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Denominational Reminders

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec. Jan. 12 Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 13 German Men's Brotherhood, Forest Park, Ill.
- Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Sec. Jan. 4-5 Watertown, Wisconsin. Retreat of the officers of the Wisconsin Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.
- Jan. 14-20 Tour of All the South Dakota Churches with Mr. Harold B. Lippert and Mr. Maynard Hoeckman of the South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.
- Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec. Jan. 7-12 Cleveland, Ohio, White Ave. and Erin Ave. Baptist Churches.
- Jan. 19 Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Rev. F. W. Bartel, Evangelist Jan. 5-17 Olds, Alberta, Canada. Jan. 19-31 St. Rose, Manitoba, Can.

- Rev. John C. Schweitzer, Evangelist Jan. 5-17 Paul, Idaho. Jan. 19-31 Bethany Church, Vancouver, Brit. Columbia, Can.

- Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist Jan. 5-17 Parkston, South Dakota. Jan. 19-31 Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Sunday, Jan. 5, to Friday, Jan. 10, to Be Observed in Our Churches.

There is some mountainside for every heart:
Some cool and quiet place, and God is there,
And with him in the stillness, set apart,
Will come the answer to believing prayer.
O friends, dear friends, how much our hearts have missed,
If we have failed to keep that sacred tryst.
Let us go often to that holy place,
And meet our Lord and Master face to face.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

DENOMINATIONAL LEAFLETS

The following leaflets can be secured in any quantity for your church or society or as an individual copy for yourself by writing to the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and making your requests known.

NOW WE ARE TWENTY-TWO—

A 24 page illustrated leaflet with a brief sketch of all our Cameroons missionaries and facts about the mission.

TO THE UTTERMOST PLACES WITH CHRIST—

A 12 page leaflet with many interesting and descriptive facts about the six mission fields in the Cameroons of Africa.

EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY—

A four page leaflet with the goals of "The Christian Achievement Plan," the denominational budget and information about the tasks before us as a denomination.

TRUMPETING THE GOOD NEWS—

A six page leaflet about the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, and its \$50,000 Building Project.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAFLETS—

By writing to the Rev. J. C. Gunst you can secure the leaflets of the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union pertaining to "the Christian Service Plan," the National Union Motto, Leadership Courses, and the Scripture Memorization Program.

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AMONG OURSELVES

Our denominational walls are being pushed out by an amazing program of expansion—larger student bodies at our schools—another worker for the Spanish-American Mission field—a third evangelist for our churches—two new stenographers for the headquarters office—larger "BAPTIST HERALD" and, best of all, the remaining six missionary appointees for Africa still in the United States have been alerted to make themselves ready to go to the Cameroons as soon as passage is available!

IN THIS ISSUE

The New Year's sermon on "The Name of Names" is by Dr. John Leypoldt, the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Several denominational programs receive attention in this number in the new "Spiritual Achievement Plan," the Seminary Endowment Fund, and the Building Project of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute. The devotional corner, "Beside the Still Waters," by Dr. Leypoldt, and "Pointed Paragraphs" by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois (See page 13) will be continued throughout the year. Look over the new section devoted to book reviews. The story, "After Many Days," is now in its next to last installment!

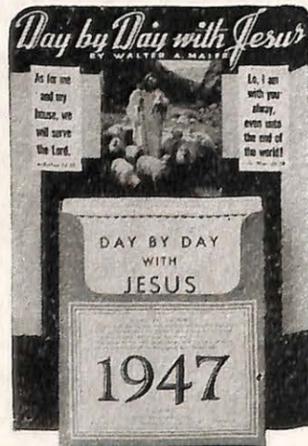
COMING

Three inspiring sermons will be featured in the next issue, which come from the pens of Rev. B. C. Schreiber of New Leipzig, North Dakota; Rev. North E. West of Kenosha, Wisconsin; and Rev. David Zimmerman of Kyle, Texas.

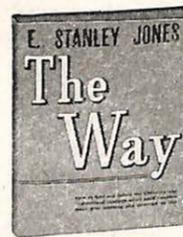
The material for the Woman's Day of Prayer prepared by Mrs. Frank Veninga will be published in ample time before the date of February 21 for use by the women's societies.

"Mexico's Monstrous Spectacle" is the exciting account of Mt. Paricutin, the world's latest volcano, and some spiritual reflections as they came to Martha L. Moennich, missionary and author.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

The Year of Jubilee

"THE YEAR OF JUBILEE" has come for **THE BAPTIST HERALD!** The first issue of the 25th anniversary year is now in your hands. Enlarged to twenty-four pages, with added new features and many pleasing changes of set-up and appearance, **THE BAPTIST HERALD** will bring many festive blessings to its large family of almost ten thousand subscribers.

"The Year of Jubilee" will be a time of renewed dedication for the editor of **THE BAPTIST HERALD** and all its contributors. That spirit characterized the Jubilee year for the Israelites. "It shall be holy unto you." (Leviticus 25:12.) Not only must we remember how this publication came into being under the good hand of our God, but we must be resolved to let the Lord Jesus Christ have the pre-eminence in all things if his blessing is to be our portion in this Jubilee year. Through resignation to his divine will and dedication to his sublime purpose, we can cross the threshold confidently into a year of great spiritual abundance!

"The Year of Jubilee" also calls for everyone's participation. For the Israelites this festive year (the fiftieth) provided for the enjoyment of their many labors. "Ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field." Such a participation in the ministry of "The Baptist Herald" by everyone of its family, not only in the reading of its pages but in the sending of contributions, constructive criticisms, encouraging letters, and colorful illustrations is greatly desired by its editor. If such a general subscribers' participation in "THE HERALD's" ministry can be started like an avalanche down the hillside, then 1947 will be a Jubilee year, indeed.

"The Year of Jubilee" ought to bring us to the crowning heights of the realization of our most ardent hopes. Great missionary plans loom up before us as a denomination. Our New Year's resolutions have set the sails of the year for each one of us. **THE BAPTIST HERALD** staff and the Board of the Publication Society have prayerfully prepared the way for a greatly improved publication in the year. We invite you to cast the final, deciding vote as to the realization of these dreams and plans.

"The Year of Jubilee" has only begun! The spiritual festivities will be spread out on a large banquet table of twenty-five issues still to follow. The contents of each number will endeavor to represent our denominational ministry as effectively as possible and to present as much inspirational material as space will permit.

Let the **BAPTIST HERALD** bells ring out and our subscribers acclaim the good news that this is "the Year of Jubilee."

BIBLE TEXT

"How much more . . . your heavenly Father." Luke 11:13.

"Our sufficiency is from God." II Cor. 3:5.

In human relationships we see many evidences of kindness. "Service" is the watchword of our day. Ample supplies are to be found in America's storehouses. But how puny is all of this in contrast with the omnipotent God and his "riches in glory." How much more wonderful and marvelous is God's dealing with us. That can be our sufficiency in 1947!

MY PLEDGE

The goals of an inspiring "Christian Achievement Plan" are presented on Pages 6 and 7 of this issue. It includes this pledge: "Desiring to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I shall make a sincere effort to attain our spiritual goals in my own Christian life." Will you do it? Try it for 1947!

A GOOD WORD

There is nothing that can bring so much cheer to the heart of your minister as "a good word" of appreciation. His labors require strenuous and tiring efforts. At times, he too is in the slough of despondency. Sermons are the outgrowth of spiritual toil and travail. They cannot be shaken out of a man's sleeve, as some suppose.

If a message has touched your heart and you have been helped by your pastor's sermon, tell him so! Give him your flowers of appreciation now. Encourage him with a word of cheer, and you will be surprised at the wonders it will do!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Every Sunday School scholar, regardless of age, should give a great amount of preparatory attention to the International Sunday School lessons for the early part of 1947. They deal with the Gospel according to John, which is probably the most read book of the Bible.

"The Gospel according to John is an unique gospel. None of the others is like it. It is the simplest as well as one of the most profound of all the gospels. He uses simple words, but there is a depth of meaning in all that he writes that set him apart from the writers of the other gospels; yet all were inspired by the Holy Ghost. But the others were inspired to tell more of what Jesus did than of what Jesus said, whereas John was apparently more concerned with what Jesus said than what he did." (Patterson in "The Evangelical Christian.")

By a faithful study of your Sunday School lessons in 1947, you will find vistas of spiritual beauty and glory opening up to you! Be a diligent student of God's Word!



The Tide Will Win

On the reef rock breakers
Recoil in shattered foam,
Yet still the sea behind them
Urges its forces home;
Its chant of triumph surges

Through all the thunderous din—
The wave may break in failure,
But the tide is sure to win.

O mighty sea, thy message
In changing spray is cast;
Within God's plans of progress

It matters not at last
How wide the shores of evil,
How strong the reefs of sin—
The waves may be defeated,
But the tide is sure to win.

—Walt Whitman

The Name of Names

A Sermon of Marked Beauty on the Matchless Name of Jesus to Carry With Us Throughout 1947 by Dr. JOHN LEYPOLDT of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE WORLD is full of names. Language is all names. We would live in a world of utter confusion without names. Imagine towns, cities or nations without names. Life would be one gigantic jigsaw puzzle of things that no one could put together without the use of names.

But we are primarily interested in one name. It is the Name of names that is the most precious name in all languages. That name is Jesus.

The question is sometimes asked: "What's in a name?" The answer has been given: "Everything." That certainly applies to the name of Jesus Christ, for everything worthwhile is wrapped up in that matchless name. The apostle Peter said to the members of the Sanhedrin: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

A UNIQUE NAME

The Name of names is, first of all, a unique name. In the book of Proverbs we read: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." J. Pierpont Morgan once said: "The best collateral in the world is a good name." In

Scripture the name stands for the person himself, for the nature or character of the individual who bears the name. Christ, not only had a good name; he possessed an unparalleled name. There is no second name like it.

Jesus was unique in his humility. We place this characteristic at the beginning of his uniqueness because it began with Christ in his celestial glory. In the mind of the Apostle Paul, Christ possessed the essential nature of God. He was on an equality with God. But the Son of God emptied himself of the glories of heaven and became "God manifested in the flesh." Not only did he take the form of a slave, but he humbled himself so completely that he was willing to die like a criminal on the cross. That was a matchless humility. Such a humility the world had never seen before or since.

But this humility was an absolute necessity if the world was to have a Savior. A merely human Savior could never remove sin. We needed a Divine Being who could do for us what we could not do for ourselves. This Divine Being is the miracle of miracles.

It therefore follows that he had a unique birth. A unique life must have a unique origin. Like begets like.

God's Spirit produced God's Son in human form. A human father would have transferred something of his sinful nature to his son, no matter how gifted he might have been.

Jesus' name is unique because of his matchless purity. His was the only flawless life ever lived on this planet. He never had the slightest sense of personal sin. That is the testimony of men who lived with him in closest fellowship for three years. He performed a unique mission. That mission is summed up in the one word, "Savior." "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for it is he that shall save his people from their sins," (Matt. 1:21); not from tyranny of Rome but from their sins was he to deliver them. His supreme mission is expressed in the following words: "For the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45.)

HIS MATCHLESS LOVE

Jesus is saying that he will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are slaves of sin. Christ by his sacrificial death paid the purchase price for

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Launching the Christian Achievement Plan

A Message for 1947 by the Rev. M. L. LEUSCHNER on Behalf of the
General Council of Our General Conference

THE BEST things in life! That is what we wish for others, above everything else, and crave for ourselves as we cross the threshold of another new year. But Hilda Tobert, one of our missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa, reminds us that "many Christians miss God's best in their lives because they choose to do what they want to do, instead of asking God what they should do."

In order to gain the best spiritual gifts for ourselves in 1947 and to do what God has purposed for us, our denomination has launched "the Christian Achievement Plan" with definite goals of attainment for the year ahead. Every individual is asked to make this a matter of earnest prayer and reflection. Every pastor will be urged to preach on the various topics of "The Achievement Plan" during the year. The churches will have supplementary goals by which they can see what they have accomplished in the light of "The Master Plan."

But "according to the power that worketh in us," every one will strive for greater spiritual heights of living and service so that God's blessing will be showered upon us "exceeding abundantly" in the year of 1947.

"The heights by great men
gained and kept
Were not attained by sudden
flight;
But they, while their companions
slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Here is what you can do to become a throbbing part of this forward spirit-

Articles on the Five Goals of "the Christian Achievement Goal" Will Appear in "The Baptist Herald" at Frequent Intervals Throughout the Year. Watch for Them!

ual movement in our denominational enterprise. Read carefully the five general goals of "The Christian Achievement Plan" which are printed on page 7 of the BAPTIST HERALD and which appear in the leaflet entitled, "Exceedingly Abundantly." They are not impossible, for they ought to be the expression of every Christian life. But their attainments will require greater striving and more earnest endeavor on the part of every one of us.

Having read the goals prayerfully, can you now make the following pledge in the light of asking God what you should do in order not to miss his best gifts and blessings?—"Desiring to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I shall make a sincere effort to attain our spiritual goals in my own Christian life"—The emphasis is on the motive of your spirit, the desire of your heart, the faithful effort of your service.

