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Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Missionary Sec.
Nov. 30—Dec. 6 — Wishek, North Dakota.
Sunday, Dec. 7 — Fredonia, North Dakota.
Monday, Dec. 8 — Venturia, North Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Sec.
Tuesday, Dec. 9 — Conference With No. Amer. Baptist Students at Sioux Falls College, So. Dak.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec.
Sunday, Dec. 7 — Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Rev. H. Pfeifer, Gen. Evangelist
Dec. 7-21 — Turtle Lake, North Dak.

Rev. Edwin Michelson, Missionary
(Travelling to So. Dakota churches with Team from So. Dakota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.)
Sunday, Dec. 7 — Avon, Tyndall and Danzig, Parkston and Tripp.
Dec. 8 — Plum Creek Church.

DECEMBER THE SIXTH

Saturday, December 6th, is the sailing date for Miss Leona Ross, our new missionary to China. See the editorial of this issue for more information about this important event.

On Friday, Nov. 28, a commissioning service was held in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., with the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, missionary secretary, bringing the message. The consecration prayer was offered by Dr. Wm. Kuhn, former mission secretary.

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Dec. 9 — Emery.
Dec. 10 — Chancellor.
Dec. 11 — Wessington Springs.
Dec. 12 — Corona.
Sunday, Dec. 14 — Madison, Spring Valley and Unityville.

Dr. T. W. Bender, Seminary Prof.

Dec. 3-7 — Revival-in-the-church meetings, Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y.

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AMONG OURSELVES

We shall soon be able to look back upon a very eventful year. Our churches have spent or are planning to spend almost two million dollars on their church buildings and parsonages. We have expanded our missionary program in almost every direction of the compass. Our denominational membership has risen to a new high. We have launched the Million Dollar Offering with considerable enthusiasm. The Christian Achievement Plan has stressed wholesome spiritual goals. Our relief ministry has been enormous with results that compare favorably with Baptist bodies having much larger constituencies. God has been good to us in 1947! We are assured of his bountiful blessings. To HIM be all praise and glory!

IN THIS ISSUE

You will enjoy the glimpses into our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan through the reading of two fine articles by the superintendent and his daughter. The sermon by the Rev. Herbert Hiller was first preached at the Eastern Conference. It is so challenging that it deserves the consideration of the entire "Herald" family. The Rev. Roy B. Anderson's message, which was not published in the last number due to printing difficulties, is just as appropriate in these days before Christmas. This may be your last chance to read "The Herald" in a leisurely way before the Christmas rush begins!

COMING

The story of Christmas celebrations among the Africans, Mexicans and Indians will be a unique feature of the Christmas issue of "The Herald."

The Christmas sermons will be brought with great spiritual effectiveness by the Rev. Fred G. Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas and the Rev. Rubin Kern of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Four pages of missionary stories and accounts about our Cameroons field with many striking pictures will occupy the usual place of the serial story in the next number only!

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

China's Millions

THE DATE of Dec. 6, 1947 will be a memorable milestone in North American Baptist history. For on that day Miss Leona Ross, our missionary to China, will sail from the port of San Francisco for the new Chinese mission field across the Pacific. This will be a real venture of faith for us as we follow God's bidding to an entirely new mission field in the Orient.

It is significant that on the day before Pearl Harbor day, when the thoughts of Americans are directed to the Pacific and to those catastrophic events which plunged us into the last war, we, as North American Baptists, will direct our thoughts into the same direction with prayers for her, who will be God's messenger of the Gospel and of abiding peace in Christ. When all the tumult and shouting of war have died away, the fruits of this missionary's labor will still bring joy to many, many hearts.

China's millions are calling to us. Their spiritual needs must become our missionary burden. Their land and the customs of these people will be presented to our people through our missionary literature. Here among the teeming millions of people in South China, we shall undertake a definite mission work for the Lord Jesus Christ. It will begin with this talented and experienced missionary, Miss Leona Ross, but as the blessings of God multiply upon the field, other missionaries are bound to follow.

A house boat is to be placed at Miss Ross' disposal as soon as practical. Her mission contacts will be largely in the river villages near Canton, where so many of China's 525,000,000 people live. By means of a hand organ and with her intimate acquaintance with Chinese life, she will touch many hearts with the glad tidings of the Gospel. Preaching services will be held wherever feasible, and mission chapels will be erected as groups of converts gather together to worship the true God!

China is at the crossroads of civilization. The great battlefield of the world, in which a well known atheistic power may be one of the participants, may be on Chinese soil. The spiritual confusion of China is heart-rendering. The people are groping in darkness without hope.

In contrast, Christian missionaries are the bright light on the dark horizon. Some of the outstanding political and educational leaders of China, as Christians, witness to the power of the Gospel in their lives. The open door of welcome has been extended to Christian missionaries. Christian schools and hospitals are exerting a great influence. Miss Ross will join again that noble company of missionaries in China whose ministry and message may be the spiritual turning point for a vast host of people in the years to come.

Miss Ross is ably equipped by experience and with a knowledge of Chinese to go forth on her mission. She will be accompanied by a great many prayers on her behalf, as our people everywhere begin to share her burdens and joys in their thoughts and take her work to the throne of God's grace. Lift up your eyes upon the new mission field in China! Let the faces of China's millions and the figure of a lone missionary in South China's villages imprint themselves as an indelible picture upon your soul!

BIBLE TEXT

"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen." Ephesians 6:24.

This last verse in Ephesians is a fitting climax to this great epistle of the Apostle Paul. Recently it was our privilege to study this book with members of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Washington. We were reminded through Dr. E. Y. Mullins' fine study book that the verse should read, "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruption."

Love for Christ possesses an incorruptible, immortal quality. Even as the grace of God bestows eternal life, so our love for Christ takes on an immortal glory in the final consummation of the Church of Christ and in the glorious victory of his Gospel. The last word of God is always ETERNITY, glorious IMMORTALITY, an amazing INCORRUPTION. The life that flows from God again returns to him!

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME

In December we find Christmas to be just around the corner. This month also reminds us as churches of the ministry of our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. Although the number of children in the Home is not so large as formerly, the ministry of the superintendent and matron, Rev. and Mrs. August Runtz, in behalf of the boys and girls who are there continues on the same high spiritual and loving plane.

Read the articles in this issue about the activities at the Children's Home. Remember the children of the Home with Christmas goodies. Let the Christmas offerings of our churches flow into this important channel. Offer your prayer for the Home with the assurance that "inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren," you have rendered your service unto Christ!

UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

The observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 14 ought to be stressed in one way or another in every Christian church. The American Bible Society has been successfully carrying on a "rush business" in printing Bibles and New Testaments in hundreds of languages. The radio carries the message of the Bible over the air to millions of listeners. The comfort of the Bible is ministering to the harassed peoples of the world.

"The Bible is news," as Dr. Francis C. Stifter wrote several years ago. "The reason it has surpassed all other books in durability, in translation, in publication, in circulation, in popularity, is because it contains the best news that ever broke upon a waiting world — the news that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life!'"



With an Overflow of Grateful Hearts Young People of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia Sing for an Invalid Member of the Church Who Thankfully Receives This Ministry of Love

The Overflow of a Grateful Heart

A Timely Message by the REV. ROY A. ANDERSON of the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

ONE of the saddest commentaries on human nature is man's reluctance to say "Thank you." All of us like to be self-sufficient and independent. Somehow "it goes against our grain" to have to acknowledge a debt of gratitude to a man or woman who has done a kindness to us. A man would rather do anything in the world to discharge an obligation of this nature, rather than give in to the impulse which he has had from the beginning and say, "thank you."

Actually that's all the other person wanted anyway. You know that, because you have been on the other side, on the "receiving" end, and many times have longed to hear those simple words. When you did, you couldn't explain the lift you received. When you didn't you felt let down or even disgusted.

Do you remember what you said then? I know, because I've said the same thing. I've heard people say it over and over again. The words ring in my ears even now. Remember? "The least he could have done is say 'Thank you.'" "The least he could have done . . . !" And yet, there are times when to say "thank you" is all one can say or do. This leads to the question: How much is demanded of us when we are obligated to others?

How much do I owe my fellowman?

How can I pay my debt to the millions of men and women, living and dead, who have been instrumental in making this world a better place in which to live? Strangely enough, there are some who would never acknowledge that a debt exists, but to meditate honestly for a moment is to realize a sense of obligation.

What citizen of the United States would dare to say that he is not obligated to the Pilgrim Fathers who braved the stormy Atlantic, the freezing winds and snow of New England, the hunger and privation of winter in order to find freedom of conscience and worship, and as a result founded this nation? I am indebted to George Washington and the soldiers of the Colonial Army who fought and died for freedom. I am indebted to that great company that crossed the Allegheny Mountains, the Mississippi River, and the Rocky Mountains in order to establish new homes. I am indebted to Abraham Lincoln and the soldiers of the Civil war . . . I am indebted . . . I am indebted . . . I am indebted . . . ! Space would not permit the enumeration of the debts you and I owe to our fellow-man. I am hopelessly in debt. What can I do? What can I say?

In the Arlington Cemetery at Washington, D. C., there is a grave dedicated to "The Unknown Soldier." Nobody

knows who he is. We do know that he represents the hundreds and thousands of young men who gave their lives in order to preserve this nation, to defend you and me! It would be foolish to think that money could pay for what he has done. All the money in the world wouldn't make a down-payment on such a debt. All I can do is bow my head in reverence and say, "Thank you."

If a person cannot pay his debt to mankind except in gratitude, how much more is that true with regards to one's parents! The love of a mother and a father for their child cannot be computed in dollars and cents, and a real parent would never consider payment in material things as a reasonable substitute for the child's love. One cannot buy the love of a parent any more than one can buy honesty, or kindness, or any virtue in the catalogue of virtues. The great longing of your parents is to hear you say "Thank you" when you realize what they have done for you.

The ability to say "Thank you" is not natural to the human race. Haven't you noticed that a child has to be taught to say it? I know a little boy who is about three years old. A typical boy, I'm sure. Whenever he receives a gift, the first thing he does is to tear the package open and see

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An Enthralling View of Snow-crowned Mt. Hood of Oregon as Photographed by Mr. Roderick Eggiman of the Bethany Baptist Church Near Portland

Christ, the Author of New Order

A Sermon by the REV. HERBERT HILLER of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo New York

"He that sat upon the throne, said, Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5)

NO ONE can deny the importance of this timely theme, "Christ, the Creator and Bringer of New Order," in a world suffering in the throes of wild and flagrant disorder which affects the lives of so many with tragic and fatal consequences. In the depressing confusion and tumult of our time the burning question is this: Is there a moral order in the structure of life? Is there a divine order beyond the designs of men, and can that be realized in human affairs here below?

Somehow man has not been able to forget the majestic sentence with which the Bible opens: "In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The God of Order made the world. He created it, surely not without a design, but in order and beauty. He ordained it to be man's temporary home and for his sustenance and enjoyment filled it with a variety of forms and types of life and adorned it with wonderful

artistic creations of nature which all bear the imprint of his name.

GOD'S ORDERLY CREATION

We think of the massive mountains crowned with the purity of eternal snows, the singing, babbling brooks, the tinkling blue-bells by the wayside, the stately trees lifting up their leafy arms in prayer, the bright-blue, over-arching dome by day, the deep, silent, star-strewn spaces at night which make even an atheist half believe in God. Into this beautiful earthly home the beneficent Creator placed man to be the crown of creation, to subdue the earth and have dominion over all the lower creations. This assignment man has taken very seriously, and in his desire to dominate and conquer he has made this good earth groan from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Here a farmer neglects the land, there greedy lumber kings and oil magnates strip bare the valleys and mountainsides of the rich forest growth to extract the vital fluids of the earth, leaving fire and flood and consequent soil erosion to complete destruction; while others in gross self-seeking and bloody wars waste the riches of this world in the name of Good Business,

Mammon, and let thorns and thistles grow.

Almost instinctively man feels that he has not been brought into this world's garden for such disruptive purposes as that. Surely, God did not intend him to be the disturber of peace and order, robbing life of its sweetness and joy, and turning his blessed light into darkness of night. He created man with soul-capacity for divine fellowship; he was to be a child of the Heavenly Father by free choice, a character after God's design.

What the story of man's fall proves beyond a shadow of doubt is that character is the source of all order or disorder in the world. It is want of godly character in life today that has strewn the world with the wreckage of man's undoing and inflicted untold misery on all remaining life. Desire for domination and conquest without character-control is a curse and always results in hopeless disorder. "And disorder is sin; sin disorder", St. Augustine already said many centuries ago. So then, the disorder in the world is but the reflection and working out of the disorder within the hearts and lives of men. It is lack of human character matured and per-

fectured unto godliness by the discipline of the Divine Word and Spirit.

GOD'S SPIRITUAL PATTERN

It was character for which the prophets came pleading; it is the character of God which Jesus came to reveal. "He was the life and his life was the light of men." His character is God's design for human life, the new Kingdom fellowship of the redeemed, the born again, the partakers of divine nature, is God's pattern for the world. When we discover and relate ourselves to this design, the jangling world takes on harmony, we let life fit this pattern and life is right. We know it, we feel sure of it, we are confident, at peace.

