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sionary Guild, Anaheim, Calif.  
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ican Mission at Saguache and Cen-  
ter, Colo.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, General Evangelist  
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August 17-23 — Chicago Area Young  
People's Assembly at Camp Rip-  
ley, Wisconsin. Prof. O. E. Krue-  
ger and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Speakers.

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Young People's Assembly at Camp  
Unami Near Philadelphia, Pa.  
Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Guest Speaker.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

Accounts of the Baptist World Con-  
gress in Copenhagen, Denmark will  
soon be vividly related to us. Secre-  
taries Frank H. Woyke and H. G.  
Dymmel will be back in the United  
States by the time this issue reaches  
the reader. The visit of Dr. Bredahl  
Petersen of Copenhagen to the United  
States for a four months lecture tour  
is announced elsewhere in this num-  
ber. Others will describe their ex-  
periences to Baptist groups through-  
out the continent. They merit your  
eager attention!

## IN THIS ISSUE

Memorable anniversaries are always  
at hand! It is significant that the last  
year of our seminary at Rochester, N.  
Y., before relocating at Sioux Falls,  
So. Dak., should coincide with the 50th  
anniversary of the coming of Professor  
Walter Rauschenbusch to the seminary  
halls, as described by Professor O. E.  
Krueger in this issue. Indeed, a new  
chapter is beginning in "our school of  
the prophets!" There are many good  
things in this number of inspirational  
value, about our relief ministry in  
Europe and concerning "The Gospel  
We Teach" by Professor-elect Jeschke.  
Have you ever tried to read "The Bap-  
tist Herald" from cover to cover?

## COMING

The September 1st issue will be  
largely devoted to the Million Dollar  
Offering, informing and challenging  
our people with the summons to united,  
consecrated action.

Two articles by Missionaries Paul  
Gebauer and Gilbert Schneider will  
present the increasing needs of Africa.  
The call of China will be described by  
Miss Leona Ross. Our mission field  
among the Indians will be depicted by  
our missionary, Miss Twila Bartz.

The Pension Fund, Relief Ministry  
and Seminary Relocation, which will  
share in the Million Dollar Offering to  
the extent of \$400,000, will have sev-  
eral articles devoted to their needs.  
The call to march has been sounded for  
North American Baptists in their  
mighty undertaking for our Christ!

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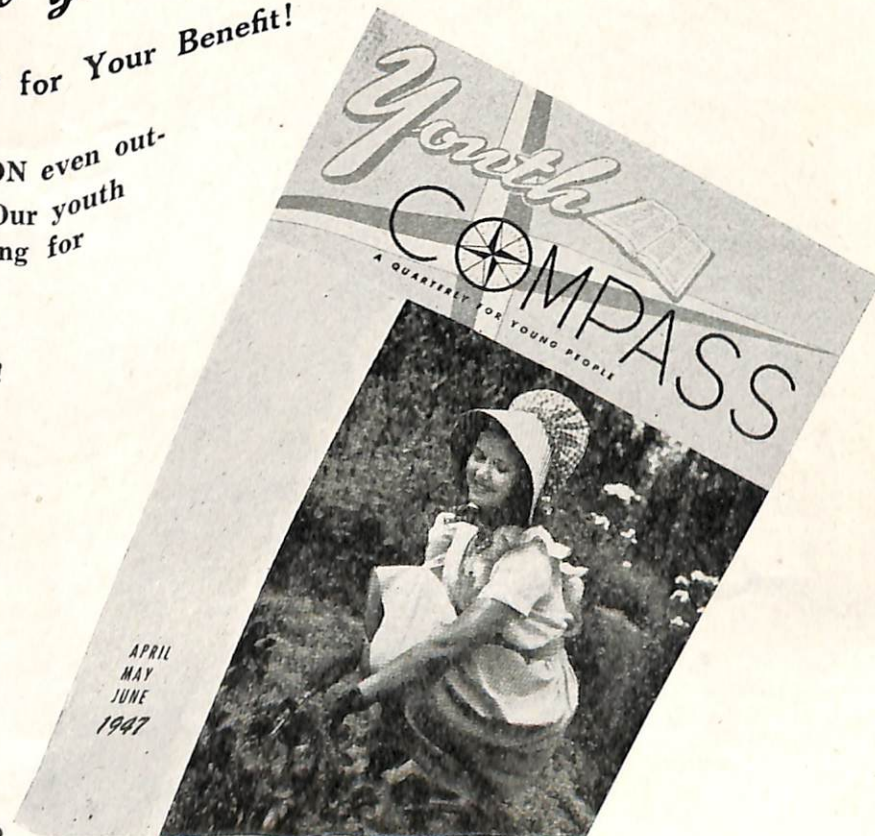
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# EDITORIALS

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## Promises That Cannot Fail

**G**OD'S PROMISES are worth more than all the wealth of the world. They are dependable, definitely certain of fulfillment, valid throughout all eternity. They should make us, as God's children, the happiest and most fortunate people on earth.

All of nature about us in its summer glory gives evidence of God's promises with his people. The stars in the heavenly firmament and the sands on the shore tell of an amazing promise which God made to his servant Abraham. The rainbow is God's covenant with men, inextricably bound up with his promise not to send another world-wide flood upon the earth. The sparrows of the air and lilies of the field are pictures of God's care of his creatures. "Shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 6:30).

The Bible is filled with God's promises. Their number goes into the thousands. It ought to be a most profitable experience for every Christian to read his Bible by marking every divine promise which he finds. Almost every page would show the evidence of God's many promises to us. How we ought to turn to the Scriptures for the comfort and strength which we need as we find refuge in God's promises!

"When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God."

But the greatest source of inspiration is the fact that all of God's promises are "yea and Amen" in Christ Jesus. Dr. Moffat has translated the words of II Corinthians 1:20 as follows: "The divine 'yes' has at last sounded in him, for in him is the 'yes' that affirms all the promises of God." The living demonstration of these promises fulfilled in Christ's ministry on earth and verified in our experiences through a transforming faith in Christ are convincing assurance to us that the Lord Jesus Christ is "the yes" that affirms all the promises of God.

"Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God."

We shall need to revive our firm, childlike trust in God's promises as we begin our tasks in the Fall, following our many summer excursions and rest periods. As individuals we shall want to lean heavily on the everlasting arms of the heavenly Father. It is for us to heed his commands; he will carry out his promises unto us. That is living by faith, and such a faith always takes the Lord's promises at their face value.

It may be quite difficult for us as churches and as a denomination to learn this lesson. We become overly cautious about "launching into the deep" and attempting great, new things for the Master. We want to be sure of every step we take. We do not let God have his way with us, nor do we let him demonstrate to us the fulfillment of his promises.

"List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior, as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God."

This is the secret of successful, venturesome Christian living. Open your eyes to see the amazing promises in God's Word. Make a large place in your heart to receive them. Then with a complete dedication of yourself to him, watch his glorious fulfillment of those promises through Jesus Christ!

## BIBLE TEXT

"Through love be servants one to another." Galatians 5:13.

The Bible speaks a great deal about love. It is God's revelation of himself. It is the epitome of the gift of eternal life. It is the story of the transformation in our lives by the grace of God. Jesus also said a great deal about servants. We were to serve one another. We were not to seek the first place at the table. For the last will always be first in God's account books.

These two — love and servants — go hand in hand together. The Christian is best seen in royal splendor when he loves others as "Christ hath loved us" and goes about, not "being ministered unto but ministering unto others" in the spirit of the servant. Can we lay aside our garments of pride and eagerness to outshine others and take a towel and gird ourselves and become a spiritual servant to others? That is the way of Christian love. It is the way the Master went. Can you walk that way?

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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the ministry of the Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt of Vienna, Austria in behalf of our denomination on the European continent. He has bridged the history of two wars with their aftermath of hunger and distress. In the years following World Wars No. 1 and 2 he has been instrumental in directing a great deal of our relief work and in guiding the missionary activities on the Danubian field in southeastern Europe. His present location in Vienna puts him at the center of epoch-making events that will determine the future course of our denominational ministry in Europe. His messages on goodwill tours to the United States and his articles in our publications have endeared him to many hearts. We wish him many more years of blessing!

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## OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY

Duty is a word which we do not like to hear frequently. But it is the essence of Christian discipline. It is the response of the heart to the constraint of Christ's spirit within us. It is the expression of love to our Savior. "We ought; therefore we must." That is the rule of life for every Christian.

In that light the words of Charles Kingsley take on new luster with a challenge and inspiration for every Christian. "Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know."

# The Gospel We Teach

By the REV. REUBEN P. JESCHKE of Stratford, Conn., Professor-elect of Our Seminary

**O**N A RECENT previous occasion it was my privilege to speak in these pages upon the subject, "The Gospel We Preach." I have now chosen "The Gospel We TEACH" as something of a directional beam into a fruitful related field. This is, on the one hand, the area in which I shall be endeavoring to serve our denomination. It is, on the other hand, a vital aspect of the Christian work in every local church.

It would take a wise man, indeed, to make an exact division between preaching and teaching. In fact, it is questionable whether a precise division can be made. More than that, few of us would want any such rigid limiting of fields. When we preach, we are also teaching. When we teach purposefully, seeking to mold a pupil's life, by virtue of that intention we are also preaching. When we read in the New Testament that Jesus "opened his mouth, and taught them saying . . ." who would care to insist that our Lord was either teaching or preaching? He was doing both.

## PREACHING AND TEACHING

Yet, with that much said, in the actual propagation of the Christian Gospel these two areas are still more or less distinct. Preaching is primarily a matter of inspiration, appeal to conscience, a Christian interpretation of the broader matters of personal life and society.

Teaching, whatever else it may do, must give attention to factual detail, progressive absorption of knowledge, a growing ability to think independently, and a grasp of the bearing which the facts have upon each other. This principle is as true of the Church School as elsewhere. We teach the Bible and draw upon related religious literature. But the initial purpose is to know what the Bible says, to understand its teachings, and to be able to see its meaning in the light of the rest of life. The ultimate purpose, that of instilling faith and building character, takes us beyond teaching in the strictest sense of the term.

The church has various teaching arms: weekday schools of religion, pastors' classes, Vacation Bible Schools. Every effort partakes in a degree of this purpose, and every organization is in part a teaching agency. Thus do we seek to teach the Gospel.

But in a very real sense the chief of them all is our familiar Sunday School, or Church School, as is the preferred



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name in some quarters. For much of the Christian world it is the universal enterprise in Christian education. Undoubtedly it receives in America a greater investment in time, effort and money than all the others put together.

## RAIKES' SUNDAY SCHOOL

When Robert Raikes opened the first "Sunday" school in London in 1780, the effort was merely to take underprivileged children off the streets and to teach them some religious and other knowledge. The idea proved so successful that by 1785 the Church of England adopted it and gave it organizational existence.

We can be happy that the churches were led to use this method for the teaching of the Christian faith. During the course of time, in the United States especially, other knowledge came to be very efficiently taught in the public schools. But it has been found that religion can hardly be taught there in a manner to do justice to all the faiths. And if taught, it is very doubtful if the atmosphere could be conducive to a warm, devotional response. Hence the separation of church and state applied to the schools is also generally accepted as the most satisfactory solution.

Thus, we now have the Sunday School as our great opportunity for teaching the faith of our fathers. The

movement has grown to great strength. It is a sorry fact that in recent years, however, there has been a sharp falling off in enrollment. Statistics have reminded us of this again and again. Who has not read about the 17,000,000 children and youth in America not affiliated with any church or Sunday School?

For this state of affairs various reasons may be adduced, not least among them the luke-warm enthusiasm on the part of the churches themselves. Only of late are signs appearing that the downward trend has come to a halt. One large denomination at least has reported a definite increase in Sunday School enrollment.

## THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Some aspects of the situation are cause for concern. One lies in the parents who seem to think that the whole responsibility for religious training can be pushed from the home onto the church. Or they think that released-time classes in weekly religious instruction will do this for them. Neither can be a substitute for what ought to be done in the home. As it is, many educators are seriously asking whether some broad form of religious teaching ought not to be introduced into the public schools.

At any rate, however, the Sunday School cannot make up for the failures of the home. It should hardly be necessary to argue this point, for any minister can cite case after case where the work of the School was seriously hampered by the lack of background and encouragement in the home. Perhaps the "pre-school" education has been too limited. The parents need it even more than their child! One task of the church will be to create in them a desire toward fulfilling their sacred responsibility.

While in my estimation the influence of a Christian home is fundamental in the task of Christian nurture, at its best the Sunday School need not be far behind in importance. Other opportunities for training should not be neglected; this one should receive special support. Through it, and as a consequence of its influence, the vast majority of our church members now come. Of the children in the church homes it reaches a very large proportion. The church has no agency which offers better possibilities for reaching the many who now come under no religious influence whatever. We have our glorious Gospel. Let us undergird

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# The Gate of Heaven

A Summons to an Overwhelming Bethel Experience With Jacob of Old by the REV. HENRY HIRSCH of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The Painting of Christ Speaking the Words, "Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor," Which Is on the Wall of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

or the church is the place where such a vision should be possible. Here is the gate of heaven against which the gates of hell are fighting, and yet they shall never prevail. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the king of glory shall come in."

## THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

The temple had its place in the life of the people of Israel, and so has the Christian church a place in the life of our modern economy. We would not want to be without the church. There is no other institution on earth which exerts such a great influence for good than the Christian church. The church is the place where God is revealing himself to men, where God the Father is honored and worshipped, where the spiritual life of the people is cultivated, and where a sense of justice and righteousness is planted.

But before God can reveal himself in and through the church, he must dwell in human hearts. The church, whether you think of it as a building or as an institution for human beings, has very little meaning without consecrated hearts. Individual hearts must be the temple of God. It is noteworthy that a house of worship becomes sacred only when it is made sacred by the people in whom the Lord is dwelling. Bethel became the house of God only because a man opened his heart to God, because of Jacob's experience there. It becomes the gate of heaven because of God's presence and manifestation. The place did not make Jacob holy, but Jacob and his experience of God made Bethel the house of God and the gate of heaven. For that reason it was anointed and dedicated as a sacred place unto the Lord.

This fact may be further illustrated by referring to Jesus' experience in the temple at Jerusalem. The temple did not make the boy Jesus holy, but Jesus made the temple holy. The Apostle Paul, who was an arduous

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In other words, Jacob dedicated that stone and place as a future house of God. The significant thing of all of this is that he designated Bethel—the house of God—as the gate of heaven. To him heaven was opened there as nowhere else and as never before. Bethel was the veritable gate through which he saw God, and through which he saw heaven and earth connected by a ladder.

