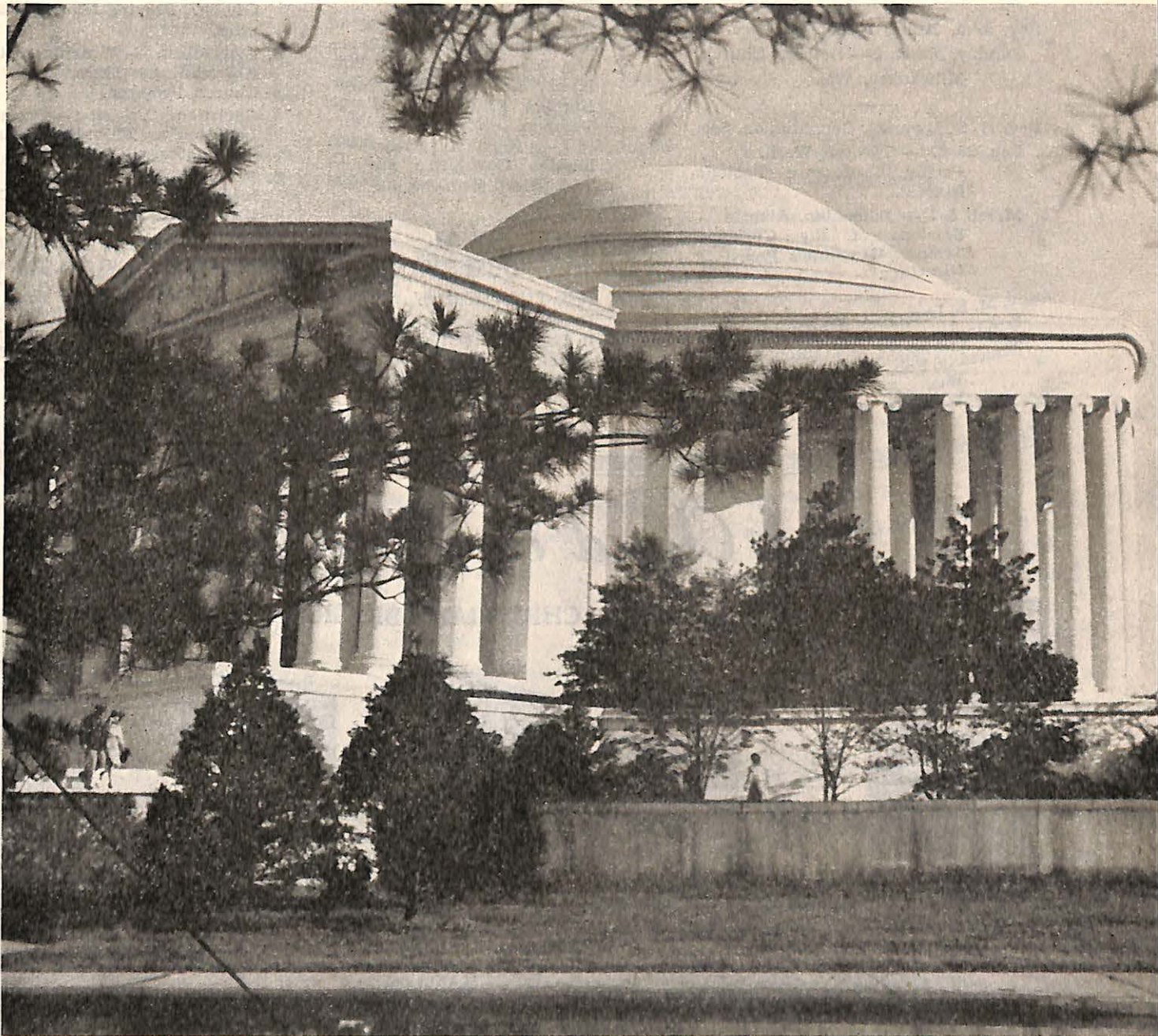


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Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Exec. Sec.
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Friday, Feb. 28 — Buffalo Center Ia.
Anniversary Program, Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Asst. Exec. Sec.
Sunday, March 2 — Bethany Church,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Gen. Mission. Sec.
Feb. 25-27 — Tacoma, Wash.
Pacific Conference Pastor's
Retreat.

March 5-7 — Edmonton, Alberta
Sessions of the Christian
Training Institute's Board of
Directors.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec.
Sunday, Feb. 23 — Trenton, Illinois.
Thursday, Feb. 27 — North Freedom,
Wis. Anniversary Program,
Woman's Missionary Society.

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Feb. 19-20 — Southwestern Conference
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at Okeene, Okla.

Feb. 25-27 — Pacific Conference Mis-
sion Committee and Pastor's
Retreat Sessions at Tacoma,
Wash.

March 2-3 — Fifteenth Anniversary of
the Bethany Church, Milwau-
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Long before the signing of peace
treaties with Germany, we have
established spiritual life-lines with
our brethren overseas. Tons of cloth-
ing and thousands of food parcels have
been sent to the Baptists of Europe.
The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, our relief
representative, is returning to America
from a ministry of almost six months
in Germany. The Rev.'s Frank H.
Woyke and H. G. Dymmel will prob-
ably attend the Baptist World Congress
in Copenhagen, Denmark as our de-
nominational representatives. We
shall not forget our brethren in Christ
anywhere!

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Mr. Donner's frank analysis of our
denominational enterprise has been
read by several of our general work-
ers and pronounced to be "stirring,
provocative, exceedingly fine." For
more than 30 years he served as the
business manager of the Publication
Society. The Rev. John Broeder of
Victor, Iowa and the Rev. Fred J.
Knalson of Sheboygan, Wis., have con-
tributed sermons for this number. The
Book Page (Page 23) announces an
important publication event in the
Christian world and reviews a book by
Krummacher that everyone ought to
read.

COMING

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Seminary, Dr. Thorwald W. Bender
of Milwaukee, Wis., and Rev. Reuben
P. Jeschke of Dayton, Ohio, will make
their debut as appointees to the faculty
in the next issue.

The Rev. John P. Kuehl of Newark,
N. J., our outstanding "Preacher Pilot,"
will tell about his pulpit in the skies
and his vision of the flying age of to-
morrow for churches and mission
fields.

The second goal of the Christian
Achievement Plan, that emphasizes
Bible Study, will be interpreted by the
Rev. J. C. Gunst. How are you com-
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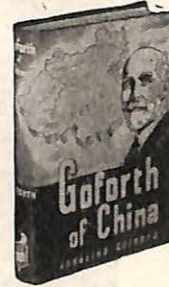


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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

Into His Likeness

"LIKE JESUS!" Those two words define the noblest height of attainment in the Christian life. That is a perfect pattern. That sets before us so many goals which still need to be reached that we are constantly inspired to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

This spiritual transformation is an amazing process. It is the miracle of God's grace in human hearts. As we become new creatures in Christ, our eyes are fixed upon him. We look to him for guidance. We long for his smile of approval. We desire the fulness of his power. We overcome the temptations of evil in our way by his victorious grace. As Scripture says: "We all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit."

This one desire must overwhelm all others in the Christian life. "More like the Master I would ever be!" It was expressed in Charles M. Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," in the question that was asked so frequently: "What would Jesus do?" Christ's example is divinely unique, for he not only sets the goals as to what we are to be and do, but he also gives us grace and strength whereby we can attain or, at least, approximate those goals.

But this adventure of life of growing into his likeness makes some strange demands of us. Only as we lose ourselves in the service of Christ are we clothed by the glory of Christ's likeness. Moses did not even know that his face shone with God's radiance as he returned to the Israelites. Those who make exaggerated claims about their holiness and who parade before others how spiritual they are with Christ's stamp of likeness upon them are unaware of the spirit of pride that envelops them, which is so unlike Christ.

It behooves us then to witness winsomely for Christ, to go forth to minister to others in the Name of Christ, to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, and to look unto Jesus for his guidance in all things of life. We are then in good hands, in the hands of the Master Artist, who unbeknown to us, moulds us anew by his grace into his spiritual image. You will learn about this stamp of Christ's likeness upon you, not in what you think of yourself, but in what others see in you and in what God, the Eternal Judge, says about you.

"One prayed in vain to trace the vision blest
That shone upon his heart by night and day.
But homely duties in his dwelling prest
And hungry hearts that would not turn away
And cares that still his eager hands bade stay.
The canvas never knew the pictured face
But year by year while yet the vision shone
An angel near him wondering bent to trace
On his own life the Master's image grown
And unto men made known."

BIBLE TEXT

"It is God who worketh in you."
Philippians 2:13.

It is a mighty good thing that God does not have to wait for us to take the initiative in important matters of life. To be sure, God cannot force anyone against his will to become a Christian, for the heart's door must be opened from within.

But God takes the initiative in revealing his will to us, in warning us of dangers ahead, in bestowing his blessings upon us, in anticipating our desires and needs, in planning our lives, in showing us how and where he can use us. "It is God who worketh in you!"

His Kingdom might never be built if he always had to wait until we were good and ready to start in this service. By his marvelous initiative and the ministry of his Holy Spirit, he works in us to bring the glories of his Kingdom to pass.

FRONT COVER

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D. C., completes the architect's plan in the Capitol City to honor the greatest men in the history of our country. The American visiting the Nation's Capital can stand at the base of the imposing Washington Monument and see the Lincoln Memorial to the West, the Jefferson Memorial to the South then east along the wide vista of the Mall to the Capitol and to the north in clear view the White House.

The month of February emphasizes the importance of these memorials, for it is the birthday month for two of the great presidents, Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and George Washington (Feb. 22). The Jefferson Memorial, completed only a few years ago, is not so famous as its predecessors but it is regarded as superbly beautiful.

Thomas Jefferson was the great champion of freedom in American history. His faith in this cardinal doctrine of life is enshrined forever in the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

SOLITUDE

Are there times when you want to be alone, all alone? Every Christian should seek such times of solitude for himself or herself. Only in quietness can we gain the spiritual rest required for service in life's busy throng. Only then can we really reflect upon the things we have done and left undone. Only in solitude can God's voice get us in order to impart his truths and message to our hearts. Jesus went apart to be by himself in fellowship with his heavenly Father. Such times of solitude can be the most golden hours of life!



Snow-crowned Mt. St. Helens of Washington, Rising Above the Billowy Clouds, Presents a Challenge in Mountain Climbing to Every Friend of Majestic Peaks.

Witness to the Ends of the Earth!

By the Rev. JOHN BROEDER of Victor, Iowa

A WITNESS is one who has seen or known something by experience. It is interesting to listen to a witness in court. How people flock at times to hear a witness give his testimony when a case of common interest comes before the judge!

Whenever anyone can speak with authority or with intimate knowledge about anything, we give ear for we want to know the truth, and our desire is shown by our interest.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

Jesus told his disciples, "Ye shall be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8) You recall that at that time his disciples were more interested in the establishment of the Kingdom of Israel than anything else. But Christ went from the theoretical to the practical. He emphasized the fact of laboring for the Lord.

In effect, he was saying to them: "The most important thing for you is not to know exactly the time of the establishment of the kingdom of Israel, but to live a life for me. You have been with me during my labors. You have seen me heal the sick, give sight to the blind, feed the multitude, raise the dead. You have heard me teach men about God and man's relationship to God. I even taught you things that I did not teach others. But more than that, you also saw me taken prisoner,

led before the Sanhedrin, and taken to Pilate for trial. You heard the sentence of death, (although Pilate said I was innocent of any crime), and saw me die. Now you have seen me rise from the dead. I did this for you so that you might know that I am the Son of the living God and the Savior of man. Now you are to be my witnesses. I am depending on you. But do not try to witness before you are empowered by the Holy Spirit. When HE comes upon you, then go out and witness. Then you will be ready."

His disciples went back to the Upper Room. There they prayed and waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon them. When he did come, they went out and witnessed; they did not wait any longer. They spoke the word and people were convinced by their testimony. A witness carries power in his testimony that no one else can have. We read that many were saved because here were true witnesses.

AN EXPERIENCE WITH CHRIST

What our Lord said to those disciples, he also says to us: "Ye shall be my witnesses." Now to be his witnesses means, first of all, that we have made an experience with Christ. That experience is the new birth. Then we shall be able to tell what has taken place and also tell it with conviction, in other words, tell something we really believe.

The purpose of a witness is to testify. It would do little good to see something or to have an experience and never make mention of it. What good would a witness of that kind be? He would be of no value to anyone. The power of a witness is only manifested when he testifies. Had the disciples said, "I think this is so," who would have believed them? They did not try to speak about something they had heard from someone else. They spoke of the experience they had made and the things they were convinced were true.

Look at Peter's Pentecostal Sermon or follow the Apostle Paul in his journeys. They always spoke of those things of which they had been convinced. As children of God we are to witness by word and by deed of those things we know are true. If a witness does not always say the same thing in court, it is quickly detected and that testimony is not believed. It is discounted. How true that is in our life for God. It should always ring true to our profession and never deviate to the one side or the other. When it deviates, it will be discounted by the very ones we wish to reach.