When we abandon this design, or neglect its challenge or tarnish it by compromise, whatever else be gained, it is with life as Jesus described it in his immortal words, "What doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" What is life worth—heartless, soulless, senseless?

Jesus' life and character alone hold the key to the secret of life's true meaning. The Sermon on the Mount has the blueprints of its divine design. The Beatitudes are the laws of this new moral order which one can only disregard at one's peril and disobey to one's own destruction. His teachings are the only sure way that poor, broken humanity must seriously try, his atoning death offers the new chance for newness of life. With Christ we die unto sin. We rise with him into a life of correct attitudes, right motives and new interests, putting first things first that he might have the pre-eminence and his design for life take form in us. Such transformation of human nature and realization of a Christlike character in man's life is the basis for order in the world; all else is self-deception and leads to inevitable doom.

History is littered with fallen kingdoms. Empires flash with a generation's brilliance and disintegrate, cultures wax and wane, proud nations strut in arrogance of no more worlds to conquer, but before long they are gone and their place is unknown.

CHRIST OR CHAOS!

There can be no order without, when there is chaos within. It is but idle talk to speak of building a new order. The new order is built into the structure of things; we must learn to live by it. The problem of order in the world is that of orderly living, of seeking the Kingdom of God first, of bringing life into harmony with God's design, of achieving Christ-likeness.

Correctly Leslie Weatherhead concludes: "Forever men try to build the city of God by arranging the bricks of

the old order lying on the road in a new pattern. But the city of God isn't built up. It always comes down out of heaven from God, not as the result of man's cleverness, but as the fruit of God's grace."

The first century Christians were living in a world of sophistication and temporal power, of external glory and inner decay, and everywhere cynical disregard or brutal persecution of those who clung unwaveringly to Christ. But when the black days came and hearts grew faint, they received much help and encouragement from one who on the island of Patmos was in the spirit on the Lord's Day: "And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven as a bride."

Consider the beauty of the divine order. The streets of that city are safe and beautiful to travel on, even for the feet of little children. Transparent gold is under foot where it belongs to smooth the pathway of life. Pearls, jewels, are gates, doors of opportunity. "And He that sat upon the throne said: I am the first and the last and the Living One . . . Behold, I make all things new." This redemption, transformation of man's sinful nature and crystallization of character is a mysterious inner change which begins with the new birth of divine life in him, and that Jesus considered fundamental and imperative: "Ye must be born again."

Some have called this insight impracticable, but two thousand years of trying "practicable" methods of living have brought us to the very brink of doom. The world's complete failure and man's utter helplessness throws us back on Jesus. The issue is now clearly this: Christ or chaos. To talk about changing human nature, as Christ did, may sound idealistic, but to talk about changing human society without changing human nature is lunatic.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Still, having said all this, we must recognize the fact that the transformation of human life is no simple, easy matter. In one of the discouraging moments in Jesus' ministry Peter saw how hard it is. Following had become increasingly difficult for the disciples. "From that time on many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him," so we read. Sadly they departed. They wished him to win if he could, but did not believe he would.

Then Jesus asked: "Will ye also go away?" And Peter replied with all his heart, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast words of eternal life." If ever in the confusion of our time we allow the constant fire of this faith to go out, it will indeed be a dark, cold

moment for the world. But if in a frightened world we can feel the certainty of Peter's faith, we will be part of that Kingdom which cannot be shaken.

The difficulties attending the change of human nature and the growth of Christian character are numerous and make us often desperately impatient, for it is such a slow, painful process. No one knew that better than our Lord. "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?" he once said unto his own disciples when he beheld the ineffectiveness of their life, their inability of meeting the need of a distressed father.

In order to fit the divine pattern into human life, he found himself stretched out upon the cruel cross. There was the hesitation and struggle of Gethsemane, the agony of Calvary and at last the Resurrection Morn that decisively proved that he was right about the Divine Intent and victorious. He says to all who follow him with fear and trembling today: "I say you will have tribulation. My cross still stands to remind you of your own. Darkness still falls, the rains descend and the floods come and beat upon the house, but God's design cannot be changed. The world still allows its workmen to have hard hearts and soft heads, to think of self and forget others, but so shall it not be among you. He who would be the greatest, let him be the servant of all. He who will serve me, him will my Father honor."

IT COMES OUT RIGHT!

Most readers are probably familiar with the helpful little story that Dr. Preston Bradley tells. A restless little daughter was disturbing her father; so to amuse her and to keep her busy he tore a map of the world from the newspaper he was reading and cut it into small pieces. "Here's a jig-saw puzzle, dear", he told the child. "Now run along and put it together." The youngster, whose knowledge of geography was slight, went to work on the map and soon had it assembled. Her father, aroused by her clamor of triumph, was astonished at the accomplishment, and asked, "How did you do it so quickly?" "There's a picture of a man on the other side," she replied, looking at him. "I put the man together and the world came out right."

Back of all the confusion, perversion and caricature of life, back of the jigsaw puzzle of the world today and our poor, foolish ways is God's right way, his design for life, the Redeemer Christ. If we look at him, and organize our entire life around that blessed Center, the world, the character and quality of our life and everything else will come out right.



The Children's Home of the North American Baptist General Conference at St. Joseph, Michigan

A Message from Your Children's Home

By REV. AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Superintendent of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

ALTHOUGH poverty and hunger in Europe today are greater than modern man has ever suffered, the conditions there give us a fair idea of the situation that existed in parts of our own country following the Civil War. As now, so it was then, childhood seemed to suffer most.

Nevertheless, in that day God raised up a man with a heart and a vision. When Professor John Horn came to Louisville, Kentucky, his soul was stirred by the sight of needy, homeless, fatherless children, and by the fact that no effort was being made to care for them. So he gathered a few other Baptist brethren about him, and together they organized a Society and opened a Home for the care of these unfortunate children.

At first it served only the local community, but eventually it became the Children's Home for our entire denomination to which any of our churches could turn for help whenever there were children who needed a foster home.

CHILDREN IN THE HOME

It was in 1871 that the Home was organized in Louisville, and it remained there until 1916 when it was moved to St. Joseph, Michigan. In January 1919 the main building of our present Home was dedicated, and in 1930 a much-needed addition was erected. This building provided primarily some sorely-needed play rooms and isolation wards.

The number of children in the Home seems to fluctuate with the conditions prevailing throughout the nation. For instance, during the terrible influenza epidemic of several decades ago, the number of children in the Home increased by reason of the fact that often both parents of a family were taken by death. In cases like

that, this Home proved to be a real God-send for the bereaved children. Here they found food and shelter, but primarily a home, which gave them a sense of security and belonging. Here they were able to grow up under Christian guidance and influence. Here they were enabled to attend both grade and high schools until they were in a position to make their own way in the world.

The depression years also saw more children coming to the Home. We do not know exactly why this should have been the case. Doubtless, however, there were instances of children with only one living parent who might have been able to get along quite well in normal times, but were unable to do so in abnormal times.

CHILDREN OF TODAY

In more recent years most of the applications which the Home receives do not come for children who have lost one or both parents, but for children whose parents are either separated or divorced. That is the tragedy of our day. In most cases the plight of such children is worse than that of orphans, for they are caught in a net of conflicting loyalties.

These children love their mothers and they love their fathers; and generally, though not always, both parents love their children. But the parents do not love each other. Smaller children just cannot understand this. And so they are all frustrated. They are expected to have a sense of loyalty and devotion to this home also. Pity the poor children! Under these conditions we labor and do the best we can with these young lives.

During the past summer quite a number of children left the Home. Nevertheless, we believe that in most cases it will be to the advantage of

the children involved. One girl graduated from high school last June and is now working in Chicago while making her home with an aunt there. Two boys were returned to their mothers. In one case a widowed mother, whose five children had been in the Home for the past four years, remarried, and of course took her children. In another case a widower, who had had two children here, remarried and took his children. In still another case a divorced father remarried and took his two children out of the home.

So, of course, that leaves room here for more children. We would therefore like to remind our people that should any children from any of our churches need the shelter and security afforded by this Home, then these churches are urged to avail themselves of our facilities. This is a Children's Home, which means that although it is for orphans, it is not for orphans only.

HONORED BOARD MEMBERS

During the past few months our Home suffered the loss of two of its valued Board members. They were Mr. Conrad Netting of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. A. F. Johns of Oak Park, Ill. Both of them had served in the capacity of Board members for many years. On their way to the Central Conference session last August 14 Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Netting were killed in an automobile accident. We shall miss not only Mr. Netting, who always was a staunch friend of the Home, but also Mrs. Netting, who always accompanied her husband to the Board meetings and who always was a welcome guest in our midst.

On September 23 Mrs. A. F. Johns quietly slipped out of this life into that better land. She, too, was a wise counselor and friend of the Home. We

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Religious Life at the Children's Home

By MRS. MELBA RUNTZ PETERSEN, Daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. August F. Runtz

OUR CHILDREN'S HOME in St. Joseph, Michigan is more than just an institution for the care of children. It is fundamentally a religious home where the souls of children are given as much consideration as their physical needs.

Many of the children who come to our Home have had no previous contact with the church or with religion in their homes. We must teach them how to pray, in many cases starting off with simple rote prayers until they can begin to grasp the idea of God as Father of us all and can begin to express their own feelings to him.

One illustration is that of a small girl who came to the Home a little over two years ago with no knowledge of God and prayer but who now prays each night that her mother will learn about Jesus and come to love him.

EVENING PRAYERS

Someone hears the prayers of all the smaller ones each night after they are tucked into bed. Although some people may object to hearing children's prayers, saying that prayer must be a private thing between oneself and God, we feel that the children need help and guidance in learning how to pray.

Praying with them also helps to establish habits that will go with them throughout life. Sometimes we have to help them think of things to pray about.

This summer we received some wonderful new swings and bars and a slide. Just before their prayer time they were asked if they had enjoyed playing with the new equipment. After they had a chance to express their joy in it, we reminded them that they

got it because of good Christian people who loved God and were showing their love both for God and the children in this way. That night and for many nights thereafter the prayers included thanks to God for the good people who had given them the playground equipment and for the fun they were able to have with it.

So by suggestion we try to teach them that prayer is a great deal more than merely asking God for material things, that it must be thanksgiving, penitence, confession, intercession for those we love and for those less fortunate than we.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Mealtime is an important part of the day for religious instruction. We have prayer before each meal. After the breakfast, before the children are dismissed, we read a Bible passage and a devotional message, usually from "The Secret Place." Then one of the children leads in prayer. At noon there is little time because the children have to get to school, so we say a Bible verse. (The children have memorized many Bible passages in this way.) At the end of the evening meal there is usually a chapter from a Bible story book of the Old Testament.

Sunday is an important day, for everyone goes to Sunday School and Church. There is also a Junior Choir to which many of our children belong. The older ones belong to the young people's group in the church and usually go to the Sunday evening service as well as the Sunday morning. All of those in High School and Junior High also attend the Christian Youth Fellowship meeting every Tuesday night. The church has a splendid Sunday School where graded lessons

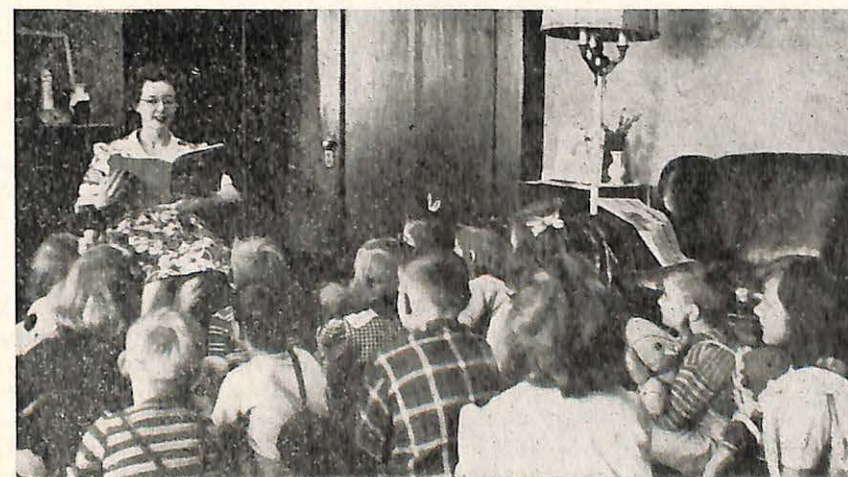
are used. Saturday night often sees youngsters working on the lessons for the next day. They like the church, and the pastor, the Rev. Louis Broeker, is always greeted with shouts of joy when they see him. This summer there was a Vacation Bible School which all our younger children attended.

STUDY OF CHRIST'S LIFE

We have had an interesting time this past summer and fall during our story time after supper in the evenings. Previously I had taught courses on the life of Jesus, spending one part of sessions on studies of the country where Jesus lived, the customs and religious observances of his day. Children have always liked this kind of study which usually takes several months, so I decided our children would enjoy it also. And they do!

