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# Denominational Reminders

## ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Sec. Sunday, May 25 — Benton Harbor, Mich.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec. Sunday, May 25 — Ellinwood, Kans. Dedication of New \$40,000 Church Building of which Rev. Theo. W. Dons is Pastor.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, General Evangelist May 19-30 — Venturia, North Dak.

## ASSOCIATIONS AND ASSEMBLIES

May 22-25 — Minnesota Association at Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn. Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Guest Speaker.

May 26-30 — Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

May 29 to June 1 — Oklahoma Young People's Convention at Bessie,

Okla. Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

June 1-4 — Kansas Scripture Memory Camp Near Wichita, Kansas.

June 3-6 — South Dakota Young People's Convention at Corona, So. Dak. Prof. O. E. Krueger and Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Speakers.

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 20-21 — Session of the Editorial Committee of "Youth Compass" at Forest Park, Illinois.

Sunday, May 25 — Pentecost Sunday.

## CONFERENCE DATES

June 18-22 — Pacific Conference at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

June 25-29 — Dakota Conference, Bismarck, North Dakota.

July 2-6 — Northern Conference, Carbon, Alberta.

(A Correction from Previous Announcements.)

July 23-27 — Southern Conference, Cottonwood Church, Texas.

August 13-17 — Northwestern Conference, Elgin, Iowa.

August 27-31 — Central Conference, Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

August 27-31 — Eastern Conference, Neustadt, Ontario.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

In a spirit of earnest prayer and deliberation the Million Dollar Offering has been launched. This is the greatest undertaking we have ever assumed as a denomination. In two years of time, from August 1, 1947 to July 31, 1949, our churches will be challenged to raise a million dollars for our denominational services and for special projects. Full particulars will be announced in our publications. The General Council and the denominational leaders are convinced that its successful outcome is assured if we will only wait upon God and do our part with unreserved devotion to Christ.

## IN THIS ISSUE

Important reports with the account of epoch making decisions have almost crowded out other articles in this number. The Publication Board and Seminary Board of Trustees recently met for the consideration of their work. The Forest Park sessions were the scene of new developments in our denominational enterprise. The Edmonton Institute's commencement exercises are reviewed. Special programs of honor and the many colorful Easter season services in our churches are reported. All of this ought to be the open door to Pentecost Sunday as we resolve to go forward in the power of God's Spirit!

## COMING

The June 1st issue will be a "dandy." The front cover picture will show a colorful wedding scene with the bride one of our young women of our Los Angeles church.

"Among Ruins and Despair" will describe the Rev. William Sturhahn's experiences of four months of anguish in behalf of our relief ministry in Central Europe. This promises to be an outstanding series of illustrated articles.

Missionaries George and Alma Henderson have arrived in the Cameroons of Africa which they call "The Land of Beginning Again." The story of their trip overseas and their first African impressions is as thrilling as the Hendersons themselves!

Watch for the next number! It will be exceptionally interesting from cover to cover!

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# EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

## The Holy Spirit Is Yours!

**T**HE HOLY SPIRIT is our greatest possession as Christians. His counsel and his companionship ought to add spiritual glory to every new day of life for those who are disciples of Jesus Christ. Not only on Pentecost Sunday (May 25th) but throughout the year the Scriptural truths pertaining to the Holy Spirit ought to be impressed upon our hearts with ever deepening understanding.

The Holy Spirit is a Person, a real Person, occupying a place in the Godhead equal to the Father and to the Son. Dr. Walter L. Wilson in his excellent booklet, "Ye Know Him," writes that "after ascending to heaven, Jesus committed the ministry of making known the things of eternity to the Spirit. As the Son exalted the Father and the Spirit while he was on earth, so now the Spirit exalts the Father and the Son. Now spiritual secrets are unfolded to us by the Spirit" (I Cor. 2:10).

We receive the Holy Spirit when we are born again of the will of God and have been given power to become the children of God, "even to them that believe on his name." He is our present possession through faith in Jesus Christ. We need not wait for a second blessing. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). By receiving Christ as our Savior, our mortal bodies are quickened by his Spirit that dwells in us, (Romans 8:11), and henceforth we are led in our walk of life by this same Spirit.

The glorious truth ought now to have dawned upon us that the Holy Spirit is as much to us as the Lord Jesus was to his disciples. "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away the Comforter will not come to you" (John 16:7).

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is not dependent upon time nor place. He will abide with you forever (John 14:16). His companionship is close and intimate. "He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17). He will guide you into all truth (John 16:13). He will glorify the things of Christ (John 16:14). "He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). His ministry is to illumine the truths of God's Word until they are made so simple and real and vital that their acceptance becomes imperative if we are to be at peace with our God.

"Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). This actual possession of the Holy Spirit as a child of God with the consciousness that Christ's Spirit dwells in our hearts will give us an inner radiance, "singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord," and will bind our hearts forever in thanksgiving with our God, "giving thanks always for all things unto God," and will give the triune God the preeminence in all things as we submit ourselves "one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:19-21).

Appropriate these blessings for yourself as a child of God. The Holy Spirit is yours! The fulness of this privilege is yours for the asking and living!

### BIBLE TEXT

"For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us" (Acts 15:28).

That verse served as the Bible text to inspire our people to raise the denomination's Million Dollar Offering during the triennium from 1919 to 1922. There was overwhelming assurance in the hearts of our leaders at that time that this great objective was in accord with the will of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It certainly is providential that the first announcement of an even greater denominational venture, by which we hope to lay a Million Dollar offering upon God's altar of service during the period of two years from 1947 to 1949, should be made a few days prior to the observance of Pentecost Sunday on May 25th. This project that calls for a great missionary and denominational advance has the seal of the Holy Spirit's approval upon it. That is our firm conviction. It ought to find us as people who are filled with the Holy Spirit and therefore willing to make any sacrifice to assure its success. Let Pentecost Sunday of 1947 be the open door to great spiritual victories for you!

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### RIVERS OF WATER

The Christian's influence in witnessing for Christ is incalculable. It continues beyond all boundaries of time and place as one heart sets another on fire with eternal blessings. It starts a movement that touches other lives and leaves impressions for eternity. What began as a word or deed or prayer or gift in witnessing for Christ soon becomes an avalanche of spiritual power that represents the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

That is the meaning of the words of John 7:38b as translated by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery in her Centenary translation: "From the heart of him who believes in me will flow, as the Scripture said, rivers of living water." The influence begins in the heart and life of the Christian. But who can follow those rivers of water and tell the entire story of the blessings along the endless shoreline?

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### SUMMER CONFERENCES

Summer is almost here! The succession of conferences, assemblies, conventions, Vereinigungen and encampments is about to get under way. In every area of our denomination some of these gatherings will be held. They offer opportunities for Christian fellowship and the deepening of the spiritual life. Program committees have been busy preparing a feast of good things for those who attend. "The Baptist Herald," in every issue, will announce these gatherings for the next two weeks. Take time to include one or more of these inspiring conferences in your summer's program.

# Our Divine Ally

A Sermon for This Atomic Age by the Rev. J. C. KRAENZLER  
of Goodrich, North Dakota

"Our God is able." Daniel 3:17.

**T**HE DECISION to use atomic bombs on Japan was one of the gravest ever made by our government, because it fully realized what power it would release by this act. The lust for power has always been one of the most intense cravings of man. His quest for it furnishes us with a romantic and thrilling story of achievement.

In his quest for power, man has enlisted nature's force as his allies. Such agencies as water, steam and electricity have been harnessed to do his bidding. Man has created machines to work for him and to increase his efficiency an hundred fold. Alone, man is comparatively insignificant, but when he calls these allies to his aid, his power is increased enormously. He has successfully overcome great forces, but to others he has been compelled to bow in defeat.

In our school days we were often confronted with problems that we were forced to admit were too much for us, and we had to say, "I give it up!" Many people have found life too difficult for them. The inherent weakness with which they have to contend, the impulses they have had to restrain, and the passions by which they were enslaved have made them feel that the struggle was too great for them.

Our text deals with an incident in the life of three courageous men of old. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, faithful servants of God, were in dire extremity. They were facing torture and death. View the calm and confident trust with which they faced impending danger. "Our God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King."

### WHAT GOD CAN DO

The Apostle Paul exclaimed, "He is able to do —." Then he paused, and feeling that this did not perfectly express the power he wished to portray, he went on, "exceedingly abundantly." But this, too, was insufficient, and he proceeded, "Above all that we can ask." This also seemed to be inadequate, and he adds, "Above all that we can ask or think." If we add to God's ability to help us his willingness and desire to do so, we have indeed, a thought of staggering magnitude.

We generally recognize the fact of God's omnipotence. In fact, we express our belief in that fact every time we say the words: "I believe in God the Father, Almighty." It is not nec-

essary to emphasize the fact itself, as much as it is necessary to emphasize the fact that his power and resources are at our disposal. Man might have enjoyed unlimited blessings, had he utilized the resources at his disposal. There have been men like the people who lived beside the waterfall, complaining about the noise it made, when the power represented in that stream might have been used to furnish life and power for themselves and others.

God is asking us continually, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" He asks us to prove him and he will open the windows of heaven and bestow a blessing beyond our power of conception. Life for each of us would be vastly different if we lived in the conscious realization of that fact that our God is indeed able. We could exclaim with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Invariably we fail to engage our spiritual Ally. We have not received because we have not met the required condition.

### GOD WITH US

God is not only able to do for us, but also with us. "They which live should not henceforth live unto themselves." If you place your life unreservedly in his hand, there is no limit to what he is able to do with it. The best we can do or plan or hope for our lives is significant compared to what he can and will do with them.

Undoubtedly, Joseph had a different plan for himself than that which God revealed to him as he was willing to be guided by a divine plan. Moses had a plan for his life, but how commonplace his plan was compared to what God had in store for him. David, Peter and Paul, faithful servants of God, served their fellowmen and manifested the extent to which God can use human lives as his instruments. As D. L. Moody has so well said: "The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the man who is fully and wholly consecrated to him."

It has been truly said, "In every individual there are three persons: what I am, the person I think I am, and the person I may become." The last can be realized only when latent powers are used, and God's power works through us, the transforming power of the greatest love man can experience, the love that passeth knowledge.

Numerous lives are daily wasted, because spiritual resources have not been tapped. Every life, however barren and wasted, may be reclaimed

through God's almighty power working in it. It is incredible that a man should starve when an abundance of food is before him. Why is it, then, that people are dying of heart and soul hunger when God, out of his infinite resources, has an abundant supply for their needs? God is ready to refresh our lives with rivers of blessings and also make them the channels of untold inspiration and blessings to others.

The knowledge that God with his infinite resources is behind our poor, weak, human efforts well nigh overwhelms us with its immensity. He is not only able but is willing to do for us far more than we can ask or think. Faith is the key which unlocks the door which leads to the enjoyment of his power and resources. All things are possible to those who believe. It is only as we give him the control of our lives that he can manifest his full power in them.





The First Class of Native Student Nurses Trained by Our Missionaries at Belo in the Cameroons

## It's a Privilege for the Lord!

Missionary Annals from the Cameroons

by Rev. DONALD S. GANSTROM of Belo, Africa

A FEW months ago on August 5, 1946 God opened the door for us to start a Bible Training Center in Belo on the Bekom field. In all mission fields the great need for trained native workers is second only to that of a well-trained and equipped missionary staff. At present, the most training any of the native pastors or evangelists of this area have had is equivalent to that of the sixth grade in elementary school, plus one to two years of Bible study under a native evangelist.

The school enrolled ten full-time students and three part-time. The ten are all pastors of churches not over two hours walking distance from Belo; so these young men come to Belo from their churches every day for school. The other three part-time students are an evangelist, a nursing student who wants to know his Bible better in order to do a more effective personal work as he works with people in the dispensary, and the third is one of our elementary teachers who feels that he has the call of the Lord to go into Religious Education, teaching full-time for his Lord.

For many years the pastors here have been looked down upon by any who have gone beyond the sixth grade, because the pastor has less education and he has been "dubbed" a common laborer. Along with this attitude comes the idea that he is only in the church work because either he failed to finish his schooling and therefore

isn't qualified to teach school or because he cannot do much of anything else. So he goes into church work in order to make a living. At first, I began to wonder if this were true and was afraid that perhaps it was. But since the opening of the school, I feel assured that in most cases the above is not true.