AN UNUSUAL WITNESS

We do have something to which to witness that no one else has. There is no other religion that has a Savior
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Are You Dead or Alive?

By the Rev. FRED J. KNALSON of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

"LIKEWISE reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:11

The book of Romans records the great mystery of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. A great gulf has been fixed between the sinner and the Savior by man himself, for we read that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Again in Romans 3:10 we read, "There is none righteous, no, not one."

The first man and woman were the forerunners of a world full of people who are "dead in trespasses and sins." There it was unbelief which sealed their fate, for we read that, "he (the serpent) said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden."

The cleverness and subtlety of the serpent are better seen in the Good-speed translation which reveals the craftiness of the evil one in repudiation of God's Word by translating the passage, "And so God has said that you are not to eat from any tree of the garden?"

Note the question mark here! Note the opening phrase of the sentence which shows us the cunning of the evil one! Think of the doubt which was couched in these words from the one who is the father of lies. Here we come upon the conflict of the ages in the opposition of the falsehood to truth. Here we have the first denial of God's word in the statement, "Yea, hath God said?"

Here the father of lies has set the example which we see many of his adherents use today. They believe a lie before they believe the truth of God. That is the one thing without excuse in the sight of God. That is what the Word refers to as unbelief, the sin which alone can condemn. Those who persist in unbelief cannot please God. (Heb. 11:6) They malign the Gospel. (Acts 19:9).

Nevertheless, there is deliverance from the power of indwelling sin by union with Christ in his death, by becoming alive to Christ in his victorious resurrection and by considering "the old man" to be dead, indeed. Newness of life comes by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Victory over the flesh and its lusts comes by yielding that life to God and reckoning the old nature to be dead.

When the word of God speaks to us of being "dead unto sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" it gives us the recipe for victorious



Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Knalson of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Christian living. There can be no compromise with sin. When the self-life ends, the Christ-life begins. The heart's desire of every seeker after holiness and purity is voiced in the prayer of a monk who prayed, "Old Adam in me die; live Jesus!" Henceforth, there is within the soul a new principle of action; a new source of authority is acknowledged; a new king is upon the heart's throne.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians and said, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

The death unto sin, of which the Bible speaks, is not a theoretic idea which has no practical application. Death is a reality, and that is why Paul uses it to express his truth. In our day we like to speak of death only in passive terms because it is dreaded so much. Death, which means the cessation of life, is too awful and real to speak about in this day and age of make-belief. Man fears physical death because it means the end of the present existence.

This end of the old life of sin with the death of the old man is something which man fears as much as he fears natural death because it means the end of the old and the giving up of old habits and sins so that the new man can reign and live. In both cases, the physical and the spiritual, the first must die in order that the second might live.

The place for the old man is the graveyard, never to be resurrected.

What blessings will be ours if that would be the case! Selfishness, pride and popularity would disappear in the individual and in the church.

There is a death, a death without which there can be no victory. Therefore we must strive to die, for to die means to live and to live means to live the life of the new man who has put away the sins of the old and is a new creation in Christ. This death, when accomplished, results in separation unto a life of purity and consecration to God. Are you dead or alive?

Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo was once called to the bedside of a dying lady. As he sat with her she said, "Will you do me a favor?" He replied, "I will do anything you want." "Well then," she said, "sing me a hymn."

Dr. Sizoo had to smile to think of singing for anyone. "As a singer I am about as welcome in a church choir as a communist on Wall Street," he says.

But his interest in the question prompted him to ask, "What do you want me to sing?" Then in her eyes came a far away look as she said, "Sing the old hymn, 'There is a Land That Is Fairer Than Day.'"

She did not fear death. Why? She had already died when she crucified the old nature and its lusts and sins and took hold on the promise of Jesus in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." For her, death was moving day.

Death means separation in the physical and in the spiritual realms. In the spiritual, it means separation from the old life unto a life with limitless resources.

Are you dead? Today let us pray that more so-called Christians might die, that the old man might die, as is so beautifully portrayed in the ordinance of baptism, that, dying, they might "live unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Are you defeated? Are you living an unhappy Christian existence? Are you living in sin? Are you powerless in your service? If there is no negative answer to these questions, then ask yourselves this query, "Am I dead or alive?" Erect a monument today and put on it this epitaph, "Here lies the old man with all of his sins; from henceforth I shall live in newness of life through Jesus Christ my Lord."

A Candid Denominational Study

By Mr. H. P. DONNER of Cleveland, Ohio

AS A FOREWORD, it can be agreed that the only proper way of discussing the question of our corporate existence as the North American Baptist General Conference is with utmost candor and, of course, with the elimination of critical utterance.

Since the Conference of Foreign Speaking Groups called by the authority of the Northern Baptist Convention met in Cleveland, Ohio only a few years ago, no further concerted effort has been made to submerge our denominational group in the larger sister organization. The thought of such a federation has been momentarily forgotten, and we are proceeding with renewed vigor in representing the aims that dominated our life for the past hundred years.

This has had a wholesome reaction, for we have become more conscious of our unique mission and have developed greater aggression under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

MANY CHANGES

Changes have been taking place. New elements have been brought to bear on our fellowship. The change of language has not been the least among them. This alone has altered the complexion of our work. We are now receiving into our churches members of other than German extraction. They know nothing of our historical background. And yet there has developed a communal interest in the work of the Kingdom as we carry it on.

They are in sympathy with our denominational pursuits. This is particularly true in churches animated by spiritual fervor, for that magnetic life has drawn men and women away from formal religious circles where the nurture of the inner life was lacking. It has been said repeatedly, "You have something that we do not have."

In recent years churches of our group have been calling men to their pulpits who have been trained in institutions other than our own venerable seminary in Rochester, N. Y. These pastors have been coming in increasing numbers and they will, no doubt, continue to come. Some of our conservative leaders have regarded this influx with no little concern, fearing that our traditions will be jolted.

But why? The announcement has been made that for the next two years no students in our Rochester Seminary will be ready for active service. What will our pastors do in this emergency? Their pulpits will, of necessity, be thrown open to men of other fields. Will this curtail the usefulness of our

Seminary or will it rather strengthen the school?

Did not our hearts rejoice at the session of the General Conference in Tacoma when this host of new men was welcomed into our brotherhood? And did we not accept their contribution to our religious life with genuine satisfaction, being strongly convinced of the soundness of the faith that united them with our cause? It is, indeed, a new factor injected into our denominational life but it augurs well for our future expansion. It is new strength for greater endeavor.

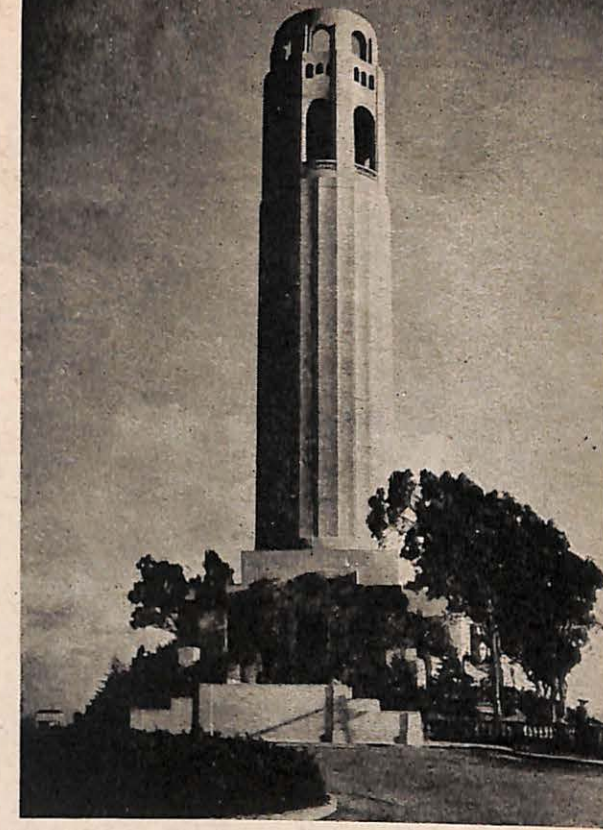
MEN FOR THIS HOUR

We have need of men who have been led by the Holy Spirit into the deeper things of God, men who have been impelled to explore the riches of God's Word, there to discover hidden treasures, needing only to be imparted to God's people. We need a profound acquaintance with the Bible for the nurture of the Christian life and the better equipment for service. We are furthermore in need of men of outstanding scholarship, giants in theology, in order to champion the cause of revealed religion against the onslaught of destructive forces.

Then again, there is great need of a man "sent of God" of the type of John the Baptist, of George Whitefield, of Charles G. Finney, of Dwight L. Moody, who has been in the desert and who can step out in the overflowing fullness of the Holy Spirit to press the claims of a holy and righteous God on a sinful and dying world. May our little group receive such a gift from heaven to its own salvation and to a quickening of its testimony on this earth that multitudes may be rescued before the close of this receding age! These seem to be possibilities growing out of our changing picture.

This involves a new attitude on our part and some concessions. It will be our privilege to incorporate this new life into our older life to result in an enlarged and reinvigorated spiritual force. This should make for progress. New concepts of service may be introduced and our mission in the world may be expanded, developing at the same time existing services which have been provisionally entrusted to North American Baptists. This would not impair the uniqueness of our distinctive position in the family of Baptist enterprise.

In giving expression to this viewpoint we are not forgetting the North American Baptist Seminary for it has had a vital part in our collective life and we are hopeful that its influence



Colt Tower of Telegraph Hill Overlooking the City of San Francisco, Calif.

will be greatly augmented. We can see how the newer men will take it into their sympathies and how they will give it their unqualified support. The seminary today will be fully deserving of it, inasmuch as its prestige is in the ascendancy. It is destined to become a spiritual force in the life of our North American Baptist body.

SUPPORT OF OUR SEMINARY

In its recent realignment it has adapted itself to the insistent spiritual demands of our constituent churches. By the further strengthening of its teaching agency, its scholastic standing and its spiritual prerogative should place it in a commanding position and justify universal esteem. It could then, in time, open its doors for post-graduate work to meet other needs.

Assuming that we are heading for a definite expansion in our work, it is only logical to anticipate a solicitation of membership coming from entire churches, churches which are not comfortable in their present environment because of decadent conditions, or are, otherwise, attracted by the spiritual vigor of our collective life as well as by its missionary zeal. While it would be only reasonable to expect individual city churches to seek new affiliations, it would likely appeal more strongly to rural communities inasmuch as a large part of our constituency consists of that virile type.

It would not be surprising to see churches, which in earlier days were numbered among us, seek a reunion with their first love. These churches were pioneers with us in our early beginnings sharing our growing pains

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Giving Hands and Grateful Hearts

A Report About Our Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies by Rev.

FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

Our Intensified Relief Activities Are Much Appreciated by Our Destitute Brethren in Europe as This Article Reveals.

AS MANY as fifty letters a day are pouring into our office in Forest Park in response to the parcels and other relief that we have sent to Europe. They are heart-rending letters, telling of the loss of house and home, of anxious months of flight, of bitter cold and gnawing hunger, and of children begging for food.



In the Prayer Room of the Koebner Baptist Church of Copenhagen, Denmark Refugees Are Preparing Articles of Clothing for Distribution Among Baptist Refugees in German Refugee Camps in Denmark Which Were Sent as Relief Bales from the North American Baptist General Conference

They are also heart-warming letters. For they describe the inexpressible joy and gratitude when your help arrives. An eleven pound parcel may not seem like much to us, but to them it is a wonderland of treasures. In these letters is contained also, like a constant refrain, gratitude to God for his guiding and keeping power. Again and again one reads: "We have lost everything, but one thing no one can take from us—our faith in God."

LETTERS SAY: WE THANK YOU!

Permit me to quote from a few letters, for they tell their own story more eloquently than I can tell it.

"With much joy and thanksgiving we received your parcel. You should have seen the radiant faces of our children, especially that of our youngest boy of four! He could not contain himself, jumping up and down and clapping his hands as we unpacked all of those wonderful things. Again we have experienced God's love. His arm is long enough to enfold and keep us."

"God knows how much we need everything your parcel brought us. But when we are at the end of our own strength, he always finds ways of helping. We had to leave our home in East Prussia, lost everything, and now we are refugees. One treasure we shall never lose, namely Christ, and we trust him to lead us safely through the dark days that lie ahead."

"Immediately after your parcel arrived, the family gathered around to see what had come. What amazement and what rejoicing! Within my heart I heard a voice say: 'Our brethren in America have not forgotten us.' Our

to our heavenly home is joy and blessedness."

THE RELIEF ROOM IS BUSY

From these letters we turn to the activities of our relief room in our Headquarters Building here in Forest Park. It is a veritable beehive. Under the over-all administration of the Fellowship Fund Committee, Dr. William Kuhn, Miss Gretchen Remmler and their co-workers are really making things hum. On several evenings every week, groups of volunteer workers from the various churches in the Chicago area come to help with the larger tasks. Clothes must be baled and stencilled, boxes must be banded, and a hundred other things must be done.

