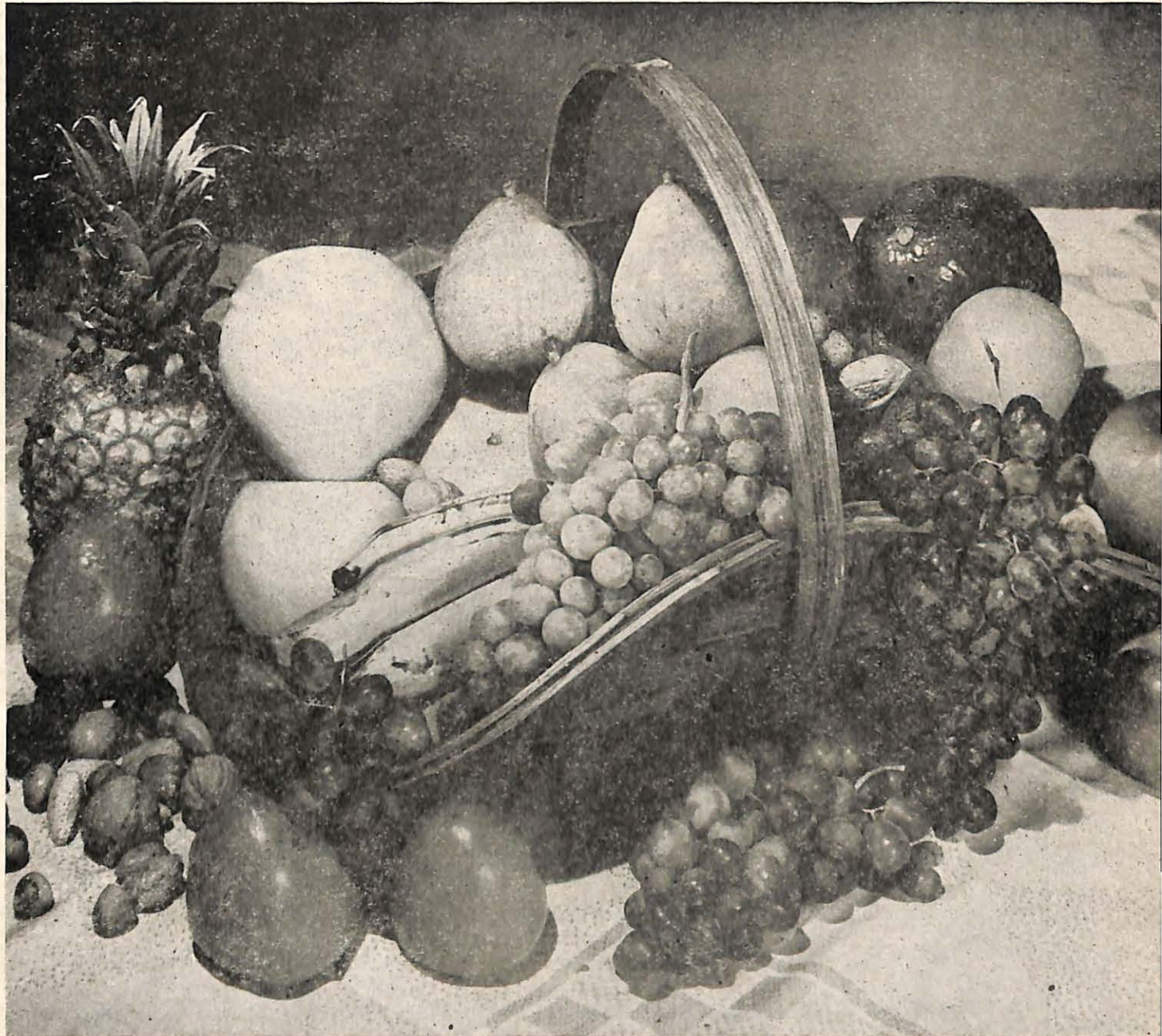


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Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Sec.
 Sept. 5-7 — Madison Cottage, Connecticut. Sunday School Retreat of the New England churches.
 Sept. 10-15 — ONTARIO AREA.
 Sept. 10-11 — Lyndock and Sebastopol, Ontario.
 Sept. 12-14 — Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ont.
 Sept. 14 p. m. — Arnprior, Ontario.
 Sept. 15 — Neustadt, Ont.
 Sept. 17-18 — Alpena and Gladwin, Michigan.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec.
 Saturday, Sept. 13 — 95th Anniversary Dinner of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, General Evangelist
 Sept. 14-26 — Vida, Montana.

Rev. Edwin Michelson, Camerons
 Missionary at Home on Furlough
 Sunday, Aug. 31 — Rally of Central Dakota Churches at Ashley, North Dakota.
 Sept. 5-6 — Young People's Retreat of Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich.
 Sunday, Sept. 7 — Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

IMPORTANT DATES

September — MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING Month for Our Churches. Every church will be asked to consider its participation in the Offering to the extent of \$12.50 per member for each year or \$25.00 for the two year period. Sunday, Sept. 28, will be set aside in all churches for the united consideration of the Offering.

Sept. 12 Opening of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York. Freshman Day on September 11.

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IN THIS ISSUE

This issue is devoted to the presentation of the needs and challenge of the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING. The month of September is designated for the consideration of the OFFERING in all of our churches. The articles by Miss Leona Ross for the China mission field, by Dr. Wm. Kuhn for the relief ministry, and by Mr. Walter Grosser for the Pension Fund expansion are some of the many informative accounts in this number. You ought to be well acquainted with the purposes of the OFFERING after reading this issue. Now for the advance by our churches!

COMING

We hope to be able to publish a complete coverage of the Baptist World Congress sessions recently held in Copenhagen, Denmark to be reported with vivid color and detailed information by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary.

One of our most tireless "circuit riders" of the summer months in visiting conferences and assemblies has been Prof. O. E. Krueger who will review his experiences and present his observations of our denominational life in the next number.

With quiet effectiveness and humble, winsome spirit Miss Twila Bartz is serving as the Christian Teacher and missionary on the Bobtail Reserve of Indians in Alberta. Her brief but convincing story of this mission field will enthruse every reader for the denomination's MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

The Million Dollar Offering

THIS EDITORIAL is being written on the "Texas Rocket," as the streamliner carries me speedily across the state of Kansas. Abundant harvest fields of grain lie on both sides of the tracks. The farms everywhere give evidence of prosperity at its height. Passengers on the train show no scarcity of money. We are still in the midst of good times with extraordinary harvests as the prospect of this summer in most places of our fair continent.

In such a setting we as North American Baptist Churches have launched our MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING. It is a great venture of faith to set such a goal of a million dollars before ourselves to be attained in the period of two years until July 31, 1949. But we firmly believe that our churches will support this program valiantly and that God's blessings will assure its ultimate success.

The MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING represents, first of all, the united ministry of our churches. All of us as churches, organizations and individuals will focus our interest and giving unitedly upon the purposes of the offering. The entire denominational enterprise in the support of the various ministries of the cooperating societies, the foreign and home mission activities, the program of world relief, and the special projects, such as the relocation of our seminary, will be strengthened by the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING. There is also provision for definite missionary advance in these various activities because of these gifts. But this one thing we want to do! Unitedly we want to give, to give again, and to give sacrificially to this great overarching cause of Christ through our denominational ministry.