At the beginning of the school days I had each man give his testimony as to the "call of the Lord" unto the work in which he is now engaged and for which he is making further study. One young man, named Samuel Ngala, testified that the day he was baptized he felt definitely that God was calling him into full-time service for him. He was in elementary school at the time and had hopes of finishing and, when he does, his sole plans are to enter the Christian ministry.

Lucas Jick testified that when he was in the inquirers' class he felt God's call to full-time service. While he was in the sixth grade, he approached the Rev. George Dunger and expressed his feelings of wanting to train in the Bible class, and then led by the native evangelist, to better equip himself for the work he felt God wanted him to do. And so they testified one after the other of God's call into the ministry. My heart thrilled with joy to hear the thing I so wanted to hear and to feel sure that these young men were in the school because of Spirit-filled, Lord-directed lives.

The classes are all taught in proper

English and patterned very much like that of the seminary work at home. We are studying Bible subjects, the art of preaching, personal evangelism, church history, and one hour a week of English and spelling. Naturally, these subjects are taught as simply as possible, for, remember, it is like taking a boy from the sixth grade at home and teaching him to be pastor of a church with thirty to one hundred and eighty-five members. Next term we hope to train several young men who will be coming out of the elementary school with full training.

Of course, in a new task of this kind our biggest problems are textbooks and reference books. When it comes time to teach theology next year, or the following, I shall almost have to write my own text in order to get something simple enough to be taught. At present, our hope is to train these men at least two years but preferably three. I am teaching all classes personally this term but next year when two classes will be attending I hope to have the help of Mrs. Ganstrom in some of the subjects. This year she is teaching full-time in the elementary school because of the shortage of teachers in Nigeria and the Cameroons. We are hoping to have more of our own Christian boys, now in teachers' training schools, who will be ready to teach next year.

Pray with us that this new door that has been opened unto the work here may be blessed of the Lord to the furthering of his Kingdom through better trained native workers.

### A RECEPTION FOR MISSIONARIES

On Monday evening, March 24, a farewell reception was held by the churches of New York City and vicinity for the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and Miss Ida Forsch, missionaries bound for the Cameroons. The service was held in the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., in connection with the opening of a series of evangelistic meetings. A men's chorus from a neighboring Negro Baptist Church sang most appropriately. The Rev. John Grygo spoke to the missionaries on behalf of the pastors of the metropolitan area and the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer for the Atlantic Conference Mission Committee. Mrs. Wm. Swyter presented Mrs. Henderson and Miss Forsch with rose corsages on behalf of the New York City Woman's Mission Union. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein spoke for the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union and presented them with leather bound five year diaries from the union. The Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Ill., the evangelist, brought a very fine message and gave an appeal at the close for dedication to full time service. Four young people responded.

## Eventful Days at Edmonton's Bible School

An Account about the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta

by the Rev. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

### COMMENCEMENT DAY

Then came Friday, March 28—Commencement Day! The theme for the day was, "The Faith That Was Once Delivered." Appearing on the program as speakers were Rev. H. Zepik, Trochu; Rev. George Ohsberg, Mallig; Rev. Albert Bergfalk, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Illinois. All stressed the need for a reaffirmation of the historic Christian faith, grounded in the Word of God.

In the evening, the commencement exercises were held in the First Baptist Church of Edmonton. Approximately 1000 people were in attendance, eager for a shower of God's blessings. A hush fell over the audience as the

chosen is, very fittingly, Philippians 2:16. "Holding forth the word of life, that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain." Our prayers will go with these young people as they return to their home churches to witness for Christ, or as they go on to pursue further studies in preparation for full-time Christian service.

And so ended another school year at the Christian Training Institute. Many tearful farewells were said after the commencement exercises on Friday evening, March 28, and on the following morning. Invariably, faces lighted up with smiles, however, when the words were said: "See you next fall at the opening of school!" Only a few short months, and a new and

### THE PROGRAM

The opening service on Wednesday evening, March 26th, took the form of a Sacred Concert under the direction of Mr. Robert Neske, conductor. The large audience in attendance was lifted to the very portals of heaven as again and again they were thrilled by the beautiful renditions of the Mixed Chorus, Male Chorus, Male Quartet, and Ladies' Trio. Everyone was agreed that it had been a rare spiritual feast.

Thursday was filled with profitable services, all of them held at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. Mrs. Fred Sonnenberg, a Christian Training Institute alumna, was in charge of the opening praise service. The message was delivered by the Rev. Henry Smuland, pastor of the Wiesen-thal Church near Millet, Alberta. He spoke of the touch of Jesus—how it brings us to him, how it leads us to a full surrender to him, and how it brings us spiritual health and vision.

During the day, several speakers discussed the subject of evangelism. Rev. W. F. Kroening of South Edmonton spoke on the topic, "Evangelism, the Keynote of the Church." Rev. Daniel Young, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Edmonton, led a most rewarding discussion of the topic, "The New Testament Evangelism in the 20th Century."

In the afternoon everyone enjoyed a Fellowship Hour led by Rev. F. W. Benke. The program consisted of instrumental music and an inspiring message by Rev. E. W. Wegner, pastor of the Carbon Baptist Church.

The high point of the day was undoubtedly reached in the evening, when a missionary program under the direction of Rev. Miss Ethel Ruff was presented. The climax came when students representing all twenty-two of our Cameroons missionaries appeared on the platform telling of their call to the foreign field and of the work they are doing.



Young People of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta Who Represented Our 22 Cameroons Missionaries in a Dramatic Presentation With the Bender Memorial Church in the Background

students chorus took its place on the platform to sing two beautiful numbers. The spell which these lovely harmonies cast upon the audience was not broken until the final benediction had been spoken. Rev. Karl Korella of Camrose was the dignified leader of the service. Guest speakers at this occasion were Dr. G. F. McNally, Chancellor of Alberta University, and Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary of our General Conference.

A gift on behalf of the graduating class was presented by Mr. Harold E. Weiss, following which diplomas were given to the graduates by President E. P. Wahl.

### THE GRADUATING CLASS

This year's graduating class consisted of four members: Helen Paschke, Gladys Schmuland, Gladys Scheirer, and Harold E. Weiss. All of them have completed the four-year study course and have occupied important places of leadership in the life of the school. Their class motto is "Gospel Torch-bearers" and the verse they have

greater year for the institute will again begin.

Our denomination has much reason to thank God for the efficient and consecrated service which President and Mrs. E. P. Wahl, together with the full support of the faculty, are rendering at our Training Institute. They are putting forth every effort to train the young people of our Canadian churches for effective and sane Christian leadership. May God's benediction continue to rest upon their labors.

God willing, a new building for the Christian Training Institute will be erected this summer. As soon as final plans have been prepared and the financing of the new unit has been arranged, the workmen will begin construction. The new building will contribute to the enlarged facilities of the Institute a large dining room, a chapel, and a social room, as well as a large number of dormitory rooms. With these added facilities, the school will be even better equipped to carry on its vital program.

# Denominational History in the Making

Report of the General Council and General Missionary Committee Sessions

by the Rev. M. L. LEUSCHNER

TOMORROW'S history for our denomination was prepared at the important sessions of the General Council and General Missionary Committee held at our headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., from April 21 to 25. Other subsidiary committees also met during those days, thus providing many items for the busy agenda of the week. The enlarged membership of the Council and the full representation of the Mission Committee brought an inspiring group of more than fifty pastors and laymen to the sessions who then approached the denominational problems and programs in a spirit of earnest deliberation and prayer.

## MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

In a joint session of the Council and Mission Committee the far-reaching and forward-looking plan of the Million Dollar Offering was unanimously adopted. In two years of time from August 1, 1947 to July 31, 1949, our churches will endeavor to raise the sum of \$1,000,000 for a challenging program of denominational advance.

Of this million dollar fund, \$600,000 will be designated for our denominational services to be used by the various cooperating societies. In addition, \$200,000 will provide for the enlargement of our denominational Pension Fund for ministers and missionaries, \$100,000 will be used to assist in the relocation of our Rochester Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and \$100,000 will go towards the completion of the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

A two page article concerning the Million Dollar Offering prepared by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, will appear in the June 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald." Eye-arresting posters and illustrated leaflets will soon be available with all the necessary information. Young people's unions and church groups will be challenged to adopt a definite sum toward the Million Dollar Offering as their project. Attractive share certificates are being prepared which will announce to every contributor the number of \$20 shares of his participation in the Million Dollar Offering. The initial impetus for this commanding program has been given by the Holy Spirit, as we believe. Our people will bring it to its successful consummation. Of that we are assured!

## PENSION FUND ENLARGEMENT

That was only the beginning of the General Council's action. Mr. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., reported for

the Pension Fund Study Committee that the pension payments to our pastors and missionaries could be increased to \$500 annually if the denomination would adopt their recommendations. These included the financial strengthening of the Pension Fund by \$200,000, which is now a part of the Million Dollar Offering goal, and the acceptance by every church of the pension fund dues of its pastor. All of the assembled committee members, especially the laymen, have heartily endorsed this plan. It is a big step forward in the right direction. Full particulars will be announced shortly in our publications.

Our own denominational church bulletins will be provided to our churches at a reasonable price beginning with September 1, 1947. The Council approved of a plan whereby the attractively colored bulletins of the Augsburg Press with a promotional and spiritual message to be presented on the back page will be made available to our churches. The pastors have already received the necessary information as to how these bulletins can be secured. Your church ought to be among the fortunate ones to be blessed by this new venture. Write to the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., if further information is desired.

The General Council has also approved of the plan for the holding of an inspiring Pastors' Conference at some centrally located retreat during the summer of 1948. Such a convention of five days ought to return many dividends in spiritual blessings and strengthened denominational loyalty for all concerned. The Forest Park Secretarial Council has been given the task of making definite plans for this great 1948 conference for our pastors.

## THE SEMINARY'S REMOVAL

History was certainly in the making when the General Council voted to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of our North American Baptist Seminary to move from Rochester, N. Y. to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In its new location the Seminary will in no wise be affiliated with the Sioux Falls College, even though the facilities of both schools will be available to students of the respective institutions. Every effort is now being made to purchase the necessary property and temporary buildings so that our Seminary can open its Fall Semester of 1947 at its new location in Sioux Falls. The sum of \$100,000 of the Million Dollar Offering will assist our Seminary in this undertaking.

A plan was adopted by the Council and will soon be announced, providing assistance to those of our churches that need it in paying for the traveling and moving expenses of our pastors who are called by them at a distance of more than a thousand miles.

The Homes for the Aged at Bismarck, North Dakota and Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada have been granted loans of money by the Finance Committee to assist them in their new building programs. The Haven of Rest of Medicine Hat, as the Home for the Aged there is known, is now recognized as the fifth of our denominational Homes for the Aged.

The Achievement Plan of the denomination was commended by the General Council. Its goals will receive renewed emphasis in the coming months. New promotional leaflets are being prepared. The reports of the Comptroller, Mr. Roland E. Ross, presented the denominational records with such clarity and comprehensiveness that the Council members became most enthusiastic in their words of praise for his ministry.

## MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

The sessions of the General Missionary Committee were also epoch-making. It continues to lead the denomination into far flung mission fields of the world with the assurance that God's Spirit will bless and our people will support such God-inspired ventures of faith.

The Cameroons mission field has grown to amazing proportions. Several new applicants for the work were considered. Their going out will depend upon the decision of the staff of 22 missionaries already on the field. About \$100,000 represent the cost of the Cameroons work during the past year. The forthcoming budget will be equally large. In addition, \$30,000 have been provided for the erection of new mission buildings. The legal organization behind our Cameroons Baptist Mission was reorganized and strengthened. God has blessed us exceeding abundantly in this work in Africa!

The Spanish-American mission field in Colorado has shown many evidences of vigorous growth. The Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer are to move to Center, Colo., where a house will be provided and lots for a chapel are to be purchased. The Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Young, experienced missionaries in this kind of work, have been engaged to assist Brother Reimer on the extensive field. The doors are more

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# Decisive Decisions of the Seminary Board

An Important Report by the Rev. JOHN WOBIG,  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary

THE CLOSING days of another school year at Rochester brought the members of the Seminary Board of Trustees to that city from far and near for their annual session, held from April 17 to 19. To the committee members it is like an annual home-coming, for one always finds a warm welcome awaiting one there. It would be wonderful just to go there and to enjoy the spiritual fellowship and impetus that the Seminary life presents.