Again we repeat, how significant! The house of God or the Church of Jesus Christ is called the gate of heaven. No wonder that dread and fear struck Jacob's heart. The vastness of his dream-vision was overwhelming to him. So also is the fact of that dream and what was said to Jacob overwhelming to us. We can hardly comprehend the thought that when we are in the house of the Lord we are at the very gate of heaven, we are in the presence of the eternal God. What a privilege! What an opportunity! What a responsibility!

The pressing question arises: Does the church, as the gate of heaven, afford a clear vision of the ladder which connects heaven and earth? Or does it obstruct the vision of him who is standing above the ladder? Does it permit the voice of the Lord to come through clearly and distinctly, so that men may hear and understand the will of God? Do people get awestruck at the magnificence, the holiness, the glory of the Lord as seen in his temple? Jacob was deeply impressed when he saw the gate of heaven open.

Centuries later the prophet Isaiah was overwhelmed when he saw the Lord in the temple, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up. The temple

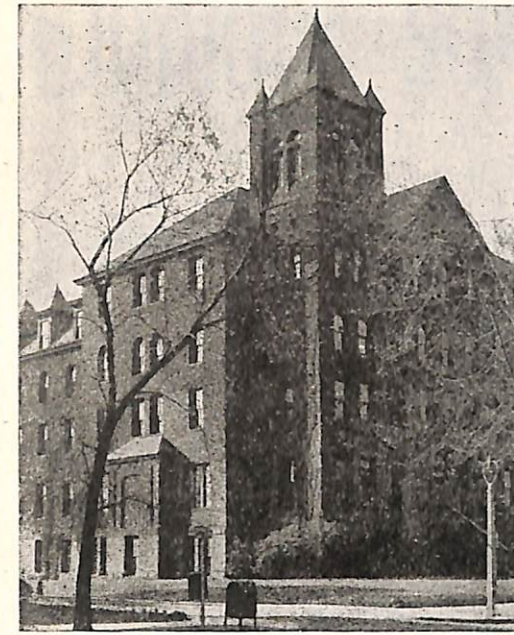
JACOB had a wonderful experience at Luz. He was in trouble with his brother Esau. He found it necessary to leave his parental home, so that Esau might not take revenge on him for the shameful, treacherous deeds which he had perpetrated against him.

When night came, Jacob stopped at the place called Luz. He was tired and needed rest for body and mind. He lay down to sleep, but sleep would not come for a long time. His thoughts were too busy with his troubles with his brother. Jacob had to reorientate himself not only as to his relationship to his brother but even more so as to his God. However great Jacob's folly had been, he did not forget his father's God. The influence of his father Isaac and of his grandfather Abraham was indelible.

## AN OVERWHELMING VISION

His thoughts were busy with his sin and with his God. And falling into restless sleep, he had a dream, a dream which determined the entire course of the rest of his life. In his dream he saw a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reaching into heaven, and on the ladder the angels of the Lord ascending and descending. He saw the Lord standing above the ladder and speaking to him. When he awakened, he was surprised and afraid, and said: "Surely, the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

What a statement! Jacob took the stone which served him as a pillow that night, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of the place Bethel.



The North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York

## Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Arrival of Walter Rauschenbusch in Rochester, New York in 1897 to Become Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Our Rochester Seminary

A LITTLE red-headed lad of three summers sat at table with a group of students of the German Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., when one of them said, "We have the honor of dining in the presence of a future professor." His father, the host, replied, "Yes, yes, but first he must learn something, and then — if God wills." August Rauschenbusch had lost his firstborn son in Missouri. Upon the announcement that the second son had arrived, he breathed the prayer: "Walt', Herr, ueber diesem Kinde!" (Lord, take care of this child.) Walt-Herr became Walther, Walter.

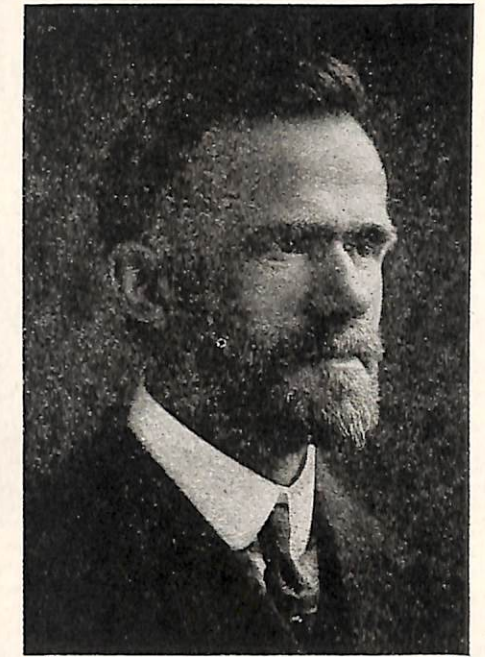
The Lord did take care of him and, indeed, he did learn something. And it all seemed to be in God's will, too, for he came to the Seminary in due time as professor of New Testament Interpretation. A half a century has slipped by since that day.

## THE INSTRUMENT IN GOD'S HAND

We are celebrating this September the coming of Walter Rauschenbusch to take the chair vacated by the sudden death of Professor H. M. Schaeffer, that untiring campaigner for the material welfare of the school. He had housed the school securely in the old Tracy Institute in 1874, for which he secured the new building in 1890, having collected all the necessary funds. He devoted his last strength to the raising of the \$100,000 endowment fund, but did not have the joy of see-

# Then Came Walter Rauschenbusch

A Commemorative Article by Prof. O. E. KRUEGER



Professor Walter Rauschenbusch of Rochester, N. Y.

ing its completion.

Walter Rauschenbusch did not come to the seminary as a financier, but as an interpreter of the Christ of the New Testament, the Christ of the Spirit of God. For this task he had been eminently fitted. His mentally alert and thoroughly trained father had stimulated him from the cradle on through all the steps of education at home and abroad and had also nurtured that mystical trend which at last expressed itself in the assurance of the "little postern gate."

Having heeded the call of the Great Shepherd, his heart responded to the little forlorn, God-forsaken flock in Louisville, Ky., as a summer vacation task. He discovered the needs of hungry people and found the Gospel to be the bread adequate for that need. He worked so hard that summer that he came back to Rochester "thin as a ghost" but full of joy over the reconciliation of people who had become estranged to one another and over the conversion of others who had been fighting against God.

He took no credit for the achievement. "I did not do it in my own power; there is One behind me; I am but the instrument in his hand." He had the opportunity to do something for others, to live unselfishly, sacrificially, sharing the cross with Jesus who requires that his disciple should take up his own cross and follow him and die by piecemeal, if not by violence.

## MINISTRY IN NEW YORK

After the completion of his college and seminary work, the Second German Baptist Church of New York City called him to its pulpit for full-time service in a ministry which covered

the period of 1886-1897. He accepted a low salary, found an inadequate building and a small congregation.

Rauschenbusch threw his whole personality into the task, to which young and old responded. Youth went on the march supporting two native pastors in India; the boys' brigade followed the leader; the kindergarten took care of the small children and aided the mothers who had to go to work; the woman's society supported work in Leipzig; baptismal services were frequent festivals of gladness; the church membership doubled, rising from 140 to 286, and that in New York City; a new edifice replaced the old, free of debt. Such is the record of his ministry in New York!

Five years of this strenuous work together with an attack of Russian grippe brought on exhaustion, with which came the loss of hearing. The church rejected the resignation which he had tendered and proposed a year's leave of absence. During that year, which was spent in Germany, he gained new strength, broader knowledge, deeper insights. He returned to his task with greater determination. Laboring at the border of so-called "Hell's Kitchen," his sensitive soul responded with deep sympathy to the ranks of grinding poverty, the insecurity of unemployment, the miserable tenement housing, the exploitation of the weak by the strong, and the mounting barriers of social injustice. He knew something to be radically wrong with the individual, but also with the social system.

Without the new birth of the individual there could be no new society, but we must not stop with the individual. Deep in his soul he felt the

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# Under the Shadow of the Almighty

The Third and Last of a Series of Articles About Our Relief Ministry in Central Europe by the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN of Morris, Manitoba

THE PREDOMINATING note during all my experiences, whether travelling by sea, land or air, whether standing before military or civil authorities, was in the testimony, "Under the Shadow of the Almighty." Never before have I been as conscious of God's protective care, and as dependent on his guidance as during those six months in Europe.

To speak about personal suffering would be grossly exaggerating. To deny many hardships and deprivations would be equally wrong. I could

young lieutenant, fully decorated, sitting behind his elaborate desk, received me rather gruffly. After examining my papers he determined that I had no right to be in Germany. Upon my protest he ordered me to see the intelligence officer in Bremen.

With heavy heart I climbed the stairs to the third floor of a small private home, where ID had its HQ, all the while praying to God for his help. As I opened the door to the commanding officer's room, I was greeted with a friendly: "Hello, come in and sit down." He even extended

place in which we might possibly have a snack. I would encounter no trouble for myself, but I had to find something to eat for my fellow traveller. Courageously Mr. Schmidt walked by my side through the main entrance of the canteen. The German guard did not stop us when he heard us talk English. I am sure that an unseen third person walked by our side. The place was full of M. P.'s and soldiers. No one bothered us. We had a good meal and were able to travel through the night to Bad Homburg, near Frankfurt.

## A MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS EVE

Unforgettable is also that ride through the dark, cold Christmas night on Christmas eve. Six people, who had been left stranded in distant towns on their searches for a little extra Christmas food, could enjoy the Holy Night with their families at home, because the "Lore" rolled along the highways through the night, picking up late wanderers. I arrived at the home of my uncle at midnight, tired, but happy to have made six families happier on Christmas.

One particular short stretch became interesting when my first fellow-passenger admitted to be a Jew with bitter hatred against the Nazis, and the next wayward wanderer happened to be a former Nazi party member, who only two days previously had been released from a concentration camp. A brief discussion on the meaning of Christmas may have helped both of them.

It was not a pleasant experience when on one particularly cold January night at 11 P. M. my truck suddenly refused to go any further than the outskirts of Hamburg. To leave the truck standing without guard would have meant certain looting and stealing of the whole or part of the truck. After several hours waiting, a German bus towed me for a package of cigarettes to Hamburg. Both gasoline feed lines were solidly frozen shut. Again I was under the shadow of the Almighty.

In carrying out my ever widening task I realized the leading and oftentimes pushing hands of the Lord. God was gracious in giving our Baptist "Bruderhilfe" a definite place in Germany's spiritual and vast relief projects. It took much travelling and talking to convince the church powers "that be," that all relief contributing churches in America are "free churches." I tried to give a testimony of Christian love and understanding before the world and before the puz-

zled German people. The name, "Baptisten," is no longer a hidden word in Germany but will become more and more known. Through the social-missionary work of the brethren they will make an indelible impression upon the spiritual development of Germany.

## PURCHASE OF BARRACKS

Perhaps, the greatest gift of God to our efforts were five large barracks. Much prayer and cooperation were needed to secure the invaluable buildings. How God used different people to bring them into our possession is a story well worth relating. My fellow worker, Rev. R. Rokitta, first heard of these barracks while talking with a "Pfarrer" of the Landeskirche in the Kassel railroad station. It seemed incredible that there still should be such empty barracks.

Immediately we went to the city of Geesthacht, south of Hamburg, met the former general director and the chief engineer of the tremendous dynamite and chemical works, formerly Germany's second largest, with a payroll of 30,000 people. They would have liked to have shown us the barracks, but had no authority to admit us to the premises without the permit by the British officer in charge. His office was in Kiel.

We had not been there more than five minutes, discussing our predicament, when a messenger announced the arrival of the officer. He gladly gave us the desired permit, and under the guidance of the chief engineer we spent an afternoon viewing the barracks. Our application was gladly accepted by a young man in Welfare Section, who was in charge of the office at Kiel but for this one day. He himself took our application through the various offices for approval.

We had practically given up hope of getting the barracks, when on my birthday, Jan. 28th, I received a short letter with the dynamic message: "This is to notify you that huts Nos. 665, 690, 691, 453 and 693 have been released to the North American Baptist Relief, and may be purchased from the Kruemmel Werke by direct negotiations." On the following day the responsible men of "Bruderhilfe" closed the deal, jubilant and thankful to God.

Two of the Hamburg churches will divide the largest one and each have a roomy meetingplace. Four of them will be placed in large cities as social centers on a similar pattern as the rescue missions in American cities. Trained deaconesses, pastors and laymen are prepared to devote their time and efforts in the reclaiming of human lives from sin and poverty. To move these partly destroyed buildings, to find windows, mortar, furnishings and equipment will be a tremendous task for this summer. Only a few days ago I received the news that the work is



A Session of "the Standing Committee" of the Baptist "Bruderhilfe" in Germany With the Rev. J. Meister, Director, at the Extreme Right

progressing wonderfully in Hamburg, Hannover, Luebeck and Essen. Our Baptist people will need our continued help of clothing, blankets, foods and other items.

## CHILDREN'S REST HOMES

The general welfare project which should have our keenest, prayerful attention and continued assistance are the two established children's rest homes. The beautifully located home at Benthe, Hannover will house one hundred undernourished children. The home near Hamburg will take care of fifty. These children will receive the best of physical and spiritual care for five weeks. Trained deaconesses, Kindergarten teachers, under the leadership of a pastor, will minister to these little ones in the Name of Christ. We will remember them from this side by supplying food and clothes for the homes. What this mission will mean to the future of Germany, these children will be able to tell after many years.

I left our truck, a three-ton enclosed van, in the hands of a Baptist chauffeur. Fortunately, it can run on British gasoline, purchased through coupons by us. The "Lore" will haul all of our Denmark parcels directly from the

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"Let us not be weary in well doing."

port of Luebeck and take them to the various cities of distribution.

My speaking engagements were not as numerous as I would have liked to have it. This was largely due to my uncertain schedules and also to the much needed rest on Sundays. I spoke in 16 different places, usually to large crowds of people. My message was an endeavor to bring love and encouragement from our people to the churches there. I tried not to make any unnecessary promises about large contributions, but rather asked them to expect whatever we had to contribute from the hands of God.