We do not want to overlook the fact, secondly, that the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING is a program of spiritual advance. It is to be buttressed by financial gifts, but the foundations are spiritual because the supreme purpose of the offering is to make Christ and his Gospel known throughout the world. We are advancing as never before in our history to go into all the world and to preach the Gospel to every creature. We are relocating the Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota because we want "A Better Seminary for a Stronger Denomination." This is a summons to stewardship in which the blessings of God will redound to our spiritual joy and growth because of our faithfulness.

A third characteristic of the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING must also be stressed. It is a tremendous undertaking which at times will seem to some observers to be utterly impossible. Our mission fields in the Cameroons, the Balkans of Europe, in China and among the Spanish-Americans of Colorado and the Indians of Alberta are promising, but the task before us on each of these fields is gigantic. We are agreed that the pension grants to our aged pastors must be increased, but the pension plan must be made financially sound. We are determined with God's help to reach this goal, but we are thereby endeavoring to accomplish in two years' time what has taken us heretofore three years to do.

The MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING has now been launched. Study this issue of "The Herald." Ask for your copy of the new eight page, illustrated paper with further information. Pray and give for this OFFERING, and then keep it up without ceasing!

BIBLE TEXT

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

The needs of today's world are appalling. Millions of people are living on a starvation diet with physical needs constantly haunting them. Even more tragic is the fact that more millions of people are in dire spiritual need because they have not received the blessings of the Gospel and of faith in Jesus Christ. Individuals as well as organizations, such as a church or a denomination, face the needs of life in the form of problems to be solved, difficulties to be overcome, and goals to be attained.

But God's supply is always sufficient for every need. He can inspire the ministry of some to feed the hungry and to clothe the poor. He calls his ambassadors to encircle the globe with his Gospel. He gives guidance to life and strength for victory in all things. He supplies every need, for his are the riches in glory revealed in Jesus Christ.



CHURCH BULLETINS

The new Church Bulletins are now available. The beautiful Augsburg Press bulletins are being distributed by our Publication Society with our own spiritual and promotional messages on the last page of each week's issue. Sample copies of the bulletins and of the prospects for the year are available upon request at our Publication Society. A detailed announcement about the orders by the churches, cost of the bulletins, etc., appears in a half-page advertisement in this number. We anticipate great things for these bulletins in blessings to our churches and in ever increasing orders through our Publication Society.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

During the first few days of September the programs and recitation material for the 1947 observance of the Harvest and Mission Festival are scheduled to be in the hands of our Sunday School and church leaders. Bilingual and all-English programs have been provided as heretofore. The observance is to be held on a Sunday in October, or whenever suitable to the local Sunday School.

The illustrated challenge of the new mission field in China to be found on the last page of the program leaflet will be read with eager interest. The songs include two numbers by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, and "I Will Guide Thee" for which the words were written by Mr. E. Elmer Staub.

Any further requests for information or for more copies of the material can be directed to the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio or to the editor of the programs, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.



Our Cameroons Missionaries Welcome the Newly Arrived Missionaries, George and Alma Henderson and Ida Forsch, on the Steps of the Soppo Baptist Church (Left); and Missionaries Ida Forsch and Hilda Tobert Leave Soppo on the Dodge Truck for the Grasslands Interior (Right)

With Our Missionaries at Ndu

A Colorful Account of Experiences in the Grassland Area of the Cameroons

by Missionary PAUL GEBAUER, Superintendent

IT IS SUNDAY, the 18th of May. Clouds drag slowly over African highlands and your Ndu Mission Hill. The sun breaks through often enough to give more distance to distant mountains and more warmth to the trees that have gathered on the mission hill. The air is pure and cool. Bees hum across the grasses. My tankers jacket is just right to keep me comfortable at the height of 6500 feet.

Fourteen years ago this hill was barren. Scotch broom and tall grass was all we had to give our mud huts the appearance of protection. I remember the rainy season of 14 years ago. The hut of mine swayed with the blasts that drove across the hill. Through lonely nights I bedded down with two shepherd dogs to have them add warmth to the one blanket. My blanket was theirs; and their fleas were mine. Cold were the days in the so-called school hut. Often I could not hold the chalk between my fingers. Often I dismissed the classes, waiting for warmer days.

These years are gone. Adolf Orthner came to the hill and built a home of mud-blocks and corrugated iron sheets. This house stands. It has weathered many storms. It is now sheltered and hidden under huge eucalyptus trees and cypresses which he planted years ago. The barren hill is now one grove of graceful trees. More solid huts and school buildings have risen. George A. Dunger added avenues of trees, playfield and swimming pool to the compound. Vegetables grow in sheltered gardens. And the blasted goats of 14 years ago still break through fences, eat up the flowers and attack growing trees.

We have grown far beyond old boundaries and fondest dreams. Soon we shall fence in 2 acres of rich soil to build upon it permanent homes, schools, church, dispensary, maternity ward and workshops. Earl Ahrens is piling up timber. The mission truck coughs bag after bag of cement over the mountain passes that make Ndu an awful spot in the rainy season. If it is God's will, when the rains have left us, we shall build and build at Ndu.

Until that happens, Nurse Hilda Tobert, the Canadian, and Ruby Salzman of Kankakee (how the Africans love the name of her home town!) mark time in a hut that has three rooms. Many Africans have dwelled in that hut before them. They left behind an odor that reminds me of the tanneries of Strassbourg in France. Neither DDT nor Eau de Cologne wipe out the smells. They stay. So do the girls, until they have a better home.

Just now the two are trekking through Ndu mission field. Armed with bottles, pills, books, and statistics they visit churches, disturb schools and slumbering teachers to check, heal, plan, preach, improve. They will be back at Ndu next Wednesday.

In their absence Lois Ahrens squeezes "Blackberry." Blackberry is the much photographed, much filmed, and much reported baby with a mother who could not feed her. That is rare in Africa but it happened at Ndu. And

when it happened, Ruby Salzman took over with faith and canned milk. Mildred Schneider followed up. Hilda Tobert took over. Now Lois exercises motherhood. Earl gives the black charge queer looks. Soon Hilda Tobert will return to take over again and to guide Blackberry from cow's milk to African solids and back to her mother.

Perhaps — because this forenoon a note arrived from the African Papa instructing the missionary not to let his wife touch or handle the baby — lest she run away with it!

That's Africa.

And on such a life your missionaries up here thrive. Lois Ahrens looks splendid. I filmed her "pigtails" this morning. Do not allow them to confuse you. She does a real job with native languages, women, and music. Earl looks fine and skinny; in his off moments of meditation he has a shadow of Sad Sack hanging around him. But he too does grand work.

He has just returned from new opportunities in the north. Tomorrow he will be off with me into Kaka. There we divide our interests to meet again in the opposite corner two weeks later.

Ruby Salzman looked fine the last time I saw her. That was about seven weeks ago. Her eyes have not lost the gleam. She renders a service that has no glory — school management.

Miss Tobert has not gained weight. She still eats like a bird, chirps better than the best of them, and goes to work in a brand new hut which Earl Ahrens built for her medical work.

Tomorrow we are off for Kakaland and Mbem to meet Laura E. Reddig, Ida Forsch, to whom Africa is "so interesting," and the Schneiders.

