Do not fail HIM!

# Christ in His Priestly Office

The Second in a Series of Three Interpretive Articles on the Offices of Christ as Prophet, Priest and King

By DR. DONALD G. DAVIS of Wasco, California

**I**N THE FIRST article of this series, Christ was seen in his office of Prophet, fulfilling the prediction of Deuteronomy 18:15-19. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee . . . unto him we shall hearken." As Prophet he represented God to man, both in forth-telling and foretelling. As priest, the Scriptures set forth Christ representing man to God, thus completing his work as Mediator between God and man.

The outstanding delineation of the Messiah as priest in the Old Testament is found in one of the Messianic Psalms, Psalm 110:4. "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." Our Lord claimed this Psalm as a prophecy of himself in Matthew 22:43-45.

### THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

Historically, of course, Melchizedek was the king of Salem who blessed Abraham after the slaughter of the kings (Gen. 14:18-20) and received his tithes. Professor William Milligan's dictum might well be accepted: "Who this Melchizedek was, it is as needless to inquire as it is impossible to determine; . . . we know nothing of his history either before or after that moment, when, like a sudden flash of light, he comes out of the unseen, fills the eye for an instant, and passes into the unseen again." The author of Hebrews describes him thus: "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually" (Heb. 7:3). There is always the possibility that the Melchizedek who appeared to Abraham was a theophany, Christ himself, bearing God's message to the patriarch.

Although many of the features of the priesthood of Christ follow the pattern of the Aaronic priesthood of Israel, he could never have been an Aaronic priest, because of his birth in a family of the tribe of Judah. From this very fact, the author of Hebrews argues the right of Jesus Christ to the title of "high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

The chief duty of the priest in the old dispensation was to present blood sacrifices unto God on behalf of men.

Although daily sacrifices were in order, probably the most impressive scene of those days was the occasion, once a year, when on the Day of Atonement the high priest entered the most holy place to sprinkle blood upon the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant while his people awaited the outcome in fear and trembling.

As the believer's High Priest, Christ "is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Heb. 9:24), where he offered his own blood once for all for sinners. This, to be sure, no priest or high priest of the tribe of Levi and the family of Aaron could do.

### A SACRIFICE FOR SIN

The first and greatest act of our Lord as Priest, then, and the one upon which all his other priestly functions are based, was his offering to God for man's sin — the Lamb of God putting "away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:26). The Mosaic priest had necessarily "to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's" (Heb. 7:27), but for our great High Priest, "who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7:26), there was no such necessity.

The death of Christ as the great sacrifice for sin is the central message of the Word of God. He is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). All remission of sin—all sacrifices during the Old Testament economy—were on the basis of the High Priest's "eternal redemption."

Believers are not only redeemed by the blood of Christ when they accept God's gracious gift of salvation by faith, but they are made "kings and priests unto God" (Rev. 1:6). The Christian minister is never called a priest nor ascribed priestly functions in the New Testament apart from the position he occupies as such with the entire body of believers.

Hodge notes that "every appropriate title of honors is lavished upon" the ministry. "They are called the bishops of souls, pastors, teachers, rulers, governors, the servants or ministers of God; stewards of the divine mysteries; watchmen, heralds, but never priests." The underlying conception of a human priesthood is the



Christ's Priestly Function Is Seen In His Offering to God for Man's Sin — the Lamb of God Putting Away Sin by the Sacrifice of Himself

conviction that men cannot approach God except through the intervention of a God-appointed human mediator or priest.

### IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO GOD

God's children, as priests, have immediate access into his presence at all times. A ministry of intercession has been committed to believers. Perhaps, as Griffith-Thomas suggests, the fact that the New Testament never refers to an individual believer as a priest indicates "the need of exercising our priesthood in union with our fellow-believers in the Church as a whole."

While the priesthood of Christ is as eternal as his sacrifice for sin, his priestly ministry, as distinguished from his prophetic ministry during his earthly life, is carried on, for the most part, during the present dispensation of grace. The Lord's great high priestly prayer, uttered just before his death and recorded in John 17, would seem to indicate that his intercession is not for the sins of believers, but, as Dr. Chafer remarks, "as Intercessor, his work has to do with the weakness, the helplessness, and the immaturity of the saints who are on earth—things concerning which they are in no way guilty. He who knows the limitations of his own, and the power and strategy of the foe with whom they have to contend, is unto them as the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls. His care of Peter is an illustration of this

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# Christ and the Home

A Presentation of the Third Goal of the Christian Achievement Plan  
by the Rev. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

OUR AGE is characterized by the breakdown of family life. The divorce rate has reached an all-time high; there is now one divorce to every three marriages in America. In the wake of this stream of broken homes, there arises another problem—deserted, neglected, neurotic, criminal children.

Surveys show that 75 per cent of juvenile delinquents come from broken homes, and many of the others come from unhappy homes. A boy is arrested for a series of holdups, and investigation shows that his father deserted his family when the child was only four; a young girl shoots and kills her father and the unfolding story of her life reveals that her mother is an alcoholic. These incidents, taken from news items in one city, can be repeated over and over again in every American city.

What is wrong? Many explanations are offered. It is said that the increasing tempo of our life does not allow time for the strengthening of family ties. Someone has composed this ditty to characterize the speed of our life today:

“Daughter’s in the speedboat running races,  
Grandma’s in the roadster going places,  
Mother’s at the airport hopping off,  
And all the great he-men are playing golf.”

Others insist that it is all only an accompaniment of the moral breakdown that follows every major war. Still others blame our false sense of values. An Ohio man writes: “My personal opinion is that the people of this nation concentrate too much on making money, and neglect the most important institution in the world—the home. . . . The one thing that stands out in my childhood is something I wouldn’t trade for anything in

the world—the understanding, companionship and affection that existed in our own home.”

All of these explanations may be true, but they still do not touch the heart of the problem. We believe that the fundamental reason for the breakdown of family life is that God has been disregarded. Our most sacred memories of home are those of father taking the family Bible and reading a portion of it, and of the entire family kneeling reverently for prayer at the end of the day.

It was these things that formed an unshakable foundation for the home, and that nurtured love and understanding.

## REMEMBERING GOD

Worshipping God in the home starts with such apparently minor things as saying grace before meals. This used to be a well nigh universal custom among Christians, but it has lately been somewhat neglected. I wonder if any of us might be likely to experience what happened to some friends of ours. The pastor had been invited to dinner, and was duly asked to pray before the meal began. Whereupon the young daughter explained: “You know, we don’t do this all the time—only when you are here!”

But more important for strengthening the bonds that unite the family is the family altar. We all know that this involves primarily two things: Bible reading and prayer, with the entire family assembled. How many Christian families still maintain this custom? It is impossible to say, of course, but there is no doubt about the fact that it is too often neglected.

It is not important at what time of the day this worship takes place. The only all-important consideration is that it should not be omitted altogether.

Many of us remember times during our childhood years when the family worship hour seemed very dull and tiresome to us. Perhaps it was—for us. Parents should remember the age and interests of the children in planning the family altar. Scripture passages can be especially selected for their appeal to children, and leaflets such as the “Secret Place” can be used.

Another way of making our family worship vital and interesting is to relate it to the various experiences of family members. Is someone ill? Has someone recovered from an illness? Has someone safely returned from a journey? Have you moved into a new or different home? These and

other occasions can be woven into the worship hour of a Christian family.

## THE FAMILY AT CHURCH

Worship in the home will never replace church service. With the advent of the radio, it has become possible to listen to church services and various kinds of spiritual programs without leaving the house. Fine as all these programs may be, they can never do more than supplement the worship and fellowship we experience when we attend church together with other children of God.

But what we should like to emphasize particularly is that attendance at Sunday School and church should be a family matter. It should start in the home with everyone preparing for the Sunday School lesson and spending time in prayer for the church service, and it should find its culmination in the sharing in the worship experience in church.

It is highly significant that only 2 per cent of loyal church families end up in the divorce courts, when we take into consideration the fact that the average for the nation as a whole is 33 per cent. The Christian home is the happy and harmonious home.

## CHRIST AND THE CHILDREN

We cannot overestimate the importance of family and church worship for the welfare and salvation of our children. Only if we teach them the Bible and if we lead them in prayer can we expect the children to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. As great an evangelist as Dwight L. Moody stated that almost all of those whom he succeeded in leading to the Lord had either had a praying mother or had attended Sunday School in their youth.

This presents to all Christians, and especially to all mothers and fathers, a great challenge—and it places a terrifying responsibility upon us. May God grant us grace to do his will as we pray with the poet:

“My Lord, I do not ask to stand  
As king or prince of high degree  
I only pray that hand in hand  
A child and I may come to thee.

To teach a tender voice to pray  
Two childish eyes thy face to see—  
Two feet to guide in thy straight way  
This fervently I ask of thee.

As step by step we tread the way,  
Trusting, and confident, and free—  
A child and I shall, day by day,  
Find sweet companionship with thee.”



“IF YE THEN be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.” Colossians 3:1.

This verse takes the resurrection of Christ for granted. God’s Word expects Christians to believe in the resurrection of Christ. Paul didn’t consider it necessary to furnish proofs of the resurrection to those who had believed at Colosse, for he knew that saving faith includes faith in the risen Savior. A dead Christ could contribute nothing to saving faith. As we read in I Cor. 15, “If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (worthless); ye are yet in your sins.” Saving faith then demands faith in a risen Lord. Praise God, “He lives.” Paul here is not preaching a sermon on the resurrection, but is giving some results of the resurrection.

## RAISED WITH CHRIST

The fact is that all saved people are raised with Christ. We read in Ephesians 2:4-6, “But God . . . even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive together with Christ, and hath raised us up together (with Christ), and made us sit together in the heavens with Christ Jesus.” The second chapter of Ephesians teaches us that we were dead (spiritually), but that as Christ was made alive, so were we; as Christ was raised from the dead, so were we; and as he ascended into Heaven and sat down, so have we. In the mind of God we who are saved are already seated in Heaven, though actually that has not happened as yet. We might say we already have a chair at the table. This is true of all who have received Christ into their hearts by faith.

Here it is briefly—Christ died; Christ became alive again; he arose from the dead; he ascended into Heaven. In the same manner we were dead (spiritually); we, through faith in his death, became alive; we were made citizens of Heaven.

We have a beautiful type of all of this in Christian baptism as taught in Romans 6:4. “We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we

# Resurrection Behavior

An Easter Sermon by

Rev. RAY ALLEN of George, Iowa



also should walk in newness of life.” The baptismal candidate is laid under the water, as a symbol of death and burial. He is raised up out of the water as a symbol of a new life. He is a new creation—old things are past—all things are new (II Cor. 5:17). Of course, baptism does not do this for a person, but merely shows to the world that such a transaction has taken place. It is a divine object lesson to teach this spiritual truth.

## YOUR HEART’S TREASURE

Paul is saying in our text, “If you are one of those who has been resurrected with Christ, then seek heavenly things.” “If you are a Christian, then act like one.” A preceding verse, (Col. 2:20) says this, (Revised Standard Version of 1946): “If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belong to the world?” If you have been raised to a new life, why do you persist in the old life? If you are a new creature in Christ, seek those things which are above.

Christian, where is your treasure? You tell me where your treasure is, and I’ll tell you where your heart is, for “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34) Why will saints of God seek so persistently for things of this world when they are told to “love not the world”? Possessing money is not sin, but being possessed by money is. Living in the world is not sin, but being of the world is. Where is your treasure? Where is your heart?

Dr. R. L. Moyer, who recently went home to be with the Lord, once told of calling on an elderly farmer of considerable means. The man took his time in telling of his accumulated wealth. After listening patiently for

THE EASTER OFFERING  
of Our Churches Is Being Designated for the Lord’s Triumphant Work of Proclaiming the Gospel as It Is Being Carried on Through Our Denominational Enterprise.

some time Dr. Moyer said, “That is certainly good that you have gained so much wealth, but it is all of this earth. Tell me, sir, how much treasure have you laid up in Heaven?” The grey beard fell on the old farmer’s chest. His head hung in sadness as he said, “I’m afraid, sir, not a red cent.” Here was a man, rich in this world’s goods, but a penniless pauper in heavenly things.

## LIFE’S GREATEST VALUES

If only the Christian’s sense of values could be right! If we could only realize the great value of heavenly things, what men and women of God we would be. Who can evaluate the worth of a soul won to Christ? Who can put a price on a word spoken in his name? Who can tell the worth of an hour spent in prayer? What is the value of a life given in full-time service for God? What price can be put even on a cup of cold water given in Jesus’ name? Is anything of greater worth? Can the fleeting things of this world compare with these heavenly treasures?

