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Denominational Reminders

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec.
Feb. 9 — East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois.
Feb. 10-11 — Northwestern Conference Ministers' Retreat, Wauertown, Wis.
Feb. 20 — Chapel Service, Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Missionary Sec.
Feb. 2 — Grand Forks, No. Dak.
Feb. 4-9 — Bible School and Meetings, Minitonas, Man., Can.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Sec.
Feb. 8-11 — Bethel Church, Anaheim, Fifteenth St. and Ebenzer Churches, Los Angeles, Calif.

Feb. 12 — Wasco, Calif.
Feb. 14 — Franklin, Calif.
Feb. 15-16 — Lodi, Calif.
Feb. 18-19 — La Salle, Colo.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec.
Feb. 9 — Sheboygan, Wis.

Feb. 16-19 — Promotional Visit of Several Minnesota Churches With Rev. M. Vanderbeck.
Feb. 16 — La Crosse, Wis., and Minneapolis, Minn.
Feb. 17 — Randolph, Minn.
Feb. 18 — St. Bonifacius, Minn.
Feb. 19 — Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, Evangelist
Feb. 2-14 — Kelowna, Brit. Col.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist
Feb. 2-14 — Linton, North Dakota.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Feb. 2 — Race Relations Sunday (Silver Anniversary of This Annual Observance).

Friday, Feb. 21 — World-wide Day of Prayer (See Program Material for Women's Missionary Unions on Page 10.)

Sunday, March 9 — Bible Day Observance (Program Material Is Being Prepared by Rev. E. Wolff, Cleveland, Ohio).

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THE ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

The First Goal—Personal Discipline

(a) The Use of a Prayer List.

(b) Tithing of Income.

(c) Reading of Christian Literature. "Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote" and Christian Books.

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

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AMONG OURSELVES

The Christian Achievement Plan, launched among our churches recently, has gained a firm foothold in the thinking and praying of our people. Leaflets and enlistment cards are being requested in large numbers. Pastors are using the program in their churches. The fires of enthusiasm for the plan are beginning to burn. Who knows? This may still become a revival fire among us. The young people with their accompanying Christian Service Plan are likewise enlisting the youth of our churches in its spiritual activities.

IN THIS ISSUE

"Variety" describes the contents of this number. Dr. A. J. Harms, the effective radio preacher of Detroit, Mich., contributes an inspiring sermon. The Personal Discipline goal of the Christian Achievement Plan is presented by Dr. Kuhn. Pages from Missionary Dunger's "log book" on his trip to Africa with the latest picture of Laura Reddig and Margaret Kittlitz are featured. Don't miss the first installment of the new story, "Charioteer." You'll want to hurry the mailman for the next "Herald" number. Page 17 has some exciting news about our wonderful missionary income. It's all to be found within the 24 pages of this issue.

COMING

The astounding achievements of our denominational headquarters in carrying on the relief program of the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies will be described by Rev. Frank H. Woyke in the next issue.

Two of our younger brethren have contributed sermons for the enjoyment of "Baptist Herald" readers in the next number. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Sheboygan, Wis., asks the question, "Are You Dead or Alive?" and the Rev. John Broeder of Victor, Iowa describes "The Witness for Christ."

The Book Reviews will present the latest and best books on Christ's Passion, the Cross and its meaning, and the resurrection glory, as prepared by the Rev. William L. Schoeffel and the editor.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

Baptists Around the World

Guest Editorial by Dr. J. H. RUSHBROOKE, President of the Baptist World Alliance

TO THE BAPTISTS of the world we send greetings. We call upon our brethren in all lands to observe Sunday, February 2, as Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

During the long night of the World War, we were able to keep open many lines of communication. In spite of censors, bits of news from our churches in lands occupied by hostile armies got through to the office of the Alliance in London and to the temporary office in Washington, D. C. News letters were sent out which were widely read. And occasionally news from the outside penetrated to friends where war was raging. This interchange of news brought cheer and hope.

As soon as hostilities ceased, steps were taken to renew fellowship where intercourse had been difficult. Letters and visits were exchanged. Very early a strong desire was expressed for still closer contact with fellow-Baptists than had been possible during the war. It was five years after the first World War before a world congress could be held. We expect to hold our next meeting much earlier than we did then.

Plans are well advanced for the Seventh World Congress to be held in Copenhagen from July 29 to August 3. We are looking forward with joy to seeing friends whom we have not seen for years. There we shall find ourselves lifted above racialism, color distinctions and nationalism. In that conference there will be no enemies nor ex-enemies. It will be a gathering of brothers in Christ who belong to the great Baptist family. Let us pray earnestly that by God's help our fellowship may be greatly strengthened and the cause of our Master advanced through this congress.

The war has left many of our brethren in certain countries in great distress. They need food, clothing, shelter and medicine. Some of them are not only homeless but stateless. But man does not live by bread alone. Provision must be made to meet the spiritual needs of our people. They need Bibles and hymn-books. We must help rebuild houses of worship. Theological schools must be reopened. By material aid and words of comfort let us do what we can to encourage those who are in danger of falling into despair. Let us make Baptist fellowship real in this time of trouble.

We must not only relieve distress caused by the war, but we must do all we can to prevent another such catastrophe. The war came because men were sinners. Now as in the past all too few seek to know and to do the will of God. It is impossible to build a new world without new men. The hearts of men must be changed if we are to have a lasting peace. Hate, prejudice, jealousy, greed and pride of nation and race brought on the war and war has strengthened all these evil passions. We cannot escape from the miry pit into which we have fallen without the help of God. The gospel of Jesus faithfully preached is our only hope.

Let us pray incessantly that God will pour out his spirit upon all mankind and give us a revival which will bring multitudes into the kingdom of God and that Baptists the whole world over may be instruments in his hand to that high end.

BIBLE TEXT

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Ephesians 4:5.

How vividly we remember this Bible text painted on the wall of the home church! It's still there, and rightly so, in many of our Baptist churches. For it comes from the heart of God's Word to teach a great abiding truth.

There is only one way that leads to eternal life. That WAY is Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life. Faith in him is indispensable for salvation. Obedience to his commands in Scriptural baptism by immersion is the natural accompaniment of the Christian faith. The essential ONENESS of all Christian fellowship as stressed by Baptists everywhere is found in this Bible verse. "Blest be THIS tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

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THE SERIAL STORY

The serial story is breathlessly anticipated by many of our readers. Others do not seem to care for that kind of reading material. But, finally, we believe we have found something that will please everyone.

CHARIOTEER begins its first chapter in this issue. It will run for the larger part of the year. This exciting novel of Gertrude Eberle was published only a few months ago by Eerdman's Press and sold at \$2.50 a copy. The dramatic story of Joseph weaves with Scriptural accuracy through this interesting, entertaining and instructive novel. Chariot races, thrilling activities, beautiful romances, an unfolding drama of Biblical times—these will all be found in this serial story, one of the features of the 25th Jubilee year of "The Baptist Herald."