There is a very fine book, "Once There Was A Little Boy," by Dorothy Kunhardt in which the author tells how Jesus might have spent his fifth birthday with his mother recounting for him all the things which he had done during the day and ending with the story of his birth. It is a lovely book with colorful illustrations which the children have enjoyed. We are building a model village and making replicas of things that were common in Jesus' life. One night we made water jugs. There were two different kinds, so some children made one kind and some another kind. The next night the two we thought were the best were set aside to be kept while the rest was put in with the clay again to be used in making wells.

This project will last all winter, since it cannot be carried on every (Continued on Page 11)



Mrs. Melba Petersen Has Captivated the Attention of Everyone at the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan, as She Conducts the Study and Story Hour



The Show Window of the Headquarters of the American Board of Missions to the Jews With Its Presentation of the Gospel Message for the Thousands of Jews Who Pass This Window Daily

Jews Are Being Saved

By the REV. EMIL D. GRUEN, a Worker of the American Board of Missions to the Jews and a Member of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York

"And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47.

CAN A JEW be saved today? This question is asked me again and again. Thank God, we can answer affirmatively, "Yes, the Jew can and is being saved today." We, who work with the Jews under the American Board of Missions to the Jews, are seeing the words of the passage in Acts quoted above being fulfilled on every hand. This mission, which under God has a world-wide outreach, is being mightily used of him in these climactic days in the calling out of the "remnant according to the election of grace" (Romans 11:5).

Fifty-two years ago, Leopold Cohn, an ex-Rabbi of Hungary, a seeker who had found his Messiah, began his humble efforts to preach the message of Christ to his own people in Brooklyn, New York. From the very beginning God honored the work, not its size, but the zeal and consecration of those who ministered in his name.

Today the American Board of Missions to the Jews is the largest Jewish Mission Society in the world. Our mission stations and missionaries are located in Europe, Palestine, South America, Central America and the United States and Canada. In addition to missionaries and mission stations,

we carry on a vigorous ministry via the radio with seventeen stations in the United States, two in Canada, and four in Central and South America, including HCJB. The broadcasts in the United States and Canada are called "The Chosen People Broadcast." Those in Central and South America are known as "The Message of the Christian Jew."

We must not overlook the ministry of the printed word, the thousands of tracts, the publication for Jews called "The Shepherd of Israel," which goes into nearly 35,000 Jewish homes every month, and "The Chosen People," which has had such a long and inspirational ministry among our Christian friends.

THE READING ROOM ATTRACTS

As the headquarters of this world-wide missionary outreach to the Jews, the Leopold Cohn Memorial Building in New York City is a beehive of activity, not only for the administering of the mission work in all parts of the world, but also for the carrying on of an intensive missionary program among the Jews who are all around us. We are located on the west side of New York City, in an area in which there are more than 500,000 Jews, and we are the only Christian mission in the whole region. This places a great responsibility upon us, but one which

we have joyously accepted and are vigorously carrying out.

From morning till night, seven days a week, there is never a dull or quiet moment. Our Reading Room, which is on the street floor, is open from nine to five o'clock. And from the moment that we open until we close, Jews come in. Some ask questions, some argue, some come seeking, but all have the Gospel preached to them. This is a very productive ministry and we have had some glorious experiences.

One morning, soon after we opened, two fine looking Jewish men entered. They were passing the building on their way to their office and curiosity had brought them in. After answering a few of their questions, our mission worker began to deal with them. After more than an hour of study of the Word, they fell to their knees and asked God to have mercy on them through Jesus Christ, their Messiah. When they arose from their knees, one of them said, "This is the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me. I cannot go to the office; I must go home and think this through."

Every Sunday afternoon we have a Gospel service in our fine auditorium which is also on the street floor. It is advertised as the service where Jews and Christians meet. These meetings are addressed by local pastors and mission workers. Their purpose is to

preach Christ to the unsaved Jews who attend.

In order to show them that Jews do believe, we have two of our Jewish believers give their testimony at each meeting. What a thrill it is to hear these dear ones of Israel who have found their Messiah, testify to the joy and peace that have come into their lives! And how heart-breaking it is to see the look of hunger upon the faces of our Jewish people as they listen. They too want joy and peace, and we must show them Christ, Who is the Way to the realization of their desires.

As I sit on the platform and look at the dear Jewish faces, so full of expectancy and desire, I am grateful to my Lord that we have a message for them, and that they are willing, even anxious, to hear it. At these meetings also God's Spirit is reaching out and finding those whom he can add to his Church.

REACHING THE REFUGEES

In our mission activities we try to reach every one in our area, and so classes have been organized for various groups. Since there are many German-speaking Jewish refugees around us, we hold a German Bible Class every Monday evening. To this class come about forty men and women each week, who listen intently as our Missionary Singer opens the Word of Life to them. They listen gladly as he tells them of HIM who is touched by our infirmities. They can understand his suffering, for they too have suffered much; and many of them have accepted him as their burden bearer.

Our Mother's Class had a small beginning, but God can work with small numbers also. For weeks there was only one mother, then there were two; a small beginning, yes, but quick results. For soon after this class started, one of the mothers confessed Christ as her Messiah. A fifty percent success! Yes, Jews are being saved!

This same evidence of God's Spirit working in our midst can be seen in our other classes, the Young People's, the Children's, the Adult Bible Class. God is moving the waters, and the Israelites are finding him of whom Moses and the prophets spoke.

A very important part of the mission ministry of this building is the show window. It is large, taking in almost the entire front of the building. We use it to good advantage, for we want it to be a continuous testimony to the Jews who go by. And since we are on one of the busiest streets in New York City, they go past daily by the hundreds. The window is so arranged that it attracts the attention of the people as they pass.

For the holiday season we had a special Palestine display. A good friend had loaned us objects native to that precious land. We combined those

with the message of the Savior who came to Bethlehem's manger. It is a very attractive window, and none go by without pausing to read its message and admire the Palestine curios. Many have come in to ask about it and its message. "Is it really so?" is the question we often hear.

Then we also have a poem called "The Jew." It is printed on a large poster, and an invitation is given to come in and receive a copy free. Many have come in and asked for it, and thousands of copies have been given out. We change the window frequently, for we want its attraction to remain fresh. It is our "fishing line," for we are "fishers of men" for our Lord.

Even at night the window continues to witness. We have an automatic stereopticon which shows seventy slides consecutively and continuously. These slides are divided into series of three; one scripture text, one Palestine scene, then a short message presenting the Gospel challenge contained in the two preceding slides. This machine goes on at sunset and continues until eleven o'clock at night. How they are attracted to this presentation! Sometimes as many as twenty people will be standing in front of the window, taking in this witness of Jesus Christ.

TO THE JEW FIRST—GOD'S ORDER

There are many more activities which I could describe. But these will suffice to show that this mission is earnestly carrying out the command of our Master to "begin at Jerusalem." The early disciples never disobeyed this divine order; that is why Paul tells us that the Gospel is "to the Jew first." This we are doing, and God is blessing our efforts with much success; yes, Jews are being saved.

Dear friends, pray for Israel, pray without ceasing. Pray that in these frightful days God will open the hearts of many of his children to a realization of their responsibility toward Israel. There must be a great outpouring of missionary effort for Israel. Never has the time been so ripe for a great harvest of souls among them.

In these days of their great suffering and persecution the words of our Lord as recorded in Matthew 25:40 take on a new significance. The Jews are hungry and thirsty; they are sick and in prison; they are naked and friendless; yes, and they are still Christ's brethren. Whatsoever we do for them, we do for him.

Mrs. Lehman, the gifted hymn writer, caught the full meaning of this passage when she wrote:

"How Jesus loves them, but we have despised, Forgotten, neglected, in scorn undisguised. Think you to face Him, and hear His well done, With Israel, His chosen, left dying alone?"

Your Children's Home

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shall miss these dear friends in the years that lie ahead.

So "life must come and life must go" and we who are left must keep on planning and toiling. Just ahead of us looms the Christmas season. For most children this is the center of their world. It is certainly the case here.

Last Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Netting were with us for the program and distribution of gifts. At the Board meeting last spring Mr. Netting spoke of his experience and told the other members that the sight of the children opening their gifts was a sight that would warm the hearts of any one.

We are grateful that there are many friends in our churches who are praying for us, and who work and plan and give in order to provide a wonderful Christmas and a year of plenty for the children here at the Home. "God bless us everyone."

Religious Life at the Children's Home

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night. It does not duplicate what the children may be learning about Jesus in their Sunday School classes. We are trying to help the children to understand the kind of environment in which Jesus lived, the type of people who surrounded him, and the influence that worked upon him. As we work, we talk about him and about the way he faced problems. We want Jesus to seem real, and we want to learn how he lived so we may understand more of the things he said and did in later life. As we live close to him in our story time and our play time this winter, we hope that he may come to mean a great deal to each one.

Probably even more important than the specific religious training which we give to the children is the day by day attempt to establish a Christian atmosphere in our home. Sometimes it is very hard to be cheerful and not lose one's temper at the end of a hectic day, but we try very hard to remember that we have a very serious responsibility in that we stand as examples to these children. They learn more by what we do than by what we say in our more formal periods of instruction from the Bible and about Christ and his way of life. We need the prayers of all friends of the Home so that we may be true and faithful in this great task and that the children may see Christ in us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, North Dakota have announced that a baby boy was born to them on Nov. 3rd, who has been named David Max.

● The Rev. Otto Lohse resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of McIntosh, South Dakota on Sunday, Oct. 12. It was understood by the church and pastor that Mr. Lohse is to stay on the field and to serve the congregation until a new pastor can be found. He has been the minister at McIntosh since 1935.

● The new pastor of the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., Canada is the Rev. Henry Schumacher, a graduate of Briarcrest Bible Institute of Canada. He has been serving the church since April, 1947. He was ordained into the Christian ministry at a duly called and organized council meeting and by the Fenwood Church on Sunday, Nov. 2nd.

● On a recent Sunday the Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota with its mission stations celebrated its mission festival with the Rev. Fred Trautner, pastor, in charge. These festive services were held throughout the day with an offering of almost \$400 given toward missions. The pastor and his wife have been busily engaged in "visiting all over Golden Valley, Zap, Hazen and Beulah." Special meetings were held in November at the Zap station.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Zion Station of the Carbon Baptist Church of Alberta, Canada from Oct. 13 to 24 with the Rev. and Mrs. A. Buhler of Onoway, Alberta assisting the Rev. E. M. Wegner, pastor, in the harvesting of precious souls for the heavenly Kingdom. Twenty persons made their confession of faith in Christ during the meetings. Pleasant weather enabled the people to attend the services in large numbers.

● The mission festival of the Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas was held on Sunday, Oct. 19, with the Rev. Ronald Stabbert of the Bethany Church of Kansas as guest speaker. On Oct. 27th the pastor of the Bison Church, Mr. Harold H. Fischer, was ordained. A more complete report about the ordination service will appear later. From

Oct. 27 to Nov. 9 revival meetings were held in the church with the Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham, Kansas as evangelist.

● The McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada has called the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Rochester, N. Y., as its minister to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Fuchs will begin his pastorate in the Canadian city on Sunday, Dec. 14, where he will succeed the Rev. Otto Patzia, now pastor of the Connors Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich. The ministry of Brother Fuchs since 1939 in the Andrews St. Church of Rochester has been greatly blessed of God.

● On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8 and 9, the Bethel Church of Missoula, Montana held a series of special denominational meetings with the Reverends J. C. Gunst and M. L. Leuschner as guest speakers. Messages in German and English were brought on both days and missionary pictures were shown on Saturday evening. An offering of \$57 was also received for the Indian mission chapel project by the Pacific Northwest Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler is pastor of the church.

● The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., recently extended a call to the Rev. Paul D. Ford, former missionary in Jamaica, to become its pastor. He accepted the call and is already on the field, after having conducted several weeks of meetings in the church. Mr. Ford also was the interim pastor for some time while the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., was serving as a chaplain in the U. S. Army. More detailed information appears in a report from the Erie Church which is published elsewhere in this issue.

● On Sunday, Oct. 26, the Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana held its annual mission festival with the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general mission secretary, as guest speaker. He served with a challenging message and with a report of his experiences in England and Germany and at the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark. The offerings of the day amounted to \$5,934.50, of which \$5,000 were designated for the denomination's Million Dollar Offering. The Rev. David Little is the pastor of the church.

● The White Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff on Wednesday evening, Oct. 8. The service was led by Mr. Herman Krause of the Board of Deacons. The Rev. Henry Hirsch of the Erin Church and representatives from the White Ave. Church brought brief messages. A gift of \$100 was presented to the Wolffs. On Sunday evening, Nov. 2, the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon held its reception welcoming the Rev. and Mrs. E. Wolff and their family, with members and the Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor of the Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon, also in attendance.

● Mrs. H. Schatz, of Calgary, Alberta, wife of the pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of that city, was called to her heavenly home on Oct. 15 at the age of 53 years. The obituary prepared by the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, who officiated at the service, appears on page 23 of this issue. The sorrowing husband, Rev. H. Schatz, and his family of three children, Tabea, Gertrude and Max, wish to express their appreciation to their many friends for their kind words and thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy sent to them during their bereavement.