I believe that I found the note which gave the brethren the most encouragement and maximum help. A word, which is a credit to the denomination, to the relief committee and to the missionary, sent to me above the signatures of fourteen brethren, may summarize the work of your representative: "Greetings from the session of the 'Bruderhilfe' personnel. How wonderful it would be if you could be here. Your presence at the Dillenburg session quickened and refreshed us, and we received new strength and new impulses for our task. Daily we realize in the work that your service among us was richly blessed. You placed yourself at our disposal with all your strength, and often interceded for our needs. We are particularly rejoicing that you have prepared the way for a well-planned children and aged welfare project and youth care. Frankly, after your departure something was missing in our circles and work, for your fraternal attitude and readiness for service has brought rich blessings to the churches and to the brethren."

Whatever has been achieved was by the grace of God. The services were rendered from deep love to needy human beings IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. To him be the honor and praise!



The Relief Truck, Named "Lore," Used by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn on His Many Trips and Left in Germany for Further Use by the Baptists

well afford to lose the customary American surplus weight of twenty pounds and feel healthier and better than ever before. Naturally, I had to spend considerable time in making the contacts for my personal existence. I want to give a few words of deepest appreciation to the many good British men and women, civilian relief workers, who were always ready to help the lone American in the British zone; also to the German brethren, who made it so easy and natural to work with them.

## ANSWERED PRAYERS

How the Lord used the "sassy" hostility of an American officer to provide his servant became vividly real to me in the following incident. On my first trip into Bremen, American Enclave, I intended to present myself to the proper control authorities and to secure such army facilities and comforts as might be available for American civilian workers.

I was shown to the magnificent officer's club hotel, Hotel Bremen. A

his hand of greeting. Without asking for identification, this young lieutenant told me that he had been informed of my coming, and that he would be very happy to help me all he could. What would I like —? I was baffled, but breathed a prayer of thanks to my Father in heaven. Upon a letter of recommendation of this lieutenant, I was able to get all my PX rations and other army privileges.

Travelling during the winter was hazardous and dangerous. In retrospect, I now clearly see the many dangers through which the Lord piloted. I remember the evening on which the Rev. Paul Schmidt and I left Bad Pyrmont in our truck ("Lore") for an important engagement in Frankfurt. The winding, narrow roads were a solid sheet of ice. A heavy snow continued to fall. We saw several medium and large trucks freshly wrecked along the roadside.

At 9 P. M. we were in Kassel, already hungry and tired. The American Red Cross canteen was the only

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the brightest hope we have of bringing its message clearly to those who otherwise would not hear of it.

Among the challenging features of the undertaking is the fact that here, far more than in formal preaching, a large group of willing lay people can take an effective part. As a minister I have constantly urged my members, not only to see the opportunity, but through leadership training and otherwise to equip themselves better for the task. The more efficient the teachers, the better able are the pupils to understand and assimilate the imperishable treasures which are being imparted to them.

No true Sunday School teacher can teach Biblical facts as so many cold dates, figures and events. He breathes his own warm Christian devotion into them. About this there is a contagion which the children feel. They respond to it. In the finest sense it becomes preaching by example. And as a result we see the joy of a teacher who knows that he has been instrumental in leading his pupil into a genuine Christian discipleship.

The teacher is handicapped unless the church also does its best to meet minimum requirements for equipment, comfort and other arrangements. Sometimes adults take the best ac-

commodations for themselves and allot cold, dark basement rooms to the children of the church. Happily, this seems to be happening less and less often. If children are to respond to the beauty of the world and the glory of God, why not give them every possible evidence of it in the place where they meet? We are practicing a false economy when it is at the expense of the children in the church. In them lies the future of the church. And these are the years when some of the deepest impressions are being made on them.

Opportunities to present our faith formally are limited in life. Some people feel that they are limited here by talent also. But whenever we have contact with others our faith is speaking; it is being taught to a larger or smaller degree. Not seldom do people feel that the very thing we teach by our conduct is false to what we are formally professing in words.

The teaching of the Gospel is a major channel of its presentation to the world. Theory and deed must be consistent with each other. Both must present the message without wearying. Then it will commend itself through the individuality of each Christian and partake also of the aggregate strength of the Christian Church.

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rumbling of a great social upheaval. There could be a peaceful revolution of social betterment under God after the pattern of the Kingdom of God. Failing that, the alternative would be a bloody revolution after the deterministic pattern of Marxian communism. Too few understood his call to social repentance; too many continued sowing wind. We are reaping the harvest, the whirlwind. A communistic typhoon is sweeping the earth. Our aid to Greece and Turkey will not stop it.

When Professor August Rauschenbusch retired from his teaching ministry, many hoped that his son, Walter, would become his successor, but he preferred to continue in the pastorate several years longer. This was a wise thing to do, since he would accumulate more experiences and gain deeper insights which would more fully prepare him for his future task. He came to know the joys and sorrows of the pastorate and all its problems, not from the swivel-chair, but from actual contact with life. He knew what it meant to love the unloving, to be kind to the heartless, and to lift up the fallen.

He also knew how to use a firm hand. He is said to have given physical "exit assistance" to a brother who had abused his democratic privileges and had forfeited his right to a voice in the meeting. He probably remembered

that Jesus, too, had cleansed the temple in a drastic way.

And so Rauschenbusch came to our seminary with a most remarkable mental equipment and with deep spiritual and social insights. In accepting the call, he felt the assured guidance of God, since the faculty, the school committee and the brethren of the English Department all united in urging him to come. From his letter of acceptance we quote, "I know of no more beautiful task than that of interpreting the New Testament and of leading young men through the portals of the letter into the temple of the Spirit." To this task he devoted his all.

Now just a personal word! I regard it as one of the great privileges of my life to have come to the study of theology in the very year when Rauschenbusch began his teaching ministry. I had three years with him at our school and then an extra year at the Rochester Theological Seminary. I wanted to deal in this article with "Rauschenbusch as I Knew Him," but selected a broader treatment.

Our first class hour with Rauschenbusch is still vivid in my memory after these fifty years. He lectured on hermeneutics. What a big new word!

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lover and a defender of the temple, came to see that the human heart was superior to the physical temple as a dwelling place of the Eternal, and that it is the true Temple of God.

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Christ is the Temple of God, and he is the Gate of heaven. There seems to be no doubt that when Jesus said to Nathanael that he would see the heavens open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man, that he was referring to Jacob's experience at Bethel, and that he himself was the ladder which connects heaven and earth, that he was the Gate of heaven. This was expressed definitely when he said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father but by me."

"And he saith unto him, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.'" "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place, by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way."

In the same sense as Bethel was called the gate of heaven, so may the Church be called the gate of heaven. For here is the gate opened into the presence of God, here is where you experience God, here is where you worship and fellowship with him. Many a person has found here the way of salvation, and has found here the way to the Father's house. We are grateful to those who have gone before us, who have loved and labored and sacrificed their means, time and energy so that Christ's Church might stand as a beacon light and a veritable gate of heaven. We acknowledge our gratitude, and sing praises unto our God and Redeemer.

Our loftiest task though is not to dedicate only these walls, but to dedicate ourselves and our hearts as the temple of our God, so that through us the gate of heaven might be opened to others. Our lives are to be filled with the incense of prayer, with the perpetual sacrifice of a surrendered will and the beautiful offering of love.

Let me close with a story about the Archduchess Rainer and her priceless pearls. The Duchess had not worn her pearls for some time and they had lost their color. Experts agreed that if they were placed into the depth of the sea, they would receive their old beauty back again. And so they did. The only secret for regaining the Christian luster is by getting back to the depths from which we have come and from which our soul first received its bright touch of divine and holier things.

**A PROMISING FUTURE**

What a heart-warming and joyous experience to spend a week with some 200 young people at a lovely camp, and discuss with them some of the problems of life. Such was my privilege last month at the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Here were young men and young women, boys and girls in their early 'teens—all eager to learn how to grow in the Christian life and faith. They were ready for fun and frolic, for recreation and fellowship—but also eagerly attending the class sessions and devotional hours.

My course was on "Stewardship". We learned that everything we possess—our money, our property, our mental and physical endowments, yes, our very lives—are entrusted or loaned to us as stewards by God, the owner of all, to be used to the best advantage, not only for ourselves, but for the welfare of others.

We also learned that missions is the stewardship of the Gospel. We have

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But the word became so simple and so clear that it could never be forgotten. What a carload of ideas he could pack into a few sentences!

His first sentence dictated in that first session reads thus, translated from the German: "The science of interpretation deals with the art of drawing out of the words the meaning which the author has put into them." No interpreter ever hewed closer to the line than he did. He had absolutely no use for wishful or mere traditional interpretation. "What did the author put into the words?" Lacking certainty, there would be a choice of varying degrees of probabilities.

We admired his mastery of subject matter, his skill in presenting it, and with it all his humility in sometimes frankly saying: "I do not know." Did he have favorites? Indeed, every honest, hard-working student stood high in his favor, but every lazy shirker stood in the class of "persona non grata." His deafness made his sight very keen. Unfortunately he became oversuspicious. On one occasion, on circumstantial evidence, he arrived at a false conclusion and dealt unmercifully with the supposedly defaulting student. When he discovered his error, he apologized before the whole student body. That ran true to Walter Rauschenbusch.

But I am not to write a biographical sketch. Does Sharpe has given us a masterful picture in his book. Many of the Rauschenbusch students and many others as well will want to honor him and serve themselves by reading or rereading, in this Jubilee year, "The Life of Walter Rauschenbusch."

# We, the Women

Views and News of the National Woman's Missionary Union  
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

received the knowledge of God's Word, have experienced his saving grace—but now we must pass it to others. "Hold high the torch. You did not light its glow; 'Twas given you by other hands, you know."

Even so, we must see to it that the torch of the Gospel Light will come to shine in the farthest corners of the earth. To do this, we must be good stewards of our material possessions. Our missionary zeal can only go as far as our stewardship loyalty.

Dear women of our churches, there is still another stewardship entrusted to us. As I looked into the bright and eager faces of these young women and young men, I thought: "What a glorious future for our churches, and for our missionary enterprise,—if we do not fail in our stewardship!" It is up to us, the older generation, to inspire and to train them, to strive to arouse in them a missionary zeal and a stewardship loyalty.

I was greatly pleased to hear one minister's wife tell me of how, in every church where they have served, she has organized a younger women's mission circle, and found great joy in guiding them into a greater knowledge of and love for this work, entrusted to us by the Lord. How it saddened me to hear her go on to say that in

one church she met with opposition—the all-German speaking Ladies' Aid did not favor the forming of a younger women's society, for fear of possible competition. Let us hope that this is an isolated case.

Another phase of stewardship, in a wider sense, became very important to me as I noticed how eagerly the young people listened to a discussion of "Friendship"—meeting and choosing one's mate. It is only natural that young people should be vitally interested in establishing homes, and it is encouraging that Christian young people are seeking guidance and giving much thought to this all-important step in their lives.

What are we as mothers doing to help them? Are we, first of all, giving them the example of a truly Christian home, where love and peace abide? Are we showing real understanding and interest in discussing with them the factors to consider in choosing their life's mate and establishing a Christian home? God has entrusted you with these young lives, your children, and it is your stewardship obligation to guide them in the way of life.

Let us remember that stewardship begins at home, for without fine Christian homes, there could be no Christian churches, no Christian nation, no Christian world.

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

Conference	June 1947	June 1946
Atlantic	\$ 762.06	\$ 930.06
Eastern	1,228.15	1,480.85
Central	4,962.22	13,851.63
Northwestern	3,909.44	4,805.18
Southwestern	1,442.15	3,643.02
Southern	853.63	1,197.82
Pacific	5,162.67	3,092.48
Northern	1,732.58	4,913.42
Dakota	3,382.53	4,195.60
Totals	\$23,435.43	\$38,110.06

**Missionary and Benevolent Offering**  
June, 1947 ..... \$13,399.37  
April 1, 1947—June 30, 1947 \$75,462.15

**Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies**  
June, 1947 ..... \$ 5,392.39  
Total to June 30, 1947 ..... \$487,744.91

**Seminary Endowment Fund**  
June, 1947 ..... \$ 1,778.22  
Total to June 30, 1947 ..... \$141,621.55

**Christian Training Institute Building Fund**  
June, 1947 ..... \$ 722.38  
Total to June 30, 1947 ..... \$44,601.39

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Some time ago the Rev. William G. Jaster presented his resignation as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota. It is to take effect within three months after the time of his resignation. His plans for the future are not known at our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois.

● The Connors Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has announced that the Rev. Otto Patzia, pastor of the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has accepted the call extended to him. Mr. Patzia has resigned his charge at Winnipeg and will begin his new pastorate in Detroit about Sept. 1st, succeeding the Rev. William Hoover, now of Benton Harbor, Mich.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana has called the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Goodrich, No. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his pastorate in Missoula on Sept. 15, succeeding the Rev. Frederick Alf, now of Streeter, No. Dak. Mr. Kraenzler has been pastor of the Goodrich church since March 1943. On Sunday, Aug. 10, he baptized several converts at a joint service with the McClusky Baptist Church.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, New Jersey is without the services of a minister at present. The former pastor, the Rev. Evert Munning, resigned some time ago. The report of his resignation was even carried by the Associated Press and publicized in newspapers throughout the country. The church is considering the calling of another pastor at present.

● Sunday, June 15, the West Ebenezer Baptist Young People's Society held its annual program and youth rally. Musical selections and recitations were presented, followed by an inspiring message by the Rev. Ed. Erickson, interdenominational evangelist. A large offering was received for the Saskatchewan Assembly project. Miss Joyce Knoll served as reporter for the society. The Rev. Reinold Kannwischer is the pastor of the church.

● Plans are being made for the return of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and their family by plane from Africa to the United States on August 4th. If everything goes well, they will be at home in Martin, North Dakota by the time this issue reaches "The Bap-

tist Herald" readers. No definite plans will be made for any promotional visits to our churches until after personal consultation with them. Their furlough in the United States will be for one year.

● For several months in an interim ministry the pulpit of the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas was supplied by Dr. Samson. Six converts were baptized by him on a recent Sunday. The Vacation Bible School was held from June 2 to 6 with an average attendance of 55 pupils. At the closing night the diplomas were awarded and a display of the children's work was on exhibit. The church has raised an offering of \$66 for the Texas City Relief Fund after the disaster at Texas City, Texas.

● On Sunday, July 16, the Rev. Henry Lang, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Vida, near Wolf Point, Montana, baptized three young people in the Redwater River. The candidates were the fruits of the special revival meetings which were held in March, at which the Rev. Alex Sootzmann of McLaughlin, So. Dak., helped the pastor. On Sunday, July 13, these and three others were welcomed into the church by extending the hand of fellowship to them.

