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Rev. Henry Pfeifer, General Evangelist August 3 to 17 — Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas.



CONFERENCE DATES

August 9-16 — California Young People's Assembly at Camp Hume, Calif. Prof. George A. Lang, Guest Speaker.

August 11-17 — Oregon Baptist Youth League Assembly at Camp Arra Wannah Near Portland. Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

August 13-17 — Northwestern Conference at Elgin, Iowa. Prof. O. E. Krueger, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Rev. A. F. Runtz, Guests.

August 14-17 — Central Conference at the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speakers.

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ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

Also Known as the Christian Service Plan of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

1. PERSONAL DISCIPLINE

- a) The Use of a Prayer List.
- b) Tithing of Income.
- c) Reading of Christian Literature.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE INVITATION

The Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio is cordially inviting the Central Conference to meet with us, August 14-17. We are looking forward to a great and blessed conference.

Reservations for entertainment ought to be made in due time, and reservations for the young people's banquet on Saturday evening must be made in advance. Write to Rev. H. Hirsch, the pastor, 2973 W. 32nd St., Cleveland 13, Ohio about these matters.

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- c) Scripture Memorization — at Least 25 Verses Annually.

3. THE CHRISTIAN HOME

- a) The Maintenance of the Family Altar.
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- c) The Family in Christian Service. Any Ministry Rendered by the Family Together in Christian Service Beyond the Circle of the Home.

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- a) Prayer Support of the Church's Evangelistic Meetings.
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- c) Distribution of Tracts.

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- b) Sending at Least One Letter to One of Our Missionaries.
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- b) Responding to Every Call for Leadership.
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AMONG OURSELVES

The promotional secretary has been authorized to prepare two reels of kodachrome motion pictures in the interest of the Million Dollar Offering. During the month of August he will be busily engaged in the taking of about 1200 feet of pictures of home mission fields, of pastors receiving pension payments, of the Edmonton school under construction, of the young people's assembly in Oregon and scenic places in Canada and the United States. This will be our most ambitious attempt at preparing a special denominational film. The pictures for a 40 minute program will be ready for our churches by October 1st.

IN THIS ISSUE

The reports are increasing in number as evidence of many successful gatherings that have been held this summer for the inspiration of our people. Besides these reports, we are able to publish the first account of the Rev. Frank H. Woyke's experiences on his way to Copenhagen, Denmark. Something new has been added with the story of the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing at St. Paul, Minn., as well as with Miss Hilda Tobert's first article from Africa. It's bound to light up your heart as well with joy for what Jesus Christ means to you! Don't miss the second of the Rev. John F. Crouthamel's articles in this number.

COMING

In a few weeks it will be 50 years since Walter Rauschenbusch went from New York City's Second Church to teach at our seminary at Rochester, N. Y. Such an anniversary deserves a commemorative article, and you'll find it in golden trimmings in the next issue by Professor O. E. Krueger.

The third and last of a very informative series of articles about conditions in Central Europe by the Rev. William Sturhahn will appear in the August 15 number to be entitled, "Under the Shadow of the Almighty."

Professor-elect Reuben P. Jeschke of our Seminary will follow up his previous article on "The Gospel We Preach" in a timely message on "The Gospel We Teach." It will be another introduction to this new member of our Seminary faculty.

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EDITORIALS

• Martin L. Leuschner

Opportunities for Youth

YOUNG PEOPLE of our churches have golden opportunities at every turn of the road. They are favored by wonderful circumstances over previous generations of youth. Unique privileges are theirs to enjoy and to use for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

This summer more young people's assemblies, conferences, institutes, and encampments have been held than ever before. Several "newcomers" have made their appearance, especially the assemblies for the Manitoba and Eastern Conference young people. The out-of-door camp held over the larger part of a week is rapidly gaining favor with these young people. Here are opportunities for varied recreation, wholesome fellowship, inspiring studies in God's Word, and challenges for Christian service.

The Scripture Memory Camps, which are now being held in several of our conference areas, and the opportunities for children to attend the assemblies of the young people by having their own departments are exerting a tremendous spiritual influence. The Vacation Bible Schools are increasing in number and growing in blessing among our churches. It is almost sufficient to announce such a school in one of our churches and then to watch the children flock to the sessions.

In all of this accelerated program of activities for young people, the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union with its general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, is assuming an aggressive leadership. It has sponsored the Scripture Memory work in most of the conferences. It has provided for speakers and study course material for most of the assemblies. It has encouraged the spiritual and evangelistic emphasis in the programs. Its leaflets, posters, brochures, and other literature have often served as aids for the successful completion of an inspiring program by a local group.

Another golden opportunity for our young people is found in the use of the new program quarterly, "Youth Compass." Under the editorship of Mr. Gunst, with the counsel and assistance of an able editorial board, "Youth Compass" has established itself as one of the finest youth quarterlies on the market today. It is handy in size, attractive in appearance, up-to-date in style, conservative in contents, fascinating in approach, and exceedingly practical to use.

No home with young people should be without a copy of "Youth Compass." Every young people's society should order at least eight or ten subscriptions. Our pastors can well afford to have an extra copy coming to their study besides one for their own perusal. A half-page advertisement will appear on the last page of the next issue with further information.

The opportunities are yours, young people! This is your golden age. Countless privileges are in the way for you. Redeem these days and seize every opportunity as God's blessing for yourself!

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BIBLE TEXT

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest!" (John 4:35).

Look again at the front cover on this issue of "The Baptist Herald!" In western Washington the wheat fields are literally white at harvest time. One's eyes can see for many miles, especially if they are lifted up to the hills that stretch before one. It's a picturesque scene that stamps these words of Jesus indelibly upon one's soul.

That is a spiritual picture of the world of today, as the Lord commands us to go into all the world to preach the gospel. The opportunities are legion; the facilities for transportation are better than ever; the Gospel is the power unto salvation everywhere; but the one thing lacking is our vision of these fields "white already to harvest."

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SWEET PEACE

It is difficult to catch a few moments of perfect calm, of sweet peace in this modern world of ours. But the full enjoyment of those moments, followed by the blessed memory of that experience, can serve as a spiritual lift.

These moments may be yours on some vacation trip in the quiet repose of a canyon where you have found a good place for fishing. They may come to you as you sit perfectly relaxed with your attention captivated by some book. They may arise before you like a chorus of angels as you contemplate God's goodness to you.

Jesus Christ is the source of this peace that passeth all understanding. Let your heart look unto him. Take him with you on these summer excursions. Let him fill your soul with this "sweet peace divine!"

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JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER

In the July 1947 issue, "Christian Life and Times" published the following account about the new Christian prime minister of Japan.

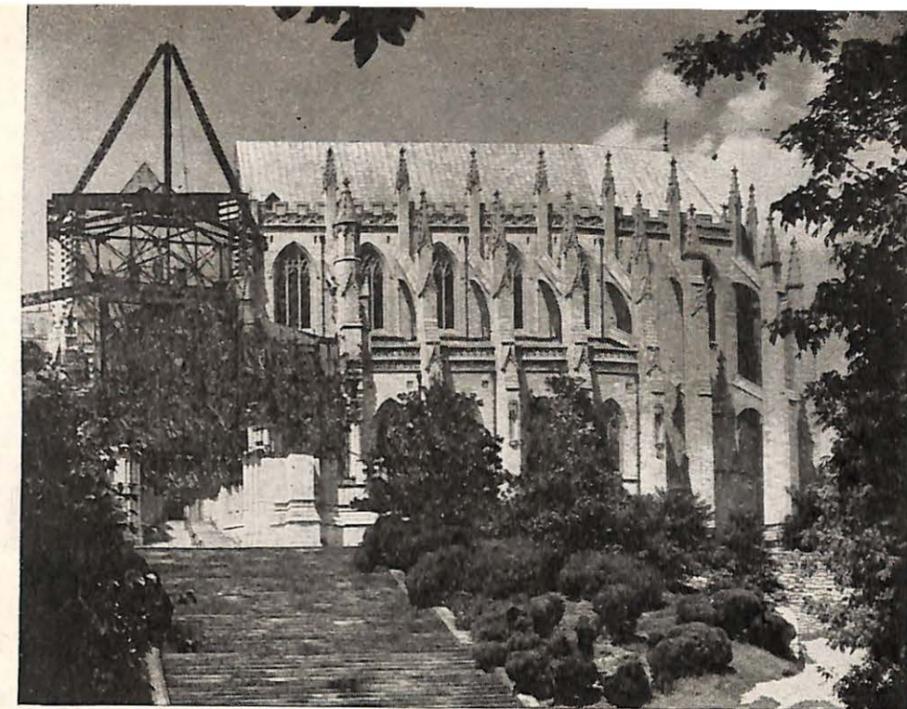
"On May 24 Tetsu Katayama, Christian leader of the Social Democratic party, officially became the first prime minister under the new Japanese constitutions at a precedent-setting ceremony performed by Emperor Hirohito.

"Local missionaries and foreign observers earnestly hope that Tetsu, who was 60 years old on July 18, will equal the Christian testimony of his father who was a devout Christian.

"After noting that Katayama was a Christian, MacArthur added: 'It is significant, too, from a broad international viewpoint, that three great oriental countries now have men who embrace the Christian faith at the heads of their governments, Chiang Kai-shek in China, Manuel Roxas in the Philippines and Tetsu Katayama in Japan.'"

Workers Together With Christ

The Second and Last of a Series of Messages for Christians of Today by the
REV. JOHN F. CROUTHAMEL
of Philadelphia, Pa.



—Ewing Galloway Photo

THE HOLY SPIRIT has given very explicit guidance in all matters by historically demonstrating infallible principles in the Christian work accomplished by the first church at Jerusalem. We must ever return to this watershed of all evangelism. We can never go beyond this church that gloried in the first thrill of Pentecost, because their activities resulted in achievement.

In the last issue of "The Baptist Herald" we examined the Jerusalem church's methods and results as described in Acts 2:42-47. This paragraph follows Peter's great Pentecostal sermon, and is descriptive of the immediate and continued results of that inspired proclamation of Christ crucified and risen again, uttered in explanation of the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the service of evangelism.

The balance of the passage, Acts 2:43-47, records the results of the application of the method of fellowship.

The first result was that "fear" came upon every soul. This word connotes awe. Jerusalem was awestricken! Even though they did not understand the reasons for this new quality of life, one and all recognized that they were beholding the workings of a higher Power. No one thought for a moment that these individuals were responsible for this strange exalted life. They knew them too well; too well to even mock. The sincerity and completeness of the transformation was recognized as genuine by the most skeptical.

Therefore, these Christians were respected for the sake of the Power which had transformed them. This has never changed. The world still respects the real thing when it sees it. Critics may not understand or receive Christ but they must stand in awe of the power that worketh in

you. How wrong we have been in attempting to gain the respect of the world by compromise! The world has no respect for weaklings! Men laugh and discredit our testimony the moment they discover that we divorce creed and conduct. If the Church would unitedly stand like a rock for the faith "once delivered," the world again would stand in awe. It is a matter of complete surrender to Christ, for whenever he is seen, men are seized with a godly fear. Men may not respect us, but they cannot deny him.

SPIRITUAL WONDERS

Luke continues by saying that the apostles did many wonders and signs. This includes acts of healing and miracles. I suspect, in addition, that verses 44-47 list the most notable wonders achieved under the apostle's direction. Indeed, physical miracles seem insignificant if you regard these next verses as recording spiritual wonders.

The statement of verses 44-45 would be hard to believe were it not in the Bible! The Christians of the Jerusalem Church pooled their resources voluntarily and distributed the proceeds from the sale of their possessions to all who were needy. That is amazing! You point out parallel instances of benevolent communism? You miss the point! Most of these who sold their possessions were Jews!

Jews live and pray for prosperity, because prosperity in the Old Covenant was a sign of heavenly blessedness. Read the Old Testament, and note the pains with which the riches of the patriarchs are recited. So long as the herds increased and the fields yielded grain and the gold poured in, they were certain of God's blessing. And when these things failed, they knew in terror that Jehovah's favor had been withdrawn.

But here is a predominantly Jewish

group reversing its whole standard of values. For them it is now "more blessed to give than to receive!" How can one account for this miracle? There is only one adequate explanation. They were convinced that Christ had given his life for them, and thought their sacrifice of material things for his sake a small thing. Too much has been made of the possibility that they did this because they expected Christ soon to return. If this entered in at all, it is a very small percentage of the whole story. Why not give credit where deserved? As they did it unto the least they did it unto him!

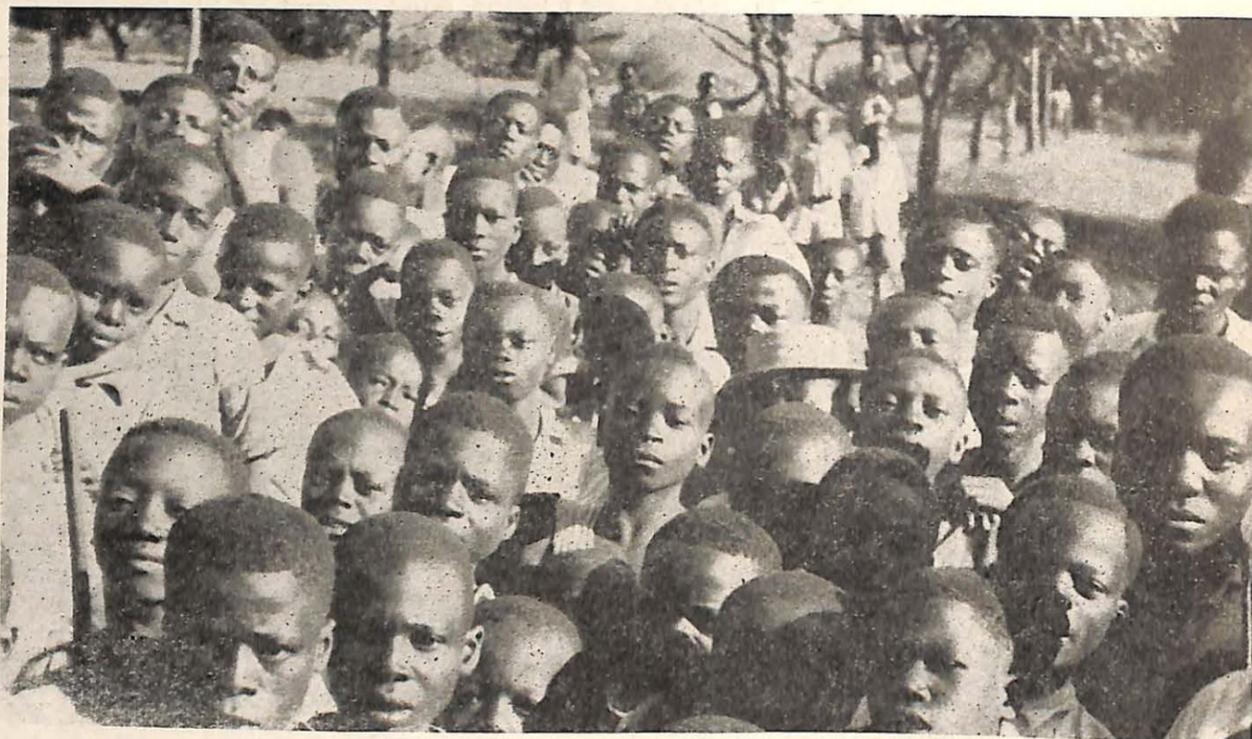
LOVE AT HIS BEST

There are a few things which should be said about this passage. First, it does not teach political communism nor form a divine basis for any doctrine of social and political collectivism. It was a voluntary movement, motivated by the love of Christ in believing hearts. It seems only to have been the practice of the Jerusalem church. The story of Ananias and Sapphira shows that they did not have to participate. It is not a binding obligation upon the present church but rather a splendid manifestation of Christian love at its best. While not an injunction it is an ideal.