If this is your intention and if this will be the sincere effort of yours in the coming days, then you can sign "the Enlistment Card" of which your pastor has an ample supply. The small section of the card to one side of the perforation with a place for your name and date can be detached and handed in at some consecration service in your church to be arranged by your pastor. You may retain the beautifully

prepared part of the card with a picture of "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler," and the listing of "The Christian Achievement Plan" goals, keeping it in some prominent place before you as a spiritual reminder throughout the year.

THE FIVE GOALS

Now let us look at the goals again. The section on "Personal Discipline" calls for self-examination and striving toward definite spiritual heights. Our prayers should touch reality, both in their outreach toward God and in their intercession for others. One of the ways by which this can be done is with the daily use of a prayer list, jotting down names and prayer burdens into the booklet and using it in your daily prayers. The decision to become a Christian tither as a practical demonstration of stewardship before God is not easy to make but it is accompanied with untold glorious blessings.

A section on "Bible Study" calls for daily Bible reading in the Scriptures, faithful attendance at the church's prayer meetings and a definite plan of Scripture memorization. The things that pertain to the "Christian Home" require the maintenance of the family altar, the attendance of the family at church and some expression of Christian service. The goals of "Evangelism" include the distribution of tracts and the personal effort to win others for Christ. The fifth section on "Missions" calls for the reading of at least one missionary book during the year and the sending of a letter to one of our missionaries, besides giving to our missionary enterprise. In other words, here are definite goals to set before yourself, by which you can pass judgment upon your own Christian life in the light of what God would have you do.

LEAFLETS AND GUIDES

Everything will be done by our denominational headquarters to assist you and your church to present the goals of "The Christian Achievement Plan" to your constituency. If you would like to have any literature, guides, promotional leaflets or spiritual helps about these five general goals to be used by yourself or in a program in your society or church, please write to Christian Achievement Plan, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois and make your requests known.

We shall have for distribution sample copies of prayer lists, Bible Reading

plans and Scripture Memorization programs; leaflets on tithing, personal evangelism, the family altar, prayer and the Christian home; lists of missionary books and good Christian literature; and a large assortment of tracts. All of this will be free, but you must describe the assistance which you would like to have.

A sufficient supply of the leaflets, "Exceeding Abundantly" and of the enlistment cards, have been sent to the pastors of our churches. If your church has not received them or if you would like to receive these leaflets as an individual, please write for them. An inspiring article about "The Christian Achievement Plan" by the Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, appears in the 1947 ANNUAL, pages 32 and 33. It will be well worth your special attention as soon as possible. A series of articles on the various phases of "The Achievement Plan" will be prepared by our general workers and by some of our pastors for our publications.

PASTORS' REPORTS

The pastors are urged to serve as "heralds of the watch tower" and to report to the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, from time to time about any interesting events, programs or results of "The Christian Achievement Plan" in their churches. How many tithers are there in your church? Is there a definite program of Scripture memorization? What is being done to distribute tracts systematically? Are prayer lists used by your people? What blessings have come to you as a church through "The Christian Achievement" program? Your replies will be edited for publication by Mr. Woyke for the benefit of our entire denominational constituency.

The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has its own "Christian Service Plan," which is described elsewhere in this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, and which parallels this "Achievement Plan." Leaflets and information about this plan are also available at headquarters.

Seldom has any spiritual program for our General Conference church been launched with more prayer or thoughtful consideration. Many eager hopes and ardent visions accompany the launching of this "Christian Achievement Plan."

NOW FOR THE LIVING!

At the close of a devotional book someone inscribed these words: "Here ends the reading of this book; now for the living of it." "The Christian Achievement Plan" has just been launched. Its program has only been begun. You have finished reading about it. Now for the living of it, that God's blessings upon it for 1947 can be "exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think!"

THE CHRISTIAN ACHIEVEMENT PLAN for the Consideration of Every Individual

1. **Personal Discipline**
 - a) The Use of a Prayer List.
 - b) Tithing of Income.
 - c) Reading of Christian Literature. "Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote" and Christian Books.
2. **Bible Study**
 - a) Daily Bible Reading.
 - b) Attendance at the Church's Prayer Meetings.
 - c) Scripture Memorization—at Least 25 Verses Annually.
3. **The Christian Home**
 - a) The Maintenance of the Family Altar.
 - b) The Family at Church.
 - c) The Family in Christian Service. Any Ministry Rendered by the Family Together in Christian Service Beyond the Circle of the Home.
4. **Evangelism**
 - a. Prayer Support of the Church's Evangelistic Meetings.
 - b) Personal Effort to Win Others for Christ.
 - c) Distribution of Tracts.
5. **Missions**
 - a) Reading of at Least One Mission Book During the Year.
 - b) Sending at Least One Letter to One of Our Missionaries.
 - c) Giving to Our Missionary Enterprises.

The Name of Names

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our deliverance. He used a unique method. The great military leaders of the past and present have used force. Not so with Christ. His principle was love. Force repels; love attracts. Never was there such an absolute selflessness as in the life of Jesus. Men like Paul, Francis of Assisi, Kagawa and Albert Schweitzer have been shining examples of unselfishness, but Christ excels them all.

He was also unique in his claims. As the universal light, he is the unique revealer of God; as the door; he is the only entrance to salvation; as the bread of life, his is our only food for the soul; as the beautiful shepherd, he is our only sacrifice; as the Way, he is the only Path to the Father; as the resurrection, he is the only hope of eternal life; and as the vine, he is our only source of strength and fruitfulness.

The early Christians recognized his unique humility, his unparalleled mission, his matchless love and his unique claims. In the wonderful book of Acts we see the believers baptizing into his Name, healing in his Name, preaching in his Name, suffering for his Name, magnifying his Name, calling on his Name, and even willing to die for his Name. The faith of the early Christians must also be our faith. "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

A DYNAMIC NAME

The Name of names is a dynamic name. On the day of Pentecost Peter built his message not around the Holy Spirit. The heart of his message was

Jesus of Nazareth, the Wonder-worker, the Crucified, Risen und Exalted One. Peter explained that it was Christ who poured forth this which you see and hear. God made him both Lord and Christ. It was the dynamic name of Jesus, electrified by the Holy Spirit, that drew about 3000 souls out of Judaism into the circle of Christian believers.

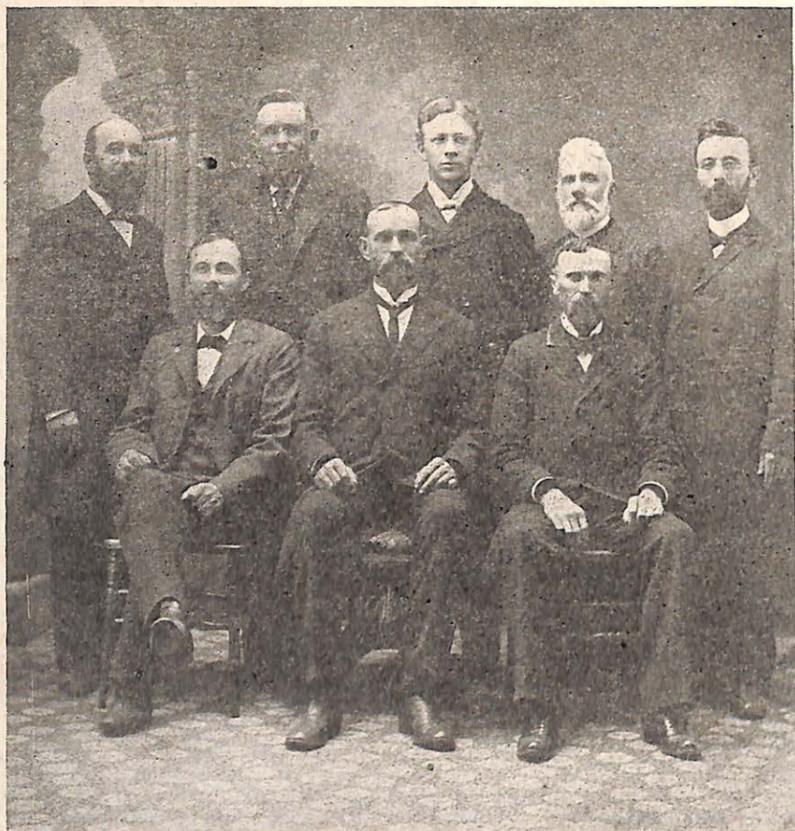
In the book of Acts it is Jesus from beginning to end. It speaks of Jesus of Nazareth, of Jesus, the Lord Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ, Christ the Lord, the Servant Jesus, Savior and other similar expressions. What was the secret of the success that began in Jerusalem and spread to Rome? It was the dynamic name of Jesus accompanied by the Spirit that was the transforming and driving power in the early church.

It was Jesus who had what the ancient world lacked. The Romans had physical and military power. They had law, religion, wealth and culture, but no spiritual power. Paul was convinced he had what they needed. He possessed the dynamite of God. (Rom. 1:16.) Behind the Name of Jesus was spiritual power, purifying power, transforming power, drawing power, perfecting power. Paul experienced this power in his own life. Christ was the power of God. We quote Paul's words: "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (I Cor. 2:2.)

A VICTORIOUS NAME

The Name of names is also a victorious name. Jesus was victorious over death. The early Christians were captivated by one great truth, the resurrection of their Lord. A study of

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A Remarkable Photograph of Yesterday Showing Professor O. E. Krueger (Center, Back Row) of Our Rochester Seminary on the Day of His Ordination into the Christian Ministry (June 5, 1900) at Madison, South Dakota Following Five Years of Study at Our Seminary. He is Surrounded by Venerable Saints and Great Preachers of South Dakota Churches in This Picture Found in the Albums of Mr. Emil Kolashefsky of Madison, So. Dak.

Our Seminary in the Denomination

A Study of the Seminary's Place in the Denominational Life by Rev. FRANK WOYKE, Executive Secretary

ON DECEMBER 9th our Headquarters office staff tendered Dr. William Kuhn a luncheon in recognition of his 77th birthday. It was a rare privilege to be a member of this intimate group and to listen to Dr. Kuhn speaking from the depths of his heart about the "Mountain Peak" blessings of his life.

As one of these blessings he mentioned the privilege of having been a student at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. It was there that he learned things about the Bible and other related subjects; but, more than that, it was there that he formed those abiding friendships with other young men from our churches, friendships that were to last throughout his life.

Throughout the history of our denomination, our Seminary has played a vital and determining role. It has received consecrated young men from our churches and has sent them back to preach the gospel to those who were lost in sin and darkness, to lead our people to a deeper understanding of

the Christian life, and to unite the churches in carrying on a great missionary program.

The faculty of the Seminary has always exerted a personally powerful influence upon our people as well as upon the students. Their names—Rauschenbusch, Gubelmann, Ramaker, Kaiser, Meyer, and many others—have been household words in many families.

THE SEMINARY TODAY AND TOMORROW

But we are interested primarily in what our Seminary can mean to us today. Many factors have tended to weaken its influence in recent years. For one thing, the center of our denominational life has gradually shifted from the East to the Middle West, so that our Seminary is, geographically speaking, located on the periphery of our denomination. Many of our churches no longer require a bilingual ministry and consequently can look to the graduates of other schools for pastors.

All of these influences must be frankly recognized, and we must be ready to make adjustments that will strengthen our own program for ministerial training. We are all agreed, however, that the Seminary should continue to be a dominant influence in our denominational life.

IT IS OUR SEMINARY

I should like to call special attention to three thoughts in connection with our Seminary. The first one is that it is OUR school. The Board consists of men from our own churches, elected by our General Conference. The faculty are men who have proved themselves in serving our own churches. The students come from the ranks of our own young people, and almost invariably return to serve in our own churches or mission fields.

This is not to say that there are not many other fine seminaries, nor that we have not welcomed into our ranks many able and devoted pastors from such schools.

We do, of course, believe that we have an excellent school. But our first love and loyalty belong to it, not because it is better than others, but because it is OURS. We love our own children most, not because they are better than others, but because they are ours.

A TRAINED MINISTRY

Our Seminary is important also because it symbolizes and attempts to realize the goal of a trained ministry for our churches. The pastor of one of our churches, not a graduate of our Seminary, made this remark recently: "The longer I am in the ministry, the more I thank God for leading me to a school which offered a thorough course of training. Otherwise I should have been unable to cope with all of the problems of my pastorate."

Our Seminary attempts to provide our churches with well-prepared leaders. This means, first of all, a thorough study and a sound interpretation of the Bible. It also includes an understanding of human behavior, of the principles of religious education, and of the history of mankind. So trained, our ministers will hold to a "pattern of sound words," will not be driven about by "every wind of doctrine."

All of the graduates of our seminary have at least two years of college or its equivalent and three years of seminary training. Many of them go on to earn higher degrees at other schools. But the average training of our pastors compares favorably with the average of many other groups. The Seminary Endowment Fund, as a step toward our goal of accreditation, will help to raise the standard even higher than it has been in the past.

A LOYAL MINISTRY

In the past, the unity and strength of our denomination have resulted largely from the fact that our pastors

were graduates of our own Seminary.