● The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., baptized 6 persons on profession of their faith in Christ on Sunday evening, June 29, and received these and 5 others by profession of faith and by letter at the communion service. The Vacation Bible Schools at the Anthony Wayne Mission and the Ebenezer Church had enrollments of 115 and 70, respectively. During the vacation absence of the pastor, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., supplied the pulpit on July 13 and the Rev. Frank Veninga on Sunday, July 27.

● The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has received 44 persons recently into the church's fellowship of whom 30 are more than 16 years of age. The most recent baptismal service was held on Sunday evening, June 29. On Sunday, June 22, a total of 27 children were presented for dedication at the worship service and another group was presented on the following Sunday. The church library has grown to 500 books with more than \$750 already expended. It

is being widely used by the church people and Sunday School scholars.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth of the Immanuel Church of Portland, Oregon and their family made an extensive tour of the country during June and July. On Sunday, June 22, Mr. Roth preached in the Fifteenth St. Church of Los Angeles, Calif., on July 6th in the Marion and Strassburg churches of Kansas; and on Sunday, July 13, in Aplington, Iowa. He and his family also visited Stafford, Kansas where Mr. Roth was formerly a pastor, and stopped at our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., where Mr. Roth conducted the prayer meeting on Tuesday morning, July 8.

● The Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas was held from June 8 to 22. The average attendance was 63 children. The commencement exercises on June 22 featured a variety of special numbers and reports. The school was under the capable leadership of Mrs. Herbert Schneider. The pastor of the church, Rev. Roy Seibel, received his Master of Arts degree with honors on June 2nd from Baylor University in Waco. On Sunday, June 15, a Father's Day program was presented by the Primary and Junior Sunday School children at the church's worship service.

● On Sunday evening, June 1st, the Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., held its reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie P. Albus with brief messages of welcome extended to them by Mr. G. H. Willeke for the church, Mr. Elmer Ranz for the church school, and Mrs. Edna Gieseke for the Woman's Missionary Society. Both Mr. and Mrs. Albus responded with well chosen words, expressing the thought that their ministry would be directed in every way by the Master of their lives. Mrs. Lydia Luginbuhl, president of the Ladies' Aid, was in charge of the service. An hour of fellowship with refreshments followed.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio served on the teaching staff of the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly which was held at Jamestown College in Jamestown, No. Dak., from July 1 to 6. Mrs. Schoeffel taught a course on stewardship, "Our Lord and Ours" and brought two addresses on, "The Girl in the Church" and "Open Doors for Young People." Mr. Schoeffel preached at the Sunday morning service, taught a study class and brought several ad-

## DR. PETERSEN OF COPENHAGEN, DENMARK ON 4 MONTHS' LECTURE TOUR IN THE UNITED STATES

Dr. Bredahl Petersen of Copenhagen, Denmark, pastor of the Koebner Baptist Church of that city, and his wife will leave by plane for the United States on August 19. They will go on a lecture tour covering the entire country for four months from September 1947. They hope to visit and address Baptist groups in the areas of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions in response to invitations extended to them by Dr. Edwin Dahlberg and Dr. Louie D. Newton of the two conventions and by Baptist World Alliance officials.

Dr. Petersen and Dr. Wm. Kuhn of our Fellowship Fund have been in correspondence with each other for many months. Dr. Petersen has been responsible for directing many thousands of our individual food parcels for relief to their destination in Germany. As one of our European relief representatives, he has a factual and stirring story to tell concerning our relief to the refugees in the camps of Denmark. His story ought to be heard by everyone of our members if that opportunity should be yours. Don't fail to hear him!

Dr. Petersen has baptized about 200 German refugees in his church. Baptisms are held regularly twice a month. He and his people have distributed our gifts of \$200 a month for the administration of evangelistic work among the thousands of German refugees in the Danish camps with a total of 25 German and Danish missionary workers in that ministry. Several pictures of Dr. Petersen and of other relief workers at Copenhagen appeared in the February 15, 1947 issue of the "Baptist Herald" (pages 8 and 9).

dresses on personal living and the church library. A more detailed report of the assembly will appear in a later issue.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, No. Dak., recently enjoyed the blessings that came to them through the preaching of God's Word by the evangelist, Rev. M. F. Gordon of Chadron, Nebraska. Mr. Gordon is a converted Jew and his thorough knowledge of the Scriptures held a genuine attraction, not only for the circle of Baptist families and friends but for the entire community, 25 to 40 miles distant. The meetings proceeded under the theme, "Know Your Bible Better," which Mr. Gordon tried to imprint indelibly upon the hearts of his listeners. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser wrote: "We cannot know nor measure the spiritual blessings that came to each but we know that God was arousing and stirring hearts."

## Beside the Still Waters

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

### HEAVENLY HONOR

Psalm 23:5

The Psalmist is still thinking of the Oriental host when he says: "Thou anointest my head with oil." He honored the stranger by anointing him with oil that was perfumed. The fugitive thus became an honored guest. Oil was not used in this connection as a symbol of consecration but as a part of a festivity.

On one occasion Jesus was invited to the home of a Pharisee for dinner. A woman of ill-repute approached Jesus with an alabaster jar of perfume. Overcome with emotion, she wet the feet of the Master with her tears and then with her hair wiped the tears away again, while she lovingly kissed his feet and poured perfume over them. Later Jesus reprimanded the Pharisee Simon for neglecting to perform the commonest courtesies on such an occasion, for he said to his host: "No oil did you pour even on my head; but she poured perfume upon my feet" (Luke 7:46). The Pharisee didn't show Jesus this mark of honor.

The Psalmist, however, points out that God anointed his head with oil. God as his host poured the oil of joy upon his guest. He honors those who flee to him for refuge and who put their trust in him.

God honored David by advancing him from a shepherd of sheep to a

shepherd of his people. David graduated from the humble calling of a shepherd to the exalted calling of a king. His divine host honored him with great opportunities and heavy responsibilities. He poured out the oil of his Spirit upon this son of Jesse. David was exalted above his own brethren.

God said to Eli: "Them that honor me I will honor" (1 Sam. 2:30). In Proverbs 3:9-10 we read: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty". Jesus taught that if we honor God, he will take care of us (Matt. 6:33). Too often we seek our own honor and we thereby frustrate God's plans. "Every-one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:14).

The Apostle Paul, David Livingstone, William Carey, F. B. Meyer and many others were humble men, but how God honored them! He anointed them with the oil of grace, of wisdom, love and humility and honored them with positions of great responsibility. The greatest honor that can come to us at the end of our earthly pilgrimage is to hear Jesus say: "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:23).

## Pointed Paragraphs

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

¶ The right kind of Christianity is the most contagious thing in the world. The chief Christian virtue is that of making others, who know you as a Christian, want the secret of a radiant Christian personality. The strength of the church today is a tribute to the Christian lives of many generations. Bishop John M. Moore, of the Methodist Church, placed an arrow on the target of the mind when he said: "The evangelistic temperament in a church gives it productive and reproductive capacity. No church dies that has it; no church lives long that neglects it. The church in its religious warmth, in its spiritual passion, in its zeal for salvation, and in its loyalty to Christ as the Savior is the pre-eminent evangelistic agency." —Baptist Leader.

¶ Tax exempt investments, arranged by John D. Seal, chaplain, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., A tax as-

essor came one day to a poor minister of the gospel to determine the amount of taxes the minister would pay. "What property do you possess?" asked the assessor. "I am very wealthy," replied the minister. "List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed. "First, I have everlasting life (John 3:16); Second, I have a mansion in heaven (John 14:2); Third, I have peace that passeth understanding (Phil. 4:7); Fourth, I have joy unspeakable (I Peter 1:8); Fifth, I have divine love which never faileth (I Cor. 13:8); Sixth, I have a faithful, pious wife (Prov. 31:10); Seventh, I have healthy, happy, obedient children (Ex. 20:12); Eighth, I have true, loyal friends (Prov. 18:24); Ninth, I have songs in the night (Psalm 42:8); Tenth, I have a crown of life (James 1:12)." The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly, you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation." —Herald of Holiness.

# CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



## SYNOPSIS

Joseph and Raanah, two slaves in the caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen, became attached as one of Potiphar's household. Joseph was unjustly accused and was sent to prison. Raanah rose rapidly in fame until he became a charioteer in Pharaoh's Basilisk Guard. But he longed for Bashia, his sweetheart of former days. He became greatly excited when his old cronies, Isme-Dagan and Egiba, arrived at the palace and told him that they had news of her. Raanah got his chariot ready to find Bashia. "Come," he said to the two men. "You shall ride with me."

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

"Now, what wild adventure is this?" Egiba stalled, for the first time realizing to what he had committed himself. Isme-Dagan crept back to the table, finished his wine with a gulp and snatched a piece of cake. "Blame not the man," he said resignedly. "A woman is the cause of it. And if die we must, it is more comfortable to go with a full stomach."

As the door swung open, they saw the horses chafing beside the stoop, the stall boys trying to soothe them. The heads of the animals were up. Their ears were cocked. The low-slung red car with its green wheels, and the sleek, spirited horses with their silver-plated harness were a worthy match for the young officer's dress uniform.

Raanah shoved the reluctant old men before him. "Get into the chariot," he ordered as they held back, alarmed at the plunging horses. He roughly took each by an arm and boosted them into the car, then picked up the reins.

At his word, the stall boys released the horses' heads, and the team sprang forward. Isme-Dagan let the cake fly barely in time to clutch the rail as the chariot swung into the thoroughfare. Pedestrians scattered like locusts before a wind, while down the street swept a cry from a dozen throats, "Give way! A chariot of Pharaoh's runs wild!"

Raanah fought with the reins and by sheer might saved the chariot from crashing into a fish cart. On they flew. Neither of the old men had ever been behind spirited horses before. To the terrified Egiba, clinging to the rail to keep from swinging out of the chariot, it seemed, indeed, as if the great cream-colored team was running wild. Their tails were lifted, their manes were tossing, their heads were bobbing in concerted action that was terrifying, yet beautiful to see.

Isme-Dagan clung on desperately, his eyes dilated and riveted on the charging horses. He caught short, sobbing breaths that were drowned by the noise of the chariot wheels. His coarse hair flopped on his forehead and across his eyes with stinging blows, and the wind whistled past his ears.

But after a time, when nothing happened, both old men began to relax. A feeling of exhilaration crept over them. Isme-Dagan sucked in a few

quick breaths, at first timidly, then more boldly, deliciously. Egiba chuckled condescendingly at the people and houses flying by. Their timid souls found complete assurance when their eyes rested on Raanah. The young Captain was a noble-looking figure with his helmet-feather waving, his coat flying behind him, his gold breastplate and jewels gleaming under the street torches, and his arm muscles bulging under their strain on the reins. There was a smile of pride on his sun-browned face. It was plain to see that behind the horses he loved he was transformed.

The chariot rumbled on. They came into a street with less traffic and Raanah's tension relaxed. Although he dared not take his eyes from the team, he divined the apprehension of the men. "There is nothing to fear," he assured them. "The horses are always a bit skittish on the start, but they are not mean-spirited, only caperish young animals, and I like to give them plenty of rein to relieve their high spirits."

"Then let them caper," Egiba returned with a touch of bravado, for by that time he was enjoying the ride. "Besides, I see that you are a skillful driver. If you can handle men as well as you do horses, I marvel not that you are Captain of the Basilisk Guard."

"H'mm! Hold your verdict until you see whether he can handle women," Isme-Dagan suggested. Although his equanimity, also, was restored, he regretted loss of the cake.

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Under the pace they had maintained the stately mansions were left behind. Passing the market place, they turned toward a plot of ground near the city gate where caravans camped. There were no street torches now, and Raanah held the heads of the horses high for fear of stumbling.

Isme-Dagan was feeling spirited. "Do not let the horses lag, Captain," he coaxed. "Swift riding is rare excitement."

Raanah turned on him testily. "I am driver," he warned. "It seems the wine has gone to your head."

"Wine or ecstasy!" Isme-Dagan exulted. "What matters which if it makes a man feel better?" Leaning over the dash, he seized the tail of a horse and gave it a twist, while his voice rose in a wild yell.

Instantly, the horse kicked the dash. Alarmed at such unusual action, the other horse up-ended. Between the jerking forces the chariot rocked from wheel to wheel. Then, thoroughly frightened, the team bolted.

Raanah let out a bellow of rage. Egiba cringed on the floor. His finger caught under Raanah's heel, and he gave out mouthfuls of shrieks until it was released. For a few seconds Raanah had no control over the horses. In their wild flight, the chariot bounced in the air and struck the ruts so hard it seemed as if it would be shattered. Raanah sawed on the reins.

Quite as surprised and more frightened than anyone at the sudden turn of events, Isme-Dagan lost his grip on the rail and flipped out the chariot. As he hit the ground, he curled up and rolled over like a ball.

When Raanah got the team under control and returned for him, they found him kneeling with his face on the ground, engaged in loud and lamenting prayer. Egiba called, and he arose sheepishly, evidently relieved to see them both alive.

"Are you hurt?" Egiba asked.

"No," Isme-Dagan grunted, casting his eyes up at Raanah to see how much wrath that temperamental young giant still harbored against him.

"Get in!" Raanah ordered tartly, "We must get on."

"I choose to walk!" Isme-Dagan mumbled sourly. "Go to!" He waved them along.

As Raanah drove on, Egiba glanced back. Isme-Dagan was limping along behind him. All the exhilaration imbibed from the wine cup and the ecstasy from his flying ride were gone. Egiba turned foward with a smile, which turned to scowl as he inspected his injured finger.

As they drove into the campgrounds dogs barked, dirty-faced children stared, frowsy women peered around tent flaps at the handsome young officer and his elegant turnout.

The horses were still restive and Raanah dared not leave them in strange hands. "Find the steward of Bashia's company," he told Egiba, "and bring him here."

While waiting he glanced distastefully around the dirty, overcrowded grounds. Camels and donkeys were browsing in the litter. Cook fires were sending forth uncertain odors. Revulsion seized him. Camps in a crowded city were not like the clean, wind-swept places he once loved. He would not leave Bashia here, even for one night. He would take her to Asenath.

At thought of her, his heart palpitated strangely. What would she be like? She must have changed, as he had, in the years she had been away. Had he been faithful to the woman she was, or merely to an ideal? Did she still love him? His brow clouded.