To this I would add the following. The Scripture plainly teaches that men who are thoroughly convinced that Christ died for them spare nothing and count nothing too fine for him. What could I give a man who might save the life of my daughter that would be good enough? A puny one-tenth of my possessions? Is that all my love is worth? How then can we say we believe in Christ and draw hard and fast lines in simple matters of stewardship? If we believe in Christ, we do not fear to risk our all.

Then, finally, in connection with

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The Light Shines on African Faces

By MISS HILDA TOBERT, Missionary-nurse in the Cameroons, Africa

A Gripping Story of African Witchcraft That Brought Death to a Little Girl and Fear to a Tribal Chief and a Perplexing Question to Our Missionaries: "If you know all this, why can't you help me?"

IT WAS a bright June morning. The sun was beaming down, filling the earth with light and mellow warmth. Laura Reddig and I enjoyed the short walk to the dispensary, each of us secretly wondering what the day would bring forth. We were happy in the thought that if we are incapable there is One who is able in every circumstance.

"Sanu, Likita." "Greetings, man with medicine," was our salutation as we approached the door. The usual ailments were represented, and our native helper was already busy. Soon Laura and I too were handing out the spoons of castor oil and counting the drops of oil of chenopodium, all the while admonishing our patients to keep clean and to eat clean food to prevent recurrence of worm infestations.

"Oh, Laura, look at this youngster. It looks as if he has osteomyelitis or something." Purulent discharge was oozing from the small sinus on the

lower part of the youngster's leg. The father informed us that three years ago the child had a boil on her leg, and ever since that time discharge of pus had been present.

The child was a little girl of approximately nine years of age. The expression on the emaciated face was typical of chronic illness. The wistful look in her eyes as she gazed at us so expectantly, so sure of help from the white nurse, made us cringe, for we knew we could not help her. Good nursing care, plenty of nutritious food and absolute bed rest for several months would be necessary before surgery could be attempted which would be imperative to remove the infected bone and to promote healing. Could the father take her to Bamenda to the hospital where the British medical officer could care for her?

Oh! the anguish evident in the face of that parent. He had come from a neighboring village, brought his child a two days' journey to the white "likita" as a last resort. Native medicine had failed. His child had been getting worse instead of better. Now we were telling him to go another seven days' journey. How could the little one stand the trip even if he could take her? Where would he get food! who would help? These and many other questions presented themselves mercilessly.

Within our own hearts we, too, feared the outcome of the attempt to take the youngster so far, and the care she would receive if she did get there. How we wished we had a hospital of our own, with a Christian surgeon in charge to recommend to this despairing African!

There is a tumble-down bush house on the mission compound. In this the tired father and seriously ill youngster had to be housed. There was no other place or shelter for them. The next morning our native helper told me that the child had been very sick during the night.

I went down to the mud hut. The smoke almost blinded me. The small windows were closed up to keep out the chill night breeze. The little one was lying on a mat beside the smoldering fire. Her pulse was almost imperceptible, her breathing irregular and as an answer to her name she merely moaned. She had refused food of any kind and her infected system was crumbling under the added strain and exertion of the two-day trip.

The child was given a bath, wrapped in a clean blanket and given some beefbroth. She seemed to revive a little. Towards evening it was apparent that she was again getting worse but she rested a little and was a little more responsive the next morning. During the day we cared for

her, but her condition was unchanged and we had little hope for her.

About 4.00 P. M. some men came from the same village to tell the already sorely distressed father that his wife was almost insane with anxiety and had burned down their house and destroyed all their belongings in her frenzy to appease the spirits and to save the life of the child. The father came to ask me whether he could take the child home so that she could die with her mother present. It was becoming dusk now, and I didn't think it advisable for them to travel at night.

Then I was told the following story. The father of the child was chief in his village. There had been some trouble about the appointment of chiefs, and when it was settled that the honor was to be his, the opposing man became violently angry and bewitched his family. To the youngster, about whom I have been telling, the power to change her spirit into any type of animal was given.

One night she had changed herself into a leopard and was out among the trees. She screamed out that she was falling and that she would hurt her leg. Soon afterward she developed a boil on her leg which, three years later, was still draining pus. On the previous night she had gone out again as an animal and during the time in which her spirit was away she had said that she would not get well again. And anyway, if someone had shot the animal she impersonated, there was no hope for recovery. This was no disease that could be treated with medicine. The spirits were taking his child, and the poor helpless father wanted to take her to be with her own people when she died.

This may all sound rather foolish to you. We need not fear the powers of the Evil One because we know the Christ who has been victorious for us. But to these people who have had no opportunity to experience salvation through Christ's precious blood it is a stark reality. Is it any wonder that many actually die of fear? The story of the horrid animal spirits was enough to make me shudder. One could see the Satanic power so clearly.

The chief had brought with him another of his children, a boy, about three years older than the girl. This youngster too couldn't walk. I was unable to convince him that the boy suffered from severe malnutrition and exhaustion. The spirit of the sick child would enter this boy, and that was the reason why he couldn't walk. That was the way it always happened when a member of a bewitched family died, and it would happen again. Seeing the tears on the cheeks of the old chief and the expression of fear on his face, one could begin to appreciate what it means to be without hope.

I tried to tell this man the story of Calvary, of how Christ had come to



Miss Hilda Tobert, Missionary-nurse in the Cameroons

save from fear, superstition and sin. He listened respectfully, then asked me one question. I leave it to you to imagine how I felt, for I can't begin to express it. This was his question: "If you know all this, why can't you help me?"

Trying to explain to him that his child was not bewitched at all but that her illness required the care of a surgeon met with the same response. "If you know this, why is there no surgeon here. Is there no one in your country who cares enough to come and help us. Why don't you build a hospital where our children can receive proper treatment instead of just giving them a spoon of medicine and then leaving them to the care of their ignorant parents. Please, do not think that I do not appreciate what you have done for me. You have tried to help, but your treatment has been unsuccessful. Please, let me take the child home to die among her own people."

I knew I could not expect him to understand that a bone infection of years duration could not be helped in two days time and with a few spoons of beef-broth. To him anything we gave the child was medicine, and the fact that she didn't improve only verified that the spirits were stronger than our medicine and that no help was available for his child. The sorcerer had bewitched her and she would die.

It did not matter that it was a beautiful evening. I forgot that I had been hungry only a little while ago when the supper bell rang. I could only see the expression on that heart-broken father's face as he picked up his child, wrapped her in the blanket and walked up the path leading away from the mission compound over the hills to his own village. I did not fear that the quickly gathering darkness would cause him to lose his way. Soon the brilliant tropical moon would be shining. I feared for him because inside his heart and soul there was a darkness far more dense than any night.

Workers With Christ

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these verses, observe that these first Christians gave "to all men." They were anxious to relieve needs wherever they saw them. Believers and unbelievers shared in their plenty. All that mattered was that whenever and wherever they saw hunger or poverty they saw the Master. For Christian charity never begins at home in the exclusive and therefore restrictive sense. Charity begins wherever human suffering begins.

There is nothing more despicable than the view that we are to confine our benevolence to Christians! Where in the Gospels do you once find Christ so circumscribing his grace? Let us stop regarding acts of concern for the community as gilt-edged investments, expecting a yield of Sunday School scholars or church members in exchange for our occasional demonstrations of interest or concern. Verily, such service has its reward! But seek ye first to serve for Christ's sake, and all these things shall be added unto you.

"WITH ONE ACCORD"

The next results realized by the method of fellowship was that they continued "with one accord" in both worship and work. Who will deny that to modern ears this has the ring of a miracle? Imagine a church where all the members are unanimously bent upon the same purposes, sharing gladly all responsibilities, subordinating all petty differences and personal desires to the will of God! And in that last clause lies the difference between them and us and the secret of their Church harmony. Our criterion is the will of the majority; theirs the will of God.

Our modern democracy is a poor type of church government. What makes the voice of the people the voice of God? That is histrionic rubbish! The record of the Scriptures is that sacred history centers about single men or minority groups standing alone for God against the numerical majority. Democracy may be the only political system yet explored which gives a reasonable number of rights to the greatest number of people, but the perversions of sin are so mighty as to compel the most ideally constructed democracy to narrow and re-narrow the circle of delegated authority, evidencing that man was made for monarchy.

Ideal Church government is theocracy. Our only justifiable liberty is freedom to obey the will of God. Many of the discords in the modern church are the products of our having to divide our attention between many opinions with a wary eye to diplomatic implications. Diplomacy in the church is but another name for hypocrisy. In the church personal opinions and "feelings" are irrelevant. Only the opinion

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Jottings of a Traveler

First of a Series of Articles by the REV. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary, About His Trip to Copenhagen, Denmark to the Baptist World Congress

ord of such an application, and the process must be started all over again. Travel in Germany is definitely being discouraged.

The traveler today will also do well to bring his own soap, towels and some tinned food. In some countries, laundry will not be done at all unless soap is furnished. Usually it takes so long to have laundry done that one ends up by doing it oneself. In England it is practically impossible to get it taken care of in less than two weeks.

PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL TODAY

Even the people who travel are not the same as they were years ago. Formerly, the great majority were American tourists who were off for a holiday in Europe. There was a gay and carefree spirit prevailing.

People cross the Atlantic for different reasons today. Many are Scandinavian, French and British tourists. They have come to America for a few weeks to eat their fill, to buy clothes, and to take home as much as the law allows. (Many take a good deal more.)

The Americans going to Europe are mostly people who have relatives there. They go to see what the conditions are like (expecting the worst) and to help.

Everyone travels "heavy" going to Europe. Each country allows a certain amount of food to be brought duty free, ranging from 25 to 100 pounds, and everyone seems to have brought the limit. In addition, there is the matter of clothing, especially nylons.

Loud complaints are heard as we go through customs. A lady is bringing five dozen nylons, and she keeps repeating: "But they have all been washed!"

One American lady on her way to visit her relatives in Scotland had a particularly difficult time. She had brought presents — men's neckties, scarves, ladies' handbags, jewelry, nylons, etc. — and ended up by paying \$75 in duty! She kept pleading that the things had not even cost that much, but to no avail.

LIFE IN BRITAIN

What is life in England like in the summer of 1947? The first thing one notices is the program of austerity. A strict rationing system is still in effect.

Everything seems to be in short supply: food, clothing coal, paper, automobiles. Announcement has just been made that newspapers, allowed six pages since the end of the war, are to go back to four pages.

During the past two weeks there has been a terrific shortage of potatoes in London. Housewives began forming their queues in front of stores at six o'clock in the morning, and even then usually had to leave without obtaining their potatoes.

Because of the strict rationing and price control, a flourishing black market exists. Whoever has the price — though most people do not have it — can still get almost anything he desires. The caption of a cartoon reads: "Would you like strawberries with whipped cream and sugar?" "Sounds good. It must be illegal!"

The greatest shortage of all is in American dollars. Britons are extremely worried about the fast disappearance of the loan granted by the United States eighteen months ago. It is something of a shock to an American, under the impression that we were very generous in extending the loan, to find Britons highly critical of it. They resent the fact that they do not have the liberty of spending it wherever they wish, and they are very displeased with the inflationary prices existing in America.

Because of the shortage of dollars, the Marshall Plan of aid for Europe is being eagerly discussed.

And yet, Britons have many other interests such as the Clements Murder Case, the escaped Polish convict who succeeded in eluding police for 23 days, the Royal Ascot Races, and the Wimbledon Tennis Matches. These are items very similar to the ones holding the interest and imagination of Americans.

RELIGIOUS LIFE IN BRITAIN

Many leaders in church life are viewing with alarm the religious and moral conditions of the country. One minister called attention to the fact that only 5 percent of London's inhabitants go to church. The Bishop of London stated that the gravest problem facing the church today is that of divorce and broken homes. The headmaster of a boys' school complained that his pupils are increasingly coming from "pagan" homes. All of this has a familiar ring to it.

Although Britain needs a revival — as does America — conditions are not as bad as they might appear. Last Sunday I attended a Baptist Church in the morning and found a packed house. In the evening I went to hear Dr. Leslie Weatherhead at City Temple (because the Temple was bombed, City Temple

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Many Fascinating Sights Greet the American Traveler on the European Continent, Especially in Small Towns That Have Not Been Touched by the War

TRAVELING to Europe today is not what it was in the days before the war.

At that time, everything was made convenient and comfortable for the tourist. Every consulate was courteous and prompt in issuing visas. The various steamship companies engaged in keen competition to sell passage to the traveler. Accommodations and service were the best, and hotel rooms were available everywhere. In most countries even reduced fares were offered on the railroads.