Coming from our own churches, trained by our own faculty, treasuring the friendships formed during student days, it is perfectly obvious that the loyalty of these men would be unquestioned. They were steeped in our traditions and they were saturated with the warm spirituality they had come to treasure in our own churches.

Many others have achieved this same loyalty without traveling the same road. But the most desirable and natural plan is to offer to our young men such a fine school for ministerial training that they will not wish to go anywhere else. May God guide us in the accomplishment of this task!

The Name of Names

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the book of Acts reveals that not the cross but the resurrection captivated them first. The cross alone would have been a defeated Gospel. Christianity would never have started its march across the centuries if Jesus had not risen from the dead. Wherever the apostles went, they preached a risen Christ. The vote of victory was always in their messages, because Jesus was conqueror over death.

Jesus' Name is a victorious name because some day the ultimate victory will be his. The Book of Revelation not only had a vital message for the early Christians but it has a helpful message for the critical days in which we live. It is a revelation of Jesus Christ, not a revelation of certain dates of happenings yet to come or of personalities down through the centuries. Its main theme is the Lamb of God who is the triumphant Christ.

The last book of the Bible is a book of faith, hope, courage, comfort and victory. There is no other book in the whole Bible that breathes such a triumphant faith as the book of Revelation. Twenty-eight times in this symbolical book the title, "Lamb," appears, but only twice in all the rest of the New Testament. This sacrificial Lamb holds the key to all our problems, in fact, this Lamb is also the Lion. (Rev. 5:5.) It has the characteristics of humility, majesty and sacrifice.

Some day the triumphant Christ will be victorious over all his foes. He will wear the diadems of all nations. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of Lords." This triumphant faith in Jesus Christ that enabled the early Christians to suffer persecution and even martyrdom, ought to put iron into our blood and enable us to go forward as conquerors in Jesus' name.

"Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song."

Our Seminary Endowment Fund

An Announcement by Mr. F. A. GROSSER, Chairman of the Seminary Endowment Fund Committee

THE GOAL for the Seminary Endowment Fund set at the General Conference in Milwaukee in May 1944, which called for the raising of \$150,000 by the next General Conference scheduled for two and one-half years later in August 1946, was apparently too ambitious. Quite naturally at that time it was impossible to foresee what projects would arise to demand preferred attention.

When the Fellowship Emergency arose, it received the green light. Notwithstanding the \$300,000 raised for this purpose, the Endowment Fund was not neglected, and in fact, it did exceedingly well. Even during the year 1946 an average of \$2000 in contributions was maintained for each of the eleven months, January through November. On Nov. 30, 1946 the sum total of receipts for the Endowment Fund was \$120,000. This leaves approximately \$30,000 to raise, less than one dollar per member.

At the inspiring General Conference in Tacoma, which I unfortunately was unable to attend, it was unanimously voted to complete the Endowment Fund with instructions to your committee to take the necessary steps to accomplish it as soon as possible. This, I am sure, accords with the wishes of all of our people. It should not be too extremely difficult when compared with the larger objective which we willingly assumed in 1944.

At that time, the raising of \$150,000 for our comparatively small denomination in two and one-half years seemed an almost insurmountable feat to some of our leaders, and it required genuine faith. But God graciously inclined the hearts of our people with the result that 80 per cent of the needed amount has been contributed. What God has privileged our people to contribute for all purposes during the past triennium is most remarkable. Without his blessing and approval, such a result would have been impossible.

Pledging ourselves to raise this \$150,000 Endowment Fund was a definite covenant with God and we must not fail him. His acceptance and

approval of the undertaking are seen in the blessing that has attended our efforts to this point. Of his continued favor we may be assured. He never fails!

Our denomination is a forward-looking and aggressive body. In every department we are seeking to intensify our efforts and to make them more effective. Our Seminary has a unique place in this program. It has been a powerful influence in the development of our denomination in the past. It seeks to maintain that position for the future. Those responsible for its direction and development are resolved to make it all that God wants it to be and are praying daily for the guidance of the Holy Ghost to that end.

They need our prayers; they need our young people to train for the ministry and missionary work; they need our confidence; they need our material support.

From now until May 1947 our denominational papers, "The Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote" and the denominational "Annual" will contain informative articles about our Seminary by representative men. We need such articles as reminders of the importance of our Seminary to our denomination and the importance of the support of our denomination to the Seminary, with special emphasis at present upon the need of completing the Endowment Fund.

This is a matter that demands our attention NOW! Your committee has arranged for another Seminary Sunday for May 4, 1947. It is our thought that all of our churches, no matter how much they have contributed in the past, will gladly join together to complete this Fund by dedicating one additional offering for this cause on Sunday, May 4th, and that proper emphasis will be made from the pulpit then and beforehand concerning the importance of the cause. If that Sunday is inconvenient, we suggest that some earlier and more suitable Sunday be used.

This is addressed to you, dear reader, whether you are the pastor, a deacon, a trustee, an officer of an organization or just a member in the church without office, with the request that you make it your responsibility to see that your church participates in this program and that arrangements are started immediately to give every member an opportunity to participate as God may direct him.

Just think, only 80 cents per member is necessary to finish the job.

Will you do it? It's a challenge!

COMING!

Articles on the Seminary Endowment Fund Will Appear from Time to Time.

Special Seminary Number on April 15, 1947.

Observance of Seminary Sunday in Our Churches on May 4, 1947.

To the Glory of God at Edmonton

The Latest News of Our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta by the Rev. E. P. WAHL, President

us the marching orders, we know that he "will bring it to pass." It is one of the many glorious miracles of God how the Christian Training Institute came to be. Human calculation, effort and sacrifice would never have given us the splendid school property which we now own. The heavenly Father patiently prepared everything for the time when this new enterprise was to be placed into the lap of our denomination. This love we can never fully understand. But with hearts of gratitude, we accept it and pray: "Lord, make us worthy of this thy heavenly trust!"

From the very opening of the first school term (January, 1940) and every school term since then, a larger student body than was expected has presented itself. They are such fine, splendid, devoted young lives coming to us from the western provinces of Canada and various parts of the United States. Our enrollment this year stands at 102 students; of these 62 are girls and 40 boys. From the four western provinces and from 4 States of the Union, God has sent these young people to us. Daily we pray the Lord to mold precious lives into stronger Christian characters and equip them through their study here to become more efficient in Christian living.

Young people cannot stay at the Bible School very long without their lives becoming more effective for Christ. Every school year we have witnessed young men out of our student body being called into the Gospel ministry, and young women have heard the Master speak of need of them for some special work in his vineyard. Many others have been directed by the Lord into a larger service in their local churches.

Besides the 102 regular students, we have 16 special students. On Monday evening, classes are being held to give opportunity to such who work during the day but are anxious to spend their leisure time profitably. This is a new venture and we are greatly encouraged by the results. We expect more will be done along these lines as we are enabled to launch out.

A fitting school building and an inspiring student body still do not make a successful school. These young lives

must be instructed. The ever-providing God in the few years of the school's existence has given us excellent instructors. Our secretaries from Forest Park, Illinois have been a powerful help in years gone by. Not all our teachers have degrees but they are all devoted, Bible-loving men and women. Their influence has been most wholesome for the students. The constantly charged spiritual atmosphere is largely due to the consecrated lives of the teachers. At present, we have 10 instructors, seven giving their full-time to the work and three part-time workers. Two of the full-time teachers instruct vocal and instrumental music.

It has always been of exceptional help to many of the students coming from smaller churches, where many times it is not even possible to have a regular church choir, to come to the Institute and not only take part in singing some of the finest church anthems but also learning to render them most effectively.

Our present school building has 22 dormitory rooms. The size of these rooms average 8 by 14 feet. Into this small space at present no less than three students, sometimes four, have to be crowded. These are times when it is most difficult to find housing. God is never halted. He made it possible for us to find dormitory space in his own wonderful way. A four room house with an attic room and three rooms arranged in the basement has made it possible to house 14 of our girl students and two of our lady teachers. Not so long before the opening of the school term we purchased a house which has 9 rooms and one bath. Twenty-five of our single men students and one married man student, his wife and two children, are living in the same.

At present it is our privilege to provide the necessary dormitory space. The present dining room is 22 by 39 feet and into this space we must crowd 115 seats. A larger dining room is needed. A library and reading room must soon be provided. Classrooms, chapel, music studios and prayer room are required. These are the reasons why we pray so earnestly for a new building. Shortage of building material and other reasons have prevented us from realizing the plans for erecting another building which have been resting upon our hearts for some time. But God will answer our prayers and our people will get behind this blessed work and marvelous things will be achieved to his glory! We will not fail him! He shall be our Guide!

OUR NATIONAL Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has in every way kept pace in recent years with the great strides forward by our larger denominational enterprise. When many momentous decisions were necessary in the functions and reorganization of our General Conference and the leaders and delegates made changes of vital importance at the conference in Tacoma last August, the National Union Council was at that time prayerfully and enthusiastically preparing a program for greater service in the Lord's work through the Union.

The National Union motto, "Saved To Tell Others," was presented by the Union Council and was unanimously adopted by the many delegates of the conference. The "Christian Service Plan" with its two major goals, "The Fivefold Spiritual Program and the Youth Service Goal, also adopted at the conference as our basis for spiritual growth and service, has already found its way into many of our regional and local organizations and societies. None of the leaders present when this well rounded-out plan was drawn up, knew at the time of its adoption that it would later fit so perfectly into the larger overall denominational program, "The Christian Achievement Plan," which has now been launched.

THE FIVE-FOLD PROGRAM

At this time we should like to encourage and urge our leaders of every organization to plan a workable program for the local church societies and Sunday School activities, in which for the next two and a half years a strong emphasis be made on suggestions of the Christian Service Plan.

Stress again Bible reading and study for the individual and a more thorough study of the Word in groups, in training classes and summer youth assemblies. Make sure that every home, which is in your sphere to contact, has a Bible. This might be a project for the Sunday School or young people's society to purchase and distribute Bibles in such homes where they have no Bible.

Let the Spirit and blessings of a well rounded-out MISSION program thrill the heart of every member. All of our Sunday School and youth groups should be thoroughly acquainted with our mission fields, home and foreign. Every member should know our missionaries well enough to prayerfully support them in a systematic way.

Through your EVANGELISTIC efforts study the methods and proper use of the Scriptures in soul winning. Know our own denominational evangelists. Get acquainted with great living evangelists of today and study the life and service of great soul winners of yesterday. Put forth some united effort in winning souls for Christ through your organization with your people doing the work themselves.

National Youth Activities

By Rev. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union

Make a great deal of CHRISTIAN TRAINING for new converts and a training course for your church school workers and officers. Train your young people, in discussion periods, for service in the church and larger Kingdom service. Exercise a great deal of PERSONAL DISCIPLINE in your own Christian life. Walk in close fellowship with your Lord by much prayer. Render some definite Christian service, as often as possible, in your church, community, or larger field of service.

THE YOUTH SERVICE GOAL

As leaders of the National Union we rejoice in the fact that the General Missionary Society has approved the plan of the YOUTH SERVICE GOAL and are willing to cooperate with the National Union in carrying out this new program of the \$10,000 Youth Service Goal. Details as to the purpose of this goal and the plan at work will be explained in a special article in a later issue of THE BAPTIST HERALD. In essence, the Youth Service Goal is to help our trained young people of our Union who are interested in part-time Christian service.

THE YOUTH COMPASS

We all rejoice in the fact that the YOUTH COMPASS, of which the first issue made its appearance on October 1, 1946 has been very well received in our churches and young people's societies. This young people's quarterly, especially prepared for program and study material for our young people's societies, has already proven to be a real inspiration and helpful guide to all groups who have introduced this youth material into their organization. In some societies a new interest in the meetings is evident and therefore a large group of young people in attendance for the meetings.

The first printing of the October-December issue is nearly sold out. May we encourage those youth groups that have not as yet placed their orders for subscriptions needed, to do so without delay. Every issue you miss, you lose out on some very helpful material which can inspire your young people.

JUNIOR SOCIETY HELPS

Every one of our churches where there is a Junior society or group, whether they meet on a Sunday evening or only for the Sunday morning worship period, can have choice Junior material. We highly recommend again the Junior Union Quarterly and Junior Leader. One of the important reasons why this material will render such

helpful service is in the fact that, in addition to the quarterly and leaders' guide, you get supplementary missionary material.

This supplementary mission material is prepared and edited by one of our own leaders. The material is gathered from our own mission fields. In it you have the facts about the work our missionaries are doing, about the field itself, and the people living on the field. Missionary material other than our own fields will be prepared from time to time. It is unfortunate, indeed, that not more of our leaders are making good use of this fine material for Juniors. The supplementary mission material which is a separate leaflet may also be secured separately from the quarterly at a nominal cost. Order your Junior material as well as your YOUTH COMPASS from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

NATIONAL UNION POSTER

We have just completed the work of sending out new, attractive and informative POSTERS on the National Union motto, "Saved To Tell Others," the theme song, and Scripture verse for the present triennium. We have mailed a poster to every young people's president whose name and address we had. Where we did not have that information, we mailed the poster to the pastor or some church officers where their was no pastor on the field. If you have not received your poster for your group, please drop us a card.