Egiba and the steward put an end to his musing. "He says," Egiba hitched his thumb at the steward, an elderly man with a white beard and twinkling eyes, "that Bashia has gone, and he does not know where she went nor when she will return."

"She told me," the steward spoke for himself, "that she might be away for a day or two, and for me to sell the animals and equipment and wait for her here. She promised to help me find work. I have known the little lady for a long time. I was business adviser to her mistress."

Raanah's expectancy faded. There was nothing more he could do that night. Pharaoh's invitations were commands, and he was already late. He would find Bashia in the morning. No doubt, she had gone out to find him.

While they were talking, Isme-Dagan shuffled toward them, holding one hand on his hip where he had struck the ground. He paused some distance from the group, eying them unhappily.

Raanah turned to Egiba, "I'm sorry, but you and Isme-Dagan must stay here until Bashia returns. I will take no chance of losing her again. Then send me word, and you may come back to my house. Now I must be off."

Egiba swallowed hard. Isme-Dagan shrugged. It had been years since they had slept on a soft bed with more than rags to cover them. Now, after a brief sup with luxury, they were turned out on the world again.

Raanah's team trotted off briskly. It was too late to stop by Asenath's house. She would be at the palace. One could not arrive too late for such functions, even with an excuse. The streets were quiet at that hour. The horses were still nervous and inclined to shy at their shadows, and Raanah to shy at their heads. A brisk run gave them their heads. A brisk run would calm them. The chariot wheels clattered on the paving stones like the tumult in his heart that he could not smother.

As Raanah turned from the tree-lined avenue into the palace courtyard, lights flared from a hundred yards, lights flared from a hundred windows. Sounds of laughter, mingled with strains of harp and flute, stirred his senses pleasantly. The party was at its peak. Conviviality flowed with the wine, but it was time he arrived.

Pharaoh was a jovial soul, yet his good humor could not always be sustained with his drinking.

Raanah gave his horses to a groom and crossed the courtyard with a brisk stride. There was always a ceremony of entrance to the house of Pharaoh. A soldier stood on each side of the doorway. A servant relieved him of his coat. He crossed a wide hall and stood before an entrance to the audience chamber.

Two black Nubian announcers raised long, silver-toned trumpets and blew the call of the Basilisk Guard to honor its captain. The soldiers standing around the walls, like living statuary, dipped their lances, and the guests faced the young officer. A passage was cleared to the throne, and with swift, graceful dignity, he walked its length, looking straight before him to the supposedly god-blessed but certainly man-feared Pharaoh who sat upon a dais at one side of the room, surrounded by his favorite courtiers.

Pharaoh Mensal was a democratic person and gathered mixed cliques around him. There were grizzled statesmen in the rich garb of their office; army officers in flashy uniforms; hereditary high priests in white robes; swaggering gallants of priestly families, many of whom had such a large following that they held courts of their own.

The eyes of the wives and daughters of these celebrities glowed in competition with their jewels as the young captain passed by. Those of one woman followed him with breathless interest. Her heart beat giddily. A flush spread over her creamy cheeks, and there was anxiety and wonder on her face. As Raanah dropped on one knee and bowed before Pharaoh, she caught a sob, then quickly hid behind her fan to cover it.

As the young man arose, she noticed the ease of his pose, and when he returned Pharaoh's greeting, that his voice was rich and pitched in a deep, musical key. Although deferential, she saw that the habit of command sat well upon him.

Pharaoh Mensal was a pouchy little man with a long body and short legs. He had an eagle beak and cold gray eyes that bored through a person. His voice was aggressive and intimidating. Yet, for all his ugliness, his fat, coffee-colored face was not unpleasant, and created itself readily when he laughed.

At the moment, he looked petulant. It was plain he held a grievance against the young man before him. "You are late, my captain," he boomed in a cavernous voice so that all could hear. "Pray, do you consider your own affairs more important than the bidding of your king?"

"No, Mighty Pharaoh," Raanah answered calmly, "It was my team, not my affairs, that became unmanageable and delayed me."

"What! Don't tell me that a horse-



man of your calibre was delayed by a pair of prancing steeds! And don't expect me to believe it." Pharaoh laughed uproariously at his own joke, and the men around him courteously joined in.

Pharaoh's good humor was readily restored, as Raanah knew it would be, by the mention of horses. As a sportsman himself, Pharaoh liked this cool-eyed, daring young fellow, and his twinkling eyes swept over him approvingly.

"Methinks, my captain, you are too modest, for no man knows better than you that it is not wilful mettle, but the curb of the bit and the prod of a whip that makes a good horse, though you jest well." He waved his hand in dismissal. "You may go now, but remember, I must have a word with you later."

Raanah bowed, and leaving Pharaoh, stepped before his chief, Potiphar, to pay his respects. Potiphar had been laughing with Pharaoh, but stiffened instantly, and returned the young officer's salute.

The former captain of the Guard looked much older and a little broken. The hair beside his temples was white and thinning. There was a droop to his big shoulders, and his eyes were tired in their fine network of wrinkles. "Neither will I keep you," he said dismissing Raanah, "for I see the ladies are waiting." Raanah winced. It was an old quip. Truly, Potiphar was slipping.

As Raanah turned, Asenath — the lady he wished most to see — looking more beautiful than in her girlhood days, was standing nearby. "Truant!" she chided him vivaciously. "Even if Pharaoh forgives you so readily, I cannot." She looked at him archly. "What happened to you? I had begun to think you had been carried off."

"Nothing so terrible, I assure you, and a thousand apologies, dear lady," he begged. "I will tell you about it later," he whispered. "It was a matter of extreme importance to me."

She tapped him lightly with her fan. "And do you think that I do not know? Now have some wine, my captain, and when you are warmed inside, I will tell you a secret. But you should always come when I bid you, for my summons are important."

She was so mysteriously gay that some inkling of the truth caused Raanah to look at her sharply. "Asenath!" he cried.

She saw the agony in his face and her tender heart misgave her. "There's a good man," she soothed. "Drink some wine and calm yourself." She motioned to a servitor and handed Raanah a cup. "Take that anxious frown from your face. The company will think you have proposed to me, and that I am rejecting you." Her laughter was so gay that he was forced to smile.

"You see, I was foresighted and brought my surprise to the party. Come," she urged as he put the goblet down, "I wish you to meet an old friend who is visiting me. She is over there surrounded by courtiers. They always gather around a beautiful woman like flies around a honey jar. Prince Hadar is among them, so begin to stiffen your backbone, as you always do when you see him," she mocked with gay severity.

As Raanah and Asenath approached, the circle around her guest opened, and he beheld a lovely young woman. She was an Egyptian, for she was exquisitely and appropriately dressed according to the Assyrian mode in a rose-colored gown of heavy, brocaded silk. Her cheeks were glowing, her long-lashed, dark eyes were smoldering with some secret flame. Her ebony-black hair was coiled high, letting soft ringlets frame her face, and a rose that matched her scarlet lips hung daintily above one ear.

As Raanah stared, his heart contracted with a curious pain, for this poised, exquisite young woman could not be his simple, lovely sweetheart.

She watched him covertly as he came toward her, then turned to smile at a remark of Hadar's. As her lips parted, dimples deepened at their corners. She was a woman desirable enough to turn any man's head, as apparently she had turned Hadar's, who sought to keep her attention by engaging her in conversation.

Although Raanah disliked the prince with lusty ardor, at that moment he did not notice him. He could not take his eyes from the young woman. If she were not Bashia — and she made no sign of recognition — who was she to remind him so much of her?

Growing alarmed over his distraught manner in the presence of so many curious eyes, Asenath put her hand on his arm. "Come, my captain, the lady waits to greet you."

At the sound of Asenath's voice, the young woman, seeing the incredulous look in Raanah's eyes, raised her hand to her throat. Although her arm was loaded with bracelets, her fingers were bare of rings except one, a small turquoise circlet, cut from a single piece of stone.

With his face blanched to a death-like pallor, Raanah strode forward. He forgot Asenath, who watched with trepidation. He forgot the company of curious courtiers around them. Grasping the hand that wore the blue circlet, he raised it to his lips. His eyes met Bashia's searchingly. There was a tenseness about her now, and he watched her face glow into greater beauty. A wild happiness swept over him, for by her silent gesture she had told him that she still loved him. So great was the emotion that stirred him that he stood confused, bending over her hand, gazing into her eyes. He tried to think of something trivial to

say before this crowd of smiling on-lookers, but words refused to come.

Asenath hurried forward with some social banality to cover the situation. Hadar glowered with brows as black as beetles. He was a man of passionate hauteur, of fierce and lusty appetites, ever ready to kill or to make love, though his cynical, swarthy face was rather handsome, except for the broken bridge of his nose.

His intolerant eyes shifted from Raanah to the young woman. Such a tableau was unusual, and he divined some previous relationship between them. Perhaps the girl was an old sweetheart of the captain's, but that made her no less desirable. A smile twisted his lips. His voice took a harsh note as he drawled, "Is not the captain presumptuous in thrusting his attentions upon the lady?" Evidently Hadar intended his words as an opening wedge to a quarrel.

Raanah was rudely shaken from his beatific trance. He glared at Hadar, and although he answered civilly, he felt his hackles rise. "You are mistaken. While we have not met for years, this lady and I are old friends."

Hadar chortled as if the situation amused him, but did not pull his barbs. "It was a touching scene."

Asenath saw anger leap across Raanah's face like a whiplash, and caught her breath. Bashia's face went white. She clutched Raanah's arm, but he shook her off. He stepped close to Hadar and spoke in a low, steely tone. "Your words and manner are insulting. No man can swallow such insolence."

Hate and jealousy shot from Hadar's eyes and curled his lips. The hands of both men gripped their swords. The next instant there was a stir among the crowd. Potiphar elbowed his way through and stepped between them.

"Gentlemen! Gentlemen!" he said severely. "You forget where you are. Any differences that you have must not be settled here." He grabbed Raanah's arm and propelled the young captain along with him, saying in an even but louder voice, so the company would not suspect there had been trouble, "Pharaoh desires to speak to you, my captain." Raanah immediately recovered himself, and the two officers crossed the room nonchalantly.

Asenath slipped her arm around Bashia, and they moved away without a glance at Hadar. That princely gentleman shrugged and turned on his heel.

Pharaoh was unaware that any disturbance had occurred. Had he known, he would have hated to miss it. "Your Majesty," Potiphar greeted him as they bowed before the throne chair, then stood before him with the easy posture of trained men, "I have finally captured this popular young man, for I knew that you desired to speak to him."

(To Be Continued)

## CHILDREN'S PAGE



### SUCCESS

A hen and her small brood of five  
Were up since break of day;  
Happy were they to be alive,  
Yet had no time for play.

The little chicks scratched here and  
To find there  
They seemed to try just everywhere,  
But only knew defeat.

The mother hen stayed in one place  
And worked, I must confess;  
But soon the look upon her face  
Told she had great success.

"From now on," so she told her chicks,  
"Stop hopping all about,  
For you have seen, the one who sticks  
Will win without a doubt."

### THE HOLY NAME

Harold was the star on the Ashland High School basketball team. Although he had only attended this school one semester, he had attained a place of leadership in all of the activities of the high school and every one admired and trusted him.

One day the basketball coach from the University of Kansas was visiting at the home of Harold, being a college referee of his father. He had promised to referee a game between the high school team and the Cyclones, who had won the championship in the inter-city meet for three successive years. It promised to be a close and very exciting game.

When the teams were lined up, Harold introduced them to his friend, the coach. Every one was thrilled at the thought of this great man refereeing a game for them.

The school whistle was blown and the high school forward was off for a goal before any one could catch his breath. It was evident from the start that this Cyclones game was a very close game. The champions, although they were the city well known, were not showing up so well against this team from the high school. They belonged to an oil company and were all smokers. They did not have the wind that these high school fellows had, who were on strict training.

The ball came down to the Cyclone forward whom Harold was guarding. Just as the ball was thrown, Harold caught it, and immediately the Cy-



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clone guard tripped him. At the same time he used the name of God in vain. Instantly Harold was on his feet. "You can not use his name in that way on this court," he said sharply.

"Oh, listen to Mamma's little boy," laughed the forward.

"It makes no difference to me what I am," replied Harold, his eyes flashing. "He is a special friend of mine and I will not have his name used like that in my presence."

Everyone was silent as they watched Harold start with the ball for his free throw. He carefully made his aim. Just as the ball left his fingers he heard another oath. Everyone looked at Harold. He looked straight at the forward and walked off the court, ready to check in to his coach. The high school team was speechless to be left in the middle of the game by their captain. The Cyclones had plenty to say. "He's a sissy and a poor sport."

Just then the referee walked over to the Cyclones. "It does make it look like a poor sport, doesn't it?" The team was silent, for they all respected this man who had coached so many winning teams. "If his mother had been standing here, you would not have

insulted her. I suppose you do not know that God is as real to some people as their mother. They think that a fellow who doesn't recognize all that God has done for them is a poor sport."

The team began to look uneasy. "Of course, Harold has a very good reason for feeling like he does about God," he began again. "He has always loved all kinds of sports; it seemed they were his very life. Then one day several years ago he was stricken with infantile paralysis. They were all heart-broken and Harold was inconsolable. To be a cripple and never, never be able to take part in games again! Harold began to pray, as did his parents as well. Contrary to all doctors' opinions, he got well—and, best of all, was not a cripple! Just this morning, as we sat at the breakfast table and were discussing Harold's enviable record in athletics, his father looked at me and said, 'God has been very good to us. His name will always be held sacred in our hearts.'"

The referee paused, but the Cyclones were all looking at the floor.

"So, perhaps," he added, "you can forgive him if he seems like a poor sport, now that you understand his great love for his heavenly Father."

The forward who had sworn the oath silently went to the side lines and took Harold by the hand: "We will honor the name of God always, as you do, because of your courage. Come on back in the game. I am proud to know a gentleman like you."

### BIBLE SQUARES

Print these words, one under the other, to form a square. The first letters, if you read them down, will then form another word.

No. 1 (Four Letters)

1. The mother of Jesus.
2. The last word in every prayer.
3. A gift of the Wise Men.
4. Where travelers often spend the night.

READ DOWN to find another name for Wise Men.

No. 2 (Three Letters)

1. The mother of Cain and Abel.
2. A story which is not true.
3. Where there was no room for Jesus to be born.

READ DOWN to find the name of the kind priest who brought up little Samuel.