DIFFICULTIES IN TRAVEL

All of that is changed now. On every hand, the traveler faces difficulties. Before a passport is issued, the government wants to have definite assurance that one has already booked passage to return to the United States. When the passport arrives, it is not valid for certain countries, and definitely not for Germany.

The next problem is to obtain a military permit for travel in Germany. My efforts thus far have not been successful. First, one must submit an application stating the reasons for such travel. This application cannot be approved in Washington, D. C., but must go to Berlin, Germany. After many delays, the Military Permit office in London reports that Berlin has no rec-



The Science Laboratory in the New Nurses Dormitory With Miss M. Silversen, Instructor, and Miss Evelyn Hamilton of Iowa Falls, Ia., a Member of the Dayton's Bluff Church, Fourth from Left

A Monument to the Ministry of Healing

A Timely Article With a Challenge to Our Churches and Their Vocation-seeking Youth by the REV. JOHN W. WALKUP, Pastor of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., and Instructor in Bible at the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing

"That thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2.

HAND IN HAND, at home and abroad, the ministry of the gospel and the ministry of healing are working miracles in men's lives. Our great Savior is also the Great Physician and is mindful of men's physical as well as his spiritual needs.

Perhaps, Baptists of the North are not as conscious of the need of this work on the home field as are the Southern Baptists or other denominations, for in the northern area there are comparatively few Baptist hospitals or schools of nursing.

On the mission field, however, we are all agreed that medical work is indispensable. No approach to the native is more effective in breaking down barriers and winning confidence than the work of the missionary-nurse or doctor. If statistics were known, they would likely prove also that investments in the ministry of healing on the home front have been profitable missionary ventures, although they commonly face financial hazards.

HIGH STANDARDS OF IDEALS

One of the few Baptist institutions in the North, wielding an ever greater influence in this field, is the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing, owned and operated by the Northwestern Baptist Hospital Association. It is located at

the gateway to the Northwest in Minnesota's Capital City, which bears the name of the great missionary Apostle, St. Paul. Utilizing the Mound Park and Midway Hospitals, with several additional buildings at each of the two strategic and beautiful locations, an enviable record of service has been achieved through the years.

Miss Mary Danielson, director of the school, recently honored for completing twenty-five years of devoted service, together with a capable and loyal staff, has been privileged to have part in preparing many candidates for the mission field and places of distinction in the nursing profession. High standards and ideals have contributed to the fame of the school and hospitals, pro-

foundly impressing parents of students and hospital patients with the character of the trainees, faculty and staff.

Among each new enrollment are graduates from Bible Schools and Christian Colleges who are taking the next step in a ministry to which they feel divinely called. Others have received God's call during their period of training, which has resulted in making the school a large contributor to missionary work on several continents as well as in the home field. Today's great need of nurses, and more especially Christian nurses, presents a real challenge to our young women to invest their lives in this noble calling.

OUR GRADUATES AND STUDENTS

Bringing this ministry closer to home, Miss Laura Reddig, our beloved missionary to the Cameroons in West Africa, is one of the graduates of Mounds-Midway of whom the school and our denomination can be justly proud. Her capable and devoted service is an outstanding example of what the training program seeks to achieve. Equipped with the very best, Laura has accomplished great exploits for God. One of the latest of which we have heard is the launching of a native school of nursing under her experienced supervision.

The Misses Eleanor Weisenburger, Ruth Kaiser, Mildred (Lehr) Stevens, Shirley Kreimann and Pearl Frerichs

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FURTHER INFORMATION!

The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul is within easy walking distance from Mounds Park Hospital. Students of the Nursing School are in constant attendance at the church services and take part in young people's activities. The parsonage, too, has proved a "second home" for many, and students are always welcome there.

Young women interested in nursing may write for further information to Director of Nurses, 200 Earl Street, St. Paul 6, Minn.

Hosts of Christian Youth at Assemblies

Reports of Conferences, Assemblies and Camps Held for Our Young People

The Oklahoma Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Institute Held at Bessie, Okla.

God's richest blessings were bestowed upon those who attended the Oklahoma Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Institute held at the First Baptist Church of Bessie, Oklahoma from May 29 to June 1. The theme of the Institute was "What Baptists Believe" and our theme song was "Saved to Tell Others." For our text we used I Peter 3:15.

We were very fortunate to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner and Mr. Dale Geis, a student at the Rochester Seminary, as guest speakers. Dr. Leuschner brought many inspiring messages.

Scripture Reading director, Rev. John Heer of Ingersoll; and the "Oklahoma Echoes" editor, Frances Meyer of Ingersoll.

On Sunday afternoon Dr. Leuschner led in the dedication of the Bessie Church basement which was just recently completed. (This was reported in the last issue.)

Betty Longhofer, Reporter.

Conference Sessions of the Eastern Conference Y.P. and S.S. Workers' Union at Rochester

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Eastern Conference held its 24th annual conference at the Andrews Street Baptist

Church of Rochester, New York from May 16 to 18. The speaker for the opening meeting on Friday evening was Mr. Joel Sorensen. His address, "The Light That Never Fails," inspired all present. Mr. Sorensen is the executive secretary of the National Baptist Young People's Union in Sweden. Following this meeting, a reception was held, at which time old friendships were renewed and new friendships formed.

On Saturday morning the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer led the devotional meeting. After the discussion groups led by Miss Twila Bartz and the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Miss Bartz related to all of us many of the experiences she has had in her work with the Indians.

Following this, our business meeting took place where the following officers were elected: vice-president, William Siegrist; national representative, Alfred English; secretary, Edna Smeltzer; advisor, Rev. George Zinz, Jr. Our group is planning to hold its summer assembly at the Muskota District in

Canada during the week beginning August 18th. In the afternoon the young people visited the North American Baptist Seminary.

South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union Convention

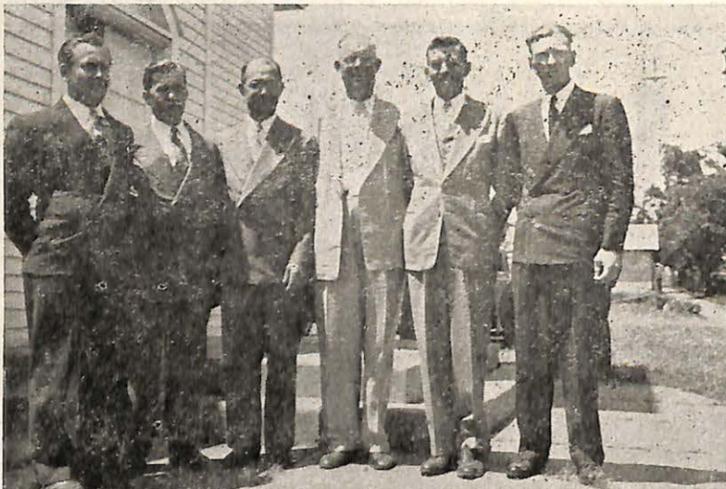
The Lord certainly blessed us richly as the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union when we met for our 26th annual convention at the Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota from June 3 to 6. The Corona choir, directed by the Rev. E. Gutsche, favored us with several selections throughout the convention. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, our denominational evangelist, gave the opening address on the topic, "By Faith We Live A Life Pleasing Unto God."

The theme of our convention was "By Faith We Live." All courses were centered around the theme. Our instructors were Prof. O. E. Krueger from our Rochester Seminary, who taught the course, "Faith in Christ," and Mr. Pfeifer who taught the course on "Christian Living."

Our annual young people's program was held on Wednesday evening. Each society of the union participated by giving a musical number or a reading. On Thursday evening the mass chorus, consisting of about 80 voices, presented four selections. The chorus was directed by the Rev. P. J. Wiens of Chancellor. An evangelistic message was given by Mr. Pfeifer on Thursday evening, when the invitation was given and one person responded and was led to Christ.

The Juniors took an active part in the assembly this year. They were instructed by Miss Marie Burfeindt of Avon and Miss Velma Klock of Emery. A special outing was planned by the Corona Society, which was held on Friday afternoon at Big Stone Lake.

Our \$6,000 mission project of our Silver Anniversary Club was surpassed by \$3,000, giving us a grand total of \$9,000. This was made possible through the untiring efforts of our chairman, Mr. Harold Lippert. For the coming year the goal has been set at \$7,000 with Mr. Elmer Poppin of Corona as chairman.



Oklahoma Ministers and Guest Leaders at the Oklahoma Young People's Institute at the Bessie Baptist Church
(Left to Right: Reverends G. W. Neubert, John Toews, John Heer, M. L. Leuschner, A. J. Harms and F. Armbruster)

The various teachers and classes were as follows: Adults, English, Rev. Menno Harms; Adults, German, Rev. Frank Armbruster; Young People, Rev. John Heer; Juniors and Intermediates, Esther Schilberg; and the devotional leader, Rev. John Heer. The topics for discussion were: "Verbal Inspirations of Church Membership and the Church Ordinances, and the Second Coming of Christ."

Our financial goal for the coming year is \$700, of which \$150 will be for a moving picture projector and screen, \$200 for the Scripture Memory and Reading Camp and \$350 for the Million Dollar offering.

The Sunday School Efficiency Award was presented to Shattuck and the B. Y. P. U. Award to Ingersoll. Ingersoll also received the mileage banner.

The newly elected officers are: president, Kenneth Reiswig of Bessie; vice-president, Wesley Lorenz of Loyal; secretary, Betty Longhofer of Shattuck; treasurer, Norma Hill of Okeene; advisor, Rev. Menno Harms of Gotebo;

The officers are: president, Maynard Hoekman, Corona; vice-president, Melvin Wipf, Emery; secretary, LaVerna Mehlhaff, Parkston; treasurer, Mildred Jucht, Plum Creek; dean, Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson, Spring Valley; choir director, Rev. P. J. Wiens, Chancellor; Junior teachers, Berniece Westerman of Chancellor, Marie Burfeindt of Avon and Helen Jucht of Plum Creek.

LaVerna Mehlhaff, Secretary.

Highlights of the Kansas Young People's Convention At Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

The 59th annual convention of the Kansas Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga from May 26 to May 30. Our theme song was "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

We were privileged to have four camp guests, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Rev. George Jennings, Rev. Kendal S. North and Rev. John P. Epp. Much of the success of the camp was due to the wonderful spirit of these men.

Each morning Mr. Leuschner brought us messages on "Missionary Imperatives." These messages gave us a deeper and fuller insight into the lives of our missionaries. Every morning at 10 o'clock Mr. Jennings brought us messages on "The Menaces to the Church." Following these messages, we divided into color groups and had our daily prayer bands. These were the prayer topics: "World Needs" led by Delmar Wessler, "Camerons" led by Edith DeWurf, "Home Missions" led by Laura Bell Hildebrand, and "Personal Needs" led by Frances Mehlinger.

We were very thankful for the capable services of the Rev. K. S. North, our song leader. The wonderful singing we enjoyed around the dining tables and in the chapel was an inspiration to every camper. We all grew to love Mr. North and to appreciate the wonderful work he is doing in God's work. The wonderful spirit shown by all our ministers in camp was an added feature to our camp.

Every afternoon we enjoyed planned and supervised recreation under the capable leadership of the Rev. John Epp. On Thursday afternoon we were thrilled to have Dr. Leuschner take moving pictures of us in our Indian garb.

Each day in late afternoon the Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham gave us interesting and educational nature studies. We truly have a wonderful God!

On Wednesday afternoon our annual business meeting was held. The following officers were elected for the new year: president, Merle Brenner; vice-president, Delmar Wessler; secretary, Frances Mehlinger; treasurer, Edith DeWurf; finance chairman, Thelea Schroeder; Chronicle editor, Mrs. J. H. Kruegel; dean of women, Mrs. Wm. Wirth; dean of camp, Rev. Aaron Stackhouse.

On Friday noon camp broke up with happy young people bidding farewell of their friends and going home with new inspiration better to serve their Master.

Frances Mehlinger, Secretary.



Ministers as Leaders and Visitors at the Kansas Young People's Assembly Held at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga
(Left to Right: Rev. Fred G. Ferris, Dean; Rev. J. Wesley Blackburn, Rev. George Jennings, Rev. Ronald Stabbert, Rev. L. H. Smith, Rev. Kendal S. North, Rev. John P. Epp, Rev. A. Stackhouse)

Visitation of Shut-ins and Youth for Christ Meetings in Kelowna, British Columbia

For over a year we of the young people's society of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia have been visiting shut-ins and invalid members of our church. Generally, groups go out half an hour before Sunday School and hold a short service with lots of singing, testimonies, Scripture and prayer. We know our invalid friends receive a blessing on Sunday, even if they cannot attend church services.

Every third Sunday evening our society is in charge of the service. We have several very good speakers among our members. Three of our young men are planning to go into training for the ministry this Fall. Our loss will certainly be someone else's gain.

Our society is publishing our conference paper, "The Reporter," and that is no small task. It keeps several of the members pretty busy, especially when the deadline dates draw near!

Our biggest job right now is to support the "Youth for Christ" movement in our City. We have a weekly radio broadcast in which most of our society take part, either in the choir or in

special musical numbers. Every second Saturday night we have a mammoth rally, and what a blessing we always receive then! Many persons already have been won for the Lord, and that encourages us all.

In spite of what we have already done, we know that there is still a lot to be done for the Lord in our city. We ask your prayers for our society that we may not be content with past achievements, but that the Lord may continue to bless our efforts for Him in the future.

Elsie Kraemer, Secretary.

Vacation Bible School and Special Meetings With Rev. F. W. Bartel of Goodrich, N. Dak.

The days from May 25 to June 8 for the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak. were accompanied by the Lord's richest blessings. During this time we had our special meetings and our Vacation Bible School, in which the Rev. F. W. Bartel of St. Joseph, Mich., helped us. He served us with refreshing messages, which prompted us to give ourselves more fully to the Master's work.

Our Bible School was attended by 59 diligent students, almost all of whom had a perfect attendance. Seven well qualified and consecrated teachers were willing to give their time and effort on the teaching staff. The interest of missions was promoted, and this was revealed in a practical way, since the daily offerings, amounting to over \$20, were designated for foreign missions.

