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Denominational Reminders

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Exec. Secretary Sunday, Oct. 5 — Dedication of Church, Manitowoc, Wis.

Oct. 7-8 — Relief Committee of Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C.

Oct. 12 — Mission Festival, Anamoose, No. Dak.

Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Asst. Exec. Secretary Sunday, Oct. 5 — Ellinwood, Kansas

Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Gen. Mission. Sec. Oct. 6-8 — Iowa Convention at the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Sec. Oct. 10-12 — Minnesota Young People's Leaders' Retreat, Hutchinson, Minn.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec. Oct. 3-6 (Friday to Sunday) — La Salle, Colorado.

Sunday, Oct. 12 — Mission Festival, Durham Kansas.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Gen. Evangelist Oct. 12-26 — McClusky, No. Dak.

Prof. O. E. Krueger, Semin. Librarian Oct. 19.-Nov. 2 — Bible School, Ashley, North Dakota.

CONFERENCE DATES

Oct. 3-5 — The 27th Sunday School Convention of the Badlands Association at McLaughlin, South Dakota. Missionary Edwin H. Michelson and Miss Ann Swain, Guest Speakers.

Oct. 6-8 — South Dakota Convention at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, So. Dak. Rev. Edwin Michelson and Rev. Daniel Klein, Guest Speakers.

Oct. 6-8 — Iowa Convention at the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa. Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Missionary Leona Ross, Guest Speakers.

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Oct. 20-22 — Kansas Association at the Dickinson County Church, Elmo, Kansas. Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speaker.

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AMONG OURSELVES

Pastoral changes among our churches are occurring frequently these days. It is almost like the game of "Fruit Basket Upset" when everyone has to exchange his seat for that of another. The "What's Happening" pages of each issue report these changes as quickly as the news can be confirmed. In such a period of transitional changes our ministers need to be more certain than ever of God's guidance and of the evidences of his will. God's call to a pastorate or field of service is a sacred responsibility. Only God can release us from that obligation by the assurance of what he wants us to do.

IN THIS ISSUE

Every reader has a real treat in store for himself by looking at the unfolding glory and mystery of heaven in Mr. H. P. Donner's first of a series of two articles published in this issue. You can also travel on the wings of a missionary to Africa with the Rev. George Henderson or go on a promotional trek across North America with Professor O. E. Krueger. By means of the front cover picture you can also enjoy Oregon's scenic beauty. There's adventure of travel in this number!

COMING

"We're Glad to be Home," will be the title of the Rev. Edwin Henderson's article about his latest experiences as one of our Cameroons missionaries and about their first impressions of life at home.

Two students from our Rochester Seminary, Alvin Wetter and Ed Link, will describe their observations of the Southland in a double article, "At Work and Play in the South."

"The Students' Conference at Oslo" was attended by Miss Viola Kimmel of Portland, Oregon who will take "Baptist Herald" readers to this epoch-making Christian conference in the Norwegian capital.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

The Backward Look

THERE ARE TIMES when it is a real blessing to take a good, backward look. We have inherited a great deal from the past and from those who have gone before us. Our present life ought to be richer and more meaningful, not only as we learn from the mistakes of yesterday, but as we appropriate the blessings that others of other days have handed down to us.

"Remember" arouses us to take the backward look. The Bible is filled with frequent references to this admonition. "Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will show thee; thine elders, and they will tell thee" (Deuteronomy 32:7). "Remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead," was the admonition of the Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy. Thus backward look upon the events of yesterday and the evidences of God's guidance will always bring inspiration and courage to the human heart.

We must not lose sight of this historical perspective as a denomination. Our youth must become acquainted with the early pioneers and saints of our churches. A group of high school young people from our Oregon churches was deeply interested in the denomination's early history as it studied "These Glorious Years" at Oregon's Camp Arrah Wanna recently.

The challenge of today's "Million Dollar Offering" grows upon one as one sees our task in the light of history and of our accomplishments during the first Million Dollar Offering of many years ago. We find ourselves surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and we open our eyes and hearts to a large fellowship of kindred spirits. We are enriched by the living contributions to our lives by those whose pilgrimage has already ceased upon earth.

Even more important is our understanding of God and his ways with us through the backward look. Our span of life is exceedingly brief in the light of God's eternity. "A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night" (Ps. 90:4). We can only begin to see how all things work together for good and how marvelously God leads us as we get the perspective of his purposes over the years. "Forget not all his benefits."

Those who put their trust in God will never be put to shame. They will be crowned with loving kindness and tender mercies. At times, the experiences of the days will seem to deny the truth of those promises. But the longer view, that takes in the backward look, will always verify the fact of God's immutable promises and of his invincible grace. The yesterdays belong to God even as the opportunities of today are in our hands. We need to make the acquaintance of HIS "yesterdays" in order to make the best of our "todays."

History is a living study, a throbbing adventure! It enlarges horizons and strengthens the bonds of fellowship. It lifts up one's eyes to see the goodness of God and the righteousness of his ways. The backward look must be cultivated until the act of remembrance accompanies every forward step of life. Paradoxical though it may seem, the backward look is an important part of every advance in which we engage for the Lord and his Kingdom!

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BIBLE TEXT

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9.

The world needs genuine "peace makers." They could be used in great numbers at the sessions of the United Nations Council. Their witness ought to resound in all the countries and among all peoples around the globe.

Christians who have received the power to become the children of God through a saving faith in Jesus Christ are the only real "peace makers" on earth. Their radiant witness unto the Prince of peace and their proclamation of the Gospel of abiding, eternal peace are far more effective than the resolutions of councils and the treaties among nations. Rise, O Christian, to the greatness of this hour of need and give evidence of your service in the ranks of God's peace makers!

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Several weeks ago the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, the business manager of our Publication Society, was critically ill. We are happy to report that by the healing touch of the Great Physician, as the doctor reported, and as a result of many intercessory prayers offered in his behalf by many friends, Mr. Baumgartner is showing definite signs of improvement and recovery. But his heart condition will require many days of convalescence. He has asked the readers of "The Herald" to continue to pray for him, as he looks to the One above for the necessary grace and strength in these trying days. In the meantime, the business responsibilities of the Publication Society manager have been assumed temporarily at the behest of Mr. Baumgartner by Mr. E. Winkelman, the bookkeeper.

THE WORLD SERIES

Play ball! The world series is on! Most everything else in America will fade away into insignificance while the world series baseball games are being played. Every American child knows and loves this game. It is a part of the recreational programs of our summer assemblies. It belongs to Sunday School picnics and youth outings.

The Apostle Paul used the picture of athletics to convey an important spiritual truth to his listeners. "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Cor. 9:26-27). The world championship is a coveted goal; but a spiritual champion, who has been crowned by God, has the greatest prize of all!

October 1, 1947

Missionary Wings for Africa

A Stirring Story of a Missionary's First Experiences and Overwhelming Convictions in Africa by the REV. GEORGE HENDERSON of Soppo

ONLY as a missionary have I learned to understand and to appreciate the words of the Prophet Isaiah when he said, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

Only one year ago (in 1946) I was a young minister of the Gospel at the Baptist Church in Tallulah Falls, Ga. My formal education had just been completed a few days previously when, together with Alma, I graduated from the Toccoa Falls College in Georgia. For years I had prepared myself for a work that I knew God had for me somewhere in his vineyard. But now that the day of commencement had come, my future seemed clouded.

Was I to continue in my pastorate in Georgia, or did the Lord have a special work for me elsewhere? Even as the prophet of old so often challenged his people to do on bended knee, so "I waited upon the Lord" for guidance, wisdom, assurance and strength in choosing his best for my life.

"INTO ALL THE WORLD"

The answer came back clear and unmistakable, "GO YE into all the world." Thank the Lord, his promises are true and unfulfilling. As he spoke through his servant Isaiah, so "my strength was renewed," and with a song in my heart, I determined to carry out his great commission to go and preach the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

At that time I was unknown to all of "The Baptist Herald" readers — all, except one, your missionary appointee, Alma Siewert. Already I had bade her farewell the day after commencement, and wished her "God speed" in going to her new chosen work in Africa. To become a missionary, in most cases, involves a process of years of definite missionary planning and specific missionary preparation. Yet, deep within my heart, I had the assurance that before 1946 was ended, I would be a missionary. I even made this known to my immediate friends before I even contacted the mission board.

Was such a procedure possible? Was I being egotistical? Deep within me came forth the answer, "Faithful is HE that calleth you, who will also do it." It all happened between June

and September of 1946. I was examined, accepted, appointed and commissioned as your missionary at the Tacoma General Conference. Even more than that, in a few weeks your missionary appointee, Alma Siewert, became Mrs. George Henderson.

Isaiah's prophecy continues even in our lives together. "They shall mount up with wings as eagles." We took wings on March 25, 1947 as the huge, graceful Skymaster lifted us from La Guardia Airport in New York City and we waved farewell to our homeland en route to Africa — this time together. With wings as eagles, we flew to the land of Africa — the land of beginning again, as we've named it.

THIS IS AFRICA!

Even to Africa, Isaiah 41:13 has followed us. "They shall run and not be weary." A new missionary is always vivacious, excited, enthused and eager to see it all, and do it all within the first few days. So he runs, and runs, and runs! The minutes, the hours, the days, and the weeks all seem too short on the mission field to accomplish the work that a new missionary maps out for himself.

The senior missionary keeps warning: "Take it easy; this is Africa. Things just do not move so swiftly in Africa." After weeks of seemingly futile exertion, the new missionary sees little or no visible accomplishments for his efforts. "They shall run and not be weary." Oh, how true this has been, these few short months that we have been in Africa.

The time of march has already come for us on the mission field; and the Lord's words as spoken through the prophet are still real and true. "They shall walk and not faint."

Some weeks after arriving on the mission station of Soppo, the Rev. Edwin Michelson and I made definite plans to go on trek so that I could become acquainted, at least in part, with the fifty-two native churches, scattered over hundreds of miles of rough and rugged jungle territory, that are to be my responsibility in the days to come. Alma and I have been assigned to the supervision of the entire coastal regions and also the wild Balandro area. Ed Michelson and I made preparations to visit the villages and churches in the remote sections on our first trek. That meant traveling on foot all the way.

We secured 14 native carriers, who



With Great Enthusiasm the Cameroons Natives of the Grasslands Area Welcome Missionary Paul Gebauer Back to Africa

carried our supplies on the top of their heads. We followed behind them for days, walking from village to village, through the bush, over steep and rugged mountains, and through dense, hot jungles, wading creeks and rivers, and occasionally getting an unexpected bath in a tropical downpour. We trudged up hill and down hill in the blistering sun from dawn to sunset in order to reach the various native villages where our churches are located. At night we slept in bush houses made of mud walls and palm, thatched roofs.

TREKKING ADVENTURES

On trek, each day offers new and thrilling experiences as the missionary travels along. Clothed or unclothed, old and young, big and small, the natives all come running from far and wide to see these white men who are walking into their villages. Often we were amused to see the little pickaninnies, screaming at the top of their voices, as they went scampering off to their mommies when they saw the white men walking towards them.

Several times we were met by groups of Baptist school boys, who came to

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Heaven Is My Destination!

A Remarkable Study on "What We Know About Heaven" by MR. H. P. DONNER of Cleveland, Ohio, Former Business Manager of Our Publication Society

DURING THE YEARS of my life I have traveled considerably by motor, rail and water. Before entering upon a journey I made it my practice to obtain some knowledge concerning the parts which I expected to visit. I studied maps and guides to learn something of the conditions that would be encountered as well as to determine the route that should be taken. I always aimed to have an intelligent grasp of the experiences that awaited me.

I am now looking forward to a very important journey which I anticipate taking in the near future. Just how soon it will be I do not know, but I think it will be quite soon. I expect to go to heaven shortly!

THE MAP OF HEAVEN

With this thought in mind I have been studying the various routes and have been perusing the maps that give quite a glowing description of that heavenly country. The wealth of information that these guides contain has surprised me greatly. It has been a thrilling experience. My anticipation has been quickened. I have even realized an undercurrent of desire to reach that land. My hope has been confirmed.

Since we find so little time to think or read of heaven in our busy days and since its goodness is so seldom echoed from the modern pulpit, it has occurred to me that I might share my findings with other pilgrims who are moving on to that celestial city.

The Scriptures, indeed, throw much

light on the subject, far more than we think, until we have picked up the thread that runs through their pages. Here are some of the things that I have discovered in my survey.

Far up in the uttermost parts of the north, above the heights of the clouds and above the stars, high above the earth, is heaven, the dwelling place of God, and there is his throne. Heaven was created by God and is of eternal duration. It is a high and holy place. It is immeasurable in size, inhabited by vast multitudes of beings living under a perfect economy. There is his holy temple, and he reigns as Lord of heaven with a great army subject to his impeachable will. It is also called the City of the living God and the Heavenly Jerusalem.

From that resplendent throne he governs the universe, the boundaries of which vastness cannot be explored by the exactest calculations of science. In this mighty universe, in which planets of inconceivable size run their prescribed courses, is our earth known as a speck of creation upon which, however, are focused the penetrating eyes of the eternal Creator who has seen fit to place man upon it and to redeem it from the curse that came through the fall of his creatures when sin marred its beauty and doom fell upon the human race.

From these heights he observes the children of men, his eyes running to and fro throughout the whole earth to succor them whose heart is perfect toward him, and his ears are intent to their cry. His displeasure also frowns

upon such who hinder the progress of truth.

This highest place in the illimitable universe is also called "the third heaven" and this, in turn, has been identified as Paradise by the Son of Man when he received the repentant thief into his Kingdom while both were lifted up from the earth in the hour of crucifixion. The great Apostle Paul, in a later rare experience, recognized that same Paradise into which he was permitted to gaze.

Shortly before Jesus withdrew his bodily presence from the scene of his redemptive ministry, he had a little conversation with his closest friends concerning heaven, and he referred to the place as "the Father's house," reassuring them that in that heavenly country there were many abodes. This is the seat of power and resplendent glory as it shines from God's sapphire throne.