(Answers Will Be Found on Page 23)

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# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## Northwestern Conference

### Minnesota's 25th Summer Assembly at Buffalo Bible Camp for 60 Juniors and Seniors

The Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met at Buffalo Bible Camp, Buffalo, Minnesota for its 25th annual summer assembly from June 25 to 29.

The Junior group, 10-14 years, were at camp for the first time. They were awarded this trip for memorizing Scripture verses according to the National Scripture Memory Course. The Rev. August Lutz of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota was the dean of boys and Mrs. Walter Samb of La Crosse, Wisconsin was the dean of girls. Mrs. Samb also taught the class named, "Nine Bible Heroes."

The Rev. Ben Zimmerman of Randolph, Minnesota was the dean of the older group with Mrs. Zimmerman as assistant dean. The senior group enjoyed three classes: "Baptist Doctrine" taught by Rev. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse; "Building Christian Home" by Rev. L. Berndt of Minneapolis; and "Evangelism" by Dr. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis. Denominational credit was given for those who completed the course and passed the examination which was given on Saturday afternoon.

We were privileged to have Dr. T. W. Bender, newly appointed professor of our Seminary, as guest speaker. He brought very inspiring messages on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings in the form of vesper services, and the closing message on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. E. Klatt of the Riverview Church of St. Paul brought the message on Thursday night, and the Rev. J. Walkup of the Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul brought the Sunday morning message.

The annual business meeting took place on Saturday afternoon. The following are the new officers: J. Robert Stassen, president; Edith Glewwe, vice-president; Arline Richter, secretary; and Dale Giese, treasurer. Our mission project for the past year was the Spanish-American Mission at Saguche, Colorado. Our goal was \$1,000 for the year, which was reached.

Average attendance for the assembly in the Junior group was 24, and 35 for the Senior group. The young people of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, won the award given for registration and attendance.

Everyone enjoyed the fleeting assembly days. We are planning to build our own camp, if possible. It is a great project for our group, but we are all hoping that the not too distant future will bring us our own camping ground and buildings.

Edith Glewwe, Secretary.

### Sessions of the Minnesota Association at St. Paul's Riverview Baptist Church

The Minnesota Association met from May 22 to 25 in the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, of which the Rev. E. W. Klatt is the pastor. It was an association that brought spiritual refreshing. Throughout the conference the theme, "Looking Unto Jesus," was emphasized.

The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our general mission secretary, brought the opening message, "What Do We Owe Christ?" as well as the closing message, "Looking Unto Jesus." The Rev. J. Walkup of Dayton's Bluff Church spoke on, "A Call to Bethel," and the Rev. L. B. Berndt of Faith Church, Minneapolis spoke on "Pressing on." The Rev. W. G. Trow of Jeffers called the attention of the association to "Wanted, Passion for Souls," while the Rev. E. Buening of Holloway reminded us that we must "Be Striving Together in Prayer."

Devotions were led by Rev. L. Berndt, Rev. August Lutz and Rev. G. P. Schroeder. Mr. Dymmel also brought an enlightening message as he spoke on the words, "Do not our hearts burn within us?" The Rev. Ben Zimmerman, our moderator, conducted the meetings in a very able manner. On Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour the Rev. A. Lutz gave an object lesson, and at the worship hour the Rev. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wisconsin brought a message on "The Biggest Business of the Church."

Rev. M. Vanderbeck, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Gladwin Church of Michigan

On Sunday, May 25th, the Women's Society members of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich., presented their annual program. We were privileged to have the members and the pastor from the Beaver Church as our guests for the occasion. After some well chosen words of welcome from our president, Mrs. Prendinger, we had songs by the entire group. Special musical numbers were rendered, several readings and recitations were given by the members. "The Cross of Service" was presented by the ladies, depicting the diversified program of activities, as presented at the General Conference in Tacoma. Then our guest speaker, Rev. Fred Mashner from the Beaver Baptist Church, brought the message on "Miriam."

We as a society have 24 active members. Some of our aged cannot attend all the meetings. Much sunshine is spread through cards, flowers and

visits by our visiting committee. We meet once a month in the homes of the members for devotion and business. We also observe "Prayer Day" and honor our mothers at our May meeting.

With the help of Rev. and Mrs. Prendinger we have packed and sent 27 boxes of clothing and 5 boxes of food for the needy in Europe. Over \$500 were given by the members of the society this year, of which \$150 has been given for missions. The society also presented the church with carpeting for the auditorium and an electric vacuum cleaner.

Mrs. B. Knopf, Secretary.

### The Tri Church Rally for Michigan Young People Is Held at Gladwin

The Tri Church Rally for the Alpena, Beaver, and Gladwin churches of Michigan was held at the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin on June 28 and 29. It was opened with devotions led by Mr. A. R. Wolfe, superintendent of the Round Lake Church.

The first study was "The Meaning of Worship" given by the Rev. Fred Mashner of Beaver. Our second study was "Young People's Workshop" by the Rev. R. A. Grenz of Alpena. A third study was led by the Rev. V. H. Prendinger of Gladwin on "Planning the Lesson." At 7:30 P. M. the young people gathered on the church lawn for an enjoyable time of games led by Mr. Bert Braun of Beaver, after which we had a marshmallow roast and the singing of choruses. The devotional service was led by Mr. Herbert Seipke, president of the Central Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

On Sunday, June 29, the Sunday School was led by Mr. A. R. Wolfe of the Gladwin Church. Brief messages were given by Bill Smith of Alpena and Ed Schultz of the Beaver Church. At the worship service we were favored with a duet by the Rev. and Mrs. R. Grenz of Alpena, and the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Rochester, New York spoke on "Life's Eternal Challenge."

All visitors were taken to the homes of the members of the Gladwin Church to enjoy good dinners. The afternoon was taken over by Rev. Fred Mashner. A business session was held in the afternoon with committee and constitution reports and election of officers. The Rev. R. A. Grenz of Alpena spoke on the subject, "The World at My Door." We were also favored with two duets by the Wolfe daughters.

The evening service was in charge of the Rev. R. A. Grenz and the Alpena Church. Special music was given by the choir, men's quartet, and Mrs. Fred Mashner, all of Beaver. The Rev. Daniel Fuchs spoke on the topic, "Not Conformed But Transformed."

Viola Liske, Reporter.

### The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois Holds a Vacation Bible School

A successful Vacation Bible School of two weeks was conducted by the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., from June 16 to 27. With an enrollment of 75 children, attendance averaged 64. Most of the children were from the sponsoring church, although several came from neighboring churches. Attendance in the various departments was: Beginners, 12; Primary, 22; Juniors, 22; Intermediates, 6.

With the Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the church, in charge, the staff consisted of 12 volunteer workers and one paid worker. The latter was Miss Berneice Westerman of Lennox, S. D., this assignment being her first after her graduation from the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago on June 16. Mr. Veninga described her services as very helpful and satisfactory. She assisted in all departments of the Vacation Bible School, and took a prominent part in the closing exercises held at the church on Sunday evening, June 29, at which pupils presented the program and displayed handwork made during school sessions. Approximately 150 attended the program.

Appreciation was expressed at the closing program to the various church organizations and individuals who, during school sessions, treated the pupils and staff to ice cream and cookies. The school children also enjoyed attending the annual Sunday School picnic held on Saturday, June 28.

At the conclusion of this second annual Vacation Bible School held under Mr. Veninga's direction, he announced plans to hold a "bigger and better" Bible school next year.

Mrs. Walter E. Kohrs, Reporter.

### Session of the Board of Directors of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

The Board of Directors of our Children's Home met at the Home in Saint Joseph, Michigan for their annual meeting on June 3rd. After a long period of cloudy, rainy and disagreeable cold weather, we were favored on that day with brilliant sunshine and excellent weather, which put everyone present in a cheerful mood.

The attendance of members from the general board as well as the local board was good. Two new members were welcomed, Mr. Harold Johns from the Forest Park Church, and Rev. Wm. Hoover, the new pastor of the Benton Harbor Church. Mr. Walter Grosser was elected chairman of the Board, Mr. Herman Siemund, secretary, and Mr. Henry Bartz, treasurer.

The superintendent of the Home, Rev. A. Runtz, gave a very encouraging report outlining conditions at the Home and calling attention to a new automobile purchased and various other improvements, such as a deep freeze unit which makes a valuable addition to the equipment. The general health of the children at the Home is very good with minor ailments of a passing nature now and then. The



The Large Attendance of Children and Volunteer Teachers at the Vacation Bible School Held by the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois

superintendent mentioned that an efficient cook in the person of Mrs. Inez Fulks, formerly of Peoria, Ill., is at the Home now and is performing excellent, unselfish service.

After the morning session, a very good dinner of fried chicken was served with ice cream from the new deep freeze unit for dessert. We are aware that this was a special occasion and that this excellent dinner was an exception. But we know that wholesome, tasty food is being served to the children in plentiful quantity. Their ruddy cheeks and appearances testify to this.

The afternoon session was short, closing about 3:00 P. M. with the majority of the Board members leaving immediately, most of them having come by automobile.

We regretted to leave this beautiful Children's Home which our denomination is proud to own, and feel that being an orphan or a half-orphan in the care and shelter of this beautiful Children's Home is a blessing and a privilege which more should enjoy. We thank God that we are able to serve unfortunate children in such lovely surroundings and under efficient management and loving Christian care. We know that the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the children are looked after with great care and loving devotion.

Herman Siemund, Secretary.

R. G. Kaiser, Reporter.



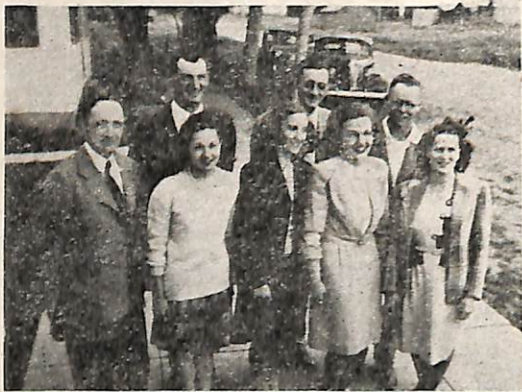
Members of the Board of Managers of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan, at Their Recent Annual Session With the Superintendent and Matron, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz

### Northern North Dakota Young People Enthusiastically Hold Their Assembly at Anamoose

We, the Northern North Dakota Baptist Young People's Association, praise God for the many blessings bestowed upon us at our summer assembly held in Anamoose, No. Dak., from June 16 to 20. Our theme was, "Saved To Tell Others," with the text, "Ye Shall Be My Witness" (Acts 1:8).

We were greatly privileged to have Dr. T. W. Bender and the Rev. H. G. Dymmel with us who instructed classes on "Baptist Doctrine" and "Developing a Christian Personality," respectively. Also with us for a short time was the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner from our Publication House.

Mr. Bender and Mr. Dymmel spoke alternately at the evening programs, bringing evangelistic messages. On Friday afternoon Mr. Dymmel spoke at a very impressive consecration service.



The Executive Committee of the Northern North Dakota Baptist Young People's Association

(Back Row, Left to Right: Gordon Mayer, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Lyle Wacker)

(Front Row: Rev. A. K. Fischer, Luverne Michelson, Edna Neuharth, Ilo Waydeman and Mrs. Fred Schmidt)

At the business meeting on Thursday the election of officers was held as follows: assembly dean, Rev. A. Fischer, McClusky; president, Gordon Mayer of Harvey; vice-president, Luverne Michelson of Martin; secretary, Ilo Waydeman of Anamoose; treasurer, Lyle Wacker of Turtle Lake; registrar, Edna Neuharth of McClusky; dean of women, Mrs. F. Schmidt of Turtle Lake; dean of men, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks.

We are already looking forward to our Fall rally and Sunday School Convention to be held in Turtle Lake. Our group is also enthusiastically looking forward to next year's assembly, since it will be a seven day program to be held in a Baptist out-door camp.

Ilo Waydeman, Secretary.

### Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Germantown Baptist Church

On June 22nd the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota celebrated its 50th anniversary. Our guest of honor, Mrs. Christ Ruff of Benton Harbor, Michigan, was presented with a corsage from the ladies of the society. Mrs. Ruff, a charter member, very graciously consented to bring us a short message.

The program consisted of vocal solos, piano solos, and a duet. The Germantown Men's Quartet, whose popularity as a quartet is well known, rendered a number. We were fortun-

nate in having not only talent from our society, but talents represented by our surrounding communities. Mrs. Abner Edinger of Cathay, Mrs. Adam Zuber of Fessenden, and officers of their respective societies also took part. The history of our society was read by our secretary, Mrs. Herman Edinger, and at this time letters and telegrams of congratulations were also read. The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein, who were present at our 40th anniversary, then brought to us inspiring messages of hope and challenge for the future.

The principal portion of the program consisted of a play entitled, "Tired of Missions," by Katherine Young Thaxter. Though not recently written, the play carries a timely message. Mrs. Elmer Burgstahler directed the play, and the entire society is grateful to her for her untiring efforts to make the play a success. A great number of the members took part in the drama.

Delicious refreshments were served

by our Luncheon Committee which consisted of Mrs. Otto Faul, Mrs. August Seidel, Mrs. Anthony Michalek and Mrs. Charles Bettger. Mrs. Gust Meth served on the Decoration Committee and the fact that our basement looked very charming, with candles and flowers, can be attributed to her and her assistants.

The Society is grateful to God for his leadership through the past, but we are still in need of his infinite wisdom and guidance in the future.

Reporter.

### First Impressions of the New Field at Bison and Isabel, South Dakota

"At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore," said the Psalmist. It is with this same feeling that we look back upon our first weeks in Bison and Isabel, South Dakota, upon the years of service in Beatrice, Neb., and to the heartfelt farewell services there on the last Sunday in June. We appreciate the gifts of remembrance, which we will, indeed, long treasure, but we value much more the words of friendship that accompanied them. Since we are convinced that it was the Lord who sent us to another field, we pray that the Lord may soon send them a leader, "according to their faith," to lead them in the future.

Now, as I am writing this the few intervening weeks have passed, and we have felt the heart-beat of the members of the two small frontier

churches of Bison and Isabel, South Dakota. We have heard their expressions of faith and hope for the days that lie ahead. Our evangelist, Rev. Daniel Klein, was on hand to preside at the installation service, and with Mrs. Klein, to add gracious words of testimony. Now it is our prayer that we may live up to the high faith and hopes of these dear people, who have waited and prayed, in ministering the Word of life and salvation among them and in the territory surrounding their churches.