Then there is the parcel service. First, the contents must be prepared and placed in the boxes; then the boxes must be wrapped and tied; and finally the labels must be attached and all of the other papers must be properly made out. All of this entails much work, but we have almost reached assembly line efficiency! Much of the packing is done by Mrs. Anna Vogt and Mrs. Margaret Penner. Miss Remmler works untiringly deciphering all of the addresses, typing them, and labeling the boxes.

RECOGNITION SERVICE

For a long time now, delegations from the various churches in this area have spent many a day and evening, working in our relief rooms. In recognition of this vital contribution, we arranged a special gathering in our conference room on Tuesday evening, January 21.

In spite of the bitter cold and stormy weather, about fifty people were present. Dr. Kuhn spoke words of appreciation and encouragement, emphasizing the blessings of such a labor of love. Representatives of the volunteer workers spoke of the joy which the relief work has brought to them—and all of them agreed that they would rather work than make speeches! After a closing prayer refreshments were served.

WHAT HAS BEEN SENT

The outpouring of generosity on the part of our people for relief purposes is unparalleled in our history. Carloads of wheat, oat cereal, and rice have been donated by individual families and church groups. Others have sent tons of dried fruit, clothing, and tinned foods of all kinds. Every day brings more contributions. But most amazing has been the flood of money that has poured into our Fellowship

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Reaping With Joy in Germany

A Letter and Messages of Thanksgiving from the Baptists of Berlin, Germany

THIS is our thanksgiving letter, our glad, thanksgiving letter. Isn't it wonderful that after all the sad letters of requests, now a happy letter should follow. "Sowing with tears—reaping with joy!" That seems to be the case with the letters.

Here is the big pile of letters with demands. Every letter contains the sorrowful story of an entire family. We soon know them by heart, because it is always the same. Really always the same! "We only possess what we wear upon our bodies." "We are living in utter need. We have lost everything." "The children are of such and such an age. Everything is missing." "No warm clothes. No underwear." "For the expected baby there is nothing to be gotten. Absolutely nothing from baby's cot to the diapers." "We most urgently need . . ."—and that is very often the whole wardrobe and all the linen!

Yes, that is written black upon white. Between the lines we read of the heartaches, the bitterness of it all, and the silent fight of faith in pain, grief and loneliness.

And then help came! At last it reached our place, and we could pass it on. Yes, we could pass on the wonderful riches granted to us. How happy we were to do this as we rejoiced with the recipients!

Now they are writing letters, happy, thankful letters, making our hearts glad, too. And our dear friends who came to our rescue must share our joy likewise. Here are some excerpts:

"Kindly pass on our heartfelt thanks to the donors. There was much rejoicing over the distributed articles, though it is only a minimum of the urgently needed clothes and linen. But it was already a great thing for our stricken brothers and sisters that somebody does care for them and remembers them and their need. Personally I want to thank you for enabling me at last to pass on something. It is so terrible to see the need and then to be unable to help."

"Today we received your dear package. Oh, the rejoicing! The skirt fits my little girl just fine. And she needed it so much. For everything our best thanks to the dear friends overseas!"

"As a church we are so glad and thankful that some of our needy members, mostly refugees from the East, who had lost everything, could receive some clothes through you. Our deepest thanks to the dear, noble donors!"



In the Koebner Baptist Church of Copenhagen, Denmark A Number of Danes and German Refugees Are Baptized by Dr. Bredahl Petersen and Rev. Hugo Strehlow. In 1946 About 50 German Refugees Were Baptized in This Church and Another Group of 50 Was Baptized in Other Danish Baptist Churches

These friends would scarcely believe it, how much distress has come over so many of our members, and how infinitely thankful we are for the smallest help. As a church we always tried our best in the way of relief, but our resources are completely exhausted by now. Therefore, we are so glad and thankful for any help from abroad. May the Lord reward you richly!"

"I have received one piece of underwear. Oh, how much I thank you for it. This practical help from brethren from abroad gladdens the heart and strengthens the faith!"

"All my clothes have gotten lost. In this, my awful need, God made some

people willing to help me. Kindly pass on my deepest, heartfelt thanks to the noble, unknown donors!"

"The knowledge that the love of Christ is stronger than war and hatred is so wonderful. In the name of our sisters and brothers who have received any help I want to call to you across the ocean: May God reward you!"

Dear friends abroad, we stand before you as a thankful family. We are united in the love of Christ, spanning everything that could separate us. We thank you very heartily for all your love, which has made us so rich, and brought us so much relief. May the Lord reward you and bless you for your services!



Relief Goods from the North American Baptist General Conference Are Piled High on the Steps of the Koebner Baptist Church of Copenhagen, Denmark Before They Are Distributed in German Refugee Camps in Denmark

CHILDREN'S PAGE



A CHILD'S PRAYER

God, make my life a little light,
Within the world to glow—
A tiny flame that burneth bright,
Wherever I may go.

God, make my life a little flower,
That bringeth joy to all,
Content to bloom in native bower,
Although its place be small.

—M. B. Edwards.

The Guardian Angel

By CAROLINA E. LEINBACH

It was late March of the year 1783, and the farmers in the Moravian settlement of Wachovia, North Carolina were preparing their land for cultivation. About twenty-five years earlier the first settlers had arrived in the wilderness from Pennsylvania, and now numerous farms scattered over the country had grown to three villages on the side. Among these farmers was George Holder, living between the which of Bethabara and Bethania, were three miles apart.

On this March day, one of George Holder's sons suddenly ran to his father crying, "There is a brush fire spreading through the woods, near our dren." Immediately father and child ran to beat out the fire. When it was extinguished and they gathered again in the house, Elisabeth was missing. Where could she be? a stump, resting from her efforts of helping to fight the fire. She was only ten years of age, and little pioneer was not though she was, her strength was not equal to her hard work.

As she sat there, she looked at the forest around her, whose trees were showing the first tender green of spring. The birds were flitting from branch to branch, woodpeckers, blue jays, robins, and an occasional mockingbird whose throat was bursting around lovely melody. On the ground dark carpet, their two upper petals note and soft as velvet. The clear near of a red bird perched on a limb with her charmed her, and as he flew distant a flash of brilliant wings to a sight started of the bird, she would have which around her was unfamiliar, every-



—Milwaukee Journal Photo
"Why must I stay indoors? I want to go and play with the other children on the street!"

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where she turned.

In her first fright she remembered that there was One above, whose watchful eye was over all his children, and she prayed that her Savior would guide and protect her alone in the forest. Searching for home, she made her way between the trees, when she heard what sounded like the call of another child. It might be her brother, and an answering cry arose in her throat, but before she could utter a sound a light touch on her lips prevented her. Was it a falling leaf? It seemed so to her.

Coming to a road, she followed it, but there was no friendly neighbor passing, who would take her safely home.

Perhaps the forest on the other side of the road was her father's, and into it she went. But nothing looked familiar, and she walked blindly on, frightened, and yet fearing to stop. Again she heard the same cry, and again she would have answered it, but was prevented by the mysterious touch on her lips. For several hours she

wandered, yet with her fears strangely soothed. Tired, hungry and thirsty, she came to a cedar tree, and a tap of its limb upon her shoulder seemed to say, "Lie down and rest." Obeying the impulse, she pushed aside its low spreading branches, and lying down under their protection, she was soon asleep.

Meanwhile, George Holder had sent his sons to alarm the neighbors, and all the men of the vicinity were organized into searching parties, some on foot, others on horseback. A messenger was dispatched to Bethania for help, and the men there, leaving their work, joined the search. Everyone was thoroughly alarmed, for there might be hostile Indians lurking in the woods, and there were still occasional wild animals roaming through the forest. The searchers looked carefully over all the territory which had been assigned to them, but with no success.

Heavy-hearted they returned to the Holder farm, where they were overjoyed to find Elisabeth safe at home. About seven o'clock in the evening her parents had found her, more than four miles from home, peacefully sleeping under the cedar tree.

When she had told the story of her wanderings, and the strange cry she had heard, her father said, "That was not the call of a child which you heard, but a panther, whose cry sounds like a child. The dear Savior sent a guardian angel to seal your lips, so that the panther should not hear and find you. Then you were led to a safe hiding place until we could come and rescue you." And with earnest prayers of thanksgiving they took her home, where all the neighbors joined them in fervent praise to God for his gracious protection.

"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."
(Reprinted from Sunday School Times)

GIVE THE THIRD WORD

1. Abraham, Isaac and _____
2. Shem, Ham and _____
3. Gold, frankincense and _____
4. Shadrach, Meshach and _____
5. Father, Son and _____
6. Genesis, Exodus, _____
7. The leeks, the onions and the _____
8. Saul, David and _____
9. Peter, James and _____
10. The wind, the earthquake and the _____

Answers to "Give the Third Word" on page 22.

Giving Hands

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Fund. From December 1, 1946 to January 20, 1947 we received over \$55,000 for this fund alone.

This stream of contributions has resulted in a full pipeline of goods head-

WANTED!

Clothing of all kinds for relief can be sent to denominational headquarters. With the large shipments of relief dispatched to Europe, our relief room is again comparatively empty.

The following kinds of food are urgently needed: tinned meats, fats, cocoa, dehydrated soups, coffee, dried peas, rice, canned fruits (but not canned vegetables), dried prunes and raisins.

All of these are to be sent to Relief Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

ing for Europe. The following shipments have gone on their way during the past three months:

3000 food and clothing parcels from Forest Park	33,000 lb
2000 food parcels from Denmark	22,000 lb
1051 CARE parcels	30,479 lb
4 carloads of flour approximately	392,000 lb
2 carloads of rice approximately	120,000 lb
1 carload of powdered milk approximately	63,000 lb
1 carload of oat cereal approximately	78,000 lb
4 tons of prunes	8,000 lb
4 tons of canned vegetables	8,000 lb
2 tons of canned meat	4,000 lb
Home-made soap	500 lb
325 bales of clothing approximately	41,000 lb
5000 pairs of shoes approximately	6,000 lb

All of this makes a staggering total of about 826,000 lb, or 413 tons of relief goods.

The least that we can do is to continue our relief program at peak performance. With a carload of clothing and food just loaded from our warehouse, we again appeal for more contributions. Send clothing of all kinds and foodstuffs, especially tinned meats and fat. Meanwhile, we shall continue sending parcels as fast as they can be prepared. In addition to that, we shall order CARE and Denmark parcels for the requests we cannot fill from here.

A new arrangement that we inaugurated on January 1, 1947 is one whereby we make available to the Baptist

We, the Women

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

As you are going to bed on Thursday evening, Feb. 20, groups of women, and men too, in the Fiji Islands and in New Zealand are uniting for prayer, for there the World Day of Prayer is beginning. As the sun moves eastward, new groups in many countries will join in the same universal service of worship—in Australia and the Philippine Islands, Japan, China, Turkey, South Africa, the Cameroons, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Holland, South America, Central America, Mexico, in our own United States and Canada—until some forty hours later the final observance will be held by fur-clad Eskimos on little St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska. "The whole family of the whole world, remembering one another with love, interracially! internationally! interdenominationally!"

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent. Some 50 countries are participating in as many languages and dialects.

But the beginning of the Prayer Day goes back much farther. As far back as 1887 Presbyterian women of this country were summoned to gather at a specific date in their own communities for united prayer for Home Missions. In the early '90's a day was named for united prayer for Foreign Missions. In 1920 the first Friday in Lent was chosen as the "Day of Prayer for Missions", Home and Foreign.

In numberless places around the world, from missionaries returning to the homeland, the thought of a day of prayer spread, until at the request of many far-away friends, the "Day of

Prayer" became in 1927 to be a "World Day of Prayer".

What an inspiring thought—to be a part in this great circle of praying Christians! And what a power for good—if united prayer like this would continue throughout the weeks and months!

Let us, during this Lenten season, unite as Christian women on certain definite prayer objects. Beginning with the World Day of Prayer, let us continue until Easter to pray every day for these specific objectives.

1. Our homes in America, that they might become more Christian.
2. Our churches—the pastors, leaders and members. "Pray for one another."
3. Our missionaries, home and foreign—that they may have wisdom to do their tasks, and the assurance of God's constant presence and power.
4. Our denominational leaders—that they may be guided with wisdom from on high in carrying out their heavy responsibilities.
5. Our brethren in Europe, who have been passing through times of great distress—that they may remain strong in the faith and have courage to face life anew.

The power of prayer, united prayer, cannot be overestimated. Robert Moffat, the great missionary, once said: "Prayer is the hand that moves the world, but the fingers of that hand are consecrated men and women."

Women of our churches, let us unite in fervent, consecrated, continuing prayer! May your observance of the World Day of Prayer be but the beginning of a new prayer life!

Bruderhilfe in Germany 1000 food parcels from Denmark every month. We send \$5000 to Dr. Bredahl Petersen each month, and this sum is available to our Baptist brethren for food parcels. All they need to do is send Dr. Petersen an approved list of names of needy families.