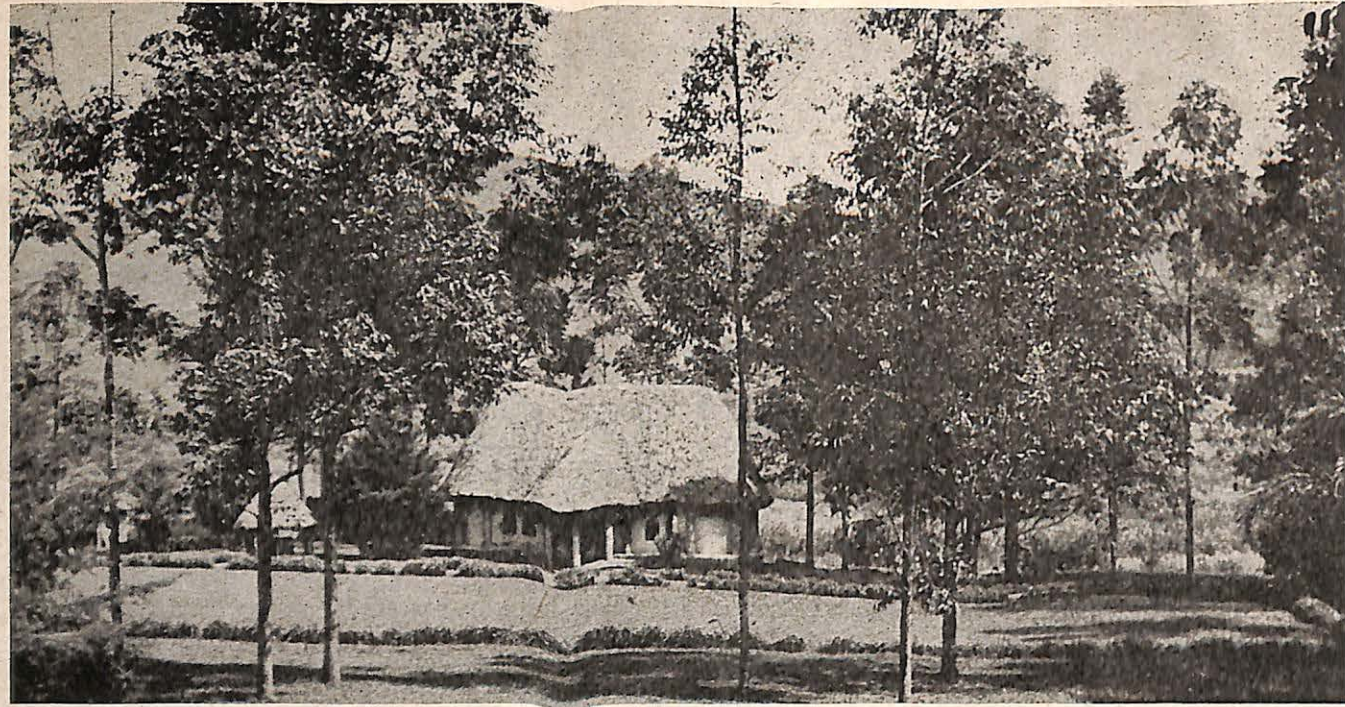
“What would it profit a man if he could gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” We are told that Alexander the Great had gained the then known world at the early age of about thirty years. Was he satisfied? No! He sat down and cried for more places to conquer. Let us lay up treasure in Heaven where it is safe.

Worldly treasure, worldly pleasures and worldly pursuits are not to be the chief concern of the child of God. Worldly possessions, if they have not captured the heart, may be a blessing. Some of the pleasures of the world may be fairly harmless, and some of the worldly pursuits may even be worthwhile, but the chief concern of God’s child should be for things above.

The command of Christ is, “Seek first the kingdom of God.” If we will do this, we will have very little appetite left for the things of this world.

At this Easter time when the resurrection story is reemphasized, let us remember that our conduct should befit those who have been resurrected with him, the Risen Lord.





Surrounded by a Grove of Stately Trees, the Baptist Chapel at Mbem in Kakaland Is the Gospel's Lighthouse in Africa's Darkness of Superstition and Sin —Photo by Missionary Laura E. Reddig

## New Missionaries on Africa's Trails

The Stirring Story of Missionary Advance in the Cameroons by  
Miss LAURA E. REDDIG of Mbem, Kakaland

WE WORKED and prayed that the Lord would send more laborers into the harvest, and he has heard our prayers. Many new missionaries have already come to the Cameroons in Africa. I wonder how many of you can fully realize with what thankfulness and rejoicing they were met on their arrival. Only those who recall the years, in which the tasks on the fields were so large and the workers so few, will know with what joyous feeling the new workers were welcomed. My heart thrills with praise and thanksgiving to God that he has answered our prayers and has continued to care for this mission field of his!

1945 and 1946 will mark the years of great additions to the staff of the Cameroons Baptist Mission. When Margaret Kittlitz and I arrived in March of 1945, five new missionaries were already here to help ease the burdens of the Dungers. After waiting so long without any definite news of new missionaries coming, it is little wonder that the Dungers would not easily believe the news of their coming until they had actually seen the new missionaries IN AFRICA. The Michelsons, the Ahrens, and Lillian Jacobsen were already initiated into their tasks when Margaret and I ar-

rived, and in May, we all said "Farewell" to the Dungers as they went home after seven years on the mission field.

### THE BALONDO FIELD

With the very least of equipment for trekking, as their things had not yet arrived from America, Lillian Jacobsen and Margaret Kittlitz were taken on their first trek. It was into Kumba (Balondo) field, which is the hottest and hardest of all our mission fields in which to trek. I think even the sand-flies and mosquitoes were eager to welcome them, and almost bypassed me to let the new missionaries get their share of welcome.

It seems there is nothing more trying than to trek in a hot country and not to have enough water along. Fresh pawpaws and cocoanut milk helped ease our thirst many times, and our imaginations tried to picture some nice ice-cooled "coke" or drink when the going got really difficult. Whenever, even today, the trek from Kumbelalue to Ngolo-Metoko is mentioned, we can still feel how hot and thirsty we were.

That day we were led on a road where the rivers were not hard to wade across, but it was about twice as far as we found out later. Then on arriving, we learned that there was no house in which we could stay for

the night. Five-thirty A. M. to five-thirty P. M. and then no place to stay! One native finally agreed to move his family, goats, chickens and monkey out of his house and move in with another family, so we could have his house. Then to get the beds up, bathe, and have some supper . . . and to roll in exhausted . . . to awaken many times on hearing dogs or goats trying to get into the house. A real initiation, even though it was not planned!

### THE FOREST PEOPLE

Then there were the joys of seeing Christian friends from my former treks through that forest area, and the fun of introducing the two new missionaries to them. It is a real study to watch their faces as they look at the strangers who have come to help them. And, of course, there have to be words of greeting from these newcomers, for the people are anxious to hear them and get the greetings from Christians in America. Speaking to them in a very, very simple English, or in pidgin-English, is part of their initiation, and further new experiences come in meeting the Christians, the school children and the native chief and elders of the village. What a lot of different people! But what a lot of possibilities also!

Surely, someday soon, there will be



Missionary-Nurse Laura E. Reddig Distributes Medicines to Cameroons' Natives (Left) in One of Africa's Many Villages; and Missionary Ruby Salzman With Her Accordion Wins the Hearts of Hosts of Africa's Children (Right) as She Sings and Tells the Gospel Story of Jesus Christ

a mission station and more missionaries to work in this needy field in Africa's tropical forest. The ju-ju beliefs which have kept the people in darkness, ignorance and fear, need to be replaced by a personal experience of each person with the Christ, who is Life and Light and Love.

### A VISIT AT BELO

Margaret and I came up to the grasslands, stopping first at Belo. The hills had lost their bleak and black coverings and were now nicely robed in when coming back to see them again. short green grass. Once you become familiar with some of the grassland mountains, they appear like old friends To leave the heat of the forest and coastal areas, and to have to get into sweaters and leather jackets, has to be experienced before it may be believed. Along the tiny trails among the grassland mountains, these missionaries' highways, new missionaries find much that is beautiful, interesting, and much that shows how great a task the missionaries have before them. These highways are seldom more than a foot wide, and sometimes only a couple of inches.

One trail led along a mountain-side, where solid rock towered ahead and above, and only distance was below! Were we well seasoned Africans, we could easily cross such a place, walking erect instead of sliding along, and even carrying a fifty-pound load on our heads. New missionaries all put African carriers down as the seventh wonder of the world . . . and rightly so!

Visiting and supervising schools, taking care of sick people, holding meetings in the little Baptist chapels, or out in the open . . . never a dull moment, and hardly a quiet moment, either. But wherever we go, and whatever the work is we are called upon to do, it is a joy to be a missionary! Looking ahead we try to see what each church, each village, each person might become, if Jesus Christ is accepted and his Way becomes the way they all want to follow!

Belo, Oku (with its steep hills), Bum, Misaje, and then on to Ndu! More school and medical and church work. More people to meet, more new tasks to explain to new missionaries. Then on to Mbem and Warwar, finding different people and different tasks in each village, and yet the basic need, that of a Savior, the same in all places.

### OUR MEDICAL WORK

Medical work is not easy when medicines are not available, and throughout 1945, natives received more promises of medicines to come than actual medicines. There are so many sick ones, and they have no one to whom to turn but the missionaries, so you can see how heart-breaking it is not to be able to help them. Now that the war is over, we sincerely hope to be able to get, not only the medicines needed for this work, but also a missionary doctor to guide and lead in this work of healing, which Christ commands us to do.

January 4, 1946 brought the Ganstroms and Misses Myrtle Hein and Hilda Tobert to the Cameroons. It was a real joy to try to tell them something about the work and the people, and the hopes and aims for years to come. Miss Tobert trekked many of the grassland trails with me and saw and cared for many of the diseases which are so common in Africa. In September of 1946, Ruby Salzman came to the grasslands and more trails were covered and tasks shown, and initiations carried on.

Have You Read Both of the Colorful, Informative Leaflets About Our Cameroons Mission Work?

1. "Now We Are Twenty-two" (The Story of Our Missionaries)
2. "To the Uttermost Places With Christ" (The Story of the Six Fields in Africa)

Send for your copies by writing Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

October of 1946 brought the Dungers and Gebauers back to the Cameroons. They are old-timers in this land, and did not need showing around. How thankful we all are to have them back! Natives went about singing: "Massa done come, Massa done come!" At once, plans were made in which our "bigger" mission staff could work effectively. Each field has its own problems. Each part of the work has its own needs. But if God could answer our prayers for more workers in the field, I am sure that he can supply all the needs that arise.

### IN THE MASTER'S SERVICE

The new missionaries . . . some are country folks (like myself), others are urban people who have a few extra tricks to learn. But you can rest assured that by the time a missionary has made sure he has been called to this country, there is nothing too difficult to learn or to do in carrying out the Master's leading. Each sees this country with different eyes, and each has a different way of working with the Africans. Many and varied are the schools from which the missionaries come. All this makes it all the more interesting and ought to lead to even better results in the Master's service!

With thanksgiving and confidence we look into the future. More missionaries are preparing to come. Others are perhaps already hearing God's call to prepare and come to the Cameroons. Somewhere, we pray, God is calling a doctor for this work. Some will hear and answer these calls; others will perhaps refuse to listen to them. Let us not hinder God's great work by our lack of faith.

Where are the workers and the funds to come from? He has already shown us! Has he not heard our prayers about the Cameroons and about other mission fields in our denomination? Will he not continue to speak to Christians in America to support his work? So let us trust him who sends out the workers and promises: "I will be with you."



# Life Abundant for All!

By Miss ELEANOR WEISENBURGER of Venturia, North Dakota,  
a Student at the Baptist Missionary Training School

THE CALL of "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters," was given by Isaiah many years before the full meaning of that verse was fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus came saying: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." These statements had great significance to the people to whom they were originally addressed because they lived in a land where water was scarce and most of them, probably at some time or other, had experienced extreme physical thirst. Although few of us have had such an experience, we have been taught that water is more essential in keeping our bodies alive than food.

As water is essential to our physical beings, so our spiritual beings need the things that Christ would give us. He himself said: "I am come that ye may have life, and that ye may have it more abundantly." In him is the abundant life.

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Life in Christ is abundant, because it abounds in Christian fellowship and friendship. There is no experience more gratifying, when one is forced to be away from loved ones, than to be away from loved ones, than to find, wherever one goes, people with whom one immediately feels at one because they too are members of the family of God. There is a warmth in the handclasp and in the love that shines forth from the faces of fellow-believers that is greater than any other fellowship I have yet found.