But the task of the Board is one of great responsibility. This includes the examination of the students and the scanning of their records, the study of reports and counsel with the faculty, besides the deliberations and decisions which need to be made on many weighty problems. The administration of the Seminary is being carried out very efficiently by our president, Dr. George Lang, who is giving diligent and untiring service in guiding the affairs of the school. The faculty has worked harmoniously and sacrificially in giving time and effort to train our future leaders for our churches.

Professor O. E. Krueger submitted a letter referring to the close of his work. The Board gave recognition to his years of faithful service. The Board accepted the resignation of Professor Asaaf Husmann effective as of August 31, 1947.

A fine Christian spirit of united fellowship prevails among the student body. It is evident that they have consecrated themselves to the task for which the Lord has called them. Many render worthwhile service in various phases of Christian activities in and around Rochester.

An unusually large entering class of 19 students was examined. All gave a good testimony concerning their Christian experience and call to the Gospel ministry. They were accepted as full time students. During the war years we found it necessary to conduct three semesters each year. This led to the graduating of two classes in one year two years ago. Now having gone back to the two semester term, we have no graduating class this year. The total enrollment has reached the high of 55 for the present.

The reports of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President George Lang; Public Relations Director, Rev. George Zinz, Jr.; and chairman of the Endowment Fund, Mr. F. W. Grosser, offered encouragement and showed that marked progress had been made in attaining the aims for which our Seminary is striving.

To the superintendent of buildings and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Okko De Boer, with their helpers, a word of commendation needs to be given for the acceptable service they are rendering in the upkeep of the buildings and in caring for the personal needs of the students.

Perhaps the most far reaching action at this session was the favorable vote taken by the Board to relocate the Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Of course, this still entails the ironing out of many problems involved in such a move. The main purpose of the change, of course, is to build up the seminary's accreditation and to place it into a position where it can better serve the denomination in training young men who will promote the cause of Christ in a greater

measure than heretofore. The need of many repairs and improvements at our present location also weighs heavily in contemplating this move.

We seek God's will and guidance in this new venture and by faith launch out to attain the best for our school and the cause of Christ. More definite information concerning the advantages of such a relocation will appear as progress in the venture continues. We are confident that the coming of the two newly elected professors, Dr. T. W. Bender and Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke, will greatly strengthen the faculty in attaining the things we are striving for through this move.

We covet the sincere and earnest prayers of our churches toward the building of a better seminary for a stronger denomination.

# Annual Publication Board Session

By DR. THORWALD W. BENDER, Recording Secretary

ON TUESDAY, April 15th, the members of the Publication Board met at the Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio for the annual meeting of the Publication Society. The meeting was opened with the reading of a Scripture passage by the president, Mr. Harold B. Jons, and a season of prayer in which all present participated.

All members of the Board were in attendance: H. Johns, H. Wobig, H. Hirsch, O. Graalman, W. Kohrs, H. Marks, E. Wolf, F. Woyke, and T. Bender. Besides our business manager, E. J. Baumgartner, and the editor of "Der Sendbote," W. J. Luebeck, the brethren S. Blum, J. C. Gunst, and the editor of "The Baptist Herald," M. L. Leuschner, also attended. We were also happy to have Prof. H. von Berge, our honorary member and a greatly esteemed counsellor, with us.

The various editors and the business manager gave their respective annual reports with various recommendations. The report of the business manager was largely based on the financial report prepared by our denominational comptroller, Mr. Roland Ross. This report reflected the sale of the old corner building and an accurate evaluation of all present assets and liabilities. A new technique has been put into operation to reflect the actual liabilities of unexpired subscriptions to all periodicals.

While we cannot report a financial gain for the operations of the Publica-

tion Society during the past year we are confident that steady progress is being made by our management toward a profitable end financially. We do, of course, always remember that the spiritual ministry and missionary outreach of our publications transcend financial tabulations in terms of dollars and cents.

Among the proposed steps of greater service and outreach by our Publication House, we wish to mention a few at this time. Churches which use weekly bulletins will soon be able to procure such bulletins from the Roger Williams Press with or without devotional material on the back cover prepared by Brother Leuschner. A letter with full particulars has been sent to the pastors.

The editors and the business manager have been authorized to study the question of improving the system of agents representing our Publication House in our churches. We feel that a more vigorous and comprehensive effort by our church agents would prove beneficial to the interest of our entire publishing ministry. You can look for definite suggestions.

About 1600 copies of "Der Sendbote" are sent each week to our churches in Germany. The subscriptions are being paid from a special fund. It is now possible for anyone to place individual subscriptions. We hope many of our people will send in subscriptions for relatives immediately. The price

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# Honoring God's Servants

A Report of a Festive Ordination Jubilee Program  
by Rev. M. L. LEUSCHNER

THE ORDINATION Jubilee program held in Oak Park, Ill., on Thursday evening, April 24, will shed its light of blessing upon the entire denomination. The event itself was quite unique as three members of the Rochester Seminary class of 1897, who have rendered a distinguished service in our fellowship, were honored by an enthusiastic banquet crowd of about 250 people, including more than 50 members of the several denominational committees which were in session at that time. The colorful memories of this occasion will long brighten the halls of our denominational history and deepen the spirit of appreciation of our people for those saints and leaders who are still living among us.

Dr. William Kuhn, Dr. Herman von Berge and the Rev. Otto Schroeder were the honored guests. The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif., who is very ill at present, was remembered with a gift and with greetings. Other members of the 1897 Seminary class were either not ordained in that year or have since gone home to their heavenly reward.

The ordination program emphasized the fact that these three guests of honor were representative of the full orb'd ministry of God's ambassadors, Dr. Kuhn having become a general secretary and denominational leader; Dr. von Berge having had a memorable service as seminary teacher, General Conference moderator and editor of the Lorenz Music Publications; the Rev. O. R. Schroeder having been pastor of a number of outstanding churches. By honoring these men, we were paying tribute to God's servants among us everywhere.

The lengthy but inspiring program included a great variety of features. Dr. John Leypoldt of Milwaukee, Wis., served as toastmaster, introducing each speaker with a few timely remarks. The enthusiastic group-singing, led by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Ill., created the festive setting for the succession of speakers.

Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, in whose Name we were gathered together, was given the pre-eminence at this occasion in the first message on "The Rose of Sharon" by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary. This message was further beautifully interpreted by Miss Lydia Mihm of River Forest, Ill., in the presentation of the soprano solo, "How Beautiful upon the Mountains are the

Feet of Him that Bringeth Good Tidings."

Professor Otto E. Krueger spoke for and in honor of his good friend and relative, the Rev. Otto R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., by extolling the virtues of a true shepherd of God and the noble characteristics of Brother Schroeder's ministry. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner brought a thoughtful tribute in honor of Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio as he reviewed his experiences as a student sitting at Professor von Berge's feet and later as his pastor in Dayton with the professor in the pew beneath the pulpit.

Dr. H. Theodore Sorg in his own inimitable and dramatic manner told us of what Dr. William Kuhn has meant to him and the entire denomination. Each of the three honored guests responded with a brief message, revealing his heartfelt thanks for the blessings of the occasion and his indebtedness to God's grace for his guidance and keeping power.

Other addresses included a message from the General Conference moderator, Dr. George A. Lang, in appropriately emphasizing "The Denomination's Pride," in the achievements of these men; a challenge for the future by the executive secretary, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, on the theme, "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses"; and the presentation of gifts to the honored guests by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary. A harp solo by Miss Carol Albrecht of Forest Park, Ill., and several selections by the Men's Christian Fellowship Chorus of Chicago's First German Baptist Church were notable contributions to the program. The Chorus numbers included "He Is Coming By and By", for which Dr. von Berge had composed the music. The invocation was offered by the Rev. L. B. Holzer, chairman of the General Missionary Committee, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary.

Words of praise fell like a refreshing shower of rain upon the assembled banquet guests to bring the richly deserved bouquets of tribute to the living.

The glory of Christ's living Presence gave these words an eternal significance for the entire denomination. In that spirit Miss Mihm brought the program to its climax by singing three stanzas of the hymn, "The Rose of Sharon," and the audience sang out the words, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," to be echoed in the denominational halls everywhere.



Rev. Samuel Blum, Editor of "Der Sendbote" from 1934 to 1946

## Editors S. Blum and W. J. Luebeck Are Honored by the Publication Board

The annual meeting of the Publication Board of the Roger Williams Press served a twofold purpose this year. After disposing of the usual business during the daytime, the Board met with the members and friends of our two Cleveland churches at the Erin Avenue Church on Tuesday evening, April 15, for a recognition service honoring the Rev. Samuel Blum, retiring editor of "Der Sendbote," and the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, his successor.

Mr. Harold B. Johns, chairman of the Board, presided. Dr. T. W. Bender read the Scripture. The brethren Frank H. Woyke, H. von Berge, M. L. Leuschner, H. P. Donner and E. J. Baumgartner spoke words of appreciation for the significant service Brother Blum has rendered the denomination during the thirteen years of his editorship. The employees of the Publication House presented him with a monetary gift while the Board gave him a fountain pen. Both churches provided special music to help beautify the service.

Each speaker also took the opportunity officially and publicly to welcome Mr. Luebeck as the new editor and to wish him God's blessings in his new field of service. The women were convinced that back of every good man there usually is a good woman, and therefore they presented Mrs. Blum and Mrs. Luebeck with beautiful corsages. The brethren Blum and Luebeck were then given an opportunity to respond, after which the Rev. Henry Hirsch, pastor of the Erin Avenue Church, closed the service with the benediction. Refreshments were then served in the dining room by the ladies.

E. Wolff, Reporter.

# A Five Fold Spiritual Program

The Second of a Series of Articles on the Christian Service Plan  
Inaugurated by the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union  
by Miss CAROLYN J. STASSEN of St. Paul, Minn., Recording Secretary

"WHAT CAN WE as young people and School workers do to aid in the support of the mission work which our denomination has undertaken?" That is a question which each one of us could ask ourselves. Especially when we think of Christ's suffering and dying on the cross for us, we should be more than willing to do our part in helping to spread God's Word to all the world.

## STUDYING THE FIELDS

First of all, it is important that we become acquainted with the missionaries and their fields of service.

Probably the most recent and informative publication is the booklet, "Now We Are Twenty-two," giving a brief biographical sketch on the lives of each of the Cameroons missionaries. In the "1947 Annual," if you haven't already read it, you will find descriptive articles of the work at the Spanish-American Mission of Colorado and also on the Bobtail Reserve of Alberta, Canada. Articles also appear from time to time in "The Baptist Herald." Let us make it our business to keep posted on the latest news of our great missionary enterprise.

## GIVING

Christian giving is voluntary—we give because we want to give! It is a test of love and sincerity. The interim pastor who recently served the church of which I am a member used the following illustration in his sermon one Sunday. When a man goes into the telephone office to pay his bill, he is not doing the company a favor by paying it, but only giving them what is due for its services. When we give one-tenth of our income to God, we are merely giving what is due him. When we give over and above the one-tenth, then we can begin to feel we are doing our part.

Many of the young people's organizations in the various conferences have set high mission goals for this year. Let's all do our best to go "over the top."

## PRAYING

Although we cannot all give large sums of money for mission work, there is one thing that everyone can do—that is to back our missionaries with prayer. Let us make a petition to God to watch over our missionaries in their fields of service, to give them strength to carry on the various tasks they must perform. We might also pray that those who have never heard

the Gospel before might long to hear God's Word and accept Christ as their Savior.

If we as young people and Sunday School workers will continue to stand behind the missionaries with our gifts and prayers, this should be encouragement, indeed, for them to carry on the work for which they have been chosen.

actually become missionaries ourselves. Every consecrated Christian is voluntarily a great missionary at heart.

We congratulate our young people's and Sunday School groups upon the way they have shouldered their share of responsibility in the missionary cause. Their special mission projects within almost each one of the local unions and organizations, which have



Promising Christian Young Men in Training at Kumba in the Cameroons as Future Teachers in Our Mission Schools on the Bekom Field

## DOING OUR PART!

By Rev. J. C. GUNST,  
General Secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God as we think of our missionary enterprise these days. Recently Miss Laura Reddig wrote: "God has been good. Our prayers have been answered. We now have twenty-two missionaries on the Cameroons field. But there is still so much work to be done."