Since last October, the Rev. William Sturhahn has been in Europe as our representative. His sympathetic understanding of the needs of the people has opened all doors for him and God has used him mightily in bringing new hope and courage to our brethren. We have just now received word from him that the authorities have refused to extend his visa, so that he will have to return late in February or early in March. He has succeeded in helping to make arrangements, however, to

permit us to ship directly to the Baptist Bruderhilfe bulk shipments not in excess of twenty tons each.

A delegation recently received passes from the Canadian railroads to go to Ottawa and Montreal to make representations to the Canadian Government for a broadening of the immigration laws. When all is said and done, only the possibility of re-settlement will be effective relief for millions of refugees in Europe. We were cordially received everywhere, yet we returned without any definite promises.

All Christians everywhere ought to make the problem of the displaced people of Europe a matter of prayer. Let us as North American Baptists pray unceasingly that God may help them, and he will surely bring it to pass. (Matthew 21:22, James 5:16.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Evangelistic meetings are being held in the Central Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada from February 12 to 26 with Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wisconsin serving as evangelist. Dr. Bender is also an appointee as a member of the faculty of our Rochester Seminary. The Rev. R. Schilke, pastor, and the members of the church made many prayerful preparations for this series of meetings.

● The Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada is enjoying the interim pastorate of Mr. Fred Ohlman, a graduate of our Edmonton Christian Training Institute who is now continuing his studies at the Bible School of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The church is endeavoring to find a successor to the Rev. Fred Schmidt, former pastor, who is now in Turtle Lake, No. Dak.

● An inspiring Bible Week was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon from Jan. 15 to 26 with Dr. Donald G. Davis of Wasco, Calif., serving as the Bible teacher. He brought profound and helpful messages on the Word of God and the Person of Christ and served as the guest speaker at both of the services on Sundays, Jan. 19 and 26. The Rev. Otto Roth, pastor, reported that the meetings were well attended and spiritually very profitable.

● The Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio has extended a call to the Rev. Alex E. Elsesser of Meriden, Conn., as its new pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry there after Easter Sunday on April 13. Mr. Elsesser wrote: "We have been ministering in the Liberty St. Church of Meriden since July, 1943, and although we are reluctant to leave, we feel that it is God's leading to accept the greater challenge and responsibilities which the Dayton Church offers." He will succeed the Rev. R. P. Jeschke, who has been appointed as a member of our Seminary faculty.

● The Rev. Fred G. Ferris, pastor of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas has reported that 11 new members were received into the fellowship of the Lorraine Church on Sunday, Jan. 5. Of 14 recent converts, 12 were adults so that Mr. Ferris could write: "It makes our hearts rejoice to see men and women coming to Christ." Eight young people of the church are



Rev. E. W. Klatt, Formerly of Grand Forks, No. Dak., Who Began His Pastorate in the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota on Sunday, February 2nd.

consecrated to full time Christian service and are looking forward to definite training for the Lord's work.

● From Jan. 23 to Feb. 2 evangelistic meetings were held in the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., with the Rev. Wm. G. Trow of Jeffers, Minn., bringing the messages. Following the completion of the new parsonage, the church built a fine, two car garage of cement blocks, 36 feet long, at a cost of about \$500. The Rev. G. P. Schroeder is pastor of the church.

● At the annual business meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota the following officers were elected: president, Reuben Friez; vice-president, Joe Friez; secretary, Lorraine Quenzer; treasurer, Mrs. Reuben Friez; pianist, Mrs. C. E. Aldinger; ushers, Ronald Hinz, Leo Friez and Aaron Bertsch. The annual report showed a total income during the past year of \$135.85. The Rev. Alex Sootzmann is pastor of the church.

● The Rev. George Zinz, Sr., pastor of the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa., was recently reelected for the 4th year to serve as treasurer of the Clearfield and Center County Ministerium. He was also reelected as

vice-president of the Cooper Township School Board. He had the joy of baptizing two young mothers and receiving them into the church on a recent Sunday. He is preaching a series of sermons at the Forest Church on the general theme, "The Supreme Need of the World Today."

● On Sunday, Jan. 26, the Rev. E. W. Klatt brought his ministry to a close in the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak. A farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Klatt was held by the church in the evening. During recent months Mr. Klatt completed his work at Wesley College and the University of North Dakota toward his Master of Arts degree which he will receive in the Spring. The guest speaker at the Grand Forks Church on Sunday, Feb. 2, was the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary. On that same Sunday, Mr. Klatt began his new pastorate in the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn.

● At the annual election of officers for the B. Y. P. U. at Trochu, Alta., the following were elected to serve: Dorothy Yost, president; Henry Cirankewitch, vice-president; Anita Frohlich, secretary; Vivian Yost, treasurer; Anne Cirankewitch and Ardath Schmierer, pianists; Rev. H. Zepik, advisor; Albert Wiegum, representative on the church's executive committee. On Sunday, January 5, the young people with the help of their minister, Rev. H. Zepik, rendered a very inspiring program, highlighted by the play, "The Unlighted Cross."

● The members of the Johannesthal B. Y. P. U., a station of the Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota, were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Stein, in their home for a social fellowship on Wednesday evening, January 1. A very pleasant time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all. At the annual business meeting of the society, the following officers were elected: president, Iola Bertsch; vice-president, La Verne Wageman; secretary, Lorraine Weisser; treasurer, Harry Bertsch and Mayuis Wageman; librarian, Oscar Bertsch.

● At the annual business meeting of the Randolph Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., it was voted to become self-supporting. Although the membership of this church numbers only 50, the people are looking to God in

faith to help them in their new venture. It was also decided to purchase new hymnals, "Christian Worship," to put a "new song in their hearts." These hymnals are being purchased by individual members and friends as memorials to loved ones or as gifts. The Rev. Ben Zimmerman is pastor.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., held a three day missionary conference early in December with the program featuring such speakers as Miss Esther Schultz, appointee for the Cameroons mission field; Dr. William Kuhn, assistant executive secretary; Dr. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis., a member of the conference mission committee; and the Rev. Jacob Zimmerman of Sheboygan Falls, Wis. Special musical numbers were brought by Mr. Edward Link of our Rochester Seminary, the Felton sisters of Sheboygan, and Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Krueger. Mr. Link was also in charge of the song services. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, and Mr. Oliver Rohde, church clerk, reported that the conference was an inspiring success.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota has extended a call to the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, pastor of the Beaver Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan. Mr. Zimmerman has responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate in Grand Forks on April 1st. He will succeed the Rev. E. W. Klatt, who is now pastor of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn.

● The General Council's Consultation and Review Committee, composed of Messrs. E. Elmer Staub, Arthur Schwerin and Roland E. Ross, and of the Rev's. Herbert Hiller and E. W. Klatt, held its first session at the denominational headquarters on Jan. 22. Many matters of interest and welfare to the denomination were considered. Since the committee has no power to act, it will make numerous suggestions to the annual session of the General Council which is scheduled to convene in Forest Park, Ill., on April 24 and 25.

● An interesting Watch Night service was conducted at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. After a rousing song service, a double featured play entitled, "Building the Church" and "What the Church Means to Me," was presented by a cast of 29 children and adults. Following this presentation 3 adults were baptized, and, together with 11 others were welcomed into the fellowship of the church by the Rev. R. Kern, pastor. After an appropriate New Year's sermon the large congregation gathered for the Lord's Supper, thus entering into the New Year.

Beside the Still Waters

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

THE MASTER PRAY-ER

We usually confine our prayer life to our homes and our churches. Not so with Jesus! He prayed everywhere. The recorded prayers of Jesus are few in number, but we have indications that he prayed frequently during his public ministry. We find him praying in the river Jordan when he was baptized, in a desert place before dawn after a busy day's work in Capernaum, on a mountain where he spent the whole night in prayer before choosing his apostles. We see him praying on the Mount of Transfiguration, at the grave of Lazarus, in the garden of Gethsemane, and even on Calvary. Three of his seven sayings on the cross were prayers.

Is it not significant that Christ's Church was the great out-of-doors?

He did not confine his prayer-life to the home, the synagogue or the temple. God, whom he called Father, was everywhere. Therefore he could commune with his Father at all times, in all places and under all circumstances. His whole life was a prayer.

Because prayer was primarily fellowship with God, he could spend hours in prayer. Jesus prayed primarily for others. One has said of Jesus: "Thirty years of living, three years of serving, one tremendous act of dying, nineteen hundred years of praying." What an emphasis on prayer! Are not our moral and spiritual defeats primarily due to prayerlessness? When the Master said, "Follow Me," he meant we should also emulate him in his prayer life.

"Pray constantly." 1 Thess. 5:17.

Pointed Paragraphs

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

¶ It was a Jew who brought the gospel to Rome; a Roman who took it to France; a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia; a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland; a Scotsman who evangelized Ireland; and an Irishman, in turn, made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people ever received the gospel except at the hands of an alien. —Southern Christian Advocate.

¶ Long centuries ago, the Psalmist wrote: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The words are just as true today, whether we are thinking of the house of life, or of our homes, or of the church, or of anything else to which the figure of speech may be applied. As some one has written: "The wreckage and ruin in the world today call for a carpenter—a Carpenter of infinite wisdom, divine compassion, absolute power, and One who, knowing the Father's will, can read his blueprint. The world needs Jesus Christ." —Christian Observer.

¶ Prayer is like lifting your head to take a breath of cool clean air. It is like opening a window on a hot and muggy day when shop or office gets unbearably stuffy. It strengthens and relaxes, brings serenity of soul and with it clearness of mind. —Protestant Voice.

¶ May we realize that "fidelity, and not rank, is life's crowning objective, and that the self-seeking soul is the negation of God, the maladjustment of existence, the downfall of the soul." So shall our work live on, memories of our lives linger as a fragrance when our voices are hushed and activities stilled. —Rev. William Jeschke, "Church Bulletin."

¶ We do not test the resources of God until we try the impossible. —Andrew Murray.

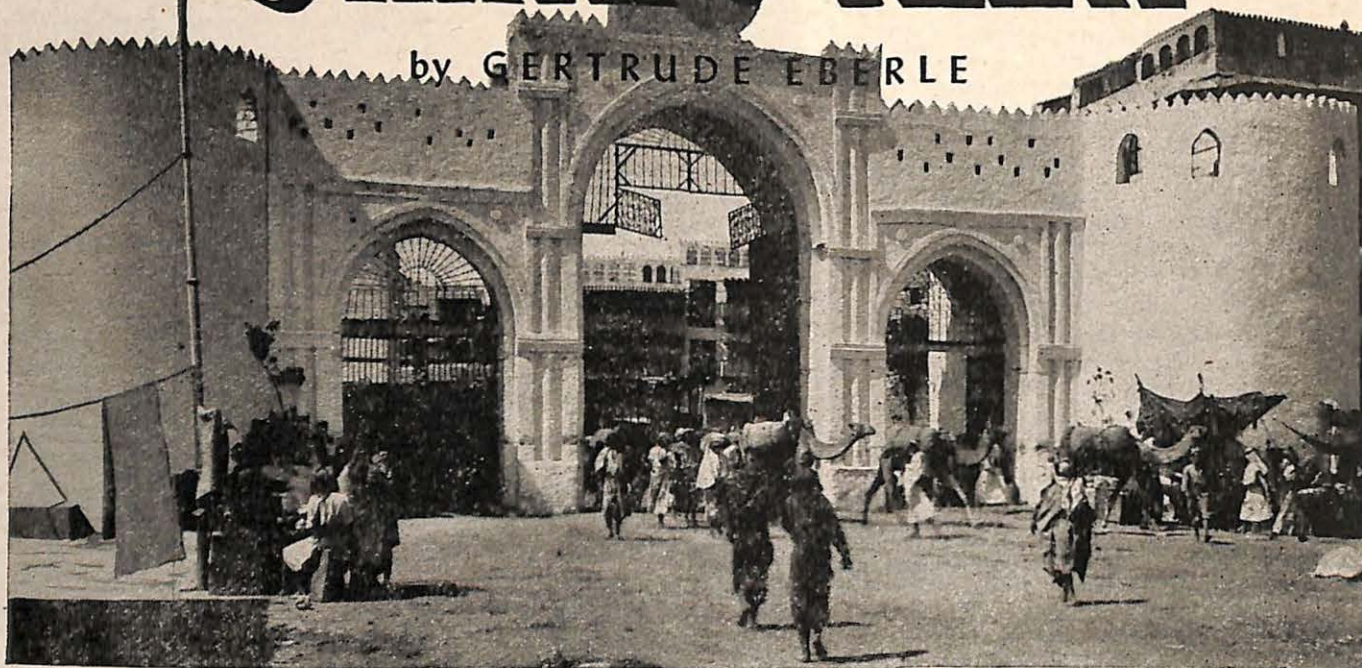
CORRECTION

In the advertisement by the Baptist Life Association appearing in the Baptist Herald, February 1, 1947, there was an error in reporting the total mortuary payments in the first testimonial reported in the advertisement. It should have appeared as follows:

"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 mortuary payments to you amounted to \$892.00; deduct \$93.91 dividends and my investment is \$798.09. I drew \$1,000, which was a gain of \$201.91 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.'"

CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



SYNOPSIS

A long caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen crawled through deep valleys on the ancient roadway between Chaldea and Egypt. In a pit on a nearby field some of the men found a Hebrew slave named Joseph who was bought from some Midianites. Raanah, another slave, and Joseph became good friends. It was currently known in the caravan that Raanah was protected against harm by the goddess Ishtar by carrying her moonstone image in his pocket.

CHAPTER TWO

A HOT and weary day was left behind when the caravan stopped for the night beside a spring cleft deep in some rocks on a hillside. It was a lonely place, open to sky and winds, with vast grasslands undulating toward the horizon. The slaves felt its eeriness and intoned queer Arab songs as they staked a tent for the merchantmen.

Chewing a mouthful of almonds, Egiba sauntered about to limber up his legs. He stopped before the other merchantmen, who were seated on the ground, too tired to stir. "After all, this is a fair place to pitch by."

"No!" Isme-Dagan shook a doleful head. "Before dawn icy breezes from Mount Lebanon will dance upon us. You will not dare stretch your feet from the covers."

Egiba turned on him testily. "You should have been a crow. You are always croaking."

Unaccustomed to long marches, footsore and weary, Joseph threw himself upon the grass near the tent, while the weight of his misfortune pressed heavily upon him. Raanah told him to

rest there until he returned. Although Joseph had not complained, during the last few hours Raanah had seen his plight and had become concerned over him.

Left alone, a convulsive sob shook the youth. He turned his face to the ground and abandoned himself to pain and discouragement. Then an innate pride pricked him. He rolled over and lay quietly looking up at the sky.

Raanah soon returned with a large bundle. "I have brought food," he announced, "and plenty of covering against the night." He worked swiftly, spreading out their sleeping pads and piling skins upon them. "Now unlace your sandals, and let me anoint your feet! It is a long way to Egypt, and longer yet when the feet hurt."

When he had finished massaging Joseph's back and legs with ointment of oil and vinegar, Joseph felt much refreshed. They sat upon their pallets with a large piece of date bread in hand and a jug of cool water between them.

The dayglow still lingered and the activities of the camp were visible. The camels were tethered a short distance away. Relieved of their heavy packs and blanketed against the chill of the night, they shook themselves freely and growled at each other as they

browsed in the grass the camel boys had cut for them. The dogs prowled about, snatching at scraps of food tossed at them by the slaves.

Some distance away on the hillside, the asses hobbled and grazing, were watched by Shobal. Because of vocal tendencies they could not be tolerated close to camp. Besides, in that rough country, with much valuable merchandise, it was expedient to set a guard at night. Shobal sat on the warm earth playing a reed flute which carried such a soft, melancholy sound that it never disturbed the sleepers.

"He pipes to let Accid-Adab know that he is not asleep," Raanah chuckled. "At the middle hour he will be relieved by Zerah."

Night descended quickly, its silence disturbed only by the snarl of a crouching camel, or the yip of a slapped dog. The slaves rolled themselves in old skins and slept in the open.

Raanah's eyes roved over their prostrate forms. "See, the dragon sleeps," he said softly, "but it will get up in the morning with the old combative spirit."

Their meal finished, the boys lay back on their pallets and gazed at the blue canopy above. Raanah heard Joseph catch a sob, and reaching over, laid a hand on his shoulder, as one in perfect accord with the loneliness and unhappiness of another. "Night is never blacker than just before the moon rises," he whispered. "Oh, look!" he thrust his covering aside and sat up, "the eyes of the moon-man are peeping over the edge of the earth at us."

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Willing to be diverted, Joseph also sat up. As the moonlight grew in brilliance, the bondboys saw the roadway stretching among the low hills like a silver thread of destiny. One youth saw on its shining surface a chariot drawn by prancing horses, and his heart beat with wild joy at the vision. The other youth, his spirit broken and discouraged, saw only some bowing sheaves of wheat, and a bobbing sun and stars.

Too worn for immediate sleep, Joseph asked in a hushed voice, "Do you really have the jeweled image of Ishtar?"

And night ever being the time for friendly confidences, Raanah answered, "Yes, I will show her to you."

Unbuttoning the flap of a pocket on his tunic, he drew forth a parcel wrapped in coarse linen. Uncovering the tiny idol reverently, he held it up so that the moon rays fell upon it, setting it aglint with a thousand, iridescent sparks.

Joseph gave a low cry of surprise and admiration. The idol nestled comfortably in Raanah's palm. It was carved from a single piece of feldspar, which gave out silver-blue rays like the moon, to which Ishtar, as Queen of the Heavens, was related.

"It is exquisite," Joseph murmured, feeling at loss to say more.

As Raanah turned the image to catch the light, Joseph saw that the deep neckline and girdle of its tunic were outlined with large diamonds, and the hem was banded with rows of colored gems. He stared in wonderment, for the simple Hebrew youth had never seen such gems before.

Raanah named them as he ran his fingers over them, "Ruby, emerald, sapphire, garnet—My old master used to say that gems have souls, that they burn with spirit fires, not just the flash of the jewel."

Joseph's gaze rested on the diadem of beaten gold, which was studded heavily with living pearls. Then the bulging eyes of cat's-eye-precious and the gleaming teeth of tiny diamonds compelled his attention. While the exquisite carving of the image would delight the heart of an artist, its sinister, grinning face set off by such brilliance revolted the youth. He was awed to silence; but finally, not to seem discourteous, he was compelled to speak.

"Do you pray to this—to her?" he corrected himself quickly.

"She is my goddess," Raanah smiled, so absorbed in admiration that he failed to notice Joseph's constraint.

"Since the image is so valuable, could you not buy your freedom with it?"

"Oh, I could never part with her. She protects me from harm. When she is angry, her eyes dart fire, and all her gems are set aflame. With their shafts she can strike dead any person who tries to harm me."

Raanah kept turning the image to catch the moonbeams, and Joseph was so overcome by the hideousness of the godling that he stared in fascination.

"If you had had a goddess like mine," Raanah ventured delicately, "your brothers would not have dared to harm you."

"But I have a God," Joseph answered, "and He protects me." He looked away from the grinning god-dess as he spoke.

Raanah shot him an inquiring glance, but saw that Joseph was not inclined for further conversation. It had been a hard day. Both boys were tired and sleepy. Raanah wrapped the tiny jewel in the linen cloth and buttoned it securely in his pocket. Then with a "good night," he snuggled down on his pallet and was soon asleep.

With the morning, Joseph felt much refreshed. Before the sun began to color the eastern sky the caravan turned into the roadway. Raanah had tallowed Joseph's feet to harden them; and as the youths swung along briskly at the head of the caravan, their lungs expanding with the crisp air, Raanah burst into his marching song. His joyousness was contagious. Joseph's worries abated, and his mind opened to impressions.

For diversion they skimmed pebbles along the road and laughed at the antics of the dogs as they chased them. They flipped up their daggers to catch them by the handle. They practiced them with their slings. Because of their early training both lads were very proficient.

But as the hours piled upon each other, the sun became a ball of fire. There was little breeze. Clothing stuck to the sweating bodies of the men. The animals worked up a lather. The old dragon slunk along, growling, tense, baring its fangs.

Near noon they came to a spring which flowed in a narrow stream that wound among the low hills. Its banks were fringed with bushes and trees. The tradesmen dismounted and gathered around the spring.

Suddenly the scream of a woman rose above frantic shrieks from many throats. So fearful was the outcry that the asses brayed and kicked up their heels. The dogs barked. The tradesmen stiffened in frightened bewilderment.

"See—'tis one of the dogs," cried Asaph, his aquiline face aghast, his eyes bulging with terror. "He has sickened at the water. Run—!"

Confusion spread. The backbone of the caravan broke instantly. Some of the cameleers climbed up the legs of their charges. Others cringed behind them. Most of the slaves took to their heels.

The merchantmen seemed uncertain what to do.

"Where can a man run?" wailed Egiba. He danced about in several directions, then dropped behind a boulder

er near the spring. Dahmru tried to shin up a stunted cedar. Accid-Adah seized Uruk's loosened saddle to mount and fell, dragging it on top himself. Isme-Dagan waded into the stream and stood agape, paddling his toes in the water.

At the outcry Raanah and Joseph stared for a moment in frozen wonder, then instinctively glanced about for a place of safety. "Quick," cried Raanah, "let me boost you into the tree." Without further thought they sprang toward it.

The sick dog was running in a circle, unmindful of everything but his misery. A few bolder slaves hurled short spears at him. These fell short of their mark and harassed him. He broke the circle and darted forward savagely.

Raanah had just helped Joseph into the tree when a scream of terror startled everybody anew. He whirled about. It was the girl who had served them the day before. She had been running toward them when the dog darted forward, and became so frightened that she stood paralyzed before it.

Raanah's heart sickened with fear for the girl. The next instant he was at her side. One of the short spears lay near his feet. Its point was broken but he grabbed it. Thus armed with only a light stick he stood to defend himself and the girl. "Run!" he yelled at her roughly to break her trance. "Run for your life!"

As his voice rang out, the animal turned its greenish eyes upon him, and Raanah faced it grimly.

The dog was a huge, lean scavenger, part wolf, part hound, and repulsive at all times. When they skirted a city a short time before, it had attached itself, uninvited, to the caravan. In health it was a loyal creature and would have defended them, snarling and fighting, to the death. Now its sick eyes gleamed viciously on friend and foe alike. Its blood-red lolling tongue was lathered, and its tearing teeth were white and sharp.

Yet danger held no terrors for Raanah. Rather, he gloried in the excitement. He knew that his goddess stood beside him. She would strengthen his arm. She would prevent the dog from harming him. Yet, to be a creditable son, he must kill the mad creature for the safety of others.

As the brute sprang at him growling, he landed a stinging blow on its nose. It groveled in agony with its snout on the ground, but was up in another moment and at him again, its savage wolf nature fully aroused. Before it could reach him Raanah whacked its forelegs, and it went down, while Raanah jumped nimbly aside.

A smile played upon the youth's lips. His eyes were shining, and his whole bearing was that of a conqueror sure of victory. He rained blow upon

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blow on the hound, exhausting, befuddling it. He sprang about deftly, his stave ever on guard or thrust like the sword of a fencing master.

Then the unexpected happened. After landing a stinging blow, the spear snapped. Without a moment of hesitation, Raanah threw the piece in his hand at the groveling dog and drew his dagger. The blade looked pitifully frail and short. It meant a much closer encounter. The youth would have small chance with such a weapon. A groan swelled from the watchers. The girl uttered a piercing cry. At the sound of her voice, Raanah raised his head as if listening to another voice. His lips moved, and a confident smile played upon them. Now his goddess would befriend him!

The next instant, the mad brute was up and at him, snarling viciously. Raanah stood his ground and raised his arm to strike. A flash of sunlight played upon his dagger blade like lightning, dazzling the eyes of the on-lookers. There was a blur of man and dog in combat. Seconds later the anxious crowd saw the dog lying on the ground, quivering in the throes of death, with Raanah, panting from his exertions, standing over it. An "ah" of relief from the crouching company swelled into a loud chorus.

The menace removed, the merchantmen and slaves fluttered from behind their shelters, all talking at once and gesticulating. Raanah and the dead dog quickly became the center of the group. Joseph was the first to reach him. He had time only to grasp Raanah's hand, his eyes glowing, then made way for the merchantmen.

"Bravely done, lad," Dahmru lauded him.

"You have saved some of us from a fearful fate," Dungri declared, while Asaph, Kedar, and Kihai-Del crowded forward with fluent words of praise, much to Raanah's embarrassment.

"That was a plucky fight," Egiba grinned, slapping Raanah on the shoulder. He turned to the others. "The lad has a valiant heart."

"Indeed, he has," growled Isme-Dagan, sloshing up with wet feet, for once agreeing with his partner. "But come, we must look you over for scratches."

Raanah protested, but with rare good humor they held him and inspected his arms and legs.

"Not a scratch," Egiba declared when they had finished, for once sobered by the near tragedy. "Surely, the gods must have intervened. No earthly power could have saved him." He winked at the others knowingly.

Accid-Adah, of all the group, held aloof. His fright and tumble had humbled his pride. Jealousy and greed smoldered in his crafty eyes. But he quickly resumed his dignity and authority. He ordered Calah to pour oil over the dog's body and burn it so that no bird or beast could eat its flesh.

As soon as Raanah could escape the confusion, he looked about for the girl. She had gone to the spring with a jug. She saw him coming, and waited so they could be alone.

There was a winning wholesomeness about her sun-kissed face, and a musical huskiness in her voice as she spoke. "I do not know how to thank you."

"Please say no more of it," Raanah begged, flushed and pleased. Then noting her shyness, a teasing mood touched with gallantry inspired him. "You were vocal enough when the dog took after you," he grinned. "And if you had not shrieked so loudly, I could say that you were like wild-flower tossing frantically in the wind, yet helplessly rooted to the soil."