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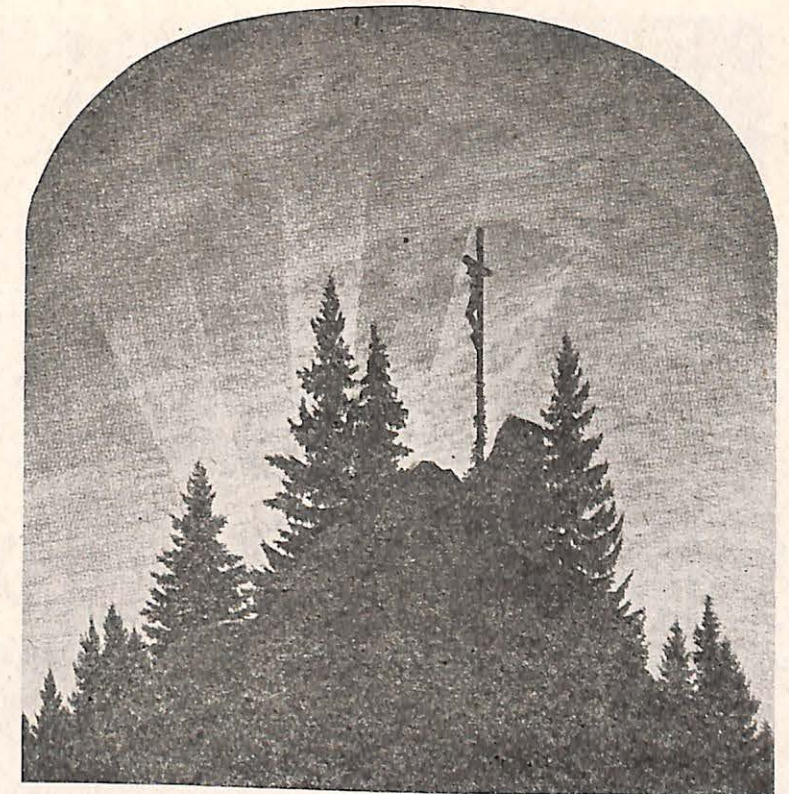
THE SERVANT OF CHRIST

There is no greater honor that can be ours than to be the servant of Jesus Christ. Most of us would like to be the recipient of that honor without understanding what it involves. The disciples found that lesson to be rather difficult. It isn't any easier to learn in 1947.

The servant of Christ is so eager to be at the Master's beck and call that he is completely under the Lord's domination. As such, he is Christ's slave, unreservedly devoted to his Master. No service is too menial for him to render if it is pleasing to Christ. His only joy is to bring honor to the Savior's Name. He is always hidden in the background. He is willing to be the least among men if only Christ's greatness can be glorified. Such a servant will the Master recognize as the greatest of his saints!

Burdens Lifted by the Lord of Life

A Message of Glad Tidings by Dr. ABRAHAM JOHN HARMS, Pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan



"CAST thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee." Psalm 52:22.

Everyone of you have probably seen the picture of Atlas with the world upon his shoulders. That picture is symbolic. Every person at some time or other feels a burden as heavy as the world upon his shoulders.

Have you ever felt the burden of the hod of bricks that the workman carries upon the ladder against the wall? Have you ever heard the steady thud of the pickax of the miner down in the coal shaft? Have you ever noticed the power of the tempest as it strikes the sailor at the mast head? Have you ever seen the factory girl among the spindles as she lifts her aching arms? Do you know anything about the perplexities that molest the common man? What about the mortgage that will soon be foreclosed? What about that note you cannot pay?

LIKE A CONCENTRATION CAMP

It seems that all the world has become a kind of gilded concentration camp where each is struggling for his own existence. Even business itself is like a camp of opposing factions and rivalries. Notice the display of fluorescent light, the variety of assortments, the splendor of show windows, the smooth persuasion of the salesmen, the tremendous amount of advertising, until the hair of the proprietor is silvered and deep wrinkles are plowed upon his brow. See that businessman as he worries over the time to buy and the time to sell; as he wonders whom to trust with credit, as he anticipates the effect of the new invention, as he wonders about the outcome

of regimentation. Someone has well said about the present day man, "If he has not a burden on this shoulder, he has one on the other shoulder."

In the Straits of Magellan it is said there is a place where the wind strikes against the captain no matter which way he puts his ship. There are souls today who have been running in the teeth of the storms of life for years and they are exhausted. They need help. Their limbs ache. Their respiration is painful. Their mouth is dry. Their ears hear strange noises.

But my friends, at the heart of all these burdens is the burden of sin which makes all others tenfold heavier. We need no Bible text to prove it. The psychiatrist, the therapeutic practitioner, the doctor, the minister, and many others know all about these tensions, these peculiar ailments, these nervous worries, these secret burdens, all made more bitter and depressing because of the burden of sin. Remember that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The whole race has been ruined by sin. Sin has put its clutch upon the immortal soul and my text tells you how that clutch can be released.

GOD'S WORD TO YOU

Listen to these words: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee." Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. When he came into the world, it was said of him: "They shall call his name Jesus, for it is he who shall save his people from their sin." To the weary and exhausted soul he says: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Oh my friend, why live like the prodigal on the husks that fain the swine would eat when the robe, and the ring, and the father's banquet are ready? Why go wandering over the great Sahara Desert of sin, when you are invited to the garden of God where the fountains of living water are flowing? Why be homeless and houseless and lonely when the Shepherd's fold will shelter you?

"I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest, Lay down thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast. I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him my morning star, and he hath made me glad."

THE BURDEN BEARER

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he will sustain thee." Does your head ache? Remember he wore the thorns on his brow. Do your feet hurt? His were pierced with the spikes upon the cross. Is your side painful? His side was thrust through by the spear of the executioner. Do you feel like giving away under the burden? His body gave way under the weight of the cross to Calvary.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the manner of our infirmity, but was at all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need." "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," no matter what kind of a burden you have, no matter what kind of a sin burden you

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Striving for the Highest Prize

The Goals of Personal Discipline in the Christian Achievement Plan
By Dr. WILLIAM KUHN, Assistant Executive Secretary

LIVING the Christian life successfully can only be achieved by observing a clearly defined spiritual discipline. That same law also applies to the Christian Achievement Plan. Only as every participating member and every participating church submits conscientiously and consistently to this spiritual discipline will we attain those spiritual goals. Although there are many other Christian duties, tasks and enterprises indicated in our own Christian Achievement Plan, we are at this time considering only three:

The Use of a Prayer List
Tithing of Income
Reading of Christian Literature

A PRAYER LIST

Prayer is as essential to our Christian life as breathing is to our physical life. Prayer expresses itself as praise, adoration, thanksgiving, petition and intercession. We have all heard of that Methodist saint who has been reported to have prayed: "Oh Lord, bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." Knowing our own hearts, we must confess that all too often the area included in our own prayer circle is exceedingly small.