All of us treasure memories of mountain-top experiences in our Christian life that came through fellowship with God's people. In my own life many of these are associated with large gatherings such as assemblies or conferences. It is the sharing in the experiences of those who have reached heights of spiritual attainment for which we long that stimulates us to seek for similar heights. People today are longing for such experiences.

Then the life that Christ gives us is abundant because it is filled with adventure and thrilling experiences. It takes courage to stand alone in a group of scoffers and to give a reason for the hope that is in us. But what a glorious victory when something we say helps some weaker member of the group take a stand for his convictions! Can there be any greater adventure anywhere than to see men born again? I have seen seeming miracles performed under the hands of a skilled surgeon, but they do not equal what Christ does for men. To see God's



Miss Eleanor Weisenburger of Venturia, North Dakota, the Scholarship Girl of the National Woman's Union at Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School

Word working through ourselves or others to bring new life to one who has been dead in sins is a miracle that we can never fully explain but that challenges us constantly to be faithful in sowing the Word.

## CHRIST'S PEACE

The Christian life abounds also in peace. There is no promise more timely than the one which Jesus gave to his disciples as found in John 14:27. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I

give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In my limited experience I have found no place where faith in God is more clearly shown than when times of testing or sorrow come.

There have been times when I have walked into a sickroom hoping to bring comforting words and have gone away being comforted myself by the peace and calm in the heart of the sick one. Not so with one who has no real hope and peace. I have come away from such feeling that my words of comfort were of little avail because there was no trust in anything beyond human skill. Hearts are troubled and afraid and need peace.

To be truly abundant the Christian life must be a life of service. Jesus gave us the example when he came "not to be ministered unto but to minister." As we show friendliness and love to others, their friendliness and love become more meaningful to us. Adventure comes when we can help others to find the way. As we try to bring peace and calm into the lives of others, we find our own trust in God becoming more real.

## LIFE ETERNAL

This life abundant is wonderful because it will never end. "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." Most people will do their utmost to preserve their physical life and become every concerned when they realize that their life must soon end. But the life in Christ will go on forever; we need never be parted from it. Can we imagine any soul not being athirst for such a life?

Men today are thirsty for such a life  
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# We, the Women

A Message for the National Woman's Missionary Union by Miss  
ALETHEA S. KOSE, Teacher at the Baptist Missionary Training  
School, Chicago, Ill.

## MY GRATITUDE

To the faithful women of our churches:

How I wish I could thank each one of you personally! I am so grateful that you have helped to make this year at the Baptist Missionary Training School possible for me. The days here are filled with hard work, yet they are full of numberless blessings of Christian fellowship and service for God. May God bless you all as you continue to bring joy and blessing to others.

Yours in Christ,  
Eleanor Weisenburger.

## OUR SCHOLARSHIP GIRL

Come with me to the Baptist Missionary Training School and become acquainted with Eleanor Weisenburger, our 1947 scholarship girl. You will enjoy her keen mind, her happy disposition and her consecration and devotion to Kingdom work.

Eleanor was born in Venturia, North Dakota. Here was her first church home where she early found her Savior. Her grade school days were spent here. High School days took her to the nearby town of Ashley, North Dakota.  
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# Diary from a Denominational Directory

By Miss ANN SWAIN, Scripture Memorization Missionary for the Dakota  
Conference

UNLIKE most diaries, mine doesn't have a lock. Some of its contents are, nevertheless, very precious to me. For example: on the inside front and back pages have been recorded the autographs of many people, one of whom is now at home with our Lord. It is also valuable to me for it contains the complete record of my activities since June 1, 1944 when my work began in our Southwestern Conference.

Recent entries made since my coming to our Dakota Conference on September 1, 1946, give evidence of God's open doors for service. Would you care to read from my diary? If so, I'll open some pages in the back of my copy of our "Denominational Directory—1946." There we'll find . . .

MONDAY—Left Bismarck, North Dakota. Arrived Canistota, South Dakota. Renewed a General Conference acquaintance with Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson at whose home I was to stay during the South Dakota Convention.

WEDNESDAY—The Program Committee graciously gave me half an hour to speak on the subject, "Scripture Memorization for the Dakota Conference." Several persons from our churches spoke to me after the service indicating their desire to have Scripture memorization organized among their boys and girls.

THURSDAY—During the devotional period of our South Dakota Ladies' Missionary Union session, and after I had mentioned separately the name of each of our mission fields together with the names of our missionaries serving or preparing to serve there, one of the ladies voluntarily led us in prayer for that particular work and those workers.

SUNDAY—A flannelgraph lesson was given in the evening at our Spring Valley Church for our boys and girls. This was followed by a correlated message for the older people. Both messages were in preparation for Scripture memorization.

MONDAY—Rain! Much rain! Muddy roads and muddy lanes! What an evening it was for a meeting to organize Scripture memorization! But they came, every one of our future Spring Valley Scripture memorization workers, to the Herman Beeninga home in Monroe. Prayer was followed by a (literal) round table explanation of the National Scripture Memory Course of our North American



Miss Ann Swain, Scripture Memorization Missionary for the Dakota Conference.

Baptist denomination. Assignment cards in various colors (attractive assets to Scripture memorization), as well as other material furnished to each of our churches free of charge by our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, was also explained. Questions, answers and suggestions were freely exchanged. To bring our meeting to an appropriate conclusion, Mr. Nelson led us in prayer. By that time Mrs. Beeninga had a surprise ready for us . . . a luscious lunch! When at last we departed for our homes, it had stopped raining.

FRIDAY—"Friday . . . fairest or foulest," so someone has said. This one proved to be very pleasant, not only when the weather was considered, but also in many other things. That adjective could easily be used in describing the trip with the Nelsons from Canistota to Avon, South Dakota. There we received a very hearty welcome from Rev. and Mrs. Peter Geissler and Mr. and Mrs. John Jucht in whose home we enjoyed a two-hour conversation around the dinner table. Nor was that all . . . for before the clock struck twelve, we had attended and participated in a lively party for parents and Sunday School Teachers in the basement of our Avon Church. During the devotional program, I had the privilege of

speaking on the subject of "Scripture Memorization." More than seventy persons were present.

SUNDAY—A very promising group of future Scripture memorizers listened attentively to a Junior B. Y. P. U. message regarding Scripture memorization activities and awards.

THURSDAY—The invitation to Avon (proffered during our South Dakota Convention) included a request from the Ladies' Missionary Society to speak to them on a profound, prophetic subject, "The City As It Is and the City As It Should Be." So it came to pass that I had the pleasure of meeting with the women of our Avon Church.

SUNDAY—Harvest and Mission Festival Day at Avon! I taught the Young Women's Sunday School class in the morning and brought a Senior B. Y. P. U. message, "Encouragement," in the evening.

MONDAY—Scripture memorization meeting in the W. R. Van Gerpen home was similar to the meeting in Monroe . . . minus the rain, but with the refreshments!

THURSDAY—Late afternoon found me in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner at Unityville, South Dakota after traveling most of the way from Avon with the Geisslers. Plans for the organization of Scripture memorization were soon under way in the form of a letter to the Rev. J. C. Gunst requesting the necessary material.

FRIDAY—The W. C. T. U. met in Salem, South Dakota with some of the ladies of our Madison Church as special guests. After the meeting as we returned to Unityville across the flat, prairie country, we faced the west and a most glorious sunset. For several minutes the clouds were lavender with a golden background, so lovely that it seemed the windows of heaven were opened and at least a small glimpse of it could be seen. The scene readily recalled to mind precious Scripture portions . . . Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:16, 17 and others.

SUNDAY—Before teaching a large, young people's class in our Unityville Sunday School, it was pleasant to hear most of them respond to roll call by quoting the Golden Text of the lesson. Evening brought the fulfillment of three assignments; namely, a Scripture

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The congregation of the Jansen Baptist Church of Jansen, Saskatchewan has purchased a building, 24 by 60 feet, from the nearby Dafoe air field. Mr. Henry Fenske of Regina, Saskatchewan, has helped to move the edifice for the Jansen Church and it will be remodelled and converted into a worshipful church on this fine mission field. The church is pastorless at present.

● The Rev. D. Berg of Main Centre, Saskatchewan accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota to serve as its pastor. He was ordained in 1944 and served for a while in the Mennonite Brethren Church. He is a graduate of the Briarcrest Bible Institute near Regina, Sask. He is married and there are four children in the family. He will begin his pastorate in Washburn as soon as immigration regulations will permit.

● Recently the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta held a series of evangelistic services with the Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Leduc bringing the messages. A fine group of 12 young people confessed their faith in Christ as Savior during these two weeks of meetings. The reporter, Mr. Emil Schimke, stated that "many who attended were uplifted and blessed by the messages of Brother Seecamp." The Rev. R. H. Zepik is pastor of the Trochu Church.

● The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba has extended a call to Miss Ruby Schindler of Yorkton, Saskatchewan to become its church missionary to which she has responded favorably. Miss Schindler has been very active in her local church as well as in the young people's activities of the province. She was also a student at the Edmonton Christian Training Institute for a while. In the Winnipeg church she will serve as church visitor and worker. The Rev. Otto Patzia is the pastor.

● Sunday School services are held every Sunday from 10 to 11 A. M. in the Baptist Church of Ableman, Wisconsin with Mr. John McGarrity serving as Sunday School superintendent. Attendance reaches a high of 28 scholars. Worship services are conducted every Sunday evening with the Rev. Roy Harrington of Reedsburg, Wis., bringing the messages. The membership of the Ableman Church is about 20. It has been without an active pastor since the retirement several years

## URGENTLY NEEDED

Copies of the Denominational Conference Minutes of the Years 1940-41-42-43 are urgently needed. If you have an extra copy or one that you can readily spare, please send it to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Your mailing expense will be refunded. Since the need for these copies is so urgent, your cooperation will be a real service.

E. J. BAUMGARTNER,  
Business Manager.

ago of the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann, now of St. Paul, Minn.

● On the five Monday evenings of March the Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union of Chicago and vicinity held its "Spring Institute" at the First Church of Chicago with an attendance of 75 to 100 young people. Two classes were conducted by Dr. Peder Stiansen and Dr. Martin H. Schlichting of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary on "Baptist History and Doctrine" and "The Christian Home," respectively. Mr. Walter Baumgart, president, was in charge of the institute. Many young people took part with musical numbers and devotional selections.

● On Feb. 25 the Rev. John Schmidt of Chicago, Ill., spoke in German at the chapel service of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., with about 150 students in attendance. The German language class, taught by Mrs. Carl F. H. Henry, is in charge of a German chapel service once a month. Mr. Schmidt spoke on the topic: "What Made Paul the Greatest Christian?" He also spoke to four students afterwards who are members of North American Baptist Churches. They are Jay Hirth of Chicago, Ernest Volkman of Forest Park, Miss Kilinski of Milwaukee and Edith Streichert of Winnipeg.

● Special meetings were held in the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., from Palm Sunday, March 30, to Good Friday, April 4, with Dr. Walter Wilson, famous Christian physician and Bible teacher of Kansas City, Mo., as the speaker. Dr. Wilson is the author of many books and is in constant demand for Bible conferences. The response to his messages at the Forest Park Church was most enthusiastic as evidenced in the attendance and the blessings received by

the people. The Rev. C. B. Nordland, pastor, had made the arrangements for this series more than a year ago.

● The Women's Day of Prayer was observed in the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin, Feb. 21st with Mrs. F. Mashner presiding. Women of all the Protestant churches of Pound participated. A Junior Youth was also organized in the Pioneer Baptist Church resulting in the following officers: president, Evelyn Rymer; vice president, Billy Konstanski; secretary, Betty Ellie; treasurer, Eunice Borkowski; pianist, Maria Konstanski; and song leader, Patsy Boyd. Meetings are to be held on the first and third Fridays of the month, with the officers acting as the program committee.

● In addition to the farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Klatt by the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., as reported in the last issue, several other informal receptions were tendered them. On Jan. 28 the choir held a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kurzweg. Mr. Klatt, who had been choir director, was given a pen and pencil set and several records of the choir. On Jan. 24 the B. Y. P. U. expressed its appreciation for the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Klatt at a farewell reception with a beautiful picture of Christ presented as its gift.

● The latest news about our Cameroons missionaries is most favorable! Miss Esther Schultz, who left New York City by plane on March 8th, was at her destination in Lagos, Africa on March 15th. The Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider have been escorted to Ndu, Nsungli by Missionary Paul Gebauer. On March 25th Miss Ida Forsch and the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson were scheduled to leave for the Cameroons by plane. By the time this issue of "The Herald" is in your hands, all 22 of our missionaries are probably out there in Africa proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. That's glorious news, indeed!