SPECIAL MOTTO CARD

Again we have prepared a very colorful and attractive motto card, 3½ x 6½ inches in size. On the card you find the motto and theme song of our National Union. The reverse side of the card is left blank so that the local society may use the card for publicity purposes on special occasions. An announcement or order of service may be printed on the back of that card. These cards may be ordered in larger quantities from our headquarters office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

LEAFLETS ON THE SERVICE PLAN

The leaflets on the CHRISTIAN SERVICE PLAN are also prepared to give you a complete outline of the plan. You should have this information at hand on this handy leaflet which can be placed in your Bible or notebook. This leaflet is also available free of charge in quantities desired. Send your request of the number of leaflets and we shall serve you.



The Students' Chorus of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute Makes an Attractive Picture As It Sings Its Praises to the Glory of God.

IN THE PROVINCE of Alberta, Canada there are no less than ten Bible Schools operating successfully today. The attendance in every school seems to be above expectation.

Our marvelous and gracious God has placed on us a special task in his Kingdom work by giving to us the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. Through this institution, he has not only given opportunity to many of our young people to train for greater service but he has knitted our churches more closely together. Young people have gained a better understanding of the great missionary enterprises of our conference and they have become more loyal to our particular work, responding more heartily to the service in our ranks.

Christians specialize in the impossible. When the Almighty God gives

EDMONTON INSTITUTE SUNDAY

in the Interest of the Building Fund of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta Will Be Observed by Our Churches on

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1947

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. A. O. Thornton, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Oklahoma, resigned on Sunday, Dec. 1st, after a ministry of less than one year in the church. His resignation took effect on January 1, 1947. His plans for the future are not known at denominational headquarters.

● On Sunday morning and evening, Nov. 10, the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of North Dakota held its mission festival with the Rev. Daniel Klein, Dakota Conference missionary, as the guest speaker. The offerings for our missionary enterprise received on that day amounted to \$285, as reported by Mrs. Emil Fandrick.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma has extended a call to the Rev. Richard A. Grenz, pastor of the Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., since 1943. Mr. Grenz has replied favorably and will begin his ministry in Okeene in February succeeding the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, new serving as one of our three general evangelists.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta has called the Rev. Erwin J. Faul of Nokomis, Sask., to become its pastor, to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Faul will undertake his work on the new field in March 1947, succeeding the Rev. R. Milbrandt who will give his entire time to his ministry as a Northern Conference missionary worker.

● On Thursday evening, Nov. 28, the Thanksgiving Day service of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., featured the program of "An Alphabetical Thanksgiving" with the pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, and members of the congregation suggesting reasons, listed alphabetically, for gratitude. On Sunday, Dec. 8, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner was guest speaker at the services, bringing missionary pictures in the evening.

● The Rev. Frank Armbruster, whose resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada, was announced in the Nov. 15 issue of "The Baptist Herald," will continue to serve the church until he receives a call from some church in the United States and the Lord leads him to accept it, as stated in a recent letter. The Canadian Immigration Office has granted Mr. and Mrs. Armbruster a further extension on their stay in Canada.

● The Girl's Glee Club of 12 voices of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago,



Rev. Henry Pfeifer, One of Our Three General Evangelists, Who Began His New Ministry on Jan. 1, 1947.

He was formerly pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma. His first engagement will be at Parkston, South Dakota from January 5 to 17.

Ill., presented the candle light pageant, "The First Noel," on Sunday evening, Dec. 22. On Nov. 17th the church dedicated its new hymnals, "Tabernacle Hymns No. 4," with the Rev. Roy B. Anderson, pastor, in charge. The Men's Brotherhood at its monthly meeting on Dec. 10 held a discussion on the timely theme, "The Christian's Attitude Toward Labor Unions."

● On Sunday morning, December 1st, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin, welcomed eight new members into the fellowship of the church at the communion service. The denominational Thanksgiving Offering received at this service amounted to \$100. Recently the church purchased a new parsonage for its pastor and family about which a report and picture appear elsewhere in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 1, the Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon had the joy of baptizing four Sunday School scholars upon their confession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Six others united with the church

through letters from other Baptist churches. Mr. Wobig is preparing a paper on "The Rise and Progress of Baptists of Germany" to be presented to Portland's Baptist Ministerial Association.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 24, the Baptist Training Union of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas presented its anniversary program, featuring the play, "Greater Than Any Man," which was directed by Mrs. Edwin Ahlhardt. An impressive candlelight installation service was also held under the direction of the pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman. Mr. Adolph Hill, president of the past year, has been succeeded by his brother, Mr. Marvin Hill, as reported by Grace Ahlhardt.

● The Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana conducted evangelistic meetings from Nov. 11 to 22, and ten children and two adults gave their hearts to the Lord. The Rev. A. Fischer of McClusky, N. Dak., was the evangelist. The annual business meeting was held on Nov. 28 and the pastor's salary was raised again by \$300. The mission offering received on Sept. 29th with the Rev. Ed. Nieman as speaker reached the amount of \$4448, which is an average of \$33.69 per member.

● On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the women of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta organized a Ladies' Mission Circle with 19 charter members. After a short devotional period, the Rev. H. Smuland stated a number of reasons for the need of a mission circle. The officers elected are as follows: president, Mrs. H. Smuland; vice-president, Mrs. H. Scheeler; secretary, Mrs. A. Affolder; asst. secretary, Mrs. W. Meyers; and treasurer, Mrs. R. Fibick.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., recently extended a call to the Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Emery, S. Dak., to which a favorable reply was given several weeks ago. Mr. Ittermann began his pastorate in the Carrington church on December 22nd, succeeding the Rev. Arthur Weisser, now of New Haven, Conn. He will also spend stated periods of time to study at Central Baptist Seminary of Kansas City, Mo., in order to complete graduate work towards the Th. D. degree. Mr. Ittermann had served the Emery Church with marked success and many blessings since 1940.

● On Tuesday morning, Dec. 3, the Rev. F. Dobrovoly of Lodi, Calif.,

passed away rather suddenly. The report of the golden wedding anniversary which he and his wife were privileged to enjoy together on Sept. 17, 1946 was reported in the Nov. 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald." On Sunday morning, Dec. 1, Mrs. W. J. Appel of Brooklyn, N. Y., passed away after a short illness. She was the wife of the Rev. W. J. Appel of the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn. Her obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

● On Thursday evening, Dec. 5, the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., welcomed Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill., for more than 10 years the pastor of the church. More than 200 members and friends were in attendance for this "Dr. Koller Happy Hour" to welcome one "who is a member of the family, coming home for a visit," as expressed by the pastor, Dr. Harold C. Abbot. The church is already making many plans for its centenary celebration in 1949. On Sunday evening, Dec. 12, Dr. Abbot preached on the theme, "Believe It Or Not!"

● The new church edifice of the Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta was dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 17, with great festive audiences in attendance. About 2000 days of volunteer labor and \$18,000 in cash were contributed by the Carbon people. The remaining \$2,700 were raised before the close of the Sunday. Guest speakers were the Reverends H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta and H. Schatz of Calgary, Alberta. The Rev. E. M. Wegner is the pastor. A more detailed report and picture of the church will appear in the next issue.

● The Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has had a number of general workers in its recent services. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, brought the Thanksgiving Day message on Nov. 28. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager of the Publication Society, was the speaker at a Union service on Sunday evening, Dec. 8, after having spoken at the Temple Church of Milwaukee in the morning. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, promotional secretary, served the Immanuel Church at both services on Sunday, Dec. 15, during the absence of the pastor, Dr. T. W. Bender.

● The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, and the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, General mission secretary, were welcomed to their respective positions and into the fellowship of the Chicago churches on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at the Forest Park Baptist Church. Words of greeting were extended by Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. C. B. Nordland, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Mr. Roland E. Ross and Rev. John Schmidt before the two brethren were given an opportunity for response. A reel of General Conference pictures was also shown.

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Beside the Still Waters

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

WHITE AS SNOW

AT THIS SEASON of the year the beautiful snowflakes cover all ugly spots with a blanket of white. Both the psalmist and the prophet refer to snow. Isaiah says: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." (Isa. 1:18.) David cries out: "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." (Ps. 51:7).

The prophet accused his people of oppression, but he comforted them by saying that God will remove the scarlet of sin and make their souls as white as snow. David had committed a crime against Bathsheba and Uriah. He was both adulterer and murderer. He realized that his black sins were primarily sins against God. That is what makes sin so terrible. Because of his deep consciousness of sin, he said in the 51st Psalm: "Blot out my transgressions."—"Wash me."

—"Cleanse me."—"Purify me."—"Create in me."—"Renew me."—"Restore unto me."—"Deliver me."—All cries for a clean heart. His ardent desire was to have a spiritual cleansing. God answered his penitent prayer. (Ps. 32.)

Snow is the chosen Scriptural emblem of stainless moral purity. Just as the snow comes from above, so God's saving grace comes down from heaven. There is no saving power in man. Just as the snow crystals present many beautiful designs in starlike forms, so God's grace is beautiful beyond description. Just as the snowflakes cover everything with a mantle of white, so Jesus' blood, his unique sacrifice, covers all our sins. We can whitewash ourselves, but only Christ can wash us white.

"O God! in the stream that for sinners did flow,
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Pointed Paragraphs

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

THE QUESTION of religious freedom in Russia has been so much in the news in recent months and the source of no little confusion here in the United States. At last comes a clear word from Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, one of seven representatives of the American Society for Russian Relief who toured Russia during the summer. Writing in the CHRISTIAN CENTURY, he declared that "again and again" he was told that Russian pulpits are free from governmental interference. But, he points out, that statement must be coupled with the Russian concept of preaching. The sermon "traditionally occupies a minor part in the Orthodox Church, and preachers, both Orthodox and Evangelical, do not deal with political and social questions." In other words, the preachers have no real freedom at all.

—Baptist Leader, December 1946.

The Scriptures have appeared in another new language, according to the American Bible Society, which has just published the Gospel of St. John in Ancash Quechua, the language of the ancient Incas of Peru. The little book, bound in bright red, is also the first publication of any kind in this language.

—The Protestant Voice, Nov. 22, 1946.

Dr. C. Leslie Cushman, Philadelphia,

Pa., associate superintendent of schools, said recently: "If we did a better job in guiding small children, our problem would not be so critical at the higher levels."

—The Protestant Voice, Nov. 22, 1946.

It is reported by the American Social Hygiene Association that cases of early syphilis increased forty-two percent nationally and reported cases of gonorrhea rose twenty-five percent in the twelve months which ended June 30. This phenomenal rise in social diseases is partly due to the infected men demobilized from the armed forces who have recurrent moral lapses and from the tremendous growth of promiscuity throughout our American life. The percentages do not include the inevitable large number of unreported infections. American people had better give serious consideration to this postwar trend. It will lead to untold tragedies in this generation and in posterity. The fringe of this creeping evil will yet drape itself over the Christian church unless it begins to affirm once more the commandment of God: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

—Watchman-Examiner, Nov. 7, 1946

If a child annoys you, quiet him by brushing his hair. If this doesn't work, use the other side of the brush on the other end of the child.

—Shawanus (Wis.) County Journal

After Many Days

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A Christian Novel

by JOYE HOEKZEMA

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Christopher Matthews, Chief of Staff at Cass General Hospital, had a brilliant mind and skilled hands, but—so people said—no heart. He fell in love with Jane Lee, a nurse and a consecrated Christian, and asked her to marry him. She knew that he was grieving the Spirit of God, but she consented. For their honeymoon they went to the Virgin Islands, where in bitterness of spirit, because of inexplicable tragedies, Dr. Matthews closed his mind to God. Following their return to the vicinity of the hospital, Jane tried to persuade her husband to return to the hospital's staff. But it was all in vain!

CHAPTER NINE

Several weeks later Jane found Chris dressed and shaved and waiting for her at the breakfast table one morning. He looked more like himself than he had since his illness.

"Chris, how well you look!" she exclaimed in pleased surprise. "Do you feel able to walk over to the hospital with me? They're getting pretty anxious to have you back."