The Holy Spirit, our intercessor, helps us to overcome our many infirmities in prayer. The use of a Prayer List will also help us to overcome some besetting sins and weaknesses of our prayer life. We are so engrossed in our personal affairs that we live in narrow horizons. We must make our Prayer List larger and more inclusive. We should do as the Lord says: "Launch out into the deep."

If you will lift up your eyes and look upon the field of suffering human-

ity with the compassion of Jesus Christ in your heart, you will never be at a loss to find appealing projects to be included on your prayer list. Do not say: "Until I can understand the mystery of the efficacy of intercessory prayer, I will not engage in it, nor will I set up a prayer list." We all know that our intercessions do not inform God, nor change his mind, nor persuade him to be more gracious than he would otherwise be. Many others including yourself have convincing evidences of the efficacy of intercessory prayer.

1. In this prayer-fellowship you will share the joys and sorrows of others.
2. In this fellowship with God, you will exert an influence far beyond your own personal ability.
3. God will become more real to you as you commune with him regarding the welfare of others.
4. Your personal influence will be extended far beyond your immediate community.
5. The use of a prayer list, whether it be written or indelibly inscribed in your memory, will be of invaluable aid in becoming efficient Prayer Helpers.

TITHING OF INCOME

Tithing is but one phase of the basic truth that we are but stewards of our earthly possessions, while God is the actual proprietor of us, including all that we have. Paul expressed that truth most forcefully on that storm-tossed ship: "Whose I am, and whom I serve."

The institution of the tithe comes to us from the long ago. God himself had given it to his chosen people, and

they had observed it religiously but with undue pride all through the centuries. In the New Testament Jesus Christ put his seal of approval on the tithe. Among the present generation of earnest Christians there are many who consistently practice tithing and thereby enjoy God's blessings as good stewards of the Lord.

1. As a tither of your income it will no longer be an unpleasant task to support God's work but will simply mean paying your voluntary obligation to God, cheerfully and often "hilariously".
2. As a conscientious tither, you may be in line for graduation to a place among those larger contributors. As his good steward, the Lord may entrust much more to your administration.
3. As a tither you will practically and concretely acknowledge the lordship of Christ over yourself and your possessions.
4. As a tither you must be alert to watch against the sin of boasting that you are a tither. No one should become a tither prompted by the impure and selfish motive of receiving God's special blessings thereby.

Mr. Walter A. Staub, deceased, known and honored as a most liberal supporter of Christ's work, while still a young man after graduating from the Girard College, became a tither. In one single year, long before he had reached the height of his business career, he contributed \$10,000 to our own missionary enterprise. Recently a North American Baptist called me by long distance telephone, telling me that he is contributing a full carload of rice, costing \$6,000.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Anyone visiting the Temple of the Heroes and Heroines of Faith will receive spiritual blessings richer than can ever be told. This visit can be made in the quiet of one's own home, while reading the eleventh chapter of the letter to the Hebrews. Men of similar passions and frailties with us, like Abram and Moses, by trusting God implicitly, and then obediently acting upon that faith, have accomplished the impossible. Every visit to this Temple of Faith makes us to be men and women of stronger faith.

The habitual and thoughtful reading of "The Baptist Herald", "Der Sendbote" and other denominational publications will impart spiritual blessings richer than can be told. It will be conceded by everyone that our most devoted and active members are always the faithful readers of our publications.

They are best informed. Their love is fervent and not subject to changes of temperature. They have consciously dedicated themselves as active

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Our Life Line - Still Open!

Impressions of Our Rochester Seminary by Rev. GEORGE W. ZINZ, Jr.,
of Erie, Penn.

IT HAS been my privilege to visit our Life Line—by no means a misnomer—twice since my return to civilian activity. What a stimulation! Would that all of our readers could make such a pilgrimage to our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. It will be the aim of the writer to take you on just such an excursion from time to time through the medium of these pages. Our editor has been most enthusiastic in his cooperation to that end. It has long been the desire of many for just such a presentation of one of the most important phases of our denominational life.

GOOD IMPRESSIONS

This piece of information will deal mostly with impressions. They are delightful impressions to one who has been starved for some time for that which is so essential in the life of a servant of God. May it please our heavenly Father that none need be denied these essentials to ascertain their tremendous value. Yet too much of this is taken as matter of course. Either we do not understand because of being uninformed or it has become too familiar.

The very first thing to make its decided impression was the sincere cordiality of the students. To the majority, I was a complete stranger. Yet they "took me in." Nothing "offish" and still not too forward. It made me feel that my presence was appreciated. And which of us does not yearn for that! We look for such cordiality in those who would lead us in the things of the Master. There is that in Rochester!

How one appreciates people with whom one can converse intelligently, people who can make contributions to one's thinking. It is most stimulating, this exchange of ideas—constructive, pertinent, full of worthwhileness. And I found just that in Rochester. Certainly, they were anxious in their questioning about conditions in the lands I visited, just as anxious as I was in probing their thinking processes. We have men preparing themselves for the Lord's work who are willing to think—a God-given faculty—something we desire in those who would lead us in the things of the Master.

LOVE FOR THE LORD

I found men who love their Lord. There is no place in Rochester for one who does not. This beautiful aspect of our men thrilled me. There is too

much of indifference in the ranks of God's people and when one meets up with those who desire above all else to serve Christ one cannot remain unmoved. There are several cardinal ear-marks of Rochester men and this one—the most important. All the learning in the world cannot take the place of a sincere, consecrated life. The spiritual will always supercede the intellectual. What a power is exercised when there is a manifestation of both!

and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This applies to men of God as well as to men of any other calling. No one cares for one who cannot see the lighter side of life. There is a happy balance and blessed is the man who has found just such a balance!

There is a rounding out of one's personality deemed so necessary in an effective ministry. When one does not play, the value and the enjoyment of the same in others can never be seen. Woe to the pastor who cannot play



The Eighteen New Students of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York Who Represent Our Denominational Life Line for the Years of the Future.

No man can do an effective work without adequate preparation. No man can do an effective work without adequate inspiration—inspiration which comes from a Christ-filled, Holy Spirit yielded life. I say without reservation that I found just that, that which we look for in those who would lead us in the things of the Master.

No one loves a shirker. We all love a willing worker. Tirelessly, they give themselves in service, be it what it may. Some things are much more difficult to do while others are less arduous. I found our men in Rochester taking everything in stride. Nothing too small—nothing too big! This is what we look for in those who would lead us in the things of the Master.