● The 66th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Freedom, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, February 27, with Mrs. Martha Lange, president, in charge. The roll call was read by Mrs. Walter Wilzewski with every member responding with a Bible verse or poem. Mrs. Katie Voeck, a charter member, was also present and spoke a few words. The offering of \$29.63 for the Cameroons' Nurses Training School

was in addition to the society's income of \$172.06 for the year. Musical selections were brought by Mrs. Ben Pawlisch and the Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor. Rev. M. L. Leuschner showed missionary pictures and presented the denomination's missionary challenge.

● On Sunday evening, March 9, nine students of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor conducted the evening service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. As members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, they spoke of the work of that international organization. On Wednesday evening, March 5, a large audience greeted Mr. and Mrs. McDuff Cope land of Toronto, Ontario in a special program of sacred music. Mr. Cope land is a well known composer, and his wife is a soloist of outstanding ability and as organist and pianist performed in the concert hall for years prior to the conversion of her husband. The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh is the pastor of the church and a personal friend of the Copelands.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 23, the Grace Church of Chicago, Ill., enjoyed the fine program presented by seven students of Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School with Miss Alethea S. Kose, teacher, in charge. Messages were brought by the Misses Irene Froehlich, Eleanor Weisenburger and Berniece Westerman. After the church service an Inter-Church Singspiration was held in the church with 100 young people from neighboring churches also present and with Bob Cook, director of the Chicagoland Youth for Christ, bringing a brief message. On Sunday evening, March 2, Mr. Leuschner showed missionary motion pictures. The Rev. J. C. Gunst was the guest speaker at the church service on Sunday morning, March 9. The Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke is the pastor.

● On Tuesday evening, February 25, the annual Fellowship Supper of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas was held in the banquet hall. Almost 300 people attended. The Rev. Fred Ferris was toastmaster and Rev. Samuel Goering of Newton, Kansas spoke on the subject "My Experience as a Relief Worker." At the conclusion of the program, a cashier's check was given the Rev. Fred Ferris. The check was made up of donations from members and friends of the church and was a love gift toward the purchase of a new car. On Sunday, March 2, the church dedicated the new chimes, recently installed complete with amplifier. The chimes were dedicated in loving tribute to Pvt. Norman J. Sies, Sgt. Warren W. Sies, and Sgt. Roy T. Weightman who made the supreme sacrifice in World War No. 2. The program consisted of the act of dedication, music by the Ladies' Chorus, Men's Quartet, and a musical meditation on the organ with the chimes.

# Beside the Still Waters

Devotional Nuggets of Truth by Dr. JOHN LEYPOLDT, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

## MY SHEPHERD

Psalm 1:1

God is so great, so grand, so far beyond all human comprehension, that no one can grasp him with a finite mind. He is the invisible, incomprehensible and inscrutable One. The only way to make the Infinite God understandable to man is to speak of him in human terms. This David does in the Shepherd Psalm.

In the most-loved of all Psalms he says: "The Lord is my shepherd." Everyone can understand that. A gentleman once wrote to a friend that it seemed to him that to put oneself in the second place is the whole significance of life. To this his friend replied that it seemed to him to discover what to put before oneself in the first place is the whole problem of life. That is correct. The Psalmist put the Lord in the first place. That solved all his problems. The Lord was his shepherd.

A shepherd is greater than a sheep.

So God is much greater than man. A sheep is helpless without a shepherd. So man is helpless and hopeless without God. The shepherd is provider, protector, guide, comforter, yea, the best friend a sheep has. The dumb sheep must always look up to its shepherd for help. So man must look up to the eternal Shepherd for physical and spiritual sustenance.

The emphasis in this first sentence must not only be placed upon the Lord as shepherd but also upon the pronoun, "My." A gentleman met a lad who knew nothing about the Shepherd Psalm. He taught the boy the first five words on the fingers of his hand: "The Lord is my shepherd." On a later occasion the man called at the boy's home to inquire about him. The sad mother told of her son's death, but added that he died holding his fourth finger, meaning that the Lord had become his (my) shepherd.

Blessed is he who can say from personal experience: "The Lord is MY shepherd."

# Pointed Paragraphs

By Rev. C. B. NORDLAND of Forest Park, Illinois

☞ God calls upon us to be spiritual and Christlike, to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." None will dispute the fact that the divine expectancy is that of spiritual progress on the part of his people. Before the church can do the bidding of its Lord, it must be in character what he would have it be. To become the great evangelizing agency God wants it to be, his church must have within itself a genuine passion which alone can come by divine channels. The spirituality of his people counts with God.

—News Letter, Conservative Baptist Fellowship.

☞ The propaganda line that Stalin's land is Eden to the oppressed Jews is the greatest fraud in history. Jews who have managed to escape that land say the existence of the Jew in the Soviet is but a living death. Stalin hates the people who gave the world the Bible. If the Jew will not be assimilated into the atheistic program, he will feel the real force of the Red terror.

—Prophecy Monthly.

☞ It is high time that we Americans come to grips with the problem of alcoholic beverages. The liquor traf-

fic is taking an increasingly heavy toll in human life and happiness. Unless something is done, and done quickly, to put a stop to this evil, we may be sure of what the consequences will be. Liquor will destroy us unless we first destroy it.

—Baptist Leader.

☞ The behavior of the human race is positive prove of depravity. When groups are mutually dependent upon one another, nothing but spiritual blindness can explain why they will exploit one another. Selfishness drives individuals, or groups, to seek their own ends through cruelty and bloodshed and demonstrates the folly of a policy which defeats its own ends.

—Sunday School Builder.

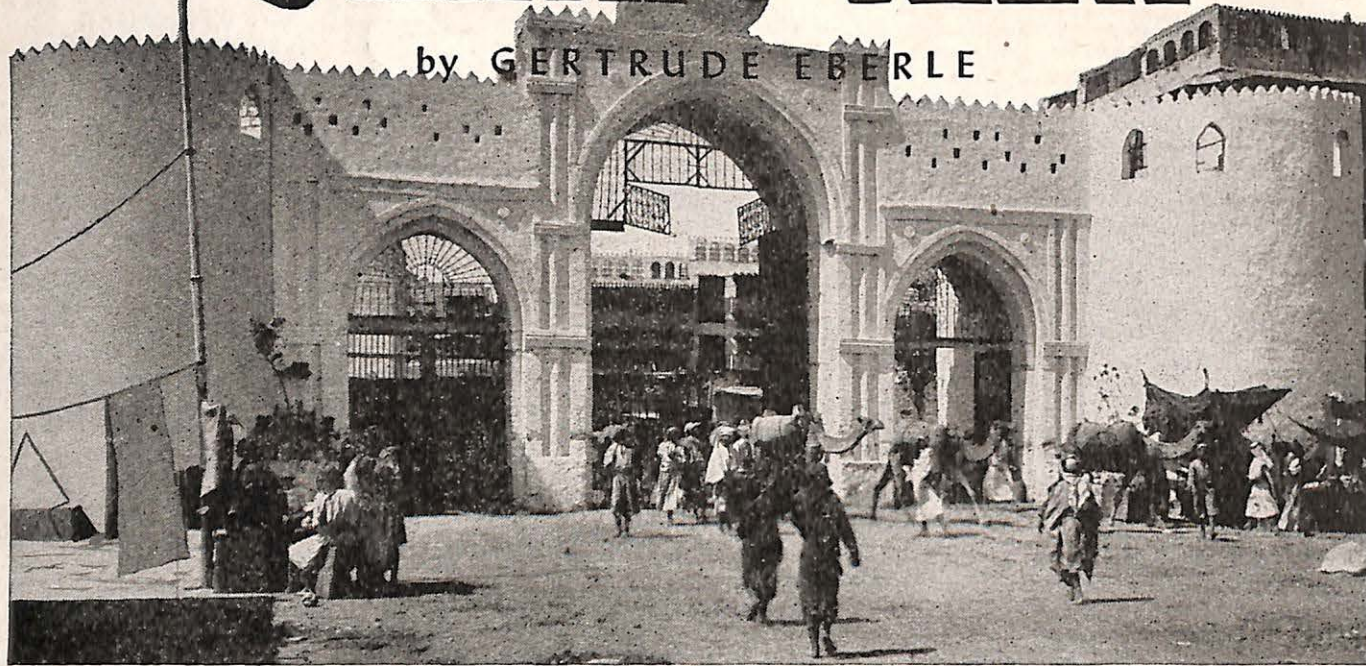
☞ J. Edgar Hoover says, "Church attendance is a vital factor in the nation's crime prevention program. While serving as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the past 20 years, I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that the 'church-going people' are the most substantial group of citizens in the nation. Church attendance and crime appear to be like the ingredients of oil and water—they do not mix."

—The Civic Bulletin.



# CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



## SYNOPSIS

A long caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen crawled through deep valleys on the ancient roadway between Chaldea and Egypt. In a pit on a nearby field some of the men, Egibe and Dahmru, found a Hebrew slave named Joseph who was then bought from the Midianites. Raanah, another slave, and Joseph became good friends. It was currently known in the caravan that Raanah was protected against harm by the goddess Ishtar by carrying her moonstone image in his pocket. Everyone except Joseph was afraid of the image, for he prayed without an image to the Lord God of his fathers. One day the caravan was attacked by a head of outlaws which had caught the scouts, Joseph and Raanah, by surprise. It soon developed into a fierce struggle!

## CHAPTER FIVE

Now as the uproarious freebooters surged toward them, the animals became panicky and strained at their bonds. Excitement grew with the hoarse orders of the merchantmen, the curses of slaves, the brays and snarls of frightened animals. Raanah's dragon was growling and lashing its tail defiantly, while the din of the raiders deepened into a thunderous roar.

"They are a wild band," Egiba flashed a tight grin at Isme-Dagan as they dashed between the camel barricades. "Too wild to suit me," Isme-Dagan growled.

The merchantmen had stationed themselves behind the barricades at intervals to command all parts of their line. The most intelligent slaves, like Calah, Gaza, and Shobal, were set over smaller groups to direct and steady them. Within a circle of hooded howdahs the women were crowded to the rear, for they were considered a

prize by the plunderers.

Hardly was the caravan set when the raiders bore down upon them. It was a bold charge, but such a cloud of arrows showered them that they became disconcerted. Their own aim was uncertain because of the motion of their mounts. To rally from their confusion they rode in a circle, howling like fiends, then darted forward in a fan-like spread to discharge their weapons, then whirled about.

The plain in front of the caravan became alive with flying arrows, darting spears, and whirling riders. Once thrust into action the slaves fought with an abandon that was hardly expected of them.

Asaph, Dungri, and Kihai-Del took up bows and used them intensively if not very effectively, while the delirium of battle shot from their eyes. Kedar took a stance with a spear, but he was too stiff and fat and he fell, then crawled behind his camel. Accid-Adab paced behind his barricade, his long mustache bristling militantly. Dahmru blinked in the strong light timidly, his face twitching in terror.

After several charges, the marauders changed their tactics to tormenting their opponents rather than putting up a stiff fight. They dashed forward, wheeled suddenly, then charged an unsuspecting section of the line. This

irked Isme-Dagan. He stepped from cover and shook a spear at an ugly turban-headed Idumean. "Come closer, you howler! I'll pin you to the ground!" he taunted. "I'll fix you so you'll never howl again!"

"That's right, soldier," Egiba snickered, "if you can't hit them, tell them!" He frowned at the bow in his hand. "If these pesky things would only do what you want them to!"

The dry white sands simmered with heat. To the frightened women peering from behind their hooded shelter, the battle seemed too ethereal to be real. The outlaws charged and pranced and whirled, while the dust from the feet of their mounts enveloped them in a thin haze. The women shuddered and wept at the sight of the wild faces flashing before them.

It soon became evident that the freebooters were tiring. Their mounts were blowing. They also knew that their desire for plunder was hopeless, for animals that are tied down cannot be stampeded. The merchant company, with its heavy advantage of numbers, had proved too strong for them. The outlaws had persisted merely out of pique. After another futile charge they rode off, defeated.

When they were out of sight and it was certain their departure was not a ruse, the merchant company untied the stiffened knees of their camels. All the men were in high glee as they wiped the dust and perspiration from their faces.

"That was a grand fight," Egiba declared.

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"And our marksmanship was fairly good," Asaph bragged, thinking of the handsome figure he must have cut with his bow.

With the tension of conflict removed, they became a bit hysterical. The slaves played leapfrog and feigned fighting bouts with each other. The merchantmen slapped each other on the back and laughed uproariously. All were agreed on the merits of their defense, though each secretly took much credit to himself.

Isme-Dagan ended their horseplay by suggesting that they investigate their casualties. They found a dead camel with an arrow through its neck. A couple of seriously wounded Bañtu were turned over to the women for treatment. Less than a dozen slaves presented superficial scratches. So they considered that good luck had attended them.