THE MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING REPRESENTS OUR FAITH IN GOD'S GREAT WORK THROUGH OUR CHURCHES!



Missionaries Gilbert and Mildred Schneider, Stationed at Warwar, Mambila

Our Reasonable Service

The First Glowing Report from Our Cameroons Missionaries, GILBERT and MILDRED SCHNEIDER, Now Stationed at Warwar, Mambila

Soppo Station where we met Verna and baby Judy. Not five minutes after we had arrived, the entire student body of Soppo school was out in the front lawn in formation singing, "There's a Welcome Here for You."

A MONTH AT SOPPO

Our month at Soppo was delightful. The Dungers, the Michelsons, Miss Myrtle Hein and Miss Lillian Jacobsen combined their efforts and offered royal hospitality during our visit there. Edwin Michelson proved his efficiency by clearing all our cargo through customs in the first week we were there.

As we journeyed up country in the Dodge, escorted by none other than the Field Superintendent Paul Gebauer himself, we were entertained at Bamenda by the Gebauers, and at Belo by the Ganstroms and Miss Margaret Kittlitz. Then our trekking began, which took us to Ndu to see the Ahrens and Miss Ruby Salzman.

Warwar was the next destination reached, following numerous village stops along the way. We missed seeing Mbem the first time on our way to Warwar, but since then have trekked to this lovely little garden spot and greeted our missionaries, Laura Reddig and Ida Forsch.

It was surely a pleasure and an inspiration to be able to see all of our main stations in action and become better acquainted with all the missionaries here. It is a refreshing and joyful experience to visit with the members of this Cameroons Baptist family. Without exception, we found them to be wonderfully happy, enthusiastic and energetic. This atmosphere in itself serves as a challenge to a newcomer out here.

AVENUES OF SERVICE

The avenues of service are innumerable. Medical service, social service in village women's groups, Christian example and testimony, adult education of all phases are some cardinal needs and tasks begun.

We had only been at Warwar a short time when suddenly the Chief died. Evidence and public opinion seem to regard it as another case of poisoning. This death called for great ceremony. He died one Monday evening and the drums and "die cries" continued for the three nights and three days following. They were plainly audible from the mission station. Tuesday was the burial day, and the rites were numerous and interesting, executed according to proper Mambila juju tradition.

This was a great opportunity for

some unique photography as well as for a study of contrast in culture and tradition. My, how differently we bury the dead in America! We asked many of these people the meaning of



Anne Gebauer, Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, on the Dodge Truck With Her Baby Brother in the Basket Under the Mosquito Netting Ready to Go to Bamenda

some of this ritual and they simply answered, "It is our country fashion." Any of us would probably say the same thing if some foreigner would inquire about why we eat with utensils instead of with fingers, or why men in America wear little buttons on the sleeves of their coats — "country fashion."

THE CHIEF'S FUNERAL

The dead Chief sat in a chair, surrounded by juju symbols, inside a hut in his compound, a bamboo pole in each hand. Two dead chicks hung upside down from bamboo poles just outside. A hole had been cut in the roof of the hut. No women were allowed to see the dead Chief or the juju men. Various dances were in constant motion around the hut. Special rites were administered to the wives, the sons, and the daughters of the Chief.

When the ceremonies ended, a hole was cut in the back of the hut and the chief was carried to his grave just outside. The string tied to his little finger was carefully guarded as they filled the grave. It was tied nearby and observed carefully for days following.

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Farewell Service for the Michelsons

A Report by MISS MYRTLE HEIN About the Farewell at Soppo on July 23th

JULY 13th marked the day of farewell services for the Michelsons in our Soppo Baptist Church of the Cameroons.

It was, as the natives call it, a "proper big day." Had you gathered with us for the occasion, you would realize why. Co-workers, pastors, evangelists from out-lying areas, church elders, young people's and Sunday School representatives, as well as the women's group all had to have their little piece

also run and touch someone else. So it is with our missionaries," he went on, "they come out to Africa, touch us, and then they run. They touch us with the Gospel of Jesus. Now it is our turn to run and touch the heart of someone else." What a wonderful example, I thought.

And should it not be so, that as our lives touch the lives of others, a flame might be kindled which will glow brightly? Each day we are afforded new opportunities to contact people, whether at home or abroad. Are we availing ourselves of these contacts and touching lives before we run?

As the Michelsons left us, missionary co-workers and our native Chris-

Our Reasonable Service

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Finally, after almost four busy months on African soil, we have reached our new home, and the field of labor where our brother's need becomes our blessed opportunity. We pray that our longings may become our actions and our devotion draw us nearer to Christ.

These weeks and months have passed at an unbelievable rate of speed. We have travelled and visited and acquainted ourselves hither and yon. As we establish ourselves here at Warwar, we are impressed with the challenge of this great task. We seek to do the will of God in the spirit of love. This is "our reasonable service."

tians joined in wishing them a blessed furlough at home. We also wish them a speedy return to the work which is waiting them even now.



Missionaries Edwin and Verna Michelson With Judith Ann, Their Daughter, Who Was Born on August 21, 1946

to speak. On the program it was known as "a short address." However, their meaning of the word, "short," is quite different from our own. Each speaker had to relate in his own unique way something of the past history of our work and then fit the missionary concerned into the picture.

All spoke of the Michelsons as their own personal friends and counsellors. Reluctantly they saw them go. They realized that theirs had been a heavy load to carry in the past two and one-half years, especially those who have faithfully helped to uphold and share with them in the work.

The service lasted over two and a half hours. Thus, you can well see why I am determined to put in an application to serve in the capacity of official "coat-tail jerker" when our next farewell service comes along.

Something which Mr. Williams, representative of the Sunday School, related was unique and struck me rather forcibly. He said, "You children are all acquainted with the game, 'Tag,' or perhaps better known here as 'touch and run.' Someone touches you and then runs. You in turn must

Good News from the Hendersons

A Letter from MRS. ALMA HENDERSON Written on July 15, 1947 About Their Health and Cargo to Reassure Friends at Home

YESTERDAY we received our mail from the states, and, my, were we surprised to read the contents of some of the letters! I know that you must be wondering just exactly what is happening to us out here in Africa. At the present time, George and I are well and happy. I did have two bad attacks of something (we do not know exactly what it was), but now that is cleared up and we hope and pray that I shall not have any further trouble.

I'll admit that I was rather blue for some time while I had to stay in bed since I have never been seriously ill in all my life, but evidently our friends misinterpreted our letters very differently. We had trouble with the sand flies at first, but they too have left chewing on us. Now that the Michelsons have left us, we plan really to get busy and work. We are thankful for this place of service that the Lord has given to us, and we are looking forward to years of fruitful service for him in the Cameroons.

We have been looking forward to receiving our cargo for a long time, and last week the first of some of our equipment arrived, and believe me, we were happy. The rest of our equipment is on another ship which was reported to us to have had a fire. We received this word more than a month ago, and have not received further word since that time. The ship is in Lagos, we think, and we expect to receive word about the cargo on board very soon. Esther Schultz' and Ida Forsch's



Missionaries George and Alma Henderson in the First Snapshot of Them at Soppo, Africa

cargo is reported to be on the ship, too. So we are all very anxious.