A WELL BALANCED TRAINING

While ferreting around, I found that our men are also able to play as well as they are able to work. "All work

with his people as well as pray with them! I found this trait in Rochester—something we look for in those who would lead us in the things of the Master.

There is one factor which has aided greatly in bringing about the occasions for these impressions. God has graced us with a well balanced, tireless faculty. They stop at nothing to see that our men receive only that which is of utmost importance in rounding out a well developed preparedness. It is a decided thrill to be able to work with a group of men such as we have heading up our institution of learning. It is most invigorating to spend time chatting, planning with them. They are over-worked, not always fully appreciated, but nevertheless blessed by God. I look forward to a most happy time in these excursions to the Life Line of our denomination. May God ever keep it as I have found it—still open. What are you doing to keep it open? How are you assisting our school to keep on preparing men who are called to lead others in the things of the Master?

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A Missionary's Log Book

Observations on the Flight from La Guardia Field of New York to Douala, Africa by Missionary **GEORGE A. DUNGER**

big airship across the seas and lands of the globe, we boarded the "Sky of Provence".

In rapid succession the hamlets, villages, towns and cities of Massachusetts, the coastal waters of the Atlantic and the lonely reaches of Nova Scotia passed below. Now open sea again. And then, after several hours, the rugged shores of Newfoundland appeared. Bleak forests. Barren, rocky summits. Meandering rivers and here and there a few clusters of settlements. Swooping down, banking to the right, now swinging in a wide half circle, now banking left—and, head-on, the dark, macadamized landing strip of Gander Airport! The first stop on our flight to far away Africa!

When we left the forbidding coast of Newfoundland, the sun was setting in magnificent splendor, casting its golden rays over sea and land and the speeding plane that was heading straight for the mighty Atlantic and the dark night. We climbed through several layers of clouds until we had reached our flight level, 10,000 feet above sea. All the while the children played. Later, young and old, big and small, went to sleep. The engines droned. Firmly planted in the nightly sky were those two strong, spreading wings that carried us on over the sea at the incredible speed of 230 miles an hour.

At 11 P. M. the air grew colder. Heavy rain and hail hammered against the small round windows. The atmosphere became turbulent, and the plane was tossed up and down. However, suddenly, as if by a miracle, the plane steadied itself—and there was the most beautiful starlit sky above and the softest and smoothest imaginable blanket of clouds below!

The Scripture passage (Deut. 32:10-12) came to my mind: "He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him . . ."

Although the passage clearly refers to Israel, it seemed as if it could be applied to the twenty-odd missionaries who were being carried on the wings

of this giant eagle to God's Harvest Fields in Africa. In front of me a missionary kept on humming the chorus, "Send the Light, the Blessed Gospel Light." I joined him, humming and praying: "Speed the Light, the Needed Gospel Light . . . speed the Light . . . SPEED the Light!"

CITY OF PARIS

At 6 A. M. when flying over Southern Ireland—just awakening in the radiant beams of the rising sun—a second bulletin was issued. It informed us that due to good weather conditions we would not land at Shannon, but continue to proceed to Paris, France, which we would reach at about nine o'clock in the morning. Below us appeared the Irish Sea, the southeasternmost tip of England, and then the broken coast of Normandic. Time passed swiftly as we saw the cottages of Normandic, the towns of Ile de France and, lastly, the Seine River pass beneath.

Paris lay below scattered clouds. Occasionally the Eiffel Tower would pierce them and present its rusty head. At nine o'clock in the morning the wheels of our "Ciel de Provence" touched the landing strip of Airdrome Paris. The flight from New York to Paris had taken exactly 23½ hours. Buses of the airline took us to the Hotel Palais d'Orsay in the heart of the city.

During the remaining hours of the day and on Sunday we were given occasion to see the sights without any cost to us. Why shouldn't we accept? Again the buses of the airline took us around. We saw, among other things, the Opera, University, Notre Dame and St. Madeleine, Montmartre and its gleaming church Sacre Coeur, the tombs of Napoleon and Marshal Foch, the Champs-Elysees and the Tuellerie Gardens.

The most significant spectacle in Paris to the sensitive mind is Napoleon's Tomb. His body lies in a huge marble sarcophagus in the Church of the Invalides. One is constrained to bend over in order to see that sarcophagus and to read the tablets bearing the names of his victories. When Napoleon designed his tomb he is said to have remarked that even in death should people pay him honor and

obedience by bowing down to his grave. But Napoleon's power over France has waned.

Paris is a striking example of man's glory—a vainglory—built by warlords and demagogues on the sweat, the tears and the blood of their fellow men. And what a happy thought that we who gazed with trembling hearts at man's monuments are messengers of his flock, commissioned not to erect a triumphal arch here and a pompous tomb there, but the Church of the Living Christ!

FLIGHT TO AFRICA

At six o'clock on Sunday evening we boarded the "Ciel de Provence" again. At this time our course lay southward, across beautiful, rural France. Again our eyes beheld such well known historic sights of Orleans, Tours, and late in the evening Bordeaux at the mouth of the Garonne. To the right the Gulf of Biscay reflected the last rays of the setting sun, and forward loomed the Pyrenees, threshold of Spain. As the sky darkened, city lights appeared like gems on the velvet garb of the nightly land. There were giant gems such as Madrid and Seville set in the mountains of Castile and the fertile plains of Andalusia. Now the Straits of Gibraltar lay beneath us, and within only one hour and a half's time the lights of Casablanca appeared on the horizon. We landed at Casablanca at midnight.

After we had had a cup of hot coffee and some buns we went back to the plane. At one o'clock in the morning we took off from Casablanca and flew until 7:30 A. M. when we landed at Dakar. At nine o'clock we left Dakar, and, after a flight of three and a half hours, we landed at Roberts Field, Monrovia. Here the Panam provided food and housing for us. It was here too that the first of the twenty missionaries left the plane in order to proceed to her station in Liberia.

On the following day—a Tuesday—the "Ciel de Provence" took us all the way to Lagos, Nigeria. Familiar names and well-remembered places and landmarks passed beneath the wings of the plane: Abidjan on the Ivory Coast, the muddy waters of the Volta river, Kumasi on the Gold Coast, lagoons and highways, until we finally sighted Lagos and the Ikeja Airport. We landed at Ikeja at 1:20 P. M.

After the usual immigration and custom matters were given attention, we were taken to Lagos in the African way: in a creaking, rickety, rumbling, bumpy, smelly rattletrap of a "bus," driven by a native driver who frequently squeezed the horn to scare away other vehicles and, wiping his sweaty brow at the same time, made the bus sway from side to side, saving the lives of chickens, goats and fellow-natives who happened to stroll along

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The Most Recent Picture of Missionaries Margaret Kittitz and Laura E. Reddig. (Left to Right) as They Welcomed the Dungers and the Gebauers Back to the Cameroons of Africa.



the narrow African highway. As the distance from Ikeja to Lagos is just about eleven miles, these nonchalant wanderers and we as passengers of the bus escaped disaster not only once.