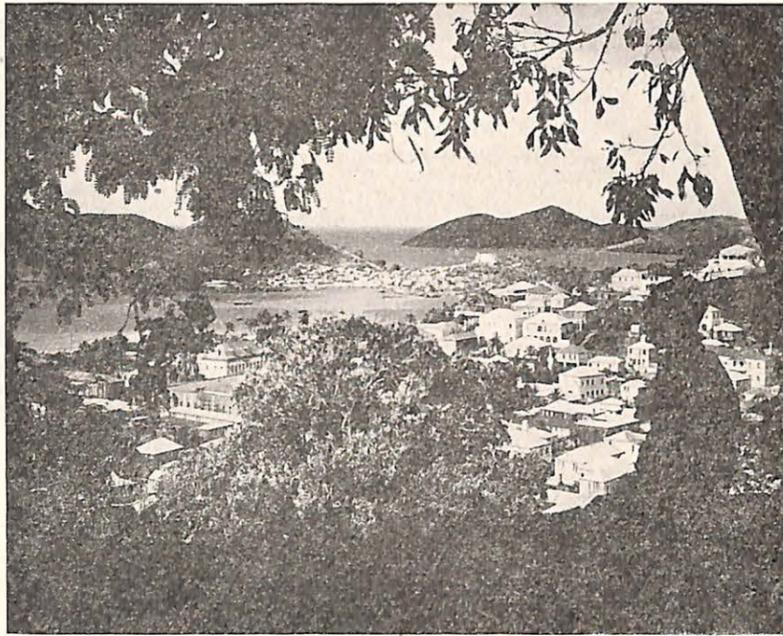
He gave her a dark look. "Let's not be funny, Jane. I'm done with the hospital and you know it. I'm not running away from the job this time. I've just learned my lesson, that's all. I've got a pretty thick skull and it took a long time to get the idea through my head."

"I—I don't believe I understand."

His eyes met hers. "Don't you? That's queer. You wrote the lesson. I'm not fit to be a surgeon, remember? You said that and you were right. A man isn't fit to practice medicine who has nothing to give but the mechanics of his trade. I know that now."

Coffee spilled on Jane's fresh uniform and she stared at the ugly stain without seeing it. She was afraid. "Chris, what are you planning to do?" she demanded raggedly.

His laughter was mockery. She could only guess at the pitiless torment



—Ewing Galloway Photo

in his soul. "I'm going down and offer myself to the Government," he announced harshly.

"You're joking!"

"I've told you this before," he said simply.

"But, Chris, you can't do a thing like this! Cass General needs you!" He heard the panic in her voice.

"Cass General doesn't need a surgeon with a split personality. Not a Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. But such a man can be of use somewhere else. Well, I'll be seeing you tonight."

Before she could protest further he left the table. A moment later the front door closed roughly behind him.

That day remained forever stamped on Jane's memory because of the pitiless inquisition within her own soul. What had she done to Chris? In attempting to rid him of bitterness, had she killed his enthusiasm for physical healing? Had she destroyed the man she loved—stripped him of essential self-respect, robbed the world of a great scientist and surgeon?

Her own lack of faith accused her. She had prayed, yes, but had she ever possessed the quality of faith that "moves mountains" and lifts sin-sick souls from the mire of despair? Had she ever borne the true fruits of the Spirit—love, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance—or had she but driven Chris farther from the fold by her continual judicial criticism? Was her sin of disobedience to follow her forever? In the Hippocratic Oath, Chris had pledged himself to do all in his power to save life. Now, because of her censure, he was preparing to forsake his duty.

She dreaded meeting him that night, but little did she expect the Chris

whom she found slumped before a dead fire in the living-room when she returned from her day at the hospital—an ashen-faced Chris who muttered, "The Government won't have me . . . even for simple work. You've a tramp on your hands, Mrs. Matthews, a tramp with low blood pressure. Sorry I can't take myself out of the way. But the Government has no use for a derelict!"

Jane prayed that she might never see again such misery as burned in Chris' sunken eyes. The last vestige of self-esteem had been taken from him. She could only guess what a blow this Government rejection had given to his already spent and battered spirit. Suddenly she remembered a picture she had once seen of the prodigal son, sitting among the husks he had fed to the swine. His face, too, told of abject and hopeless misery, and in his eyes was the desolation which separation from the Father always brings.

It was a minute before Jane dared to speak. She met the black wretchedness of his gaze with pseudo-courage.

"You must let this be your answer, Chris," she told him unsteadily. "You're needed at the hospital—needed desperately! You know how shorthanded we are. Miss Sormagg asked me this morning when you were coming back."

He replied in violent derision, "Why don't you tell her the unadorned truth and get it over with? Tell her that at last I've got it through my stupid head that I'm a misfit in medicine. I'll find a niche for myself somewhere soon so that you won't have to support me."

She pressed her palms together, but could not stop their shaking. "How you must hate me," she whispered.

"It's you who must hate me," he

corrected starkly. "I've failed you at every turn, haven't I? And now I'm just an extra mouth to feed."

"Stop it!" She was crying noisily like a hurt child. "You're the man I love—the man I will always love. And I won't believe that you aren't going back to your practice. I'll never believe it. It took Michael's death to drive you back once. What will it take this time?"

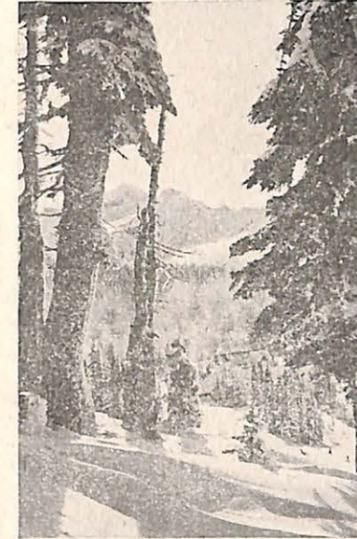
"Stop bawling!" he shouted suddenly, jumping to his feet, and overturning a table. "If there's one thing I can't abide, it's a sniveling woman!" Then he strode from the room.

He had already left the apartment when Jane awoke the next morning. His bed was neatly made and he had pinned a note to the pillow. "Job hunting," it read.

Jane, with a heart like lead, opened her Bible as she always did at the beginning of her morning devotions, praying that God would give her a passage of Scripture to guide her stumbling heart. The worn pages opened to the eleventh chapter of Mark, beginning with the twenty-second verse: "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

"Believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them," Jane repeated with numb lips. "Believe!" She bowed her head, and wept. "Oh, God," she whispered, "here's a promise, a promise so limitless that it staggers the imagination. I know it's true, yet I lack the faith to accept it. Oh, Father, forgive my unbelief. Have mercy upon me and upon Chris, for without Thee there is no hope—no life—no happiness." Then, like a bewildered child, she concluded her petition with the words of Psalm 116: "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul."

Still in great heaviness of spirit, she started for the hospital. God's promises were true. She clung to that knowledge desperately, yet without the joy of reassuring faith. Surely the Good Shepherd would bring his straying sheep back into the fold—but when and how? Now he was walking the streets hunting for work! It was fantastic! There would be plenty of opportunities for him, but he wouldn't want them. She knew that—even if he didn't. Nothing outside the realm of orthopedic surgery would ever satisfy his thwarted spirit. He would exhaust himself looking for the job that didn't exist!



Another Year is Dawning

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.
Another year in leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness,
In the shining of Thy face.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

By noon Jane could endure her misery no longer. She felt that she must confide in someone or lose her reason. Old Toby was the logical person—the only friend whose interest was totally unselfish.

She found him in his little cubbyhole, drinking a bottle of milk and eating a wedge of baker's pie.

"Hospital cooking too much for you again, darling?" she asked, closing the door and standing with her back to it. "Mind if I bother you a minute?"

Toby's smile was gentle but weary. "Sit down, Jane. What's troubling you? Have a nibble of pie?"

"No, thanks, no pie. But how about your shoulder? Think it is broad enough for me to cry on?"

"It's that bad, eh? Must be Chris," he guessed soberly.

"It is. Oh, Toby, I'm so worried about him. He says he is never coming back to the hospital—never going to resume his practice. And I'm to blame. It's because I've criticized his attitude so often. And I'm beginning to learn that the sin of criticism is a terrible thing. I am too sinful myself to be justified in criticizing Chris or anyone else. My lack of faith has grieved the loving Spirit of God, perhaps more than Chris' prodigal condi-

tion (or my sin in marrying him while he was out of fellowship with the Lord). Instead of waiting patiently on the Lord and trusting Him to unloose the bonds Satan has cast around my poor husband, I've heckled him until he has finally decided that he has no business practicing medicine."

The milk spilled a little on Toby's white coat. He brushed it away with unsteady fingers. "Wait a minute, honey. You're going pretty fast for an old man. You mean Chris has a notion to quit doctoring?"

"He has quit. He's out looking for another job right now." Suddenly Jane was crying helplessly. She could not stop until Toby slapped her face. He was white to the lips when he did it, but his palm had the strength of desperation in it.

"Stop it, Jane! You're hysterical! That's no good! Get hold of yourself. I'm ashamed of you—a nurse and a Christian!"

"I'm—I'm all right now. Thanks, thanks for the first aid, Toby."

He took her hands between his work-worn palms and chafed them gently. "Sorry I had to hit you, honey, but you had me scared there for a minute. Sure you're all right?"

"All but my heart." She smiled tremulously. "It seems to be badly dislocated."

Toby's eyes were wet. "I'm afraid that's a condition only God can cure," he said simply. "But we aren't going to lose faith. I'm an old man, Jane, and I've learned to be patient and to 'wait on the Lord.' Is there something special you wanted me to do?"

"Yes, I thought maybe if you talked to Chris . . ."

Toby shook his head doubtfully. "Talking never got very far with him. It's the Holy Spirit who must deal with him. Remember what it says in John's Gospel, 'And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.'"

"I know, oh, how I know! But perhaps the Spirit can use your lips, Toby. Chris will listen to you if he'll listen to anyone. Tell him how much he's needed here. Give him back some of the self-respect I've robbed him of. Oh, Toby, I love him so, yet my criticism has built a wall between us and now I can't reach him. He tried to enter Government service yesterday and was rejected. You can imagine what that did to him in his present state of mind."

Toby groaned. "With his pride," he muttered, "a humiliation like that . . ." He left the sentence unfinished and stared at the empty milk bottle. "I'll talk to him," he promised, "but it will do no good unless the Spirit opens the eyes of his soul!"

Jane stooped and kissed the wrinkled forehead. "Thank you, Toby," she whispered brokenly, "and God bless you and give you divine wisdom."

But she knew when she came home



"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7)

from the hospital a week later and found Chris pacing the apartment like an infuriated animal that Toby's visit had served only to drive him farther into the wilderness of frustration and defeat.

Numb with panic and disappointment, she prayed wordlessly for strength and wisdom while she gave the housekeeper last-minute instructions about dinner and tucked little Lee more snugly into bed. Then she faced Chris across the quiet living-room. "You look tired, darling," she said, somehow keeping the savage beat of her heart from her voice. "Would you like to have dinner served here in front of the fire?"

One clenched fist rested on the mantel. "I ought to be thankful for a handout at the back door!" he said hoarsely. "I haven't contributed a dime to the family income in months."

Jane could not bring herself to meet the awful self-loathing in his eyes. "You've been ill," she reminded him steadily.

"That's no longer an excuse. I'm more able to work than a lot of men holding jobs these days. There's no use kidding myself any longer, Jane. I just don't want the jobs that are offered me. I find something wrong with all of them."

"Of course," she interrupted eagerly. "That's perfectly natural. You're trying to drive yourself to do something you aren't trained to do. You're a surgeon, Chris, a vitally needed surgeon. You . . ."

He flung up his hands, palms outward, as though to ward off a blow. His eyes were as bleak as a January dawn. "I've heard all that once today, as you no doubt know," he said huskily. "Toby was here and gave me the

works—I suppose, at your suggestion. He's is a good guy, anyhow. I'm not holding it against him. He'll always be tops with me. But that doesn't change the facts."

"What facts, Chris?"
"I'm still a cold, calculating scientist—to use your phraseology, my dear—and I suppose I always will be that and nothing more! I'm not even a good husband and father. I'm a misfit all around. The quicker I get out and stop messing up your life, the happier you and Lee will be!"

She never remembered crossing the room, but she was by his side, suddenly, holding his rigid arm with both trembling hands, shaking him a little. "What are you saying?" she demanded wildly. "Are you trying to—to frighten me?"

He turned his head slowly, as though the strength in him was far spent. "Frighten you?" he asked dully. "Why

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This opening sentence leads you into a series of adventures—from battles with robber bands in the hills to royal chariot races in Memphis—that will keep you in suspense as plot and counterplot unfold.

"Give me foes to fight! Give me legions to conquer!" he sang in a rich and lusty baritone . . ."

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should I want to do that? I should think it would be a relief to you, Jane. You're young yet, and strong. You're more beautiful than the day I married you. If I get out of your life you'll have another chance at happiness. You'll marry again. You'll . . ."

She dropped his arm. "Are you talking about a divorce?" she asked.

"Why not? There are times when it's better to cut deep and clean than leave a decaying stub."

"Is your marriage a decaying stub?" she whispered.

"Well, isn't it?"

His question seared her heart like a burning brand. "No!" she challenged, the angle of her small chin denying the panic in her eyes. "No, our marriage was made in heaven. We made vows, you and I, sacred vows before God. We pledged ourselves to live together in the holy state of matrimony until death did us part. We promised to love and cherish one another in sickness and in health, for better or for worse. Divorce isn't for God's children. It isn't in His tender plan. Oh, my dear, I love you so! You may not believe it but it's true. I've criticized you—God forgive me—but I've never stopped loving you. I'm bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh! I always will be. Oh, Chris, don't look at me like that. I love you, my husband. You've got to believe that!"

"Pity, they say, is akin to love!" His voice twisted the knife in her quivering heart.