Mr. Bartel taught a class on salvation. As a result several of the children decided to follow the Lord as their personal Savior. On Sunday evening, June 8, a demonstration program was given to a large appreciative audience. An offering of \$25.61 to help defray the expenses of the school was received. May the scattered seed continue to show forth in the lives of the children!

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.



Baptist Young People of Kelowna, British Columbia Visiting With an Invalid Member of the Grace Church

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma has announced that the Rev. Robert E. Stark has accepted its call as pastor and will begin his ministry on Aug. 17th. He has served as interim pastor since Feb. 1947. He was pastor of Baptist Churches in Sharon, Pa., and Orlando, Florida before serving as U. S. Army chaplain for three years. He will succeed the Rev. Henry Pfeiffer, now our denominational evangelist.

● The Baptist churches of Bison and Isabel, South Dakota have been served by their new pastor, the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, since July 1st. He resigned at his former church, the West Side Church of Beatrice, Nebraska, in June. In following the Lord's guidance, he is firmly convinced that there are opportunities on this frontier field in South Dakota. A brief account of this faith of pastor and churches will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

● The Connors Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has announced that the Rev. Otto Patzia, pastor of the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has responded favorably to its call to become its minister and will begin his pastorate in Detroit in September. He will succeed the Rev. William Hoover, who is now serving as minister of the Clay St. Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

● Mr. Robert Jaster has been serving the Baptist Church of Valley View, Alberta, Canada for several months. The church is now receiving mission support through the General Missionary Committee. Mr. Jaster was a student for a while at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. His home church was formerly the Rosenfeld Church near Golden Prairie, Sask.

● On Friday, May 9, three girls of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon graduated from the Emanuel Hospital in Portland. They were Ilean Dobler, formerly of Linton, No. Dak.; Betty Barker of Portland; and Doris Wagner of Portland. Miss Wagner received highest honors in the department of medicine. She is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Wagner of Portland.

● A newly organized church has been organized and recognized by an

authorized Council, as described more fully among the reports in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." It is the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., Canada, not far from the city of Regina. This was formerly a mission station of the Edenwold Baptist Church. Both the Edenwold and Davin churches are without the services of a pastor at present.

● During the first week in June evangelistic meetings were held in the Forest Baptist Church near Winburne, Pa., with the Rev. Herbert Hiller of the Temple Church of Buffalo, N. Y., bringing the messages. Eight persons accepted the Lord as their Savior and the entire church membership was revived, as reported by the pastor, the Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr. On Tuesday evening, May 20, Mr. Zinz brought an address to the graduating class of the Cooper Township High School on "The Highway of Life" and had the honor of presenting the diplomas to the class.

● The names of two pastors can be added to our official denominational records. The Rev. John Kimmel is serving as the missionary pastor of the Glencullen Mission of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. The story of that mission is reported by the Rev. John Wobig in this issue of "The Herald." Mr. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the Onoway and Glory Hill Churches of Alberta, was ordained during the sessions of the Alberta Association at the Temple Church of Leduc, as reported among "The Reports from the Field."

● Dr. William Kuhn, assistant executive secretary, is busier than ever in his ministry of many years in behalf of God's Kingdom and our denomination. Almost daily two to three hundred letters arrive from European countries with further requests or with gratitude for relief. On Sunday, July 20, Dr. Kuhn participated in the 50th anniversary program of the Baptist Church at Martin, No. Dak., of which the Rev. J. Kepl is minister. On Sunday, July 27, he preached in the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., during the absence of the Rev. C. B. Nordland who was away on his vacation at the time.

● On Friday, June 13, the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Michigan completed a successful Vacation Bible School with an average attend-

ance of 33 scholars and 7 teachers. The closing program on Sunday evening, June 15, was well attended by members of the church and friends of the children who also enjoyed the exhibit of handwork. The offering of \$43 was designated for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination. Over the weekend of June 29th the church was host to a young people's rally of the Beaver, Alpena and Gladwin churches of Michigan, at which the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest speaker. The Rev. V. H. Prendlinger is the pastor of the Gladwin church.

● On June 14 Miss Dorothy June Torner and Mr. John George Leypoldt of Portland, Oregon were married in the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, with the Rev. John Wobig officiating. Miss Martha Leypoldt, a sister of the groom, served as maid of honor, and Mr. Howard Losli as best man. Mrs. Leypoldt, the mother of the groom, was also present, and a letter from the father, Rev. Dr. John Leypoldt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was read at the ceremony. Both of the young people are prominently identified with activities in their own church and the Oregon Baptist Youth League. After a honeymoon trip to the Canadian Northwest, they established themselves at their home, 4268 N.E. Halsey, Portland, Oregon.

● Mrs. Emil Riemer, wife of the pastor of the Baptist Church at Paul, Idaho, passed away after a lingering illness on Wednesday, June 25. Mr. Riemer was in attendance at the Pacific Conference at Anaheim, Calif., at the time and arrived home several hours after his wife's death. Among the obituaries in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" is the account of the Rev. Abraham Hager of Edmonton, Alberta, who passed away on June 3rd. He was one of our pioneer pastors in the Canadian Northwest. Word has also been received of the recent homegoing of the Rev. Adolf Orthner of Detroit, Mich., who for many years was one of our missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa. He was a member of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit. On July 8 the Rev. C. F. Stoekmann was called to his heavenly home. The memorial service was held in the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., with the Rev. Thomas Stoeri officiating with the Rev. Thomas Lutz.

Blessings Received and Anticipated at Benton Harbor's Clay Street Baptist Church

Sunday, June 1, was a day long to be remembered in the annals of the Clay St. Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. Thirty-six persons followed their Lord in baptism, giving an outward expression of the marvelous grace they had received from their Master.

As individuals, as families and a church, we face the future with great anticipation of joy and thankfulness. The blessings that were lavished upon us in our recent revival meetings have been due cause for renewed zeal, fervor and a deepening of spiritual interest in all departments of the church's work.

This interest has been amply manifested in our young people's organization. Under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. William Hoover, the young people meet every Monday for Bible instruction. Two classes of 40 minutes each are conducted, one on "The Fundamentals of the Bible," and the other on "Personal Evangelism." The interest in these classes is so gratifying that we have an average attendance of 75, with great promises of more to come.

Although our mid-week prayer meetings had been discontinued due to lack of interest, it thrills our hearts to see from 140 to 160 join us in testimonies, song and prayer at our newly resumed prayer meeting services.

Not only have the old organizations been revived, but new ones have been organized. Sunday evening, May 25, marked the initial appearance of our newly organized Women's Chorus of 35 women's voices under the able leadership of Mrs. Merle Spaulding, who also directs the recently organized Sunshine Choristers. This latter group of nine young women organized during our recent revival services offer their testimonies in song. The Men's Chorus has been reorganized under the direction of Mr. Fred Lauer. He has also become the new director of our mixed choir.

Although our preaching services of the past 30 years preceded the Sunday School we, as a church, felt we could render better service by reorganizing the order of our Sunday morning program. Sunday school now begins at 9:45 A. M., climaxing the morning program by a morning worship service that begins at 11:00 A. M. Our Sunday School attendance has increased by 50 scholars.

The attendance at both our morning and evening services called for additional song books. The church has recently added 150 new song books to take care of the increased audiences. Three of the Sunday School classes purchased 200 new folding chairs involving an expenditure of \$900.

We also anticipate the need of physical expansion since our present facilities are taxed to capacity. At a recent business meeting, the church board recommended plans to the church involving a remodeling expenditure of from \$15,000 to \$20,000. This plan, when carried out, will give us added Sunday School room, seating capacity, and also better acoustics.

Myrtle Achterberg, Reporter.

Beside the Still Waters

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

The Divine Host

Psalm 23:5a

NOT ONE but two main pictures of God are found in the Shepherd Psalm. To be exact, the 23rd should be called the Shepherd-Host Psalm. David in the first four verses of his Master Psalm refers to the shepherd but in the last two verses he speaks of the host.

No single picture of God adequately expresses him in his fullness and completeness. The image of the shepherd presented some wonderful truths that set forth the character and care of God. But David found at the end of the fourth verse, that the shepherd could accompany him no farther. When the Psalmist looked back on his past life, he saw more than the goodness and providence of God. He also saw God's mercy. This is expressed in the picture of the host.

The sacred poet turned to the most wonderful and unselfish of all Oriental customs, the ancient law of hospitality to strangers. If one was pursued by his enemies, he was safe as soon as he entered the tent of a stranger. His enemies as wayfarers would also be received into the tent, but they could not harm him while he was enjoying the protection of his host.

When the meal was brought on a tray into the guest chamber, it was placed in front of the guest of honor who sat at the right hand of the host.

Pointed Paragraphs

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

Opportunities do not come with their values stamped upon them. Everyone must be challenged. A day dawns, quite like other days; in it a single hour comes, quite like other hours; but in that day and in that hour the chance of a lifetime faces us. To face every opportunity of life thoughtfully, and ask its meaning bravely and earnestly, is the only way to meet the supreme opportunities when they come, whether open-faced or disguised. —Sunday School Builder.

Would we think upon whatever is most restful in nature—the tranquil lake scarcely rippling in the silver moonbeams, the quiet river shadowed by overhanging willows, or any home scene of pleasant pastures and fair gardens? Would we recall some old loved melody, which has ever exercised a hallowed influence upon our imagination? These are but types,

Now we can understand the words better: "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

David had his enemies before he was king and during his long reign. But he found in God his divine Host. He said: "In thee do I take refuge; save me from them that pursue me" (Psalm 7:1). His enemies were merciless but God was merciful. His enemies pursued him, but God protected him. His enemies sought to destroy him, but God provided a spread table for him. The Psalmist could always rely on the mercy of God.

Christians have their enemies. Our foremost enemies are within. We are often our own greatest foe. "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh." Life is not only a journey but also a conflict. There is "many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears, within, without." But in our distress we can flee to our divine Host who welcomes us with open arms, gives us a warm reception and spreads the table with a feast of good things.

Christ didn't compare the kingdom of God with a funeral but with a feast. The table of grace is always spread. The divine Host is always ready to serve us. But we must enter the banquet hall of our heavenly Father and partake of the riches of his grace. Then we shall be strengthened to carry on the conflict with our moral and spiritual enemies.

dimly foreshadowing the peace and rest we need. No river can be equal in quiet beauty to that "pure river of water of life, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." No home scene of pleasant pastures can be like unto those green pastures of eternity, by the side of which the Savior leadeth His own redeemed ones. —Sunday School Times.

In 1946 Denver courts handled seven divorce actions for every marriage that was contracted. Judge Edgar Kettering of the county of Denver says the increase in divorces is due to the fact that "the dollar and the heart lack the two-way stretch of old." He says that the war "knocked the props from under the economic situation and from the emotional status quo," that people are overspending and that their emotions have been "shredded."

—Christian Century.

CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



SYNOPSIS

In Egypt Joseph and Raanah, two slaves from the caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen, became attached as servants of Potiphar's household and went with the Pharaoh to see the famous chariot races at Memphis. After that, Raanah wanted to become a charioteer of the Basilisk Guard more than anything else. But disaster of all kinds awaited him. Bashia, his sweetheart, was taken away by her mistress and no one knew where she had gone. Raanah his hated rival, Hadar, and was almost became involved in a chariot race which killed in the accident that followed. Joseph was seemingly disgraced and confined in prison. But after Raanah had lifted the Gittish Stone and had become a member of the Basilisk Guard, then his affairs took a rapid upward turn. Even his old-time cronies, Egiba and Isme-Dagan, looked him up at his mansion. Raanah was just arriving home with his troop of charioteers.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

AS THE troops came nearer, the eyes of the old men eagerly sought its captain. He drove proudly at the head of his company. His coal-black chargers were mettlesome but well-trained, and his chariot and equipment out-classed all others in elegance as was his honorable right.

Egiba gave a soft whistle. "He cannot be Raanah, the slave lad," he murmured incredulously, dropping his waggish manner.

"Nor is he," Isme-Dagan cackled, equally wrapt in the sight. "Now you see Raanah, the man—the squash that swelled from the bud."

Egiba gave a bronchitic wheeze and nudged his crony. Already his spirits were rising in the presence of such opulence. "Umph—or the bullfrog

that grew from a tadpole." He smothered a snicker, believing himself not outdone in wit by his companion.

The captain voiced a command and drew his chariot aside at his gate. Wheeling his team expertly, he faced his troop and touched his whip to his forehead. Kadmiel, his junior officer, saluted and assumed command in his stead. Then, under the eagle eyes of its captain, the troop passed jauntily in review on its way to quarters.

When the last chariot had passed, Raanah whirled his team toward the house, loosened the reins, and smiled indulgently as they scampered through the yard to be met by two stall boys, who grabbed their heads. Then he vaulted lightly to the ground. With the coming of their master, men appeared in all the doorways of the house and stalls. Calah and Obal were there also. Raanah smiled at the crew, and each grinned a welcome. Pausing a moment, he took off his helmet to mop his forehead. Still in his late twenties, Raanah was tall, and his well-muscled body tapered smoothly from shoulders to heels. When his official manner could be laid aside, his smooth-shaven face still held its boyish radiance.

"Hermas," he greeted the cook, who stood in the pantry doorway, "fix

something tasty and filling. The bora wind has whetted my appetite till it's as sharp as a goodwife's tongue."

Hermas waved a saucepan and disappeared.

The two old men were standing timidly beside some bushes at the corner of the house. As Raanah stepped forward, Egiba, made bold by the mention of food, cried, "Two old travelers also crave a bite, be it only scraps to share with the hounds."

Startled by the voice, Raanah whirled about. The whip was still in his hand, though his face held a look of question as if some dim memory had returned to haunt him. But ill fortune had done more than hunger had to the two old men. It had made them distrustful. Egiba involuntarily cringed as if expecting a blow for his impudence; and Isme-Dagan sidled away, not wishing to share in any wrath visited on his outspoken companion.

Raanah saw their fear and smiled encouragement. "Come," he invited "I have no wish to harm you." He tossed the whip aside.

There was something about these tattered old vagrants, with their unkempt, grayish hair, stocky eyebrows, and bushy beards that stirred some vague memory within him. As they shambled forward, he contemplated them gravely. "By your hairy faces, I take it you are not Egyptians."

"No," Egiba replied, emboldened by Raanah's manner, "but a heavy beard saves the trouble of washing the face."