"No!" Her eyes were dancing. "I was a motionless icicle. There was no feeling in me. I became human when you yelled at me so fiercely, and ran because I was more afraid of you than the dog." They both laughed.

"Oh, but you fought the creature splendidly," she praised him. "I could not tear my eyes away for admiration, yet I became an icicle again with fear for you." She had sobered through the intensity of her emotion, but Raanah was still smiling. She lowered her eyes. For some reason they refused to meet his bolder gaze.

"Tell me your name?" he begged, wishing to prolong the conversation.

"Bashia," she answered briefly.

"Bashia," he repeated it slowly as if savoring a morsel. "It is a pretty name." Then he added grinning, "But not prettier than the maid who bears it."

It was the girl's turn to flush, and her eyes glowed like twin stars before she lowered her lashes. Raanah thought he had never seen a lovelier young woman. Although her dress hung in loose folds, it did not hide the slender grace of her figure. Her hair was like a halo, and soft ringlets touched her forehead. But it was the mystic spirituality of her dark eyes that most attracted him—when she would let him see them.

While they were talking, she set down the jug, and her hands fluttered nervously with her girdle. He noticed that although brown they were well-cared for, and had not been calloused by hard work; and he knew by the shapely lines of her head and shoulders that she was descended from generations of aristocrats.

"You were not born to slavery?" he began by way of opening up channels of information.

She shook her head, and her face sobered as if there were some deep sorrow in her heart.

"Tell me," he urged, "where did you live?"

"In Nineveh." Then she explained. "My father grazed many herds, but he died a few months ago, and his brother desired our wealth, so he sold my two

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older brothers and myself into slavery."

"Was there no one to protect you from him?"

"No, our uncle was our only relative, and he was made guardian over us. Our mother died when we were small." Bashia's eyes grew moist and a little tragic. "Where my brothers were sent, I shall never know." She fell silent, then gave Raanah a wistful smile. "But I should not depress you with my doleful story."

"But you—to whom?" Raanah persisted, his face grown grave, for he had heard much talk of the evil ways of men.

"Oh, I was more fortunate. I was bought by Dahmru as maid to his wife. They are very good to me, and let me keep my amah. The old woman is a prophetess, and Dahmru and his wife are pleased to consult her. She watches over me, and—"

"Water!" a merchantman yelled. "I am coming," Bashia answered. She smiled at Raanah, picked up the jug and ran to serve the men.

Raanah looked after her admiringly, his heart stirring in an unusual and peculiar way.

As the merchantmen ate, speech shuttlecocked from one to another rapidly. There was mystery in the air, and they were all keyed up over it. Accid-Adab could enlighten them, and Egiba was determined that he should do so. Asaph glanced around to see if the youths were out of hearing, then gave Egiba a significant look that urged him to the encounter.

"I have been told," Egiba began, while the other men stopped their chatter and chewing to listen, "that Raanah carries the moonstone image of Ishtar."

Accid-Adab fidgeted, stuffed a wad of bread in his mouth, but said nothing.

"I believe its legend runs," Egiba persisted, "that Ishtar would slay with the fireflash of the gems anyone who tries to harm the possessor of it."

Accid-Adab's glance shifted around the group. All eyes were upon him. His chest swelled at finding himself the center of attention. "H'm, yes, Raanah has the jewel," he admitted grudgingly. "And no man can defy its power," he boasted.

"How did you find out that Raanah had it?" Kihai-Del asked. "He never speaks of it."

"A slave in Nippur whispered to me that Raanah had the jewel. The youth was on the slave market; so I bought him; for no living soul but this Nippur bondsman and Raanah himself knew that he had it. Raanah was a small orphan when Rath bought him. Rath was a man of great wealth. He loved the boy as his own son and intended to free him, but sickness overcame him suddenly. Just before he died he slipped the jewel to Raanah."

"So-o!" Asaph exclaimed, "then the

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jewel became yours by purchase of the slave."

"So I contend," Accid-Adab cried in exasperation.

"Then why not take possession of it?" Kihai-Del asked bluntly.

Accid-Adab's eyes smoldered resentfully. "I have demanded it, but he refuses to give it up, and shields himself behind Ishtar's power to smite."

"And rightly, too," Egiba declared. "Why should anybody give away rare good fortune just because someone asked him for it?"

Isme-Dagan cackled tantalizingly. "You might as well forget it, Adab. The wrath of the goddess stands between you and the youth. You can never skin a leopard till he is dead."

Accid-Adab's face grew livid. "But I will get it somehow!"

"Could it not be stolen from him?" Asaph suggested.

"But what need to have the jewel," Isme-Dagan twitted, "and with it a stretch of bad luck? Ishtar's anger is terrible. The legend clearly says that only upon death of the owner, or by his gift of the jewel to another, will Ishtar transfer her favors."

Kihai-Del's crafty, unmatched eyes lighted up weirdly. "When we come to Egypt, the youth might offend the Egyptians so they would put him to death. Then the jewel would be yours by inheritance with Ishtar's favor thrown in."

"Eh—" Accid-Adab looked up hopefully. "Dare the Egyptians hold him roughly?"

Kedar snickered caustically. "Since they know nothing about Ishtar, nor believe in her, they would. Besides, they have their own powerful gods to protect them."

Isme-Dagan groaned as he straightened up on his sluggish legs. "I should say this old world is wicked enough without any man trying to start a war among gods. Deliver me from such a holocaust!"

Egiba ducked his head in his hands in mock dismay. "And should such a war ever take place, oh let me hide somewhere in a dark cavern!"

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A Witness for Christ

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who took man's place and died in his stead, so that man could be reunited with God. There is no other person besides the Christian who can say, "I have a Savior who came into my life and changed my whole outlook on life. Yes, he changed my very life and made me over into a new creature." Others must use other tedious methods to gain their desired goal. It is by their efforts that they hope to achieve blessedness. We are to witness what Christ has done for us, not what we have accomplished by our own efforts, but what he has achieved for us. This

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A Denominational Study

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and contributing to the rugged foundation of our structure in the century that lies behind. The causes that led them to withdraw from our fellowship, among them being the language difficulties, have largely been eliminated. Such a reunion might then be thought desirable. We are thinking of many such churches in Ontario, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska and in other states. Such integration should not be difficult.

There yet remains a last word to be spoken and that is very important. The possibilities outlined in this paper can only be realized on one condition. There must be something in our structure that will appeal to and attract good and strong men, men who will make a vital contribution to our composite life. What is that one thing? That one thing is a predominant spiritual emphasis.

If our churches are spiritual in life and practice, if they are composed of holy people, holy without vagaries, if they keep to the New Testament pattern, they will attract God's choicest servants. Let us not forget that spiritual life is the genius of the Christian Church and that its essence is the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Obviously we need to be Spirit-filled disciples, Spirit-filled churches and a Spirit-controlled North American Baptist General Conference. The presence of such emphasis will destine us to become a world-conquering power to which banner our united forces will gladly rally. Such accomplishment will require much fervent prayer!

is a glorious privilege that others do not have.

Let us look at those witnesses to whom Christ was speaking before he ascended into heaven. They were to witness to the fact that life was changed for them from the common, ordinary existence they had lived.

What they now did and said was done in the Name of the Lord. They were living for him and they expected him to provide in every instance and to care for them. Because of this expectation they could sit in prison awaiting death without fear. They depended on the Lord to provide the way out, if it was his will. They witnessed that the Lord had completely changed them, so they were trusting in him for the present and the future. No harm could touch them that he had not willed, and when they left this world they would again be reunited with him.

We, as God's children, followers in the steps of these first witnesses, are to do likewise. By our very lives we are giving testimony for our Lord. We show that we have passed from death unto life. It is to reveal to others the fact that we are trusting in One who gives us joy in this life, and a hope that will not be dimmed by any discouragements.

Yes, Jesus spoke the words, "Ye shall be my witnesses," to us as well as to those first Christians. Do we as to those first Christians. Do we hear him speaking to us today and saying: "I witnessed loyally to you, and did so much for you. It brought you salvation. Now all I ask of you is that you witness to what I have done for you"? Could he have expected less? Could we do less for him? Surely, that is the least that we can do.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Eastern Conference

Appreciation of God's Blessings and Others' Prayers by Rev. A. Stelter of Arnprior, Ont.

After a month in the hospital and weeks of good care by my wife at home, the Lord has given me strength enough again to resume the duties of the Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario. Since it takes months for a spinal operation to heal, the success of it cannot be determined for some time. I am making very good progress, and therefore believe the operation was a success.

With this good news I also want to say a hearty "Thank You" to all who counted me worthy of prayer and who sent letters and cards of cheer. They were a great encouragement to me during my serious illness. I do praise and thank the Lord for such dear friends. May his grace and blessing abide with us until we meet with him, who is the Giver of all good and perfect gifts of life.

Albert Stelter, Correspondent.

Southern Conference

Week of Prayer and Christmas Services at the Mowata Church of Louisiana

We as the Baptist Church of Mowata, La., can truly say that the Lord has blessed us in recent weeks. A fine program was held on Christmas evening, December 25th. Recitations and songs by the children of the Beginners', Primary and Junior departments were given, besides two dialogues by the Juniors and the young people. Our pastor, Rev. A. Rosner, also brought a brief message.

We observed the Week of Prayer by having prayer services in different homes each night. Inspiring messages were given by our pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Rosner have proved to be a blessing to us. We pray that God may continue to use them in helping us further our work for Christ.

Mrs. Rheinhard Bieber, Reporter.

Baptism, Missionary Service and Christmas Pageant at the Central Church, Waco, Texas

On Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas witnessed the baptism of nine converts after a most successful series of evangelistic meetings held from Nov. 10 to 24 with the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Ill. The church was greatly blessed during this revival, and we are grateful to Mr. Nordland for his inspirational messages.

We were also happy to have with us on previous Sunday evenings the new Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson. An offering for missions was received which amounted to \$240. We were also privileged to enjoy an evening with the showing of pictures of the General Conference by the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Crawford. The offering for our Southern Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union project amounted to \$102.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, the Primary Department of the Sunday School presented a Christmas pageant, "The Inasmuch Tree," each class participating by bringing a gift of clothing, canned food or an offering for the needy in Europe.

Mrs. Edwin Gummelt, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Holiday Festivities With Abiding Blessings at the Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask.

All holiday festivities are over but they are not forgotten in the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada. One thing that will be vividly remembered by some of our children will be our Sunday School Christmas program. "The Christmas Star," rendered by the Junior Girls Class, portrayed the star in all its charm and glory and presented the entire Christmas story as found in Luke 2:1-20 and Matt. 2:1-11. Old and young alike received a blessing from this decorative tableaux.

A Watch Night service was observed during which new year's resolutions were heard and the new year was welcomed with prayer. Although we are losing our minister, the Rev. F. Armbruster, we are still looking hopefully into the future. May the Lord help us to go forward with greater zeal and inspiration to work in his kingdom!

Mrs. F. Brucker, Reporter.

ECHOES OF HEAVEN



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Eleven Conversions at Evangelistic Meetings Held at Springside, Sask., Canada

Evangelistic meetings were held in Springside, Sask., Canada from December 8 to 20. We had waited for these days with great expectations from God. Finally, the time came for them and we were greatly blessed throughout the meetings. Evangelist F. W. Bartel of St. Joseph, Mich., was our speaker. He also had a half hour of Bible study each evening on "The A B C's of the Christian Life." This was very helpful to all of us.

We were happy that the basement of our church was ready for use because our other building, which we had previously rented, would never have been able to hold the numbers who attended these meetings. On many an evening the basement was entirely filled. It is our great joy to report the conversion of eleven persons, three of them being married men. This was an answer to our prayers.

May God continue richly to bless us and our faithful pastor, Rev. R. Kannwischer, and his family in all we undertake to do for Christ!

Vera Mantay, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Spiritual Progress and Building Improvements Are Made at Sheffield, Iowa

The annual business meeting held in the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa was exceptionally well attended in spite of icy roads and bad weather. Several new officers were elected to serve the ensuing year. Reports from all organizations showed that progress had been made in all departments.

The Sunday School, as reported by secretary Don Boehlje, showed the highest average attendance in many years. All Sunday services and prayer meetings have been very well attended, and there seems to be a spirit and determination to do even better in the coming year. Several improvements have been made. The street in front of the church property has been paved and the church and parsonage have been given a coat of paint. It was voted at the meeting to raise the pastor's salary with the sum of \$600.

There were about fifty in attendance at the New Year's Eve service, bad weather keeping many at home. A fine program of instrumental and vocal music was enjoyed, together with talks by the Sunday School superintendent and several of the deacons. After the refreshment hour, the evening closed with a half hour of testimony and praise.

L. F. Church, Pastor.

The Oak St. Church of Burlington, Iowa Conducts Colorful Yuletide Program

The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa held a series of inspirational and colorful services in recent weeks.

The beautiful church auditorium was resplendent in evergreen and wreath trimmings with two large illuminated Christmas trees placed in the front of the sanctuary. Even out on the church lawn a large 16-foot evergreen tree was covered with colored lights that were automatically controlled by the lighting switch of the illuminated church bulletin board. The elaborate settings were the most beautiful of recent years.