"What I feel for you isn't pity!"

"I can hardly believe that. Getting out of your life, even if you are too loyal to your Christian faith for a divorce, is still the only decent thing for me to do. Toby told me this afternoon I was breaking your heart. He didn't have to tell me! I've known it for weeks. You've been wonderfully fine about it, Jane, but I've worn out my welcome. It's time I stepped out . . ."

"Don't say that again!" she sobbed, putting both hands over her ears in a childish attempt to shut out the misery and heartbreak in his voice. "You can't mean it, Chris. You can't! If you walk out on me I'll—I'll lose my own faith in the goodness of God. I don't blame you if you've stopped loving me, but . . ."

It was Chris who was shaking now. "Stopped loving you?" he panted, his face twisted with emotion. "You must be mad. My love for you is the only solid, worthwhile thing left in my life, and you want me to jeopardize that. You want me to keep on being a parasite, supported by my wife!"

Her knees gave way suddenly and she caught at his coat to keep from falling. She clung to him, barely whispering her plea. "No, no, darling, that isn't what I want. I want you to go back where you belong—back to the world that needs you—back to the skill God Himself gave you! I love

you, Chris, and if you love me, as you've just said, why can't we make a fresh start? I promise never to interfere with your work again. I . . ."

He caught her wrists fiercely and tore himself free. "I tell you I don't belong in medicine!" he shouted. "God only knows how many crippled spirits I've sent back into life with a limp, stumbling and bewildered because I refused a helping hand. How would you like that on your conscience? Well, I'm going to make certain there won't be any more. Not even for you, Jane, will I make a mockery of medicine again!"

"But, Chris, you've suffered so much. Surely from your own experiences . . ."

"I can develop the perfect bedside manner? From my own experiences I'll learn the right sickroom technique? Is that what you're hinting?" he interrupted grimly, and now his face was white.

"But you just said . . ."

"What did I just say? That I'd sent crippled spirits back into life with a limp, that I'd never again make a mockery of medicine. You can't reconcile that with my refusal to change—is that it, Jane?"

"Yes, I guess that's it."

She glimpsed the black despair of his soul. "Sometimes," he said slowly with that complete honesty so characteristic of his nature, "sometimes a man may build a barrier around his spirit for his own protection, and he may keep it there so long that when he finally attempts to remove it, he finds that it is bigger and stronger than he is. That isn't very lucid, but it will have to do. In other words, Jane, I couldn't change if I wanted to . . ."

"No, but God can work the miracle," Jane interrupted brokenly. "Oh, my darling, let us go on our knees together and stay there until the burden is lifted, until you have heard the call to 'rise and go,' and until I have the glad assurance in my heart that God has forgiven me my lack of faith. We have sinned, you and I, and until confession is made there will be only barrenness and desolation in our souls."

Chris moaned. "I want to 'arise and go,'" he confessed hoarsely, "but I'm chained to the barrier of my own stubborn will. Don't talk to me any more, Jane. It only makes me hot and rebellious inside. I don't want to react like that, but I do! Sometimes I think I've sinned away my day of grace."

The dinner bell interrupted their conversation. Chris' face twisted into a pitiful smile of self-mockery. "The condemned man ate a hearty meal," he muttered, "provided by his wife." As they went toward the dining-room, Jane's heart bled with anguish.

"Oh, God," she whispered, "how long? how long?"

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We, the Women

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

A SPECIAL New Year's greeting to all of our "sisters"—you women of our churches and missionary societies, with whom we share in the Kingdom work—from your National Union officers. May 1947 bring you great personal peace and happiness and see great achievements in the work which we all love through your efforts!

Here is a challenge for all:

Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow—

'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,
Yours to pass on when you no more need night;

I think it started down its pathway bright

The day the Maker said, "Let there be light!"

And he, once said, who hung on Calvary's tree

"Ye are the light of the world!" GO—
Shine for me!

While January 1st marks the beginning of a calendar year, it also ushers in the last quarter of our Union fiscal year, which now ends March 31. May the enthusiasm and good resolutions of this season give your work the impetus needed to carry it over the top in these three months!

Because of the change in the fiscal year, you had only a short period to work on the Union Project Chart this

time—September 1946 to March 1947—so if your report isn't perfect this time, do not be dismayed. Next time, beginning with April 1st, you will have a full year to achieve all ten goals.

THINGS TO BE DONE

Many of us like to make lists to help us in our work; grocery lists, a list of things to look for downtown, lists of things that must be done around the house. There is a certain feeling of satisfaction and achievement in checking off the items as accomplished, gained in no other way. May I suggest a list of "Things To Be Done" this month:

1. Attend your missionary society meeting.
2. Prepare and take part, if it is your turn.
3. Read your Bible books. If you have met the required number on the chart, read some more!
4. Read your missionary books—the more you read, the more you will want to read!
5. Send a birthday card to one of our missionaries (See booklet: "Now We Are Twenty-two" for addresses and birthdays).
6. Every day, pray for your missionaries, your Christian brethren over there, and the heathen!

We shall say more about "Prayer" next time.

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE		
Conference	November 1946	November 1945
Atlantic	\$ 2,682.11	\$ 1,122.39
Eastern	1,139.60	1,154.89
Central	4,861.76	6,944.36
Northwestern	3,165.39	4,384.78
Southwestern	4,900.28	5,504.68
Southern	1,487.46	926.52
Pacific	12,277.91	17,834.82
Northern	9,270.65	5,327.38
Dakota	11,485.32	12,979.70
Totals	\$51,270.48	\$56,179.52
Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies		
Nov., 1946	\$ 16,623.08	
Nov., 1945	23,297.69	
Total to Nov. 30, 1946	\$369,164.02	
Seminary Endowment Fund		
Nov., 1946	\$ 319.16	
Nov., 1945	4,454.51	
Total to Nov. 30, 1946	\$120,996.28	
Christian Training Institute Building Fund		
Nov., 1946	\$ 885.22	
Nov., 1945	906.01	
Total to Nov. 30, 1946	\$31,192.43	

Church Parsonages Dedicated to God's Glory

New Parsonage Purchased for the First Baptist Church at Watertown, Wisconsin

For some years the people of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin felt the need of a new parsonage. During the war years they made plans to build a new house as soon as the war ended. The past year proved the fulfillment of such plans impossible. Three years ago they started a Parsonage Fund and by this Fall more than \$4,000 had been raised and set aside for the new house. The need for the new dwelling became more urgent from month to month, but the contractors made it increasingly more evident that it would be impossible to build within the next few years.

The church finally decided to search for a suitable house in the city with the intentions of buying it. After examining many houses which had been advertised for sale, the committee finally came upon a home which had not yet publicly been put on sale. They discovered that the owners were willing to sell. The members of the committee looked at the house, liked it, and recommended to the church that it be purchased.

The church approved the recommendation, and on August 29th the trustees signed the purchase agreement which sold the house to the church for \$11,000. The old parsonage next to the church was then sold for \$5,000, leaving a debt of less than \$2,000 on the new place at 302 South Church Street. The pastor and his family moved into the new home early in the Fall, and Open House was



The New Parsonage of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church Near Millet, Alberta, Canada.

held for members and friends of the church on November 10th. The accompanying picture shows the new dwelling.

Rudolph Woyke, Pastor.

Reception of the New Pastor and Dedication of the Parsonage at Wiesenthal Church

On Sunday, October 20, it was our joy as members of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta, Canada to welcome our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Smuland. Words of welcome were given by the leaders of the various organizations of the church as well as by the Rev. A. Huber, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc. These were acknowledged very sincerely by the Rev. H. Smuland. Musical numbers included a solo, a trio and selections by the choir.

The new parsonage of our church,

was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday morning, Nov. 3. Mr. Arthur Smith spoke briefly on "Why the Parsonage Was Built," and Mr. Louis Ertman on "The Future of the Parsonage to the Church." A general report about the building was brought by Mr. William Pohl and a financial report by the treasurer, Mr. Martin Smith. Musical selections were rendered by the choir and brass quartet. Mr. Smuland brought a stirring challenge to the church to attempt greater things for God. In closing he also led in the prayer of dedication.

We thank God for making the erection of the parsonage possible and for sending us its first occupants, Rev. and Mrs. H. Smuland. May God also richly bless their work among us!

Verda Scheeler, Reporter.

Dedication of the New Parsonage of the Baptist Church at Mt. Sterling, Mo.

Sunday, Nov. 10th, was a glad day for the Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, for it marked the fulfillment of a dream they had cherished for years, namely the completion of a new and fully modern parsonage, which would make possible the settlement of a resident pastor in that community.

What sacrifices in time, money and labor this task involved on the part of this small group, only those who had any close connection with them during these recent years are able to appreciate, and the writer, Rev. Charles F. Zummach, is one of them. Because of his interest in them and this project, he was invited to preach the sermon on this occasion and act as "Master of Ceremonies" for the day.

Among those present at the largely attended morning services were many visitors and former members of the church who had come to share their joy. After the sermon Mr. Zummach conducted a communion service, which renewed again the bond of Christian fellowship which unites us. After the service we partook of a bounteous dinner prepared by the ladies in the new parsonage, during which time a brief dedication service was held and God's blessing invoked upon the new home and those who should occupy it.

The Union Service in the afternoon more than taxed the capacity of the church, many being compelled to stand. The pastors of the neighboring Presbyterian and Methodist church had been invited, and each of them spoke and brought greetings. Mr. Louis Giedinghagen from St. Louis, who grew up in this community and received his early religious training in this church, spoke, as did several of the visiting friends and members.

The closing sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. Stanley Geis of Detroit, Mich., who had been conducting special meetings there during

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The Newly Purchased Parsonage of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., at Present the Home of the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Woyke and Family

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Fellowship Fund and Thanksgiving Program by the Mowata Sunday School of Louisiana

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the Sunday School of the Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana held its "Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies and Thanksgiving" program under the leadership of its superintendent, Mr. J. A. Lengefeld.

The program was opened with group singing and prayer. Recitations and songs were given by the Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments. The Seniors gave the play, "Your Conscience Speaks." Musical selections were rendered by the choir. At the conclusion of the program, our pastor, Rev. A. Rosner, spoke for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies after which our offering was taken for that purpose.

Mrs. Ludwig Casselmann, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Dedication of Church Organ and Evangelistic Services at North Freedom, Wisconsin

We of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., can well sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," for he blessed us as a church in many wonderful ways during the month of November. On Sunday evening, Nov. 3, we held a special "dedication" service. Many friends and visitors came to witness the dedication of our new Hammond Electric Organ. The service was divided into two parts. The first part was the service of dedication, in which the choir, mixed quartet, and the local pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, took part. An offering was received which will be applied on a set of Deagan Chimes as soon as they are available. We were delighted with an organ recital for forty-five minutes with Professor William C. Webb of Milwaukee, Wis., as our guest organist. How happy we are to have this fine instrument in our church to beautify our worship services!

From Nov. 6 to 17 it was our joy to have the Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Ia. in our midst to conduct our evangelistic services. Mr. Johnson brought God's Word in such a way that all could understand it, and many were the blessings we received through him.

From December 5 to 8 the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, was with us for several days to conduct a "Teacher's Training Class."

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

Services at the Concord Baptist Church of Wisconsin From April to November

The members of the Concord Baptist Church near Watertown, Wis., met once a month recently on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and morning worship. These services were started in April and ended on November 24th. We were spiritually uplifted every time we met.

Several times we gathered around the communion table, reminding us of Christ's suffering for a lost world. A mission offering of \$20.00 was taken and sent to an Old People's Home. The members of the church alternated in bringing special numbers in song, which also proved to be a great blessing to all.

When no services are conducted in the church, the members unite with some other church and worship with them.

Mrs. David Goetsch, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Tri-Union Song Festival Is Held at West Ebenezer Baptist Church, Saskatchewan

"It was one of the finest song festivals we've held," some people said concerning the Saskatchewan Tri-Union Song Festival which was held on Oct. 27 at the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, Canada. The big church was filled to capacity with an estimated audience of over 600. The Rev. G. Beutler spoke to the Sunday School and the Rev. R. Kannwischer brought a thought provoking morning message. With a song by the mass choir and prayer the service was brought to a close.

The joint orchestra of West Ebenezer and Springside rendered some fine numbers at the opening of the afternoon service. These were followed by quartet, solo and local choir numbers. Mr. R. Dickau from Rochester and Rev. G. Beutler, president of the Tri-Union, brought enthusiastic and challenging messages about music and the occasion was topped off by the splendid ren-

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dition of the large mass choir under the capable leadership of our musical director, the Rev. R. Kannwischer. An offering for our Tri-Union treasury was taken, amounting to \$197.00. With "Let Mount Zion Rejoice," sung by the mass choir, a happy occasion of real Christian fellowship and inspiration was brought to a close.

G. Beutler, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Publication of a Weekly Paper and Evangelist Williams in Wasco's Baptist Church

While the Rev. Donald G. Davis was absent on leave from the First Baptist Church of Wasco, California as chaplain in the United States army, the church was served for a time by the Rev. J. N. Williams, who with his wife and daughter, Mary Lou, have been engaged in evangelistic work for some years.