Then they began to wonder where Raanah and Joseph were. Isme-Dagan scanned the hills, cupped his hands over his mouth and hallooed, "Raanah! Joseph! Come in! The raiders are gone!"

Then Egiba took up the call, and a short time later the boys reached the crest of the hill and answered. The men were surprised to see Raanah leading an animal and Joseph lugging the heavy arms of a raider.

Egiba looked plainly relieved. "How about you, lads?" he called jovially. "We would have worried about you sooner had we time to think of it. But what have you there?" He stared incredulously. "Can I believe my eyes? It's a horse! Where did you find him, O warriors?" Without waiting for an answer, he called, "Hey—Dungri-Kedar, Asaph! See what these scallawags are bringing in! Ha-ha! They have snatched the crown of victory from our heads!"

The merchantmen pressed around the boys. Accid-Adab's eyes glued avidly upon the horse. As a trader he knew its worth. But the animal, a shy, wild buckskin with a white star on its forehead became frightened at the crowd, rolled its eyes, snorted and reared, and the men backed away quickly.

"He seems to have a streak of meanness in him," Kihai-Del commented. "I say, boy, can you ride him?" Kihai-Del knew that he was pricking Raanah's self-esteem. One of his unmatched eyes shot a malevolent wink at Accid-Adab.

"I believe so," Raanah panted unsuspectingly, full of pride in his horse. He was struggling with the reins. "That is, if somebody will hold his head—so I can mount him."

A dozen hands grasped the reins and boosted the youth into the saddle. "Now, ride him, horseman! Stick to him!" Egiba yelled as they released the reins.

The horse whirled, rocked his head from side to side to make sure he was free, then ducked it between his stiffly

spread legs and reared up behind. The next instant he reversed the order, reared up in front and pawed the air with his forefeet. He shook himself and racked his forefeet from side to side rigidly as if in some dervish dance. The merchantmen gasped in amazement. The camel boys paused in their work to look on.

Inexperienced in roughriding, but with the instincts of a born horseman, Raanah crouched over the neck of his plunging horse and clung to it. The horse jerked about violently in its efforts to dislodge him, but finding itself unable to do so, lay back its ears and bolted along the road ahead. The merchantmen and Joseph gazed after them with varying emotions. The slaves rolled their eyes. None of them had ever seen an animal behave like that before.

"I did not dream that a horse was such a skittish animal!" Egiba scratched his head anxiously.

"Even so, you were too eager to urge the lad to ride the brute," Isme-Dagan snapped, his face tense, his eyes clouded with concern.

Joseph dropped on the embankment by the roadside and held his head in his hands. He was too spent physically and emotionally to think of what might happen to Raanah, and he would not look.

Kihai-Del spread his hands eloquently and shrugged. "I see no need to worry. At the worst, there will be one less slave for Accid-Adab to dispose of in Egypt. If the youth can hold on to his steed as stubbornly as he does to his goddess—" He paused to stare at Accid-Adab, whose face held a parched smile. Oblivious to all around him, that merchantman gazed after the horse and rider until they rounded a curve in the road and were out of sight.

"Oh, well—" Egiba made an impatient gesture as if to cast off the annoyance, "Can anyone doubt that the rascal will come riding back as cheerful as ever when the creature has spent his wind?"

"He surely will! So let's forget him and bestir ourselves," Asaph urged. "Before night, we should be as far away as possible, for the raiders may return under cover of darkness." That was sound advice, so the order was given for the caravan to take the trail.

They had not traveled far before Raanah came riding toward them. He sat jauntily in the flat saddle, his face beaming with pleasure. The horse looked tired and subdued. Raanah patted its neck and talked soothingly to it. His conflict with the little animal was over. He was its master, and it obeyed his touch on the reins.

That evening as the boys sat apart, eating dry barley bread and curdled camel's milk, Raanah described his ride to Joseph. "Truly, that horse is a tricky little animal," he laughed contentedly, "yet I was not afraid. At

first I wondered if I could hold on, for he plunged so furiously and came down so hard, but when he took the bit and ran, I knew that I could stick. Believe me, he ran so fast the wind slapped my face. It tried to tear my tunic off. It whistled in my ears, and the ground seemed to be rushing backwards. Oh, Joseph, I never felt so alive in all my life. Why, to be a racing driver would be the finest sport in the world." His exuberance made him restless. "Come, let's go over and look at the horse."

They found the animal hobbled and grazing by himself. Raanah got an alof of fodder from the camels to piece out its meal, for it looked as if it had never had enough to eat in its life. This was not strange, since it had been living in the stony Wilderness of Shur where grass grew sparsely. Raanah found a square of cloth among the baggage and rubbed the little horse down until it presented a much smoother appearance. "I am going to call him 'Star,'" he decided, "for he has a perfect one on his forehead, and my moon-goddess gave him to me."

"I presume the raider stole it from some traveler," Joseph offered. "Egiba said there were several horses in the band. Do you suppose Accid-Adab will let you keep him? It would bring considerable money should he care to sell it."

"But the horse is mine! He would not dare," Raanah burst forth in panic, then quickly recovered himself. "I mean—I had not thought of such a possibility."

"I am sorry," Joseph apologized, "but there are circumstances that persons such as we must face."

"Of course," Raanah paused in his work, "but I am already so fond of the horse, and I had not thought—" He patted Star to cover his agitation.

Joseph was sorry that he had spoken. Making some slight excuse, he left Raanah to regain his composure.

Raanah always took troubles lightly. Now he whistled softly to keep up his spirits. Dusk had fallen. The camp was settling into slumber. He sauntered toward the women's quarters, hoping to see Bashia. Instead, he almost bumped into her amah, who was prowling in the shadows, mumbling to herself. She was a withered old woman with strangely lighted, deepset eyes. Her mouth, puckered and toothless, was so sunken that it gave her a prominent chin. Her skin was yellow and mummified and full of fine wrinkles.

She glanced up sharply and recognized him. "Ha! 'Tis well you are here, for I would have a word with you, young man." There was a thin quaver in her voice, and she shook a bony finger at him. "And you must heed me. I say, 'Beware!'"

"How now, old mother," he began to jolly her kindly, "of what must I so solemnly beware?"

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She blinked her owlish eyes at him. "You are prone to think that all is fair for you, but your fortune is written in the stars. I read their messages. And I say, 'Beware!' The gods of Egypt are very powerful." Without explaining she passed on, mumbling, leaving him to stare after her.

H-m-m. Queer old croaker, he thought as he walked slowly back to his pallet. She must be mad to presume, fortified as he was by his goddess, that anything but good could happen to him.

He found Joseph awake and told him about the encounter. "Of course," he added, "there are bound to be changes for all of us after we enter Egypt. It is inevitable that the members of the caravan should scatter."

"Yes," Joseph agreed, "and that might be what the old amah meant."

Raanah lapsed into silence. "I wonder," he said a few minutes later, "if gods are potent only in their own countries. She intimated that I must beware of the gods of Egypt."

"Before long," Joseph answered, "we shall know what the people of Egypt think about the power of their gods."

Raanah looked at the stars and wondered what portent they held for him to make the old amah so positive. Life had hitherto stretched so alluringly before him. There was, he believed, such a thing as luck. But what made luck turn from good to bad, or from bad to good? Was it controlled by the stars or by the gods, or by the person himself? He sighed, for he did not like to confess, even to himself, that the words of the old crone disturbed him. Still, he could not help wishing that on this eventful day he had not met her.

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After their inglorious defeat, it was likely the raiders passed word among the Shur tribes that the Ishmaelite company was too wary and strong to defeat, for nothing more than the trying heat harassed them through that wilderness. As the dragon wriggled along day after day, the water gerbas became empty for long stretches, and men and animals acquired a thirst that would not slacken.

But circumstances were mitigated for Raanah and Joseph, for Raanah had his horse. Steady traveling had worn down the excessive energy of the little animal, and it became gentle and affectionate. It would nuzzle Raanah's hand for a bit of cake or a few dates from his own fare, and on difficult stretches he would moisten its tongue with a few drops of water from his own gerba. It soon learned to demand such attentions, and when it felt neglected, would indicate its dissatisfaction. Its eager nicker, so different from the mean squeals of the camels and the high-pitched, drawn-out brays of the asses, invited smiles and comments from the members of the caravan.

At first Joseph insisted on walking beside Raanah, but seeing that the horse was tractable, he tried it, and thereafter they took turns in riding. Accid-Adab was afraid of Star, or he would have taken him for his own use. Raanah soon forgot the amah's warning and his voice was frequently lifted in song accompanied by the dainty patter of the horse's feet.

When the caravan reached Lake Tamsah, it was halted by the line of frontier fortifications that stretched between the detached lakes of the Gulf of Suez to the Great Sea. A thrill of excitement swept over the members. They had reached the border of a strange and beautiful land, where romance and summer are eternal. Before them lay the magnificent empire of the Pharaohs.

After official delays, the travel-worn dragon was allowed to worm through the gate of the ancient wall. Immediately it turned north toward Tahpanhes in the Delta. The nearer the travelers came to the Sacred River, the more the glory and mightiness of Old Egypt impressed them. Camels, donkeys, slaves, and merchantmen became more spirited. The dry nostrils of the animals scented the moisture and quickened their steps.

### Christ in His Priestly Office

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truth (Luke 22:31-32)." What a comfort and satisfaction it ought to be to every child of God to rest in the knowledge that his great High Priest "ever liveth to make intercession" (Heb. 7:25) for him.

When believers fall into temptation, they have a source of available strength in the priestly ministry of Christ. "Seeing then that we have not a great high priest . . . which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin . . . Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:14-16). Here is another ministry of our great High Priest.

The Christian's sin calls for still another ministry of our High Priest—that of Advocate. "And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (I John 2:1). The original word here translated "Advocate" is the same as that translated "Comforter" four times in John 14, 15 and 16. Vincent defines the word as "one who is called to another's side to aid him, as an advocate in a court of justice" and favors the use of "Advocate" instead of "Comforter" in the passages mentioned.

A careful perusal of these passages using the word, "Advocate," including the idea of helper, explainer, and pleader, all included in the work of a

Raanah was entranced with Egypt's quaint beauty. The lingering loveliness of its white nights cast their spell upon him. In such a magnificent setting it seemed that the veil was slipping from his dreams and they were approaching reality.

Joseph was not so happy. He had not recovered from his transplanting. It seemed that his very life had been torn up by the roots, and his heart ached because of it.

The warning voice of the old amah to Raanah occurred to him, and he was unable to put it out of mind.

When the merchant company reached the outskirts of Tahpanhes, they spread more tents, for they expected to enjoy a much needed rest of several days. Masters and slaves alike bathed and changed their garments. Beards were trimmed, for in this land of charm, where the women were alluringly veiled, the men contrarily shaved their faces.

Raanah beamed with pleasure after his bath. His hair, clipped by Ismedagan's friendly though inexperienced hands, made a frame of damp ringlets around his bronzed face. "Tis great to be clean," he exclaimed. Joseph smiled, for he too felt more invigorated. (To Be Continued)

lawyer, will give one a new viewpoint on the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and Christ in and for believers. The old expression, "I have to see my lawyer first," if carried over in spirit into the everyday lives of Christians would transform many defeated saints into victors. We have an Advocate, a Helper, dwelling within at all times. If we walk in the Spirit we will not "fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16), because our indwelling Advocate is in a position to strengthen us. One must learn to trust fully and to lean upon his Advocate.

When the believer does fall into sin, to his own sorrow, Christ, the great High Priest, is his Advocate before God, pleading his propitiation for sins (I John 2:1-2). And all this to the end that we might not sin! In the same passage John writes, "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not (be not sinning)." Satan accuses believers "before God day and night" (Rev. 12:10), even as he accused Job in patriarchal days (Job 1:9-11; 2:4-5). As has been remarked, "no one can sin carelessly who considers the necessary pleading which his sin imposes upon the Advocate."

An accurate knowledge and a careful consideration of the present ministry of Christ as our great High Priest will lead us to higher avenues of Christian life and service as we yield ourselves to him in daily consecration.

## Goals for a Good Vacation Bible School

By REV. J. C. GUNST,  
General Secretary of the National  
Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

ONE OF THE GOALS of our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union is to have a Vacation Bible School in every one of our North American Baptist churches. Our last year's record was the best thus far. One hundred and two Vacation Bible Schools were reported. More may have been held but were not reported to the General Secretary. Now is the time to plan for your 1947 School. May we state some of the reasons and goals for a good Vacation Bible School?

### REASONS FOR A GOOD SCHOOL

Summer is a time of the year to give special attention to the boys and girls in the community.