When we realize that these missionaries are our representatives carrying out the Lord's great commission, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you," (Matt. 28:19-20)—and again, "Ye shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8), we should not cease interceding for them daily at the throne of grace. We all believe that only as we back them up in prayer, interest, sharing of their experiences, and only to the extent that we support our missionaries, do we

been so generous, are not only evidence of standing solidly behind our missionaries, but they are also proof that there is a deep spiritual fervor and a sincere love for their Lord. We are grateful to our fine youth leaders everywhere who head up our work in the local conferences.

During the summer months at your assemblies, encampments, young people's conventions, and Union conferences you will again adopt mission projects. Our leaders should write even now to Headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois to the General Missionary Secretary or the Young People's General Secretary for a list of projects from which to select. When you adopt projects, do not forget the newest young people's project, "The Youth Service Goal." Each conference Union should designate a share of its project for this worthy youth venture. For particulars about the Youth Service Goal write to our General Secretary of the National Union.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Grenz of Cathay, North Dakota have announced that a daughter was born to them on April 4th who has been named Janice Kay. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Grenz moved to Alpena, Michigan where on May 18th they are beginning their pastorate in the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of that city. Mr. Grenz succeeded the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, now of Cleveland, Ohio.

● Evangelistic services were held from March 11 to 17 at the Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska with a former pastor, Rev. J. J. Renz of George, Ia., serving as evangelist. Mr. Wm. Brunken, Jr., church clerk, reported that "heart stirring messages were brought and the people were richly blessed by these messages and the visits of Brother Renz in the homes." The Rev. W. H. Klempel is pastor of the church.

● Evangelistic meetings were held from March 24 to 30 at the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, of which the Rev. Phil Daum is the pastor. The evangelist was the Rev. Reuben Kern of Vancouver, B. C. Five persons responded to the call to follow the Lord as their Savior, and all of the members rededicated their lives to the Master. The church building is nearing completion and plans are being made for the dedication service late in Spring.

● The Easter offerings of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, California amounted to \$1,407.93 which was the largest Easter missionary offering received during the pastorate of Dr. Donald G. Davis. The Sunday School attendance of 241 on Easter Sunday, April 6, was the highest recorded in 1947. The Sunday School offering on that day was \$48.95. The weekly, mimeographed, four page "Training Union News" presents a great deal of news about the many activities in this spiritually thriving church.

● A reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Alex Elsesser was held by the Fourth St. Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio in the Church School room on the afternoon of Sunday, April 13. A cordial welcome was extended to them by various church organizations and members of the congregation. The Junior Department presented an orchid corsage to Mrs. Elsesser and a boutonniere to Mr. Elsesser. Mr. Elsesser assumed his pastorate in the Dayton church on that Sunday, succeeding the



Rev. Aaron Stackhouse, the New Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas

Rev. R. P. Jeschke, professor-elect at our Rochester Seminary.

● From March 23 to Easter Sunday, the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas held its annual Pre-Easter revival with the Rev. Robert Means, blind evangelist of Burrton, Kansas, as evangelist. The fine meetings resulted in the conversion of 8 young people. On Sunday, April 13, the Rev. W. Helwig had the joy of baptizing 3 young people and receiving these into the church's fellowship at the communion service. The Girls' Trio of Edmonton's Christian Training Institute brought a program of songs and testimonies on Sunday morning, April 20.

● The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized 8 persons on Easter Sunday. These converts were the result of inspirational pre-Easter meetings conducted by Dr. Harold Lindsell of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary. The song services were in charge of the Rev. Edmund Lengefeld, superintendent of the adjoining Home for the Aged. On Sunday evening, April 20, a Gospel Team of Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School with Mis Alethea S. Kose in charge rendered a deeply appreciated program at the church.

● The 50 voice A capella choir of Sioux Falls College of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, under the direction of

Dr. Lee Bright, made a 1500 mile singing tour from April 20 to 27. They presented concerts in various Baptist churches in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. An instrumental trio and an official college speaker accompanied the group. North American Baptist students in the choir included Ruby Schauer, Ashley, N. D.; Elmer Fischer, McClusky, N. D.; Dorothy Abel, Marion, Kansas; and Mary Backus and Loretta Braese, Madison, S. D.

● On Palm Sunday the young people of the Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., presented the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," under the direction of Mrs. Edward Kary. The program was repeated by the group at the Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., on Sunday, April 13. On Easter Sunday the Bismarck Baptist young people met at the church for a sunrise service followed by a fellowship breakfast. In the recent sessions of the North Dakota Legislature it was the privilege of the Rev. Edward Kary to serve as chaplain for three days in the Senate and for four days in the House.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas held services every evening of Holy Week, with a three hour service in the town of Stafford on Good Friday afternoon. The Rev. Aaron Stackhouse, pastor, spoke on the word of Jesus, "It is finished," at this service. The Easter offering for our missionary enterprise amounted to \$670. The recent Bible Day program was in charge of the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Kurt Mueller. A picture of the Rev. Aaron Stackhouse, who began his pastorate in Stafford on March 15, appears on this page.

● On Easter Sunday morning, April 6, the Baptist Church of Streeter, No. Dak., greeted its new pastor, Rev. Frederick Alf, and his wife, formerly of Missoula, Mont. In the evening service a reception was held with Mr. Wm. Stackle, deacon, in charge. Words of welcome were also brought by Mr. Philip Dockter, Sunday School superintendent; Mr. Theodore Meisch, B. Y. P. U. president; Mrs. Jacob Zimmerman, president of the Ladies' Aid; and Mrs. Philip Dockter, Thalitha Club president. Several musical numbers and the response of Mr. and Mrs. Alf brought the program to an inspirational climax.

● On Palm Sunday, March 30, the Rev. Thomas Lutz of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., baptized a Sunday School scholar and received her into the church's fellowship at the communion service on Thursday evening of Holy Week. The Easter Sunday services were climaxed by the choir's presentation of the cantata, "The Thorn Crowned King," under the direction of Mrs. Walter Wilzewske. On a recent Sunday evening, the young people presented the play, "Empty Hands," directed by Mrs. Thomas Lutz, which was repeated at one of the churches in Baraboo, Wis., on April 15. The church has also increased the salary of its pastor, Rev. Thomas Lutz, by \$300.

● Two important meetings were recently held at the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota. On April 16 the Rev. Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta brought an informative and inspiring report of the Christian work with the Indians on the Bobtail Reserve. A mixed quartet, consisting of Louis Hoffman, Ruben and Ardice Ziolkowski, and Audrey Katzberg of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton was in charge of the Sunday evening service on April 20. The message in word, song and instrumental numbers brought blessings to a large congregation. The nearby Germantown and Fessenden Baptist Churches cooperated with this service.

● For some time the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., has been broadcasting a half hour program, known as "Moments With God," every Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00 P. M. over radio station WSAU. It is sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of the church, and the entire cost for a year in advance has already been pledged by the men. The Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner, pastor, is in charge. On March 9 the Women's Mission Society held its 49th anniversary program with Miss Helen Topping, former secretary to Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan as the guest speaker. On April 29 the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Herald," addressed the Men's Brotherhood banquet and on the following evening he showed denominational missionary pictures at the midweek service of the church.

● The Rev. George Hensel of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., had the joy of baptizing three Sunday School scholars and a married couple on Palm Sunday. The couple was a blind veteran and his wife. He had been severely wounded in the Battle of the Bulge where he lost his sight. They are very happy about their new membership and attend regularly and also contribute. He also received a young man by letter,

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## Beside the Still Waters

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

### REFRESHING WATERS Psalm 23:2

THE EASTERN shepherd never drives but always leads his sheep. Poet and prophet refer to this picture of gentle guidance (Isa. 40:11). David gave expression to his own experience when he said: "He leadeth me." It was the divine Shepherd who led him through doors of opportunity to unexpected heights, past dangerous cliffs — and through days of popularity and adversity. Out of his rich and varied experience he could say that God had led him.

In the book of the prophet Isaiah we read: "All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53: 6). Therefore, we need a guide to lead us in the right way. Man is incapable of guiding himself. From the very beginning of humanity he has made a mess of it every time. Because we are lost, we need someone to direct us. The eternal Shepherd is the only safe guide to follow. He knows the way from the beginning to the end.

Where does he lead us? "Beside the still waters" or "to refreshing waters." Water is very precious to the sheep

of Palestine. Because of the dry climate, water is of vital importance. The Psalmist was not thinking of the Jordan River or of the Sea of Galilee but of waters of quietness. Most sheep are afraid of rushing, falling water. They cannot drink in swift waters. The shepherd therefore leads them where quiet waters flow. Here the sheep rest and are refreshed.

How often we need spiritual refreshment. In the divine Shepherd's book we find spiritual wells that never run dry. As we drink from the wells of truth, grace and righteousness, our spirits are revived and we go refreshed on our journey. We thirst for God and our soul is refreshed as we drink from the stream of divine truth. We thirst for purity, and our sin-stained soul is purified as we drink from the stream of redemptive love. We thirst for victory over sin and we are made strong as we drink from the stream of spiritual power.

Christ is the eternal fountain who quenches all our thirsts. From him flow streams of refreshing waters. Has he refreshed your soul? His matchless invitation is: "Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wants it come and take without cost living water" (Rev. 22:17).

## Pointed Paragraphs

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

¶ "We all love the sunshine, but the Arabs have a proverb that 'all sunshine makes a desert;' and it is a matter of common observation that the graces of Christian living are more often apparent in the cases of those who have passed through great tribulation. God desires to get as rich crops as possible from the soil of our natures. There are certain plants of the Christian life, such as meekness, gentleness, kindness, humility, which cannot come to perfection if the sun of prosperity always shines." —Sign of Times.

¶ "My friends, get something done! Do not go on forever in idle skirmishing with the same foe. Get something done! May he who overcame, not merely for himself but for us all, give you courage and make you sharers in his victory and in the liberty which he attained." —Phillips Brooks.

¶ "Crown Heights Comment observes that when a lawyer pursues his profession with the exclusive aim of making money, his is called a shyster.

When a doctor ignores the common code of ethics and makes money an end in itself, he is referred to as a quack. A labor leader whose sole objective is personal wealth is a racketeer. But the business men who sets up as his predominant objective the making of profit through sharp means or foul is called successful."

—Catholic Digest.

¶ "This nation needs a moral and spiritual revival, a mobilization of spiritual forces that will restore faith in God and the principles on which the government was founded. Only when men lose faith in God do they seek a government which attempts to be 'all things to all men.' The prophets of God must turn men back to God and the realization that their rights are inherent from God and permanent only as the immortal God, not the 'state as mortal god,' is given the Lordship of life . . . It is inevitable that men shall believe in something; it is imperative that they shall believe in God, above any mortal god"

—Spiritual Mobilization.

# CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



## SYNOPSIS

Two slaves, Raanah and Joseph, in the long caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen became good friends. It was currently known that Raanah was protected against harm by the goddess Ishtar by carrying her moonstone image in his pocket. Everyone was afraid of the image except Joseph since he prayed without an image to the Lord God of his fathers. After many delays the travel-worn caravan arrived at the city of Tahpanhes in Egypt. There Raanah's horse, "Star", was sold by the slave's master and Joseph was turned over to Potiphar, Captain of Pharaoh's guard. Everything was going wrong! Even Raanah, on the day of the parade, was pushed against the float of the Egyptian god Mumbo-Jumbo and as punishment was sentenced to be stoned to death at sunset. The end was at hand!

## CHAPTER EIGHT

THAT day to Bashia seemed the longest of her life. It was drawing to a close, yet she prayed fervently to her array of Assyrian gods not to let it end until Raanah should be saved.

As she plucked at the fringe of her shawl, vivid pictures raced through her mind of a howling mob and flying stones. "O dear Asher," she pleaded, then caught her breath and started to her feet. She must not let her thoughts wander. She must keep in control. Raanah stirred, and she leaned over him solicitously.

"Bashia," he mumbled sleepily, still slightly under the narcotic.

"Yes, I am here."

"Has it not grown darker in the cell?"

"Perhaps a little. The sun has changed to the other side."

"And Joseph has not come?"

"No, but he will. They must be on the way." She spoke tonelessly, for she dared not let him know the agony that wrung her heart.

He said no more, and she arose stiffly and pressed her face against the grating. Her fingers clutched the bars with an intensity that made them ache. Her vision was narrowed to the space before the gate of the enclosure, but she strained her eyes and ears for a sign that would give her hope.

Outside, the voice of the city grew louder. People were going home for the evening meal—drifting past the grating in a never-ending, colorful stream.