AFRICA'S BEAUTY

On the following day we saw the "Ciel de Provence" depart. Gallantly the big Skymaster rose on its wings, dipped its wings twice in parting salute—and out of sight it went, northward to Kano, Algiers and back to Paris. Then a smaller aircraft captivated our attention. It was an all-metal, tri-motor German Junkers transport plane. It was the local craft that was to take us to Douala, the last stop on our flight. Its defunct radio transmitter and necessary repairs delayed us two and a half days. This delay gave us the welcome occasion to make necessary purchases for trekking, to pay the customary visit to the American Consul and to visit with other missionaries who went to Nigeria and the French Cameroons.

On Friday morning at 9:30 we boarded the Junkers and left Ikeja. Lagos disappeared behind low clouds, and soon our plane roared out over the Bight of Benin. Two hours afterwards we saw land again. It was the mangrove swamps of the Niger Delta, intersected by the meandering arms of the Niger.

The sky cleared over the sea and soon we could see the majestic peak of Mt. Cameroon, rearing its crater 13,500 feet into the sky. Below lay plantations and, after a few minutes' time, we could discern the town of Victoria and its houses. Now we crossed Ambas Bay, Bimbia and the mangrove islands of the Mungo and Wuri rivers. Douala's cathedral, the Custom House, the new, impressive Alfred Saker Memorial Church of the French Protestant Mission gleamed in the midday sun.

The airport appeared and soon our small but efficient and sturdy plane touched ground. We had arrived! We shook hands with the pilots. Our flight across the Atlantic, France, Spain, Northwest Africa and West

Africa had come to a successful end.

One hour after our arrival by plane we drove to the American Presbyterian Mission. There we found that Rev. Edwin Michelson had just arrived with the Desert Dodge from the interior. What a happy meeting! During the following day we drove to Great Soppo, a distance of about 150 miles.

SPEED THE GOSPEL

Missionary travel has changed in the last decades. The use of sea lanes and waterways, the building of automobile roads and airfields have revolutionized missionary movement. Forty years ago loads had to be carried from Victoria to Great Soppo on the heads of carriers. It was a strenuous trek, for it meant not only walking about 15 miles through tropical forest but also a climb from sea level to about 3,000 feet.

Compare it with present-day travel. You load your truck or pick-up (provided you have one!) at Victoria and drive for one hour—and you are at Great Soppo. Again, take the distance between Victoria and Lagos, covered by coastal steamer in about four days. Board an airplane at Douala and you fly just about three hours—and you are in Lagos! Take our flight from New York to Douala. It took us exactly eight days to reach our destination. Out of these eight days we spent about five days shopping, seeing government officials, conferring and resting. No wonder that another missionary society chartered one of these big Skymasters for the purpose of missionary transport! Much simpler, less expensive, far more efficient, speedy and enjoyable!

Give us modern transport in the Cameroons—strong pick-ups, light low-chassis trucks, several jeeps—and your missionaries will SPEED the blessed Gospel light in the far and dark corners of this benighted land, winning souls to Christ, establishing churches, teaching the growing generation and so break the shackles of fear, superstition and sin in the lives of the Cameroons people!

The Church of the Invalides in Paris Where Napoleon's Tomb Was Viewed by Missionaries George Dunger and Paul Gebauer and Their Families Before Continuing Their Journey to Africa.

"THERE is LaGuardia Air Field!" "And look at the big, shiny airplanes!"

So the children were saying in the back of the car. The car turned towards the massive, impressive-looking airport buildings, and soon we were among the passengers and visitors of one of the world's busiest airports.

Package was weighed in; each passenger was allowed 66 pounds. Then the passport and visas were checked. Finally a voice through a loudspeaker requested all the passengers for the Special Flight of Airfrance to assemble at Gate 1. The time for our departure had come!

"SKY OF PROVENCE"

Attendants guided us to the plane, a giant four-engine "Skymaster". What was its name, painted clearly on its shiny hull? "CIEL DE PROVENCE" meaning the "Sky of Provence". Yes, let that be a comforting thought, for it is said that God smiled on the Provence—a part of Southern France—when he created it and thus the heaven above it remained an eternal blue. With the silent prayer, encompassing our families, that God might be pleased with the flight of the

Women's Day of Prayer

Edited by Mrs. FRANK VENINGA of Peoria, Illinois

A World Wide Observance on
Friday, Feb. 21, 1947

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord;
Make Straight in the Desert a Highway for Our God!—Isaiah 40:3.



ON THIS DAY the Christian women of the world are joining in earnest prayer for the petitions that are weighing heavily upon our hearts. Indeed, we are living in momentous times. Even though the guns have been silenced and the streams of blood have ceased to flow, we find ourselves in a world of sorrow, unrest and distress. We are seeking feverishly for peace.

The late President Roosevelt gave us the assurance that "in victory we shall not seek vengeance but the establishment of international order ruled by the spirit of Christ." And yet we see so little of this promise fulfilled, for the spirit of Christ has not been manifested to any marked degree as the ruling forces have been brought together to consider peace. In this world of perplexity you and I are called upon to build a highway for our God.

The text for the day is taken from Isaiah 40:3. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." The prophet was looking beyond the captivity and discovered some glowing reports concerning future events. So we, even as the prophet of old, look confidently into the future and can see on God's horizon wide open doors. Thus, we must unite our efforts in building a highway that will lead to fields of greater service. In these days of hitherto unknown opportunities God is calling us to take hold and advance his Kingdom.

I. Preparation

Thus, in building the greatest highway, we will consider first of all, preparation. Indeed, the task is great and we must be prepared. Certainly, the fundamental step is to recognize our need for repentance. We have many international, national and individual sins. The world today is in this great chaotic condition because man has turned away from God and has not allowed his spirit to lead and direct in world affairs as well as in the individual life.

You recall when John the Baptist was crying in the wilderness trying to build a highway for our God, he preached repentance. The people had to get ready for Christ and that was through repentance. Our world is looking for a brighter tomorrow filled with hope and peace and we cannot proclaim such a message unless we repent of our sins.

When God spoke to Solomon, as we find it recorded in II Chronicles 7:14, he said: "if my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." We know that God will do the same for us today if we meet the conditions which he has outlined for us.

In building this highway for our God, we must also secure a firm foundation. We cannot afford to build on the sinking sands which are found in the deserts. Our highway will be traveled on by individuals who have heavy burdens, and unless we build on the solid Rock, Christ Jesus, the weary traveler will fall by the wayside.

We recall the parable Jesus gave of the man who built a house. The winds blew and the rains descended but the house fell not. Why? Because it was built upon rock. So we must pray that we, as well as all nations of the world, may realize the need of building on Christ and his principles.