According to our letters from Kansas, some of our friends think that everything is burned up. None of us are exactly worried about our cargo since we entrusted it to the Lord, and we feel that it is in his care — and what could be better! We shall let you know just how and when our things do arrive. Tell our friends at home that we love it out here. Of course, there are hardships, but we expected that before we came.

Our New Mission Field in China

By MISS LEONA ROSS of River Forest, Illinois, Our Newly-appointed Missionary to the Villages of South China

JUST think of it! The Lord of glory had poured out his life in suffering and agony for those whom he loved. He had told them all that would happen beforehand, but they had not understood. Now he had come forth from the grave in triumph over death.

Again he was speaking to them, commissioning them, this time to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He assured them that all power in heaven and on earth was his and that he himself would be with them always.

What more could they ask? Filled with the Holy Spirit and fired with zeal, they stood later before the very crowd that had condemned their Lord to death. Fearlessly they declared that God had made this same Jesus, whom they had crucified, both Lord and Christ. Being deeply convicted, the people turned to God by the thousands. They recognized this to be the salvation hidden in ages past, but now revealed before their very eyes.

FIRST EXPERIENCES IN CHINA

Since that day and down through the ages, men and women have heard God saying: "Go ye therefore!" Many have turned deaf ears. Others, who would have gone, have been hindered by people who selfishly stood in their way. And so even in our day there are many places where Christ is still unknown.

It is one thing to read these words in the Bible and another thing to have them burned into one's heart and conscience by the Lord of the harvest. Some thirty years ago he spoke to me. Without a moment's hesitation, I purposed in my heart that his will should be wrought out in and through me. Now I look back over many years of service for him in China with mingled emotions: I've been happy because it has been my privilege to witness for Christ to so many in darkness and heathen superstition, but I have regrets that I was not always as faithful as I might have been.

After spending twenty years of life on the waters of South China, working among the boat people there, I lost my boat and my possessions with the fall of Canton to the Japanese. The population of the British Colony of Hongkong had normally been about a half million, but with the influx of refugees it swelled to an estimated two million people. During the remaining three and a half years, I worked among these refugees. Then after the dreadful siege of Hongkong and one month of looting, we were all



Miss Leona Ross of River Forest, Illinois, Who Will Sail for China in December 1947 as Our Missionary in South China Villages

interned and finally repatriated on the "SS. Gripsholm" just five years ago.

THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

During the years of service among the boat people, we were often conscious of the needs of other neglected people. There was a great temptation to yield occasionally, and endeavor to help those to whom no one had been sent. Again and again I had seen the lives of boat people transformed by the power of the Gospel, which sent a thrill through my whole being.

As the light shone into the sinned-darkened hearts of the despised and greatly underprivileged boat people and the chains that had long bound them fell away, there developed immediately a ravenous appetite for the Word of God. Being illiterate, they manifested a consuming desire to learn how to read. Every morning we had a Bible study and prayer meeting for about an hour and a half in which all took part, and so many of these babes in Christ were not only fed, but learned to feed themselves, and eventually they became helpful to others who later passed from death unto life.

In addition to this, for many years there was a blind Bible woman on the boat who had been trained to teach seeing people how to read. Canton was the largest of all the boat centers, and there I was stationed for at least half of the twenty years. As the work steadily grew, a couple was sent there to work with me.

It was at this time that, in addition to our regular work, we reached out

further to the unreached villages outside of Canton, enlisting the help of some of the Christians from among the boat people and of our Chinese evangelist and Bible woman. A small boat about thirty feet long was just the right equipment for this purpose, and in it we placed our folding organ, several stools, our Scriptures and song charts, besides ample supplies of Gospel portions and Acts, and plenty of tracts.

ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE

We took our lunch and at about 9:00 A. M. were ready to start off for a day's village evangelism. The enthusiasm with which we were met in the villages visited was most gratifying. With the work in the cities so well organized, we little dreamed that there could be such ignorance of the Gospel just outside. The people pleaded with us to come back again. Our hearts were deeply stirred with the need and we could not resist the temptation of giving two days each week to this work. It seemed that the Lord blessed our own boat work all the more, in spite of time taken for this outside work.

On a number of occasions we ran across young people who in their childhood had attended mission schools in the cities nearby. But not having been thoroughly enough established in the faith, they had slumped back into a state of indifference and semi-heathenism. They seemed so glad to see us. If only we had had more time to give to this work, we could have stopped long enough to help these, who, in turn, could have helped those around them. But with such limits on our time, we had to hurry on to other villages so as to be able at least to touch as many as possible.

The boat being used only as a means of conveyance and to carry our equipment, we climbed up the bank of the river upon arrival at a village and then headed for the one large tree, usually a banyan tree. The people, ever on the alert, seemed always to know when we were arriving. Immediately the entire community surrounded us, including the vendors, who could not afford to pass up such an opportunity. Of course, what attracted them was sheer curiosity.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

After a year of this work some 50 or 60 villages were being visited more or less regularly. We had to set the limit there, since, after all, we had to keep reminding ourselves that we were only

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Relief Workers and General Secretaries Among the Food Parcels and Clothing Bundles Bound for Central Europe in the Relief Headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois

A Bountiful Harvest Into God's Kingdom

The Story of Our Relief Ministry Through the Million Dollar Offering by
DR. WILLIAM KUHN

NOT EVERY Christian has ever visualized that high goal, nor is he striving to secure an abundant entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Too many Christians share the attitude that a certain man expressed: "I will be satisfied if I can crawl into heaven on my knees and hide myself in some corner." But that is not the attitude of a spiritually normal Christian. At the end of the pilgrimage of such Christians there awaits a "bountiful entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The Apostle Peter before his imminent death stirred up his fellow-Christians so to order their lives that they would have this abundant entrance into the everlasting Kingdom. He said: "Give all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity."

OUR RELIEF WORK

Our relief work is an expression of this brotherly kindness as we extend help to our suffering brethren in Europe. Here we must warn against two fallacies. First, no one can secure an entrance into the everlasting King-

dom simply by engaging in relief work. Only our spiritual relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ will guarantee our entrance into that Kingdom. Second, any charitable relief work that is done from another motive than "in the name of Christ" will avail nothing towards securing this abundant entrance into the Kingdom.

At present, our denomination is carrying on the largest relief work during its entire history. After the first World War we are also engaged in a relief enterprise which, however, differed in many respects from our present enterprise. After the first World War we sent all our relief exclusively in bulk shipments which were then distributed in Austria, Poland and Germany. Although we send at this time larger and more costly bulk shipments than ever before, we are also dispensing relief in the form of tens of thousands of individual food and clothing parcels.

After the first World War there were no cities in Germany laid waste through bombing raids. Now many of those densely populated and beautiful cities of Germany have been reduced to rubble heaps. The important city of Hamburg, for instance, registers a 70 percent destruction. Then there were no displaced persons nor refugees. Now millions of persons with a German background living all their lives

in Poland, Russia, Eastern Germany, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia have been forcibly deported, losing all their homes and possessions and forced into that smaller area of the present Germany, there to live in hovels and to face starvation and nakedness because of a lack of food and clothing.