CHRIST'S THRONE

In the course of the ages the greatest event of history was being enacted, which stirred heaven as never before. What had been planned in the councils of God, before the foundations of the world were laid, was now seeing its consummation. The only begotten Son of God was laying aside his royal robes to make this earth of ours his home for a few years by taking on the form of man and assuming the role of Son of man so that this world might become reconciled to the Father.

This was accomplished once for all in the atonement effected on Calvary's

cross. There was shed the blood of this Son of Man and he died. His spirit took its flight to Paradise, which was home to him, and his lifeless body was laid away in the Arimathean's tomb. That body, however, did not see corruption for by the power of the Eternal Spirit he came forth from the sealed tomb in a glorified and spiritual body which reflected his inherent majesty and divine attributes — immortality personified.

This glorious body, in corporal form, transcends all limitations of this terrestrial realm and the Lord is now ready to resume his place in the glory; he's going back to the Father. He gathers his apostles around him on the Mount of Olives. He has had visible intercourse with them during the forty days of mystery. He gives his parting commission and, suddenly, he begins to ascend, contrary to all natural law. As they gaze after him, a cloud receives him out of their sight and ushers him into heaven.

Another momentous day has arrived for the holy inhabitants of that fair land. The portals of heaven swing open to receive the blessed and only Potentate, who is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is now acclaimed by the hosts of heaven as the King of glory and the Lord of hosts. He takes his seat at the right hand of Majesty, his Father's Throne, in the heavenlies far above all principalities and powers: He is, in very deed, Master of the universe, all authority now being vested in him. In this capacity he has furthermore taken over the function of high priest as representatives of the redeemed.

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

The names of God's children are recorded in heaven, there being an enrollment of the church of the first-born. There, now, awaiting the resurrection morning, are the spirits of just men made perfect, together with the apostles and prophets who were faithful unto death. In fact, his saints from all parts of the earth have met in one vast assembly. They are at home with the Lord in a state of blessedness, resting from their labors, beholding his face, and rejoicing in the great glory into which he has entered.

While we have every assurance that many millions of God's saints have entered that far-away home of the blest, we are happy over the exact knowledge of certain few who are in the homeland and whose names are known: **Abel**, second son of our first parents and the first to die, is there. **Enoch**, the man who walked with God in closest intimacy, now resides there. **Noah**, who passed through the deluge and became the head of a new race, is up there. The patriarchs, **Abraham**, **Isaac** and **Jacob** have entered in. **Patient Job**, from the land of Uz, is living in heaven.

Moses, the great law-giver who forsook Pharaoh's court, regarding the reproach of Christ of greater worth, and seeing the rich recompense, now dwells with him, whom he foretold as the coming Messiah-prophet, enjoying great distinction among his fellow-saints. **Samuel**, the first of the prophetic line, and **Daniel**, the Hebrew statesman at the Babylonian and the Persian courts, are both in the glory land. **Elijah**, the prophet who had great power in prayer, riding to heaven in a fiery chariot, without passing through the gates of death, is known to be there, as well as **Lazarus**, the beggar, who was carried to heaven by angels and is now enjoying perpetual bliss.

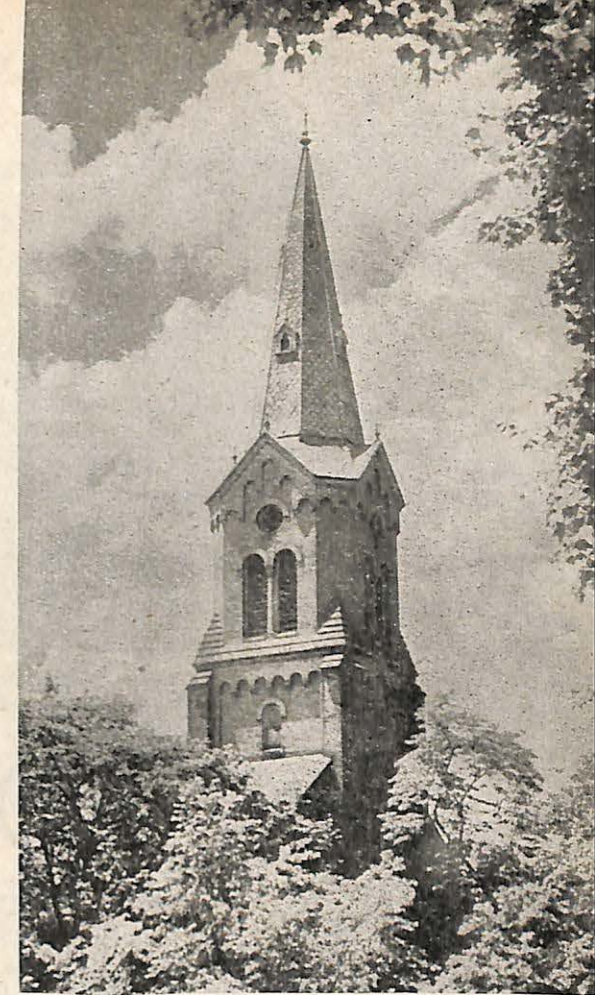
There is also one in Paradise whose name is not a matter of record, who was executed as a malefactor by the side of the expiring Savior, but who in the eleventh hour was saved by grace and entered his eternal home on the same day on which Jesus put in his appearance. Happily, among those few names recorded for our encouragement is that of a woman, namely, **Sarah**, the beautiful wife of Abraham, and who became a mother at the age of ninety. When she was foretold of this happy event by the heavenly messenger, she laughed it down but submitted in faith. She is there.

THE HOME OF THE ANGELS

That vast domain, known to us as heaven, has a very large population of angels, possibly greater than we realize. We know that there are a hundred million of them and thousands upon thousands more. The complete census is not available. At any rate, we are assured that there are innumerable hosts, myriads of them, who are subjects to the rule of him who sits on the right hand of God in the heavenly Jerusalem beholding the face of the Father.

These angels have corporal appearance, created to serve God as his messengers affecting the affairs of our earth. They are a unique type of creation differing greatly from the human family, yet they regard themselves as fellow-servants of Christ's ministers on earth. Their appearance is that of men, not of fair maidens, as erroneously depicted in the field of art. Wings are merely symbols. They possess supernatural powers, having command of laws unknown in the realm of nature.

An important function is to execute divine judgments. They have so served in the past ages and, we know, that at the close of the present one they will be God's executioners, dynamic powers to be wielded in the fierce contests with the forces of evil. A great decisive battle is yet to be fought in heaven, for Satan must be vanquished.



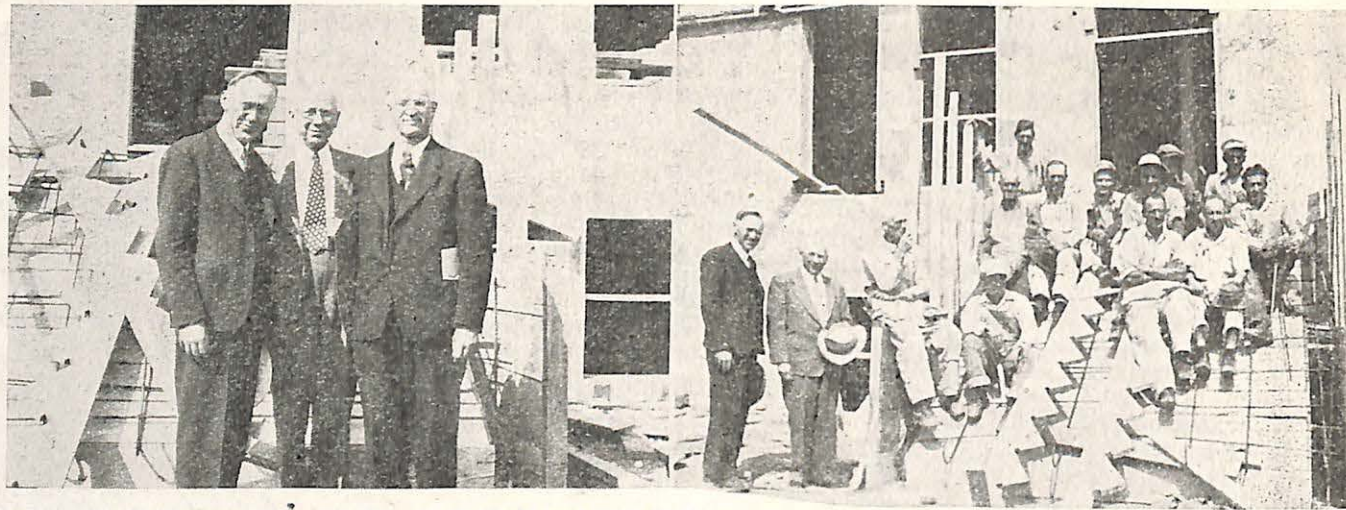
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"Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n."

The archangel at the head of his angelic armies meets the archenemy commanding a great army of evil spirits which will suffer an ignominious defeat. The dragon will be captured and cast down to the earth out of heaven, no longer to accuse the Lord's brethren as he has so assiduously done, even from the day of Job down to the present time. Then will come a time of woe for our planet because of Satan's fierce wrath. He will assemble a vaster army, will conscript the kings and the powerful of the earth in a last stand against the hosts of heaven, composed of the angels led by the Son of Man on his white charger, only to go down in utter destruction. Then the beast and the false prophet, Satan's allies, will be taken and will be cast alive into the lake of fire no more to deceive the world and never more to be released.

After this world crisis one of the powerful angels with the key to the abyss will come down out of heaven, seize the dragon, better known as Satan and the Devil, will shackle him with a great chain and will shut him up in the abyss for a thousand years, sealing it with heavenly seals. After this he will be liberated for a brief time; then he will organize a new rebellion against the God of the universe, only to meet his final collapse.

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Professor O. E. Krueger With the Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. F.W. Benke (Left) Viewing the Construction Work on the New Christian Training Institute Building at Edmonton, Alberta; and Professor Krueger Talking to the Laborers (Right) During Their Lunch and Rest Period

The Professor's Last Trek

Observations of Last Summer's Experiences on a Busy Trek of 12,000 Miles to Our Churches by PROF. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

IT MAY NOT be his final trek — merely the last one up to date! Of course, when a man has passed his "three score and ten," he cannot plan upon taking many long journeys, for he is not too far from the spot from which he departs for his "long home" when "the dust shall return to the earth, as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God, who gave it." That is all in a lifetime, and not to be dreaded when the day comes.

This trek of last summer took the pilgrim, in three stages, over a distance of 12,000 miles crossing or touching twenty states and provinces. In ten weeks he met 76 speaking engagements while visiting seven conferences, associations and assemblies, and having contact with twenty different churches. During that time he slept well in thirty different beds, placed his feet under fifty different tables which were loaded with the good things of the earth and surrounded by kindred spirits, who furnished the finest kind of Kingdom fellowship. "In my Father's house are many mansions" — not only yonder but here also. And there are many tables, too! What a pity that, while we have such an abundance, many of God's children must go hungry.

VISITING 99 PASTORS

The trekker had the rare privilege of meeting 99 of our 329 pastors. What a delight to greet these sons of the Kingdom, among whom there are so many choice souls. These men are not all from our Rochester Seminary. Of our 203 active pastors, 71 received their training in other schools. Let

us not call them "outsiders." Even the better term, "come-inners," places them in a class by themselves.

We are told that a nobleman who intended to marry a girl far below his rank received a rebuke from a friend who said, "You don't even know where she comes from." Said he, "That is true and I do not care where she comes from; I know where she is going." The application is obvious.

Let us frankly admit that our seminary did not produce enough pastors to man our churches. Even with these 71, we are short of ministers. The infusion of all this new blood caused somewhat of a shock to the denomination system, all the more so, since it was not all of our own "type." But wholesome adjustments are being made, or have already been made. Most of these brethren are apparently happy in this new fellowship and seem to think that our churches have a type of spirituality and an evangelistic fervor, which places them on a high level and makes them desirable pastorates. Let it be remembered that these churches, with very few exceptions, were founded and nurtured by Rochester men. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Our fathers had their differences but stood united upon the great Gospel issues. They believed in the virgin birth, the blood atonement, the triumphant resurrection, the victorious return of the Lord. They preached repentance and demanded regeneration as necessary for a spiritual membership. Indeed, some believed in predestination and some in free will; some were premillennial and others were

postmillennial. But they did not allow these differences to divide them. They endeavored to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is a danger of stressing some interpretations to a point of division. Several years ago a good lay-brother tried to convince me at a conference that Hitler would win the second World War, for Daniel had said so very clearly! A wholesome sobriety seems to prevail in our circles today.

OUR DENOMINATIONAL UNITY

How can a group of 270 churches with almost 40,000 members scattered over the whole continent stick together? If we want to stay together, and it seems we do, we must pray together, play (the game) together, and pay together. Our historical background has a great unitive force. We can tell a thrilling story about "The Hand of God in Our Handicaps." Too few know the way in which God called us from "nowhere" to be a people unto his name.

Why not make more of our history? The Publication Society and the Seminary do not have the same binding force which they had years ago. Our missionary task is probably now the strongest tie that binds us together. A small group has naturally more per capita efficiency than a large group. Our per capita giving stands out with a luster of its own. Our fields and our missionaries stand out in the concrete; we know them by name. Great missionary enterprises tend to become a great oblong blur and people lose interest.

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The Cornerstone Is Laid for Edmonton's School

Report of the Impressive Exercises Recently Held at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta by the REV. E. P. WAHL, President

IT WAS another great event in the history of our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, when on Sunday afternoon, August 10th, a crowd of approximately 500 people gathered in front of the new construction to witness and to participate in the special service of the laying of the cornerstone. People from far and near had come out for the occasion.

With a 15 minute prelude by the Wiesental Brass Band, the service was introduced. The Rev. R. Schilke, acting as chairman at the service, then asked the audience to sing the "Doxology." Thereupon the Rev. J. A. Wingblade, a member of the Alberta House of Legislature, led in the opening prayer. The mass choir, composed of choir members of our churches in the vicinity of Edmonton under the leadership of Robert Neske, rendered two selections.