Recently Evangelist Williams and his family, who are making their home and headquarters in Wasco, united with the First Baptist Church here. He has conducted revival meetings in the Bethany Baptist Church and the Village Ridge Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon; the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California; the Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, and the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas. He has also preached in our churches of Lorraine, Kansas and Besse, Oklahoma. Brother Williams is heartily recommended to our churches by his pastor.

The Training Unions of the Baptist Church of Wasco are publishing a weekly paper, **The First Baptist Training Union News**, which is mailed every Tuesday to every family in the membership and among the friends of the church. The paper carries news from the seven graded unions and assignments for parts in the "Youth Compass" and other quarterlies used. News of general interest to the church and late developments in our larger fellowship of churches find a place in the publication.

Miss Beverly Haglund, part-time church secretary, is the editor of the paper, and the following are reporters from individual unions: Mrs. George Janssen, adult union (ages 35 and over); Mrs. George Toews, young adult union (ages 25 to 35); Miss Shirley Lou Homfeld, young people's union (ages 17 to 25); Lorene Panter, intermediate union (ages 13 to 16); Norman Wedel, junior union (ages 9 to 12); Mrs. John Unruh, primary story hour (ages 6 to 8); and Mrs. A. Correll, beginner story hour (age 5 and below).

Donald G. Davis, Pastor.

Sessions of the California Association at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim

The 37th annual meeting of the California Association of North American Baptists convened with the Bethel Baptist Church at Anaheim, California from Nov. 14 to 17.

About 300 delegates and friends from six California churches attended four days of spiritual feasting and fellowship. The moderator, Rev. A. Felberg of Lodi, brought the opening address, speaking on the subject, "The Witness of the Light Through the Church."

Other speakers were Rev. W. W. Knauf of Franklin, speaking on "Giving Christ First Place." Rev. Jack Williams of Wasco, evangelist at large, spoke of "Christ, Our Great Intercessor." Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of the 15th Street Church of Los Angeles spoke of "The Christ of the Great Commission." Rev. Henry Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles spoke of "The Suffering Christ." Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim gave the address at the Ladies' Mission session, speaking of "The Glory of the Impossible." Dr. Donald Davis of Wasco spoke on "Christ, our Eternal Contemporary." The closing message was brought by Mr. Knauf on "Christ, Our Compassionate Savior."

The meetings were well rounded out with many special numbers by the various groups and individuals. The Bethel choir and orchestra rendered special music as well as the Men's Chorus. At the Sunday afternoon session the Youth Fellowship presented a musical program with representatives of all churches in the association taking part. The Anaheim group presented a play, entitled "The Lost Church."

The officers that were elected to serve the Association were Rev. A. Felberg, moderator; Dr. Donald Davis, vice-moderator; Edmund E. Bohnet of Anaheim, secretary, and Mr. R. C. Homfeld of Wasco, treasurer.

Officers elected to serve the Ladies' Missionary Union were Mrs. Donald Davis, Wasco, president; Mrs. W. W. Knauf of Franklin, vice-president; and Mrs. Mittelstedt of Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer. The Ladies Union designated \$55.00 for the Fellowship Fund and a like amount for the Nurses' Training School in Africa. The Association offerings were apportioned to the Fellowship Fund, \$105; General Missions, \$30; and the Old People's Home in Portland, \$5.00.

E. E. Bohnet, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Tenth Anniversary of the Baptist Mission Circle of Chancellor, South Dakota

The Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota celebrated its 10th anniversary on Sunday evening, October 27, by presenting a missionary program. It consisted of musical selections, an anniversary poem, a dialogue entitled, "The Power Station," and a missionary ser-

mon by our pastor, the Rev. Peter Wiens. A missionary offering, designated for the Indian work and field in Canada, was taken which amounted to \$218.12.

"And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9) is our Mission Circle motto and we have truly received many blessings in the past. Our prayer is that we may go forward with greater zeal and inspiration in his service.

Mrs. John Schroeder, Secretary.

Many Mission Offerings Are Received in the Baptist Church, Goodrich, North Dakota

From Sept. 30 to Oct. 11 we of the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., held special meetings. The Rev. W. Stein of Ashley was our guest speaker. His messages were a great blessing to us. On account of the adverse weather and the bad roads our meetings were not well attended. Even though we cannot report any conversions, we were greatly blessed and are determined to serve our Lord with more zeal and self-denial.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, we held our Harvest and Mission Festival. The Rev. J. Kepl was our special speaker. An offering of over \$600 was designated for the Fellowship Fund as a result. On the following Sunday evening our Sunday School rendered an impressive Harvest and Mission Festival Program, at which time again the spirit of sacrificial love was in evidence and the offering of over \$100 was given for the Cameroons Mission Field.

Our Young People's Society gave a Thanksgiving program consisting of several musical numbers, recitations, talks and an address by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler. An offering of over \$28.00 was received, which was designated for the Fellowship Fund of the Youth Crusade. Our Ladies' Missionary Society has recently raised approximately \$300 as a mission project and are conscious of their obligation to missions, both at home and in foreign fields. We are desirous to be the Lord's consecrated vessels, fully yielded to his cause!

J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

Ordination of the Rev. Walter H. Klempel, Pastor of Baptist Church of Creston, Neb.

On Nov. 26 a council was called by the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana at the request of Mr. Walter H. Klempel to consider the propriety of his ordination into the Gospel ministry. The council organized with Rev. R. Sigmund as chairman and Rev. H. Lang as clerk. The council was composed of ten delegates for four churches.

Mrs. Rardin, clerk of the Sidney Church, presented the recommendation of the council concerning the purpose of the council after which Rev. O. Fiesel, moderator of the local church, presented the candidate to the council for examination. The candidate gave his testimony in regard to his Christian experience, his call to the ministry, and his doctrinal views. After due consideration the council de-

clared itself satisfied with the statements of the candidate and recommended that the church proceed with the ordination service.

The ordination service was in the hands of the local pastor, Rev. O. Fiesel, who also offered the ordination prayer. Rev. D. Swanson of the Christian Alliance Church of Lambert, Montana read Eph. 3 and led in prayer. Rev. R. Sigmund brought a very timely message on the words: "I Paul, a prisoner of Christ," based on Eph. 3:1. He presented very clearly that a gospel minister who is diligent in his duties toward God and his people, truly, is a prisoner of Christ. Rev. H. Lang gave the charge to the candidate and welcomed him into the fellowship of the ministry. Rev. J. Benke gave the charge to the church, presenting the responsibilities a church has toward their pastor.

The Sidney choir rendered several musical selections. After a song of dedication to the candidate by the congregation, the Rev. W. H. Klempel pronounced the benediction. Mr. Klempel is the pastor of the Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska.

Henry Lang, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference

Mission Services and Large Offerings at the Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas

On Friday, Nov. 15, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas held its anniversary program. We were privileged to have Mrs. George Henderson, one of our missionary appointees to Africa, as our guest speaker. She gave a very challenging missionary message. A women's quartet furnished special music. An offering of \$106.10 was given for the Nurses Training School in the Cameroons. After the program refreshments were served by the women and a time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Harvest and Mission Festival of the church, held on Sunday, Nov. 17, was a very special day of blessing to members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, of which the Rev. G. W. Blackburn is pastor.

The highlights of the day were the messages of our missionary appointees, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson in the morning service and their wonderful testimonies in the afternoon; the message, "The Gospel's Light Around the World," by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, who could be with us only for the afternoon; and after a prayer and praise service in the evening, the showing of films, "Shining for Jesus" and "The Man Who Forgot God." Special musical numbers, Scripture passages, and prayers formed a fitting background for these special messages. We thank God for the truly spiritual blessings of this day and also for the generous offerings of the day which totalled \$790.00 given for missionary enterprise.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

Missionaries' Visit, Evangelistic Services and Scripture Memory Program at Durham, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas was richly blessed by the visit of Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson on Sunday evening, Nov. 17th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Henderson gave their testimonies to the young people at the Youth Hour. Then both gave inspirational and challenging messages in the church service that followed.

Two weeks of gospel services were held recently at the Durham Baptist Church. The church moved forward to new heights and to new victories during these days with the Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, Kansas as guest speaker.

The Scripture Memory Band gave an expressional program on Sunday evening, Nov. 24th, showing the work that they have been doing during the first quarter of the new year.

L. H. Smith, Pastor.

Book of Ephesians Considered at Sessions of the Oklahoma Association at Okeene

"Saved by Grace" with the book of Ephesians as basis was the theme of the Oklahoma Association held at Okeene, Okla., from Nov. 21 to 24. "Christ in the Old Testament" was dynamically delivered on the opening evening by the Rev. A. O. Thornton of Loyal. After the first evening, we had with us three very capable guest speakers: Rev. Frank Woyke, the executive secretary, the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, missionary appointees to the Cameroons.

Mr. Woyke emphasized the great need for relief in Europe. The helpful information he gave us, undoubtedly, did much to assure the sending of a carload of flour by the Oklahoma churches to Germany. Most of the more than \$3,000 needed for this project has already been collected. Mr. Woyke also delivered, very interestingly, the closing Sunday evening sermon on Phil. 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

The Hendersons thrilled us again and again as they spoke with glowing manifestation of deep consecration to the Lord, and moved us to rededication of a better stewardship of life. On Saturday night they spoke to a Youth Rally sponsored by the Oklahoma young people. Many young and old people publicly dedicated their lives to the Lord.

Offerings taken for the Oklahoma Scripture Camp, European Relief, the Cameroons, and for local purposes total \$537.38.

Menno Harms, Reporter.

Great Spiritual Blessings Experienced in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla.

Recently the Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham, Kansas led us in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., in special services. These days passed too swiftly and upon request three more days were added to reach a total of nine persons for Christ and a great number in rededication for greater



The Newly Built Parsonage of the Baptist Church at Mt. Sterling, Missouri, Formerly Known as the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church.

Church Parsonages Dedicated

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love and service to the Savior. Showers fell inside and outside and we were strengthened, edified, and brought closer to the Lord. We are grateful to the Baptist Church at Durham for giving their pastor to us for these days.

Sunday, Oct. 13th, proved to be another great day of spiritual blessings for us, for it was Rally and Promotion Day for our Sunday School. Promotion of scholars, presentation of awards to individuals for outstanding achievements, and the installation of teachers and officers for the new year took place in joyful fashion.

Then there followed on October 27th a great program in observance of Harvest and Mission Festival. The platform of the church was decorated with fruits and vegetables and grain of all kinds. Out of hearts filled with gratitude to God songs of praise were lifted, and out of the abundance given by the Lord an offering of \$647.57 was laid on the altar for our foreign mission enterprise.

From Nov. 6 to 20 we were engaged in revival services in Southard, a small community 13 miles west of Okeene. During those days 19 persons were saved and many people reached who for years have never been inside a church. The services would have continued for many more days had it not been for the Oklahoma Association planned for Nov. 21 to 24. The great need for true gospel messages and revival efforts there is indescribable. God spoke so definitely during those days that we must continue in our missionary efforts. One Saturday night a car with 9 boys and girls struck a mudhole, overturned, and killed one young man almost instantly and brought one of the girls critically injured to the hospital to Okeene. We were asked to officiate at the funeral service and to minister to the bereaved family of six, none of whom belong to Christ or ever attend church. Pray with us for them that we might reach them.

Sunday evening, Nov. 17th, was another great day filled with spiritual blessings as with four converts we were privileged to step into the baptismal waters. Together we observed the Lord's Supper and extended the hand of fellowship to them. Others are waiting for physical recovery, while still others need to awaken to follow Christ in obedience all the way. For all these great blessings we praise him who loved us and gave himself for us.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor.

the previous week. The song service was led by Mr. Arthur Voigt from Avon, S. Dak., who with Mrs. Voigt had come to share the glad occasion. Mr. Voigt, who had visited the church on two previous occasions and had won the hearts of the people, remained for two weeks, conducting evangelistic services during which time eight persons expressed their desire to join the church by letter and four confessed Christ as their Lord and Savior and are candidates for baptism.

Ninety years ago Prof. A. Rauschenbusch organized this church with eight baptized believers, then known as the "Pin Oak Creek Church." The beginnings could scarcely have been more humble. Their first meetinghouse was a small, vacant log cabin offered them by one of their members. Then followed the years of the Civil War. Because of their known opposition to slavery, their farms were pillaged by the rebels and two of their members were shot.

Since then the church has had a varied history. There were years of growth and years of depression, seasons of joys and seasons of sorrow. It shared the lot of so many of our rural and small community churches in that many families, especially the young people, moved away, either to other parts of the State or to other States. But by this very token they made their contribution to the larger cause and the Baptist constituency in other communities. Many of them and their descendants achieved prominence in other churches.

It might interest the readers of "The Baptist Herald" to know that one of the pastors of this church, Rev. John Baasener, baptized the writer of this report in 1894, having come directly from the Pin Oak Creek Church to his home church in Killaloe, Ontario. Verily, God moves in mysterious ways. Now with the parsonage completed, the way is open for some consecrated servant of God to continue to build upon the foundations others have laid. Our prayer is that the new parsonage may not remain empty for long. The field offers an opportunity for real service.