● The 50th anniversary of the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota was held on Sunday, Oct. 5, with a great crowd of 800 people in attendance at the festivities. Anniversary addresses were brought by former pastors, the Reverends C. M. Knapp and Emil Becker, as well as by the Reverends A. Krombein of Eureka, H. G. Dymmel, missionary secretary, and E. S. Fenske, local pastor. Mr. Friedrich Kramlich, a charter member, spoke about the early beginnings of the church. The Jubilee offering received on this day amounted to \$2651.67. The Rev. E. S. Fenske served the church from 1934 to 1938, and in his second pastorate since 1944.

● From Oct. 28 to Nov. 7 a series of special services was conducted at the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn. The Rev. John Walkup of the Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul served on two evenings of the first week with the Rev. L. B. Berndt of the Faith Church of Minneapolis serving on two eve-

nings of the second week. The Rev. E. W. Klatt, pastor, brought the messages on the remaining evenings. "Homecoming Sunday" was observed on Nov. 2nd with a record attendance in the morning service. On Sunday, Nov. 9, the Rev. E. W. Klatt had the privilege of baptizing nine converts, bringing the special meetings to an impressive close.

● On Sunday, Oct. 26, the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas held its Harvest and Mission Festival with the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young, our missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people of Colorado, as the guest speakers. For the following month, until Nov. 23rd, the church set a mission goal of \$10,000 for several projects in our denominational enterprise. According to the pastor, Rev. Fred G. Ferris, the goal of \$10,000 was exceeded on the first Sunday, but the church continued to give. The remarkable story of this church's acceptance of a great missionary challenge will be told more in detail in a later issue of "The Herald."

● The North American Baptist students at Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota held a dinner meeting on Oct. 27 and organized for purposes of Christian fellowship and denominational loyalty. Mr. John Ziesemer of Forest Park, Ill., was elected chairman, and Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, corresponding secretary. The Rev. John Wiens of Chancellor, So. Dak., brought a message to the group. The names of five students should be added to the list of 33 which appeared in the last issue of "The Herald." These five are Dorothy Abel of Marion, Kansas, Corinne Wolf of Ashley, No. Dak., Elmer Fischer of Lodi, Calif., Carl Hack and Joe Simpkins of Newark, N. J. This totals 38 students from North American Baptist churches at Sioux Falls College for the school year, 1947-1948.

● The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta opened its doors on Monday morning, Nov. 3, for another school term of five months with 108 students in attendance. The young people came from four Canadian provinces and several states across the border. The teachers on the Institute staff are: Rev. E. P. Wahl, president; Rev. F. W. Benke, Rev. A. Johnson, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, Mr. Robert Neske, Rev. Miss Ethel Ruff and Miss Erna Schwanke. The opening exercises were held from Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 with a message by the Rev. R. Schilke on Thursday evening on "Armed for Life's Conflict," a missionary meeting on Friday, and a prayer service for students and friends on Saturday evening. Further reports about the school's activities will appear in later issues of "The Herald."

Beside the Still Waters

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

CHRISTMAS BEFORE CHRISTMAS DAY

THE Christian Church didn't always celebrate Christmas. The early Christians lived under the shadow of persecution and martyrdom. They were more interested in the day of Christ's death than in the day of his birth. We are told that three centuries passed after the death and resurrection of Jesus before the earliest Christmas sermon, of which there is any record, was preached by Chrysostom in Antioch of Syria. For centuries, however, Christmas day has been the gladdest day of the year, a red-letter-day on the Christian calendar.

But Christmas had its origin in heaven. It didn't begin with the birth of Christ. The Christmas spirit is a spirit of love, unselfishness and good will. This spirit Christ manifested before he came from heaven to earth (2 Cor. 8:9). It was this spirit that brought him to us and that permeated his manhood and Saviorhood. He left his home in Nazareth, went about doing good everywhere and constantly thought of others (Acts 10:38).

The climax of this same spirit he revealed on the cross (Mark 10:45).

His whole life of humility, service and sacrifice was a manifestation of the Christmas spirit. Christ's glorified life in heaven is but a continuation of the same spirit (Heb. 7:25).

If Christ manifested the Christian spirit at all times, why should we confine it to just one day of the year? The trimmings of Christmas have their place, but they only last for a few days and then are discarded. But the spirit of the Christmas season should extend throughout the whole year.

A story is told of a young woman who had been with an outing party all day. In the morning, before she left home, she almost unconsciously slipped a branch of sweetbriar into her bosom. She forgot that it was there. All day, as she went with her friends, she and others smelled the spicy fragrance, but no one knew whence it came. Yet that night when she went to her room, there was the handful of sweetbriar tucked away in her dress where she had put it in the morning, and where, unconsciously, she had carried it all day.

If we have the spiritual fragrance of the Christmas spirit in our hearts, we can carry it with us throughout the whole year. God grant it!

Pointed Paragraphs

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

¶ According to the N. Y. "Times" Magazine for last February 23, the total number of church members in the U. S. is now 72,000,000, and of these 60 per cent are Protestants, 32.3 per cent Roman Catholic, 1.3 per cent Old Catholic, Polish Catholic and Orthodox, and 6.4 per cent Jewish — Converted Catholic.

¶ The signs indicate a concerted emphasis upon evangelism throughout our Protestant churches this year. At its biennial meeting in Seattle the Federal Council of Churches announced that the resolve "to win the people of this nation to Christ" would have priority in the months ahead. Already at least thirty major denominations have laid plans for crusades or similar evangelistic programs. All this can mean much for American Christianity or it can mean very little. The test will be not in the numbers added to our churches but, deeper, in what happens to the people who, person by person,

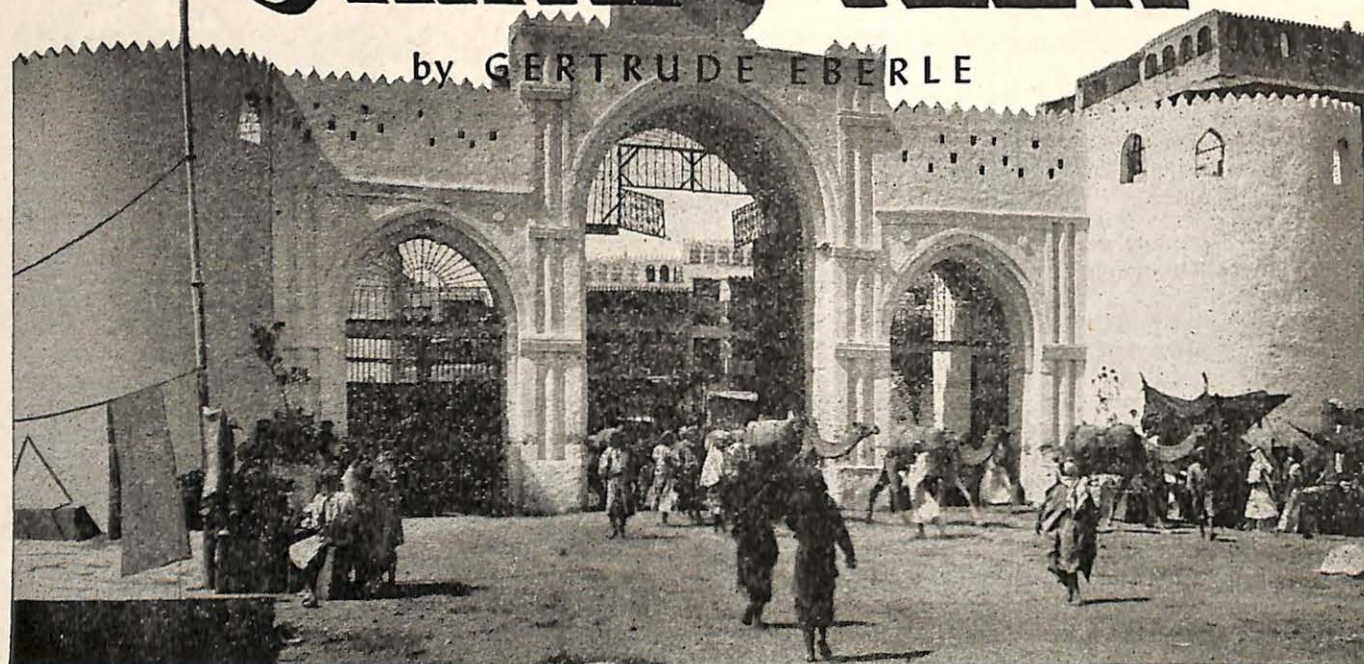
make up those numbers. — Christian Century.

¶ Worship of God has no meaning aside from honest motives. External ritual cannot take the place of true repentance. A show of religion and a pretense of faith are the disguise of a weak character and God never looks at appearances but at the heart. National greatness can come only through the godliness and the integrity of the citizens as well as their leaders. — Southern Baptist Adult Quarterly.

¶ Of primary importance in any Christian home is a disposition to put God first. The truest and highest love between any two individuals can come only when God is first, for it is his love that binds together the two and enriches and ennobles their love for each other. This same principle holds in the love of parents for children, and children for parents. — Sunday School Times.

CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



SYNOPSIS

Joseph and Raanah, two slaves in the caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen, became attached as servants 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. Shortly before the famous Festival of the Pharaohs and chariot races, the news arrived about Joseph's release from prison and his appointment to a responsible position in the land. These were exciting days for all, especially as the time for the chariot races approached. Raanah lost the first preliminary race. His heart was not in it. Then Joseph put a pendant in his hand to remind him of the Living, Protective God, in whom he believed. Bashia, Raanah's sweetheart earnestly prayed, "Dear God, let Raanah see the light!"

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

THE CROWD in the amphitheater on the third day multiplied, and was gay in color and vociferous but good-natured. This was topping day, Pharaoh's favorite sport, and he offered handsome chests full of gold for the winners. Horses and horsemen must be well-trained, and the fact that death often rode in this race held a grim satisfaction for the spectators.

During the forenoon single horses were topped, but in the afternoon the two-horse topping contest would be the greatest event of the Festival, and a number of noted riders were entered.

Joseph and the ladies did not arrive until Pharaoh had been escorted to his stall, so they did not see Raanah. As they walked past the merchantmen's booth, Egiba was howling an appeal to the passing crowds.

"Come, skinflints," he taunted. "Have

you no sporting blood? Who has the courage to wager one silver shekel against my two on Raanah, the rider in the fancy green tunic? Step right up now, and let me mark your tablet!"

And not to be outdone, at the other end of the booth, Isme-Dagan yapped. "Yea, pinchfists, two to one! Two to one on the Captain. Come, take a chance!"

Their antics brought a smile to the anxious faces of Joseph and Bashia, but Asenath laughed outright. "It is a good sign," she declared. "They must be feeling better."

They met Dungri at the gate. He told them that Raanah had been busy all morning with his horses. He would allow no one but himself to dress the chestnut's leg, and he was supervising with a critical eye the preparation of his topping team for the race. As Raanah's friends took their seats in the stall, they felt more cheerful. The signs were all good, though they heard no more about him until time for the great race.

The last day, the crowds in the royal stalls and on the benches loosened their purse strings and plunged into an orgy of betting. Recklessness prevailed. With such holiday crowds Memphis merchants had done a brisk business and had money to stake.

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Nobles and commoners who had won on previous events sought to make a final coup; those who had lost, sought to recover.

As the hour for the great race approached, expectation mounted. Troopers rushed about on mysterious errands. Track attendants flashed into action, while hundreds of black slaves scraped the course into condition.

Egiba and Isme-Dagan closed their booths, and with Dungri, Kedar, and Asaph filed into their places below the royal stalls. The friends in the stall above became increasingly nervous.

Suddenly the sharp rat-a-tat-tat of a drum startled everybody. They fluttered and craned their necks. The drivers of the race were stepping in single file to parade before Pharaoh. The crowd on the benches went wild, shouting and waving their colors. Each driver answered the acclaim given him and waved gaily to his friends.

Joseph and the women strained for a glimpse of Raanah. Finally they saw him near the end of the line. He was stepping forward briskly, head up, eyes alert, shoulders squared, and with the old dauntless spirit again in command. Joseph smiled with deep satisfaction. Here was the confident, gay-hearted Raanah — the Raanah he had not seen for years it seemed.

Joseph waved his tablet and shouted. Raanah waved back, smiling broadly. If he had wrestled with the angel during the night of his Peniel, he kept it to himself.

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Hadar was some distance ahead of Raanah, and after the prince had bowed to Pharaoh, he raised his swarthy face and waved at Joseph's stall. There was no innate humility to grace his inflated ego after his victory of the day before. That he was enamored with the Assyrian maid there could be no doubt, for his amorous eyes betrayed him.

"Wish me luck again today," he called to Bashia. She did not speak, but lifted her fan in greeting. In such an uproar he seemed to notice no omission on her part. Whatever the hazards of this race, he knew himself to be an expert horseman; and many an altar was richer for the gifts with which he sought to court the favor of his gods.

Raanah soon came up. As he bowed to Pharaoh, the monarch, too, seemed pleased with the change in him. Then Raanah waved to his friends. Asenath blew him a kiss. Bashia tossed him a rose tied to a green ribbon. Raanah caught it, raised it to his lips, then fastened it on his tunic.