The Honorable E. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta, who was to be present but because of circumstances beyond his control could not attend, sent a fine message of congratulation to the service. Calling attention to the fact that we are in the days of apostasy and materialism, he said that the importance of this work carried on by a Christian Training Institute cannot be over-emphasized. Another sentence in his message read, "It is not exaggeration to say that the future hope of this country is inseparably bound up with the Christian influence exerted by men and women who are grounded in the truth of the sacred Scriptures and whose allegiance is to the true Christian way of life."



The Laying of the Cornerstone of the New Christian Training Institute Building at Edmonton, Alta., With President E. P. Wahl left and the Construction Superintendent, Mr. Gordon Alexander at Right

The Rev. A. Huber, present missionary secretary of the Northern Conference, was the principal speaker for the afternoon. He pointed out that the laying of the cornerstone is a symbol and a reminder of the great cornerstone, Christ Jesus. He called upon all to build on this Rock of Ages which lasts forever. Mr. S. Grimwood brought greetings and congratulations from the Baptist Union of Western Canada.

Inside the cornerstone were placed a copy of the Bible, the Institute year book, greetings and a list of names from the Saskatchewan Tri Union, the names of the present Governing Board, the front pages of Saturday's edition

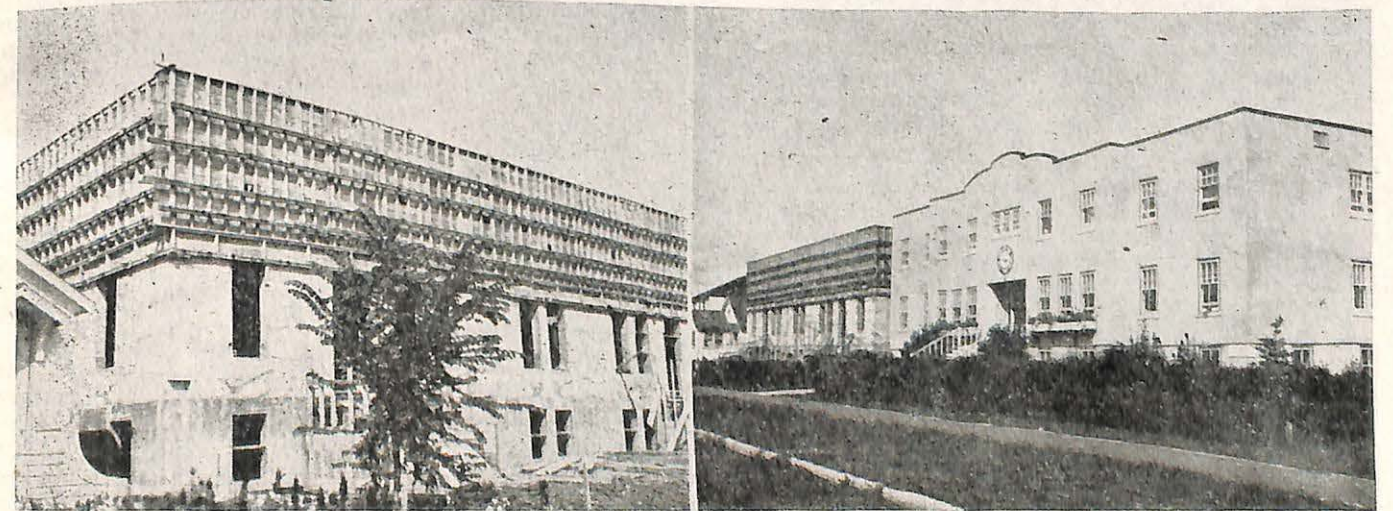
of the Edmonton newspapers and a full copy of the afternoon's program. The Rev. E. P. Wahl handed these articles to the construction superintendent, Mr. Gordon Alexander, who placed them in a box which was given to the construction foreman, Mr. J. Dunlop, who placed the cornerstone.

The Rev. C. H. Seecamp, secretary of the present Governing Board, led the great audience in a special dedicatory prayer. Thereupon the audience sang heartily, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and the meeting came to a close with the benediction pronounced by Rev. G. M. Edwards, pastor of the Strathcona Baptist Church.

It is not an easy matter to do any special building work in these days, but God has given us grace to proceed with the structure, in spite of all difficulties. We beseech our many friends to continue to pray that the erecting of this unit might succeed to the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Editor's Postscript — The new building of the Christian Training Institute is being constructed at an estimated cost of \$70,000. Approval for the building construction was granted by the General Council of the denomination, even though the goal of the Christian Training Institute Project was not altogether reached.

The new school year will open in Edmonton on Monday, November 3rd. A capacity student body of about 100 is anticipated according to the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president. The faculty members will be announced in a later issue. Some impressions of the school and its new building are given by Prof. O. E. Krueger in the article on page eight of this issue.



The New Educational Unit of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta Under Construction (Left); With the Bible School Campus at the Right, Showing the Buildings and Grounds

MISSIONARY WINGS FOR AMERICA

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salute us, and who went singing before us into the village. What a sight to see these naked children come eagerly to see us, and to announce our arrival in their native tongue to all the villagers! We were likewise escorted out of the villages by a host of natives.

Once when we were leaving a village, we were overtaken by two men. One, the father of a three week old child, offered to give me the child for my own since his wife had died at the birth of the child. Although I could not accept the offer, this did not stop me from wondering just how my wife, Alma, would respond if I came bringing home an adopted pick-aninny.

Upon returning to our bush house on a day, we were told that there was a sick child in the village. This is nothing uncommon, since at every turn in this land one sees natives covered with sores, ulcers, lacerations, wounds of every description, and skin disease of every conceivable kind. With much interest we stopped to visit in the home of the sick child. The mother placed the three year old child on the mud floor, but we could see that he was too weak to stand. Across the shoulders and down the arms and legs of the child we viewed white marks on the black skin.

As we looked, we questioned what could have been the cause of such scars upon the body of the small child. The parents unravelled their story of

how they had carried the child to the native doctor with the hopes that he could restore the child to health. They related how the witch doctor had taken a knife and cut the child's body in huge gashes to make the blood flow freely, thinking that this would make the child strong again. This is only one of thousands upon thousands of cases of the terrible suffering that the people of this land endure while bound by the fetters of Satan.

In every direction that one casts his eyes, there is sin and suffering, disease and filth, poverty and ignorance, superstition and evil. Not only does it grieve a missionary to see these things, but we wonder how grieved our Lord must be when he sees how unconcerned so many of the Christians in the rest of the world are about these things. The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are too few.

In the village of Kumbe Balue, I attended my first mission feast, and this, I assure you, was something new in my African mission experience. The choirs of the various churches from miles around came marching and singing their way into the village on Saturday evening. Shortly after dark, they came to salute the missionaries. As we went out to greet them, about all that we could see in the darkness were their shining eyes and their big white teeth. But their songs flowed from their hearts as they sang their

HEAVEN IS MY DESTINATION

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Then will the deceiver of the human race, since the days of Eve, the god of this age, the prince of the powers of the air, the world-ruler of darkness, be sent back to the lake of fire and brimstone prepared for him and his angels where he will join the company of the beast and the false prophet to be tormented, without abatement, throughout the eternal ages. This reveals the great powers of God's angels as they participate in the marvelous plan of the ages.

These glorious beings reflect the majestic glory of the Lord whom they serve, their appearance, at times, being resplendent in their manifestations. They can be seen clothed in dazzling apparel, white as snow, the loins girded with pure gold, their faces as lightning, eyes as flaming torches, with voices as the sound of a multitude.

Among this host are angels of high rank. There is one archangel who seems to be supreme within that sphere. He is known as Michael, and one of the chief princes. The people of Israel have been placed in his cus-

tody. There is another great dignitary whose name is Gabriel whom God has used in delicate situations, such as the announcement of Christ's birth. He is able to impart wisdom concerning God's plans and he possesses great powers. He is known as an angel of the Lord.

There are still other orders in the angel world of very great distinction. We meet the Cherubim at the garden of Eden's entrance, guarding it against the return of our first parents after their expulsion. The mighty angel cast out of heaven, called Lucifer (day star), was known as the anointed cherub whose ejection followed his sin of pride because of his beauty. He was also called the cherub of glory, was possessed of great brilliance and belonged to the very highest order of heaven. Molten cherubim represented the presence of Jehovah in the Tabernacle as well as in Solomon's temple. They were used as symbols in rich embroideries and wood carvings, seemingly being the nearest approach to divine effulgence. They are recognized later in Old and New Testament visions

native Gospel songs far into the night. The following Sunday morning was the beginning of the great mission feast program.

The natives from the various villages gathered under the brush shed. They sat on long benches and listened attentively to the program that lasted for three hours. At the close of the day the feast took place. The cow that had been purchased was transported into the village by carriers. All the parts of the beef were piled out on the grass. The men with their long knives sought to divide the meat. What a sight! They chopped and cut until all the meat was rationed out to the villages that were attending the feast. I could not help but wonder how our friends at home would respond to a mission conference of this type.

Each village to which we walked held some new wonder for me. At times I was thrilled and happy to see the light of Christianity overshadowing the paganism and wickedness here in this land of darkness. At other times my heart was grieved to see the tremendous fields that are lying in want of the Gospel.

After weeks of trekking, we were able to reach only a small fraction of the 52 native churches on our coastal and Balondo field. We returned to Soppo worn and tired, but his promises are ever with us. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

as the four living creatures about the throne of the Lamb, endowed with supernatural powers.

There is another grade of celestial beings, ranking among the highest, namely the Seraphim. We get but one hasty glimpse of them in the vision granted to the prophet Isaiah. There they reverently stand in the holy presence of the Lord, humbly worshipping him. They are ministers of God to his chosen servants dwelling on this earth. They are highly exalted, powerful creatures.

Here we must get a glimpse of another highly distinguished group of celestial beings called elders, twenty-four in number, who sit on thrones with crowns of gold upon their brows surrounding the exalted throne of effulgent glory where the Ancient of days is seated in whose hand lies the destiny of the nations. Before the Scion of David, the Lamb that was slain, they fall in worshipful submission as they cast their crowns at his feet. With harps and golden censers in their hands, they raise their voices in songs of praise, ushering in the reign of the redeemed upon this earth. That is the picture of heaven for me!

Two Enthusiastic Young People's Assemblies

Eight Oregon Churches Represented at the Oregon Young People's Assembly at Arrah Wanna

A group of some 115 young people representing our eight Oregon Baptist churches gathered at Camp Arrah Wanna, near beautiful Mt. Hood, for our 1947 summer assembly from August 11 to 17.

Our faculty was comprised of Rev. Otto Nallinger, Salt Creek Church, Dallas, dean; Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Illinois, teaching "These Glorious Years", the history of our denomination; Rev. G. G. Rauser, Bethel Church, Salem, teaching "Great Bible Characters", pertinent facts about our Biblical heroes; Rev. John Wobig, Trinity Church, Portland, teaching "Courtship", discussing courtship of Christians and problems facing every marriage and home of today; Rev. Virgil Savage, Villa Ridge Church, Portland, teaching "Church Work with Young People", stressing activities of young people in the church and their obligations to church.

Our Intermediate classes were headed by Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer, Immanuel Church, Portland, who had as her assistants the following: Mrs. Charles Walker, Bethany Church, Bethany; Mr. Arroll Roork, Trinity Church, Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Chausse, Villa Ridge Church, Portland.

Our daily schedule included classes and open forum in the morning hours and planned recreation in the afternoon. Included in our afternoon activities were volley-ball tournaments, ping-pong tournaments, horseshoe tournaments, baseball games, swimming and hiking.

Each evening we had some type of games or party, beginning the week with a get-together party, girls having a party for boys, boys having party for girls, the famous "stunt night", and ending with a bonfire and wiener roast beside the lovely Salmon River.

The evening recreation was followed with vesper services, twice having candlelight services, and testimonial meetings. On Sunday the Rev. G. G. Rauser delivered the morning message. His topic was "Why I Am a Christian", a test of self-examination and guidance to all who attended. At 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon Dr. Leuschner delivered the closing message, "The Touch of The Master", imprinting in our minds the great sacrifice which our missionaries in Africa are making in order to bring the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ to that race, and that by the constant prayers and gifts of our people we now have twenty-two missionaries on the field, which once seemed to us impossible.

We had several visitors from the State of Washington, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau of Tacoma, and Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax. Mr. Damrau led one of the open forum periods discussing the church's attitude toward

the minority groups of our land. Many others came over the week-end, among whom was the past president of our denominational young peoples' work, Harold Petke, and his family; Rev. Fred Mueller and family; Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen; and Rev. Leland Friesen and family.

The officers of the Oregon Baptist League who headed the planning for the summer assembly are: James Billeter, president; Delbert Delzer, vice-president; Florence Schmunk, secretary; Ruth Villwock, treasurer; and counsel, Rev. Otto Nallinger.

Florence Schmunk, Secretary.

The First Saskatchewan Tri-Union Assembly at Echo Lake Near Fort Qu'Appelle

After searching for a convenient location, where we as the Saskatchewan Tri Union could hold our assembly, it was decided to rent the Evangelical Camp grounds located on the north side of Echo Lake near Fort Qu'Appelle. This assembly was the first of its kind undertaken by our Tri Union and was held from July 28 to August 3rd. Because of the late season, it was impossible for many young people of the farms to be present, but the number attending was far above our expectations.

The Lord willing we shall seek to have a bigger and better assembly next year. Some buildings have been purchased already as well as some camp sites have been investigated.