The midnight hour service on Christmas Eve was well attended by old and young and at the sacred hour of midnight each worshipper held a candle lighted by those pictured on this page. It was a meditation that enhanced the Christmas season for every worshipper.

The annual Youth Fellowship banquet held in our beautifully decorated Social hall was attended by 80 young people. Prof. Julius Schultz of Burlington Junior College was the speaker and a play based on the evening's theme, "The Lamp Lighter," was presented by several young people. The Youth Fellowship also led the New Year's Eve service for the first hour of the three-hour service enjoyed by many that evening.

The annual Week of Prayer services were attended by more than 200 worshippers with more than 50 leading in prayer for the work of our Church and denomination.

We are looking forward to God's blessings in this pre-Easter season as several are already making plans to give expression of their faith in Christ.

A. R. Bernadt, Pastor.

Baptism, Parsonage Fund and Minister's Twelfth Anniversary at Aplington, Iowa

To our larger fellowship, as represented by the many readers of "The Baptist Herald," we of the Baptist Church at Aplington, Iowa desire to report about recent events and decisions on our field.

On the first Sunday of the year we had the privilege of baptizing six people upon the confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. These were the fruit of evangelistic services conducted here in the Aplington Church last November by Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago. These services were highly appreciated by all our people, and upon them rested, in a most signal manner, the blessing of God.

We have finally discontinued our German service, held for some years during the Sunday School class period. We now have an Adult Bible Class (in English, of course), which fills a real need in our work here and which has, thus far, enjoyed a splendid attendance, one that is a good deal better than our German service had toward the last.

At our annual business meeting it was decided to set aside \$2500 of our church treasury surplus as a "Parson-



Young People of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa Participating in the Candlelight Service Held on Christmas Eve in a Most Worshipful Setting

age Building Fund." We also decided to install an "Electron Bell" Pulpit Phone, equipped with individual ear phones as well as loud speakers for the lower auditorium.

With the last Sunday of February (Feb. 23) the Rev. C. Fred Lehr, pastor, will conclude 12 years of a happy and fruitful service with the Aplington church. To have been permitted to work with this people, so loyal to the church and denomination, so devoted to the world missionary task of the church, and so faithful to the Lord and the eternal verities of God has been, and is, a joyous privilege.

C. Fred Lehr, Pastor.

Ordination Service of the Rev. Carl De Vries at the Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn.

On Dec. 27, 1946 a council was called by the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota to consider the propriety of setting apart for the Gospel ministry Mr. Carl De Vries, who is taking graduate work and is engaged in part time teaching at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

The Rev. William Trow, pastor of the Jeffers Baptist Church, opened the meeting with devotions. The council, which was composed of 15 men from five churches, organized with Rev. Wayne Williams of Windom as chairman, and Rev. Ben H. Fadenrecht of Westbrook as clerk.

The candidate gave concise, clear statements concerning his conversion, his call to the ministry, and his doctrinal views. After deliberation the council declared itself fully satisfied with the statements of the candidate, and recommended that the church proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service, which took place in the evening, was a time of inspiration for those who gathered for the occasion. Rev. Gordon Kling, pastor of the Evangelical Free Church of Windom, a classmate of Mr. De Vries at Wheaton, led in the opening song service. Rev. William Trow read Scripture and led in prayer. Dr. Merrill Chapin Tenney, director of the graduate school of Wheaton College,

gave a fine message on "What Is The Gospel?", based on I Cor. 15:3-4. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Wayne Williams. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. S. P. Anderson of Worthington. Rev. B. H. Fadenrecht extended the hand of fellowship to Mr. De Vries, welcoming him into the ministry. The congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Have Thine One Way, Lord," after which the Rev. Carl De Vries pronounced the benediction.

Ben H. Fadenrecht, Clerk.

Recent Joyous Festivities at the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

About 100 men of the Brotherhood Organization and their families of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., met for a Christmas party on Friday, December 13th. During the course of the evening the former president, Emil Brenner, introduced the new officers. They are as follows: president, Harold Schielke; vice-president, Orville Lick; secretary, Kurt Knebel; and treasurer, Fred Navaratte. Three of the new officers for the coming year are ex-Servicemen, a fact which demonstrates that they are vitally interested in the welfare of the church. The Brotherhood has thrived under its former leadership, and we are sure it will expand even more during the coming year.

The choir rendered a Christmas cantata, "The Light of the World," on Sunday evening, Dec. 22nd. Our new choir director, Ben Anderson, has done very good work with the choir this year, and the cantata was very well rendered. We appreciate his helpfulness in this capacity.

The church held a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve. After a message from our pastor, Dr. John Leyboldt, the young people took part in a candle light service, and we had testimony and prayer. On Sunday, Jan. 5, Dr. Leyboldt baptized two young ladies and a Sunday School scholar and received three others into the church.

Mrs. Kurt Knebel, Reporter.

Central Conference

Pulpit Exchange Sunday on Feb. 23rd in the Churches of the Chicago Area

On Sunday, February 23, the pastors of the North American Baptist Churches of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity will exchange pulpits. This pulpit exchange Sunday was observed last year with such marked success that it was decided to make it an annual occasion.

The schedule for Feb. 23 showing the churches and guest speakers is as follows:

East Side Church—Rev. Roy B. Anderson
Forest Park Church—Rev. John Schmidt
Ogden Park Church—Rev. A. G. Schlesinger
Bellwood Church—Rev. C. B. Nordland
Immanuel Church—Rev. A. Dale Ihrie



Members of the Youth Choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia With M. Albert Sauer, Director, at the Extreme Left

First Church—Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke.
Grace Church—Rev. Ed. McKernan.
Humboldt Park Church—Rev. Louis Johnson.

God's people in our churches of the Chicago area can anticipate many blessings on this Sunday.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

Recent Evidences of Growth at the Round Lake Church of Gladwin, Mich.

The Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich., had a fine year of progress. The reports at the annual business meeting on January 1st showed a marked increase in giving by the members that almost doubled the income of the church. The giving for missions was more than doubled. The members also surprised the pastor, the Rev. Victor H. Prendinger, by giving him a bonus of \$100 and raising his salary to \$1800. This is a step of faith for this church. The Week of Prayer was observed, pray-

ing for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon us and the work of our denomination.

The Sunday School has also grown in numbers and missionary enthusiasm. Besides meeting all expenses, the school gave \$641 to missionary projects and \$200 of this sum went to the salary of a native evangelist in the Cameroons. It was decided to pay this again this year. Two of our Sunday School scholars were converted on the first Sunday of the new year.

Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor.

Holiday Blessings and Commissioning Service for Miss Schultz at the Beaver Baptist Church

Our Christmas holidays were a blessing to us at the Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Michigan, and we were most happy to have our two students, Mr. Adolph Braun from our Rochester Seminary and Miss Virginia Schmidt from the Missionary Training School of Chicago, with us. Mr. Lawrence Bienert from our seminary was also our guest.

especially grateful to the church for its faith and confidence in her since we have adopted her as our missionary and will pay her entire salary.

Love gifts amounting to \$226 were received at the evening service for Esther Schultz. The young people celebrated her birthday on Saturday evening, Jan. 11, giving her \$65 as a gift. We realize the loss it will be to our church as she leaves, but we know her services for Christ's Kingdom are needed more in Africa.

Marie Rinas, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

The Singing Ministry of the Ebenezer Baptist Youth Choir of Vancouver, B. C.

An appreciative audience of 500 listeners packed the auditorium of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Vancouver, British Columbia on Sunday night, Dec. 22nd, to hear their Youth Choir under its seventh annual Christmas cantata entitled, "The Christ Child" by H. W. Petrie. The choir consisting of 56 voices was conducted by Mr. Albert O. Sauer with Mrs. Winnie Sauer at the piano.

We were, indeed, happy to have our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Rubin Kern, join the choir. Their singing and enthusiasm made the rehearsals more enjoyable by their Christian fellowship. The church decorations were centered around a painting of Joseph with Mary holding the Christchild, drawn expressly for this rendition by Mr. Lester Bertsch.

Solo parts were sung by Miss Phyllis Toews, Mrs. Elsie Modell, Miss Dorothea Fritzke, Mr. Al Semke, Rev. Rubin Kern with Miss Teressa Smith joining Miss Toews in a duet. A trio thoroughly enjoyed was rendered by Miss Lydia Konesky, Mr. Ed Wilkie and Mr. Ervin Bunkowski as also was a quartette by Miss Lorraine Daum, Miss Violet Nelner, Mr. Ed Wilkie and Mr. Harold Schultz.

The choir was also privileged to present the cantata at the new Victoria Avenue Baptist Church in Chilliwack, B. C., on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 5, at the invitation of Rev. and Mrs. P. Daum. Two chartered buses made their way over snow-covered highways through the scenic Fraser Valley.

We enjoyed singing in the new auditorium and an offering was taken to purchase a new church furnace. Refreshments were welcomed as we grouped together for a hearty sing-song. Moonlight brought out the grandeur of the mountains and snow-laden evergreens as we journeyed homeward.

Togther with serving our church regularly in our Sunday evening services, we have also had the opportunity to serve in other churches and "Youth For Christ" meetings. Our year was highlighted by the trip to Tacoma, Wash., in August 1946 to sing at the banquet of the General Conference.

Dorothy Nelner, Secretary.



The Choir of the Bethany Baptist Church of Bethany, Oregon With the Rev. Frank Friesen, Pastor, at the Extreme Left.

Watch Night, Christmas and Baptismal Services at the Bethany Church of Oregon

On Sunday, December 22, the choir of the Bethany Baptist Church of Bethany, Oregon, of which Rev. Frank Friesen is the minister, presented a program of Christmas anthems.

The beginning of the program was very impressive with a candlelight procession by the choir singing, "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The program consisted of numbers such as: "O Holy Night," "Gesu Bambino," "Born Is Jesus in Bethlehem," "While Shepherds Watched," and "Joy To The World." Solos, duets, a ladies' quartet and ladies' trio were special features of the numbers.

Miss Melba Jucht very capably directed the choir with Mrs. Lily Groeni accompanying at the organ. The musical evening proved to be a real blessing for all who participated and those who attended.

The Bethany and Village Ridge congregations together enjoyed watch night services at the Bethany Church. After the singing of favorite hymns, Mr. Friesen brought a brief baptismal sermon, after which four persons from Villa Ridge and one from Bethany followed the Lord in baptism.

The last hour of the old year included two musical selections by the choir and a duet by two of our Junior girls. The Rev. Virgil Savage of Villa Ridge gave a very inspiring New Year's message after which Mr. Friesen extended the hand of fellowship to those who had been baptized and to six others who joined by letter.

Very fittingly we concluded the old year by partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Grace Jenne, Reporter.

Twenty Persons Are Baptized at Watch Night Service in Tacoma's Calvary Church

The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., can report many activities bright with the goodness of God.

At the Watch Night service, the main auditorium was filled and extra chairs had to be carried into the room. The first part of the meeting was taken over by the young people's adult group with testimonies.

After this, the Rev. W. C. Damrau

was privileged to baptize 20 individuals who had recently accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Among this group was a sister 79 years of age. There were also a young husband and wife, brother and sister, father and daughter, and two sisters and two brothers.

A social hour with refreshments was held in the lower auditorium and at 11 P. M. we gathered upstairs for a short sermon. Then we celebrated the Lord's Supper with the new converts who were welcomed into the church fellowship. Thus, we remained in prayer until 1947 had been ushered in.

We are happy that some of our number are serving in other fields. This year Miss Alma Kludt became worker in the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan. The Rev. Ronald Stabbert and his wife have accepted a call to the Bethany Church near Vesper, Kansas and our good wishes and prayers follow them.

We thank God for the joyous reports coming from our missionaries, Earl and Lois Ahrens, in Africa, and continue to support them financially as well as with our prayers.

We are looking to a year of spiritual growth both in our church and in the Portland Avenue Chapel, which is thriving under the ministry of Dr. J. F. Olthoff.

Elizabeth Ahrens, Clerk.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein and Family at Colfax, Washington

In May 1946 a union of the Wilcox and the First Baptist Churches of Colfax, Washington was effected. It proved to be a success. The Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, Kansas was given a call which he accepted as an answer to our prayers to God.

The undersigned, Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, acted as interim pastor for six months. During this time the old parsonage underwent modernization along with some needed changes and repairs of the church building for which we spent about \$5000 with much voluntary labor by the members.

For missions and benevolences the combined group raised about \$4000 for the North American Baptist Conference and the Northern Baptist Convention. We could baptize five per-

sons and accepted eight members by letter, including the new pastor and his family. The field is promising. It is our desire to cooperate with our North American work.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein and family who arrived here at the beginning of 1947 have already won the love and confidence of all. For Sunday, January 12, a reception service was planned. All branches of the church promised the new pastor prayerful help to which Mr. and Mrs. Klein responded with fitting words. In spite of the icy roads, a fine representation of our Spokane church and a neighboring church, including their pastor, enjoyed the evening with us expressing their good wishes.