PITIFUL NEEDS

The lot of these bombed-out persons and the homeless and unwelcome refugees is pitiful beyond description. Their cries for help come to us in those thousands of letters we receive and they in their misery are before us day and night. As a denomination we have done our utmost to meet their needs. Tens upon tens of clothing, shoes, and food have been sent and distributed by our Baptist relief agency known as "Bruderhilfe" to our own Baptist people. Those tens of thousands of love-gift parcels sent with food and clothing have brought cheer and much needed help to the hearts and homes of those living in the shadows of death.

How shall we ever know of all the blessings that have grown out of our relief enterprise? On the Coronation Day of the Lord Jesus Christ, which will also be our coronation day, when that innumerable host of the redeemed

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Our Pension Fund Expansion

An Important Announcement for All Pastors and Churches by MR. WALTER GROSSER, Chairman of the Pension Fund Study Committee

THE PENSION FUND PLAN

Arrangements have now been completed to provide the following liberalized program.

1. All retired ministers and missionaries or widows now receiving pension benefits will be entitled after August 1, 1947 to an increase of one-third of their present monthly benefit. This improvement is a token of appreciation to our retired ministers and their wives, and widows of deceased ministers, beyond any obligation under our pension plan.

2. All ministers or missionaries entitled to pension benefits on and after April 1, 1947 will receive a retirement income of not less than \$200 per year nor more than \$525 per year. The actual amount to be received will be calculated at \$15.00 for each full year of membership. The age of retirement shall be 65, except that if a person has not been a member of the plan for at least ten years upon attaining age 65, his benefits will not begin until he has been in the plan for ten years.

3. In the event of total and permanent disability a member shall be paid not less than \$100 per year nor more than \$525 per year, the actual amount to be computed at \$15.00 for each full year of membership.

4. At the death of a member, either while a dues-paying member or after retirement, his widow shall receive an annual pension of not less than \$100 nor more than \$262.50, calculated at \$7.50 for each year of full membership of her husband.

Present dues-paying members of the old plan will be automatically continued as members under the new plan with the same benefits available to them as are outlined above, without any adjustment of dues for former years of membership. On and after January 1, 1948 these members will, however, be required to pay dues on the basis of the new plan as referred to later in this article.

A booklet is in preparation outlining the plan in full detail. It will be sent to you early in the Fall.

CHURCHES TO ENROLL PASTORS

In order to maintain this pension program, it is essential to have many more of our ministers and missionaries as members. We urge every church to enroll its minister in the Pension Plan. The Pension Committee has provided an opportunity for ministers and missionaries to have more liberal benefits in a plan which is financially sound. The cost of maintaining these benefits

upon a sound financial basis is to be borne jointly by the denomination and, we trust, by the churches.

The present Pension Fund must be increased by at least \$200,000. This money will be raised as one project of our MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING.

The annual contributions to the fund, about 8 percent of the minister's salary, will be paid for one-half (or 4 percent) out of the denominational fund. The other one-half (or 4 percent of the salary) we are asking the churches to contribute.

It is highly desirable, therefore, that before January 1, 1948 every church in the denomination enroll its minister if he is not already a member of the plan. Support the program by having your church vote to pay the cost of providing this pension for ministers and missionaries of our denomination who have dedicated their lives to the great soul-winning enterprise of the church. Any questions pertaining to the new plan will receive prompt and courteous attention if directed to the executive secretary of the denomination, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

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saints of the ages will be gathered before him, he will say: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Upon the inquiry of the saints, when this service was rendered to the Lord, he replies: "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Those saints who have suffered during their lifetime often felt alone and forsaken in their sufferings. Now to their surprise they learn that the glorified King himself has identified himself with each one in his sufferings. Our ministry of helpfulness, which often seems so insignificant, now is glorified since we know that it is being rendered to the King himself through the persons of his suffering brethren. When the King speaks such words of commendation to us, that will be a rich compensation for every ministry of brotherly kindness.

As we read those thousands of letters from the recipients of our relief,

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Our New Mission Field in China

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doing this work on the side. Sometimes the people begged us to stay for the evening when the farmers would be in from the fields. Sadly, we had to refuse and turn away in order to reach the city in time for our evening meeting.

In some places crowds were quite noisy, but in others the village elders kept the children quiet. On some occasions the people brought brooms and literally swept the streets where we would be having the meeting, when they saw us coming. Others brought stools from their houses and brought tea for us to drink. We could not have been treated more royally.

In 1931 I came home on furlough. As I went from city to city addressing many groups, I spoke again and again of the need of Chinese village evangelism, a field waiting to be occupied. When I returned to China I was sent to a station temporarily, one hundred and forty miles north of Canton. Later I returned to the station in Canton when the couple, mentioned above, was leaving the boat mission for another work. But working singlehandedly, I had all I could do caring for a growing boat church and evangelistic work in Canton. But I have never quite been able to dismiss the villages from my memory.

ANOTHER OPEN DOOR

The Japanese invaded China and after years of struggling to remain in China, we missionaries were returned to the homeland as prisoners. For over two years I traveled in this country, being still connected with the boat mission. And now for over two and a half years I have been living in New York's Chinatown and working among the Chinese people.

A year and a half ago I resigned from the South China Boat Mission. Little did I think that, in answer to my prayers for another open door into China, the open door would be mine through the North American Baptist General Missionary Society.

I was brought up in the Forest Park Baptist Church where my parents were members from the time it was organized. It was there I first became interested in missionary work in early childhood. But God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. When I was praying for an open door back to China, the North American Baptist General Missionary Society became interested in China and the opening of work there. Nor did I suspect that after these many years I would be the one to go to the villages as yet unevangelized. There can be no doubt but that God had a purpose in letting me see the need so long ago.

China is now trying to recover herself from the ravages of nearly ten

years of awful war. The backwash has left inflation, poverty, disease, starvation. The people are desperate. I anticipate no easy task with bandits plundering and robbing. But he who said, "Go ye therefore," also said, "Lo, I am with you always."

He never fails those who trust and obey him. Some one has said that the happiest people in the world are the missionaries. Do you wonder why? It is because they must essentially walk very close to him and who would not be happy there?

FAITH IN GOD!

From October 1918 to January 1946, I served under a so-called faith mission. But never before have I been in a position where it is necessary to exercise so much faith in God Almighty. When I first went out, I went with two other missionaries, knowing that when we reached our destination there was a boat to live on and friends to meet us. The next three times I had co-workers to meet me and a place to which to go.

Now I have neither and there is a housing shortage besides, even as there is here. But God's Word says, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Another need is a suitable place in Canton where new missionaries can live while studying the language. Then there will be the building of the boat for the village work and the need of workers to help in this work, an evangelist and a Bible woman. Missionaries who have arrived on the field say there is much pilfering and breaking into baggage by the coolies upon arrival in Hongkong.

I merely mention all these things so that you will begin immediately to pray about all of these needs. God answers prayer. Surely, I need your prayers as never before. Will you not, my friends, take up the burden and bear it before God daily? What rejoicing will then be ours when we see him just going before, step by step! If God lays this burden upon your hearts, he means for you to bear it. I know you will.

Last April one of my former co-workers returned to the field. Her heart was burdened as mine is now. She asked her friends to pray, and they did. She had no trouble at all and even very little duty to pay. But more than anything else, I covet your papers for the people among whom we are to work, that the soil of their hearts may be prepared for the seed of God's Word.

The work is the Lord's and ours. We all have a part in bringing those still in darkness to a knowledge of the Savior we have known for so long.