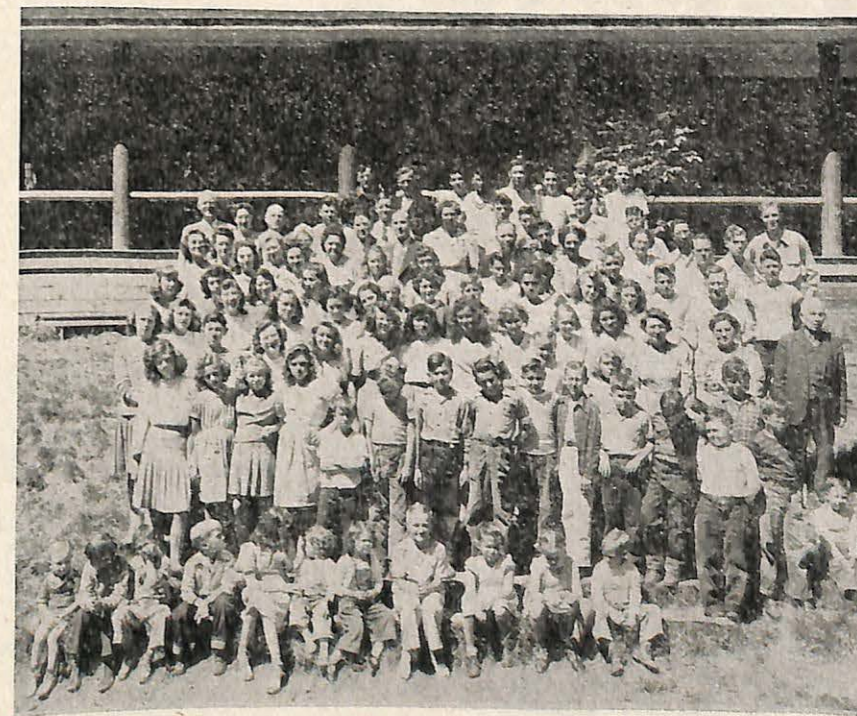
The rising bell at 7 o'clock found everyone sufficiently recuperated once more to enter the activities of the new

day. From 7:30 to 7:50 A. M. all of us listened attentively to the morning devotions led by the pastors. The hour of 9:15 A. M. found us all in classes, under the able teaching of the Rev. E. P. Wahl, the president of Edmonton's C. T. I., and the Rev. Hugo Lueck of Regina. The theme for the first class was "The Kingdom of God." The second period was under the instruction of Mr. Lueck on "The Victorious Life." Then the third hour was under the instruction of Mr. Wahl on "The Second Coming of Christ." The musical part of the program was under the supervision of the choir master, the Rev. R. Kanwischer of Springside.

The afternoons were usually taken up by some sort of recreation. One afternoon we had the pleasure of going to the Sanitorium grounds at Fort San to sing and play hymns to the glory of God. The patients of the San showed their appreciation by requesting more numbers. May the seed sown there also find fruitful soil. The evenings were spent in services which the Lord richly blessed. After the usual meetings everyone gathered for a fire side service conducted by the young people. Testimonies and special numbers were the main items of these services. Thus, the activities of the day came to a close.

To top off all the activities we had the pleasure of baptizing one person on Sunday afternoon. The Tabernacle was well crowded at all the services on Sunday. Meals were provided at the kitchen for a small sum. Mr. Fenske of Regina served as camp supervisor.

John Engel, Reporter.



The Children, Young People and Faculty Members at the Oregon Youth League's Assembly Held at Camp Arrah Wanna as Photographed by Mr. Eric A. Pohl of Portland

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor of the Baptist Church of Wasco, California since 1942, except for a brief leave of absence while he served as an United States Army chaplain, has presented his resignation to the church and announced that he would take up graduate studies in Edinburgh, Scotland leading toward the Ph. D. degree. His residence at the Scottish university will begin this Fall after Nov. 1st.

● The Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Peoria, Ill., has been supplying the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Chatsworth, Illinois since May 25th. He has been kept busy preaching and helping to fix up the church property and parsonage. Chatsworth is about 40 miles from Kankakee, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Zummach have visited there on several occasions. The Immanuel Church of Kankakee was a former charge of his.

● On Sunday, Aug. 17, the Rev. Frederick Alf, pastor of the Streeter and Medina Baptist Churches of North Dakota, baptized an elderly man in the service held at Medina, No. Dak., and received him and five others by testimony and letter at the communion service. A new choir of 19 members was recently organized. A building fund has been started for the rebuilding of the church. Mr. Alf wrote that "the enthusiasm of the young people in the Medina Church is certainly an encouragement for the pastor."

● Dr. M. A. Darroch, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey, recently resigned. On March 25 he had suffered a heart attack and had been under doctor's orders since that time. It was hoped that his recovery might enable him to continue both as pastor of the church and as home director for North America of the Sudan Interior Mission, but this did not prove to be possible. His continued relationship with the Sudan Interior Mission is not definitely known at the time of "The Herald's" going to press.

● The Rev. Alfred R. Weisser, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., has completely recovered from two operations which were performed in May and June. His many friends, who have prayed for him and who were concerned about the outcome of the operations, will be delighted by this good news. At the

MR. ERIC A. POHL, Photographer

The front cover picture shows majestic Mt. Hood of Oregon, framed by stately Douglas fir trees with colorful Frog Lake in the foreground. It was taken by Mr. Eric A. Pohl of Portland, Oregon, who as a professional photographer runs the Camera Art Studio at 4706 N.E. Glisan, Portland 13, Oregon. He is a member of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland. Mr. Pohl also took the picture of the Oregon young people's group at Camp Arrah Wanna that appears in this issue. Several of his fine pictures will appear in the 1948 ANNUAL.

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sessions of the Atlantic Conference held in the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., from Sept. 10-14, Mr. Weisser expressed his gratitude for the many remembrances received during his illness.

● On Sunday, Aug. 31, the Rev. Victor H. Prendinger of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Michigan had the joy of baptizing five converts. The service was held on the shores of picturesque Pratts Lake in Gladwin after the Sunday School period in the church. The baptismal sermon was brought by the Rev. L. Wegner of Wausau, Wis., who also preached the sermon in the evening service. Afterwards one person came forward and was led to Christ as Savior. Many friends from Detroit and elsewhere were in attendance at these fine services over the Labor Day weekend.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has purchased a parsonage in the neighborhood of the site of the new church. It is a corner house with six rooms in a new building project of the community. The Rev. and Mrs. H. Palfenier and family hoped to move into the parsonage about Oct. 1st. The address is 254 Higby St., Philadelphia 20, Pa. The Pilgrim Church is progressing with its plans for the new church building which will cost about \$100,000. A cash total of \$65,000 is available or assured, including the sale of the old church property. Further building plans will be announced as they develop.

For News Concerning the Illness of the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Business Manager of the Publication Society, See "Editorial Page" of This Issue.

● The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, was able to visit the following countries on his recent trip to Europe: England, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. In all of these countries he made contacts with Baptist leaders and held important conferences regarding our mission fields. He returned to the United States on the "S.S. American Veteran" on Aug. 31st. He spoke about his experiences at the prayer meeting of the Forest Park Baptist Church on Sept. 3rd, at the Woman's Mission Guild of the same church on Sept. 11, and at the First Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 10.

● The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas held a Training Union Study Course from July 9 to 13. The following served as teachers: Prof. Dwyer, teacher of Bible at Baylor University, "New Testament Studies," for adults; Alvin Wetter, Rochester Seminary student, "The Eternal King," for the young people; Rev. Roy Seibel taught the Juniors in "Trailmakers in Other Lands," and "The Story Hour" was taught by Mrs. Herbert Schneider. The average attendance was 48 persons. The general director, Mr. Llewellyn Lippert, arranged for special musical numbers between class periods and refreshments were served.

● The Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia has engaged the services of Mr. Davis S. Phelps as director of religious education and minister of music. He is a graduate of the Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia of the class of 1937 and served for several years as minister of music of the Cedar-park Presbyterian Church near Philadelphia. He preached for the pastor, the Rev. J. F. Crouthamel, during the latter's summer vacation. On Sunday morning, Sept. 14, the guest preacher was the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, a former pastor of the church, who also conducted an impressive service of dedication for Jeannie Crouthamel, the daughter of the pastor and his wife of the church.

● On Friday, Sept. 12, the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., opened its doors for another school year with registration and the formal exercises and reception held in the chapel on that same evening. The address was delivered by Prof. Albert Bretschneider. Ten new students

have been accepted, making the student body about 60 for the year. The two new teachers, Professors Thorwald W. Bender and R. P. Jeschke, have begun their ministry very effectively. A reception for the new students and professors was also held by the Andrews St. Church and its pastor, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, on Sunday evening, September 14.

● The B. Y. P. U. of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan celebrated its anniversary program on Sunday, Aug. 10, at which Mr. Arthur Thom, Director of Special Activities at the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, spoke on "The Abundant Life." Mr. and Mrs. Thom both rendered inspiring musical numbers. Mr. Adolph Braun, a member of the Rochester Seminary quartet, spent two weeks with the church before returning to the seminary for his second year of study. He had the privilege of taking his brother, Bert, with him to begin his first year of studies at Rochester. In September Miss Virginia Schmidt of the church left for the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois for her second year of study.

● A Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., from July 28 to August 8. Eighteen children attended. The school was under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Singer, who is a student in the Philadelphia School of the Bible. Miss Anne Swain, director of Scripture memory work in the Dakota Conference, assisted Mrs. Singer. The Bible became more real to the children through the extensive use of flannelgraph messages. In the daily devotion services, led by Miss Swain, several of the children were led to make decisions for Christ. A fine demonstration program brought this school to a fitting conclusion.

Donation Day and Annual Board Meeting of Portland's Home for the Aged

The annual Donation Day (Gabetag) of the Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon will be held at the Home on Thursday, October 16. All gifts, whether in cash or goods, should be addressed to the Baptist Home for the Aged, 823 N.E. 82nd Avenue, Portland 16, Oregon, on or before that date. A program will be held in the evening and refreshments will be served.

The fiscal year of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland, Oregon closes on October 31, 1947. All membership dues must be submitted by that date.

The annual meeting of the Portland Home for the Aged will be held on Monday evening, November 17, at 8 P. M., at which time the annual reports will be rendered and seven directors will be elected.

Melvin Becker, Secretary.

Beside the Still Waters

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

IN his immortal hymn of love, the Apostle Paul brings one of the greatest chapters in the New Testament to a climax by saying: "But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: and the greatest of these is love" (I Cor. 3:13). What a trinity of Christian graces!

The first one is faith. The structure of human society would crumble to pieces without faith in one another. The keystone in the arch of private and public life is faith or trust. Most people go through life without realizing how they exercise an everyday faith toward their fellowmen.

But much more essential than this human faith is the Christian faith. It gives us the key to the riddle of the universe. Without a religious faith it would be impossible to please God, to appreciate the Bible, to receive Christ's forgiveness, to become partakers of God's choicest blessings and to live a life of Christian virtues.

It is important to note that Paul puts this grace first. It is the root from which all other graces blossom forth. When faith in God goes, everything else worthwhile goes with it.

The second grace is hope. Why did Paul place hope second? Faith deals more with the present, hope more with the future. Hope is a desire of some good, with an expectation of obtaining it. Without hope there would be no endeavor. The Bible is the only

book of hope, and the Gospel is the only message of hope. As believers in a risen Christ we have a living hope. Faith is the upward look; hope is the forward look.

Paul reserved the best till last. "But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: and the greatest of these is love." There is one prominent word that occurs nine times in the 13th chapter of First Corinthians. It is LOVE, not a sensual or a selfish but a divine love. It is love of the highest quality. Jesus said that the essence of the law and the prophets was love toward God and man. One thing above all others Christ demanded of his apostles before his crucifixion. It was love (John 13:34-35).

Whereas faith and hope concentrate more or less on self, love concentrates on others. As one examines the various virtues that Paul enumerates, one is impressed by one great truth. They all bear the stamp of unselfishness or Christ-likeness. When "Christ" in place of the word, "love," in I Cor. 13:4-7 and see how beautifully and perfectly Christ fits into the picture.

These three graces — faith, hope, love — are imperishable and immortal. Henry Drummond tells of a man who read Paul's chapter on love once a week for three months and it changed his whole life. Why not follow his example?

Pointed Paragraphs

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

¶ What we must control is not the atomic bomb, not the scientists who make it, but the ability to make war; or all our pious gestures are empty words. In short, we must as a world control ourselves. — Sen. Millard Tydings (D.-Md.). —"Pathfinder."

¶ Recently we asked an evangelist and Bible teacher about a certain revival in a specific locality. The question was: "How wide and extensive was the revival?" The answer given was: "The revival was as wide and extensive as the unity of the Christians." —"Missionary Broadcaster."

¶ The American Bible Society announced here that it distributed 11,394,200 Scriptures during 1946 in more than 40 countries, including nearly 4,000,000 volumes in the United States. A total of 105,500 Testaments and

Gospels were sent to Patriarch Alexei of the Russian Orthodox Church, 3,000,000 Scriptures to Latin American countries, and several hundred thousand to refugees and German POWs in various parts of Europe.

—"Protestant Voice."

¶ In the days, when Mr. Barnum was in the height of his glory as a showman, one day he left his animals in their winter quarters in Bridgeport and went to Chicago. While he was absent, one of the leopards got loose and caused a lot of trouble. The keeper of the animals, an Englishman, at once telegraphed to Mr. Barnum, "The leopard is out, what shall I do?" The answer came back, "Shoot him on the spot." The perplexed Englishman telegraphed back, "Which spot?"

—"Watchman-Examiner."

CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



SYNOPSIS

Joseph and Raanah, two slaves in the caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen, became attached as servants of Potiphar's household. Joseph was unjustly accused and was sent to prison. Raanah rose rapidly in fame until he became a charioteer in Pharaoh's Basilisk Guard. Even his sweetheart, Bashia, was taken by Asenath, the princess, into the palace. It was currently reported that Joseph and Asenath had become good friends. One day Raanah brought the exciting news of Joseph's release from prison. He told the girls how Pharaoh, troubled by dreams, asked him to bring this Hebrew to the palace. The faces of the girls were intent, as Raanah continued with his graphic story.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

"I got out of the palace as fast as I could, and we drove to the prison like mad. Whips cracked so loudly, the horses imagined that thunderbolts were after them. The men in my troop thought I had gone mad. They did not even know where we were going, and no doubt hoped that I would break my neck before I broke theirs."