A rising babel of voices startled her. Some priests stepped out of the temple. Their white gowns, round bellies, hairless faces, and pudgy hands gave them the appearance of smug well-being. They peered expectantly down the street. Could it mean—surely, the sun had not yet— She bit her lip, for fear that she might scream.

Some disturbance was arising. The priests were craning and chattering. The uproar grew louder. Passing groups stepped to the sides of the street to make room for whatever was approaching. Then came the tramp of feet and clank of arms. Oh, it couldn't be the soldiers! She gave a distracted

glance at Raanah, but he had dozed again.

She turned forward and shivered as trumpets sounded a fanfare. It was the soldiers—half a hundred of them. They halted beside the gate. They were dressed for parade in brilliant crimson tunics and carried shiny halberds. Above their massed helmets floated a golden pennant with a green basilisk upon it. Even then she did not guess.

An officer gave a sharp command. The company swung about and faced the courtyard. They were coming after Raanah! She clung to the bars, fearing she would fall. The officer conferred with a priest; then the officer and a civilian, who had marched with the company, came into the courtyard. The civilian was young and richly dressed. He must be a courier, come to read the summons.

Bashia's eyes blazed. She wouldn't let them in. She stood at bay like a she-wolf protecting her young. Never before had she felt such iron in her blood. As the men came closer, she recognized the civilian and gave a glad cry.

"Joseph! 'Tis Joseph! Oh, Raanah—Raanah! Joseph has come!" She burst into tears.

The barred door was quickly unlocked. The officer stepped aside, and Joseph entered the cell. Without thought of his expensive apparel, he dropped to his knees on the dirty flagstones and bowed his head over Raanah. For a moment words were

smothered in shocked sympathy for Raanah's plight.

A languid smile spread over the sick youth's face. "Oh, Joseph—I am so glad you have come."

Joseph's face twitched, and he struggled for speech. "You are released now, Raanah, and tomorrow you will go with us—with Potiphar and his company—to Memphis."

Raanah gazed at him wonderingly, then shook his head. "Oh, but I could not leave Bashia."

"She will come, too," Joseph said smiling, now more sure of himself. "Dahmru, Egiba, and Isme-Dagan will all travel in Potiphar's train. I will tell you about it later. Now we must get you out of this horrible place."

He helped Raanah to his feet. The youth could barely stand, but his eyes brightened at sight of the splendid soldiers before the gate. Then he looked around bewildered. "Bashia!" he called, distressed that she was not at his side. "Bashia, come!"

She wiped her eyes and stepped forward shyly. With the coming of Joseph and the soldiers she had tried to fade into the background.

Raanah grasped her hand and would not let go until she promised to see him in the morning. She stood by smiling, abashed before so many curious eyes.

Raanah was too weak to walk, so they brought a stretcher from the temple. They eased him on it, and he lay on his side. The kourbash had cut so deeply into his flesh that all his life he would bear its scars. Joseph walked beside him, and escorted by a company of Pharaoh's crack Basilisk Guard, they marched to the house of Botmar, Potiphar's friend.

Potiphar was pleased with Joseph when his officer brought the new slave to him. He saw that the Hebrew youth was intelligent, and his purity of speech, cultivated manners, even his reticence, marked him as a young man of refinement. Potiphar was a good judge of men. He knew he had a treasure in this slave. So Joseph easily reached his master's ear to tell him of Raanah's misfortune, and under his pleading Potiphar ordered Raanah's release. Because of Potiphar's rank, his word could not be disregarded, even by the priests. Yet he was diplomatic enough to tell them he would lay the matter before Pharaoh and to send a sizeable number of Basilisk troopers after Raanah to impress them.

Arriving at the palatial home of Botmar on the edge of the city, Raanah was placed on a couch in Joseph's room, which was small but comfortably furnished.

Aside from being a national figure, Potiphar was a man of worth on his own account. He was keenly interested in Joseph's graphic account of Raanah's misfortune. He sent his own physician to dress the youth's wounds and provided him with an outfit of

clothing more elegant than the slave boy could wish for.

With hope restored, the effect was miraculous. Raanah flushed with pleasure as he fingered his new garments. "I shall look almost as elegant as you when I am arrayed in these."

"Potiphar insists that everyone in his train dress well," Joseph answered.

"I am glad," Raanah rejoined, "that you have such a good master." Then he added seriously. "I was thinking in those last few hours when I faced eternity about good and bad luck. But mere luck cannot account for all the things that happen to us. Under it, life would be haphazard. There must be more system to life, because there are results to everything we do. Does it not seem that the universe and human affairs are managed according to some purpose, and each of us get the experiences that we need for our development?"

"Indeed, yes," Joseph agreed. "But now I must get you something to eat."

"Anyway," Raanah smiled whimsically, "I hope that our entire life pattern, as at present, will be cut out of elegant cloth."

After Raanah had been bathed, had his wounds dressed by the herb doctor, and had eaten some bread and fruit, he was much improved. The spirit is always the best physician, and the body quickly responds to its stimulation.

Both youths were happy to be together again. The adventures they had shared bound them in a close tie. Joseph sat beside Raanah's couch while a fragrant breeze stole through the window. Outside, a bird trilled its joy. They could hear the murmur of the Great River as it flowed to the sea. The ease of their surroundings after the hardships of the long journey and the sorrows following it, added to their contentment.

"Tell me how things turned out this way," Raanah asked. "I sense no common adventure in it."

"You are right," Joseph answered. "For a time things hummed about us. Egiba found Botmar's house and myself before noon, but Potiphar had gone to Zoan, six miles northeast, on business for Pharaoh. He said on leaving that he would be back in the afternoon, but one can never tell about Potiphar. Several officers went with him in their chariots, and Potiphar loves a good race; he will tarry for sports of any kind."

"As time slipped by, I became frantic," Joseph confessed. "I laid the matter before an officer, but he remitted to act without consent of the fused to act without consent of the Captain. There was nothing more I could do. Egiba and I watched the road in fear lest Potiphar should re- turn too late to save you."

"Then almost at the last hour, we saw him coming." Joseph looked up brightly. "I wish you could have seen him, Raanah. He came charging down

the road in his chariot, while foam flecked the bits of his horses as he raced ahead of his officers. None could catch up with him. I was so desperate that I ran out in the road, waved my arms and begged him to hear me. He is a great man, Raanah, for he heard me without anger for my impudence. Although a race was on, he drew up his horses and leaned over his chariot while I told him about you. Then he pulled off a signet ring, gave it to a herald and told him to take the swiftest horse in the stables and tell the priests to halt the execution, and that he would send soldiers to take charge of you. And he promised to take you to Memphis so there could be no embarrassment for them."

Raanah listened, absorbed, as to some fairy tale. Here was the stuff of which his dreams were made. He had been saved by a prince of a great country. He clasped Joseph's hand. "You took great chances for me," he said gratefully. "You might have been flogged for your interference."

"Not by Potiphar. But listen yet," Joseph spoke impressively, "I have great news. You are a free man."

Raanah looked startled and involuntarily pinched the iron bars in his ears. "How is that?" His voice quickened to a rough edge.

"Since Accid-Adab died without heirs in an alien land, his slaves—you, Calah, and Obal—are free men."

Raanah paled and moistened his lips. "Furthermore," Joseph continued, "all of you inherit your master's goods. Egiba and Isme-Dagan will not talk about it, but Dahmru said that while some money was lost with Accid-Adab in the swamp, his camels and merchandise should give each of you a fat purse."

Raanah lay in a contemplative mood. "I must confess," he said finally, "that it is hard for me to understand how this good fortune should top hours of suspense and misery. Of course, you know that I defied Ishtar, and for that a god takes vengeance. When I was condemned to die, I did not care, but now—" A note of trepidation crept into his voice.

"Sometimes I wonder if Ishtar intended to desert me. She may have been merely impotent among such huge gods. I was frightened myself, and lost a bit of faith in her. But now," he conceded, "she has just cause to feel offended."

Joseph felt that the time had come for a bold stroke.

"I think it would be well to forget it," he advised. "If Ishtar was unable to help you, then she cannot harm you. Besides, I believe it was my God who saved you, even as He is now healing your stripes. My God is always working to bring good out of evil."

"That may be true," Raanah admitted. "Some evil force certainly had me in its grasp; and then some higher power saved me."

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"That higher power," said Joseph, "was none other than the God of Israel."

Raanah fell silent. Since the defection of Ishtar he had keenly felt the lack of protection against the hazards of living. He felt terribly helpless and alone. "I know," he said finally, "that everyone should have some god to lean on. I need one now to protect me from Ishtar, and my heart seems to be turning to your God. Certainly the entire course of my life has changed for the better, and it must be that your God found me when I was deserted, suffering, and condemned, and took charge of me."

Joseph was stirred by Raanah's simple speech. On the pretense of filling the water jug, he arose and bustled about the room until he could compose himself. Coming back to his seat beside the couch, he told Raanah about Potiphar.

"He is such a daring horseman and valiant soldier that Pharaoh put him at the head of his armies. One of his officers told me that he has drilled his troops until they are the finest in the world. Then he organized his famous Basilisk Guard. It is composed of fifteen hundred selected men, the cream of his command. Every man in the Guard is a bold warrior and skilled horseman, and 'tis said that when they take their chariots out on the practice field, it is a grand sight. The basilisk," Joseph explained, "is a fabled creature of the desert with fiery eyes, and its sulphurous breath is considered fatal to every living thing in its path. Even the leaves of bushes wither under it, it is said. So Pharaoh had the basilisk dragon painted on the cowl of every chariot of the Guard."

Raanah listened entranced. "Before a man can belong to the Basilisk Guard," Joseph continued, "he must undergo a test of brawn. On the palace grounds at Memphis there is a small meteor, dropped ages ago. It weighs like iron. It is called the 'Gittish Stone.' Many men have tried to lift it and failed, but every trooper of the Basilisk Guard has lifted it a foot high."

"Did Potiphar?"

"He was the first man to do it. He is a big fellow who sets his face toward big things. You will be surprised when you see him. He has broad shoulders, and the muscles of his arms are knotted and hard, like the bole of a tree. He drives the wildest horses to set the pace for his men. And he stands high in the councils of Pharaoh."

Raanah's eyes glowed. Here was a situation to his liking, and he was incredibly drawn into the midst of it. Gittish Stone — Basilisk Guard — marching troops — chariots — horses! "How many horses has Pharaoh, Joseph? There must be thousands."

"One of the troopers told me that every one of the fifteen hundred men of the Guard has a chariot and pair.

Count a team to every chariot, and for reserve, a third more. Besides, Pharaoh has many for his court. Few know the number, and he would have more, but horses are very scarce. Pharaoh is always trying to buy them."

Raanah whistled softly. "'Tis hard to imagine such a herd. There must be many stablemen to care for them." His breath quickened. "Joseph, do you suppose Potiphar would let me care for some? You saw how well Star developed under my hands — even on that hot, weary journey."

"I would not hesitate to ask Potiphar," Joseph promised. "It is likely that he will hire you, for you are in a way under his authority. We will talk about it later. Now you must get some sleep to be fit for the journey to Memphis. We start in the morning."

Joseph turned to his own couch and left the other youth to ponder on horses and chariots, the Gittish Stone, and deep phalanxes of brawny warriors — and the greatness of Israel's God, in whom he was now beginning to trust.

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From long habit the youths wakened at dawn. Raanah yawned comfortably, imagining himself in some sort of paradise. Even the languor caused by his weakness seemed a luxury.

Joseph had duties and dressed hurriedly. Already the menage was stirring, for many preparations were necessary to put Potiphar's large company on the highway. In a short time Joseph was back with their breakfast on a tray. He set it on a low table by Raanah's couch and drew up a chair for himself.

"Potiphar will not go with the train this morning," he announced. "He must ride to Goshen to order that tithes of grain, copper, and rare plants be sent immediately to Pharaoh. He and his staff will overtake us on the third day."

Raanah was disappointed, but even the mention of Potiphar set his pulses tingling. "And you?"

"I shall go with the train. 'Tis several days journey to Memphis. We start at once."

Raanah chuckled. "Quite an elegant journey, too — and very different from our old caravan travels and camps!" The excitement of the day was growing upon him. Even without Potiphar the prospect was intriguing.

As Joseph left with the tray, the doctor came in to dress Raanah's wounds. Calah followed to assist the youth to the howdah of a camel, and said Bashiah would ride with him to see that he was comfortable.