The opportunities are more challenging than on Sunday when too little time is allotted to the children, for in the Vacation School you can take time to contact and speak to each child personally. The leaders are able to carry out different and more thorough training activities helpful to the growing child than that which is given during the short time of the Sunday School hour.

Here is your opportunity to reach boys and girls in your community who do not attend any Sunday School. Many will be deprived of Christian training unless they are brought into contact with the Bible, the church and Christian fellowship through the Vacation Bible School.

Children have much leisure time during the summer months. Parents are often eager to cooperate with the Christian teacher in encouraging their children to attend Vacation School since it will not only take them off the city streets and keep them out of mischief but will give them supervised Christian training valuable for well-rounded character building.

The Vacation School definitely helps the church. In the minds of the children it creates a better and more intelligent interest as well as understanding in and for the church. The child learns to appreciate the church leaders and the services which they render. A more reverent esteem for the church and the church's program will be the result as the child realizes the benefits derived. When drawing from the community there are a number of potential Sunday School members in the group.

This is THE opportunity for church leaders to prepare a well-rounded program of Christian Education through



The Vacation Bible School Held Last Summer by the Bethany Baptist Church Near Vesper, Kansas

which you can minister to the child's entire spiritual and physical needs as well.

### VACATION SCHOOL GOALS

Definite goals for each church are important. Outline for yourself the goals toward which you wish to attain.

To assure the child a better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Bible should be the first goal, to be sure.

Definite helps for the youngsters and children for Christian living is another important goal.

Strive for a friendly attitude toward people in your community, school children and children of other races.

Aim to win the children to Christ and then present an attractive program in the church.

Do not neglect a missionary emphasis. Study mission fields and learn about the missionaries in both the home and foreign fields. Information and materials for Juniors and Intermediates are available by writing to the General Secretary, the Reverend J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

### Diary from a Denominational Directory

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memory message for our boys and girls, a message to the Sunday evening congregation and a Scripture memorization organization meeting. The response of our young people (those above fourteen years of age) was a most pleasant surprise for several of them enrolled in Scripture memorization. Two of them are group leaders.

MONDAY—Left Mitchell, South Dakota. Arrived in Bismarck, North Dakota. During that long trip by bus, I had the privilege of speaking with two persons regarding the redeeming power of our Lord Jesus Christ. At my headquarters was a letter postmarked "McIntosh, South Dakota." Somewhat puzzled as to its contents, I eagerly opened it and was very pleased to find a report of Scripture memorization accomplishments at our

### MATERIALS AVAILABLE

For a well prepared packet of suggested materials for planning a good Vacation Bible School write to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. If a church group is interested in "How to Plan and Conduct a Vacation Church School," you may secure a pamphlet by that title for the price of 25 cents. This pamphlet gives excellent information about procedure, materials and other helps. Order your copy through the Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

This year again we shall mail out cards for your report of the school after it has been held. We shall greatly appreciate the cooperation of every school if you will fill out the report blank on the card and return it to the headquarters' office immediately following the close of the Vacation Church School in your church.

If your church has not had a Vacation Bible School in previous years, make plans now to organize a project in your church which will benefit your church and all those who participate.

McIntosh Church under the leadership of Miss Helen Lohse.

These . . . with a few omissions . . . are the recordings for October which might be captioned, "South Dakota." The beginning of Scripture memorization in North Dakota at Hebron and McClusky; attendance at a Chapel Hour service conducted by Rev. Edward Kary in the North Dakota State Prison; activities in our Bismarck B. Y. P. U. and participation in our Northern North Dakota Convention at Fessenden mark the third chapter in my Dakota Conference Diary. The fourth chapter is now nearing its completion. And what of succeeding chapters? Some of them are already recorded in memorandum form. What joy it is to look to the future with a prayerful song in one's heart . . .

"Follow, I will follow Thee, my Lord; Follow every passing day; My tomorrows are all known to Thee; Thou wilt lead me all the way!"



# Our New Stenographers at Headquarters

By the Rev. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

"GREATER EFFICIENCY" has become the watchword of our day, in churches and business establishments as well as in our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. The new building, dedicated in May 1946, provided the ideal setting for the more efficient keeping of records, correspondence with our churches, ministry of the General Secretaries, and distribution of literature.

Mary and Martha Leypoldt, the twin daughters of Dr. and Mrs. John Leypoldt of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are devoting their unique gifts to the denomination's service. Mary has been the efficient bookkeeper and radiant office hostess since September 1946. She had considerable experience in Portland, Oregon, working for six years in the accounting department and in charge of payroll at Marshall-Wells

lced by a full year at the Swedish Baptist School at Wetaskiwin, prepared her for this larger service at our denominational headquarters.

Adelaide has a colorful background in our denominational life. She attended Sunday School in the little Forestburg Baptist Church of Alberta. Her brother is the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, pastor of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. She spent some time as a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton and has a wide acquaintance with our churches as well. She is sharing her time as the stenographer of the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, General Missionary Secretary, and in the service of the Comptroller's Department. With eagerness and thoroughness she has applied herself to her tasks with accompanying success.

The most recent arrival at the office has been Evelyn Woodrich of Kankakee, Illinois, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodrich. After six years of business and secretarial experience with the Florence Stove Company of Kankakee, Evelyn was called to headquarters to serve as the stenographer of the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary and of the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary.

Miss Woodrich served as superintendent and teacher in the Primary Department of the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School of Kankakee. She was also sponsor of the Junior B. Y. P. U. She has been a frequent visitor to the General Conference sessions for a number of years. Her profound joy in finding a place of service at the denominational headquarters is typical of the spirit of these young women, whose picture is shown on this page. With quiet efficiency and contagious enthusiasm she too is rendering a large service for Christ through our denominational enterprise.

With the increased staff of workers it has been possible to hold a weekly prayer meeting on every Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M., attended by all the staff workers and relief volunteers present in the building. After the reading of a brief Scripture passage, many prayers are offered in behalf of our pastors and church leaders, our missionaries and mission fields, and the various societies of our denomination. These prayer meetings have also been a vital factor in helping to make the ministry of our denominational headquarters efficient, spiritual and a blessing to all of our people everywhere.

Company. Later she served with the Fulton Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin before assuming her present position at Forest Park headquarters.

Martha Leypoldt is rendering half-time service as the stenographer of the Rev. J. C. Gunst and in the interest of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers Union. At the same time she is enrolled in the Graduate Department of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, working for her Master of Religious Education degree. After graduating from Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, she taught for two years in the high school at Gresham, Oregon. Her efficient handling of all tasks assigned to her and her lovely spirit have enabled her to make definite contributions to our headquarters' ministry.

Adelaide Klatt arrived at Forest Park on October 11, 1946 from the far north of Canada's Alberta province to become one of our new office stenographers. Her business training and experience at Calgary, Alberta, fol-



Four Young Women Who Recently Became Stenographers at the Forest Park Headquarters of the North American Baptist General Conference (Left to Right: Adelaide Klatt, Mary Leypoldt, Evelyn Woodrich and Martha Leypoldt)

These headquarters of ours have become a busy beehive of activity. Mr. Roland E. Ross, Comptroller, has brought increased business efficiency into the denomination. Groups of volunteers are constantly engaged in the relief room preparing food parcels and clothing bales for Europe. Each of the several General Secretaries has his own office room in which to plan more effectively for his department. Miss Gretchen Remmler now serves as stenographer for the relief ministry, to which she gives herself unstintingly. Miss Clara Schulte continues to render appreciated service as office stenographer.

But the headquarters' picture has changed considerably in recent months with the coming of four young women into the employ of the denomination. You will be eager to make their acquaintance by means of this illustrated article and later, possibly, in a more personal manner during a visit to headquarters at 7308 West Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### Dakota Conference

#### Pvt. Milton Nies of Ashley, North Dakota Writes About Earthquake in Japan

Pvt. 1st class Milton Nies of Ashley, North Dakota, at present stationed at Zama, Japan, about 30 miles from Tokyo, wrote his parents that the recent severe earthquake in Japan did not strike the area in which he was stationed although he felt the tremors. Severest damage was about 400 miles away. There was a large death toll and several hundred thousand are homeless in the affected area.

Pvt. Nies is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Nies of Ashley. He was inducted on April 23, 1946 at Camp Robertson, Arkansas. Following his basic training, he was transferred to Latah, Washington and then overseas on August 5. His address is: 4th Replacement Depot, Hq. & Hq. Co., APO 703, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

#### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser at Anamoose, North Dakota

Sunday, Feb. 16th, was a happy day for us of the Baptist Church of Anamoose, No. Dak., since we were privileged on this occasion to greet our new minister, the Rev. Karl Gieser, and his wife.

At the morning service our pastor brought us an inspiring message based on Luke 5:4, "Launch out into the deep."

At 7:30 P. M. our reception program was held with Mr. E. Wehr, serving as chairman. Words of welcome were brought by Mr. Julius Blumhagen, a trustee, in behalf of the church. Mrs. Matilda Wehr represented the Ladies' Aid. Mr. Charles Rust spoke in behalf of the Sunday School, after which Dennis Wehr spoke for our B. Y. P. U.

Singing by a mixed choir, a men's quartet, a men's choir, a solo by Mrs. F. Suckert, a saxophone solo by Dennis Wehr with piano accompaniment added color to the program.

Greetings were also brought from our neighbor churches as follows: Mr. John Martin from Rosenfeld, Rev. John Kepl from Martin, and Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer from Drake.

At the close of the program both Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser acknowledged the hearty welcome and thanked for improvements at the parsonage and also for the pantry shower.

We wish to add further that the Giesers are no total strangers here, since they have served in this neighborhood for a number of years and therefore know nearly every member.

Thomas Derman, Reporter.



Pvt. Milton Nies of Ashley, No. Dak., Whose Letter from Japan Is Described on This Page

### Pacific Conference

#### Spiritual and Material Blessings at the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, California

Since our coming to the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., we have shared many blessings with these people. Having enjoyed the fine leadership of Scripture Memory leaders in Kansas and having had many blessings in personally promoting this commendable project, we introduced the Scripture Memory Courses to the boys and girls of this church with a wonderful response. At present, we have 26 scholars enrolled. Miss Anadora Rau is the director, and she has seven willing women to help her with this work.

One month after beginning our ministry here, the church raised the pastor's salary by \$300. On our Mission Sunday great joy came to our hearts, when the church and Sunday school presented a fine mission offering of over \$2200. The Men's Octet, known and in demand throughout this com-

munity, has been the means of many blessings to the church and individuals. The choir which rendered a beautiful cantata at Christmas time was reorganized recently and is now singing regularly at our Sunday morning services. Mr. Wilfred Rueb is the choir director.

In January the church enjoyed two weeks of revival meetings, preceded by a week of cottage prayer meetings. The pastor served as evangelist. Attendance was good every night, and a goodly number of Sunday School scholars and young people confessed Christ as their Savior.

We were happy to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst address a large audience at our Sunday evening service, February 16. His presence and message were of inspiration and blessing to us all.

W. W. Kauf, Pastor.

#### Evangelistic Meetings at the Mennonite Brethren Church, Shafter, Calif., With Baptists Cooperating

Special evangelistic services, commencing Jan. 28 and closing Feb. 9, were conducted in the Mennonite Brethren Church of Shafter, Calif., by William Hoover of Detroit, Michigan.

Although the weather was foggy, making it difficult to drive after dark, word of this soul-stirring preacher's presence soon spread throughout the Shafter and Wasco area and attendance increased from night to night as did conviction when the invitations were given for Christians to rededicate their lives and for sinners to give their hearts to Christ.

Scores followed Mr. Hoover's invitation to the inquiry room which soon proved too small so that the lower auditorium was utilized adequately to instruct and pray with those who came to reconsecrate their lives to Christ, backsliders to be restored and still others to be saved.

There were many heart-touching confessions followed by beautiful testimonies of praise to God for victory over sin and self. Divided homes were made happy because father and mother were both saved.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 8, Mr. Hoover was guest speaker at a "Youth for Christ" rally sponsored by the Mennonite Brethren Church of Shafter and the Baptist churches of Shafter and Wasco.

We of the First Baptist Church of Wasco (the distance between these two cities being about eight miles) were well represented during the campaign and pastor Dr. Donald G. Davis and young people from the church assisted in the meetings by rendering special musical selections led and accompanied by Dr. Davis. At the conclusion of the campaign Mr. Hoover hurried back to Michigan preparatory to entering upon his new pastorate at Benton Harbor, Michigan.

J. N. Williams, Reporter.

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### Inspiring Ministry of the Bethel Choir and Orchestra of Anaheim, California

Two fine groups, the Bethel Choir and the Bethel Orchestra, under the leadership of Howard A. Greene, recently presented a music festival in their home church, the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., for the congregation and friends. Their audience was a capacity crowd. The program was greatly enjoyed and is still remembered as a highlight of musical attainment. Several orchestra members also sing in the choir. The final combined ensemble presentation was "The Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah."