Raanah was rising to the demands of his sympathetic audience. Asenath dried her tears and stared round-eyed at him. Bashia's saucy face for once was seriously intent.

"On we dashed into the prison yard, picked up Joseph and raced back to the place in such frenzy that the horses were likely to tear themselves from their harness and leave the chariots behind. But, for all such haste, Pharaoh was stewing because we had not come fast enough.

"But when he saw Joseph, arrayed as a respectable man instead of a

pauper, self-possessed and confident, he put aside his brusque manner and said courteously, almost humbly, "I have been told that you understand dreams. I have had distressing visions lately, and none of my wise men can interpret them. Can you translate them for me?"

"Joseph answered, 'It is not in me, O Mighty King, but my God will give Pharaoh an answer through me. Pray, tell me your dreams.'

"Then Pharaoh said, 'In a dream I stood beside the River, and seven, fat-fleshed kine came out of it and fed in a meadow. Then seven other kine came out of it, but these were ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I have never seen before in all Egypt. And the lean kine ate up all the fat kine, yet they were still as lean as before. Then I awoke.

"But I fell asleep and dreamed again,' Pharaoh said. 'And this time, I saw seven ears of corn come out of one stalk, full and good. Then seven other ears, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprang up after them. The thin ears devoured the seven good ears.'

As Raanah spoke, the girls listened with rapt attention. Asenath's face was radiant.

Raanah went on. "As Pharaoh finished, all eyes were turned on Jo-

seph. Then I began to quake. Could Joseph interpret those dreams to Pharaoh's satisfaction? Never did a minute seem more like a century. Apparently, Joseph was turning over the matter in his mind. His eyes were fixed on the floor. As I watched him, I scarcely dared to breathe. Finally, he looked up at Pharaoh and spoke so confidently that my fears were instantly allayed. And never have I seen Joseph's face shine with such peculiar light. It seemed as if he had just listened to something that God proclaimed.

"O Mighty Pharaoh,' he said, 'your two dreams are really one, and in them God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. Both the seven fat and lean kine; and seven ears of corn, full and thin, relate to years. There will first come seven years of plenty throughout Egypt. Then will come seven years of famine, which will be very grievous. Because Pharaoh's dream was doubled, the thing will shortly come to pass.'

"Then Pharaoh wrung his hands and wailed. The sages whispered among themselves. Some nodded; others shook their heads. Nebajoth stared at Joseph with cold, disbelieving eyes. Pharaoh's wails grew louder, and Joseph put out his hand and said, 'Wait — hold your laments! I can tell you what to do about it.'

"Pharaoh hushed, and all those assembled turned toward Joseph. The musicians were summoned to break Pharaoh's hysterical spell, and they stood transfixed in the doorway. Jo-

seph stood before the eyes of all, unabashed. He carried an air that spread confidence throughout the chamber.

"The matter is simple,' Joseph said, 'let Pharaoh appoint a man who is discreet and loyal and set him over all the land to take up one-fifth of the harvest during the seven good years and lay it up against the seven years of famine. With corn and other foods in storage, the people will not walk in fear.'

"Ah," Asenath murmured, her eyes misting again, "how wise of Joseph, not only to tell Pharaoh what his dreams portend, but also what to do about the matter."

"But listen yet!" Raanah insisted. "The best is to come. What Joseph said seemed good to Pharaoh. Even the magicians nodded agreeably. Once they were told what to do, the thing seemed logical, though they could not have worked it out themselves.

"Pharaoh immediately shed his fears, and said to the others, 'Could we find such an one as this is?' They shook their heads, and Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'For as much as God has shown you all this, you shall be over my house, and according to your word shall my people be ruled. Only on the throne shall I be greater than you.'

Raanah paused impressively. Asenath dissolved into quiet tears, "I think," Bashia said, "that Joseph has been well rewarded for his steadfast faith."

Raanah continued. "And right there, Pharaoh took off his ring and put it on Joseph's finger and called to his servants to bring fine raiment. And he had Joseph dressed in it. And Pharaoh put a gold chain around Joseph's neck, and said, 'You shall ride in the second chariot, just behind me.'

"Joseph accepted such honors with easy grace and thanked Pharaoh with a gentle smile. Arrayed in the fine clothes, he looked like a prince born to the purple."

Asenath plucked nervously at the hem of her kerchief. Bashia sank on a hassock beside Raanah. He drew her up close, so that her head rested against him.

"But there is more," Raanah said, "and you will laugh when you hear it. Pharaoh has honored Joseph with a new name."

"What is it?" both Asenath and nah declared. "Zaph — wait — I'll Bashia asked at once.

"It is almost too long to say," Raanah said. "Zaph-nath-paa-neah. Is it any wonder the Egyptians have such thin high voices?"

"Oh, I know why Pharaoh gave it to him," Asenath cried. "It means, 'revealer of secrets.' How fine! But I shall always call him Joseph."

"Methinks you had better," Raanah chuckled. "It would never do for a

wife to call her husband by such a long name. And it is doubtful if he would answer to it.

"But all is not told yet. I declare, I had almost forgotten." He cast a waggish glance at Asenath. "Pharaoh asked Joseph to name his wishes. And what do you think he asked for? He said that he wished to have Asenath for a bride."

"Now that," Bashia chided, "should have been left for Joseph to tell her himself."

"It surely should," Raanah admitted contritely. "It was thoughtless of me, and I humbly beg Lady Asenath's pardon."

"But it makes me very happy to know it," she blushed. "And now, please excuse me."

They both stood as she left the room, then Raanah drew Bashia to him and looked fondly on her lovely, piquant face, his own face clouding. "Although I had good news for Asenath, I have bad news for us."

Bashia was startled. "What can it be?" She was a bit afraid of the amorous gleam in this young man's eyes, but not for worlds would she let him know it. He was so vigorous and intensely alive that her heart quickened at his touch, but that also was not for him to know.

"Pharaoh will not consent to our marriage until after the Festival. He is as stubborn as can be."

"Ah, now I know why you went to the palace." She looked at his severely. "All along I felt suspicious of your being there." She tried to struggle from his grasp, but his steely fingers held her. "Methinks it would have been better," she pouted, "to have asked the maid before you petitioned the king."

"I was angry and jealous when I saw you with Hadar," he confessed. "Surely, you would not have me snub him? I am no nicer to him than any lady should be."

"I am afraid you are, my love, and as I have first claim on you, it would be better to snub him than me. Bashia, you are a heartless little minx," he accused, his face clouding. "Why do you take such relish in tormenting me?"

"I do not," she denied hotly, "but you must not take me for granted. Besides, I have observed things in you that I do not like." She choked, and there was a desperate note in her voice that he had never heard before.

"I am disappointed in you. I fell in love with a charming, trusting youth. He turned into a stern, implacable man." She could feel the tension in his body and knew that he was moved. "What would you have me do?"

"Believe me, Raanah, it is not Pharaoh who is holding us apart, but something in you." He could feel her shoulders shake and knew that she

was crying. "Oh," she clutched him tightly and strove no longer to hide her tears, "unless I can see more evidence of your believing in God, I am afraid for you; you are so impulsive and reckless."

"There — there!" he soothed, touched by her solicitude. He had never guessed that she felt so strongly about his apparent lack of faith, and he wished with all his heart that God would forgive him and restore in him that trusting heart he once seemed to have.

As he drove home with the night falling, he looked up at the bright pattern of the heavens. Bashia was right. Something was wrong with him.

The Noph-Kihor Festival commemorated another hundred years of reign by the Hyksos Pharaohs, and several days of free entertainment were planned.

For such an occasion more room was needed than the old amphitheater afforded; and months before, a fine wide race course had been marked off near Lotan Grove, and Pharaoh set an army of slaves to work on it.

When the course was finished, Raanah and the young officers who drove for Pharaoh trained there, especially for the topping races, and many of the betting gentry were drawn to the Grove daily to watch the workout, for topping was so new it excited much interest. There was still much activity on the grounds. Sheds for horses, huts for attendants, supply houses, benches, and stalls around the amphitheater were being built, and workmen swarmed over the place.

For some time, Egiba and Ismedagan had found their easy life rather monotonous. They had always been active men; and now, well-faced and heartened after their spell of bad luck, they longed to stir about again. So one day they swallowed their fears with hard gulps, and rode with Raanah out to Lotan Grove. They liked the swift ride, if only they could be sure they were safe; but sometimes, as they knew from experience, there was no telling how such a ride might end.

Once in the chariot, they kept up a running stream of witticism to still their fears. When they reached the Grove and saw its vast extent, its activity, and the many sporting men gathered beside the course, their eyes darted telegraphic messages to each other. These old men had a canny business sense, and were impressed by the lucrative opportunities that seemed to go abegging at the Grove. When Raanah let them out alongside the course, they held a whispered conference. During the afternoon they strolled about the grounds, prying into everything, and when Raanah picked them up to take them home, they exhibited such bubbling excitement that he grew suspicious.

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**AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST
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Conference	Aug. 1947	Aug. 1946
Atlantic	\$ 1,093.88	\$ 782.51
Eastern	655.75	1,939.63
Central	2,541.98	2,616.31
Northwestern	1,675.24	2,953.84
Southwestern	1,805.60	2,201.61
Southern	711.96	805.16
Pacific	4,951.31	3,885.09
Northern	925.34	1,683.37
Dakota	5,203.86	2,842.34
Totals	\$19,564.92	\$19,709.86

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

August 1 to August 31, 1947	\$17,335.34
Average Monthly Total Required	\$41,666.67

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1947 to August 31, 1947	\$115,698.48
April 1, 1946 to August 31, 1946	\$110,550.27

And rightly so. They had already made their plans, and during dinner at a propitious moment, talked him into loaning them enough money to build a refreshment booth beside the gate of the course, stock it, and buy three donkeys for the transportation of themselves and running supplies.

Their instinct proved good, and right from the start they did a brisk business vending dry wines, goat's milk, cheeses, fig cakes, and small barley loaves. Since Raanah was so well-known and respected, under his patronage they responsibly held bets for any who desired to place money with them.

Other vendors edged in on their ideas, but the late comers lacked the gilt-edged backing of the pioneers, and the two Ishmaelites held the prize location. They soon repaid the loan to Raanah with much self-congratulation; and one evening he found them clumsily sewing extensions on their pockets. After years of penury and bad luck, they were again successful merchants, and their spirits soared as their pockets bulged.

"Success in life," Isme-Dagan declared, while his short, thick fingers fumbled with the cloth and needle, "depends on whom you tie up to. Whatever a man's talents, he should select his friends with care. Look at Joseph and Raanah! The minute Potiphar bought Joseph, their fortunes were secured, though Raanah had a joust with his god and had to get rid of her, and Joseph had a stagnant period.

"And look at us! Now we have always had a first-rate business sense, but it did not help us any with Ishtar around." He held his needle suspended, for he could not work and talk at the same time. "Even with all the opportunities around us, without Raanah's help, we —"

"— would still be tied to the tail of a donkey," Egiba chuckled as he took the words from his friend's mouth, "and

be swished around on every fly that bit it. It is far more comfortable to ride the creature. But I agree that a man does better when he has generous friends. It will not be long now before these pockets will be so full we shall have to get a strong box to hold our money."

They grinned at Raanah, who watched them with an indulgent smile.

Several weeks before the Festival visitors began to arrive, and day by day they poured into Memphis in increasing numbers. For the first time in many war-torn years the world was at peace; and months before, Pharaoh had sent heralds to the cities of other lands, crying his invitations to this celebration. Now visitors came from Syria, Canaan, Libya, Tunis, and Punon. Some sailed across the Great Sea from Phoenicia and the Caprus Isles; others came by boat from as far away as the sixth cataract of the sacred River.

Some were adventurers in light mail; others were clad only in skins, or a loin cloth. Many wealthy landholders traveled luxuriously in the howdahs of camels; the less affluent braved the sun and rocked incessantly to the pattering gait of small donkeys.

Each man brought along his god, for none dared travel without divine help. Excitement seethed, and Memphis took on a holiday air. Tents of the visitors sprang up all around Lotan Grove.

A huge tent, with a golden dome and brilliantly decorated sides, was erected for Pharaoh near the course. It was surrounded by smaller tents for the officers of Pharaoh's army, who had to supervise vigilant watch on the grounds.

Whenever Pharaoh rode out to the Grove, a troop of Basilisk guardsmen, with Raanah at their head, acted as escort. They made a showy parade, which the crowds lined up on the streets to see, for every strapping man

of the Guard had been picked by the captain himself, and every horse possessed fire and speed. The crowds soon came to know the young captain, and hailed him as they did the wizened Pharaoh.

Those were strenuous days for Raanah, and although it was the kind of life he loved, often he was very tired by night. One evening, as he drove into his yard somewhat late for dinner, Hermas ran out waving a saucepan. The cook's round face was pink with indignation and his washed-out blue eyes gleamed like two small fires. He had never become reconciled to having Egiba and Isme-Dagan settle on them, though they had tried in many simple ways to court his favor. That evening he was exasperated to the jibbering point. He shook his saucepan at the house as if it were his fist.

"There are six of them now, sir," he wailed: "Six! Some outraged city must have turned them loose, and they have all descended on us. Every one of them is brazen enough to chase you of your house. Already they have taken over most of it for themselves."

"Really, Hermas," Raanah's eyes twinkled, "you must speak more clearly if you expect me to understand you. Has the hound pupped in your pantry? Or did the grapeman deliver a centipede with the fruit?"

"I said there are six of them now, sir," Hermas looked offended. "But see for yourself! I hope your anger will spill over with their impudence, and you will kick them all out."

Trying to pry facts out Hermas was the hard way to get them, and with his curiosity whetted Raanah strode into the house.