2. Destination . . . The World

After we have repented and laid the proper foundation, then the actual work begins. We have both home and foreign missionary enterprises and our highway will have to carry the message of hope, peace and joy to all the world.

a) Home Missions

Let us consider our own so-called Christian America. As we think of its needs, somber shadows surround us. Do we realize that we have millions of young people who are without religious training? Thousands of children are leading criminal lives, and

thus we spend billions of dollars for an annual crime bill. Certainly we have a great mission field here at home and we cannot afford to neglect it.

In endeavoring to build a highway for our God, we must capture the youth of our land for Christ. Let us pray for the homes of America that they may continue to be "the corner stone of the nation". How appalling to hear of the many broken homes! We are told that one out of five marriages ends in divorce and in some localities the ratio drops to one out of every three. Let us pray that God will use us in presenting Christ to these homes where he is not known.

b) Foreign Missions

The foreign mission field presents a greater challenge than ever before. Doors are opening which have hitherto been closed. We must be alert to these opportunities. We have a great moral obligation, for freely we have received and freely we are to give. We must send forth the light of the gospel for Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world," is still binding. We are to carry or be the means of having the gospel carried into the uttermost parts of the world.

Since Jesus said "Go," twenty centuries have struck the clock of ages. Our population has increased and yet millions have perished without ever hearing of his great love. Missions are not secondary; they are primary. The plea from our own mission field in Africa is for more workers and more money. We cannot fail those who are laboring so faithfully nor those whom God has entrusted to our care.

c) The Suffering and Needy

One of the most beautiful portraits of Jesus as found in the Gospel is expressed in five little words: "He went about doing good". Certainly, we are to be like our Master and exercise passion, compassion, brotherliness and sympathy for a needy world. It has been said that in lifting the burdens of others, our own are lifted; in drying

the tears of the sorrowing, our own are wiped away; and in reaching forth a comforting hand to a broken heart, the divine hand reaches down and comforts us. Truly in the midst of personal sorrow we can render effective service through the lessons we have learned. There are wide open doors to help millions who are in distress. Our losses and sorrows may encourage us to help those who are facing the darkest days of life.

We are told that every five seconds someone dies of starvation. Furthermore, we are informed that eight hundred million people are in the dread grip of famine. What are we doing about it? Can we be so complacent in our comfortable homes and forget the brethren across the seas? God forbid that any of us should lend a deaf ear to their cry. Germany is today a land of endless human misery, suffering and starvation. Some one has said that those who have not seen the misery of Europe cannot imagine it; and those who have seen it cannot describe it.

Our own beloved denomination has this situation close at heart and thus we are to give freely to the Fellowship Fund. Let us send our caravans on this wonderful highway bringing relief to the multitudes in distress. Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

3. Consecration

As we considered the great responsibilities that are facing us as a denomination and as individuals shall we not endeavor to meet the crying needs of our day? Let us, however, keep in mind that Christ must be the very center of our lives and allow him to govern us in ALL circumstances. Our bodies are to be presented as a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God. There are many in this sin-sick world groping in the darkness, looking not only for material and physical help but also for spiritual help. Our greatest mission in this world will always be to lead men into a proper relationship with Christ. The bringing of individuals to him is the highest achievement possible.

Someone asked Lyman Beecher what he considered the greatest thing a human being can be or do. Without any hesitation the great pulpiteer replied: "The greatest thing is for one human being to bring another to Christ Jesus the Savior." Let us rededicate our lives for greater service, whether it be in the leading of individuals to our Lord or in giving of our substance.

Let us also pray for and give to our schools that are training our young people for Christian service. May God give abundant grace and wisdom to those who influence our youth in the classrooms as well as from the pulpits. Since we are all co-workers together with God let us strive to do

We, the Women

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

PRAYER PREPARATION

Someone has stated that at the beginning of the last war Germany rang with such slogans as "Strength Through Joy," "Strength Through Youth." Today their slogan is "Strength Through Grief." But the Christian slogan is "Strength Through Prayer." Daniel, centuries ago, knew this when he said: "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." Prayer helps men to know God.

But what is prayer? How shall we pray? Why shall we pray? Does God answer prayer? These are only a few of the questions that have occupied men's minds as they have, throughout the years, tried to fathom the mystery of prayer. As we approach the World Day of Prayer, some of these questions again challenge our own thinking. A number of helpful books on the subject of prayer have been recently reviewed and suggested in the pages of "The Baptist Herald." We would all benefit greatly by reading at least one of these as we prepare ourselves to participate with women around the world on the special Day of Prayer. (February 21, 1947.)

The apostle Paul said, "Pray without ceasing." The time to begin enriching our prayer life is now. As we study and meditate about prayer, let us do it with the prayer of the disciples

of old in our hearts, "Lord, teach us how to pray." He alone can open our spiritual eyes, and understanding, and make real to us the meaning and purpose and method of prayer.

O Lord, I pray
That for this day
I may not swerve
By foot or hand
From thy command,
Not to be served, but to serve

This, too, I pray:
That from this day
No love of ease
Nor pride prevent
My good intent;
Not to be pleased, but to please.

And if I may,
I'd have this day
Strength from above
To set my heart
In heavenly art,
Not to be loved, but to love.

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MRS. FRANK VENINGA, the writer of the Day of Prayer program material, found on page 10, is the wife of the Rev. Frank Veninga of our State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill. A graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Mrs. Veninga is well trained to help her husband in the many duties of church life. She is a capable speaker and song leader, as well as writer. I am sure that her article will be inspirational and helpful as you plan your program for the Day of Prayer.

Striving for the Prize

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more for him in this coming year and may our highway bring the message of peace to a world in turmoil.

"Carry the gospel of love and cheer
Out to a world of sin;
Many a home is dark and drear,
Never the sun shines in.

Nations are waiting the news to hear
Of mercy, forgiveness and love.
Christ came to save and to dry every
tear,

Prepares now our mansions above.
Send forth this message to far and near,
Publish the news of release,
That all may soon the glad tidings hear
Of pardon and promise and peace."
Otto Koening.

Special Prayer Requests:

1. Forgiveness of sins.
2. The homes of America.
3. The youth of America.
4. Our own mission field.
5. The missionaries on the field.
6. The missionaries who are about to sail.
7. The suffering and needy.
8. For a deeper consecration of individuals, churches and schools.

coworkers, as Prayer Helpers. They plead for an outpouring of blessing upon our denominational family and share the joys and sorrows of our entire group. These habitual readers of our publications serve as the strong and dependable pillars supporting every local church and the entire denomination.