Raanah laughed. "Well spoken, friend, even if your philosophy is

hungry looking. Go to the pantry wrong. I see you are both lean and door, and my cook will feed you." He turned to enter the house.

"Oh, but, sir!" Egiba pleaded. "Do you not remember us? We are Egiba and Isme-Dagan, who traveled to Egypt with you."

Surprise sprang into Raanah's eyes. He took both old men by an arm, while his face beamed. "Well, well—Egiba and Isme-Dagan! I should have known you, except that you are so well disguised. But why did you not tell me your names before?" He gave Egiba a hearty pat on the back which made him wobble. Isme-Dagan, taking note, backed out of reach. Raanah laughed at Egiba's wry face as he straightened up.

"Evidently matters have not gone well with you," he continued, "yet I see you are the same old rogues who ran off with my inheritance and left me stranded without a shekel in a strange land. Still, I forgave you when I remembered how often you had befriended me. Come in—come in! No pantry door for old friends. You are welcome to my house."

He led the delighted old vagrants inside, and while they gazed around in awe, he gave his Uraeus-incrusted helmet to a servant, unbuckled his sword and peeled off his tunic, exposing his muscle-rippling, bronzed body. He called loudly for Calah, his major-domo. The household always hummed when the young master was at home.

"Show these men to the washroom, Calah, and treat them well. They are old friends. You know them—Egiba and Isme-Dagan."

Calah was surprised and glad to see them, and the old men beamed upon him. Calah had once taken orders from them. Now he looked like a gentleman in his rich garments, and he carried the dignity of his position well.

"Recollections almost overwhelm me," Egiba smirked. "Seeing all of you again reminds me, what became of Uruk? That was the smartest little donkey I ever saw," he guffawed.

"Oh, he is still alive," Raanah joined in the merriment. "I put him on pasture, and he has grown fat, and lazier than ever. Obal looks after him, but for a time I had to skimp my own stomach to feed him."

Isme-Dagan grinned sheepishly, but countered, "No man with a physique like yours has ever gone hungry. Look at our baggy clothes."

"Aye, I am surprised at them," Raanah chuckled. "Calah, give them a complete fresh outfit, and be sure to barber them well," he suggested with a wink. He turned to the old men. "While the meal is preparing, and you wash yourselves, I must dress for a party at the palace. Then we shall eat."

The old men looked crestfallen. "I hope you will not take too long in

dressing," Egiba said anxiously. "The wine and pottage must come soon, or we shall swoon with hunger."

"Ha, you too will never swoon with a fat goose in sight!" Raanah denied flatly as he disappeared into his room.

Egiba and Isme-Dagan were the first to emerge from the washroom. Their hair and beards were neatly trimmed. Each man wore a new gown and a serviceable cloak that reached to sandals of soft calfskin. They had preened themselves rather fastidiously, and were proud of their appearance. It had been a long time since they were so well appareled, but they were men of quick adaptability.

Passing the table that was set for the meal, each filched a generous tid-bit and smacked his lips over it as he sauntered about the luxurious drawing room. Years of wandering on desert highways and sleeping on the ground had precluded them from knowing what a home of the wealthy was like. Egiba let himself down experimentally on a soft couch. Isme-Dagan contented himself with a cushion on the floor.

"Of all things!" Egiba muttered in a sibilant whisper. "To furnish such a home has taken more gold than we have ever seen. Soldiering must be profitable."

Isme-Dagan nodded his gray scrub of a head without looking up while he stuffed delectable seeds from a piece of cake into his mouth. "It is fine, all right," he agreed, "but what pleases me is that our luck has changed. We have fallen into comfortable berths in our declining days." He looked so smug and satisfied that Egiba chuckled, but before he could reply, Raanah entered the room.

Dressed for a court affair, the young captain was such a sight of splendor that Egiba and Isme-Dagan arose and regarded him with dumb admiration. Raanah's dark hair was worn stylish long enough to brush his shoulders. On the breast of his short tunic of white lamb's wool hung a gold plate with a raised image of a prancing horse carved on bloodstone. This insignia proclaimed his rank as Captain of the Basilisk Guards. Boots of cobra skin were laced to his knees. His sword handle gleamed with gems, a bejeweled dagger stuck in his belt, an amulet was bound on his arm. Al-though dressed as elegantly as a court dandy, there was no suggestion of effeminacy about the strapping young officer. His dark eyes glowed with vitality, and there was a vigorous quality to all his movements.

"Come—sit down, friends," he invited, "and welcome to my board." He took his place at the head of the table, and the two old men dropped into seats on each side of him. Raanah pounded the table, and servitors came running. Plates were heaped with game, fish, bread, cake, vegetables, and fruits. The hungry old men

attacked the food like basset hounds in from a run. Because of their broken fortunes it had been years since they had tasted wine, and their food had been of the plainest kind. Until the edge of their appetites was dulled, neither spoke.

Raanah watched them with a pleased smile. "Now," he said finally, "let the wine loosen your tongues." He refilled their goblets. "Tell me, how did your money take wings?"

Isme-Dagan sighed, more from repleteness than from sadness. "It is a sorry story," he said between mouthfuls. "I would forget it."

Raanah looked from one to the other reprovingly. "What! I take it no man has duped you?"

"Oh, no," Egiba cried, looking so offended that Raanah laughed, while Isme-Dagan flicked a crumb from his new garments.

"Then you found that money is round and meant to roll?"

"Well, no!" Egiba looked at him drolly. "I should say that money is flat and meant to be piled up, yet sometimes it takes but a slight puff of adversity to topple it over."

"As ever you have a glib tongue. Tell me about it."

"But we intended not to speak of our wretched affairs," Isme-Dagan objected. "Rather, we have come with a proposition."

"Say on," Raanah importuned them. The old men exchanged glances. They were fond of subtle excursions into diplomacy. Isme-Dagan stroked his beard, while Egiba fixed his ferret eyes upon the younger man. "Before you came to Egypt," he began haltingly, "you adored a tiny idol, and although you lost faith in her, it was a valuable jewel."

Raanah gave a start, gripped the ends of the table and stared at the men.

Egiba cleared his throat. He did not like the signs, but he had taken the plunge and must go on. "We know where it can be found—and we thought—perhaps you would like—"

Raanah sprang to his feet and towered above them. Anger flushed his face, and his deep voice trembled. "What—you who sit at my table, would foist that image on me again? No friend would seek to make me a victim of my own curse. If that is your intention, out you go!" His words were scathing and he looked so stern that the old men groveled before him.

"Oh, no!" Egiba protested. "We wish you no harm! We did not know that you still harbored such hate of her."

"Forgive us," Isme-Dagan whined, "starving men grow desperate, and we wished only to turn an honest shekel."

Mollified by their evident sincerity, Raanah sat down. "I am sorry," he said tonelessly. "I was too harsh and hasty." He stared before him vacantly.

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Egiba reached for the leg of a fowl and set his teeth into it vigorously. Isme-Dagan increased his table activities, with furtive glances at the young captain.

Raanah roused himself. "For years I have tried to put Ishtar out of mind, but her desertion left a rancor that time does not heal." His eyes swept over the men speculatively. Suddenly, his face lighted. "Ah, now I suspect the reason for your wretched appearance. Out with the tale! What did she do to you?"

Ismo-Dagan gave an involuntary shiver. "Please," he protested, "let us not speak of her. The very sound of her name brings trouble."

"Then the harm has already been done," Raanah contended. "Out with it!"

"It is a tale of terror," Egiba shuddered and whispered apprehensively. "Part of this story was told to us. The rest was our own experience."

"Go on!"

Egiba cleared his throat. "Before Acid-Adab was devoured by crocodiles, he found Ishtar's image in the rushes; a few days later, two fishermen snagged his severed arm, and the stiffened fingers held the jewel. The fisherman fought over it. One was found dead with a knife in his heart. Later, the other was murdered and robbed. The thief was tracked down and speared by a soldier. The soldier cunningly hid the jewel in his hair, and disclaimed all knowledge of it, but was cast into prison. Still, with all that trail of misfortune, Ishtar's vengeance was not appeased."

Egiba paused impressively. Isme-Dagan filled his goblet and gazed moodily at the sparkling wine. Raanah glanced at Egiba skeptically. "No doubt the tale improves with each telling," he said dryly, "but go on."

"Well, the jailor searched the soldier, found the jewel and decided to keep it. The next morning, he was found dead in bed with nary a mark of violence on him." Egiba shrugged significantly. "Next, the jailor's widow hid the jewel. That evening her skirt was caught in a cook fire, and she burned to death."

"Then in some way, I know not how, a Canaanite got possession of the jewel. He may have stolen it. It was he who sought us out the night of the feast to Asenath and Potiphar. We noticed that his eyes were sunken, that he was ragged and half-starved, and had a racking cough; but not knowing of the misfortunes of those who had held the jewel, we bought it at a rare bargain. We could not guess how glad he was to get rid of it. A few days later, we saw him again. He was dying of the cough, and told us the tale."

"Still, we were the first to acquire the image honestly, and thought that with his death, its vengeance would be appeased. We hoped that Ishtar would shower us with blessings, as she had you."

"But at the time, you were in possession of stolen goods," Raanah reminded.

"Alas — yes!" Egiba admitted. "And did we rue it! After we left Potiphar's caravan, we traveled to Canopus. We sold our slaves, camels, donkeys, and packed our merchandise into a dhow to sail across the Great Sea to Phoenicia, for we heard that country was a merchant's paradise."

"Yet hardly had the captain hoisted sail than a fierce wind bore down with the fury of a typhoon and crashed our mast into the sea. Cold, wet, hungry, and nearly choked by the waves, we clung to our small bark in despair. We prayed to all the gods we knew, yet the storm increased. On the third day, our dhow crashed on the rocks of the fishing island of Lahabim. The natives dragged us ashore more dead than alive. All our goods and money were lost. Isme-Dagan carried the jewel, and they had to knead the water out of him before he revived."

"Then for years," Egiba sniffed contemptuously, "we lived on that fish-reeking island. The other men found chances to work their way home on ships, but we were not sailors. No shipmaster would take us on. The natives were poor. We lived from hand to mouth. We could not sell the jewel to pay our passage out. Having brought us ill luck, it stuck to our fingers like syrup to a bowl."

"One day a large ship touched the shore of Lahabim. That night we stowed in the hold among some bales of hemp. The first day out, we were dragged forth. They put us to hard labor and gave us nothing to eat but dried fish. We became nauseated and were glad when we reached Canopus. We tried to sell the jewel, but the Canaanite had talked before he died. Men feared even to look upon it. We laid it on an altar to be blessed, but not a priest would touch it or pray over it, and there it lies." Egiba concluded wistfully.

Raanah glared at them. "And yet you tried to sell it to me! You would put my life and fortune in jeopardy to jingle a few shekels in your own pockets."

Egiba fidgeted and had the grace to flush. "But since the curse was yours, you could have blessed it and turned its bitterness to sweetness."

"Not while hate for it abides with me," Raanah answered curtly, "and you know that well enough."

A slave appeared in the doorway. "A messenger from Lady Asenath wishes to speak to you."

"Show him in."

The messenger, a high-caste Syrian slave, entered and bowed. "Lady Asenath requests that you call at her house before going to the palace."

"Very well, Jubal, I shall stop by."

"Ah," Egiba chuckled when the messenger departed. "I see the captain is not woman shy, as I had feared."

"Lady Asenath was a lovely girl," Isme-Dagan reminisced. "She would make a fine wife."

"Not for me," Raanah answered. "She belongs to Joseph. They have been lovers for some time. After Potiphar died a couple of years ago, she came to Memphis to live. Now she sees Joseph frequently."

"That reminds me to ask about Joseph." Isme-Dagan perked up.

"Did you not know? He is in prison." The Ishmaelites looked their surprise. "For what offense?"

"None that he committed. Potiphar's wife became enamored of him and made advances. He repulsed her, and she lied to Potiphar, saying that Joseph had tried to seduce her. Potiphar sent him to prison."

"A sad affair for such a promising lad," Egiba regretted. "Was there no time set on his sentence?"

"Apparently not. Aneel will never consent to Joseph's release. I have spoken to Pharaoh about the matter as often as I have dared, but he esteems Potiphar greatly and does not like to interfere in a private matter. And Asenath, with all her womanly charm, has tried to sway Pharaoh, but without success. The matter grieves us sorely."

"Why have you never taken a wife?" Egiba asked. "A man of your wealth and position —"

"I have short time to waste on women. Ambition and love do not travel together. Moreover, Joseph's imprisonment presses sorely upon me, that and Bashia's disappearance."

"Bashia?" The old men gave each other a significant eye. "I remember," Egiba ventured cautiously, "you and she were sweethearts once. Do you still care for her?"

"More than anything in life." Raanah answered moodily.

Ismo-Dagan rubbed his palms together. Egiba looked enormously pleased.

Raanah glared at them suspiciously. The next instant he was on his feet. He grasped Egiba's shoulder in a vice that made the old man wince. "Speak!" he demanded in a voice that shook. "What do you know about her?"

Ismo-Dagan retreated nimbly, then from what he considered a safe distance, dared to parley. "You would pay well, I suppose, for any information —?"

Raanah made an unexpected grab and caught him by the collar. He jerked the two tempters face to face before him, and held them wriggling. "Out with it — quick! I'll settle the price later."

Ismo-Dagan's face grew ashen above his beard, and into Egiba's eyes crept a curious mixture of fear, craftiness, and admiration. "We met her this afternoon as we came to Memphis," he wheezed and tried to keep his teeth from clicking. "She was with a caravan. We spoke to her, and she remembered us."

"Go on!" Raanah gave them a shake.

"She — she told us of Dahmru's sud-

den death — that her mistress had taken her to Syria —" Egiba struggled for speech. "Her mistress was ill for a long time and depended on her. When the woman died, the estate fell to Bashia. Now the girl is free and wealthy. She equipped her own caravan, and has been long in traveling from Syria. She is a fine young woman." Egiba brightened, hoping that praise of Bashia would loosen Raanah's clutch on his collar. "She told us to come back to her if we not find a welcome with you."

"Where is she now?" Raanah's face was drained of color.

"We could find her caravan," Isme-

Dagan helped out.