And he found six, just as Hermas had said, seated at his dining table, with Egiba and Isme-Dagan doing the honors with affable and generous hospitality.

"Here comes the captain!" Egiba jumped up to greet Raanah, and there was a flutter as the men at the table as the men at the table put down their eatables and arose. The four newcomers were deep-throated, coarse-featured, elderly men with thin, grayish beards and short, pouchy frames. Years of exposure to the sun and wind had stained their faces a rich coffee color, but they were neatly if simply clothed.

"Some old friends have honored us," Egiba explained, his face scrouged into a smile and radiating pleasure. "Perhaps you do not recognize them? 'Tis years since we have seen them, but I hope their names have not escaped your memory — Asaph, Dungi, Kedar, and Kihai-Del."

As his name was spoken each man bowed stiffly, looking embarrassed, as if uncertain of his welcome.

(To Be Continued)

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

The 67th Session of the Southwestern Conference at the Strassburg Church of Kansas

The Southwestern Conference sessions were held at the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, of which Rev. Arthur Schulz is pastor. The days of July 30 to August 3, were days which will long be remembered for the Lord blessed us with wonderful messages. A total of 78 delegates and many visitors presented themselves at these sessions. The men who represented our general work were Dr. George Lang, president of our Seminary; Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager of our Publication Society; and Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer, missionaries from our own Spanish-American Mission of Colorado.

The opening message was brought by Rev. J. R. Kruegel of the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas, and after listening to this message our hearts were prepared for the following days. The first morning devotion was brought by Rev. Frank Armbruster of Shattuck, Okla., after which we had our elections and business transactions. Our mission report by Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas brought out the fact that we have progressed in our work. Other brethren who brought devotions were Rev. R. Stabbert on Thursday afternoon, Rev. A. Stackhouse on Friday morning, and Rev. J. J. Abel on Saturday morning.

The different messages were brought as follows: report of our Seminary by Dr. G. Lang, "Importuning Prayer" by Rev. W. H. Klempel; "Relation of the Confession of Sin to a Church Awakening" by Rev. J. W. Blackburn; denominational report by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner; "The Relation of Literature to Evangelism" by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, "Enlisting Youth in Our Churches" by Rev. Theo. W. Dons; doctrinal message on "The Virgin Birth" by Rev. Fred Ferris.

On Friday afternoon the program was in the hands of the Woman's Missionary Society of the conference. On Saturday morning we had again the privilege to listen to the following messages: "Methods of Evangelism" by Dr. Lang, and the report of our Spanish-American Mission by Rev. J. J. Reimer. The evening messages were brought by Dr. George Lang on Thursday evening and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner on Friday evening. Dr. George Lang also brought the Sunday morning as well as the Sunday evening message.

The young people of the Strassburg Church rendered a beautiful service in the form of a well planned banquet on Saturday evening.

John Heer, Reporter.

Many Awards and New Goals at the Sessions of the Southwestern Y.P. and S.S. Workers' U.

The Southwestern Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union convened with the Strassburg Baptist Church at Marion, Kansas on August 2nd and 3rd. The business meeting was held Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Dale Geis; vice-president, Edith DeWerff; secretary, Letha Hildebrand; treasurer, Roger Meyer; promotional secretary, Ruth Skibbie; "Challenger" Editor, Rev. Aaron A. Stackhouse; awards committee, Rev. Ronald B. Stabbert.

The Sunday School awards were received by the following churches: Vesper, Kansas; LaSalle, Colorado; Dillon, Kansas; Gotebo, Oklahoma; Ingersoll, Oklahoma; Strassburg Church, Kansas; Okeene, Oklahoma; Ellinwood, Kansas; Creston, Nebraska; Gotebo, Oklahoma; Vesper, Kansas.

The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Excellence Banners were received by the Bethel Baptist Church at Ingersoll, Oklahoma. LaSalle, Colorado received the Mileage Banner.

The financial goal for the following year was set at \$2500. Two thousand dollars of this will be used for the Spanish-American Mission in the San Luis Valley, Colorado.

Letha Hildebrand, Secretary.

Vacation School, Young People's Course and Dedication of Parsonage at Ingersoll, Okla.

From July 21 to 27 the Ingersoll Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., held a Vacation Bible School. Children of pre-school age and up to 14 years attended. There were twenty-nine.

The Rev. John Heer also conducted a course in Bible Doctrines in the evenings for the young people of 14 years of age and older in two hour sessions for a week. Then on Sunday night the Vacation School presented its regular program and the handwork which the pupils had done.

The remodeling of our parsonage is now completed. It was a big undertaking financially and a lot of work for the men of our church, especially for those able brethren who composed the leadership. With untiring devotion to the cause they kept at the work.

And were we happy when on Sunday, July 20, it could be dedicated! To our very great pleasure the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois came for this occasion and delivered the dedicatory sermon, which was a blessing to all who attended. We have a fine parsonage now with modern conveniences and hardwood floors and eight rooms. This should be a good home for our minister and family.

Herbert A. Meyer, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Delightful Fellowship at the Pacific Conference Sessions Held at Anaheim, California

From June 18 to 22 we of the Pacific Conference met with the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California for our annual meeting. The theme selected for our mutual edification was "Triumphs of Faith" which proved to be a timely and appropriate topic. In addition to our own pastors who spoke, we were particularly blessed through the consecrated ministry of Professor O. E. Krueger. Mr. Harold W. Gieseke of Trenton, Illinois, was also present, bringing the message on Sunday afternoon to the young people.

There were approximately 90 delegates present. The officers of the past year are serving us again this year: P. G. Neumann, moderator; G. G. Rauser, vice-moderator; E. Mittelstedt, secretary; and C. Schoenleber, statistical secretary. We changed our constitution to extend the "Jerusalem" area of our churches to include the entire communities; to provide for greater circulation in the leadership of our conference sessions; and to provide for equal representation from each of our three associations for our Mission Committee, allowing only one of the two representatives from each Association to retire from office in any one year.

Sincere Christian friendliness was experienced every moment of every day. It was expressed by the people who so willingly took us into their homes and served us so extravagantly and also around the tables in the church parlor; by the climate which at all times was so characteristically refreshing; and by the orange orchards.

The Anaheim church is called the "Singing Church," and rightly so. The exceptional music rendered by the choir and orchestra under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Howard Greene, the men's chorus led by the pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann, and the congregational singing led by Mr. L. Dargatz were an inspiration to us all.

The general condition of our churches seemed to be good. There are now three mission churches which have recently been established and others are being contemplated. With a total of 5116 church members, there are 4401 church school pupils. Included in the over-all increase of 359 in this year's total membership over last year's are 205 baptisms. Our total missionary offering directed through our denominational treasury the past year amounted to \$108,917.65 or \$23.37 per individual member.

Leland H. Friesen, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Quality Was Stressed at the Baptist Vacation Bible School of Watertown, Wisconsin

It was necessary for us of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin to have our Bible School in the latter part of the summer this year. We decided upon August 4 to 14, little knowing that these would be extremely hot days. We again held our school on afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00 o'clock. In previous years we had more pupils than we were able to handle and consequently we endeavored to stress quality instead of quantity this year.

We were successful in reaching greater accomplishment per pupil as was evidenced in the fine demonstration program held on the closing evening. The twenty-three pupils enrolled attended class daily. Much knowledge was accumulated and many Bible passages were memorized.

The success of the school was due to the splendid co-operation and work of the teachers. The following served on the staff of teachers: Mrs. Harold Schroeder, Mrs. Walter Stalker, Mrs. Victor Anderson, Mrs. Glenn Sutton, Mrs. Buford Luedtke, Mrs. Paul Chase, Mrs. David Goetsch, Mrs. L. J. Lange and Mrs. R. Woyke. The pastor served as superintendent and also assisted in the teaching of the intermediates. Miss Margaret Chase also helped the last two days of the school.

Rudolph Woyke, Pastor.

New Constitution Adopted and New Pastor Wanted by Minnesota's Minnetrista Baptist Church

The Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota, one of the "Elders" among churches in our denomination, extends its greetings to its sister churches throughout the General Conference. The Lord has seen fit in his infinite mercy to guide and direct the members so that a healthy interest in his work is manifested in all activities of the church.

The history of the church, which is closely associated with the history of the State of Minnesota since its territorial days, has been enriched lately by a "Charter Oak" experience. As happened in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in pioneer days, so in the Minnetrista Church, the constitution which had served it for many years mysteriously disappeared. After careful deliberation and much study a new constitution was formally adopted on August 4, 1947.

Since July 27, 1947 the church is without a pastor. Efforts are now being expended to secure one.

Located on the shores of beautiful Lake Minnetonka, 25 miles from the Loop in Minneapolis, the church offers many advantages to a pastor. In addition to the beautiful church building; the comfortable, modern parsonage; and the cultural and educational values of the metropolitan Twin Cities area, the church is located on direct air, highway, and railroad lines to Sioux

Falls, South Dakota, the future home of our Seminary.

The principles of Christian faith as laid down in the New Testament form the policy of the Minnetrista Church.

The church is prayerfully searching for a pastor who will expound unsearchable riches in Christ Jesus so that men may be saved from their sins, and that the Kingdom of God may be advanced.

R. B. Heinemann, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference Young People's and Workers' Union Meetings Held at Elgin, Iowa

The annual meeting of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Northwestern Conference was held at Elgin, Iowa on August 16 and 17.

Approximately 275 guests attended the Saturday evening banquet which was held in the beautifully decorated high school gymnasium. Karl Krueger, president, acted as toastmaster and presided over the business meeting which followed the banquet. Harry Johnson of Elgin led the group singing, and musical numbers were presented by members of the Elgin society and by Hilmore Cedarholm of Waterloo, Iowa, who played his musical glasses. Mr. Cedarholm was also the speaker of the evening and chose as his topic our national motto and the theme for the banquet, "Saved to Tell Others."

It was decided that this year's missionary offering is to be given to the Youth Service Goal. The following officers were elected: president, Karl Krueger, Hutchinson, Minnesota; vice-president, Ruth Krueger, Elgin, Iowa; secretary, Viola Wall, Minneapolis, Minnesota; treasurer, Charles Lehr, Aplington, Iowa.

The Rev. Edgar Klatt of St. Paul, Minnesota spoke at the Sunday afternoon meeting on the topic, "Our Victory." To win the victory, our greatest need is for faith. Faith and works are synonymous!

Marian Frey, Reporter.

Encouraging Report from Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union Sessions at Elgin

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northwestern Conference was held on Friday afternoon, August 15th, in our church at Elgin, Iowa. It was con-

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ducted by our gracious president, Mrs. Thomas Lutz.

We were so happy to hear that there were so many high rating societies in our missionary project chart. Our chairman reported that 15 had received gold seals, 14 silver and two blue.

The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. T. Lutz of North Freedom; vice-president, Mrs. B. Zimmerman of Randolph; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. De Wust of George, Iowa; and project chairman, Mrs. T. Hirsch of Minneapolis. It was decided that next year the office of secretary-treasurer would be separated.

It was our pleasure to welcome to our conference the following ministers' wives: Mrs. N. E. West and Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer, both of Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Ray Allen, George, Iowa; and Mrs. John Schweitzer of Manitowoc, Wis.

The memorial service was in charge of Mrs. R. Woyke of Watertown, Wis., Seventeen of our members were mentioned and their labors lovingly brought to remembrance in a sweet and tender selection of Scriptures and poetry, most appropriately chosen.

The churches of the conference provided many delightful musical numbers. An unusual one, which everyone agreed was most enjoyable, was the illustrating of a hymn by one of the Elgin ladies. The hymn chosen for the picture was "The Little Brown Church in the Vale" for which Iowa is famous. Mrs. Zurbriggen was the talented artist.

The message of the afternoon was given by Mrs. H. G. Dymmel on "Up to the Brim Service," using the stone jars at the Wedding of Cana as her Scripture illustration. She chose to bring to our attention the "Up to the brim service" of our missionaries, naming them individually and telling something new and vital about each, then challenging each of us to give our utmost in "Up to the brim service" for His Sake. The missionary offering of the afternoon amounted to \$60.15.

Mrs. Arthur R. Stahnke, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

New Pews and Pulpit and Landscaping for the Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. D.

All of us of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota can feel that our church is now a more beautiful place in which to worship. It has been beautified, both inside and outside the edifice. The B. Y. P. U. bought trees for the lawn, and the Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzmann have carefully and patiently tended them and also the many flowers.

Everyone feels very proud and, rightly so, of the newly installed pews and pulpit, which the Woman's Missionary Union and the Sunday School bought. The ladies also devoted considerable time and work in sanding and varnishing the floor.

May these improvements make the church seem like a holier as well as a more beautiful place!

Mrs. Reuben Friez, Reporter.

Four Persons Baptized and Received Into the Bison and Isabel Churches of South Dakota

Sunday, August 31, offered another happy experience for the members of the Bison and Isabel churches of South Dakota as they gathered with their friends on the shore of a lake near Bison. Under the clear South Dakota sky, the rippling water, framed in its shore of green, could well have been the Sea of Galilee for beauty and serenity. But the beauty that made Galilee real was seen in the leading of four young people into the water in obedience to the command of the Lord and Master, and to enact again, as it was done centuries ago, the death to the old life and the resurrection to the new. The four who were baptized were Verna Heupel, Ruth Huber, Leo Brockel and Theodore Brockel.

After the service by the lake, the people reassembled at the church in Bison where the formal hand of church fellowship was extended to the new members, and for the first time they took part with the other members in the Lord's Supper.

A. G. Rietdorf, Pastor.

An Enthusiastic Vacation Bible School at the Calvary Church, Carrington, North Dakota

On a recent Monday morning, active and vivacious children thronged the Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington, North Dakota to commence their Vacation Bible School. Under the streaming Christian and American banners the children marched into the church for joyous chorus singing, interesting Bible stories and expressive handicraft.