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we are convinced that this ministry of Christian helpfulness has not been in vain. Listen to what some of them have said.

"When your parcel arrived, our assembled family fell on our knees and thanked God for prompting you to send us such a wonderful gift."

"We have often wished that you might be personally present when one of your parcels is being unpacked. The exuberant joy of everyone and the sparkling eyes of the children would have been a sufficient compensation for your sacrificial love."

"Your parcel reminded us again that it is still true that God will neither leave us nor forsake us."

"When we received our allotted quota of flour and oat cereal at that church service on Sunday afternoon, we thanked the Lord that our brethren in America, so far away across the sea, still think of us."

"Living here in the midst of heartless and selfish persons and being considered as unwelcome intruders, we had almost lost faith in humanity, but your love-gift revived that faith."

"The clothing you sent has made it possible for me to go to church and move in society as a self-respecting person."

"Your food parcel arrived at God's appointed hour when our entire supply had been exhausted."

"You will never know how many persons have been saved from starvation because they received your food parcels."

"As a mother I was very much concerned that there would be no clothing for that expected baby but your parcel of baby clothes supplied every need."

"When at the church service on Sunday afternoon the parcels of flour, one pound to each member of the family including children, were distributed, there were many tears of joy shed for the kindness of the North American Baptists and the entire membership arose and expressed their gratitude."

The above quotations are but a glean from thousands of other letters all expressing the same sentiments.

The Million Dollar Offering of our churches will do a great deal to continue this ministry of relief of our denomination to the destitute people of Europe. A total of \$100,000 has been resigned for this work of relief "in the Name of Christ." Your contributions to the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING will have a definite share in this relief ministry of ours.

LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING!



—Ewing Galloway Photo

FOR a number of years, due to the increased cost of living, both our pastors and lay-members have been urging our General Conference to improve our Ministers' Pension. Resolutions were presented to our General Council by at least one of our local conferences.

As a result of these urgent requests, our General Council at its meeting in April 1945, appointed a special committee to study our Ministers' Pension Plan and to make recommendations for improving it so that our retired pastors could receive increased benefits. At Tacoma in 1946 our General Conference confirmed this action, giving the General Council the authority to accept the recommendations of the Pension Study Committee.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SENTIMENT

After considerable further study, the Pension Fund Committee presented a plan to the General Council at its meeting in April 1947 which provides a continuing income to our ministers and missionaries as well as to their widows.

1. In the event of total disability.
2. During old age.
3. To the widows of deceased ministers.

The sentiment expressed at the Tacoma Conference in favor of more adequate ministerial pensions as well as life insurance benefits leaves us no other alternative but to proceed with a new plan. Our churches have a real obligation to our ministers. Many of them serve the Lord for a lifetime at a great financial sacrifice. They do this willingly. We must provide them and their families with a minimum financial security comparable to what many lay-members with better earned incomes feel impelled to provide for themselves and their families.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., held a Vacation Bible School from July 7 to 18 with an enrollment of more than 100 children and an average attendance of 70. "There were 28 children who eagerly sought and found salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ", as reported by the Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke, pastor. Mr. Eva Blevens, former missionary to the Belgian Congo, served as superintendent. On the Sunday evenings in July a series of moving pictures on "The Life of St. Paul" was very popular with good sized congregations.

● On Sunday, July 13, the Rev. Frederick Alf of Streeter, North Dakota had the joy of baptizing two persons and receiving them into the fellowship of the church. Mr. Alf reported that these were an elderly lady and a bright young lad of the Sunday School. The Streeter Baptist Church has decided to rebuild its edifice, and a water system is being installed in the parsonage.

● The Rev. Arthur Ittermann recently conducted evangelistic meetings for two weeks at the Ebenezer Church of Doland, South Dakota, of which the Rev. Paul H. Glanzer is the minister. As a result of the meetings 17 of the converts were baptized on Sunday, July 13, and received into the fellowship of the church. Mr. Glanzer added to the report: "Our prayer is that the Lord may continue to bless Mr. Ittermann so that many more persons may be won for Christ through him."

● On the first two Sundays of August, Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas which was filled for more than 40 years by the late Dr. George W. Truett. The present pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell, was at Copenhagen, Denmark for the Baptist World Congress at the time of Dr. Koller's ministry in the Dallas church.

● From July 7 to 18 the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held its Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 132 pupils and an average attendance of 84 children. Fifteen teachers assisted Dr. John Leypoldt, pastor, in directing the activities of this very successful school. Several conversions were also reported. On Friday evening, July 18, the closing exercises were held with an impressive program presented to an audience of more than 200 people.

THE CONFERENCE MINUTES

Prof. O. E. Krueger has been appointed to serve as editor of the 1947 edition of "The Conference Minutes." If the publication is to be printed before the close of the year, all conference recording and statistical secretaries must send their material and reports PROMPTLY by Sept. 25 or earlier. Send the reports to Prof. O. E. Krueger, 246 Alexander St., Rochester 7, New York.

● A recognition service for Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Bender and their family was held by the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., on Sunday evening, July 27, with a large audience almost filling the church to its capacity. Mr. Harry E. Wichtel, chairman of the board of deacons, was in charge of the service and presented a monetary gift to the Benders from the church. The congregations of the Temple and Bethany Churches of Milwaukee were also in attendance and greetings were extended to them by their pastors, the Reverends Peter Pfeiffer and John Leypoldt. Messages of recognition were also brought by Dr. Ezra G. Roth for the Wisconsin Baptist Convention, and by Dr. Faris D. Whitesell for the Northern Baptist Seminary. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner represented the North American Baptist Conference in the address of the evening. Dr. Bender expressed his heartfelt appreciation for his family and himself in well chosen remarks. Two beautiful anthems, chosen by Dr. Bender, were sung by the church choir.

● The 10,000th individual relief package for Central Europe was dispatched from the Forest Park headquarters on Monday morning, July 28. It was sent to Berlin, Germany to a niece of Mrs. Albert Vogt, who has been in charge of the relief room at Forest Park. This labor of love in sending 10,000 parcels of food and clothing to the needy people of Europe from our Forest Park headquarters has been directed by Dr. William Kuhn and Miss Gretchen Remmler and carried out by many volunteer helpers in an expenditure of time and strength, "in the name of Christ." The sending of relief parcels from the headquarters continues unabated toward the 11,000 mark!

● The remodeled parsonage of the Bethel Church of Ingersoll, Okla., was dedicated on Sunday evening, July 20,

at a festive celebration held in the church sanctuary. Open house at the parsonage was held that afternoon with the Rev. and Mrs. John Heer serving as hosts. The addition of two new rooms and bathroom with new flooring, windows and asbestos siding cost approximately \$3,200 without the contributed labor. The following were represented on the program besides the pastor: Rev. and Mrs. Herbert A. Meyer, Rev. A. Knopf, Mr. Charlie Geis, Roger Meyer, and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner who brought the address of dedication and offered the dedicatory prayer. Musical selections were rendered by Mr. Raymond Geis of Cherokee and a quartet of girls of the church.

● Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, spent Sunday, June 29, at the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Dr. Lang came to Sheboygan from Green Lake where he had been attending the meeting of seminary presidents and professors. He spoke at the regular worship service in the morning and spoke at the evening service sponsored by the Willing Workers' Society of the Church. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson is the pastor.