Raanah released them and tossed each man a gold shekel, which they caught expertly. "Calah!" he bellowed, "have my chariot brought to the door! Make haste!" He caught up a rich plum-colored coat and a white-plumed helmet, and paced the floor.

Ismo-Dagan bit the edge of his coin experimentally. He could hardly believe it was genuine. Egiba rubbed his ecstatically between his palms.

Raanah started forward as he heard the chariot at the door. "Come," he said, "you will ride with me."

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Jottings of a Traveler

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congregation is worshipping with the Marylebone Presbyterian Church) and again found an attentive crowd of several thousand people present. Such an attendance would be difficult to duplicate in America on a Sunday evening in summer!

The Baptist Union is just now in the midst of a campaign to raise a Victory Thanksgiving Fund of \$600,000 for reconstruction in Britain and on the Continent. The work is progressing and flourishing under the aggressive leadership of the Rev. M. E. Aubrey.

While in London, I contacted every agency that might be interested in the resettlement of the many uprooted people of Central Europe. I was dismayed to learn from officials of the I. R. O. (International Refugee Organization) that they will be unable to help anyone of German heritage, whether a German national or otherwise. This means that, for the present

at least, even German people who have lived in Yugoslavia or Poland for centuries and have now been driven out cannot count on the United Nations' Refugee Organization for resettlement. The position being taken is that these people are not genuine refugees, since they have a "homeland" in Germany and are welcome there.

German refugees in Denmark are being repatriated to Germany at the rate of 3,000 every week, 70,000 having already been returned and 130,000 still due to go. It is difficult to understand how anyone can reasonably expect Germany to absorb and feed all of these people, in addition to the millions of people who have been driven out of East Prussia, Silesia and Pomerania into what is left of Germany.

The only solution would appear to be emigration to some other country, but all countries able to absorb them thus far refused to accept them. Let us hope and pray that doors may soon be opened.

Workers With Christ

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of the Head of the Church matters, and we shall have glorious harmony when by the discipline of water and the Word we are able to discern his will.

The last results, which I wish to indicate, was that they found favor with all the people. The heathen respected and applauded this new and mysterious quality of life. We should be more concerned than we are that people favor the church, and this is not a word of encouragement to let down the bars so that worldliness quenches the Spirit's life. They did not obtain favor in any such fashion. They combined conviction and grace — a rare blend in our generation.

On the one hand, we have orthodoxy of conviction and narrow souls: on the other, renunciation of truth and gushy sentiment. The world calls one faction "fanatics" and the other "simpletons." Neither group can be called influential because neither reveals Christ. Influential churches and influential Christians reveal Christ and

so become centers of attraction and favor. The moment we depart from him, we lose the crowd, for it follows him as closely as ever in the days of his flesh. When the multitude of impotent and sick begin to seek us out we are becoming influential; we are gaining favor with the people.

Thus, we have outlined the method employed and the results realized by the first Church. We have perhaps discovered the way back to spiritual power and vigor. What are we to do? Imitate the first church as an ideal? That is the fatal error which many are making in our day; fatal because reality defies imitation. No, we shall not imitate, because we have had enough of hypocrisy.

What shall we do? We shall confess our sins, admitting that we have not sincerely desired his way heretofore. We shall flash the light of the Word of God upon our way and ever move with the assurance of "thus saith the Lord." We shall receive the Holy Spirit of service by submitting to his will at any price. We shall then build his Church!

A Ministry of Healing

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are graduates whose names are familiar to the Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa churches of our denomination. Daughters of our pastors and people, they have enriched our lives by their devotion to Christ in this profession. The Misses Virginia Schubring of Wausau, Wisconsin and Evelyn Hamilton of Iowa Falls, Iowa are now well on their way toward success in the school, having passed preliminary tests.

Many members of our churches, pastors and missionaries have been benefited by the schools and hospitals, directly and indirectly. We are happy to acknowledge a debt to the faith and vision of the founders and all who furthered the work of this monument to the ministry of healing. Christian people cannot help but be partial to the Christian school and hospital, where the faculty and staff have a personal relationship with God and acknowledge their dependence upon him.

Christian young people will be better prepared in a Christian school and will welcome the better opportunity it affords. The combined knowledge of the body, which in God's creative wisdom "is fearfully and wonderfully made," and the world-surpassing worth of the soul will continue to work hand in hand to fulfill the great commission. The ministry of the gospel and the ministry of healing work toward one common end on mission fields at home and abroad, seeking to help men to know him who said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Baptists in our day need to re-affirm their belief in good works which are necessary to a fruitful life (Titus 3:14). "The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest near at home." If we will be successful in our missionary work abroad, we must not miss our opportunities at home. The ministry of healing is vital. It is a costly ministry financially, physically and spiritually, if it is to be accomplished in the manner it deserves.

The passing of Christian doctors and nurses would be as great a tragedy as the passing of Christian statesmen from our national life, Christian teachers from our schools, godly parents from our homes or consecrated leaders from our churches. How shall we prevent that tragedy? Pray for this worthy work, support it financially, encourage the best of our youth in the churches to aim high and enlist in a ministry that demands their highest and best.

To possess skill, to save lives, to assist great physicians and surgeons and see health and happiness restored to hundreds of grateful patients is an accomplishment worthy of sacrifice. What vocation could have more appeal to Christian young women? Where could a consecrated Christian life be more wisely invested and pay richer dividends?

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Atlantic Conference

Setting Apart the Rev. Lemuel Petersen for the Christian Ministry at New Haven, Conn.

An ordination service took place on Sunday evening, June 1, in the sanctuary of the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., in honor of Mr. Lemuel Petersen who graduated from the Yale Divinity School. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Reuben E. Nelson, general director of the Council on Finance and Promotion in the Northern Baptist Convention and the ordination prayer was offered by Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of missions and Oriental history in Yale University. Four other pastors of various Baptist churches took part in the service.

An anthem, "First Psalm," was sung by members of the Chapel Choir of the Yale Divinity School and directed by Mrs. Lemuel Petersen, organist of the Divinity School. Following the service a reception was held in the church parlors where refreshments were served.

The Rev. Lemuel Petersen, the son of a Baptist minister of St. Paul, Minn., is now director of public relations for the International Council of Religious Education with offices at Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Lemuel Petersen is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan. P. M. Eichmann, Clerk pro tem.

Southwestern Conference

Baptist Church Holds Vacation Bible School for 70 Children at Gotebo, Oklahoma

A successful Vacation Bible School was held in the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma during the first week of June with an average attendance of 70 children. A number of the children trusted Christ as Savior and gave testimony and evidence of their new life in Christ. As a result of the influence of these children in their homes, several new families have begun to attend Sunday School and church services.

The teaching staff consisted of Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, Miss Viola Schanz, Mrs. Harry Greb, and Mr. and Mrs. Menno Harms. The Misses Berniece and Nelda Weber served as assistants. The children were brought to school in cars driven by church members. Children from four different schools were represented.

Another Bible School is being planned for the month of August in a schoolhouse seven miles distant from our church.

Mrs. Menno Harms, Reporter.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Emery, South Dakota

Vacation Bible School and Evangelistic Services for the Dickinson County Church of Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas in cooperation with five other churches of this area, including the Ebenezer and Durham Baptist Churches, were greatly blessed in a tent campaign of two weeks with Robert J. Kees of the Moody Bible Institute Extension Staff as evangelist.

Mr. Kees brought special musical numbers at each service on the accordion and marimba and these were a real treat to all. Even though the attendance was hindered because of much rainy weather, still a goodly number of people gathered each night and were blessed by Mr. Kees' ministry.

Following the tent meetings the First Church held its Vacation Bible School. This year a one-week school was held with classes from 9.00 A. M. to 4.00 P. M. There were four departments with an enrollment of 35 pupils and 8 teachers and helpers.

As a result of the efforts put forth in the past few months, there are now 10 persons awaiting baptism and church membership.

Mrs. G. W. Blackburn, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Vacation Bible School at the Carroll Avenue Church of Dallas, Texas

The Vacation Bible School at the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas began on June 2 for girls and boys from 3 to 14 years of age.

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All reports must be received within one month after the event to be eligible for publication

Reports should be limited to about 250 words.

No annual reports of church organizations can be accepted by resolution of the Publication Board.

The school was divided into four groups with Mrs. L. S. Elliot as superintendent and with teachers and extra helpers in charge of the departments. Some of the activities included hand-work, Bible stories in flannelgraph, memory work, regular play and game periods and "a snack" of cookies and milk for the smaller children.

On Saturday, June 14, following the Vacation Bible School, the church held its annual Sunday School picnic. Games were planned for the children and dinner was served.

On Sunday, June 15, the children of our Vacation Bible School presented a program consisting of the things they had learned in Bible School. This splendid program was directed by Mrs. L. S. Elliot. Afterwards the people went to the Church Annex to see the things on display which were made at the school. This included picture charts, clay moldings, booklets, work books, a miniature shepherd scene, and colorful cork maps showing the spread of Christianity.

The Vacation Bible School has helped everyone including the children, mothers and teachers. Its training and recreation are fun for the children. It gives the mothers a few hours of quiet and rest. The teachers gain knowledge as they prepare their lessons and projects.

Willie Mae Balka, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Vacation Bible School With 55 Enrolled Pupils at Emery, South Dakota

May 26 to 30 were busy but happy days for the Emery Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota when our Vacation Bible School was held. There were 55 pupils enrolled with 42 showing perfect attendance.

The pupils were divided into the four groups of Beginners, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate departments. The sessions in the mornings were opened with the salute to the Bible, Christian and American flags. At both the morning and afternoon sessions the teachers took turns in leading the worship period.

Some of the boys and girls made their decision for Christ during this week. Of course, all the fruit will not be seen until eternity, but God's Word was sown and we have the promise it will not return void.

On Friday evening all the pupils presented a program and the hand-work things were displayed. The Rev. D. S. Wipf was the director of the school. Lois Ontjes, Myrtle Lubbers, Gladys Terveen, Norma Johnsen, Mrs. Otto Blecker, Vilma Klock, Lucille Wipf, Mrs. Herman Blecker and Esther Olthoff were the teachers. Kenneth Ontjes also assisted.

Velma Klock, Reporter.

Successful Vacation Bible School and B. Y. P. U. Programs at Fessenden, North Dakota

Under the very able supervision of our pastor, the Rev. Otto Schmidt, a very successful week of Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church in Fessenden, No. Dak., during the week of June 2 to 6.

Twenty-five students were enrolled, enabling us to have four classes. Miss Lillian Schimke taught the Beginners class; Mrs. Ben Wahl the Primary class; Mrs. James McBain the Junior class; Rev. Otto Schmidt the Intermediate class; and Mrs. Hans Peterson was director of music. The school closed on Friday evening with a program by the students.

Our B. Y. P. U. has been quite active lately. We have started a very interesting study course on the book of Genesis. On Sunday evening, June 8, our society presented a musical program to the church at Martin, No. Dak. This was a return program for the program they so ably presented to us some time ago.

The exchange of programs among societies is very interesting and inspiring. It is an incentive for us to do better each time and to continue spreading God's tidings of joy in this manner.

Esther McBain, Reporter.

Twenty-six Persons Are Baptized and Received Into the Baptist Church, Ashley, No. Dak.

During the month of May we of the Baptist Church at Ashley, No. Dak., held our revival. The Rev. Fred Mueller of Portland, Ore., served as evangelist with wonderful results.

On June 15, we had our baptismal service when we baptized 26 people. The church was far too small to hold all the people who came to witness the baptism. Besides the 26 persons, we extended the hand of fellowship to another six people, adding 32 new members to our membership.

The Lord has been good to us in Ashley. Spiritually as well as materially we were blessed during the year. At our Johannestal Station we dedicated the beautiful basement church to the Lord at Pentecost Sunday. The Rev. F. Mueller preached the dedication sermon. Our people in Ashley decided to enlarge and redecorate our church this summer.

Our field has many opportunities to win souls for the Master and we would covet the prayer of our Christian friends concerning this great work.

Walter Stein, Pastor.

The Napoleon Baptist Church Celebrates Rev. Theo. Frey's 40th Year in God's Service

On June 21, 1907, in the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon the ordination of the Rev. Theo. Frey took place. On Sunday evening, June 22, 1947 the Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak., gathered for its regular service with the young people in charge. Mr. Frey was about to close the service when one of the deacons, Fred Pfeifle, interrupted and announced the purpose of the interruption. At this

Children in Attendance at the Baptist Vacation Bible School in Fessenden, North Dakota



point the Rev. C. T. Rempel of Ventura and his wife entered the church. Words of congratulation and wishes for God's richest blessing were spoken by the leaders of the various branches of the church.

A gold coin, which represents pureness, and forty silver dollars which are to represent the forty years in service were given to Mr. Frey by the church. Mr. and Mrs. Frey then spoke words of appreciation to the church and friends. Mr. Frey stated that he and Rev. C. M. Knapp, now superintendent of the Bismarck Home for the Aged, were ordained at the same time in the same church, and that the two are the only ones of their graduating class still in God's service.

Mr. Rempel gave a short talk on how wonderful it is to be in God's ministry. Gideon Oldenburger, Reporter.

The Northern North Dakota Association at Harvey Considers "Life at Its Best"

The Northern North Dakota Association held its annual session at the Baptist Church at Harvey, North Dakota from June 12 to 15. The convention was opened on Thursday night with Professor O. E. Krueger bringing the message. Very appropriately he stressed the necessity of a new birth before "Life At Its Best" can be had.

"Life At Its Best" was the theme of the convention, based on the First Epistle of John. On Friday and on

Saturday the different ministers of the association gave expositions on this epistle, which proved not only to be helpful but also a blessing to all who attended. An excellent study on the Holy Ghost was also given by Rev. D. Klein.

On Saturday evening and on Sunday morning Professor O. E. Krueger gave two inspiring messages, "Why All This Suffering?" and "A Certain Rich Man." The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner addressed the convention with two spiritually uplifting messages. On Friday night his theme was "An Institution At Its Best," based on the First Psalm, and on Sunday afternoon he brought the convention to a fitting close with his address to the young people on "Winning the Battle Within Ourselves."

The Rev. William Sturhahn of Morris, Manitoba had also kindly consented to come to the convention. Twice he addressed the convention, and both times the audience was deeply stirred by his report on the appalling conditions in Europe.