As Raanah stepped weakly into the fresh morning air, assisted by Joseph and Calah, Bashiah was waiting for them beside a kneeling camel. There was a mischievous twinkle in her eyes as she greeted him.

"I am glad you are looking so well, but I hardly knew you in such elegant garments," she teased.

Raanah flushed, as much with happiness as with embarrassment. "'Twas Potiphar's graciousness that clothed me thus."

They helped him settle himself on his stomach on the camel with shoulders propped on his elbows so he could look out. The scene about fascinated him. Another caravan dragon was assembling — one more elegant, more orderly, and less given to raucous bickering than the old one.

Bashiah climbed in beside him, and Calah led the camel to the rear where Egiba, Isme-Dagan, and Dahmru, already astride their donkeys, were heading their own small unit. Behind them, their slaves grinned a welcome to Raanah. The dogs were there too, sniffing about.

"'Tis like old times to be starting out again," Egiba called gaily, while the other men greeted him with cordial smiles.

They motioned for Raanah's camel to head their unit, thus paying delicate recognition to his altered fortunes. Joseph rode up on a donkey and took place beside Calah.

From their perch on the camel's back Raanah and Bashiah could see all that was taking place about them. The supply camels of Potiphar's train were lining up ahead of them, dozens of them, two abreast, each camel attended by a slave. The animals were all richly caparisoned, though their high broad backs were covered with dust-proof cloth.

As soon as the camels were in position, a series of staccato commands issued from the rear of Botmar's house, accompanied by a rumbling noise as of an approaching storm. The next second, a company of horses and chariots swung out of the gate in single file. On they charged, three hundred of them! The line seemed endless. The horses were snorting. The metal parts of their harness clanked. The chariot wheels growled over the cobblestones as they raced forward to lead the train.

Raanah caught a quick breath and rose to his knees to watch them swing, two abreast, into the road ahead of the pack animals. "Oh — oo! 'Tis Potiphar's Basilisk Guard!" He wriggled about with excitement. "Aren't they wonderful, Bashiah? See how well trained they are, how precisely each takes his position!"

For this journey the soldiers were dressed less colorfully than on the evening before, when a smaller unit had rescued Raanah. But their gay, yellow banners with the green basilisk dragon fluttered above their shiny halberds. In each chariot were two men, a guardsman who drove the team, and his charioteer who held the weapons.

As soon as the chariots had rolled into position, a command was given, and the caravan stiffly and reluctantly lurched into action behind them.

(To Be Continued)

## GREETINGS FROM FAR-AWAY FRIENDS

You will remember, those of you were at the General Conference at Tacoma last summer, and the rest of you who read about it in our papers, that Mrs. Paul D. Friederichsen, missionary to the Philippines, was our guest speaker at the women's meeting of the conference. What a pleasure it was for me last week to receive an illustrated letter for her and her husband, the first news from them since they are back on their field. May I share some excerpts from this letter with you?

Telling of the ravages of war, and the breakdown of some of the churches, she says, ". . . like Nehemiah, we have 'wept, mourned . . . and fasted and prayed,' but there is also need for ACTION: 'LET US RISE UP AND BUILD.' These are some of the efforts we are making:

"1. Feb. 4-14 we held a conference of all workers during which was organized the 'Visayan Fellowship of Fundamental Baptist Churches' with the purpose of building self-supporting, self-governing Baptist Churches. Every night we held evangelistic meetings, where great crowds heard the Gospel for the first time, and inquirers seemed deeply sincere.

"2. After the strenuous conference and month of meetings, we were so ex-

## What's Happening

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and so received six persons on Easter Sunday into the church's fellowship. The attendance at Sunday School and church on Easter Sunday was very encouraging and the offerings at both services very generous since the majority of the children come from homes that are not connected with the church. The church choir sang the Easter cantata, "Joseph of Arimathea," in the evening service.

● Special services in the Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, South Dakota and a reception in the basement of the city auditorium on Sunday evening, March 23, formed appropriate observance of the silver wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Kiehلباugh, prominent members of the Tyndall Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Albert Itermann, spoke on the theme, "We as Americans Honor Family Life." The couple's two children, Wilbur and Marlene, also paid high tribute to their parents. Immediately following the services in the church, the large group of invited guests, including the entire Tyndall Baptist Church, enjoyed a delicious dinner served at the city auditorium and the program of musical numbers and addresses. Dr. Kiehلباugh is widely known in South Dakota for his successful services as chiropractor and in his church as a generous contributor and supporter of God's Kingdom.

# We, the Women

Views and News of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

hausted we could hardly push ourselves around. We had not had a free hour since our arrival, but two calls came in for evangelistic meetings, and we could not say 'no.' So Kay (Mrs. Friederichsen) went to fill the invitation from a nearby Island where a 'fiesta' was bringing great crowds to the town . . . People came streaming in to the meetings, attracted by the playing of the accordion. The chalk drawings teaching doctrine were easily understood, as well as a complete novelty . . . In the meantime, Paul went each night to a barrio deep in a coconut grove near Iloilo. The meetings were well attended.

"And now we have set up our equipment at a center in the heart of Panay, and are blazing away with the Gospel here. We do not want to leave here until we can leave behind a self-supporting church with a full-time pastor. We have the meetings in a large empty lot, and live right there in our trailer. Praise God the trailer did come . . ."

Interesting letters have also come into our hands recently from our missionary nurses in the Cameroons, who are so faithfully carrying on the healing ministry. Miss Margaret Kittlitz writes of experiences which taxed all the knowledge and ingenuity at her command. "After all, a nurse is not trained for surgery." Again and again, as they minister to the many patients who come to the dispensary at Belo, the prayer is in their hearts, "Oh, for a missionary doctor to help us!" Let this be our special prayer, dear women of our churches, **that the Lord may call some young man to be a doctor out there in the Cameroons fields.** And let us thank God for the faithfulness of our nurses, who are carrying on so nobly.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

You may now send all White Cross materials to our headquarters at Forest Park, from where it will be shipped directly to the missionaries. Word to this effect has just been received.

# J. C. Grimmell Memorial Celebration

An Announcement of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of the Rev.

J. C. GRIMMELL to Be Observed at Ridgewood, N. Y.,

on Wednesday, May 28, 1947

Our nation has recently remembered the 100th anniversary of two of its men for the promotion of Science and Commerce. On February 11th Thomas Alva Edison was honored, and on March 3rd, Alexander Graham Bell. Dinners, lectures and press reports commemorated their achievements. I am sure that we as Baptists have every reason, although in a smaller way, to honor one of our pioneers, Rev. J. C. Grimmell, born May 30, 1847, who served his Lord and Savior especially among our people in this country and in Canada.

With the kind consent of our Executive Secretary, our President of the Seminary, our Editor of "The Baptist Herald," and our Editor of "Der Sendbote," we, the old First German Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., since moved Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., have taken this special Baptist Church, have taken this special means of advising you of our planned J. C. GRIMMELL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION to take place on Wednesday, May 28, 1947 from 6 P. M. to 10 P. M. at our church. If you can come, you are welcome. If you consider the trip too far, you may share in this

unique testimonial by sending us a word of greeting and sharing with us in this occasion. The church itself has established the GRIMMELL MEMORIAL FUND as a fitting tribute to his fruitful ministry.

Mr. Grimmell graduated as one of the early students at Rochester, N. Y., then served our German Church at Buffalo for 6 years and our First German Church of Brooklyn for 20 and 16 year periods. He served our denomination at large as first General Mission Secretary; as editor of "Der Sendbote," as evangelist, author and poet. The Lord had endowed our brother with many talents, which he developed and used, as he always strove to "praise his Name and to preach the unsearchable riches in Christ."

A memorial biography of Grimmell is being written by his daughter, Mrs. Orrin R. Judd. If you are interested in securing a copy, make your requests known and further particulars will be sent to you.

Send your letters and greetings to John C. Lotz, Chairman, 86-43 109th Street, Richmond Hill 18, N. Y.

# CHILDREN'S PAGE



## WHAT TO READ

For Jesus' idea of a Christian — Matthew 5.  
When you want courage for your task — Joshua 1.  
When you want rest and peace — Matthew 11:25-30.  
For Paul's secret of happiness — Colossians 3:12-17.  
When you leave home to travel — Psalm 121.  
When you feel critical and bitter — I Corinthians 13.  
When you grow selfish — Psalm 67.  
When you want to know how to get along with people — Romans 12.  
For Jesus' idea of prayer — Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15.

## OUR LITTLE VAUGHN

Our little Vaughn is three years old, and he's a pretty nice little fellow. Just as your daddy and mommy think you're the very best boy or girl there ever was, so we think Vaughn is just about the finest boy we know. He's a big boy, too. You know, someone told me just the other day, "Why, I thought he was going on five!"

The picture on this page shows Vaughn in the park flying his kite. Did you have a kite to fly this Spring? Vaughn can't fly his kite alone, but with his daddy's help he sailed it way up high in the sky. One day I went along to the park, too, and we had lots of fun sending messages up to the kite. We slipped little round pieces of paper over the string and the wind would take them right up along the string to the kite.



Vaughn Johnson of Chicago, Illinois, the Three Year Old Son of Mrs. Louis Johnson, the Editor of "The Children's Page"

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I believe Vaughn's chiefest delight is going to Sunday School and church. All week he looks forward to Sunday. He likes to be with the other children, and he likes to learn his memory verses. And he loves to sing! He learns choruses in Sunday School and

them at the top of his voice until he then at the top of his voice until he finally goes to slepp. I'm afraid when summer comes and we open the windows wide, the neighbors will object.

Vaughn also loves trains. Whenever a paper or magazine comes to our house, he immediately starts looking through it for trains. And when we go out in the car, he is constantly on the watch for trains. The other day, he even told us that his name is "Vaughn Train Johnson."

And do you know, Vaughn has even decided already what he wants to be when he grows up. Some time ago, Dr. Leuschner, the editor of "The Baptist Herald," was here at our home, and the next day Vaughn said to me, "When I get way far big like Mr. Leuschun, den I'm gonna preach." His daddy and I would be very happy if God would someday call him to preach.

Vaughn wants to say "Hello!" to you, little friends, and he hopes he will see you some time.

## THE BOY FOR ME

His cap is old, but his hair is gold,  
And his face is as clear as the sky;  
And whoever he meets, on lanes or streets,

He looks them straight in the eye,  
With a fearless price that has naught to hide,

Though he bows like a little knight,  
Quite debonair to a lady fair,  
With a smile that is as swift as light.

Does his mother call? Not kite, or ball,

Or the prettiest game, can stay  
His eager feet as he hastens to greet  
Whatever she means to say;  
And the teachers depend on the little friend,

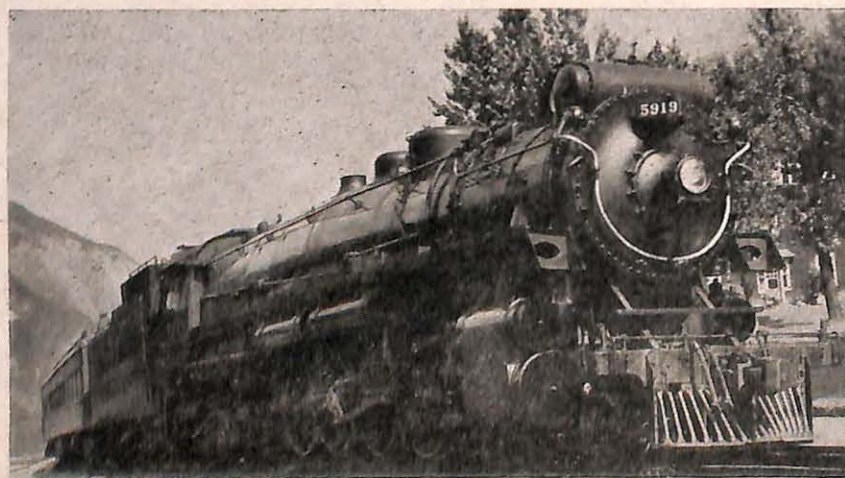
At school in his place at nine,  
With his lessons learned and his good marks earned,  
All ready to toe the line.

I wonder if you have seen him too,  
This boy who is not too big  
For a morning kiss from mother and sis,

Who isn't a bit of a prig,  
But gentle and strong, and the whole day long,

As merry as boy can be;  
A gentleman, dears, for the coming years,

And at present the boy for me.  
—Selected.