● For four months from June to September the Rev. B. W. Krentz of Los Angeles, Calif., is serving as interim pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Los Angeles. This Northern Baptist Convention church has a membership of about 450. Mr. Krentz served as a U. S. Army chaplain during the last war, and later supplied the pulpit of the Connors Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., for several months while the pastor, Rev. Wm. Hoover, was in Europe on a relief mission. He is anxious to become permanently located in one of our churches. His address is 4221 Second Ave., Los Angeles 43, California.

● On Sunday, August 10, the Rev. Otto Nallinger presented his resignation as pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon to his congregation and announced that he had accepted a student pastorate in the Baptist Church of San Carlos, California, not far from San Francisco. His main purpose will be to study at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School of Berkeley, Calif., during the forthcoming year. Mr. Nallinger hopes to keep in touch with our North American Baptist Churches during that time. His resignation took effect on August 31st.

Resolutions Adopted by the Pacific Conference at the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif.

In viewing the activities of the various cooperating societies of our denomination we of the Pacific Conference commend the General Council for its interest in the future of our denomination by launching the crusade to raise another Million Dollar Offering. We also heartily endorse the sanction it has given to the action of the Seminary Board in relocating our seminary to a more centrally located area at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

We acknowledge the effective work that the president and faculty of the seminary have been doing and commend our seminary to the loyal support of the churches of our conference. We also acknowledge the fine work of our Christian Training Institute.

We express our commendation to the General Mission Society for its vision of a wider missionary outreach in the enlarged Cameroons Mission enterprise, for the establishment of a new mission field in China, and for taking up the challenge to enter the many open doors that God has given us on the home fields. We urge our churches to assume their financial obligations in supporting our ever increasing mission opportunities.

We recognize the fine work which our Publication Society is doing in spreading the Gospel through the printed Word. We especially invite our churches to give our Publication Society priority in ordering their supplies of Christian literature and especially to use the new bulletins which will soon be available and will serve as a wonderful means to promote our denominational projects.

We are sorry not to have had any representation either in person or by report from our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich. We are grateful to God for the faithful service of Rev. and Mrs. August Runtz in carrying on the work of the home.

We encourage our churches to support the Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union in its manifold program of winning and training our youth for the service of Christ.

We appreciate the interest that has been shown throughout our denomination to provide for our aged folk as they seek security in the sunset years of their lives.

In our Conference we recognize the sacrificial spirit manifested by the splendid response of our people in their support of the various household needs and projects of our denomination. We also rejoice with those churches of our Conference which have launched out in establishing new home mission fields and urge all our churches to strengthen their home base as a means of winning more souls for our Lord and train them for Christian service.

Let us pledge ourselves to do our very best to further the Master's work through the medium of our denomination which the Lord has entrusted to us. Let us prayerfully unite in the discharge of this our sacred duty.

The Committee on Resolutions
John Wobig, Chairman;
A. S. Felberg and
Emil Riemer

Beside the Still Waters

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

SAFE FOREVER

Psalms 23:6

WE CAN SPEAK of the divine only in human terms. That is why David started out in his Psalm of Psalms with the picture of the shepherd (Ps. 23:1-4), and then followed it with the image of the host (Ps. 23:5-6). To him God was both shepherd and host.

In the last verse of this immortal Psalm the singer is still meditating on the Oriental host. As long as the guest was in the tent of his host, he was safe from the enemies that pursued him. This picture David carried over into the religious realm.

In the final verse of this beautiful Psalm his enemies are no longer pursuing him. On the contrary, goodness and mercy follow him like two angels protecting him on both sides. Enemies could pursue him to the door of the host's tent, but goodness and grace would pursue him all the days of his life.

What a contrast to the lot of the wicked man pursued by the angel of judgment and of calamity! The climax of this immortal song is reached when the poet cries out with conviction and joy: "And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever", literally, "for length of days".

Pointed Paragraphs

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

□ Dr. E. E. Hale writes in his imaginative book, *Ten Times One Is Ten*: "Active love comes to the world by no change of law, by no new revelation, nor other gospel than the world has now. It comes singly as man after man, and woman after woman, lead such unselfish lives as all of us see sometimes, as all would be glad to live."
—Baptist Leader.

□ General Douglas MacArthur in a special Fourth of July message to America through *LIFE* magazine said in the closing paragraph: "It is for us in this era of confusion and uncertainty following the cataclysm of history's most violent struggle, calmly to re-fortify our lives and institutions by the rededication of ourselves to those ideals and principles and human standards which have guided our progress as a people; and while always mindful of our own business, fearlessly to discharge our responsibility to others, that by example we may point the way to a peaceful world of workable human

As long as the wayfarer was in the tent of his host, no enemy could harm him. He was safe, but he could only stay for a few days. Then he had to take his chance. But the Psalmist knew he could dwell in the house of his heavenly Protector for the rest of his days.

The words, "in the house of the Lord", are surely to be understood figuratively. The writer could hardly mean a lifelong residence in the tabernacle or temple. He believed that as Jehovah's guest, he was secure under his protection at all times.

Wherever God is, his temple is also. Jacob slept under the canopy of heaven but after he awoke from his dream, he exclaimed: "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not. How dreadful is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven" (Gen: 28:16-17).

Jesus taught that the worship of God is not confined to a sacred mountain nor to a sacred city. God as Spirit can be worshipped everywhere. Therefore we are under his constant protection, not only during this life but also in the life to come.

As his sheep no one can pluck us out of his hand, and as his permanent guests no one can separate us from the love of our heavenly host. We are safe in his keeping forever more.

relationships. Therein lies the best hope for overwhelming those evil forces which now plague mankind and for real advancement in human progress."

□ We are being told today that we have outgrown the need of obedience to the teachings of the New Testament. This is the age of emancipation, of self-expression at all cost. Away with hoary inhibitions. Down with tradition. Such is the modern spirit of rebellion.

Yet it needs to be remembered that whatever of good there may be in the new freedom can be found in the Christian religion in full-orbed splendor. In Christ we have true freedom.

Why do men, even Christians sometimes, resent so fiercely any form of dictation which prevents them from having their own way, while at the same time they submit so tamely to the dictation of the world which prevents the Lord from having His way in and through them? —Moody Monthly.

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. But he longed for Bashia, his sweetheart of former days. He became greatly excited when his old cronies, Isme-Dagan and Egibe, arrived at the palace and told him that they had news of her. Later Asenath, the princess, brought Bashia to the palace. Even Hadar, the rival of Raanah in many ways, tried to win her attention. A fight would have ensued had it not been for Potiphar's interference. He asked to speak to Raanah about the chariot race.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

"H," Pharaoh boomed, "these young fellows are all rascals with the ladies. But tell me, my captain," he grew serious over his hobby, "how does the caperberry span take the bit? It was reported they are fierce and mighty."

"So they are!" Raanah laughed in recollection of their capers. "They always put up a tough fight to start, but once they settle to their gait they are among the fleetest young horses the buyers have recently brought in. I like their mettle."

Pharaoh edged forward on his royal chair, and his gnome-like face glowed excitedly. "Such faults can be trained out of them, but think you they are winning stock?"

"Certainly, Your Majesty, they have fine pride and spirit. Already they take to the course better than most young teams, and actually snort with indignation when another team is crowding them. None have passed

them yet, and I believe it would break their hearts should that happen."