A. G. Rietdorf, Pastor.

### Badlands Young People's Assembly Is Held For the Second Year at Hettinger

The Badlands Young People's Assembly, which was held from June 16 to 20 in Hettinger, N. D., proved to be another splendid assembly. This was our second gathering held in the Badlands area as well as the second one held in Hettinger. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Hettinger, served us as our host.

The evening messages were brought by our two guest speakers, the Rev. J. C. Gunst and the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, with the officers of the assembly in charge. It was a great blessing to have these two men in our midst. The topics which were chosen for the evening messages by the guest speakers were: "Forward With Christ" by Mr. Gunst on Monday night, "Fight the Good Fight Of Faith" by Mr. Stoeri on Tuesday night, "Saved To Tell Others" by Mr. Gunst on Wednesday night, and "God Inspired Thoughts" by Mr. Stoeri on Thursday night.

Classes were held in the school but the church was used for meals and evening services. The societies which were represented were: Hettinger and New Leipzig, No. Dak.; Plevna and Vida, Mont.; McLaughlin and Bison, So. Dak. Sidney and Billings, Mont., were unable to be represented.

The Intermediates were taught under the direction of the Rev. Henry Lang and Mrs. B. C. Schreiber. Mr. Lang taught "Not Your Own," and Mrs. Schreiber taught "Missions." The Senior class was divided into two groups. Mr. Stoeri taught one group on "The Life Of Christ," and the other group was taught by Mr. Gunst on "Baptist Distinctives."

The Senior Choir was under the direction of the Rev. David Littke with Mrs. Littke as pianist. Mrs. Schreiber directed the Intermediate Choir with Esther Kaiser as accompanist. Recreation under the direction of Mr. Lang followed the choir rehearsals.

The lakeside vesper services, preceding the evening services, were held indoors because of the damp weather. The topics used by the various ministers for the vesper services were: "Sowing Good Seed" by Rev. Alex Sootzmann; "The Game of Life" by Rev. Bruno Schreiber; "Ye Shall Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" by Rev. David Littke.

Wednesday afternoon the business meeting was held. It consisted of the adoption of a constitution, election of new officers and the treasurer's report. The results of the election were as

follows: dean of assembly, Rev. B. C. Schreiber; president, Christ Zimmerman, Hettinger; vice-president, Juanita Feock, Plevna; secretary, Wilma Goehring, Selfridge; treasurer, Mary Strobel, Vida; dean of men, Rev. H. Lang, Vida; and dean of women, Bertha Karch, Plevna. Esther Kaiser was appointed as Editor of our "Badlands Assembly Journal" for next year.

A banquet dinner was served by the cooks on Friday noon. Rev. Gunst and Rev. Stoeri were each presented with a gift of appreciation for their assistance. The banner was presented to the New Leipzig society for having the highest average of points in the "Program of Work Contest." The Vida society received a picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" for having the highest amount of mission giving per member.

Meraleen Huber, Reporter.

### Almost 1200 People Attend Sessions of the Dakota Conference at Bismarck, No. Dak.

One of the unique features of the Dakota Conference is the unusually large number of delegates and visitors. The great crowd of people in attendance gives one the impression that the General Conference is being held. The thousand song books, which were purchased for the occasion, were not enough to supply each individual, and approximately 1,150 people from North and South Dakota and Montana crowded into the War Memorial Auditorium in Bismarck, the capitol city of North Dakota.

An exceptionally full program required every available hour from June 25 to 29, in which the general and quite inclusive theme was, "The Kingdom of God." Rev. Erich Gutsche of Corona, South Dakota opened the conference with a forceful message based on Exodus 4:2, "What is that in thine hand?"

Our "Quiet Time" speakers this year certainly knew how to apply the "Balm of Gilead" to our tired bodies and restless souls. Merely reading the topics should give one the desire to be alone with God. Rev. A. J. Fischer stilled our hearts by leading us "Into the Silence with Jesus;" Rev. H. Waltereit, "My peace I give unto you;" Rev. G. W. Rutsch, "The Spirit-filled Life;" Rev. H. G. Dymmel, "Abiding Convictions!" Rev. O. Schmidt, "Seek Those Things Which Are Above;" Rev. F. Schmidt, "The Secret of Christian Joy;" Rev. A. Krombein, "Stand Fast, and Grow;" Rev. J. Kepl, "Prevailing Prayer." A quiet memorial service was also held in honor of 75 departed loved ones, who are attending a conference much larger and more glorious than ours. The evening services were always well attended. Rev. F. Alf lifted up our eyes so that we might see "Jesus Only." Rev. A. Ittermann focused our attention on "The Cross of the Kingdom." Dr. Roy Hodges, North Dakota secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention, brought us out of our lethargy, gave us zeal and direction, as he spoke on Deut. 2:3.

The brethren, who had papers to read, gave us some thought provoking lectures which were a credit to their study and research. Rev. H. Schroeder,



The Choir of the Baptist Church of Bessie, Oklahoma With Mr. Schmidt, Director, at Extreme Left

Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner, and Rev. Theodore Frey brought forth the various aspects of the Kingdom.

Mr. Vernon Alf and Mrs. J. G. Benke served the conference by providing musical numbers at regular intervals. The various solos, duets, and quartets were a source of refreshment during the long business sessions. The mass choir, under the direction of Vernon Alf, lifted the audience to new heights of joy and praise. Under the leadership of Mrs. Kurt Peterson, the Bismarck choir rendered a service in song during the evening meetings.

Sunday was the expected climactic day of the conference. The Reverends Berg and Nelson led us in the discussion of the Sunday school lesson. Then followed an unexpected surprise. Most of us had heard of Miss Eleanor Weisenburger as one of our prospective missionaries to the Cameroons, but we wondered how soon she would be ready to join our African Ambassadors. Immediately before the morning message she was introduced by her pastor, Rev. C. T. Rempel of Venturia, and presented to the conference by Rev. H. G. Dymmel. Her testimony brought forth her joy, gratefulness, and anticipation. The missionary message by Mr. Dymmel on that memorable morning was particularly appropriate as he spoke on the desire of the Greeks — "We would see Jesus." The morning offering for missions amounted to \$2,056.84.

The afternoon mass meeting was in charge of the young people's organization. Rev. G. K. Zimmermann, who began his recent ministry in Grand Forks, was the principal speaker for the occasion. His message was based on the words, "I Have Sinned." The meeting ended with the installation of the young people's officers with Rev. P. Geissler giving the charge. A strong P. Geissler note was sounded on the evangelistic note when Rev. H. G. Dymmel last evening when Rev. H. G. Dymmel spoke on the invitation, "Come to Jesus."

Throughout the business sessions, our moderator, Rev. Arthur Weisser of Wishek, proved himself a very competent parliamentarian and capable linguist. In both languages, he kept the issues clearly before the people and the satisfaction of all. His poise and the presence of mind were appreciated during some of the critical stages when the general discussion seemed to be

cloud the points in question. To prove that our conference is still progressive, it was decided to open new mission fields, one in Aberdeen, So. Dak., and the other in Glendive, Montana.

The results of the election of officers for the coming year are as follows: moderator, Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley; statistician, Rev. H. Waltereit of Lehr; recording secretary, Rev. C. T. Rempel of Venturia; members on the mission committee, Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky and Rev. David Littke of Plevna, Mont.; mission secretary, Rev. H. G. Braun of Parkston, So. Dakota.

Young People's Union: president, Harold Lippert of Tripp, So. Dak.; vice-president, John Schmidt of Fessenden, No. Dak.; second vice-president, Violet Nies of Bismarck; secretary, Ella Ehman of Lehr; treasurer, W. Steiger of Medina; director of music, Rev. H. J. Wilcke; director of evangelism, Rev. J. G. Benke of Hebron.

Ladies' Missionary Society: president, Mrs. G. W. Rutsch; secretary, Mrs. Walter Stein; treasurer, Mrs. A. Krombein.

B. C. Schreiber, Reporter.

### Southwestern Conference

#### The Baptist Choir of Bessie, Oklahoma Enjoys Its Ministry of Music

The choir of the First Baptist Church of Bessie, Oklahoma is thankful that it is privileged to sing to the honor and glory of its Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. We use all the singers in the church from 70 years down to 12 years of age, but we know there is a day coming when old and young will sing together to the honor and glory of the Lord.

We are not a modern choir for we are just as plain as we can be. One reason why this is necessary is that the director, Mr. A. B. Schmidt, is also a very common man, but he is thankful that he is able to serve his Lord as well as the church in this way. We the members of the choir ask for the prayers of our friends in Christ that we might be better able to serve Christ to his honor and glory. The Rev. George W. Neubert is the pastor of our church.

A. B. Schmidt, Director.

**Deeply Moving Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Rietdorf at Beatrice, Nebraska**

After the morning worship service on Sunday, June 29, a large group of friends from the West Side Baptist Church at Beatrice, Nebraska, its organizations, the community and friends from some distance met in the church basement at a covered dish dinner to remember the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Rietdorf and Mildred who have answered God's call to serve in another field at Bison and Isabel, So. Dak.

This spiritual, closely-knit group showed its appreciation for the nearly ten-year companionship and service of the Rietdorfs in the program expressing our thanks. Our hearts were so filled that our minds could not fully comprehend and organize our thoughts toward all the wonderful things Mr. Rietdorf had done. Some of these things we can see with our eyes include building a basement under the church, landscaping, and church upkeep. With our hearts we can see what he has done with and for us. His ability to recognize our assets and faults, to use them and to grow above them has won souls for Christ during his service here. A visible, yet intangible expression might be shown in the Vacation Bible School he organized and which grew to be a community project. Mission work was encouraged here and in other fields.

The family was recognized in the community with Mr. Rietdorf serving several terms as president of the Ministerial Association. Mildred served both in Church School and public school activities and in the municipal band. Mrs. Rietdorf joined with her service as a loyal wife and mother, standing close by with love and prayer.

We realize these things could only be accomplished by prayer, faith, trust and encouragement of those in the family, Church family, and with the Lord watching over it all. Perhaps, it is true that anyone could have done them had they been here at this time and known God. The "catch" is KNOWING God, not merely belief in him! That has given Mr. Rietdorf the opportunities, of which he took advantage, to receive God's blessings.

As we look forward to the time that someone will continue to serve the Lord in the capacity that Mr. Rietdorf has filled, we know his efforts to help us grow will carry us over that period. His thoughts and prayers for us and ours for him will surely find favor in God's sight.

Mrs. W. C. Littrell, Reporter.

**Atlantic Conference**

**The Ridgewood Church of New York Burns the Mortgage Papers On Its Edifice**

On Sunday, June 15, the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, New York celebrated a memorable event as the mortgage papers, issued originally on Jan. 1, 1925 for \$40,000, were burned to the great rejoicing of members and friends of the church.

The Rev. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Mich., under whose ministry our 22 year old edifice was built, was with us all day and preached during the morning services in German and English. The Rev. Wm. A. Mueller, Ph. D., of Rochester, N. Y., who had been invited, expressed his regrets at not being able to come.

During the afternoon session we listened to a report by Mr. F. C. Arnold, president of our Trustee Board, who also made a presentation of an appropriate token of appreciation to Miss Marion Van Ahnen, who in the capacity as secretary of our Finance Committee, had completed a 9 year arduous task of typing the many appeals, bulletins and reports and of recording payments made for use by our committee.

Mr. Wengel refreshed our memories of the years of finding a new location for our church, of planning and building the new edifice and finally dedicating it to God as a house for worship, stating how happy he was to have had a hand in it. Dr. Stanley B. Hazzard, executive secretary of the Baptist Church Extension Society, congratulated us on the achievements and stated that during the last few years many churches had similar celebrations. Mr. John C. Lotz was asked to reminisce about the various projects which finally led to completion of the task.

The evening service took on a more formal character, conducted by our pastor, Rev. A. E. Kannwischer. Dr. Hazzard delivered the sermon, reminding the church of its great and only mission, to preach Christ, the Savior of mankind. Pastor Rost of the Reformed Church in our section was happy to be with us. The Rev. Wm. Appel of the Evergreen Church rushed over later to bring the greetings from his church.

The climax of the evening was the so-called ceremony of the burning of the mortgage attended to by Rev. Paul Wengel, who had been responsible for the church's issuing it, and the officers of our various organizations. Our pastor saw to it that the paper flared up in flames. Our choir rendered "The Hallelujah Chorus" in praise to God.

May we take this opportunity to thank the host of friends, former members and members, who so liberally gave toward this worthy cause.

John C. Lotz, Reporter.

**Northern Conference**

**Wonderful Addresses and Music at the Northern Conference Sessions at Carbon, Alberta**

The 44th session of the Northern Conference met in the beautiful new church of Carbon, Alberta, Canada upon the invitation of the Carbon and Zion Baptist Churches from July 2 to 6. Many were the blessings which the vast multitude of delegates, visitors, friends and members of the local churches received from God.

The Rev. E. M. Wegner, pastor of the Carbon Baptist Church, opened the conference on Wednesday evening,

welcoming all to the town and into the homes of the members. The vice-moderator, Rev. R. Milbrandt, responded to the welcome. The denomination was represented by the brethren: H. G. Dymmel, T. W. Bender, W. Luebeck, and E. P. Wahl.

Mr. Milbrandt delivered the opening sermon, "Repent," based on Acts 2:38. Rev. R. Schilke brought the mission address on Sunday morning and Dr. T. W. Bender addressed the conference on various occasions and brought the closing message on Sunday afternoon. The Reverends A. Huber, C. H. Seecamp, A. Kujath, and H. Smuland brought the messages of the evenings. The Reverends A. Kraemer, A. Buehler, H. Lueck and F. W. Benke led, respectively, in the devotional services and the Reverends W. Luebeck, T. W. Bender and E. P. Wahl inspired the conference in the "Quiet Half Hours."

Many were the musical renditions by the Carbon Mixed Choir, Male Choir, Ladies' Sextet, Zion Ladies' Octet, Ladies' Trio of Springside, Zion Mixed Choir, C. T. I. Male Quartet and the Carbon Orchestra as well as many other special numbers by visiting people. Rev. K. Korella led the mass choir on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. F. W. Benke led the memorial service, remembering the 29 members of the churches who had gone to their heavenly reward. Special mention was made of the Rev. Abraham Hager who labored in the Northern Conference as a pioneer for many years in faithful service.

Rev. O. Patzia, president of the conference, presided over all business sessions in a fine way. Out of the 50 churches of the conference, 39 had sent their reports. The total mission support of the year was \$52,497.52, and the total income of all churches was \$147,003.