The Big Engine With Its Many Cars Pauses in a Little Canadian Town Before Continuing Its Long Journey Across the Continent

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## Pacific Conference

### Baptism and Easter Offering of \$704 at Portland's Laurelhurst Church

The Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon is praising the Lord for the marvelous blessings of the Easter season. From March 31 to April 6 we were privileged to have Mr. Sid Southwick as our evangelist. His fiancée, Miss Muriel Strellman, sang for us, and also brought several beautiful readings. We felt the presence of the Lord, and a revival began in each of our own hearts.

On Palm Sunday evening the meetings were climaxed by a beautifully lighted cross program led by the young people with Miss Marion Roach in charge. Mr. Southwick preached about the three crosses.

On Easter Sunday, our pastor, Rev. Fred W. Mueller, had the joy of baptizing twelve persons. We were reminded of the time when Jesus chose twelve disciples, only at this time twelve disciples chose Jesus to be their Lord and Savior for all eternity. Four others also came into our fellowship by letter. Our Easter missionary offering amounted to \$704.35.

Mrs. Anna Wardin, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Farewell by the Arnprior Woman's Missionary Society for Its President, Mrs. A. E. Jaster

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, is an active organization in the service of Christ. We have forty members in our society and hold monthly meetings in the home of one of our members. We are sorry to lose one of our most active members in the person of Mrs. A. E. Jaster who is leaving to reside in White Lake, Ont. She was our capable president for the past four years. The church tendered a farewell reception to the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Jaster at which every organization was represented and a farewell gift was presented to the couple.

The officers elected for 1947 are as follows: president, Mrs. E. Woermke; vice-president, Mrs. J. Jahn; financial secretary, Mrs. A. Woermke; recording secretary, Mrs. L. Kauffeldt; treasurer, Mrs. R. Heins; pianist, Mrs. L. Chabot. Mrs. L. Kauffeldt, Reporter.

### Baptismal Service Guest Visitors and Special Dedication at Buffalo's Temple Baptist Church

On a recent Sunday the Rev. Hugo Lueck and family spent the Sabbath

Day at Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. At the close of the evening service the ladies of the church held a shower for the Lueck family and the church presented them with a special love gift of \$50. We shared with them their new found happiness at being united as a family after a long separation.

On the following Sunday we had the joy of meeting two of our missionaries, Alma and George Henderson. The women of the church presented the Hendersons with a movie camera and Alma with a shower of cards and handkerchiefs. We were very fortunate in meeting these fine young people and our prayers went with them as they journeyed to the shores of Africa. Two of our denominational leaders, Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, visited with our church family on Sunday, March 16th. We all enjoyed the lovely pictures of the Tacoma Conference and our mission work with the Spanish-American people of Colorado.

As a result of special evangelistic meetings held in the Fall with the Rev. G. Friedenberg, eleven boys and girls were baptized on Palm Sunday. They were given the hand of fellowship into the church at our communion service on Easter Sunday morning.

A special Dedication Service was held on Sunday, April 13, at our morning worship service. In loving memory of the late Lt. John Sauer and Sgt. Warren Geiger, the church was presented with a beautiful new communion table, five upholstered chairs and two flower stands. This fine gift was given by Mrs. E. Sauer and Mrs. Warren Geiger Ruestow. Our U. S. O. mother gave a brief sketch of the lives of the two boys and the message of the morning, "When Young Men Die," was given by our pastor, Rev. H. Hiller. A fitting climax of the day was a beautiful Easter cantata, "Life Triumphant," given by the King's Helpers Society of the church.

Mrs. Walter Schmidt, Reporter.

## EUROPEAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have friends in Europe to whom you would like to send a Christian paper, think of our denominational papers, THE BAPTIST HERALD and DER SENDBOTE. We can send them to the American and British Zones if you pay for it. The prices are \$2.25 for THE BAPTIST HERALD and \$3.50 for DER SENDBOTE. Please send in correct addresses.

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E. J. Baumgartner, Manager.

## Northern Conference

### The McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba Enjoys An Inspiring Easter Program

The Easter festivities in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba were brought to a close with our choir singing the praise of our Risen Lord and Savior, but not so is the message of that glorious reality, "He liveth forever." Inspired by the singing of these ever-living choir renditions, we are determined to go forth with fresh zeal and ardor, serving our living Savior with all we possess.

The church was filled on Easter Sunday, April 6, with an audience that received all the messages of the songs as food for the soul. Besides the seven choir numbers, rendered so effectively both in the English and the German languages under the able leadership of the director, Mr. J. Shirmacher, and his assistant, Mr. Leo Schultz, there were selections by a ladies trio, a baritone soloist, and a violinist. The Men's Chorus also rendered two uplifting numbers. Mrs. Joanne Innes ably assisted at the piano.

The Rev. O. Patzia was in charge of the service and delivered a short message from I Cor. 15:57. "But thanks to be God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ruby Schindler, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Campaign and Baptismal Service at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta.

The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta wishes to share some of its blessings with "Baptist Herald" readers. From Feb. 12 to 26 it was our privilege to have Dr. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis., with us for two weeks of evangelistic meetings. His messages were an inspiration to all and will be long remembered. We wish to thank Dr. Bender and his church for this Christian service.

On March 23 we had the joy of witnessing a baptismal service at which the Rev. R. Schilke baptized six converts who had declared their faith in Jesus Christ.

The students of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton have also been an inspiration to the church. They took charge of our church services once a month. The church has also pledged to support the Institute building fund and raised nearly \$700 in cash and \$300 in pledges recently.

In the past year we installed a new gas heating plant in the church. At our annual business meeting it was decided that the pastor's salary should be increased by \$300. We are also planning to renovate the church.

D. Kirsch, Clerk.

## Central Conference

### Inspiring Series of Lenten Services at the State Park Church of Peoria, Ill.

Our second annual Lenten Series in the State Park Church of Peoria, Illinois proved to be a great success, with the following speakers: Rev. R. J. Zehr of Normal, Ill.; Rev. Arthur M. Ulrich of Moweaque, Ill.; Rev. Arthur A. Vinz of Jerseyville, Ill.; Rev. and Mrs. Ray Osterhouse of Carthage, Ill.; Dr. Russell Orr of Springfield, Ill.; and Rev. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. The closing message of the series was brought by our own minister, Rev. Frank Veninga, with a candle light communion service. Our average attendance at these meetings was one hundred.

On Palm Sunday, the Galena Road Baptist Church joined us for a baptismal service, they having seven persons and we having six persons who followed the Lord in baptism. On Easter Sunday morning our church attended a city wide Easter Sunrise Service. We then served breakfast to 75 guests in our church dining hall. At 9:30 A. M. we held a combined Church School program and Worship Service. In the evening we gave a musical program. All these services were very well attended. We are truly grateful for all the blessings received through this ministry.

Alma L. Vinz, Reporter.

### Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services at the Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich.

On Friday evening, April 4, the choir of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., very beautifully and capably rendered "The Crucifixion" by Stainer. The solo parts were carried by Messrs. Clifton Gilbert, Herbert Seel, Wilford Harmon and Doyle Barkmeyer, all of whom helped greatly with the other members of the choir to bring a blessing to the large audience in attendance. This was a fitting prelude to the Lord's Supper which was observed prior to the close of the service.

On Easter Sunday morning two services were held, the one replacing the Sunday School service usually held at that hour. The services were alike in many respects and were centered around two baptismal services. There were 8 persons baptized in the first service, and 6 in connection with the latter service.

The two young people's groups of the church presented on Easter Sunday night an Easter cantata entitled, "The Song of Triumph" by Norman. The entire group was composed of members of the Christian Youth Fellowship and the Senior Young People's Group, and was capably directed by Miss Virginia Kieft.

Approximately 90 men and boys were in attendance at the annual Father's and Son's banquet held Friday, April 11th. The banquet was different in that there was no principal speaker.

Arthur B. Abraham, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Rosenbach of the First Church of Chicago, Illinois on the Occasion of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

### Capacity Crowds at All the Easter Services in Benton Harbor, Michigan

Truly, Easter has been another joyous commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for the members of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan. This memorable day commenced with a sunrise program rendered by the young people of the church. Our first number was a trumpet solo by Joyce Henschke, "Christ Arose." A medley of Easter songs was played by Mrs. William Hoover on the vibraharp accompanied by Darlene Hoover at the piano. Students from the Moody Bible Institute and Wheaton College gave sermonettes and testimonies which were a real inspiration, bringing praises and glory to the Risen Savior.

After the Sunrise Service in the main auditorium, we all gathered in the church's dining room for an Easter breakfast which was served by the Sunshine Sisters of the church. A record number of people was present at this service also.

Following the breakfast, the young people assembled for the purpose of going out in groups to sing to the shut-ins. Since this was a new venture, introduced by the Rev. William Hoover who has only recently taken the pastorate of our church, it was truly a surprise and the cause for exuberant joy for the shut-ins, as we sang songs of the Risen Savior and prayed with them.

The Easter morning service found a capacity crowd in the church and climaxed three weeks of pre-Easter services. More than thirty people registered for church membership. Our Easter Sunday night's service was conducted by the choir with a cantata.

Doris Ann Henschke, Reporter.

### Holy Week, Birthday and Anniversary Services at Chicago's First German Baptist Church

A week of recent events at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., began with two stirring pre-Easter

services. On Wednesday, April 2, a German message was brought by Prof. Rudolph Schade and on Good Friday an English service was held with Dr. Wm. Kuhn bringing the message.

Easter Sunday started at 6:30 A.M. with our Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored jointly by the B. Y. P. U. and Adult Fellowship Group with music contributed by the Christian Fellowship Male Chorus, men's quartet, ladies trio and a solo by Joyce M. Pankratz. An inspiring message was brought by Rev. John Speering of neighboring Maplewood Baptist Church. Following the Fellowship breakfast, the Sunday School presented an Easter program of music, recitations and a playlet. In the morning service our mixed choir sang the cantata, "The Living Redeemed" by H. Lillenas.

On April 9th after singing, Scripture and prayer, our prayer meeting was taken out of the hands of our pastor by one of our deacons with the singing of "Happy Birthday" for the Rev. John Schmidt. Two original poems and a song written for the occasion was sung by members of the Ladies' Aid. Music by the mixed choir and male chorus, a fitting vocal duet, words of congratulation by members of our church, presentation of a substantial check by the chairman of the board of trustees, words of appreciation by Rev. John Schmidt and refreshments brought the evening to a close.

On Sunday, April 13, a beautiful basket of flowers was on display. It was a fiftieth wedding anniversary gift from the church to Mr. and Mrs. R. Rosenbach. Because the Rosenbachs were unable to attend the Sunday morning service, a group including our pastor, Rev. John Schmidt, surprised Mr. and Mrs. Rosenbach at their home in Elmhurst, Ill., in the afternoon with flowers and words of congratulation. We thank God for their 46 years of faithful membership in our church. Mr. Rosenbach retired on April 30 after more than 40 years of employment with the same firm, where the officials and his fellow-employees held him in high esteem.

Edward Meister, Reporter.

### Prayer Week, Christian Achievement Plan and Easter Services at Cleveland's Erin Avenue Church

The Prayer Week services were a great blessing to us in the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio. On Thursday, Friday and Sunday evening the Rev. M. L. Leuschner showed pictures and brought instructive and inspiring messages to us, for which we are grateful. On the first Sunday in the new year we welcomed the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, the editor of "Der Sendbote," and his family, and since then six of them have joined our church. They are already beginning to make a place for themselves in our fellowship, for which we are appreciative.

The Christian Achievement Plan, submitted by our denominational leaders, has found special interest with us. The pastor preached on "Personal Discipline," and the young people led a Sunday evening service in which three of them spoke on the sub-topics under

"Bible Study." On the following Sunday evening the deacons were in charge and three of them discussed the three sub-topics under "The Christian Home." These were profitable services.

During Passion Week the Reverends E. J. Baumgartner, S. Blum, and W. Luebeck preached on three successive evenings. Friday evening was a Union Service with the White Ave. Church joining us. The White Ave. Church Choir served with music, and a communion service followed. Easter was a great and blessed day, beginning in Sunday School with a program and ending with part of a cantata, rendered by our choir, in the evening. An appreciable Easter offering was raised and designated for relief work.

Henry Hirsch, Pastor.