The offering, which was designated for the Old People's Home in Bismarck, for relief work, and for general missions, amounted to approximately \$900.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are Rev. A. Fischer, moderator; Rev. O. R. Schmidt, vice-moderator; Rev. F. Schmidt, secretary.

O. R. Schmidt, Reporter.



The Twenty-six Converts Whom the Rev. Walter Stein, Pastor, (Right, Rear Row) Recently Baptized and Received Into the Fellowship of the Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota

Mother's Day and Birthday Celebration of Missionary Societies at Parkston, So. Dak.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of Parkston and Tripp, South Dakota held their annual Mother's day and birthday celebration in the Parkston church. This year the daughters gave the program in honor of their mothers. The playlets, "Gifts for Mother" and "Mothers Are Wise," were presented. A memory song, "Lights of Home," in memory of our departed mothers was sung.

We had the pleasure of having Mrs. A. A. Schade of Huron, So. Dak., with us as our guest speaker who spoke on "Memories of My Mother." We appreciated her talk very much.

After the program, the daughters served a delicious banquet for their mothers at beautifully decorated tables. It was a day we shall long remember and cherish, especially the cheerful and smiling faces of the girls as they presented the program and served the banquet.

Mrs. William Koth, Reporter.

Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union at the Northern North Dakota Association

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Association met in Harvey for its annual business meeting on June 13 in connection with the regular session of the association. Mrs. K. Gieser opened the meeting with a short devotion based on Phil. 2:5.

From the reports we learned that all the societies are actively engaged in our Master's work. The Union has a total membership of 323 members, who raised the sum of \$6,209.66, which amounts to about \$19.00 per member. It was decided that the offering of the afternoon be equally divided among the following projects: General Missions, Fellowship Fund, Seminary Endowment Fund and the Bismarck Home for the Aged. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. K. Gieser of Anamoose, president; and Mrs. F. Schmidt, Turtle Lake, secretary-treasurer.

At 2:00 P. M. a very fine program was rendered before a large audience. Singing was led by Mrs. F. Schmidt of Turtle Lake. Mrs. W. Kessler, representing the local society, bade us a hearty welcome to which Mrs. Kepl responded. Mrs. J. Krueger from Fessenden gave a very timely and interesting reading. Then Mrs. W. Gerthe favored us with a vocal solo. The Martin society presented a challenging dialogue entitled, "Hanging a Sign." Then the ministers and ministers' wives chorus favored us with a song.

We were privileged to have two guest speakers on the program. Prof. O. E. Kreuger in his unique way told us some interesting things about the history of the Woman's Missionary Union. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn held the large audience spellbound for over an hour relating some of his own experiences which he made last winter in Germany as our denomination's relief administrator in Germany. Our hearts were truly touched as we listened to story after story of misery.

Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Secretary.

Central Conference

Rededication of the Renovated Trenton Baptist Church and Inspiring Homecoming Service

June 15th was a red letter day for the Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois. For many months the work of interior decoration of the church had been held up by shortages, unsettled labor conditions, etc., but all had been completed in time for the reopening on this date.

The morning service was one of rededication, in which the members present felt the responsibility for personal cleansing and rededication, for with beauty in the place of worship is linked holiness on the part of the worshippers. (The beauty within our church was made possible through the bequests of two saintly brothers, Messrs. August and Henry Gieseke, who, although gone Beyond, live on in the church they loved on earth.)

At this morning service we were happy to extend the hand of fellowship through Deacon William Ahrens to the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie P. Albus who have recently come to minister to us. This young pastor and his wife are entering into their work with enthusiasm and we are beginning to see results of their labor in our midst. The parsonage has been completely renovated and redecorated also.

A surprise gift in the form of a Solovox, given by the Ted Klasing, the Charles Luginbuhl and the William Ranz families was presented by William Ranz and gratefully accepted for the church by Elmer Ranz. (These three men are the trustees of the church.)

The rededication sermon by the pastor was based on the scriptural rededication of the Temple as recorded in Nehemiah 9 and 12. The appropriate anthem by the newly organized choir, "Bless This House," was well received.

The evening service was in the nature of "A Homecoming." Pastors from the Methodist and Evangelical-Reformed churches were present with members of their congregation and took part. Charles Luginbuhl gave the "Homecoming" message. Letters, telegrams, and news from the five living charter members of the Trenton Church were read by Edna Gieseke, and messages from absent members and ex-members by Lydia Luginbuhl. Two ex-members, Dr. Herbert Gieseke and Mr. Arnold Gieseke of Greenville, Ill., were present, and recalled experiences of past days.

The pastor's sermon, "And He Went Home," was timely with use made of Scripture from Luke 4:16-22. Choir numbers, a cornet solo by Bob Klasing, and the pantomime, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," by Florence Ranz and Mary Sullins with Phyllis Albus as soloist, were well rendered and appreciated by the large congregation.

With all things ready and with God's blessing upon us, we enter into a new era of service, assured that the Trenton Baptist Church will continue to be an influence for good in the community and in the denomination.

Edna W. Gieseke, Church Clerk.

The Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan Holds Evangelistic Meetings With Rev. H. Pfeifer

We of the Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Michigan had the privilege of having our denominational evangelist, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, with us from May 4 to 16.

Two persons accepted Christ and promised to follow him as their Lord and Savior. Willing hearts added to the inspiration and blessing of each service by rendering special messages in musical numbers.

On May 16 Mr. Pfeifer closed his evangelistic campaign with a very impressive candle light service. Everyone was given the opportunity of quoting his favorite Bible verse with the word, "light," in it. Two ushers, Messrs. Bert and Gust Braun, had charge of lighting the many candles which were distributed throughout the church. When a verse from the New Testament was quoted, the usher on the right lighted one of his candles, and when a verse from the Old Testament was quoted, the usher on left lighted one of his candles, until all were burning.

In many ways the power of God was felt and through these soul stirring messages we realized in these perilous times how much we need the guiding and protecting hand of our Lord Jesus Christ. Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, we are looking forward to greater service for our Lord.

Marie Rinas, Reporter.

Reception by Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., for Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Grenz

The Rev. Richard A. Grenz began his ministry with us in the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., on Sunday, May 18, speaking to large congregations in both services. We were very happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Grenz and their two children, Lyle and Janice Kay.

On Wednesday evening, May 21, following the prayer meeting a reception was held. Addresses of welcome were given by Mr. Fred Paad in behalf of the church, Mrs. John Timm for the Ladies' Missionary Society, Mr. Edward Ratzloff for the Men's Brotherhood, Mr. Leonard Schwenke for the Sunday School and Miss Sally Weinkauff for the Young People's Fellowship Club. Miss Joan McMillan, president of the Youth for Christ of North Eastern Michigan, also spoke. Mr. and Mrs. Grenz graciously responded to the addresses of welcome.

On Sunday morning, June 1, Miss Minnie Peters of South Dakota, who is to serve as our church missionary for the summer months, began her work with us. God is blessing her work in our midst. We also held a Vacation Bible School for two weeks beginning with June 23rd.

We believe there is a great opportunity here in Alpena to do God's Kingdom work. By his grace and under the sincere leadership of our new minister, the Rev. R. A. Grenz, we are going forward for our Lord.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Choir of 30 Voices Conducts a Series of Musicals at Colfax, Washington

The Baptist Church at Colfax, Washington continues its enthusiastic progress. The Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein and family have been with us since January 1947. With joy we see our church filled to capacity nearly every Sunday.

The choir of 30 voices continues to enrich the services, along with the electric organ, which was an anonymous gift. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Eugene Mohr and Mrs. F. E. Klein, presented an Easter musical program which began a series of quarterly musicals, the second of which is now in preparation.

The pastor conducted a series of evangelistic services which had been preceded by a door to door canvass of our town, at which time friendly invitations were extended to the people to attend our services.

The Sunday School and young people's departments have been reorganized and report considerable growth.

Fifteen new members have been recently received into the church, of whom five came by baptism and ten by letter. We rejoice that the Lord is blessing our efforts and pray for his continued guidance.

Mrs. Paul Krueger, Reporter.

Almost 250 Children at the Vacation Bible School in Wasco, California

The 1947 Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., was conducted from June 2 to 13. A total of 247 children and young people from five to sixteen years of age were enrolled and the teaching staff consisted of 32 volunteer workers from the church. The average daily attendance was 210, with a record attendance of 225 recorded on three days.

The graded classes in the Primary department memorized the 23rd, 8th, 19th, and 34th Psalms. The Junior and Intermediate departments memorized the 15th chapter of the Gospel of John. The Junior department studied the life of the Apostle Paul and the Intermediate department the book of Joshua. The entire school participated in the music period and in the daily presentation serially of the sound motion picture, "The Life and Work of the Apostle Paul."

The missionary offering of \$26.32 was sent to our headquarters in Forest Park designated for the new mission field in China being opened up by the North American Baptist General Missionary Society.

Between four and five hundred persons attended the outdoor commencement program on the final evening of the school when memory work and other demonstrations of the work of the school were heard. The offering for the expenses of the school amounted to \$295. The school was under the direction of the pastor of the church, Rev. Donald G. Davis.

Reporter.



—Photo by the Colfax Gazette-Commoner
The Choir of the Baptist Church at Colfax, Washington With Mr. Eugene Mohr, Director, at Left (Front Row, Standing)

News of Progress at Salem's Bethel Church and of Mrs. Rauser's Illness

It is now almost a year since we came to our new field of labor at the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. We acknowledge the matchless grace of God bestowed upon us and the people in our combined efforts to build the Church of Christ here in this place to which God has called us. The Sunday School has shown a very marked increase in attendance, and our morning services have grown to the place where it necessitated the use of the balcony. It is a real joy to a minister's heart to see the house of the Lord filled with eager listeners. The newly organized Male Chorus under the pastor's leadership is adding to the ministry of the church.

On May 10 Mrs. Rauser was again taken off her feet by a very severe back trouble. On May 24 she underwent a major operation performed by two specialists in Portland at the Good Samaritan Hospital. She will now have to be in cast for three months. In these weeks of sickness and hospital expenses, our church has stood by us wonderfully. A love offering was taken one Sunday morning which amounted to \$492. We wish to say, God bless our church and our many friends who sent cards and gifts which brought us comfort and cheer. Above all, we praise the Great Physician, our blessed and wonderful Lord and Savior whom we have learned to know better.

G. G. Rauser, Pastor.

Election of Officers and Special Programs by the Immanuel B. Y. P. U. of Portland

Twenty-two young people of the B. Y. P. U. of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon assembled on the back lawn of the Paul Schultz home on June 12 for the annual election of officers. A jovial and peppy game session led by Martha Schmunk preceded the business meeting.

The following officers were elected to serve in the coming year: president, Martha Schmunk; vice-president, Howard Roth; recording secretary, Phyllis Klingman; corr. secretary, Hildegard Wagner; treasurer, Emil Mazetier; pianist, Patricia Scheideman; assistant pianist, Florence Schmunk; song leader, Otto Roth; sergeant at arms, Alvin Sauer; and advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marks.

On June 6, 1947, the young people presented a special program for the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon with special musical numbers and a problem playlet, "Heir to a Million," with Verona Reschke playing the society girl; Doris Wagner taking the role of a newly converted girl and preparing to enter training; Howard Roth the heir to a million but also studying for the ministry and becoming a good friend of Doris. The Salt Creek young people favored us with a lovely strawberry ice cream delight after the program and we went home refreshed.

This same program was again presented in our own church on June 15. Hildegard E. Wagner, Secretary.

Progress at the Glencullen Mission of the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon

Last April the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon extended a call to the Rev. John Kimmel of Portland and a member of our church to become our missionary pastor of our Glencullen Mission. Mr. Kimmel has responded favorably to the call and has been serving as pastor of our new mission project since May. He is a graduate of Western Baptist Seminary and has served as pastor of the Oceanlake Baptist Church of Oceanlake, Oregon several years. Both he and Mrs. Kimmel joined our church during the early part of our ministry here. They have two children.

Work has already begun on the erection of a church edifice on our Glencullen mission project. The building will be a two-story building with the educational unit in the basement and the sanctuary upstairs with a seating capacity of 140. Sunday School and worship services are at present being conducted in a community hall.

Our church also recently licensed one of our young men, Robert Penner, to preach. He is at present studying at Western Baptist Seminary.

On June 14 our church was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony when John Leyboldt, Jr., was united in marriage to Dorothy Turner, president of our Senior young people's society. John is the son of Dr. Leyboldt of Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee. During the last months the church has also made extensive improvements at the parsonage, both in the home and on the grounds.

John Wobig, Pastor.

Annual Spring Banquet and Election of B. Y. P. U. Officers at Portland's Trinity Church

On Friday, June 6th the young people of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon held their annual Spring banquet. The tables were beautifully decorated, and a delicious meal was prepared by the ladies of the church. After partaking of this food, everyone enjoyed singing a few of the favorite choruses. We were favored with two musical selections: a violin solo by Connie Klingman, and a trio by the Wobig children. Our pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, spoke to us on "The Acrostic of Youth."

At this time we also had the election of officers as follows: president, Victor Loewen; vice-president, Walter Zimmerman; secretary, Marjorie Lachenmeier; and treasurer, Melvin Johnson.

We look forward with greater zeal to do more for our Lord and Master in the coming year.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

Anniversary Service and Other Programs of Los Angeles' Fifteenth St. Baptist Church

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California has been busy in its field of activity this spring and summer. Every year an annual birthday party is held. This time a luncheon was given in the church parlor, and a fine program was enjoyed by everyone present. Each person brought her birthday money and this was designated for the Nurse's Training Project in the Comeroons.

On May 22 a farewell banquet was given in honor of Mrs. H. Lippard, who has entered the Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Lippard, former missionary, also served for many years as president of the Ladies' Society of our church. A splendid program was presented by the women, consisting of musical numbers, readings and many tributes were given in her honor. She was presented with a "Memory Bouquet" of sweet peas upon which each one present hung a leaf with her name and a fitting Bible verse written on it. Mrs. Lippard will be greatly missed by everyone in the church, but we know she will be a blessing to those who will come in contact with her in her new home in Portland.