We would not be so narrow-minded to restrict our interest to the affairs of our own group. God's work is larger than our field. To us has been assigned our own segment, and in the cultivation of that we would be faithful. In order to acquaint ourselves with the happenings in Christ's world-wide Kingdom, we would keep ourselves abreast of our times by reading other Christian literature. This is in full accord with the policy expressed by the Apostle Paul: "All things are yours: whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. James E. Halbert presented his resignation as pastor of the Arthur St. Church of Spokane, Washington early in January and announced that it would be effective before the close of the month. His plans for the future are not known at the denominational headquarters.

● The First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin extended a call to the Rev. John C. Schweitzer, one of our general evangelists, to become its pastor. Mr. Schweitzer was led to accept the call and will begin his pastorate in Manitowoc on March 1st. Conditions of health that became complicated by extensive travels influenced Mr. Schweitzer in making this decision. The Rev. Hugo Lueck, interim pastor in Manitowoc, will be available to other churches after March 1st.

● The Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas recently extended a call to the Rev. Ronald B. Stabbert of Tacoma, Wash., to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. Stabbert is a former student at Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary and pastor of the Ebenezer Church of West New York, New Jersey. He is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash. He will begin his pastorate in the Bethany Church of Kansas on Sunday, Feb. 16, succeeding the Rev. W. W. Knauf, now pastor of the Franklin Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif.

● For several months Mr. Robert Jaster of Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada has been serving as the pastor of the Baptist Church and adjoining mission field at Valley View, Alberta, Canada north of Edmonton. He spent a year as a special student at the Edmonton Christian Training Institute. This difficult field in the northerly area requires a sacrificial, pioneering spirit. Mr. Jaster and his family are anxious to give evidence of that kind of ministry on this field.

● The Rev. Frederick Alf, pastor of the Bethel Church of Missoula, Montana for the past 5½ years, resigned at the close of 1946. He requested the church to make the resignation effective on April 1, 1947. He is now awaiting God's guidance for the future. He will be glad to correspond with any churches regarding a prospective pastorate. Mr. Alf has had a successful ministry in such churches as Missoula, Montana; Carbon, Alberta; and Linton, North Dakota since 1935.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN
His Birthday on February 12 is the Occasion of Reverent Observances Throughout the World.

... "It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God . . . and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proved by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

"Being a humble instrument in the hands of our heavenly Father, I desire that all my works and acts may be according to His will."

—Lincoln in 1863

● The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., has erected a new aluminum bulletin board in front of the church, which was erected by Mr. Judson B. Hamel and his son on Christmas morning so that it might be in use during the holiday season. On Tuesday evening, Jan. 7, the Philathea Class held a public meeting, which was addressed by Miss Frances Tencate, a Baptist missionary in South India. The message by the pastor, Rev. L. B. Holzer, on Sunday morning, Dec. 29, was on the topic, "The Unlearned Lesson."

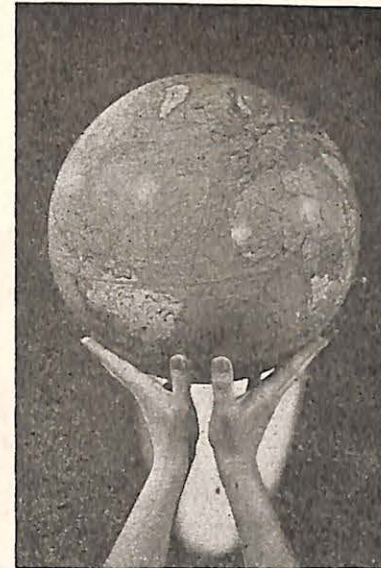
● The January 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" reported incorrectly that the Rev. R. A. Grenz of Cathay, North Dakota had accepted the call of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma. The editor and printers of "The Herald" regretted the insertion of this paragraph into the columns of the "What's Happening" page and assume all responsibility for it. Our apologies to the churches and people involved!

● The play, "Midnight," written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, was presented by the young people of the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, New York at its Watchnight Service. The Rev. Emil D. Gruen, a member of the church, brought the meditation at the close of the old year. On Friday evening, Jan. 3, our North American Baptist pastors and their wives of New York and vicinity were the supper guests of the church. At the service each of the ministers spoke on the subject: "I Face the New Year." "A steamer letter" had also been presented to the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider before their sailing on Jan. 3rd for the Cameroons, Africa with a message of greeting and encouragement to the Schneiders written by one of the church's members for each day of the month. The Rev. W. J. Appel is the pastor of the Evergreen Church.

● The Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Ill., enjoyed the Christmas concert by its choir on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, presented under the direction of Mr. R. E. Jones. At the Watchnight service missionary pictures were shown and a brief message was brought by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," prior to the communion service held at the midnight hour with the pastor, Rev. A. G. Schlesinger in charge. The guest speaker on Sunday morning, Jan. 12, was the Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary. The Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, superintendent of the Chicago Home for the Aged, is serving as the director of the church's male chorus and as the song leader at the Sunday evening services.

● For the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Mr. Ed Link and Mr. Vernon Link, students of the Rochester Seminary, were the guests of the White Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio. They spoke at the Watchnight service and sang with their sister, Miss Frances Link, and Miss Esther Burger of the Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 29, at a candlelight service, at which the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf and Mr. H. P. Donner spoke about the tasks of the year ahead. On Dec. 29th Mrs. Amy Vormelker, aged 80, the last living charter member of the church, was called to her heavenly reward. Prof. O. E. Krueger and Rev. E. Wolff, pastor, officiated at the service.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the First Emery Baptist Church of Emery,



So. Dak., held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Ittermann and their family with Mr. Henry Olt-hoff in charge of the program. Brief messages were brought by the Reverends G. W. Rutsch and H. Webb as well as by representatives of the church. Shortly before that, evangelist services had been conducted in Emery by the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Salem, Oregon. The meetings were well attended and a real spiritual uplift was experienced by the church, as reported by Mr. Emanuel Wahl, clerk.

● On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29, funeral services were held in the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., for Miss Ida Paschka, a charter member of the church. In her youth she was baptized by the Rev. Conrad Bodenbender and received into the membership of the Spruce St. Church of Buffalo. She sang in the choir of the Bethel Church for 40 years. She was a sister of Mrs. A. P. Mihm of River Forest, Ill., who with her daughter, Lydia, attended the memorial service. Many beautiful floral pieces expressed the love and high esteem in which Miss Paschka was held by her friends and relatives.

● The First Baptist Church of Vida, Montana completed a successful year. During 1946 the small group of 28 members purchased a parsonage in Wolf Point, Montana and raised approximately \$3000 toward its building fund. Before the year ended the church adopted its first constitution, making it effective November 15, 1946. On the first Sunday of the new year, January 5th, the church members celebrated the Lord's Supper at which time they used their first individual cup communion set. The attendance has more than doubled itself in the last year. The Rev. Henry Lang is pastor of the church.