Hadar was loitering near. As Bashia tossed the flower, he looked up expectantly. When he saw that it was directed at Raanah, his face clouded. "Methinks your aim was poor," he called, then sauntered off in pique.

Later, in the press of the crowd near the gate, he met Raanah, though the Basilisk Captain wondered if Hadar had not purposely sought him.

"Well —" Hadar greeted him with mock pleasantry, "I see the Captain is more cheerful today."

"Yes," Raanah answered graciously, not wishing to be outdone in civility, "and why not, since I have you to thank for the return of an old luck charm I once treasured." He drew the image of Ishtar from his pocket and carelessly tossed it to Hadar.

Hadar caught it and turned away with a look of surprised hauteur.

Raanah looked after him and noticed that Hadar had a whip stuck in his belt. It set him to thinking, for none of the other riders carried one. It was difficult enough to ride atop two tugging steeds in a mad race in which neither man nor horse gave quarter, and which required both hands and all the skill a man possessed to control the struggling creatures and to keep them traveling together. Hadar could not expect to use that whip — or did he?

Raanah frowned, but brushed the thought from his mind as he strode toward the horses. They were dapple-grays, beautifully mottled. He could tell by their actions that they knew what was coming up, and he liked their mettle. It augured well for the race.

A track boy stood at the head of each animal, holding on grimly while they pranced about and whinnied.



The Excitement of the Chariot Race Is Graphically Pictured in a Painting Especially Prepared for "The Baptist Herald" by Mr. William Zimmerman of Chicago, Illinois, a Member of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago

Raanah examined their bits and patted their noses, then walking behind them placed both hands on the flanks of one of the horses and vaulted lightly on its back. He took tight hold on the reins and settled himself, one foot on the broad haunch of each horse, digging his toes into its warm flesh through his soft-soled sandals.

The other drivers were also mounting. Excited by the noise and the crowd, the teams plunged and snorted, and some drivers had to make several attempts before they could get up.

People in the stalls and on the benches grew noisy and called impatiently for the race to begin. The blast of a trumpet silenced the growing hullabaloo and the drivers entered the race course with their horses. As they swept toward the starting line, each driver crouching above his team with legs spread, there was a roar of applause, and the multitude shouted the names of its favorites. "Raanah! Hadar! Bani! Elika!"

"I hope the Captain wins," sighed a sentimental voice in the royal stalls.

As they lined up for the start, it was found that in the drawing Hadar again held the inside of the track. He rode a pair of spotted Medians that had a long, swinging stride, but were skittish and red-eyed.

Bani, the Indian prince, was second in line with his jet-black Persians. They were picturesque, barbaric creatures without one docile trait.

Raanah was third. His span of dapple-grays with cream-colored manes and tails wore dark-gray bridles and surcingle around their light bellies. They were large-boned animals of

great strength and were magnificent in action. They came into place with heads tossing, nostrils quivering, every muscle in their splendid bodies flexing easily.

The other horses in the contest were all fine steeds — sorrels, chestnuts, roans, bays — all graceful, all desert born, their kind subject for only a few generations past to the hands of man.

Jockeying for a start was a hazardous undertaking with the nerves of horses and drivers taut. The starter yelled at them to stop their tricks. He cursed the track boys for their timidity, though some were lifted off their feet by the rearing animals, while their drivers were in danger of losing their balance.

Finally the starting signal was given, and the horses sprang forward as if shot from a catapult. It required brute strength to hold the creatures; and as they gathered speed their drivers yelled and tugged at the reins.

As Raanah's horses sprang into action he, like the other drivers around him, gave a great shout. All the pent-up exultation of years was flowing freely through him. This day his soul was at peace. He had cried from the depths of sin and sorrow, and God had heard him. Gone were doubts and fears.

As his team skimmed over the ground, the glad heart of the former bondboy began to sing within him. He still loved a wild ride. He loved to hear the wind whispering and whipping and tearing at him; he loved to feel the thewy, flexing muscles of the great steeds beneath his feet; he loved to feel the pull and tug of their bits

against his strong, capable hands. He loved the steady music of their racing feet striking the earth in a thunderous charge as they swept on, swift as the shadow of a flying bird. It caught his heart and set him to breathing faster.

For the first time in months Raanah laughed spontaneously, feeling it bubble within him from sheer happiness. He was "making a joyful noise unto the Lord," and was glad that he could laugh. But as his laughter rang out, Hadar scowled and glanced at him suspiciously and vengefully.

Around the course they swept, taut as wire springs, past Pharaoh's stall, faster and faster yet. And down came one griffin from the entablature. Just around the first curve Jashen's mare was struck on the foreleg by the flying heels of the horse in front of her. Down she went, and her rider fell beneath the pounding hoofs behind him. Raanah heard Jashen's scream, but dared not take his eyes from the course. A groan swelled from the benches, then they became ominously silent.

Raanah's senses were turned to every movement of his horses. He read the quickness of their breath, the smoothness of their movements, their response to the reins and his voice, as he would read a scroll. "Steady, Jet! Come, Ketah!" he encouraged them. "We'll show them!" Here was the fabric of his youthful dreams.

As they turned again on the course Raanah saw the horse with the broken leg. The track men had dragged it to one side, but had not had time to remove it. Although Elika was half a length behind, he began crowding Raanah to the left so he could get by the casualty. Raanah pulled to the left also, crowding the Indian prince, who was between him and Hadar, until he was forced to give place and drop behind. Then Raanah's team ran neck and neck by the side of Hadar's horses.

The stands shrieked as the racing favorites came together, for interest from the beginning had centered chiefly in them. The horses of both rivals were putting forth fine effort, their tails extended, their necks stretched forward until all semblance of arch was gone.

For a moment the two men glared at each other over their bobbing horses. There was the light of confidence in Raanah's eyes, but a passionate hatred burned in Hadar's. Then slowly, but steadily, Raanah's team began to forge ahead. A cold malevolence crept into Hadar's eyes. With a sly movement he shifted his reins to his left hand and pulled the whip from his belt. With that action all the hate in his dark soul released itself. He paused to secure his balance, then with all the strength he could spare he brought the lash down

stingingly on Raanah's back.

So unexpected was the action that, for a moment, Raanah cringed from the blow. Only his expert horsemanship and rare presence of mind saved him from falling. But Hadar had murder in his heart. Before Raanah could recover sufficiently to protect himself, Hadar, with a fiendish cry, again crashed the whip upon Raanah's back.

People on the benches held their breath, then, like thunder, an indignant cry burst from the Raanah faction. They arose, hooted and screamed imprecations at Hadar.

Bashia and Asenath were too frightened to cry out. Joseph's face turned gray. Egiba and Isme-Dagan boiled over with indignation, shook their fists and shouted threats at Hadar. Pharaoh fidgeted on his throne. While he loved a fight, should Hadar cause the death of Raanah, Pharaoh would have no jurisdiction over the prince, and Hadar knew it.

With the second blow Raanah felt a mad rush of blood through his veins. He drew his team up slightly and took the reins in his left hand. The horses seemed to know what was expected of them, for they kept place close beside Hadar's team.

Raanah was put to disadvantage, for he had to reach over his own reins to protect himself. With an unexpected lunge he caught the end of the whip before it could descend again, and the two riders tugged for possession of it. Against all odds, each had to maintain his balance.

As Raanah looked levelly into Hadar's cruel eyes, he felt his own determination harden. He must humble his enemy this time.

Oddly enough, while each man held on to the whip he helped to sustain the balance of the other, though both were dragging on it. For a time it seemed that neither could gain any advantage over the other. Down the track they bolted toward the royal stalls amid the sustained roar of the crowd. They tugged at the whip like hyenas snarling over a bone, their Oriental eyes ablaze.

With a mixture of defiance and glee Pharaoh shook his betting tablet at them. The merchantmen gripped the fence, shouting expletives at Hadar and advice to Raanah. Bashia leaned against the balustrade, strained in every nerve and holding back fear-some tears. Asenath trembled with indignation. Joseph's lips moved as if in prayer. The track attendants forgot to remove another griffin, and two remained on the entablature where only one should have been.

Around the first quarter the racers swept like a wolf pack in close order. The streets under them ran like the wind, their legs flung far apart, their

bellies crouched low, their heads tossing with effort.

Hadar held the handle of the whip and could therefore sustain a better grip. He was alert to every tricky advantage. The whites of his eyes rolled meanly like those of a skittish horse. Raanah gave a hard tug, and Hadar suddenly let go of the whip-handle. With its unexpected release, Raanah lost his balance. The whip fell to the ground. Raanah nearly followed it, but his training favored him. He let his feet go and dropped to a hard seat on the rump of a horse. His team clung together and did not slacken their pace. For a moment he sat almost stunned while he caught his breath. He heard Hadar's vicious laugh. The next instant Raanah was on his feet, riding in perfect balance. His face was flushed, and there was a steely look in his eyes.

While Raanah and Hadar were fighting for the whip, the Indian, Bani, had forged a length ahead of them on the inside track. Elika and Elsa were running even with them on Raanah's right, with the rest of the racers crowding up in a pack behind them.

Raanah spoke to his team. He saw they were running with much more ease than Hadar's horses; and as they stepped up, he drew them to the left. He intended to crowd Hadar back by crossing in front of him to contest Bani. Hadar saw his intention, yelled to his team and tried to hold his ground. Both men glared at each other over their rocking steeds. With set determination Raanah gained over Hadar's horses and squeezed them relentlessly into a blind pocket between his own and Bani's team.

Hadar's off horse was flightier than its mate. With Raanah's team squeezing against it ruthlessly, it became frightened and reared back, dragging the head of its mate around. Their bodies separated. Hadar could not straddle the widening breach. He lost his balance, and with an agonized cry, pitched headlong between them.

A moan swept the benches. Raanah knew what such sounds portend. Hadar's light had gone out, for no human could live beneath those pounding hoofs. Despite his dislike of Hadar, Raanah was shaken. There was no elation because a fighting enemy had gone down. He had so nearly lost his own life only a few minutes before.

But this was no time for such thoughts. There was still a race to be won. He turned his attention to his horses.

Hadar's team, unrestrained, cut behind Raanah to the outer edge of the course. Raanah took Hadar's place beside Bani, and Elika and Elsar now moved closer on his other side. Although Bani's Persians were almost a length ahead of Raanah's grays, the

promise of victory exalted Raanah. He saw there was plenty of heart and speed in his horses. They had not fully extended themselves, and looked fresher than Bani's Persians. Raanah shook the reins and the glow of his spirit spread along to them. "Jet! Ketah!" he called, "on with you — on! We must travel faster now!"

And they knew what he wanted. They gave a snort, shook their massive heads and began to gain on the Persians. Bani, too, squatted low and shouted to his team. There was only the last half to go. The crowd, quickly forgetting the late tragedy, came to its feet roaring. "Raanah! Bani! Turn them loose, captain!"

Raanah's grays were trained to obey his voice as well as the reins. Now he coaxed them on. Faster and faster they flew. Inch by inch, they crept upon the Persians while the benches screamed, "Come on Jet! Come on Ketah!" Even the wizened Pharaoh pitched his dignity aside, climbed up on his throne chair and shouted.

As the racers turned on the last quarter, Raanah's grays were running neck and neck with Bani's Persians. Down the home stretch they redoubled their efforts. Their nostrils widened and snorted with effort; their feet clicked with quickened stride; their bodies stretched over the ground. They won by a full half-length.

The cheers were so wild and demonstrative that neither Asenath nor Bashia heard Joseph say, "By the grace of God, he wins."

Raanah had always been a favorite with the masses. As he turned his team and rode back to the starter's stand, they pelted him with favors. As soon as he could, he rode close to Joseph's stall, tossed the reins to an attendant, and from his perch on the backs of his grays leaped at the balustrade. Climbing over it, he took Bashia in his arms, pressing her against his breast.

"You are aware, my lady," he reminded her, "that I have won you with the race."

Bashia broke into a shaky laugh, and her happy face looked so sweet that he kissed her, regardless of who might see him.

A booming voice above them called. It was Pharaoh. Unfastening a jeweled brooch from his robe, he tossed it to Raanah. "Give that to your lady. Methinks she has earned an award as well as you."

Then below came a shout. The five old merchantmen were beaming up at them. Egiba held up a handful of coins to signify that he had more than recouped the money lost on the day before. Isme-Dagan patted his pocket. Dungri, Kedar, and Asaph looked as pleased as if they themselves had won the race.

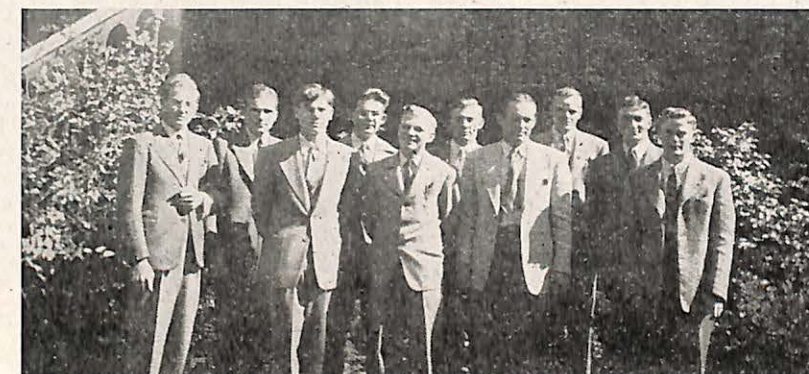
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New Students at the Seminary

By Dr. GEORGE A. LANG, President

WE of the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, New York were pleased to receive ten new students in the Fall entering class this year. They are a fine group of young men who promise to be diligent workers in our churches. Half of them have come from Canada and the others are from the more central sections of the United States.