The retiring pastor (the undersigned), who has served this field for over 26 years, received a large present of money and other useful things as an expression of appreciation. May the Lord bless his work in Colfax, Washington!

R. M. Klingbeil, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Ministry to Children and Needy People by the Ladies' Missionary Society, Lehr, N. D.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Lehr, No. Dak., recently sent a large box of linens to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. This consisted of various pieces of fancy work, sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, dish towels, etc. We shall also send \$10.00 each month for an indefinite period to the CARE Company in New York to be spent for food packages for designated families in Germany.

This year we have started to send birthday greeting cards to all our missionaries and their children in the Cameroons on their birthdays.

On the first Sunday evening in November we presented our annual program, featuring several dialogues and group songs, duets and trios. Our offering was designated for our building fund. Our total income for the past year amounted to \$833.75.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings With Rev. Peter Geissler at Medina, North Dakota

The Baptist Church at Medina, No. Dak., is composed of only 38 members. At present, we are without a pastor. At our urgent request the Rev. Peter Geissler of Avon, So. Dak., served us in evangelistic meetings from December 9 to 19. During the first week the weather, though cold, was favorable and the attendance increased each evening. On Sunday, Dec. 15th, our mission offering amounted to \$223.92. The Sunday School offering on the same day was \$50.47.

The Conference Scripture Memorization Secretary, Miss Ann Swain, was also with us in these meetings. Each evening she brought a message to the children and the young people. Stormy weather and blocked roads made the continuance of these blessed meetings impossible during the second week.



Children of the Rock Hills Baptist Sunday School of Jamaica Plain, Mass., Rendering Their Christmas Program

May it please God soon to give a pastor to this promising field and this loyal group of saints. Pray for the church and the work here. We sincerely thank the First Baptist Church at Avon for allowing their pastor to serve us. God bless you!

Reporter.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. A. Ittermann by the Calvary Church, Carrington, No. Dak.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak. held a reception on Sunday evening, December 29, in honor of its new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Ittermann and children.

Senior Deacon Chris Albus presided over the service. The Rev. W. E. Gerthe of the Germantown Church read the Scripture passage and led in prayer. The Rev. Richard Grenz of the Cathay Church gave the main address and brought words of welcome as a neighboring pastor and also from his church of which Mr. Ittermann was a former pastor. The choir presented the number, "Near to the Heart of God."

The leaders of various organizations were called upon and extended words of welcome as follows: Walter Larson, Sunday School superintendent; Ben Edinger, president of the B. Y. P.

U.; Andrew Klein, board of trustees; Mrs. W. Meyer, Ladies' Missionary Society; Chas. Siebold, board of deacons; and August Felchle, choir director. Mr. Gerthe spoke on behalf of himself and his church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ittermann then responded with their appreciation. Colleen Larson, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Return of Rev. Robert S. Hess to the Rock Hill Church and Recent Festivities

The Rev. Robert S. Hess, on leave of absence from the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., returned to his pastorate on Dec. 9, 1946. Mr. Hess served as a chaplain with the U. S. Army in Germany. Besides his regular duties, he distributed much food sent to him by his church and denominational headquarters.

Southwestern Conference

Farewell Service for Rev. and Mrs. G. Henderson, Missionaries, at Lorraine, Kansas

Our annual Christmas Eve program was held on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. With Mrs. E. D. Meacham at the organ and Mrs. Edward Staebler directing, the Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday School presented the Christmas story in a novel and delightful way in song and musical numbers. A White Gift offering was received, all the church school classes and training unions participating. This offering went to various mission projects all over the world. The climax of the program was a beautiful human Christmas tree.

At the morning service on Sunday, Dec. 29, Rev. George Henderson brought us an inspirational mission message. A farewell service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, our denomination's missionary appointees, in the evening since they will soon leave for the Cameroons. Members of our sister churches were present. The testimonies of our two missionaries were so full of the joy of our Lord that we all received a great blessing by having them with us for a few months. During the farewell service a number of our young people were led of Christ to signify their intentions of going into full-time Christian service.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter.

Answers To "Give The Third Word" on Children's Page (Page 10)

1. Jacob, 2. Japheth, 3. Myrrh, 4. Abednego, 5. Holy Ghost, 6. Leviticus, 7. Garlic, 8. Solomon, 9. John, 10. Fire.

OBITUARY

Mrs. HELEN LUBENOW of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Mrs. Helen Lubenow, nee Meier, of Sheboygan, Wis., was born in Germany on Oct. 10, 1887. She came to this country with her parents at the age of 8 years. She attended public school in Sheboygan and was married to Richard Lubenow on Dec. 4, 1909 by the late Rev. Emil Mueller. The family has lived in the city of Sheboygan ever since their marriage. Two children were born to this union, who are Mrs. Adolph Krause of Sheboygan and Mr. LeRoy Lubenow of Milwaukee, Wis. She is also survived by her husband and two grandsons and one sister. She passed away at the Memorial Hospital of Sheboygan on Nov. 15 at the age of 59 years.

She was always a faithful member of the church which she loved and only shortly before her death remarked to the undersigned that she felt at home when she was in her church and its community where she grew up. She was also a member of the Ladies' Aid and of the Willing Workers Society of the church.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Baptist Church with the undersigned officiating. Words of comfort were spoken from Psalm 90:12. Mrs. Dorothy Knalson sang "Going Home" and "Abide With Me."

Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Fred J. Knalson, Pastor.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE BOOK OF OUR CHOICE

A memorable milestone in religious publishing history will be reached in February 1947 with the appearance of the 460 page, beautifully bound, reprint volume, "The Suffering Saviour" by F. W. Krummacher (Moody Press — \$3.50). This book with its spiritually lucid interpretation of the sufferings of Christ and its heart warming meditations has a timely message for every Christian. Krummacher was known as the greatest of all preachers in Germany in the middle of the 19th century and by many he is regarded as the greatest evangelical preacher in all Europe at that time. At least, by means of this reprint you can make the acquaintance with one of the spiritual giants of yesterday in Germany.

The book is also the first of "The Wycliffe Series of Christian Classics" which will present about 40 volumes to the Christian world at the rate of about four a year. This series, ably edited by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith of Chicago's Moody Bible Institute, will make some of the choicest Christian literature of the English language available to the people of America. Among some of the titles to appear will be "The Holy War" by John Bunyan, "The World To Come" by Isaac Watts, "Table Talk" by Martin Luther, and "The Lord's Prayer for Believers" by Marcus Rainsford.

Some decades ago the books of the German preacher, Krummacher, were on sale everywhere. His discourses on "Elijah the Tishbite" were read in German and English. But copies of "The Suffering Saviour," which has been out of print for many years, are now practically unobtainable. And yet this book has been called "the greatest single volume written during the entire 19th century." No wonder that this reprint of this book has become an outstanding event and the reading of it will mark a spiritual discovery of startling joy and blessing to you as it was for me.

Almost 20 pages are devoted in the book to the biography of Friedrich Wilhelm Krummacher. After serving for many years as a preacher of the Reformed Church in small German congregations, he was called to the famous Trinity Church of Berlin where, some years before, the brilliant Schleiermacher was pastor. In 1853 he became the court chaplain to the German king, Friedrich Wilhelm, at Potsdam. He was one of the champions of the Gospel in a relentless fight against rationalism and infidelity.

This large volume deals with the sufferings of Christ as announced to

his disciples shortly before his crucifixion and from the anointing in Simon's house to the time of the sealed sepulchre in the garden. With scholarly skill and simplicity, the author tells the story of these epoch-making events in Jesus' life. But the splendor of the book is especially felt in the timely meditations as the author strikes the anvil with his convictions of faith and applies the truths to the reader's life. Sentences that glitter with spiritual glory will thrill your soul and live in your memory for years to come. The colorful word pictures of the author will illumine Scriptural truth as never before.

How up-to-the-minute the book sounds! This could easily be a picture of our present post-war world. "The pentecost of hell is being accomplished, and it pours out its spirit over mankind like a shower of fire and brimstone, and its shield-bearers and apostles shoot up from the earth, like the fungus, in a night." (Page 67.)

With brilliant skill the author says that Peter reminds us of those who "though they possess the burning heart, yet they are still in want of the light of the Holy Spirit." His description of Christ before Pilate is majestic, awe-inspiring. Everywhere in the book, the focus is upon the death of the Son of God on the cross as he put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

This is the book of our choice for this issue of "The Baptist Herald." It will deserve a place among the best books to appear in 1947. It is one of the religious classics that will live for all time and help you to live more gloriously for years to come!

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FROM CANA TO CALVARY by Harry Rimmer. Wm. B. Eerdmans. 1946. 136 pages. \$1.25.

Harry Rimmer, well known through the country and well liked, is an outstanding scientist, one who takes his Bible seriously and lives by a strong faith. I have heard him and have had lunch with him. He is a man's man, a good friend and companion, one with whom you like to go fishing. So I am glad to recommend this inspiring book from his pen. Here are a few typical sentences that caught my attention as I leafed through the book, and such sentences stand out on almost every page.

"They crucified him—Three words. The most significant words put together in human speech. For more than prophecy was fulfilled; every promise that God ever made to man concerning redemption is completely accomplished on the hill called Calvary. They crucified him, and when they did, a fountain of grace was opened forever for the pardon and cleansing of sinners."

The book is divided into five moving chapters—"The Miracle of Cana," "Jesus and the Woman at the Well," "The Last Supper," "The Cup of Gethsemane," and "Calvary." These are brilliantly conceived and written in a vivid, lucid style. The dynamic faith and the spiritual warmth which animate the pages touch your heart and make it glow. One puts the book aside with a deep sense of gratitude and soul enrichment. W. L. S.

FACES ABOUT THE CROSS by Clovis G. Chappell. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 217 pages. \$1.50.

Whatever one may say about the Southland, this is certain—a contribution of great Gospel preachers among whom Clovis G. Chappell is not the least, perhaps, the greatest of our present day. His preaching knows no denominational limitation. Although he is a Methodist, he is sought everywhere. He's got something many preachers would like to have—stark realism modified by high Christian idealism; a clear, lucid, but powerful, persuasive art modified by warm, personal, heartsearching understanding.

Among his many contributions this one, "Faces About the Cross," is outstanding. Here he has life at its worst and at its best—represented by the various personalities involved in the passion and suffering of Christ Jesus. With impressive word-pictures, he reveals the strength and courage and human weaknesses in action.

In such direct personal applications of the Gospel story he faces men today and leads them to their Savior. In this and similar books the message of Christ crucified is restored to the very heart of the Gospel message for as he is lifted up so shall a degenerated and fallen humanity be lifted up, redeemed, purified and made worthy of the name "Christian." W. L. S.

Program of the Philologus Society of Edmonton's Christian Training Institute

God's Word reminds us: "Neglect not the gift that is within thee." To foster and develop such gifts has been one of the reasons in forming the Philologus Society of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. This year we were again able to get an early start in the re-organization of the Society for the school year. We have a ruling that the old members must ask the new students to join the Society.

The past president, Mr. Harold Weiss, opened the first meeting with a short but impressive devotion. Miss Twila Bartz, teacher at the Christian Training Institute and a missionary among the Indians, brought a fitting message for the occasion. A new system of voting was introduced. The executive committee has discussed the feasibility of various voting systems and then decided to have printed ballots prepared for the election this year.

The officers for this school year are: president Rubin Herrmann; vice-presi-

STUDENTS IN THE CHICAGO AREA

A reception for all students of North American Baptist Churches in the area of Chicago, Illinois is being planned by our Forest Park Headquarters Staff for Thursday, May 1st.

All parents and pastors of young people who are students in this area are asked to send their names and addresses to Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., so that the invitations can be sent. Students may also send their addresses to headquarters. Please do this without delay!

dent, Fred Sonnenberg; secretary, Gladys Scheirer; assistant, Walter Hoffmann; treasurer, Leonard Maier; pianist, Silvia Hornbacher.

At the first meeting after the election, the newly appointed president, Mr. Rubin Herrmann, gave an appropriate talk and Miss Ida Forsch, missionary appointee to the Cameroons, spoke emphatically on the meaning of our motto, "Truth Conquers."

The meetings are held every other Tuesday evening. We are pleased to see such a fine participation of students and teachers and are also glad to note a goodly number of visitors at our meetings. This year we have a young people's paper, in which items of interest and activities of the school are published. The paper has been started by the Rev. Ethel Ruff, one of the Christian Training Institute teachers, and is under her supervision.

Our Society has been divided into seven groups with a leader and an assistant. Each of these groups has charge of one meeting during the school year. They present a variety of interesting programs, such as Missions, Worship, Music, Youth Rally, Drama and Search the Scriptures.

The aims of the Society are the training of students to conduct young people's meetings in their home churches, building of Christian character, becoming acquainted with worldwide movements and learning to serve together in teamwork. Our desire is faithfully to serve our God and fellowmen. Our motto song is: LIVING FOR JESUS.

Gladys Scheirer, Reporter.

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