### Anniversary Program and Easter Events at the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Illinois

On March 12th the 83rd anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., was observed with a fellowship supper which was prepared entirely by the men. The program consisted of reports from the various groups and organizations, showing the blessings of the Lord in the past year. Our two missionaries, Esther Salzman in China and Ruby Salzman in the Cameroons, were remembered and letters from them were read. The Male Quartet sang two numbers and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fortune sang a duet. Our pastor, the Rev. F. Y. Lower, spoke on "Feasting, Physically and Spiritually."

The Lenten season was a time of special consecration and blessing. The message each week at the morning service was a character story of one of the personalities of the Passion. Nearly every Sunday saw someone come forward to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.

On Easter Sunday the young people were hosts to all the young people of the city at a "Sunrise Breakfast." The speaker was the Rev. Charles Ward, a missionary on furlough from Colombia, South America. On Easter evening the Junior and Senior Choirs under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seedorf united to bring us the lovely cantata, "Our Living Lord," by Ira B. Wilson.

On the Sunday following Easter eleven young people were baptized. Mary and Martha Leypoldt and John Baumgart from Chicago brought the special music at this service. The group that came from Chicago also had charge of the young people's service and joined in the "Singspiration" that followed the evening service.

April 27th was another joyous day with the Rev. Frank Woyke bringing the message both morning and evening. We were delighted at this opportunity to become acquainted with our Executive Secretary.

The Fall of 1946 was a time of testing for our church because of the serious illness of our pastor, but now all of us can see the Lord's hand in it. The many blessings of the past few months have brought to us "the sunshine that always follows the rain."

Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs, Church Clerk.

## Dakota Conference

### Baptist Church Choir of Lehr, North Dakota Presents Easter Cantata Five Times

On Easter Sunday evening the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, No. Dak., presented a cantata entitled, "The Risen Savior." On Sunday evening, March 30, this same cantata was rendered in the Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak., to a very large audience. On Good Friday evening it was presented at Venturia, No. Dak., and on Sunday evening, April 13, at the Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak. It was given a total of five times; twice in our own church due to adverse weather conditions which prevented some of our own people from hearing it on Easter Sunday. Our choir is under the very able leadership of the Rev. H. W. Waltereit. The pianist is Mrs. Henry Kranzler.

We, who were participants in this message in song, can truly say that we all gained a fuller understanding and deeper appreciation of the suffering of our Risen Lord and King.

Recently the church installed a new Philco refrigerator with freezer-locker in the parsonage which the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Waltereit are enjoying.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

### Easter Sunday Guests from Edmonton and Choir Cantata at the Plum Creek Church

Many are the blessings which we enjoy at the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota. We have well attended services, whenever the roads in the country are at all good. Our revival meetings were somewhat hindered because of heavy snowstorms, but we had a glorious climax with the Rev. Peter Wiens of Chancellor as our evangelist. Three persons accepted Christ as their Savior.

Miss Ann Swain, our Dakota Conference Missionary, was with us for a week, presenting the Scripture Memory Course to our children and parents. This program, which was wholeheartedly accepted, will undoubtedly bring lasting benefits and blessings.

On Easter Sunday morning, we again had a special blessing in having the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, and a mixed quartet with us. They surely fulfilled their purpose in our midst. Their instrumental and vocal talents are consecrated to the Easter message by Mr. Wahl Lord. The Easter message by Mr. Wahl based on 1 Cor. 5:8, as well as the songs and testimonies of the young people were inspiring. The offering for missions at the close of this blessed Easter service was \$655.82.

In the evening the church was again filled, in spite of the wet weather and bad roads, to listen to the cantata, "The First Easter", directed by Mrs. G. W. Rutsch. The old but ever new Easter message was very effectively presented in song and word and was greatly appreciated, as shown by the generous thankoffering that was given at the close of the memorable day.

G. W. Rutsch, Pastor.

### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman by the Grace Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak.

The members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota met on Wednesday evening, April 9, to welcome their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman, and their son Paul.

The program in charge of Mr. John Stroh, one of our deacons, included many fine numbers. There were several pastors from the city visiting us and Dr. George Henry of Wesley College offered the opening prayer. The Rev. Geo. W. Abernethy of the Presbyterian Church welcomed Mr. Zimmerman on behalf of the Ministerial Association. The leaders and presidents of the many organizations within the church, including Mr. A. Kromminga, deacon, spoke genuine words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman. Mrs. Charles Balogh, vice-president of the Ladies' Aid Society, pinned a corsage on Mrs. Zimmerman and a boutonniere on Mr. Zimmerman.

Dr. A. W. Monk, professor at Wesley College, in his welcoming address spoke on "The Mission of the Church" and emphasized many challenges to us as a church. The Men's Chorus sang several very fine numbers and after words of appreciation spoken by Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, a short play, "Good Morning Parson," sponsored by the Dorcus Club and directed by Mrs. Fred Kranzler was presented.

On Easter Sunday morning the B. Y. P. U. presented its sunrise service under the direction of Mrs. Charles Bologh.

At the morning service the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman brought his first sermon to us. At this time Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman were received into the fellowship of our church and Mr. Zimmerman then received two other new members who came to us by letter. This was followed by the communion service. In spite of the snow and cold without we felt warmed by many blessings from on high within.

Mrs. Albert F. Bibelheimer, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Easter Sunrise Service at Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota

On Easter Sunday morning, the Senior young people of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., held an Easter sunrise service at the home of Mrs. Crisman.

The program was in charge of Miss Carolyn Stassen. A solo, a duet and group singing made up the musical portion of the program. Several of the young people gave short talks on topics related to Easter. After the program, we enjoyed a delightful Easter morning breakfast together. This was the first Easter sunrise service we have held and a wonderful blessing was received by everyone who attended. In spite of disagreeable weather that morning, which included several inches of snow, a fine group attended.

Richard Glewwe, Secretary.



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widely open than ever for intensive missionary service in this valley.

The new field among the Indians on the Bobtail Reserve of Alberta received the renewed confidence and support of the committee. Miss Twila Bartz was reappointed, and Miss Gladys Scheirer, a student at the Edmonton Institute, will assist her during the summer months. A chapel, 24 by 36 feet, and a living quarters for the missionaries will be built as soon as possible on the reserve. Miss Bartz will also be provided with horse and buggy for her traveling across the roadless prairies of the Indian country.

The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton was provided with the necessary authority to go ahead with its extensive building program to cost about \$70,000. A new two story school building will be erected this summer, adjoining the old building, which will be ready for occupancy before the opening of the school term on Nov. 1, 1947. The new arrangements will provide for a student body of at least one hundred.

### NEW FIELD IN CHINA

There was great joy in the Mission Committee when it was unanimously adopted and later approved by the General Council to begin a new missionary work in China. Miss Leona Ross of River Forest, Illinois, who has served in China under the China Boat Mission, has been appointed as our missionary to China to work in a number of villages which have not been touched in any way by the Gospel or Christian missionaries. She will have a missionary couple with her on the field, who are still to be appointed.

Equally encouraging is the news that fourteen missionaries in the Danubian and Balkan countries of south-eastern Europe are now being supported by us. Heading this list is the Rev. Iwan Angeloff, who is serving as the pastor of the Gypsy Baptist Church and mission field at Golinzi, Bulgaria. We are also supporting other missionaries among the Gypsies, pastors in Bulgaria, Rumania and Austria, and the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, who is directing relief activities in Austria and supervising the mission work in the Danubian countries.

Miss Ann Swain was reappointed as the Dakota Conference Scripture Memory missionary. Besides the appointment of the Rev. Henry Pfeifer as general evangelist, the committee has asked for nominations for a second general evangelist whose appointment will soon be announced. Appropriations for about 60 mission pastors were also considered and approved.

### GREAT THINGS AHEAD!

A comprehensive program of student placements during the summer months in connection with the Youth Service Plan has been adopted following its recommendation by a number of committees. A study course book on the Cameroons Mission field is now being prepared under the supervision of the new Committee on Education.

The wheels of denominational machinery have been set in motion. The decisions provide the setting for tomorrow's unfolding history. The conviction grew upon all the committee members that great spiritual ventures and victories are ahead of us. The Lord Jesus Christ goes before us. In his Name and with great joy we follow wheresoever he leads!

## Publication Board Session

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of these subscriptions is \$3.50 each. The total number of "Sendbote" printed each week now is over 6000.

The subscriptions for the "Baptist Herald" exceed 9000. We are glad to learn that the enlarged "Herald" is being appreciated by our people. The paper shortage is more acute at this time than ever before. The management and the editors do their very best to make our periodicals as attractive as possible amidst handicaps beyond our control.

The "Youth Compass" seems to be filling a long felt need as the sales of the first issues indicate. The Young People's Union sponsors this publication and the Rev. J. C. Gunst serves as editor-in-chief. The advisability of providing additional material for younger groups will be studied by a special committee in the next few weeks. The revamping of the "Wegweiser" into a full-fledged German tract and the transformation of the "Muntere Saemann" into an English story or missionary education paper may be the result.

As for many years, the "Lektions-Blaetter" continue to be our most profitable and most widely distributed publication. Subscriptions now exceed 16,000 and go to a number of other denominations which look to us for this German material. A face-lifting operation for this periodical also may soon be undertaken.

The readers of "Der Sendbote" will be happy to learn that the Rev. S. Blum has been asked to continue the Sunday School lessons in that paper for another year. We all appreciate the zeal of the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, our new editor, as he works at the desk occupied by Brother Blum for 13 years, and are thankful for the assistance of Brother Blum.

Following the Rev. Frank Woyke's resignation as a member of the Publication Board, it was voted to make the executive secretary of our denomination an ex-officio member of the Board and to recommend to the General Council that such action be recommended to all denominational organizations. The Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Rochester, N. Y., was elected to complete the term of Mr. Woyke.

When we consider the tremendous rise in operating costs, specifically the cost of paper and the successive raises in wages, we must thank God for helping us carry on in an ever expanding area of service. Our people can show their gratitude to God and to the devoted servants he has given us by supporting the work of our Publication House in every possible way. Pray for this work daily. Support the denominational budget regularly. Send your orders for books and church materials to Cleveland always.

## Obituary—Rev. H. G. Bens

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Ill.; St. Bonifacius, Minn.; Watertown, Wis.; Parkston, So. Dak.; Lehr, No. Dak.; Goodrich, No. Dak.; Herreid, So. Dak.; and Scottsbluff, Neb.

At the age of 70 he retired from the active ministry and moved to Bismarck, No. Dak., with his invalid wife and his daughter Clara. Another daughter, Irene, was employed in Bismarck at the time. After her mother's death, Clara kept house for her father for about 10½ years until she, too, passed away on July 28, 1946. After Clara's passing, Mr. Bens made his home with his daughter, Irene, in Seattle, Wash. About two months ago his health began to fail. He was returned to the Dakotas to the home of his son Henry at Igloo, So. Dak., where he lived only a little longer than a week before he passed away on Monday, March 31, at the age of 85 years.

The Rev. H. G. Bens is the author of approximately 100 poems, many of which have been published in "Der Sendbote." During his ministry he baptized over 400 persons and officiated at approximately 300 weddings. He served often as moderator of the Dakota Conference, of which conference he was also a charter member. As moderator of various associations and councils, it was his privilege to help organize a number of churches, and under his leadership several church buildings were constructed.

It was Mr. Bens' privilege on two occasions to conduct mass baptisms of considerable size. On June 11, 1905 he baptized 72 people near Parkston, So. Dak., and at Herreid, So. Dak., on June 22, 1924, 81 persons were baptized by him. Five of our active ministers are likewise the fruit of his work. These are the Revs. George Pust, Jacob Rott, Lewis Berndt, Arthur J. Fischer and Fred J. Volzke.

The family life of Brother Bens was very happy. God blessed him with a good wife and loving, obedient children. The names of the children are as follows: Mrs. Ella Koth of Odessa, Wash., who passed away April 9, 1939; Miss Santa Clara Bens, who preceded her father in death by 8 months; Walter E. Bens of Clearbrook, Minn.; Paul A. Bens of Aberdeen, So. Dak.; Miss Irene E. Bens of Seattle, Wash.; and Henry O. Bens of Igloo, So. Dak. The youngest child, Roy Bruno Bens, passed away at the age of three. He leaves to mourn also a grandchild and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the English Baptist Church on April 4. Rev. J. R. Matz led us in the reading of God's Word and in prayer. Rev. Arthur Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak. brought a German message and Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck spoke on the words of Paul, "I have fought the good fight." (II Tim. 4:7-8.)

Bismarck, No. Dak.

Edward Kary, Pastor.