Daily the school moved on under the very able leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, who was aptly assisted in music by Mrs. Ittermann. The following women of the church taught: Mesdames Albert Leppke, H. Antwiler, V. Edinger, D. Pepple, F. Bohnet, M. Kant, G. Krueger and W. Meyer.

The closing program, which proved the success of the school, was assigned for the following Sunday evening.

Our Sunday School financially sponsored this school. The Sunday School promotes other worthy projects. The Beginners and Primary children bought flannelgraph equipment, and each class bought a picture of Jesus for its classroom. The Juniors surprised the pastor with a pulpit lamp and bought two pictures. The Intermediates are supporting a child in a German Destitute Home.

Colleen Larson, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church of Napoleon, North Dakota

June 2 to 13 were busy but happy days for the Baptist Church of Napoleon, North Dakota where our Vacation Bible School was held. There were fifty pupils enrolled with a large number showing perfect attendance.

The pupils were divided into four



Vacation Bible School Children and Teachers from the Baptist Church of Anamoose, North Dakota

groups, the Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments. Each morning session was opened with a worship period, which consisted of group singing and prayer.

On the closing Sunday evening all the pupils presented a program and the handwork was displayed. The Rev. Theo. Frey was the director of the school. He also taught the Intermediate Class. Mrs. Frey taught the Junior Class, with Mrs. Adam Goehring assisted by Mrs. Otto Grenz teaching the

tism on Sunday afternoon, August 3. Baptismal services were held at Lake Bentley with the preaching service in the chapel beside the lake. On Sunday morning, August 10, these ten young people received the hand of fellowship at the communion service. Rev. Edwin Michelson, one of our Cameroon missionaries, spoke.

We are happy to have our missionaries, Edwin and Verna Michelson, at home with us. On Sunday evening, August 10, the church welcomed them



Group of Children and Faculty Members in Attendance at the Vacation Bible School Held at Carrington, North Dakota

Primary Class. Mrs. Edwin Grenz, assisted by Miss Alma Zimmerman, taught the Beginners' Class. Miss Alexine Grenz and Mrs. Jake Streyle also assisted.

Alma Zimmerman, Reporter.

Bible School and Reception for Missionaries Edwin and Verna Michelson at Anamoose, N. Dak.

As the result of the summer assembly and Vacation Bible School, held in Anamoose, North Dakota ten persons were led to the Lord in the Baptist Church and followed him in bap-

formally at a reception. Words of welcome were given by our beloved pastor, the Rev. Karl Gieser; by the B. Y. P. U. president, the Ladies' Missionary Society president, and the deacon. Mrs. Michelson was presented with a beautiful corsage by the B. Y. P. U.

We held our Vacation Bible School from June 31 to July 11. Mrs. Betty Singer of Bismarck was the main instructor with Mrs. Gieser and Ilo Waydeman as assistants. Mrs. Singer has been attending the Philadelphia Bible School and she was a blessing in our midst.

Ilo Waydeman, Reporter.



Children and Teachers of the Well Attended Vacation Bible School Held at Napoleon, North Dakota

Central Conference

Summer Assembly for 95 Young People from Chicago and Vicinity at Camp Ripley

Everyone enjoys a summer camp and the members of the North American Baptist Young People's Union of Chicago and vicinity are no exception. So it was with unbounded enthusiasm that a group of approximately 95 young people from Chicago and Kankakee headed for one of Wisconsin's more scenic lakes for six days of spiritual and physical refreshment from August 17 to 23.

The activities began with Sunday supper followed by the vesper service in the auditorium where the group of campers was officially welcomed and introduced to the program for the week. Early Monday morning the more vigorous souls began their day with a pre-breakfast dip. After breakfast the morning devotional was held in the dining hall before adjourning for classes and chapel which occupied most of the morning's schedule.



Young People and Faculty Members from Chicago and Vicinity at the Assembly Held at Camp Ripley

Four classes were offered, and each camper chose two. Our able faculty consisted of Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester Seminary who taught classes in Christian Doctrine and Christian Ethics; Rev. J. C. Gunst, our General Young People's Secretary, who expounded on the book of Ephesians; and Rev. Louis Johnson of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago who conducted a practical course entitled, "Lessons in Soul Winning."

Between classes there was the daily chapel hour at which various members of the faculty and assisting pastors gave devotional talks. These services as well as the vespers were marked by the excellent musical talent so ably organized and directed by Mr. Herbert Pankratz. The variety ranged from solos, duets, trios, and quartets to a choir of approximately thirty-five voices. It would be difficult to appraise too highly the splendid contribution which Herb Pankratz made by taking charge of the musical part of the program.

It did not take long before all classes were held out-of-doors under the shady trees of Willerup Park. This was a most pleasant variation from the usual schoolroom routine. Many favorable and sincere comments were made by the young people concerning the

spiritual benefits derived from their courses of study, and we are deeply grateful to the members of the faculty.

Afternoons were taken up by an all-athletic program in charge of Rev. Roy Anderson of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago. There were four teams or groups named in honor of some of our mission fields: the Gypsies, American Indians, Cameroons and Chinas. Competition in softball and volley ball was especially keen. There were tournaments also in shuffleboard and ping-pong. Married and single men teamed off for a really rugged battle in volley ball, and, interestingly enough, the married men won. Everyone knows, however, that this was because six-foot-six Rev. Fred Lower played the net for all he was worth (and that, my friends, is quite a bit)!

Supper and then vespers! All vespers were held at twilight on the slope of some quiet hill. They were periods of devotion and worship, somehow enhanced by the fading light of day, as various pastors directed our thoughts toward truths from God's Word.

Some evenings included a brief

swim, but always the day closed around the campfire at which Rev. Fred Lower presided as narrator par excellence. Here the burning logs cast their flickering light on programs of songs, stunts, Bible stories, quartets, ghost stories, and other activities. On Friday night (our last) the '47 campers buried a treasure to be excavated by the campers of '48. The exact contents must remain a secret until next August. After this ceremony there was a period of testimony and praise for the many blessings which God had given.

All campers will agree that the high point of the conference was at the Saturday morning chapel service. The Rev. J. C. Gunst brought a challenging message to which seventeen young people responded. These young men and women indicated that they wanted to serve the Lord more fully. Some hope to become missionaries, if the Lord so leads. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Anderson expressed their desire of serving in the China mission field.

The consecrator service was a most fitting climax to the conference period. We are grateful to our heavenly Father for these young people who gave themselves more completely to his service.

John K. Baumgart, Reporter.

Sessions of the Central Conference at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland

The 67th Central Conference of North American Baptists convened with the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio from Thursday, Aug. 14, to Sunday, Aug. 17. Eighty-two delegates representing twenty-five churches, and a large number of visitors enjoyed several days of genuine Christian fellowship. Delegates and visitors appreciated the cordiality and hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch and the members of the Erin Avenue Church. We were also grateful for the cooperation and assistance of the sister church, the White Avenue Church, and their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff. The general conference theme, "Witnessing For Christ Through Evangelism," was stimulating and timely. The Rev. William Hoover, moderator of the conference, presided at all meetings.

The following addresses were well prepared, intelligently presented, and eagerly received: "The Message of Evangelism," Rev. H. H. Riffel; "The Dynamic of Evangelism," Rev. Alex Elsesser; "Our Ministry of Relief," Dr. William Kuhn; "Observations and Experiences on My European Trip," Rev. Frank Woyke; "The Passion For Evangelism," Rev. Emanuel Wolff; "The Place of Home Visitation Evangelism In Our Day," Rev. William Jeschke.

The conference was shocked to learn of the accidental death of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Netting and Miss Hattie Moehlmann of Detroit, Mich. While on their way to the conference they were involved in an accident which cost the lives of all three. It was reported that Mr. Netting had missed but one conference during the past 41 years. May God comfort those who feel most the loss of these faithful servants of the Lord! A telegram of sympathy was sent to the pastor and members of the Bethel Church of Detroit.

The following officers and committee members were elected: moderator, Rev. C. B. Nordland; vice-moderator, Rev. Emanuel Wolff; recording secretary, Rev. Victor Prendinger; statistician, Rev. Louis Johnson; mission secretary, Rev. Frank Veninga; mission committee members, Mr. Oscar Schmidt, Rev. Arthur McAsh, Rev. Frank Veninga; representatives on General Mission Committee, Mr. Harold Schulz, Rev. Frank Veninga, Mr. Herbert Seipke, alternate; representatives to the General Council, Rev. William Hoover, Mr. Edward Russell.

The annual Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union banquet and Sunday afternoon rally service were well attended and proved to be mountain-top experiences. Dr. Dale Ihrle brought the message at the banquet and Rev. Frank Veninga spoke at the Sunday afternoon rally. The young people adopted a mission project of \$2,000.

We were truly "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." Visiting pastors and laymen spoke to the Sunday School of the two Cleveland churches. The Rev. Victor Prendinger brought the message

entitled, "The Supreme Task of the Christian Church" at the Erin Avenue Church, and Rev. Frank Veninga spoke at the White Avenue Church. The Rev. Stanley Geis, mission secretary, conducted an impressive memorial service and the Rev. Arthur McAsh spoke on "the Call of the Cross" at the well attended closing conference service.

The conference theme, "Witnesses for Christ Through Evangelism," was well chosen and well discussed. We go forth as witnesses for Christ, and look forward to next year's conference to be held June 24 to 27 in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Frank Veninga, Reporter.

Highlights of the Woman's Missionary Union Program at the Central Conference

The Central Conference Woman's Missionary Union held its business and general meetings on Friday, August 15, at the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio. The outgoing officers were Mrs. F. A. Grosser, president; Mrs. G. Zimmerman, vice-president; Mrs. E. Wolff, secretary; and Mrs. G. Luhrs, treasurer. The newly elected officers are: Mrs. Harold Schultz of Dayton, president; Mrs. H. P. Kayser of Detroit, vice-president; Mrs. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, secretary; and Mrs. Alex Elsesser of Dayton, treasurer.

Mrs. S. Maschner, president of the Erin Avenue Woman's Society, gave a warm welcome to the Central Union, to which Mrs. F. A. Grosser, presiding officer, responded. The devotions were led by Mrs. Emil Seedorf of Kankakee, and the installation of officers was in charge of Mrs. William Hoover of Benton Harbor. Mrs. Roy Anderson of Ogden Park Church of Chicago was the song director, and she also rendered a beautiful vocal solo.

Amidst lavender hydrangeas and soft candlelight, Mrs. Henry Hirsch held the memorial service, which affected all deeply, inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Netting and Miss Hattie Moehlmann were killed the day before in an automobile accident enroute to the conference. Mrs. Kliese of Detroit gave a beautiful tribute in honor of the Nettings and Miss Moehlmann. She told of a visit with Miss Moehlmann just a week before, when she revealed her earnest desire to be with her Lord and Master. Mrs. Kliese had assured her that she need have no concern for the future and in God's own time she would be taken. Her reply was, "If only it would be today!" One week later her wish was fulfilled. The Holy Spirit enveloped all of us as we listened prayerfully to this sweet tribute in honor of these wonderful Christians.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, president of the Nation Union. Mrs. Schoeffel reported on the aims and projects of the Union, and then, by way of novel entertainment, arranged for a radio hookup (or so it seemed) with the Cameroons missionaries.

The meetings were well attended and to Mrs. F. A. Grosser of Forest Park and her committee we owe a debt of gratitude for a well arranged and inspiring program.

Marian Kleindienst, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Sessions of the Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at the Cottonwood Church

The annual business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Conference met on Friday morning, July 15, in the Cottonwood Church at Lorena, Texas.

The president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert, was in charge. Ten unions were represented with 34 delegates and many visitors. We have 11 unions in the conference with 203 members. A total of \$2,214.63 was contributed during the year.

The officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Waco; vice-president, Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Waco; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Kyle; general conference representative, Mrs. Roy Seibel.

At the afternoon session Mrs. J. R. Wyatt, local pastor's wife, extended a hearty welcome to all present. Mrs. Arthur Kleinschmidt of Elberta, Ala., had charge of the memorial service. Seven of our members answered the Master's call this past year. A woman's mass choir rendered two selections. The local union ably presented a play, "A Tale of the Two Tithes."

The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner gave a stirring message on "Christ's Love" based on the conference theme, "Christ's Love Plus Christian Efforts." An offering of \$104.59 was received plus \$171.95 received for missions during the year, making a total of \$276.54 which was designated as follows: two-thirds for Fellowship Fund and one-third for Nurses' Home in the Cameroons.

Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Small Enrollment But Great Blessings at Winnipeg's Vacation Bible School

We of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can., are thankful to God for the opportunity we have had to conduct a Bible School from Aug. 5 to 15, even if it was only on a small scale. Our enrollment was 35, but the attendance averaged 25. Due to the absence of a pastor, we had only two teachers, dividing our school into two classes.

A blessed time was ours. Miss Myrtle Janzen of Morris, Manitoba, a graduate of Edmonton's C. T. I., more than ably assisted in every phase. We were privileged in having her full-time assistance. In spite of heavy rains the children were eager, interested and happy and it was a joy to work together.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 17, a closing program was given. The program was arranged to correspond to a day at school with the children rendering the numbers for the various classes. We discovered some fine talents among

the little speakers and singers. The handwork was displayed and proved an interesting spot after the program.

May God bless every effort everywhere in making Jesus more real to the little hearts.

Ruby Schindler, Reporter.

Twenty-two Pupils at the West Ebenezer Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School

A successful Vacation Bible School of two weeks was conducted by the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan from August 5 to 15. The enrollment was twenty-two students, including pupils from neighboring denominations. For many years there had been no Vacation School for the children, and we are assured that the Lord was with us in this effort.

The teachers were Misses Tracy Fritzkie and Ardice Ziolkowski, students of the Christian Training Institute. Much thanks is also due to our energetic pastor, the Rev. R. Kanwischer, who ably assisted by giving special lectures to the church membership class. On Friday, Aug. 15, the pupils were rewarded for their good attendance and keen interest by the special treat of ice cream from the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. W. Goltz.