The new officers elected are: president, Rev. R. Schilke; vice-president, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn; secretary, Rev. R. Kannwischer; statistician, Rev. G. Beutler. Mission Committee: Rev. A. Huber, secretary; Rev. J. Kornalewski and Rev. R. Kannwischer; Waisenvater, Rev. C. Kraemer; Young People's representative, Rev. F. W. Benke; music director, Rev. K. Korella; representatives on the General Council, Rev. R. Schilke and Mr. H. Streuber. The president, officers and directors of the Christian Training Institute and the "Haven of Rest" at Medicine Hat were elected.

Several important resolutions were passed by the conference. We adopted an \$8000 project for the expansion of the "Haven of Rest." The salary of all pastors is to be raised according to the rising prices. A copy of all ordination minutes is to be sent to Forest Park, Illinois to be filed there. The mission offering received on Sunday morning amounted to \$1,770.

We praise God for his beautiful blessings to us and the fine weather given during the meetings. To the local pastor, Rev. E. M. Wegner, and his wife and to all the members of the Carbon and Zion Churches we wish to express our deepest appreciation for their faithful service and the tasty meals served. We shall meet in Medicine Hat, Alberta in 1948.

C. H. Seecamp, Reporter.

**OBITUARY**

**MR. PHILIPP FISCHER of Parkston, South Dakota**

Mr. Philipp Fischer of Parkston, South Dakota was born on June 20, 1862 at Gueldendorf, South Russia. On Nov. 20, 1880 he was united in marriage with Catharina Quinzer. For 52 years they shared the joys and sorrows of married life. Sixteen children were born to them, 13 of them preceding their father in death.

In the year 1901 the Fischer family emigrated to the United States. At first they settled near Scotland, So. Dak., and afterwards near the Dry Creek Baptist Church. However, in 1914 Mr. Fischer moved to North Dakota and settled on a farm southwest of Turtle Lake. After 12 years he returned to South Dakota and made his home in Parkston. Here he spent the rest of his days in retirement.

Five years ago Mrs. Fischer preceded him in death, and then Grandfather Fischer made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mary Leischer. His 3 surviving children faithfully cared for their aged father and nursed him in the days of sickness.

He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in 1893 as his personal Savior, and was baptized at Odessa, South Russia by the Rev. F. Fuellbrandt. Upon his arrival here, he united with the Baptist Church in Parkston. Surviving him are his 3 children, 2 daughters, one son, a brother, Mr. Jacob Fischer, 30 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. May the Lord bless the surviving children and comfort them with his abiding grace!

Parkston, South Dakota

H. G. Braun, Pastor.

**MRS. HENRY AHLHARDT of Kyle, Texas**

Mrs. Laura Ahlhardt, nee Ponfick, was born on May 23, 1872 in Fayette County near Carmine, Texas where she spent her childhood and youth. She died on June 12 at 6:00 A. M., attaining the age of 75 years and 20 days. She was married to Mr. Henry Ahlhardt on Nov. 21, 1889. They lived in Fayette County for about 3 years and then came to the vicinity of Kyle in 1892 where they resided on a farm until her death.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized by the Rev. S. Benson and became a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle in 1894 and was a good and faithful member here until her death. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Henry Ahlhardt; one sister, Mrs. William Schuerg; three sons and three daughters: Edwin, George and Raymond; Mrs. Otto Jepsen, Mary and Lydia; as well as by 8 grandchildren: Edwin, Jr., J. Roland (a student at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y.), Grace, Elwood, Gilbert and George Ahlhardt, Jr., and Clarence and Evelyn Jepsen. Besides her immediate family she is mourned by the Immanuel Baptist congregation and a host of friends.

Mrs. Ahlhardt was a loving wife and mother and a faithful and patient Christian. Her memory is a blessing for her loved ones and her church. The memorial service took place on June 13 under the direction of her pastor who was ably assisted by student Alvin Wetter. We were comforted by II Tim. 4: 6-8. May God comfort her loved ones with the hope of a glad reunion before his throne.

Kyle, Texas

David Zimmerman, Pastor.

**MRS. MARY FRANKE of Kyle, Texas**

Mrs. Mary Franke, nee Fritscher, was born Sept. 6, 1870 in Industry, Austin county, Texas. She died in the Govalle Nursing Home, Austin on June 17, attaining the biblical age of 76 years, 9 months and 11 days.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized on April 20, 1924

by the Rev. Robert Vasel and united with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, of which she remained a faithful member until her death. She was married to Mr. Theodore Heideman in 1893. He preceded her in death in 1901. She was married a second time to Mr. Ernest Franke in 1904. Mr. Franke also preceded her in death.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ben Thonig; three sons and one stepson, Willie and Louis Heideman, and Robert and Joe Franke. She also is survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, as follows: Gilbert and William Carroll Heideman, Alton, Harold, Bobby Jean, Lois Elaine and Janice and Eugene Franke, all of the vicinity of Kyle. She is also mourned by her four daughters-in-law: Mrs. Willie Heideman, Mrs. Louis Heideman, Mrs. Robert Franke and Mrs. Joe Franke, as well as by a host of friends and the Immanuel Baptist congregation.

The funeral was held on June 18 at the Immanuel Church. James 4:14 served as a text and challenge to the large congregation. That sister Franke was well known and beloved among the people of the community was evidenced by the many floral offerings. May the God of all comfort console her loved ones!

Kyle, Texas

David Zimmerman, Pastor.

**MR. E. A. VOEGELIN of Philadelphia, Pa.**

On July 2 Mr. E. A. Voegelin of Philadelphia, Pa., went home to be with the Lord. Through his death we of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia have suffered a severe loss, for he was one of our faithful workers and counselors. The preceding Sunday evening he was in the midst of his brethren waiting for the service to begin, when suddenly a stroke laid him low. He did not regain consciousness. He was born in 1868, joined the church when he was 16 years of age and remained a faithful and honored member until the end.

In 1893 he was joined in marriage with Miss Amanda Neumann. This union was blessed with four children, three sons and one daughter. The sons are active in the field of medicine and healing, the daughter in education. His dear wife went to be with the Lord six years ago.

He was active in the church for many years: 50 years as deacon and trustee; 30 years as director of our choir; 35 years as secretary of the Sunday School; a charter member of our Male Chorus; 50 years a member of the board of directors of our Home for the Aged. Surely, he did what he could and did it well.

On the 7th of July his earthly remains were laid to rest. The many who came to show their last respects were evidence of the love and esteem in which our brother was held. I Thess. 4:13 gave us the hope and confidence that we shall see each other again in the glory land. May the comfort of God be with his loved ones as they mourn! He leaves 4 children, 3 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,

Philadelphia, Pa.

H. Palfenier, Pastor.

**"Sun of my soul, Thou Savior dear, It is not night if Thou be near; O may no earth-born cloud arise, To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes."**

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**MRS. KATHERINA NEHER of Elk Grove, California**

Mrs. Katherina Neher, nee Baummiller, of Elk Grove, Calif., was born on March 29, 1896 in South Russia. Her parents were Andrew and Louise Baummiller, with whom she came at the age of ten to this country, settling with them in South Dakota. When 15 years of age, she acknowledged Christ as her Savior and was subsequently baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Parkston, So. Dak., by the Rev. Mr. Ritzmann. In 1914 she was united in marriage with Ed. Neher with whom she shared joy and pain. Following their marriage, they moved to Canada where they lived until they came to Elk Grove in 1920. God blessed their home with four children, all of whom survive the mother.

Several months ago, severe pains indicated the presence of an ailment, which in the process of an operation was found to be incurable cancer. After weeks of indescribable suffering, the Lord took home his suffering child on June 4, 1947. Those who sense the loss painfully are her husband, Ed. Neher; four children: Mrs. Edna Derheim of Sacramento; Mrs. Mabel Veninga, and Gilbert and Walter Neher, all of Elk Grove; four brothers and sisters: John Baummiller, Bismarck, No. Dak.; Mrs. Elisabeth Werner, Lodi, Calif.; Jacob Baummiller, Hazelton, No. Dak.; Mrs. Pauline Schlatt, Mercer, No. Dak.; five grandchildren and many friends.

Zion Baptist Church,

Franklin, Calif.

W. W. Knauf, Pastor.

**MRS. MINNIE NIEBRUEGGE of Owensville, Missouri**

Mrs. Minnie Niebruegge, nee Hoener, was born at Wollam, Mo (near Mt. Sterling, Missouri), on Jan. 25, 1886, and departed this life on April 17, 1947, in the St. Francis Hospital, Washington, Missouri, after an illness of about six months, having undergone two major operations and much suffering, but bearing it with patience and faith, for she trusted her Lord and Savior.

At the age of 17 she accepted Christ, was baptized and became a member of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. Then by letter from that church she became a member of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Gasconade County, Missouri. She was a good church worker and rendered much Christian service.

On Dec. 31, 1905 she was married to Mr. Henry J. Niebruegge who survives. To this union five children were born, four surviving. They are Mrs. Verna Spurgeon and Chester Niebruegge of Owensville, Missouri; Mildred Niebruegge of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, and Mrs. Anna Gledinghagen of Columbia, Missouri. Also surviving are three brothers: Fred Hoener of Pratt, Kansas; Edward Hoener of Stafford, Kansas; and Ernest Hoener of Bay, Missouri; besides three sisters: Mrs. Christina Sickendieck and Mrs. Augusta Fritzsche of Stafford, Kansas; and Mrs. Carrie Neese of Bland Rt., Missouri; and four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Niebruegge spent 41 years of their married life on their farm in the Third Creek Community, Gasconade County, Missouri. The Pin Oak Creek Congregation then consisted of the Third Creek and Mt. Sterling Church buildings. Both were members for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Niebruegge were charter members of the Third Creek Baptist Church, when it became an independent church in 1932. In 1946 they retired from farm life and moved to Owensville, Missouri.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. F. W. Varner at the First Baptist Church, Owensville, Missouri, of which she and her husband were members at the time of her passing. The high esteem in which she was held was expressed by the large attendance of relatives and friends from the community and from the distance, and by the many floral offerings.

Mt. Sterling, Mo.

Ricka Leimkuehler, Correspondent.

## Southern Conference

### Spiritual Adventures for the Southern Conference Young People at Their Encampment

The anxiously awaited days arrived, and the young people of the Southern Conference met for their annual encampment at Latham Springs Camp Grounds, Acquilla, Texas from June 24 to 29. Our theme song and theme of our assembly proclaimed the message throughout the days, "Saved to Tell Others."

We were, indeed, privileged to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker, bringing to us inspiring and challenging messages from day to day. We were also happy to have with us our two summer workers, Alvin Wetter and Edward Link from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., who served in a splendid way. It was good to see the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer and Natalie among us again, since they were visiting here from Milwaukee, Wis.

Ed Link was music director during the camp, and opened the Tuesday evening song service with Dr. Leuschner bringing the opening address, "The Missionary March Around the World."

Each morning a hike opened the day's activities. Breakfast was followed by the early morning devotions, which were led by the various churches. At 8:55 A. M. all met for classes. The young people were under the direction of Rev. J. R. Wyatt, teaching "Soul Winning;" and Rev. Robert Schreiber, teaching "Missions." The Teen-age Class had as their teachers Edward Link and Alvin Wetter, teaching "Evangelism" and "Missions," respectively. The Juniors were directed by Miss Florence Elliott and Mrs. C. Schmeltekopf. The forums each day were centered on "The Christian Achievement Plan" and led by Dr. Leuschner. The Quiet Hour was conducted by the pastors: Rev. W. Helwig, Rev. R. Seibel, Rev. D. Zimmerman and Rev. P. Pfeiffer.

Wednesday and Friday evenings were in charge of Dr. Leuschner with interesting denominational pictures shown on Friday evening. Alvin Wetter brought the message on Thursday evening. A camp fire service was held each evening following the evening worship. Saturday, at dusk, found the young people enjoying each moment of a banquet, with Mr. Warren Brenner as toastmaster. Our speakers were "Ed" Link and Dr. Leuschner.

The afternoons were devoted to recreation, including swimming, softball, volley ball, shuffleboard and other games. Throughout the camp we were favored with musical selections by the various churches and the Youth Choir.

Sunday morning our Sunday School Classes were conducted with Rev. J. J. Lippert teaching the Adults; Mrs. Julius Hill, the Intermediates; and Mrs. J. J. Lippert, the Juniors. The morning sermon was brought by Rev. R. C. Mulder of Donna, choosing as his message, "The Seven-fold Walk of the Believer." The closing rally was in charge of Dr. Leuschner using as his topic, "The Touch of the Master."

The mileage banner was awarded to the North Donna Baptist Church of

Donna, Texas, and the attendance banner to the Central Baptist Church of Waco.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schreiber served faithfully as our deans, and we are grateful for their untiring efforts to make this a most successful camp. Especially are we grateful to our heavenly Father for this experience of camp life. Rich in spiritual blessings, we now recall, happily, the "good times" of yesterday's camp.

Christine Oster, Secretary.

### Fortieth Anniversary and Baptismal Service Are Held at the Mowata Baptist Church

The Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana celebrated its 40th anniversary on May 26. The program for the occasion was under the leadership of our deacon, Mr. Henry Bieber.

Reports were given about the organization in 1907 with 13 charter members, of whom four are still active members, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bieber, Mrs. Karoline Loewer and Mrs. Martha Loewer. At the beginning, services were held in the home of Mr. Fred Loewer and in 1920 the first church was built. At the same time plans were made to build a parsonage, but this was not realized until 1926, due to financial conditions.

The following pastors have served the church: G. Hege, 1918-1921; C. C. Gossen, 1925-1927; Paul Hintze, 1928-1932, and again 1938-1944; G. Schwandt, 1934-1938, and August Rosner, our present pastor. During the ministry of these pastors 48 converts have been baptized. Our present membership is 44. In 1927 the women organized a Sewing Circle with 12 members, and from this group our Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1938. The present enrollment is 17 members in this group.

On Sunday, June 15, the Rev. A. Rosner had the privilege of baptizing four young people, Marelene Bieber, Jenell Lengfelt, Elfrieda Lower and Reynold Loewer, and of extending the hand of fellowship to them to become members of our church.

Mrs. Rheinhard Bieber, Reporter.

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Some of the 120 Children and Young People (Right) at the Southern Conference Encampment at Latham Springs, Near Waco, Texas, With the Pastors and Seminary Students (Left) Who Served as Class Teachers and Camp Leaders