● The Clay St. Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., recently ex-

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Beside the Still Waters

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

OUR WORLD

Jesus did not think in provincial but in universal terms. From the very beginning of his ministry he had a world outlook. To him the field of activity was not Jerusalem, Palestine or even Asia, but the world. Jesus was the first one who could say, "The world is my parish." He could also say, "I am the light of the world." What an unique prophecy he made almost two thousand years ago!

Today he is more than ever before the only moral, spiritual Light that will save the world from destruction, both physical and spiritual. He has overcome the world. Christ is the potential Victor of our world. He saw the ruler of this world cast out. The forces of evil are still rampant, but Christ has already given them their death blow. The apostle John caught

the vision of Jesus. He said that God so loved the world of humanity that he gave his very best for their salvation.

Nothing less than the world is our mission field. Christ has transferred his responsibility to us. Did he not say, "Ye are the light of the world"—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation"? Today he would add another world-wide command. "Feed the world!"

A little boy was presented with a globe. He took it into his bedroom. One night his father stole quietly into the lad's room and wanted to use the globe. His son awoke and said, "What are you doing with my world?" Christ is saying to us Christians, "What are you doing with my world that is in such physical and spiritual distress?"

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Pointed Paragraphs

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

☞ "A recent writer on suicides testifies: 'The person who is interested in others is less likely to commit suicide. The present day tendency is towards an exaggerated interest in self. We must be directly and seriously concerned with the welfare of others to be truly happy, and to realize that our life is serving a useful purpose. They are selfish, these would-be suicides. That is the secret of suicide—egotism. Me-I-mine-I-I. Thinking only of self, of one's dignity, one's injured pride. Ballooning up petty troubles. A weakling's spirit. Coddling and pampering one's self.'"

—"Messenger of Good Will."

☞ Bernard M. Baruch, United States representative to the Atomic Energy Commission, addressing the second session of the Commission said: "Behind the black portent of the new atomic age lies a hope which, seized upon with faith, can work our salvation. If we fail, then we have damned every man to be the slave of Fear. Let us not deceive ourselves: we must elect world peace or world destruction."

—"International Conciliation"

☞ "Mrs. Rose Dyvig, 56, Chicago, vice-president of the National Grandmothers' Club said: 'Back in the 1880's one woman wore more than 10 women do now.'"

—"Protestant Voice"

☞ "During the past decade, many American theologians have revealed the glaring inadequacies of the view of man held by a majority of liberal Christians. Following the lead of Reinhold Niebuhr, they have made it their chief task to prick the bubbles of optimistic fancy about man's innate goodness set adrift especially by clergymen, church members and secular radicals. Today, however, in the wake of a depression and a war, the bubble blowers have turned into the prophets of doom. Nevertheless, these theologians are still brandishing their pins. They seem not to realize that the targets largely have vanished. Here is the root of the tragedy of modern theology. Misapprehending the spiritual climate in which we live, falsely analyzing our spiritual problem, it confronts our day of fear, doubt and confusion with a message of blacker fear, bitterer doubt and confusion more confounding."

—Dav. S. Burgess, "Christian Century"

☞ "General Omar Bradley well states: 'The question of getting the veteran back into the church and congregation is one of the most important facing the country today. Religion is the basis upon which we place everything else, and unless we have a solid foundation upon which to work, we may go astray as a nation.'"

—"The Watchman-Examiner"

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LETTERS WE LIKE TO READ AT THE HOME OFFICE OF THE BAPTIST LIFE ASSOCIATION

From Brooklyn, New York:

"Thank you very much for your letter of October 2. Mother and I enjoyed your visit with us very much at the time you paid off my 20 Year Endowment policy.

You might be interested to know that at the time I placed my endowment policy on August 26, 1926, I had no serious intention of buying insurance; I was only 20 years old. However, because one of the boys in our church was soliciting the insurance, and in the knowledge that the company was a Baptist organization and I could, therefore, have utmost confidence in my investment, I bought the insurance. Throughout the years of holding the policy, I have been afforded the benefit of friendly individual contact with the personnel of your good organization. That is why, when you were delivering the check to me, that I decided to take out another policy on my own life and also one on the life of my niece.

You will remember I told you that I was employed in a Wall Street lawyers office. I showed one of the lawyers my \$1,000 check and the list of yearly dividends I received every year; these add up a total of \$93.91. My total payments to you amounted to \$392.00; deduct \$93.91 dividends and my investment is \$838.09. I drew \$1,000, gain of \$161.91 and with it I was insured for twenty years. The oldest lawyer in the office said to me, "I don't think you could have done better in any company."

I cannot tell you how tickled I am, and how thankful I feel to the company."

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From New Haven, Conn.:

"Thank you for your letter of December 26th and the check for \$1,000 that was enclosed. The receipt and policy are returned herewith.

My association with your company has been a pleasant one and you have my best wishes for continued success and prosperity in the years to come."

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A letter to one of our agents:

"I want to express my grateful appreciation to your Association for the promptness with which it paid the claim on the life of my husband, and to you, my most sincere thanks for your interest in us. Because of your courtesy and assistance, this Baptist Life Association check is the first payment which I have received under any of my late husband's life insurance policies. Allow me to thank you for your assistance."

Representatives needed in every Baptist Church. Correspondence invited. Direct your letter to: Mr. Henry Marks, 860 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

From Philadelphia:

"I want to say that I have always been more than well pleased with the service from your Association."

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From Brooklyn, New York:

"I am enclosing my Baptist Life Endowment which matures in five days and upon which I expect a cash settlement of \$1,500. This policy, though it is small, has been a great asset to me. In terminating this business connection with you, I want to say that it has been a genuine pleasure to have been associated with your Association for the past 40 years."

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From Portland, Oregon:

"I wish to express my appreciation of the prompt service you have rendered me through the past 20 years. The policy proceeds, arriving promptly every month, have been of great assistance to me. I boost the buying of a monthly income policy whenever the Opportunity affords itself, and always mention your good Baptist Life Association."

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From Newark, New Jersey:

"Thank you for the kindness and friendship of your Association which enabled us to keep my late husband's policy in force through the total permanent disability provision during the years when we were unable to pay the premiums. It gave us a feeling of security. I wish you and your Association the very best of luck."

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From Chicago, Illinois:

"Permit me to tell you that I think the Baptist Life is one of the finest insurance corporations to do business with in America—and your personnel is of the highest type. Mr. Robert Zihrul, who has been of much assistance to me, is a fine gentleman."

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A recipient of a Baptist Life Disability Rider monthly income checks over the past several years has written:

"I wish it were possible to find words to express my gratefulness to the officers for all that has come to me. It has meant so much. I have always been in favor of life insurance . . . and it is to be regretted that everyone does not see the advisability of owning as much of it as possible. Really, you are expressing yourself just right in your small circular "A Corporation With A Soul." That's just the way you manage the sacred business of Life Insurance."