Chas. F. Zummach, Reporter.

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BOOK REVIEWS

THE BOOK OF OUR CHOICE

Few ministers in the American pulpit today have preached to larger and more attentive audiences than has Dr. Clarence E. Macartney from the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., and through the medium of his several score of books and sermons. His book, "Prayer at the Golden Altar," (Zondervan Publishing House—\$1.25), ought to be read by every Christian for its spiritual uplift and dynamic power.



Price \$1.25

Dr. Macartney is widely known for his conservative Scriptural views, his graphic and colorful diction, and his power at driving home a brief, pointed text. This book of 99 pages contains nine sermons on prayer which will echo in the reader's heart long after they have been studied. "The Delayed Answers to Prayer" are considered in the light of this intriguing Scriptural text: "He would not for a while" (Luke 18:4).

Your troubles and temptations, the soul's reserves, the hindrances in the way, the needs of others, the things you expect to get are all brought to God's throne of mercy by this preacher as he tries to illustrate and demonstrate the power of prayer.

This is the style and spirit of Dr. Macartney: "How daring God is! What great commitments he makes to the soul of man! He is the covenant-making and the covenant-keeping God. As Peter put it, God has given us exceeding great and precious promises." We believe that this small book, priced so reasonably, well deserves to be "the Book of Our Choice" for this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD since it can take every reader closer to God's golden altar of prayer!

BIOGRAPHY AND SERMONS OF MARTIN NIEMOELLER

The arrival of Martin Niemoeller in the United States for an extended speaking tour in American churches will arouse a great deal of interest in the books about him and sermons by him.

A stirring biography about him is entitled, "Martin Niemoeller" by Basil Miller (Zondervan Publishing House—\$1.50) which tells the story of his early life, his experiences as Commander of a German U-Boat in World War I and his spiritual suffering in concentration camps in more recent years.

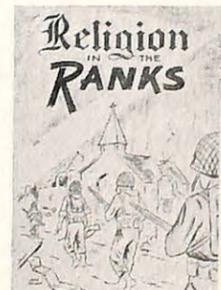
A new book with his latest sermons, which is just off the press, is "Dachau

Sermons," (Harper and Brothers—\$1.50), which were preached by Mr. Niemoeller in the last days of Dachau Concentration Camp to a little group of prisoners from different nations who met monthly for divine services. They were first published in Munich by the District Information Sources of the American Occupation Forces. They proclaim the essential timeliness of the Christian gospel and give a good insight into the faith of this German Christian leader.

THE WAY

One of the most popular and least criticized books by E. Stanley Jones, the famous Christian missionary to India, was "Abundant Living," because he dealt so winsomely and warmly with the problems of human life in that volume. A sequel to that book has now appeared, "The Way" (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press—\$1.00), which because of its reasonable price, its beautiful format and binding, and its deep spiritual contents will undoubtedly become one of the best religious sellers in the days to come.

The 364 pages are arranged for study and reflection with a Scripture passage, prayer, affirmation for the day and brief message. They are bound together in this consecutive study to show "the Way in Christ." "Humanity



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is finding out how to live by the hard way," says Dr. Jones. "God offers us the way in Christ. We think we know better, take other ways of our own choosing, and are constantly getting shocked. These shocks are of various kinds—neuroses, inner conflicts, illness, guilts, inferiorities, fears . . . Painfully we are finding out how not to live."

THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

If you have not secured your copy of "the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament" (Price \$2.00), you have missed out on one of the most important publications of 1946. Almost without exception, the reviews and evaluations of this translation by conservative teachers and scholars have been most favorable and praiseworthy. This translation will never replace the King James version for reading from our church pulpits, but it will be quite indispensable to every pastor, Sunday School teacher and student of God's Word for personal edification and clarification of the Scriptures. In it you will find a happy blending of simplicity of diction and scholarship of translation. It deserves a special place in your home where it can be frequently read and used.

What's Happening

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At the social hour afterwards the many guests were able to extend their personal greetings to the brethren.

● The Rev. J. C. Gunst, national young people's secretary, spent Nov. 16 and 17 in Vancouver, B. C., Canada at both the Ebenezer and Bethany Churches, speaking at a Sunday School teachers' retreat, youth rally and the Sunday services. From Nov. 19 to 22 he conducted a course on "Christian Life Studies" and spoke at services held in the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C. He also brought two radio messages over station CKOV in Kelowna. On Sunday morning, Nov. 24, he spoke at a Thanksgiving service in Colfax, Washington before a congregation of 150 persons and in the evening at the Arthur St. Baptist Church of Spokane, Washington.

● The annual meeting of the Society of the Western Baptist Old People's Home of Chicago, Ill., was held on Monday evening, Nov. 18. A new constitution was adopted, embodying increased entrance fees. The program featuring colored pictures of the West by Mr. Herman Siemund was enjoyed by all. The new officers are: president, Mr. Roland E. Ross; vice-president, Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke; secretary, Rev. A. G. Schlessinger; treasurer, Mr. Wm. Krogman. The Home is caring for about 100 guests. Under difficult circumstances the board of directors and its officers and the superintendent, Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, have done a fine work in improving the Home and its effective ministry.

Atlantic Conference

A Memorable Day in the History of Bridgeport's King's Highway Baptist Church

Mr. Alvin C. Foster, one of the young men of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., who graduated from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. last May and who is now taking studies for the completion of his University degree at Rochester, N. Y., was ordained to the Christian ministry in our church. The Advisory Council of the Fairfield Baptist Association, to which our sister churches of New Haven, Meriden and New Britain were invited, met in the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 29, to examine the candidate as to his Christian experience, his call to the ministry and his doctrinal views. He was unanimously recommended for ordination after a lengthy period of questioning. The service took place in the evening of that same day.

The Rev. James N. Zeigler, moderator of the Fairfield Baptist Association, presided over the service. Scripture was read by Rev. A. Elssesser of Meriden, and the pastor of the church, Rev. George Hensel, delivered the ordination sermon on the theme: "Ambassadors on Behalf of Christ." Mrs. Alvin Foster rendered very beautifully two fine selections: "The Lord's Prayer" and "Here Is My Heart," accompanied by Robert N. Hallquist. The ordination prayer was offered by our executive secretary, Rev. Frank H. Woyke. Rev. G. E. Friedenberg of New Britain gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. Theodore Johnson of the Stratford Baptist Church welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the ministers. On behalf of the church the pastor presented a gift to the new incumbent and wished him God's rich blessing because he was the first to enter the ministry in the history of this church. Rev. A. C. Foster pronounced the benediction after which refreshments were served to the guests and a pleasant hour of fellowship was enjoyed.

With this occasion we also combined a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Frank H. Woyke who were leaving our church in a few days to take up their new duties of denominational leadership at Forest Park, Illinois. They had been members with us since 1943 when Mr. Woyke entered the service of his country as Chaplain. We will miss them but look forward to annual visits since this is Mrs. Woyke's home. May God richly bless them in their larger work of our denomination.

We also welcomed one of our young men, Mr. Ray Taylor, who recently returned from Army Service in the Pacific and hence was too late to attend our formal reception for our returned Service Men. All these guests of honor, including the members of their families and the members of the Council who stayed for the evening service, were entertained with a dinner by the church preceding the ordination service. The day will long be remembered by all those who were present.

George Hensel, Pastor

:: OBITUARY ::

MARGARET ANN BECKER of Portland, Oregon

Margaret Ann Becker was born at Portland, Oregon on Sept. 2, 1937 and died suddenly at the home of her parents from streptococcus infection on Nov. 27, 1946 at the early age of 9 years, 2 months and 15 days. The Master had need of her or he would not have called her. She was the last to come into their home circle and the first to go up there. Christ had service for her above. We will miss her sweet smile and song, but we shall see her more beautifully in her resurrection glory.

Surviving are her parents, Melvin and Martha Becker; a sister, Fern; 3 grandparents; besides a large host of relatives and friends. Song of Solomon 6:2 was used as the text for the funeral service.

Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

John Wobig, Pastor.

Mr. ROBERT F. W. REINICKE of Dayton, Ohio

Mr. Robert F. W. Reinicke of Dayton, Ohio was born March 6, 1875 in Germany, and passed away in Clayton, Ohio at 71 years on Nov. 4, 1946. As a young boy Mr. Reinicke came to America with his parents, soon gave his heart to Christ, was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Griep and received into the First German Baptist Church of Dayton. In about 1887 he transferred his membership to the Fourth Street Baptist Church, where his affiliation remained to the time of his death.

Active in various church offices during his younger years, his failing health later caused him to live a more retired life. On Oct. 1, 1903 Robert Reinicke was married by Rev. George Klippel to Emma Fielitz of Dayton. Their home was blessed with five children, three daughters and two sons. These, together with the mother and five grandchildren mourn the passing of our departed brother. At the funeral services, conducted by the undersigned, the large floral display gave evidence of sympathy from many friends.

Fourth Street Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

Reuben P. Jeschke, Pastor.

Mr. WILLIAM HEIDLAND of Donna, Texas

Mr. William Heiland of Donna, Texas was born on Feb. 28, 1869 in East Friesland, Germany. He came to this country at the age of 13 years with his parents, who settled in South Dakota.

At the age of 27 he was married to Hannah Carlson who died in the year 1916. He accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized shortly after he was married. In the year 1919 he was married to Ida Kuehn and the family moved to Donna, Texas.

Mr. Heiland was a devout Christian. He served for many years as Sunday School superintendent and was a deacon and charter member of the North Donna Baptist Church. He was highly esteemed in the community as an honorable and good citizen. He was seriously ill for two weeks and was in the Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen until the Lord called him to his heavenly Home on

THE BELLS OF HEAVEN

If tolling bell I ask the cause,
"A soul has gone to God."
I'm answered, in a lonesome tone,
Is heaven then so sad?
That bells should joyful ring to tell
A soul has gone to heaven,
Would seem to me the proper way
A good news should be given.

—Emily Dickinson

Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Left to mourn this loss are his wife, Mrs. Ida Heiland; seven children (all of the first marriage), three sons, John of Corpus Christi, Texas; William, of Orange, Texas; and Carl of Houston, Texas; four daughters, Mrs. Jack Vail of Corpus Christi; Mrs. A. M. Cardin of Houston, Texas; Mrs. Harry Wright of Richmond, California; and Mrs. Alma Ekland of San Benito, Texas. There are also 10 grandsons, one granddaughter, one great granddaughter and a host of friends.

North Donna Baptist Church, Donna, Texas

R. C. Mulder, Pastor.

Mrs. S. HELEN APPEL of Brooklyn, New York

Mrs. S. Helen Appel of Brooklyn, N. Y., was born on July 10, 1884. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Larrabee of Melrose, Mass. Mr. Larrabee was president of the Melrose Savings Bank until his death in 1929. Her brother, John Heber, was for 43 years Head Engineer of the Hydrographic Office of the United States Navy. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Larrabee, died in 1889 and in God's providence her father met and later married Miss Edna Atkins. To this union another son was born, Harold Atkins, who is professor of Philosophy at Union College in Schenectady, N. Y.

Upon the confession of her faith in Christ Mrs. Appel was baptized and received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Melrose, Mass. Her special fields of interest were music, art and nursing. She attended the Boston Normal Art School. Her developed talents in both music and art were frequently displayed in the many church and home activities. Her graduation from the New England Baptist Hospital as a graduate nurse became an unlimited asset while serving as missionary with her husband in Northern Nigeria, West Africa from 1915 to 1918. For the major portion of their stay in Africa she was in charge of caring for the guests at the Missionary Rest Home. She was active in the Mission Clinic, helping and nursing the many physically afflicted.

Mrs. Appel was married to Rev. William Judson Appel on Sept. 18, 1913 at Melrose, Mass. From here God directed them into many varied avenues of service in Madison, N. J.; Fall River, Mass.; Africa; Bethlehem, Pa.; La Crosse, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and presently, Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. God richly blessed their many activities and home life, adding countless numbers of friends to the family circle. Mrs. Appel always showed a real and deep concern for all with whom she came in contact, leaving an open door of welcome in the home for all. Her last words were read from the Scriptures (Acts 18: 6-10) at the family devotion after supper with the singing of a hymn, "Then Jesus Came," ten minutes after which she was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and two days later on Dec. 1st "Jesus came" and took her home to be with him.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. William Judson Appel, and six children: Helen, Grace, William Jr., John, Paul, and Samuel. Two daughters preceded her in death: Esther, who died at the age of three; and Margaret, who died in infancy in Africa. Besides these, she leaves to mourn her departure her brother, John Heber; her step-mother, Mrs. John Larrabee; one step-brother, Harold Atkins; two grandchildren; and many friends and relatives.

The funeral service was conducted from the Evergreen Baptist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 3, with Dr. George A. Lang of Rochester, N. Y., officiating. His text was based upon Mark 16: 6 appropriately changing it to read: "She is not here, she is risen." The profusion of flowers and the many who attended the funeral service gave expression of love and sympathy of her relatives and many friends.

Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Arnold J. Veninga, Reporter.

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