North Freedom Baptist Church.
Alfonz Lamprecht, Camrose, Alberta
Bethany Baptist Church.
Orville Meth, Cathay, North Dakota
Germantown Baptist Church.
Fred Sonnenberg, Swan River, Manitoba, Minitonas Baptist Church.
Chris Weintz, Kelowna, Brit. Col.
Grace Baptist Church.
Harold Weiss, Olds, Alberta
Olds Baptist Church.



New Students at Our Rochester Seminary

(Left to Right: Harold Weiss, Fred Sonnenberg, Robert Hepperle, Orville Meth, Edward Kopf, Clemence Auch, Bert Braun, Ertman Bredin, Alfonz Lamprecht and Chris Weintz)

We are pleased to give their names and addresses along with the churches from which they have come.

Clemence Auch, New Leipzig, North Dakota, New Leipzig Baptist Church.

Bert Braun, Midland, Michigan, Beaver Baptist Church.

Ertman Bredin, Kelowna, British Columbia, Grace Baptist Church.

Robert Hepperle, Plevna, Montana, Plevna Baptist Church.

Edward Kopf, Ableman, Wisconsin.

Three of these young men were in the service of their country and have come to this school with the knowledge of spiritual needs in others parts of the world. All of the Canadian men have spent some time at our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. We are grateful to the churches for sending us these representatives of theirs.

We would encourage all of our churches to pray for a continued stream of workers for the Lord's harvest field.

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	Oct. 1947	Oct. 1946
Atlantic	\$ 3,745.21	\$ 3,605.84
Eastern	1,181.36	1,520.25
Central	5,509.74	5,354.68
Northwestern	5,924.52	5,717.81
Southwestern	3,757.79	4,715.90
Southern	1,258.72	1,005.67
Pacific	3,711.95	7,592.36
Northern Dakota	4,832.11	1,643.24
	17,636.98	13,881.18
Totals	\$47,558.38	\$45,036.93

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

October 1 to October 31, 1947	\$ 44,811.37
August 1 to October 31, 1947	95,216.56
Total required to date	\$125,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1947 to October 31, 1947	\$193,579.70
April 1, 1946 to October 31, 1946	\$172,947.15

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Eastern Conference

Rev. Paul D. Ford is the New Pastor of the Central Church, Erie, Pa.

At the completion of two glorious weeks of revival services, the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., extended a call to the evangelist, Rev. Paul D. Ford, to accept the pastorate of the Erie Church. This will be the second time that Mr. Ford has served the church, having been interim pastor during the Rev. G. W. Zinz' chaplaincy in the Army.

After a short trip to the West Indies Islands to arrange for the carrying on of the mission work there, Mr. Ford assumed the pastoral duties beginning with November 9th. The Central Church of Erie is greatly rejoicing over the privilege of serving God under the leadership of this faithful servant of his who has become the successor to the Rev. G. W. Zinz, now pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. John A. Zurn, superintendent of the Sunday School of Erie's Central Church, was recently honored at the State Convention of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association in Scranton, Pa., by the presentation of a medal for 60 years of service in Sunday School activities.

Mrs. K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Woman's Missionary Union of Kyle, Texas Assists in Impressive Service Flag Meeting

On Sunday evening, Oct. 12, the Immanuel Baptist Church and the Woman's Missionary Union of Kyle, Texas had a special service for the dismantling of the Service Flag. The Rev. David Zimmerman used John 3:16 as the text for his sermon.

As each of the 18 blue stars was removed from the flag by the president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Walter Hill, it was fastened to a "Service Star Wallet" and presented with the name to the Service Men present, with each man in turn presenting it to his wife or mother.

As the last one, a gold star for Martin Jaster, was removed, the congregation stood in silent memory, and the pastor led in prayer. The flag was removed from the cross and packed for safe keeping, and we pray it may never be used again.

During our September and October meetings of the Missionary Union, Mrs. David Zimmerman brought a book



Rev. Paul D. Ford, the New Pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa.

review on, "Foreign Missions in Camerouns," while the rest of us kept our hands busy rolling bandages for the Camerouns. We are also busy packing boxes of clothing to be sent to the needy across the seas.

Mrs. W. C. Schmeltekopf, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Annual Song Festival of the Southern Alberta Churches at Olds

Sunday, October 19, a sunny Alberta day, will long be remembered by all of the North American Baptist churches in Southern Alberta who attended the Song Festival which was held at the Baptist church of Olds, Alberta. The members of the host church did all within their power to make us feel welcome. The Sunday School was opened by the superintendent of Olds, Mr. Wedman.

Then the various Sunday Schools represented had their leaders come to the platform to take part in the program. Mr. Arthur Forsch of the Zion Sunday School read the lesson and Mr. John Schmoer of Trochu spoke to the Adult class. Mr. Rubin Schamuhn of Calgary brought a message to the Juniors, and Mr. Adam Buyer of Carbon spoke to the Sunday School teachers. The Sunday School period with additional musical numbers proved to be a blessing to all.

The morning worship service was under the leadership of the Rev. J. P. Schultz of Olds. After the reading of the Scripture lesson by the Rev. H. Schatz of Calgary, the morning sermon on the "Abundant Life in Christ" was brought by the Rev. E. M. Wegner of Carbon. The noon lunch was served by the women of the Olds church.

In the afternoon the program of the Song Festival was rendered under the chairmanship of the Rev. E. M. Wegner. The mass choir directed by our esteemed leader, Mr. R. Neske of Camrose, sang two numbers. Then each choir brought several numbers which were a blessing to the congregation. The Rev. H. Zepik of Trochu brought the festival address on the theme, "The New Song." The offering was designated for our Assembly Project at Sylvan Lake.

Ernest Bettcher, Reporter.

Young People's Program and New Pastor at the Jansen and Esk Churches

"Temptations of Modern Youth" was the catching title of the program presented by the Jansen Emmanuel Baptist Young People at the Esk Baptist Church of Esk, Sask., Canada on Sunday evening, Sept. 28th. Rendered in both the English and German languages, it drew a large crowd. Seats were hurriedly borrowed from a nearby Evangelical Church, and even these extra chairs could not accommodate the large number of people arriving and many had to avail themselves of "standing room only."

The main item on the program, a dialogue in German entitled, "Die Stimme aus der Bergpredigt," depicted the various forms of temptation encountered today, especially by young people, and the applicability of the Word of God as a word of warning and a source of comfort.

This same program was presented in the Ebenezer and Yorkton churches, where the Rev. G. Beutler is pastor, on Sunday, October 12th, and in the Nokomis Baptist Church on October 19th. The offering taken at these programs was designated for European Relief, Christian Training Institute Building Fund, and Triunion Lake Project. It amounted to \$346.96.

The Rev. John Wahl, who has recently arrived from Europe and who has been serving the Jansen and Esk churches during the summer months, has accepted the call extended him by these two churches a short time ago. Brother Wahl relates that he was a little skeptical about accepting the call to serve a church so far north in Canada after his arrival in America. He had weird ideas concerning Indians, Eskimos and "Life in the Backwoods," and we can only assume that he made a brief, hurried study of "Upper Canada." He was, as he further relates, extremely surprised to find civilized, warm hearted Christians so close to "the pole." Mr. Wahl has a special place in his heart for young people. We greatly appreciate this. May the gracious Lord continue to bless his ministry to us.

W. E. Bonney, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

New Pastor is Welcomed and Interim Pastor is Honored at Milwaukee's Immanuel Church

On Thursday evening, Nov. 6, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin held a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz, Jr., who came to us from the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. Mr. Zinz preached his first sermon at Immanuel on Sunday, Nov. 9. The Immanuel Church welcomes its new pastor and wife and will endeavor to make their stay with us one of blessing and honor to God.

The Rev. Paul C. Klose, who was our interim pastor for several weeks previously, has been a zealous and fine Bible-preaching minister. Mr. Klose and his wife are furthering their studies at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. His love of God has been rewarded in a number of ways during his term of service. May God continue to bless his every effort in the Christian ministry!

Mary Denomme, Reporter.

Impressive Dedication of the First Baptist Church Building at Manitowoc, Wisconsin

On Sunday, Oct. 5th, the home which had been recently purchased by the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, was formally dedicated as the House of the Lord. Many friends of the church worshiped with us on that day to make it a very special occasion.

A highlight of the Sunday School period was a demonstration given by the young people in which they built "The Church of My Dreams." After the windows, doors, etc., had been assembled, we had before us a replica of our new church home.

The official dedication address as given by the Rev. Frank Woyke was a stirring challenge to all present. During the Sunday afternoon service, greetings were read from the various former pastors of the church as well as neighboring churches. Dr. Ezra Roth of the Wisconsin State Convention chose as his topic for the afternoon message, "And He went a little farther." At this service the Ladies' Chorus sang "My God and I" and "There is a Balm in Gilead." Following this service, an opportunity was given to our visitors to inspect our building, including the pastor's very fine living quarters on the second floor. Mr. Woyke spoke of his experiences in Europe at the evening service.

It was, indeed, a day long to be remembered as old acquaintances were renewed and new ones were made and as we were challenged to let our light shine in the community in which we are now located. As we continue to worship in our new church, we thank the Lord more and more for guiding us toward this purchase.

Jane Specht, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Rally Day and Mission Festival of the Bethany Baptist Church of Kansas

The Sunday School of the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas held its Rally Day on September 28 with a program by the boys and girls. Mr. Harry Gabelman is superintendent of the Sunday School. On the following Sunday the new year of Scripture memorization was begun with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kohrs of Lorraine showing pictures of the Scripture Memory Camp of last June. On the same evening the B. Y. P. U. installed its new officers.

The Mission Festival was observed on October 12 with Mrs. Claude Copperwheat of the European Gospel Mission as guest speaker. An offering of \$2000 was received on that day. Mr. and Mrs. Copperwheat remained for another service on Monday evening. They showed pictures as well as handwork and costumes of the French and Czech people among whom they have worked.

The Rev. Ronald Stabbert, son of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Washington, has been pastor of the Bethany Church since last March. In September he had the opportunity to sing at the Kansas State Fair in the services conducted by the Christian Laymen's Association. On October 19 he was guest speaker for the Mission Festival in the Baptist Church at Bison, Kansas.

Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Reporter.

Kansas Association Votes to Send Carload of Flour as Relief to Europe

October 20 to 22 will long be remembered as days of blessing by all who attended the Kansas Association at the Ebenezer Church near Elmo. We were privileged to have our executive secretary, Rev. Frank Woyke, as our guest speaker. Mr. Woyke brought us two fine Bible studies from the book of Jeremiah in the daytime sessions. In the evening meetings he brought us a vivid description of the conditions in Europe as he saw them on his recent trip.

Each of our daytime sessions began with a period of devotion, led by Rev. R. Stabbert, Rev. H. Fisher, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, a visitor in our midst, Rev. E. Buening from Holloway Minnesota. Rev. A. Stackhouse brought us a message stressing the need of Child Evangelism in our churches.

Mrs. Wm. Wirth, chairman of the state Scripture Memory Committee, gave a report of that work. Mrs. Wirth brought with her three girls from the Bethany church who recited Scripture passages for us. Rev. F. G. Ferris gave an interesting discussion of the need of work among our young people. The "Quiet Half Hours" just before noon each day were led by Rev. L. H. Smith and Rev. J. J. Abel. Rev. A. Schulz was our song leader at all meetings.

At our business sessions, encouraging reports from all the churches were given. Officers for the coming year are: Rev. A. Schulz, moderator; Rev. W. Quiring, vice-moderator; Rev. R. Stabbert, secretary; and Mr. Wm. Wirth, treasurer. Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Mr. E. Hildebrand and Mrs. L. H. Smith were elected to serve on the Scripture Memory Committee. A Missions Committee, consisting of Rev. A. Stackhouse, Rev. W. Quiring and Mr. F. Beahm, was elected.

The Association decided to create a Prudential Committee, whose duty it will be to counsel with churches and candidates on the subject of ordinations. This committee consists of the Reverends F. G. Ferris, A. Stackhouse, L. H. Smith, A. Schulz and W. Quiring. It was also decided that the churches of our Association will collect money for a carload of flour to be sent to our suffering brethren in Europe.

Mrs. J. R. Kruegel, Reporter.

Christian Laymen's Crusade Bible Conference at the Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kan.

We of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas are looking back upon a unique Bible Conference in our midst and are looking ahead to have our vision realized in our community. The day for aggressive Gospel work is not passed, but it may require a new approach. In each community there are church-less homes which have not responded to our usual methods. This conference was held from Oct. 19 to 26.