The choir of 27 voices sings regularly on Sunday mornings and evenings. We endeavor to learn one new anthem each month. The orchestra, about the same size, plays regularly in the Sunday evening evangelistic services. Each organization has an evening of rehearsal weekly.



The Orchestra (in the foreground) and Choir of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California with Mr. Howard Greene, Director, in the center as they participate in some of the church's festive services

The orchestra also plays for other occasions such as the Bethel Men's Brotherhood which meets each quarter. From 150 to 250 men from the community attend these spiritual feasts.

During the Appelman campaign, which attracted crowds of 2000 to 3000 and which reached well over 1500 persons for God, the choir and orchestra formed a nucleus for members from all of the 75 participating churches. Mr. Greene directed the combined instrumental orchestra.

Many of our presentations have been recorded and we are receiving much benefit, musically speaking, from the study of these recordings. God is adding his blessings to the members of the group, because of their faithfulness.

Howard A. Greene, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Washington's Birthday Rally for the Young People of New York and Vicinity

Washington's Birthday, February 22, was a big day for the Baptist Young People's Fellowship of New York and Vicinity. It was the day of our annual meeting, held this year in the Clinton Hill Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. We went back to our pre-war

schedule, consisting of two meetings, one in the afternoon and another in the evening.

Although the snow was a great handicap, we had a blessed business meeting in the afternoon. Our devotion was led by Rev. E. Munning who spoke on Hebrews 11. The regular business procedure was followed with the reading of the minutes, which related the many achievements of the year. Mr. Arnold Veninga, our treasurer, presented his report, which disclosed a balance of \$929.41. He also read the trustees' report, prepared by Mr. E. Marklein, which showed many repairs to our cottage in Bradley Beach, N. J., costing \$3,800. The trustees renewed the regular invitation for the ministers of the Atlantic Conference to spend a week at the cottage. A recommendation was accepted that \$130 be sent to missions.

Our president, Victor Prendinger, Jr., announced that our old system of visitations will again commence. The

business meeting closed with election of officers and prayer. The turkey supper was delicious, and the table decorations of small flags and miniature axes stuck in logs added to the spirit of our celebration.

The evening meeting began with a lively song service led by Jack Weber. The Clinton Hill Male Choir, under the direction of Mr. Arnold, contributed greatly to our service. Our former second vice-president, Mr. G. W. Goecke, read the Scripture passage and the Rev. John Kuehl led in prayer. The Roll Call was enjoyed by all, with responses given in either a song or Bible verse. At the end of our list it was found that 176 were present.

Installation of officers followed with the Rev. W. J. Appel officiating. They are as follows: president, Victor Prendinger; 1st vice-president, G. W. Goecke; 2nd vice-president, Michael Mateyka; recording secretary, Ruth Pusch; corresponding secretary, Irma Beck; general secretary, Rev. E. Munning; and trustees, Edward Dramer and Edwin Neithardt.

Our speaker, Dr. Harold C. Abbott, pastor of the Clinton Hill Church, was introduced by our president. As Dr. Abbott spoke, he put the searchlight on Philip and vividly brought to our attention the soul winning qualities of this disciple. It was an inspiring message for all present.

Ruth Pusch, Secretary.

### Dedication of Hammond Electric Organ of the King's Highway Church, Bridgeport, Conn.

On Sunday evening, February 23, the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., held an organ dedication service. The church purchased a new Hammond Electric Organ because our old Reed organ would not answer the purpose any longer. Over 150 people attended the service, including delegations from our sister churches in New Britain, Meriden and New Haven.

The pastor, Rev. George Hensel, had charge of the service. Rev. R. P. Jeschke, who at present is residing with his family in Stratford and is taking courses of study at the Columbia University before he enters his new field of service as professor of English and Religious Education in our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., read the 100th Psalm and offered the prayer of dedication. Our two organists were Mr. Robert N. Hallquist, one of our boys who is studying at the Boston School of Music, and Mrs. Elroy F. Blair, the daughter of Rev. Emil Berger, one of our former pastors of the church. Two vocal selections, "The Lord's Prayer" and "Ave Maria," were beautifully rendered by Mrs. William McGuire of Ossining, N. Y.

The church had also arranged a surprise for the pastor whose birthday was on February 22. When he arrived downstairs the assembled guests sang "Happy Birthday" whereupon the senior deacon, Mr. A. J. Komment, extended congratulations on behalf of the church and handed the pastor an envelope containing a monetary gift. A large birthday cake with the pastor's name on it adorned the center of the table. The church has never failed, especially at Christmas time and on his birthday, to express to the pastor its appreciation of his faithful services. A new interest is evident in our work here and we are looking forward to a baptismal service on Palm Sunday.

George Hensel, Pastor.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Klatt Are Welcomed to the Riverview Church of St. Paul

On Thursday, Feb. 6th, the members of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., with friends from the Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul, Faith Church of Minneapolis, and representatives of the local Ministerial Association met informally to welcome their new pastor, Rev. E. W. Klatt, and his wife and small son into the fellowship of the Riverview Church.

A program of appropriate songs by the choir, vocal duet and violin solos together with challenging messages from the various representatives was presented.

The church has had the privilege of having Prof. E. Omark of Bethel College of St. Paul serve as pastor interim and a gift of appreciation was given to him at this time.

Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

### Visit to Five Minnesota Churches in Behalf of the Young People's Mission Project

(Foreword: From Sunday, Feb. 16, to Wednesday, Feb. 19, the Rev's M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wis., and M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, toured a part of the Minnesota Association area in the interest of the state's missionary project. The goal of \$1000 has been designated for the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado. Although all the Minnesota churches could not be visited, the tour was very successful in arousing interest in the project and informing our people about our mission fields. Mr. Vanderbeck, who is the director of the project, presents a colorful account of this promotional tour.

M. L. Leuschner, Editor.)

#### Mr. Vanderbeck's Review of the Promotional Trip

What a trip . . . ! It was a promotional trip to a number of Minnesota Association churches sponsored by the young people. It was in the interest of the Spanish-American mission field in Colorado. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, our promotional secretary, and the Rev. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wisconsin were asked to be the team to represent this work. The churches visited not only had these two brethren with them, but the young people of the different churches as well as the pastors.

The mission pictures were of such a nature that it made all who saw them feel as if they had made a personal trip to the field itself. The young people of Minnesota have pledged to raise \$1000 for this mission work as their special project. In the visits to these churches over \$500 were raised, which makes everyone feel as if the project will meet its realization in answer to prayer and ardent labor. The young people of Minnesota are entering the different mission fields of our destination by faith and prayer and enthusiasm.

The trip started out in La Crosse, Wis. Sunday morning with a full program brought the needs of the field before the people. Sunday evening was spent in Minneapolis with the Faith Baptist Church, and the Riverview young people bringing special musical selections. On Monday with the Rev. L. B. Berndt and his young people of the Faith Church, the party went to Randolph where the pastor and the church gave us a hearty welcome. On Tuesday evening the pastors of Daytons Bluff and Hutchinson Churches with their young people rendered special selections at St. Bonifacius, and on Wednesday evening members of the Riverview and Randolph churches were present in goodly numbers to help present the program in an enthusiastic manner in the Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul.

The response everywhere was beyond expectations and the results more than we dared to expect. Not all of the churches were visited on this occasion, but at this time no more could be done. We thank God for the young people who sponsored this project in such an able way, with the assistance of Dr. Leuschner.

M. Vanderbeck, Reporter.



The interior of the 80,000 Pound Freight Car which was filled with 800 One-Hundred Pound Bags of Flour as a Gift of the Oklahoma Baptist Churches for European Relief with Messrs. O. G. Graulman (Left) and Harry Gels (Right) of the Okeene Church

### Southwestern Conference

#### Guest Speakers, Study Course and Fluorescent Lights at Gotebo, Oklahoma

For three weeks in February of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., were privileged in having the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer present the work in the San Luis Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Aron Sukau lecture on their work of Bible and tract distribution in hundreds of tourist cabins along the highways of our country. In addition to presenting their new work, Mr. and Mrs. Sukau showed several Christian sound films entitled, "Shining for Jesus," "Fishers of Men," and "The Man Who Forgot God." Mr. Reimer spoke to us at the Wednesday evening prayer service and again on Sunday morning, and Mrs. Reimer told of interesting incidents in connection with their work at our regular Woman's Missionary Union meeting.

Fluorescent lights were recently installed in our church auditorium and also in two rooms of the parsonage. They have helped to improve visibility as well as added attractiveness to our church interior.

The young people are studying a course entitled, "What Baptists Believe" by O. C. S. Wallace. There are twenty enrolled in the course with the Rev. M. Harms as teacher. The pastor and family are happy because of a \$200 raise in salary since the first of the year.

Mrs. M. Harms, Reporter.

#### Carload of Flour for European Relief by Six Baptist Churches of Oklahoma

Many thoughts of pessimism and, of course, more of optimism were expressed when the plan to send a carload of flour to Europe was suggested in Oklahoma. Since there are only six churches in our state, the question arose whether we could finance such

an undertaking. But thinking about it did not feed the hungry in Europe, and so action spoke louder than words.

The chairman of the Oklahoma Association Relief Committee wrote letters to each of the six churches, and the response was favorable in every case. Even before the meetings of the Fall Association at Okeene, three churches had already contributed their money, and the other three had pledged full cooperation. It was then unanimously decided that we undertake this project and send a carload of flour to Europe which was to be bought at the Okeene Milling Company.

Legal angles had to be worked out, and thanks to our executive secretary and his assistant, we received permission from the U. S. Commerce Department concerning stenciling and sending of this flour of 800,100 lbs. at the price of \$5120. Of this amount \$3535.57 were contributed by the six churches and \$281 by the Oklahoma Woman's Missionary Union. The General Missionary Society of the denomination helped us with \$903.43, and \$400 were contributed by the manager of the Okeene Milling Company, Mr. Owen Wimberly, himself a devout Christian and a tither of the Okeene Methodist Church.

In addition to that, the flour was packed in cotton-printed sacks suitable for making it into a child's garment when the flour is removed, and the employees of the Okeene Milling Company also enclosed another sack of similar material in many of the sacks to be made into a woman's garment, together with a personal letter from the employees. Into each sack a personal letter of greeting from the Oklahoma churches, "In the Name of Christ We Do This," written in both German and English, was also enclosed.

We believe that it was God's grace that has given us this wonderful opportunity, and we covet the prayers of all our fellow-Christians that the flour may reach its destination. May God add his blessings!

John Heer, Chairman.



# BOOK REVIEWS

## THE BOOK OF OUR CHOICE

Coming from Baptist circles in Europe, the name of "Spurgeon" was a familiar name in my father's household. Indeed, next to the Bible, Spurgeon seemed to be the final authority in matters spiritual; for was he not the great Baptist preacher of London, England, who was not only heard by thousands weekly but also by the late queen Victoria; and did he not sponsor through Oncken the blessed work of God among the Baptists on the continent? Hence, his commentaries and sermons were the final word and resource of spiritual inspiration.



Price, \$2.00

Yet, strange as it may seem, this is the first time your reviewer has read something of Spurgeon's personal life in the book, "C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography" by David Otis Fuller. (Zondervan Publishing House. 148 Pages, \$2.00.) We hear so much about men, but take so little effort really to get acquainted with them through their writings or biographies, with the result similar to what I felt when I finished this book. I believe I would have profited greatly had I taken keener interest in such a preacher and man as Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Now that I have enjoyed this stimulating condensed story of the man, I shall want to read the larger four-volume autobiography.

This condensed story is exceptionally well done by one of the outstanding students of Spurgeon, David Otis Fuller, a Baptist preacher of note and now chairman of the Board of the Baptist Bible Institute and School of Theology of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In Spurgeon's own words you get a glimpse of his heart and soul, his joys and bitter sorrows; his thrilling adventure as a young preacher who beholds the mighty works of God in the hearts of men; his terrible hurt and breaking heart due to the scorching hatred and criticism evoked by his activities in and around London, seldom fair, of course, and therefore cutting deeper into a sensitive soul. Through it all what was the propelling power and motive that kept Spurgeon going at a pace that few men could match?

He was a strong and emphatic Calvinist: "The Grace of God." Over and over again this fact is emphasized again and again: "I am what I am by the Grace of God." When he was severely criticized that he had no higher education, he thanked his Lord for using him perhaps with more telling results than if he had graduated from higher institutions, for now in his humility and limited understanding

he could depend more on the power of the Lord. Invariably, he chose the hymn in critical situations, "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

The simple story of his Christian youth, his conversion and first activities in the Christian ministry belongs in a class by itself and is worth reading again and again. And when the shadows lengthened and Spurgeon's power of endurance was limited, his comfort was: "I am glad I did my best when I could," a very gracious spirit. The spirit of his mature ministry when he stood before hundreds and thousands of men pouring out his soul, burning out for Christ, both body and soul, is effectively given in excerpts of letters, sermons and casual remarks, always revealing a humble spirit, always a soul full of passion for the winning of his fellow-men and always glorying in the "grace of God."