On Sunday afternoon, June 1, the Ladies' Missionary Society celebrated its 57th anniversary. The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim and the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles were also invited to this happy occasion. Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt, president, had charge of the program. Reports were given by the secretary, treasurer, and White Cross chairman outlining the entire activities of the society. A musical program followed, including two beautiful anthems sung by our choir, "Thanks Be To God" and "King All-Glorious."

A dramatization was splendidly presented entitled, "More Love to Thee, O Christ." The part of the Rev. and Mrs. George L. Prentiss was played by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stewart. The other characters were taken by Mrs. E. Huf-

nagel, Mrs. E. Heiman and Mrs. E. Miller. The introduction was given by Mrs. R. Wetzler. Everyone was spiritually blessed to hear how this favorite hymn was written despite the sad experiences of this true Christian pastor and his wife.

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker the Rev. H. K. F. Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church. He rendered a heart-searching message on the "Second Coming of Christ." We are happy to report an offering amounting to \$100 which was given for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Organization and Recognition of the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Saskatchewan, Canada

For over 50 years the Baptist people, who live in the district surrounding Davin, Sask., Canada have carried on the Lord's work as a mission station of the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask. For some time the desire has been growing in their midst to organize as an independent body, and within the past year they have undertaken to erect a fine new church for services to the glory of God.

The Council was invited to assemble on May 28th, and, accordingly, the Mission Committee, representatives of the surrounding churches and their ministers gathered for the purpose of officially organizing the new church. The Rev. F. W. Benke served as chairman for the occasion, and Rev. G. Beutler as recorder. The delegates were listed, the purpose of the Davin Christians presented to the Council, as well as a letter from the Edenwold Church was read, courteously dismissing the 28 members concerned. The deacon, Mr. Rosom, stated the doctrinal views of the Davin brethren, as well as the reasons for desiring to organize as a church. The Council pronounced its approval, and advised that the organization be carried out.

An impressive service followed in the evening under the leadership of Mr. Benke. Our Mission Secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, brought a challenging message entitled, "The Church at Work," based upon Acts 4. The Davin young people enhanced the service with appropriate musical selections. The delegates of the various churches also were given an opportunity to congratulate the newly organized church, and wish them God's blessing upon their effort to serve the Lord. The 28 members of the new Grace Baptist Church of Davin came forward, and Mr. Benke invoked God's blessing upon them in a prayer of dedication.

G. Beutler, Reporter.

More Than a Thousand People Attend the Alberta Association at Leduc's Temple Church

The Alberta Association held its annual session from June 19-22 with the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta. In anticipation of the large crowd that

would gather, an old building, formerly the headquarters of the Beaver Lumber Co., was obtained. With its tabernacle pattern, seating accommodations for at least a thousand people were made. Even this proved much too small for the crowds that gathered for the evening and Sunday services.

The general theme was "The New Testament Church." This was divided into several sub-topics, which were very masterfully dealt with by the various ministers participating. The Rev. H. Schatz, on the opening night of the session, spoke on the topic, "The Founding of the Church."

It was our special privilege to have as guest speaker the editor of "Der Sendbote," Rev. W. Luebeck. On Friday morning he brought us a report on the work at our headquarters, Publication house and Seminary. In the evening he brought the message, "The Way to a Victorious Life." On Saturday morning he spoke on the topic, "The Officers of the Church." Bringing our very successful session to a climax on Sunday afternoon, he spoke on "The Triumphant Church."

On Friday afternoon a fine program was rendered by the women in which representative items in recitation and song were given by the Ladies' Mission Circles of the different churches. The highlight of the program was a play rendered by the women of the Temple Church of Leduc, "The Power of God." This play was composed by Rev. and Mrs. A. Huber.

Music for the occasion was supplied by the nearby church choirs. A ladies' trio and ministers' quartet also added to the blessing of the gatherings. The Wiesental Band played for several services and the Christian Training Institute mixed and male quartets sang for fifteen minutes before the services on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday the examination and ordination of Mr. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the Onoway and Glory Hill churches, took place. The council met in the afternoon with Rev. E. P. Wahl as chairman and Rev. R. Korella, secretary, to examine the candidate as to his conversion, calling into the ministry and doctrine. To each of these the candidate gave a very satisfactory account of himself. The council voted wholeheartedly to recommend the ordination of the candidate.

Before a large crowd of witnesses, the ordination in the evening took place. Rev. E. Wegner, brother-in-law of the candidate, brought the message on the topic, "The Minister and His Fourfold Office." Rev. R. Schilke offered the dedication prayer. The hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. H. Smuland, after which Rev. F. Benke gave charge to the candidate, and Rev. C. H. Seecamp brought the charge to the church. The Rev. A. Buhler gave the benediction.

The morning and afternoon services on Sunday were attended with a crowd well over a thousand. The mission address was brought by Rev. F. Benke on the theme "Men Who Have Hazarded Their Lives for Christ" (Acts 15:26). The mission offering amounted to \$1,070.

H. Smuland, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MRS. EMMA SCHRADER of Baileyville, Illinois

Mrs. Emma Schrader of Baileyville, Ill., was born Nov. 14, 1877 near Baileyville, the daughter of Habbe and Catherine Wilhelms. She died in her home after an illness of several months.

In 1909 she was united in marriage to Mr. Teman Schrader, who died nine years ago. She leaves to mourn her departure one daughter, Mrs. Walter Temple of Baileyville; two sisters, Helen Wilhelms of Baileyville and Mrs. Gazena Lang of Britt, Iowa; also two grandsons. Two children died in infancy.

Mrs. Emma Schrader was baptized on April 16, 1933 by Dr. J. J. Harms. She was a faithful member of the Baileyville Baptist Church and Sunday School. Funeral services were held in the Baileyville Baptist Church with the Rev. H. Renkema bringing the sermon.

Baileyville, Illinois.

H. Renkema, Pastor.

MRS. PAULINE SCHULZ of Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Pauline Schulz, nee Leber, of Dallas, Texas was born at Seguin, Texas on July 4, 1879 and passed away at her home in Dallas on May 27, 1947 at the age of 67 years. Her early years were spent at Seguin where in her early youth she was united with the First Baptist Church of that city upon confession of her faith in Christ as her Savior. On October 21, 1901 she was united in matrimony with Mr. Henry Schulz, who preceded her in death on October 15, 1933. In 1920 the family moved to Dallas where they have since made their home. Immediately after settling in Dallas she united with the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church where she remained a most faithful member until her death.

Throughout the long years of illness, causing her to be blind for three years, her faith in God never wavered. She was a patient sufferer, ever looking unto him in whom she trusted most implicitly. She leaves to mourn her departure her four children, 8 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. For her funeral, parts of her two favorite Scripture passages were used: John 14 and Psalm 23. Interment was made at Seguin at the side of her husband.

Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

W. Helwig, Pastor.

MRS. A. F. SENTS of Aplington, Iowa

At the ripe old age of 98 years and 14 days our Lord called to her heavenly home our sister, Mrs. Toebke Aelits Sents, nee Abben, on Saturday, June 23, 1947. She departed was born in Grestiel, Ostfriesland, Germany on June 14, 1849. In 1879 she came to America where in that same year she was united in marriage to Mr. Aelit F. Sents, who preceded her in death in 1924. Seven children were born to her of whom four also had gone before. She leaves to mourn her death one daughter, Margaret; two sons, Fred and Eilerd; eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In 1884 our sister was baptized upon the confession of her faith by the Rev. George Engelman and united with the Aplington Baptist Church in which she was an honored and faithful member. She loved her Lord devotedly and endeavored to serve him in whatever ways it was possible for her to do so.

About ten days before her homegoing she suffered a broken leg which, at her age, proved too much for her frail body and quietly, as she had lived, she finally went to "sleep in Jesus."

At the funeral services the Rev. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, the Rev. Herman Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa, and the undersigned participated.

Aplington, Iowa

C. Fred Lehr, Pastor.



Rev. Abraham Hager of Edmonton, Alberta

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MR. ARTHUR SHORER of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Arthur Shorer of Chicago, Ill., was born in Germany on Jan. 17, 1887, and passed away after a time of illness on May 30, 1947 at the age of 60 years. Emigrating to America, Mr. Shorer soon found his permanent home in Chicago. He was member for a time in the Forest Park Church, but later transferred to the First German Baptist Church, of which he remained a faithful and loyal member. His whole-hearted allegiance to Christ and devoted service to his church, though now missing on earth, will remain a cherished memory among his friends.

Immediate relatives, left to mourn his passing from them, include a brother, sister and stepmother.

Members of the American Legion, of which Mr. Shorer was himself a member, assisted in the funeral services.

Chicago, Illinois

Wm. H. Jeschke, Officiating Pastor.

MR. FRED LINDAMAN of Aplington, Iowa

Suddenly and unexpectedly it pleased the Lord on Friday, June 13, to take to his heavenly home Mr. Fred Lindaman of Aplington, Iowa. He was born on a farm near Aplington on September 13, 1886. On Feb. 15, 1903 he was baptized and received into the membership of the Aplington Baptist Church with which he was associated ever since and in which he served for a time as head-usher and a member of the Board of Trustees.

On December 11, 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Grace Niehuts who, for nearly 35 years, shared with him the joys and sorrow of family life. Two children, both boys, blessed this union: Donald Merle, who now, with his mother, Donald Merle, the sudden departure of the mourns the death of the father into years of age preceded the father into that better land. In addition to his wife and son, the departed leaves one grandchild and son, one sister and five brothers.

On the day of his death, Mr. Lindaman was stricken with a severe heart attack and only about two hours after this attack the Lord took him home. Contact to the last, he gave expression to his unshaken faith in the Lord and to his desire to be able to go home. He was 60 years and 9 months old when the summons came.

The undersigned, assisted by the Rev. Herman Lohr, officiated at the funeral service. The many beautiful floral offerings, the memorial missionary offerings, and the large attendance at this service and the large of the esteem in which the departed was held in the community.

Aplington, Iowa

C. Fred Lehr, Pastor.

REV. ABRAHAM HAGER of Edmonton, Alberta

The Rev. Abraham Hager of Edmonton, Alberta was born on July 23, 1857, in Adelboden, Switzerland and died in the Misericordia Hospital at Edmonton on June 3, 1947 at the age of 89 years, 10 months, 11 days. On May 26, 1880, he was married to Angeline Cantiena who predeceased him by 20 years. This marriage was blessed with 7 children, of whom 4 are still living.

Mr. Hager was converted at the age of 15 years and taken into the Methodist Church. At the age of 17 years, he assisted in holding meetings wherever opportunities permitted. He did this besides his regular employment as watchmaker. Later he felt the call to the ministry and attended a Methodist Seminary for preparation, from which he graduated in 1880. Immediately after his graduation he was ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Church.

He then emigrated to the United States where for one year (1880-81) he was pastor of a Methodist Church at Wichita, Kansas. But the Kansas climate did not agree with him and so he returned to his native country. From 1881 to 1888 he was pastor at St. Imier, Switzerland. In 1888 he emigrated again to the U. S. with his family; this time to Portland, Ore., where for a period of one year he was assistant pastor in a Methodist church. In 1892 he emigrated to Vancouver, B. C. where until 1897 he was active as city missionary. During this time he and his wife became convinced as to the Biblical baptism by immersion and so in 1894 he was baptized by Dr. Stackhouse of the First Baptist Church.

In 1897 he came to Leduc, Alta., to take charge of the church at Rabbit Hill where he was re-ordained as a Baptist minister. During this time he looked upon the German-speaking people at Edmonton who as yet had no spiritual gathering place in their mother tongue. In 1898 he started a little mission which in 1899 was organized into a church and grew to the present Central Baptist Church. He served this church faithfully until 1913. Under his ministry the little log building on 101 Street was replaced by a frame building on 97 Street and then in 1913 by the present brick building on 96 Street.

In 1913 he went to Fort George, B. C., to start a mission work there among the German-speaking immigrants who were flocking in. From 1915 to 1916 he was once more pastor of Central Baptist Church. Then in 1916 he went back to Fort George and organized the mission into a church, the Hager Memorial Church. Faithfully he served the little church until 1929 when his active ministry came to a close because of the loss of his voice. However, he stayed on with the little group until 1946 serving wherever and however he could. In July 1946 he came to live with his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Falkenberg of Edmonton.

At the turn of the year he received a stroke and became quite helpless. However, he gradually recovered and took enough courage to start walking again. This proved to be too much and a week ago he fell and was seriously injured. He was taken to the hospital where he died after one week of suffering. He is survived by his three sons: Abraham of Seattle, Wash.; Philip of Yakima, Wash.; and Benjamin of Edmonton; one daughter, Mrs. F. M. Falkenberg; 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Central Baptist Church on June 5th. The following pastors participated in the service with words of recognition: Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Leduc, Rev. A. Huber of Temple, Leduc and Rabbit Hill, Rev. Geo. Robinson of Wetaskiwin. The undersigned brought the message from God's Word: (Ps. 116:15) "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Mr. Alb. Layetzke and Mrs. L. Benke served with song. We were, indeed, sorry that the Reverends E. P. Wahl and F. W. Benke could not be at this service since they were away at the time. Another pioneer servant of God has gone to his eternal reward!

Edmonton, Alberta

R. Schilke, Pastor.



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To Baptist Husbands

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YOU REMEMBER your wedding day—how the groom did not count so much, everybody was interested in the charming bride.

Later some of the phrases of the wedding ritual came to you. You were to take her as your lawful wife, and to love and cherish her. She promised to love, honor, and obey—yes, she desired the old Baptist ver-

sion: "obey." Then you recall the words "until death do us part." That means a life time!

Then you remember the part where you agreed "with all my worldly goods I thee endow."

Up to the present time you have not had much money or anything else with which to endow your wife. Of course you worked hard to support her and keep up your home.

Suppose something happened to you—Suppose your wife were left a widow. How much worldly goods would you leave her?

Take a pencil and figure out how long it would take you to save 1000 dollars, then figure out what would be left of 1000 dollars after funeral and other bills were paid?

Put on your thinking-cap.

The way to create an estate "at once" is to take out a policy in our Baptist Life Association, which is not a commercial institution, but belongs to its members. A society of Baptists for Baptists.

What kind of policy are you interested in—Life or Endowment? For information write the office, but mention your birthday.

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