This conference was under the auspices of the Christian Laymen's Crusade with Mr. V. E. Peterson, president of the Memorial Arts Company, as director. Outstanding men in the business and professional world came to lead us in this magnificent witnessing campaign. Every afternoon Mr. H. E. Eavey, who is president of Xenia National Bank of Ohio, who owns three large wholesale houses and operates several hundred outlet stores, led us in a Bible study. Mr. Paul Fischer, an outstanding attorney of Chicago, spent two days with us and showed how compatible it is to be a Christian and to be successful in a profession.

This same proof was brought by the testimonies of other men who are successful in their business enterprises. Among these men were Mr. W. Meyer of the La Salle Designing Company of Chicago, Mr. J. Deloria, general sales manager of the Skell Gas Division, Mr. S. Wolfe, formerly sales manager of the Cudahay Packing Company, Mr. J. Weinberg, owner of the Ben Franklin Stores of Kansas City, and a group of business men from Hillsboro with their marvelous male quartet.

We also want to mention the fine services of Mr. Howard Jewell of Detroit, Mich., who is an outstanding song evangelist, and one whom we can recommend for directing music during a campaign. He has made several records which are available since December 1st.

G. F. Koch, Clerk.

Pacific Conference

Vacation Bible School at the Bethany Church of Oregon With Enrollment of 174

A Vacation Bible School of two weeks was conducted at the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon from August 18 to 29 under the directorship of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Spencer. The community churches cooperating in this project were: Bethany Presbyterian, Bethany Methodist, Skyline Christian Church and Bonny Slope Community Church. The enrollment was 174 and the average attendance was 134.

Each day twenty privately owned cars and drivers, under the direction of the Rev. Frank Friesen, called for

row valley completely encircled by rolling hills, and miles and miles of fertile wheat fields on still more rolling hills. This valley produced 12 million bushels of wheat and 30 percent of all dry edible peas of the United States in one year. The winter wheat fields made a picturesque carpet of deep green in contrast to the dark barren soil and yellow stubble fields. Crisp mornings and bright sunshine were our delight.

On Wednesday afternoon, delegates and friends began to greet each other, and a dinner for 65 persons made a happy family. More guests arrived when we began feasting on the spiritual blessings which the Lord had in store for us.

The theme of the association, "Forward in Faith," was ably presented throughout the sessions in challenging

and claimed the answer to our prayers for his blessings on our united efforts. We pledged more zeal and ardor for the Master's work for having had these mountain-top experiences. The fine choir of 30 voices directed by Mr. Eugene Mohr rendered outstanding numbers.

One of the highlights of the session was the privilege of having Dr. Martin Leuschner in our midst. He was filled to overflowing with enthusiasm and gave us a version of our great denomination by conducting a "Church and Missionary Institute." Pictures were shown each evening of our far-reaching mission enterprise at home and abroad.

Also, we were honored by the presence of our beloved general secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, Rev. J. C. Gunst, who spoke on our young people's and Sunday School work, and acquainted us with our national projects and goals.

The Rev. Edwin Michelson, returned missionary from the Cameroons, was also with us. Due to his vivid and educational reports, we opened our hearts with intense love for those benighted people in darkness and sin. Mrs. Lois Ahrens, another Cameroons missionary, was able to be with us on Saturday and Sunday and also spoke to us.

The cordial hospitality of the Colfax saints was seen everywhere about us: in the homes, in abundance of deliciously prepared food, and in the excursion to Steptoe Butte on Saturday afternoon, followed by the wonderful fellowship banquet.

We must also mention their new church home in the heart of Colfax, just completely renovated, sparkling like a mirror with fresh paint, varnish, and new carpeting. No time or labor was spared by these good people to make it an ideal place of worship.

We came away rejoicing!

Gertrude Ahrens, Reporter.

Annual Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Northwest Association

The business session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Northwest Association held on Oct. 24 at Colfax, Wash., was opened with devotions led by Mrs. J. F. Olthoff. The reports from the various societies were very encouraging. One thing prominent in all the reports was the effort being put forth toward relief for those in distress in Europe.

In the absence of last year's officers, Mrs. F. Alf and Mrs. E. Becker, the local pastor's wife, Mrs. F. Klein, had to take over and did so well that she was overwhelmingly chosen president and Mrs. E. Bibelheimer as secretary-treasurer.

The afternoon meeting under the able leadership of the newly elected president was very well attended by young and old and by both men and women. The prelude by Mrs. Henry Schmunk and the lively song service led by Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler and Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. A. Foll constituted a fitting opening, followed by the warm words of wel-



Boys and Girls and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held by the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon

the children each morning and returned them to their homes at noon. Members of the cooperating churches assisted in the various departments of teaching. The following were on the teaching staff: Mr. and Mrs. David Lynch, Mrs. Forno, Mrs. William Jenne, Miss Adele Guerber, Mrs. Frank Reichen, Mrs. Lester Spencer, Mrs. Jerson Mohr, Miss Margaret Stoller, Mrs. Lawrence Glasko, Mrs. Wismer and Mrs. Vincot.

On Friday evening, August 29, a final program was given by the children when they presented the things they had learned in the two weeks of school. Nineteen found Christ as their personal Savior, and everyone agreed it was a profitable two weeks spent in teaching the Word of God.

Grace Jenne, Reporter.

Spiritual Blessings at the Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association Held at Colfax

From October 22 to 26 the First Baptist Church in the friendly city of Colfax, Washington was host to a delightful fellowship of the forty-fourth Pacific Northwest Association. The city is nestled in a beautiful nar-

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Pastors of the Pacific Northwest Association Churches (Left) at the Convention Held at Colfax, Wash., and Young Women of the Host Church Serving as Waitresses (Right) at the Convention Meals With Mr. Eugene Mohr, the Official Ticket Seller

come by the local president, Mrs. A. O. Krueger.

A very impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. F. W. Bartel in memory of five departed sisters, including Mrs. E. Riemer, pastor's wife of Paul, Idaho who had conducted the memorial service a year ago at Odessa, Wash. Musical numbers and readings by representatives of the visiting societies, besides the well rendered missionary dialogue by the local society, "Unto One of the Least of These," made a deep impression.

The main feature of the program was the missionary address by the Rev. Edwin Michelson, our recently returned missionary from the Cameroons. In a very interesting way he told of the field and the work of each of our missionaries in Africa. The missionary offering of \$76 was designated for the Million Dollar Offering.

We will long remember the royal entertainment of the Colfax church. May the heavenly Father bless them for their efforts in our behalf, and may it be our privilege to serve them and others in a similar way at Tacoma next year. Mrs. E. Bibelheimer, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Two Wonderful Mission Days for Hettinger, North Dakota and Zion Station

We thank God for our two Mission Days on the Hettinger mission field of North Dakota. Our first Mission Day this year was held at the Zion Station. This station has very few members left. Mr. Jake Kirschenmann, who was a very faithful member of the church, has left us and has moved with his family to Missoula, Montana. Since then another family moved into Hettinger and a third family intends to leave soon. This may mean the closing of the Zion Station. We can hardly adjust ourselves to the swift advances in our church life. There were only 17 people present on Mission

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250 Words As Much As Possible.
EDITOR.

Sunday, September 28, but the offering amounted to \$710 nevertheless. We thank God for this gift given unto him. The Lord has blessed his people with another good harvest, which made this gift possible.

On October 19 we observed Mission Day in Hettinger. We did not succeed in getting an outside speaker, so we had to do the best we could without one. We had a good attendance of 74 people on that day, and the offering taken amounted to about \$500. Out of the whole amount given by both stations, \$300 went for flour which is to be sent to Europe by our conference.

If the giving of money would make us better Christians, we would be thankful indeed, but money cannot bring this about. It is the Lord Jesus Christ who alone can change the heart and beautify the soul. May we give him more room in our hearts and may we sanctify him therein as the Apostle Peter writes. God help us that our spiritual life may keep pace with our earthly welfare, for only as that is true will we be victorious in our Christian living.

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.



Young People's Banquet Scene at the Pacific Northwest Association Held at Colfax, Wash., With a Part of the Motto, "Saved to Tell Others," in a Prominent Display

Twins Are Baptized and Received Into the Baptist Church of Savage, Montana

Cold Fall weather could not stop the two young candidates for baptism from following their Lord in baptismal waters at the river, thus becoming members of the First Baptist Church of Savage, Montana. These boys not only entered this world as twins and were given the names of Robert Hugo and Richard Henry Klempel but also were born into God's family as twins. The Rev. D. Klein, Dakota Conference missionary, conducted the inspiring baptismal service. This service was conducted the latter part of September.

Esther Klempel, Reporter.

Attendance Goal of 100 Reached by the Calvary Sunday School of Billings, Montana

During the month of September the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Fritz Albrecht, and the Rev. R. Sigmund, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Mont., got together and decided to make the entire month of October a Rally Month for their Sunday School in order to increase the attendance. The goal was set for 100. The attendance was running between sixty and seventy.

R. Sigmund, Pastor.



The Sunday School of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana on the Sunday When a New Attendance Record of 101 Was Set

Rally pins were ordered and given to every one who attended. Special pins were given to those who brought visitors. Each visitor also received a pin. Two final prizes, a Ball-point fountain pen and an Eversharp pencil, were offered to the two who brought the most visitors to the Sunday School during the entire month.

It was interesting to see the attendance increase from week to week. When the last Sunday of the month arrived, all were on edge when the report was given, anxious to know if we had attained our goal. Some feared that we would not make it, since sickness prevented a number of our loyal members from coming. There was an expression of glee on every face when our secretary read: "Total attendance today 101." It would have been considerably more if it had not been for sickness.

Thus, we see that much can be accomplished in our Sunday Schools with only a little effort. It is our intention as a school in this city to stay close to this record and even go far beyond as time marches on.

It was also our pleasure to have the



Twin Boys, Robert and Richard Klempel of Savage, Montana, Who Were Baptized by the Rev. Daniel Klein, Dakota Conference Missionary

Rev. J. C. Gunst, our general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union with us on Oct. 19th. His challenging and enlightening messages both to young and old were a great blessing to us all. We need more such visits in our Sunday Schools and churches. May God bless Brother Gunst and with him all our general workers and all our Sunday Schools!

Baptismal Service and Mission Festival at the Bismarck Baptist Church of North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Sept. 14, the members of the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., met in the First Baptist Church for a baptismal service. Rev. Roy Wiegand, the new pastor of the church, was in charge of the service and also brought the baptismal message. The Rev. Edward Kary brought a brief message which was directed to the baptismal candidates. He then baptized three young people upon the confession of their faith.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, at a special service, these three and six others were received into the church. It has been our privilege to receive 50 new members in the last two years. These have all been adults, many having moved to Bismarck in recent months. This has been a great boon to our church. There are others who plan to join in the near future.

On October 19 we also enjoyed the visit of the Rev. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., who served us with a stirring message in the morning service and then showed the most recent mission pictures in the evening service. A fine offering of \$828.00, the largest ever received in our church, was laid upon God's altar. God's blessings have been in evidence in many ways among us.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

Promotion Day and Birthday Surprise at the Calvary Church of Carrington, No. Dakota

Sunday, October 12, was an eventful day at the Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington, North Dakota. On Sunday morning an overcrowded church body awaited each event of our Rally and Promotion Day program. Every class participated and proved its capability of promotion. Whereas the Beginners made their goal another promotion, the Senior adults stressed the fact that their desire was not another promotion here on earth but a promotion into the blessed eternity to come.

The Sunday School superintendents, Mrs. Bohnet, Primary department, and Jacob Knoblich, Adult department, presented the diplomas. The Rev. A. Ittermann called the teachers of the past and coming years to the platform and the combined words of them all bore an excellent testimony to the earnest endeavors and future goals of our Sunday School.

On Sunday evening our pastor, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, was due for a surprise. Following the service everyone was invited to the basement to fellowship and to sample the beautifully decorated birthday cake, in addition to a delicious lunch. Special vocal and instrumental numbers were dedicated to our pastor and a love offering was taken to express in a small way our appreciation for the services rendered by a humble and worthy servant of the Lord.

Colleen Larson, Reporter.

Sessions of the South Dakota Association at the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs

The North American Baptists of South Dakota met at the Ebenezer Church near Wessington Springs from October 5 to 8. Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson of the Spring Valley Church near Canistota was the pre-messenger at the Sunday services. The theme of the convention was "Not to be Served but to Serve."

Most of the 31 delegates arrived on Monday night, besides many others who were not official delegates. Rev. O. W. Brenner, host pastor, opened the service. Rev. Daniel Klein, Dakota Conference missionary, led devotions. A hearty welcome from Mr. Brenner and a response from the moderator, Rev. P. J. Wiens, was exchanged. A young people's choir of 17 voices sang "This is My Father's World." Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison brought the message, "Shepherds or Hirelings."

Tuesday morning following the half hour devotions, election of officers was held. Rev. P. J. Wiens of Chancellor was re-elected moderator; Rev. G. W. Rutch, vice-moderator; Mr. George Terveen of Emery, treasurer; and Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson of Canistota, secretary. Interesting reports from eleven churches were given by delegates. Reports on the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls were heard and accepted, automatically making this church a full-fledged member of our conference. About \$3000 has been pledged to her assistance to be raised by special offerings among our South Dakota churches.