Without any hesitance I gladly recommend this book to ministers and lay leaders alike. It is "the book of our choice" for this issue. Read it and you will be a better Christian for it.

W. L. S.

**450 STORIES FROM LIFE** by Leonard Rush Jenkins, Judson Press. 336 pages. \$2.50.

Seldom has a book been received with such enthusiasm, even before its publication that this one. It's announcement effected happy anticipation everywhere;—ministers, Sunday School teachers and parents everywhere will find it an inspirational resource for all purposes. "It's a gold mine for my sermon material," said a minister. "Just the thing for our Sunday School opening service," said a superintendent. "Just the book I have been wanting for the family circle," said a mother.

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years ago—teaching by parables; leaders of today emulate through the short story. The collection of 450 stories from all realms of life is well edited and arranged under many practical headings; joy, sorrow, selfishness, faith, the Cross, etc., etc. Of great value is the section under "Missions," where one will find 66 telling stories with a real punch in them. All the Scripture passages used are listed in the back of the book. Very valuable is an introductory chapter by Leonard R. Jenkins on "The Art of Illustration." The book is attractively bound in gray cloth with a blue paper jacket, making a truly attractive book and gift package.

W. L. S.

**JESUS AND OUR HUMAN PROBLEMS** by Robert E. Speer. Fleming H. Revell Co. \$2.50.

From among the outstanding Christian leaders and preachers somehow or other your reviewer has persistently been attracted by Robert E. Speer. We always enjoy listening to him and we have read many of his books. As you leave his presence you depart with the conviction that Dr. Speer is one man who knows the Lord and, although highly trained, it is as in Jesus' case: he speaks of things of the heart, from his own heart. As the result of very wide experiences, he is able to interpret the things of God in terms that you and I can best understand.

Always Christ-centered as revealed by his former book, "The Finality of Christ," the very first chapter of this new contribution stresses the consciousness of Christ as the Son of God, a fact that is basic to all Christian theology and thinking. The remaining six chapters emphasize "The Good News of the Son of God—About God, —About Man,—About Human Society, —About Prayer,—About Sin and Suffering,—About the Life Beyond." One is deeply impressed by his simple and practical arguments of how the spirit and the teachings of Christ can be applied today. Whenever I hear the man or have read his books I have always felt as you will feel after reading this book. "I have traveled a journey in the presence of a great Christian."

W. L. S.

## Life Abundant for All

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as we have found in Christ. They see the abundant life only as we live it. Daily we come in contact with those who need Christ, but who may think of Christianity as a joyless, uninteresting life and therefore want nothing of it. As we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our living and speaking, we will be of help to such an one.

But there are hosts of people who have never heard of the abundant life and who have never seen it lived. If we have been concerned about those who live immediately around us and if we have been faithful in witnessing

to them in word and deed, we will also be concerned about those who have never heard. Jesus said, "If any man thirst" and that includes all. So we cannot be satisfied until all have heard.

To some of us that means that we must send our prayers and gifts with those who go to places where we cannot go. To others it will mean that we will go to places where men have never heard. We have experienced a life that is abounding in fellowship and friendship, in adventure and thrilling experiences, in peace, in service, a life that is eternal. We must go out with the message of, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters," to the far ends of the earth.

## We, the Women

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kota, where she, the youngest in her class, graduated as valedictorian. Her one desire was to become a missionary-nurse, but she was too young to be accepted for training. Teaching did not appeal to her, but when a position opened, she took it for one year and learned to enjoy teaching thoroughly.

A scholarship awarded to High School valedictorians was awaiting her, so she entered Jamestown College at Jamestown, North Dakota, attending two years. She received the Standard Certificate and after three years of teaching received her lifetime teaching certificate.

During August 1943, the big day came when Eleanor entered Mounds Midway School of Nursing at St. Paul, Minnesota. During her three years of training she attended the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, where the Rev. John Walkup is pastor.

As chairman of the Bender Memorial Trek in the Dakota Conference area, Eleanor became greatly interested in the Cameroons. Later, after meeting Laura Reddig while home on furlough, this interest culminated in the conviction that Africa was calling her. Feeling the need for further training, particularly in Bible, Eleanor entered the Baptist Missionary Training School in September 1946.

Several had applied for the National Woman's Union Scholarship, but after prayerful consideration it was awarded to Eleanor Weisenburger. She has already proven herself worthy, not only through doing excellent academic work, and through showing fine adaptability, but most of all because of her high Christian ideals and convictions.

June, 1947, will be graduation day. What then? Eleanor Weisenburger has sent in her application for the position of missionary-nurse in the Cameroons. Her prayer is that the way will open so that her dream of many years may come true!

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. THEODORE NEUMANN**  
of Elgin, Iowa.

Mrs. Ethel Neumann was born on Dec. 16, 1919 and died after a lingering heart ailment on Feb. 18, 1947. Mrs. Neumann confessed her faith in Christ in 1933 and was joined by baptism to the membership of the Elgin Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa. In 1940 she married Mr. Theodore Neumann. All her life was spent in the vicinity of Elgin. Surviving Mrs. Neumann are her husband, two small children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Luchsinger, and a brother.

Elgin, Iowa

Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor.

**Mrs. MAGDALENA STROBEL**  
**MAILANDER**  
of Chicago, Illinois

Magdalena (Strobel) Mailander, nee Reith, of Chicago, Ill., was born in Vohburg, Germany on June 3, 1870 and died in Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 18 after a lingering illness at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 15 days.

She came to this country at the age of 24 and settled in Montclair, N. J. In 1896 she was married to Mr. Franz Strobel, who died in 1900. One son, Franz (later a Baptist minister), was born to this union.

In 1902 she was married to Mr. William Mailander of Albany, N. Y., who preceded her in death in 1942. Mr. Mailander had one son by a previous marriage, William of East Meadow, L. I., who with Franz, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Paul Hulings of Mooresburg, Tenn., and a host of relatives and friends abroad and in this country mourn her departure.

Burial took place in Eagle Hill Cemetery, Albany, N. Y. The Rev. A. Steyer, pastor emeritus of the Hope Baptist Church in Albany, brought words of comfort.

Cordova, Ill.

Rev. F. L. Strobel, Correspondent.

**Mrs. CHRIST SCHWEITZER**  
of Elgin, Iowa

Mary Ann Etter, the oldest child of a family of twelve children born to John and Annie Etter, was born in Bern, Switzerland, on May 20, 1865. At the age of two and a half years she came to this country with her parents and one brother, John. They located at Clermont, Iowa but later moved to Elgin where she received her early education in the rural schools. Being the eldest in the family, the responsibilities to a great extent rested upon her, and she performed her duties well.

At the age of 29 years she was married to John Pieper, and one daughter, Hazel, now Mrs. Floyd Arnold, of Manchester, Iowa, was born to this union. This marriage was saddened, however, by the early death of the husband and father, who passed away the following April, less than one year after marriage. Mrs. Pieper continued residence on her farm for one year, then moved to Elgin, where she continued living until her death.

Always having a love for children, she decided to make a home for another child, and legally adopted a little girl, Dorothy, who was loved and cared for in this home.

In 1916 Mrs. Pieper was united in marriage with Christian Schweitzer, who, with the two daughters, are left to mourn her death. Besides these there are three grandchildren, Mary Alice Arnold of Audubon, Iowa, Jane Ann Hoak of Eugene, Oregon, and David Arnold of Manchester, Iowa; also three great grandchildren; three brothers, Lew and Ernst Etter of Menahga, Minn., and Fred Etter of Mounds, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer Pinney of Elgin, and Mrs. Baltz

Kamm of West Union, Iowa; besides many nieces and nephews.  
Elgin, Iowa

Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor.

**Mr. WILLIAM E. SPRUNG**  
of Corona, South Dakota

William Ernest Sprung of Corona, So. Dak., was born on Feb. 22, 1876 at Tempelin, Brandenburg, Germany, and died on Sunday, Feb. 16, 1947 at his home in Corona, So. Dak., at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 22 days. The deceased came to this country with his parents in the year 1882 at the age of six, and the family homesteaded near Steamboat Rock, Iowa. In 1909 he moved into the vicinity of Corona, So. Dak., and retired from active work in the fall of 1930, residing in Corona until the end of his earthly days.

Mr. Sprung was married to Minni Hoffman on Feb. 15, 1900 at Eckley, Iowa by the Rev. J. De Weerth. This union was blessed with 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters, of whom one son and one daughter preceded their father in death in infancy. The departed was converted to a living faith in the summer of 1899 under the activity of the Rev. J. De Weerth, baptized by the same and added to the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, whose loyal member he remained until he moved to South Dakota. With the organization of the Corona Baptist Church he became one of the charter members, whose faithful and respected member he remained to the end.

The departed leaves to mourn his bereaved wife, Minni Sprung; the sons, Fred, Leonard and William Sprung; his daughters, Mrs. A. Schulte, Mrs. J. De Boer and Mrs. K. Hooke; ten grandchildren; the brothers, Gustav, Harry, Frank, August and Fred Sprung; the sisters, Mrs. H. Johns and Mrs. F. Heidkross; as well as many other relatives and friends. At the funeral the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, spoke words of comfort about Gen. 30:25. Musical contributions were brought by a mixed quartet, a male quartet, and the pastor and his wife. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Corona, South Dakota

E. Gutsche, Pastor.

**Mrs. JOHANNA F. LUEDERS**  
of Palisade, New Jersey

Mrs. Johannes F. Lueders, wife of August H. Lueders, well known real estate broker of Bergen County, also vice-president of our Baptist Life Association for the past 20 years, died on Monday, February 3rd, at her home in Palisade, N. J., after an illness of several weeks. She was born in East Prussia, Germany on October 12, 1873. She accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized at the age of twelve. She came to this country in the year 1887 and lived in New York and vicinity for over 59 years.

She united with the Harlem German Baptist Church on her arrival and was active for several years under the ministry of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wagner. She was one of the founders of the First Baptist Church of Grantwood, and was an active member of the Women's Auxiliary. She lived a Christ-like life and was a living testimony to all who came in contact with her.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Dewey Hartmann of Cliffside Park; four sons, Henry of Glen Rock, Oscar of Worcester, Mass., Frank O. Dalheim of Palisades Park, and George Dalheim of Cliffside Park; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Cliffside Park on February 13. The Rev. Lester N. Schoen, chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital in the Bronx, N. Y., a friend of the family, and Rev. Arthur Morone, interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grantwood, N. J., conducted the services. Interment was in Hackensack Cemetery. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Chaplain Lester N. Schoen,  
Officiating Minister.



# Baptist Life Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

## Financial Statement, December 31st 1946

ASSETS	LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS
Book Value of Real Estate .....\$ 1,231.39	Death Claims Awaiting Proof .....\$ 11,846.40
Mortgage Loans ..... 657,413.30	Legal Reserve ..... 960,838.42
Certificate Loans ..... 32,941.62	Premiums Paid in Advance ..... 36,940.80
Government Bonds ..... 386,802.64	Dividends Accumulating at interest ... 1,461.90
Deposits in Banks ..... 108,282.64	Dividends declared, returned by mem- bers for credit ..... 23,850.00
Interest Due and Accrued ..... 6,267.86	Total of Benevolent Fund ..... 5,004.94
Accounts Receivable ..... 1,166.79	Contingency Reserve for: Reduction to 3½ % of the Tabular interest on 4 % certificates ..... 55,000.00
Office Furniture and Fixtures ..... 2,426.29	<hr/>
Other Non-ledger Assets ..... 2,851.04	Total Liabilities ..... 1,094,942.46
<hr/>	Unassigned Surplus for:
Gross Assets ..... 1,199,383.46	Mortality and Investment fluctu- ations and contingencies ..... 100,380.33
Deduct Assets not admitted ..... 4,060.67	<hr/>
Total Admitted Assets ..... <u>\$1,195,322.79</u>	Total to Balance With Admitted Assets ..... <u>\$1,195,322.79</u>
Net Interest Rate Earned on Assets ..... 3.73 %	
Total Benefits Paid Since Organization \$1,815,616.22	

OPERATING RESULTS	
Ratio of Actual to Expected Mortality .....	58.72 %
Net Rate of Interest Earned .....	3.73 %
Ratio of Assets to Liabilities .....	108.34 %
Total Membership 5,882	

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