On Sunday, Aug. 17, we had our commencement exercises at which parents and friends of the pupils were present, eager to hear what the children had learned. The program included a report of the classes, recitations of some of the memory work, special music, display of the handwork, presentation of prizes and diplomas, and singing of many of the new choruses learned.

Ardice Ziolkowski, Reporter.

Vacation School, Baptism and Young People's Programs at Trochu, Alberta, Canada

Our Vacation Bible School at Trochu, Alberta was held for five full days from July 7 to 11. Average attendance was about 24. Four teachers had a part in the instruction of Bible Study, missionary memory work and handwork. On Sunday evening the pupils gave a program which all enjoyed.

On July 20 we held a baptism service at which ten Sunday School scholars were baptized. They were largely converts of last January's evangelistic meetings. The baptism was held at the private bathing pool of one of the members, after which all gathered at the church for the Lord's Supper.

The young people had the privilege of having Professor O. E. Krueger as guest speaker for their August meeting. On this occasion all enjoyed the blessings of the program.

The last of the summer out-door social gatherings of the young people was held on August 20. After the firewood had been gathered, there was a period of recreation. The bon fire then became the center of attraction and corn was roasted on an improvised grate. The evening came to a close with chorus singing and prayer.

R. H. Zepik, Pastor.

Seventeen Young People Are Baptized and Received Into the Ebenezer and Yorkton Churches

Challenged by the Psalmist's words, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," we, as the members of the Ebenezer and Yorkton churches of Saskatchewan would praise God, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ. August 10 was truly a mountain-top experience for us, as a large group gathered at the river in the beauty of the morning for an outdoor baptismal service. The pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, brought a message on "The Meaning of Baptism," based on Romans 6. The service was enhanced with special selections from our Men's Quartet and Mixed Choir.

As the 17 young people stepped into the water as an open testimony of their death unto sin and new life in Christ, we were challenged anew to follow



A Canadian Crowd of Young People at the Alberta Tri Union Assembly Held at Sylvan Lake, Alta.

more closely in the footsteps of our Savior. Of these candidates, ten were the result of special services held in June with Rev. E. P. Wahl serving as evangelist, and two accepted the Lord during the Vacation School held in July, while the rest were converted for some years and now had decided to follow the Lord in Scriptural baptism.

In the afternoon we gathered at the Ebenezer Church for another special service. The pastor's message, "The Lord added unto the church," from Acts 2:47, sought to bring before our minds the truths of Christ's great declaration, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The choir under the direction of Mr. G. Falkowsky, sang, "Jesus Paid It All."

With suitable Scripture verses and exhortations to hold high the torch of life, which Christ had given them, the newly baptized believers were received into the fellowship of the churches by the pastor. With the deacons, Mr. G. Trost from Yorkton, and Mr. G. Hait from Ebenezer, assisting at the Lord's table, we partook of the Lord's Supper in all reverence, aware of our Savior's presence in our midst.

G. Beutler, Pastor.

Almost 200 Young People at the Alberta Tri Union Assembly at Sylvan Lake

Canadian young people from far and near gathered for the sixth annual Tri Union Assembly held at Sylvan Lake, Alberta from July 28 to August 3.

By Monday evening when the assembly officially opened the registry showed that the 100 mark had been reached and by the end of the week this number was almost doubled.

The Rev. R. Schilke, our dean, welcomed the young people to our camp and assured a blessed time to everyone. Our special speaker for the week was Prof. Otto E. Krueger from the Rochester Seminary. The first evening his topic was "Faith," the text found in Heb. 11:1-8. The following evenings he brought equally challenging and inspiring messages which drew us all closer to our risen Lord.

THE BAPTIST HERALD

School director, Rev. A. Huber; camp host, Rev. H. Zepik; pianists, Ruth Unger and Verda Schieler.

The project that the young people set was the amount of \$2000 which will be raised in much the same manner as last year, with the young people's societies setting separate projects.

Harriet Weisser, Reporter.

Manitoba's First Young People's Assembly at Lake Dauphin Was a Venture of Faith

Lake Dauphin Assembly Grounds! What a spot of beauty! Trees as old as the hills and as straight and crooked as you please; grassy lawn for lounging; play grounds galore; and the surf indescribably beautiful, that drew you irresistibly into the very depths of its tumultuousness. And last but not least, the evening peace, fraught with reverence — God-given peace! Such was the environment of our Manitoba Baptist Assembly at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba.

However, all was not smooth sailing until the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, our director, and the first group of campers arrived and many obstacles had been removed. A cloudburst had caused floods in the Ochre River and St. Rose du Lac district, where our camp-site is. A sandroad had to be built through about a mile of water. They were also greeted by swarms and swarms of mosquitoes.

Camp was brought to order and Mr. Sturhahn called a prayer meeting after morning devotions, making it a special request that the hordes of mosquitoes be subdued. A northwest breeze sprang up, blowing from the lake and taking with it the marauding host. Where to? God in his wonderful grace alone knows. Nor did the mosquitoes return to molest our group of campers. God never fails! Praise his name!

Thus the two major obstacles were overcome and happy were the days of closest Christian fellowship that slipped by all too fast in work and play. Five courses, New Testament, History of the Jews, Old Testament, Faith of our Fathers, and Youth Problems were represented.

And now for the worship service at night. Picture that vast lake on one side, a huge bonfire on the other and the crowd sitting on the sand, with one of our five pastors, back to the sea, proclaiming the Gospel message in the cool of the evening, and you will have a fair idea of the beauty of it all. When at length the people from the community round about had left, the campers stayed on singing choruses.

Linking yesterday and tomorrow with a chain not to be broken was the ceremony which marked the burial of the "Voices of Yesteryear." This was a box into which each of our campers put a slip of paper bearing his or her deepest expression of the assembly, and which was then ceremoniously buried under a tree to be opened and read by the assembly of 1948.

The president for the next year's assembly is the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Morris, and the vice-president is the Rev. J. Kornalewski of Minitonas.

Ida J. Hoffman, Reporter.

THE PROFESSORS LAST TREK

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There are many missionary-minded young people in our circles. Shall we be able to support them all when the time of their going-forth comes? We are told that the Moravians send out one missionary to about every 100 members. At that rate we would send out 400.

When the trekker mentioned that in one of our Canadian churches, a layman said, "If we would all tithe we could send out 1000 missionaries." That is rather staggering. That number would naturally include all the young people going out under other boards but supported by our constituency. If all non-missionaries and non-ministers would regard themselves as being "in full-time service," marvelous things could happen.

The programs at the conferences, associations and assemblies, dealing with the vital things of the Christian life, were all of a high order. Sermons and addresses were as good as you hear in any other groups. It is refreshing to see how our young men are developing and to note how much more seriously their outlook upon life and task has become.

CANADIAN IMPRESSIONS

It is also encouraging to note how much improvement has been made in Canada since my visit twelve years ago. Fine churches have been built, very attractive parsonages have been erected and, best of all, the young people have made great strides toward higher goals. What musical talents are in evidence; what fine testimonies are given; what leadership has been developed! For many years the Tri Unions and the local Bible schools struggled for better things — no, for better lives! Then came the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton which has made a very remarkable contribution to the Christian training of our Canadian youth.

The trekker made his decision for Christ as a lad 60 years ago at an associational gathering. In those days conversions were expected at such occasions. Today our method is somewhat different. Though there were unconverted people in the meetings and though the speakers stressed the evangelistic note, only one in all the number confessed publicly that she had accepted Christ.

A lay-delegate at one of the conferences had the joy of leading two boys to Christ. Later a pastor reported that a young lady had been converted while another pastor preached the evening message. Several very impressive consecration services were held. Let it be understood that "full time service" is not restricted to ministers and missionaries. Full surrender

to God means full time service whether you are making your living by packing pork or pulling teeth.

TRAVEL OBSERVATIONS

Space does not permit to relate all the observations on a 12,000 mile trip. It is always interesting to observe people, especially when they are unconscious of being observed. Some are springs of "laughing water," real Minnehahas; some bristle with thorny selfishness. Everybody pushes and jostles to get the best seat. There sits Mr. Seat-Hog. After flopping over the seat before him, he sprawls his weary legs across the cushions occupying four seats. Though he has paid for only one, he resents anyone coming in to claim one of the vacant places. To talk to him about selfishness would make him mad. About all you can do is to pray for him. There is much opportunity for silent prayer on a long trek.

The crops are of constant interest to anyone who grew up on the farm. "That wheat will go 50 bushels to the acre!" Marvelous! But some fields were so poor that it seemed straw and all would not go 50 bushels. Why the difference? Too much of one good thing; not enough of another. Too much sunshine produces a desert; too much rain produces a swamp. Balance makes for abundance.

And now, retirement! The trekker had the privilege of spending his last day of active service in his last pastorate, the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Penn. How good to be with a group of God's people with whom, through the sharing of joys and sorrows, one has become united in spirit. It seemed quite proper to spend the first day in retirement, Labor Day, in the new home of a daughter and son-in-law, where many jobs were beckoning for honest toll.

For the new school year there will be much work in the library and there will be an occasional opportunity to serve in the ministry of the Word. One thing is certain, the main task of a Christian is never completed. In retirement, or even in invalidism, the greatest task of all is still in hand, the task of striving to become more Christ-like. We must continue to grow in grace and in knowledge.

We oldsters are in real danger of losing Christian graces. The trekker's motto for many, many years has been, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." There is a very specific method of attainment in II Cor. 3:18: "But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord."

:: OBITUARY ::

MR. HENRY A. SPONHOLZ

of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

Mr. Henry A. Sponholz, a native of Wisconsin and a resident of Alberta, Canada for 34 years, died on August 5, 1947 at the age of 74 years, 11 months, and 4 days. He was a loyal member of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, and a child of God of unmoveable faith.

He is survived by four sons, two daughters, two brothers, one sister and several grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned, who brought words of comfort from John 14:1-6, with interment in the Hillside Cemetery.

Medicine Hat, Alberta

Erwin J. Faul, Pastor.

MR. AUGUST H. MEYER

of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. August H. Meyer of Detroit, Mich., passed away to be with the Lord on August 16th and his funeral was held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit. Mr. Meyer was born on October 6, 1881 in Steimke, Germany. As a young boy he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized by Rev. A. Mundhenk and joined the Baptist Church in Hannover, Germany. He came to America and Detroit in 1904 and joined the Ebenezer Church. In 1911 he married Miss Anna Vater who passed away after twenty years of married life. In 1932 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Weise who was a faithful companion until his death.

Mr. Meyer was a faithful worker in his church and for the Lord whom he loved. He served as a trustee for many years and also as a deacon. He leaves behind his wife; five sisters, Mrs. Gunda Orthner, Dina Schmidt, Mrs. Sophie Kauk of Detroit, Martha Ehrhorn and Clara Koppin of California; two brothers, Emil Meyer of Arizona and Walter Meyer of Detroit; besides many friends.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,

Detroit, Michigan

E. Arthur McAsh, Pastor.

MR. ALBERT WIESE

of Corona, South Dakota

Mr. Albert Wiese of Corona, South Dakota was born in Germany on April 26, 1876. He came to this country in 1897 and made his home with his brother George at Filey, Nebraska. From Filey, Nebraska he moved to Little Rock, Iowa, where he was united in marriage with Minnie Ross on Feb. 23, 1901.

In 1910 he with his family moved to South Dakota and lived on a farm near Corona until 1939, when he retired and moved to the town of Corona. He was converted and baptized in 1913 and joined the Baptist Church of which he was an active and faithful member until his death on Wednesday, Aug. 20. Although he had been failing in health for the past few years, he was still able to go about his daily work until a few days before his unexpected death. He had reached the age of 71 years, 2 months, and 25 days.

Left to mourn his passing are his devoted wife and six children, Ben and George of Corona, Mrs. Ibeling (Mary) Harms, Mrs. Leonard (Sarah) Davis of Corona, Mrs. Paul (Jennie) Hamilton of Milbank, S. D., and Mrs. William (Martha) Morrison of Rochester, N. Y.; 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; also two brothers, George of Filey, Nebraska and John in Germany; two sisters, Anna and Grace, both in Germany, also several cousins in this country. He was preceded in death by one daughter Ella in 1919.

The local pastor being away at the time, the former pastor was asked to officiate, assisted by the Rev. C. Roades, local Methodist pastor.

Corona, South Dakota

Rev. R. A. Klein, Correspondent.

Baptist Life Association

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Although the message which follows is addressed particularly to parents, we believe it will also hold much appeal for grandparents, aunts, or uncles — in fact, anyone who has the future welfare of some favorite child at heart.

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

If you are thinking of sending a child to college, you have probably considered various ways of accumulating the necessary funds.

Likely the youngster already has a savings fund of some sort. It may be a bank account started by grandparents — or a toy bank into which you drop coins now and then. Or, maybe there is a Government Bond or two given by thoughtful relatives on birthdays or at Christmas.

But, while any plan is better than no plan at all, most plans have two weaknesses that may prevent their ultimate purpose from being carried out.

In the first place, money probably isn't put away for this purpose regularly. In the second place, the amount to be saved is very often indefinite.

If there is no compulsion to make deposits to the fund, it is very easy to put off making them until a more convenient time. And that "convenient time" doesn't come very often.

The day when the youngster will be ready for college may seem rather distant right now — and there may be a temptation to dismiss the problem until some other time. But years pass quickly — and, as they do, it becomes increasingly difficult to accumulate the fund because there is less time in which to do it.

In other words, some plan must be started now if the money is to be there when it is needed. And that plan should, of course, be regular and systematic.

The Baptist Life Association has a number of plans specifically designed for the accumulation of college funds — for children as young as one day. All you need do is to decide upon the amount you will want — and your BLA representative will tell you the amount of the premium deposit that will be required each year. Guesswork is eliminated — and the college fund will be ready when needed.

Our agent will be glad to discuss these plans with you. Just answer the information he requests. Further information will come to you from the Home Office.