Rev. Edwin Michelson, recently returned missionary from the Cameroons, captivated our hearts by reports directly from the field.

Rev. Rudolph Klein of Gackle, North Dakota was with us in song and testimony. He is now representing the Old People's Home of Bismarck. Rev. Daniel Klein gave touching reports of needy places in the Dakotas where there ought to be churches and pastors. Rev. D. S. Wipf of Emery reported on the survey made at Pickstown with approval for further observation.

Tuesday evening was a young people's service. The youth choir sang, "If We Will We Can Reach Our Goal," and the goal for the Bender Memorial Trek of \$7000 was reviewed. Mr. Harold Lippert brought a passionate missionary appeal, and Mr. Michelson climaxed the evening with a missionary message based on Nehemiah.

Rev. Albert Ittermann of Tyndall brought a message on "Our Reply to Christ's Great Commission" regarding our person, power and place, based on Acts 1:8. Rev. G. W. Rutch spoke on "New Testament Evangelism based on Personal Passion, Prayer and Preaching of the Word." Rev. G. Braun of Parkston spoke on Biblical giving.

On Wednesday evening the women's meeting was led by Mrs. G. W. Rutch. Three songs by the Winter Octette were greatly enjoyed. Missionary Michelson brought the closing message.

Kenneth E. Nelson, Reporter.

OBITUARY

KEITH WILMER HUBER of Baker, Montana

Keith Wilmer Huber, son of Wilmer and Irene Huber of the Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., was born at Baker, Montana on Sept. 9, 1947 and died on Sept. 28, 1947. He was taken from his parents that he might escape the sufferings and trials of this life and that they may have him again in Heaven's glory.

Plevna, Montana

David Littke, Pastor.

MRS. BERTHA I. KOENIG of New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Bertha I. Gubelman Koenig, wife of the late Prof. Otto Koenig, passed away on October 8, 1947 at a Rochester Hospital at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Koenig was born in St. Louis, Mo., on August 22, 1866. On August 22, 1888 she was married to Prof. Otto Koenig, who was pastor of the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., from 1901 to 1916.

Funeral services were held from the Lincoln-Hawley Funeral Parlors of New Haven on Saturday, October 11th, at 2:00 o'clock. Interment was in Beaverdale Cemetery. The Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor, was in charge, assisted by Rev. G. Friedenberg of New Britain, Conn.

Mrs. Koenig is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frederick Hesselmeyer; two sons, Herbert and Claremont; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild; two brothers, William S. and Albert Gubelman; and one sister, Miss Ella Gubelman.

Mrs. Koenig lived a life of Christian service and she will live in the memory of the many to whom she proved an inspiration and a blessing.

Central Baptist Church,
New Haven, Conn.

Alfred Weisser, Pastor.

MRS. LYDIA SCHATZ of Calgary, Alberta

Mrs. Lydia Schatz, nee Jacksteit, of Calgary, Alberta, daughter of Mrs. Bertha and the former Rev. Robert Jacksteit, was born on April 15, 1894 at Blumenthal, Wolyrien. With her parents, brother and sisters she came to America in the year of 1922 and made her home in Rochester, N. Y., where she was married to the Rev. H. Schatz on June 12, 1924.

The Lord blessed this union with three children: Tabea, Gertrude and Max. The mother had the privilege to see all three accepting the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and join the church through baptism.

In 1926 our departed sister came to Canada with her husband to take her place as the pastor's wife in the Rosenfeld, Sask., church. Faithfully she served there as also in the other churches which Mr. Schatz pastored in Camrose, Temple Church of Leduc, Rabbit Hill, Morris, Regina and Calgary. In the last two years Mrs. Schatz was not well and had to endure great suffering. She bore it all very patiently and quietly. It can, indeed, be said of her in all the years of her Christian life: "She hath done what she could."

On Wednesday evening, October 15, at the age of 53 years and 6 months she was called to her eternal rest. At the age of 12 years she had given her heart to the Lord and faithfully she had followed him all these years.

Besides her dear husband and children, she leaves to mourn her early death her mother, 3 sisters, 4 brothers and many other relatives and friends. May the heavenly Father give comfort to all.

On Monday, October 20, the funeral took place in our church at Calgary, Alberta. Many from far and near came to show their sincere sympathy to the family and pay due tribute to the departed. Nine ministers were present and took their places on the platform. The church choir assisted ably at this service.

Calgary, Alta., Canada

E. P. Wahl, Officiating Minister.

MRS. JOHN C. HUBER of East Rochester, N. Y.

On October 10 Mrs. John C. Huber, a beloved citizen of East Rochester, N. Y., passed to her reward at the ripe old age of 88 years. She was a member of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y. She was the widow of the late Rev. John C. Huber who died in 1932 at the age of 77, just one year after both of them were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

She leaves three sons and two daughters—Erwin of Baltimore, Md., Wilbur of Montclair, N. J., and Wesley of Wellesley, Mass.; and Miss Sophia L. Huber and Mrs. Raymond Schwick of East Rochester. She leaves also 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, three sisters and 2 brothers in the West, and one sister, Mrs. Walter Wye of Corfu, N. Y.

Mrs. Huber was a rare Christian character of whom it could well be said, "To know her was to love her" or "The world is a better place in which to live because of her life." She grew old gracefully and graciously. She loved her church and was a daily witness of the love of her Lord and Savior.

Mr. Huber held pastorates in Newark, N. J., Meriden, Conn., Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, and Folsomdale, N. Y. Mrs. Huber was said to be an ideal pastor's wife.

East Rochester, N. Y.

Reporter.

MR. LUDWIG WEIGELT of Fessenden, North Dakota

Mr. Ludwig Weigelt of Fessenden, No. Dak., was born in Kalish, Russ-Poland, on October 8, 1874. He came to this country with his parents in 1892.

On April 5, 1903 he was united in marriage with Anna Pepple. Their first home was on a farm near Fessenden, where they lived until they retired in 1938 when they moved into Fessenden. His wife preceded him in death on January 14, 1947.

He was converted and was baptized on June 13, 1909 by Rev. Ed Niemann. He was a member of the Baptist Church until he died.

His health had been failing for some time. In July after a severe attack he was taken to the hospital. He returned to his home and continued to take treatments, but his health failed steadily. On Oct 15th he was again taken to the hospital in Minot where it pleased the Lord to take him to his heavenly home on Sunday morning, Oct. 19th.

He is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Bertha Fix of Longview, Wash., Mrs. Selma Hauck of Salinas, Calif., and Helen of Fessenden; five sons, Henry of Manfred, William of Renton, Wash., Wilbert of Salinas, Calif., Gus of Fessenden, and Theodore of Hurdsfield. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and two brothers, Gottlieb and Henry of Fessenden.

Fessenden, N. D.

Otto R. Schmidt, Pastor.

MISS LYDIA RANZ of Trenton, Illinois

Miss Lydia Ranz of Trenton, Illinois was born on September 26, 1859 at Woodworth, Illinois, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Carl Schafer, on October 21, 1947. In her 14th year she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Transchel at Woodworth, Illinois and joined the Baptist Church there. In 1913 she came with her brother and sisters to the vicinity of Trenton, Illinois where she resided until the time of her departure from this earth. She united with the First Baptist Church when she first came here.

Aunt Lydia devoted most of her life to the care of her parents and an invalid sister. She was a strong pillar of Christian faith and her life bore the example of her Lord.

Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her death one sister, Mrs. Carl Schafer, with whom she lived for the last thirteen years, as well as a number of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral was held in the First Baptist Church at Trenton.

Trenton, Illinois

Leslie P. Albus, Pastor.

"Action" for Sunday School Superintendents

By REV. J. C. GUNST, National Youth Secretary

A NEW PUBLICATION, called "Action," for Sunday School superintendents only, has made its appearance. The four page leaflet is a quarterly publication by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. The General Secretary of the National Union, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, is the editor.

From time to time the many activities of the Sunday School work will be discussed through contributions by the various superintendents, teachers and leaders. Ideas, suggestions, and news about Sunday School work will appear in the leaflet.

We herewith quote the purpose of the new publication as it was stated in the first issue!

The purpose of Action:

1. To suggest ways and means of improving the efficiency of your school, teaching staff and spiritual life of your school.
2. To have our Sunday School superintendents of our various North American Baptist Churches

get better acquainted with each other's work.

3. To have our Sunday School superintendents share their ideas with each other through personal contributions to this leaflet.
4. To keep our superintendents informed about the latest developments in their department of service and thus share new ideas and pass on helps to the local Sunday School staff.

The publication, "Action," will be mailed to every superintendent and active pastor, providing the name and address of the superintendent have been mailed to the editor, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

It is the aim of the editor to improve "Action" from time to time. This will depend largely upon the cooperation of the superintendents. You are invited to write to the editor giving suggestions, asking questions pertaining to your local problems, and sharing your success with the rest or all of us.

for whatever obligation he might feel toward them.

It should not be necessary to stress among Christians that gratitude even (or should I say especially) in the spiritual realm must be cultivated and nourished. A man who owes a thousand dollars knows that he must keep the payments up or suffer loss, but in the spiritual realm, it is easy to put off "making payments" on the debt we owe God, yet our loss is infinitely greater.

How can one experience the grace of God and the consequent new life in Christ without say thanks, to God? Fresh air, rain, sunshine, and fruit of the field and a host of other things are God's daily provision for his creatures, whether they be evil or good, whether they give thanks or not. Significantly enough, even the sparrow that drinks from a pond of water raises his head skyward as if to acknowledge God's gift. A bird is made that way; it can't do otherwise.

But God hasn't made us like that; we must be reminded constantly to give thanks to God for his goodness toward us. That is why saying grace at mealtime, though it might seem perfunctory, should be cultivated in every home; why the family altar can become the means of Christian growth.

The Psalmist said, "What can I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" To enumerate God's benefits would be impossible; to attempt to make some kind of payment would not be acceptable. Like the Psalmist, all we can do is to bow in humble obedience and offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, which is the only way we have of saying "Thank you" to God.

"Thank you" is the result of a spirit of gratitude for every material and spiritual blessing. It is the overflow of a grateful heart.

A Grateful Heart

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what's in it, and if he likes it, he is captivated by it. If not, he lays it aside. All the time his parents watch him, and soon they say, "Well, aren't you going to say 'Thank you'?" Generally, he does, but it is only after it has been called to his attention.

He, like so many, lives in a world of "receive." Some day those parents will be filled with a sense of righteous pride, for when he receives a package, he will say "Thank you" of his own accord.

From that time on, the precious seed of gratitude must be carefully nurtured in order that it might grow. When the child becomes a man, he will have to guard the tender plant lest it be snuffed out by the lethargy of ingratitude. That same sense of gratitude which the parents tried to instill in the child is the thing which they themselves want from him. To hear him someday out of a "clear sky" say, "Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all the things you've done for me," will be one of the greatest thrills of their lives. This alone is adequate payment

Statistics of Our Churches, 1947

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Local Expenses	Gifts for Our Mission Fields	Gifts for Other Mission Societies	Total Gifts for All Mission Purposes	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	Woman's Miss. Soc.		Young People's Soc.	
												Societies	Membership	Societies	Membership
Atlantic.....	25	130	4208	188,287.14	31,478.39	30,399.36	78,987.72	288,933.68	25	2643	357	39	984	19	526
Central.....	28	243	6975	207,486.39	63,605.36	32,870.74	146,476.10	353,962.49	31	4758	466	25	909	23	798
Dakota.....	53	189	6515	158,427.37	94,288.59	15,620.52	109,909.11	268,336.48	73	5400	701	46	1037	45	1192
Eastern.....	13	84	2432	58,016.34	18,993.99	4,646.31	25,414.99	83,431.33	13	1566	178	15	463	14	316
Northern.....	50	119	5324	101,694.29	45,968.91	9,105.87	55,074.78	156,769.07	45	4215	366	28	677	28	1044
Northwestern....	37	148	5726	157,878.21	54,192.56	29,299.64	83,492.20	241,370.31	36	4403	508	30	1319	30	1094
Pacific.....	24	201	5116	163,390.20	99,610.30	20,844.43	120,454.73	283,844.93	28	4466	427	22	935	23	1129
Southern.....	13	49	1181	36,622.86	11,657.03	3,641.82	15,298.85	51,921.71	12	1085	116	13	173	8	390
Southwestern....	22	101	2646	92,784.73	55,452.95	8,985.73	64,438.68	157,223.41	22	2054	225	20	473	17	489
Total.....	266	1264	40120	1,164,587.53	475,248.08	214,414.42	699,547.16	1,885,853.41	285	31590	3344	238	6970	207	6978
Last Year.....	266	1330	38710	1,021,383.44	402,854.13	175,910.63	578,749.26	1,606,725.96	286	31918	3495	228	5305	198	6830
Total Increase...			1410	143,204.09	92,393.95	38,503.79	120,397.90	279,127.45				10	665	9	148
Total Decrease...		66							1	328	151				