Pharaoh chuckled and wriggled on his chair. "Well, on with the work, my captain! With a man of your daring and skill —" He nodded at the men who crowded around at a respectful distance to hear this intimate talk about horses, "Think you Pharaoh cannot pick a winner — in horses or men?" He shook a pudgy finger at Raanah. "Beginning tomorrow, you must put in full time on the training. Let Kadmiel look after the Guard. The Festival is but a few weeks ahead." He hitched himself forward eagerly. "Tell me about the buckskin stallions. I watched them swing around the course yesterday. Are they not a little stiff in their gait?"

"Only the left horse, Your Majesty. The right one needs a better partner. He carries the greater load of the chariot with much interference. Nahari reported it yesterday, so I tried them out myself. I shall remove the offender and tug in a sorrel that I have been watching."

"They will not match."

"They differ only slightly in color, my King. Their size and gait and spirit will be equal. I believe they will work well together."

"H'm! You should know since it is your business. But keep your eye on

all the horses, even those the other men will race. I wish it said that Pharaoh's horses are the fleetest of the world. The entry lists for the Festival are rapidly filling, although it still looks as if Prince Hadar will be your stiffest contender. Remember, I am counting on you to lead him and any other rivals. My money is on you and my own horses, so get yourself in good topping trim!"

"He will need to if he expects to race me," Hadar flashed. Unnoticed, he had joined the group around the throne-chair to hear the conversation. As he spoke, his eyes swept over the young captain haughtily.

Raanah reddened as silent anger filled him. He stiffened to keep back a retort, but his eyes were hot and resentful. What sort of man did Hadar take him to be? The overbearing prince was taking advantage of him before Pharaoh. Hadar was privileged at court because of his family connections; but Raanah, as a rising young man on his own, held a less secure position and dared not presume too far.

Seeing the friction between them, Pharaoh's bug eyes gleamed. If these two hot-headed young men could be edged on to carry their ill will into the races, it would add zest to the Festival. And if one of them should be killed, the spectators would be served more thrillingly. He would hate to lose Raanah, for the young racer was the best man he would ever get, but Pharaoh was a born gambler. He knew that was a chance he would have to take to get rid of Hadar. The prince was not only

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disagreeable, he was a force that, sooner or later, must be reckoned with. His principedom was growing too powerful.

"Teh-teh!" Pharaoh cackled with a catty gleam in his cold old eyes, "I see you both realize that it is the pushing, virile men, willing to take risks, who forge to the front."

"I have never been adverse to taking risks," Hadar replied coldly, "and if the captain is a true sportsman —"

"I count myself one," Raanah spoke with equal fridity. "If you are seeking a wager, Hadar, you have but to name it. I'll cover your stake whatever it is, but I warn you —"

"Ha-ha!" The deep-bellied little man on the dais almost hugged himself with delight. Such whip-cracking rejoinders were much to his liking. He leaned back in his huge chair, and his sides shook with mirth. Then a crafty thought struck him, and he sat up.

"But you two should not make a wager! You should realize that there is only one real, sporting wager among contestants of dangerous sports — and that is life against death!" He was so thrilled with his idea that he almost laughed aloud at the blank faces around him. Instead, he cleared his throat huskily, and his hollow voice took on a sepulchral note. "I fear you gentlemen are growing too serious." He waved them away in an impatient manner. "Go along with you! I'll hear no more dissent from either of you."

He slid down from his chair to show that his audience was dismissed, and stood with a sober face until they all had bowed and left him. Cackling to himself, he waddled off to his rooms. He had planted a seed that would grow, and make the coming event one long to be remembered.

As soon as Pharaoh had dismissed his guests, Raanah looked about eagerly for Bashia and Asenath. He was still flushed from his set-to with Hadar, but put it from his mind. He craned about until he saw the young women in the hallway. They were waiting for a chariot to take them home. "You will ride with me," he begged.

Without waiting for their assent, he snapped his fingers at a servant.

"Boy, tell Dicon to bring my chariot!" Taking an arm of each lady, he steered them past groups of bowing, chattering guests. He looked down on Bashia possessively, and she lowered her long lashes in a way that made his spirit leap.

Bashia was self-conscious in the presence of the big fellow beside her. She liked his courteous but slightly commanding manner, yet felt shy of him in his role of society favorite.

But not so Asenath, who knew him well and liked him none the less for his faults. "If we grace you with our

company," she twitted him, "and should Prince Hadar drive up beside you, would the roadway be safe for us? I love to watch your reckless driving, my captain, but not when I stand beside you in the chariot."

"Please do not hold the unpleasant affair of this evening against me," he took her banter in a half-serious mood. "Before I arrived at the palace, I had been greatly perturbed. As I came home from a stirring afternoon with the Guard, my old friends, Egiba and Isme-Dagan, turned up in rags. They gave me a horrible tale of Ishtar's vengeance. After waiting to gorge themselves, they let drop inadvertently that Bashia had returned. I could have choked them for the delay, though the news transported me to heaven. I went after her immediately. When I did not find her, I feared that I had lost her again."

He looked down on Bashia glowingly. She banded a smile with him, and he drew her closer to his side. They had stepped out under the portico when his chariot rolled up to the steps. He handed the ladies in and took the reins. After they swept into the long avenue, and the horses settled into their pace, he turned to Bashia. "Remember how you liked to ride with me?"

"Yes," her voice was gay, catching the spirit of Asenath's mischief, "and even in those long-ago days, you liked to quarrel with Hadar. In such respect, it seems, you have not changed."

Raanah's laughter rang out contentiously. Tonight there was so much joy in the world. "So you remember that race — and the cracked vase that Asenath mended so cleverly?"

"Yes, and how I longed to crash it on Hadar's head," she answered with mock petulance.

"You were more cruel than I, who longed merely to tweak his nose. Later, I did more, I broke it, and he nearly killed me. Did you notice the crooked hinge in it? I like to think it spoils his asinine beauty."

"There you are wrong," Asenath protested. "Rather, it gives him distinction. You must be careful not to add to his charms."

They were still happily reminiscing when he drew up at Asenath's door. "You must come in," Asenath insisted. "You two must have much to say to each other after years of separation. Jubal," she instructed the steward who came forward, "see that the captain's horses are cared for." She led the way into the house and took Bashia's wrap. "Good night, my dear, I am so sleepy that I shall not wait up."

When the old sweethearts were alone, Raanah laid his cloak and helmet on a divan and stood for a moment looking at Bashia in manly confusion. Then he laughed, strode forward, and took her in his arms. She raised her radiant face, and he pressed his lips hard upon her warm, soft mouth. Neither spoke. Just to be in each other's arms was as

near bliss as they had ever been.

He put his hand under her chin and raised her head. "Your eyes sparkle like wine, and intoxicate me quite as much," he whispered softly. "Oh, Bashia, my heart sings because you are mine again. Truly, there is no joy so great nor misery so deep as that which grows out of love. Why did you not send me some word?"

"I did — many times."

"And why did you not come straight to me when you reached Memphis?" "Oh, my captain," she mimicked saucily, "no self-respecting woman throws herself at a man. I learned that you had grown rich and powerful. How could I know that you still cared for me after so many years? For aught I knew, my coming might cause embarrassment. You might have a wife and family — or perhaps a harem full of women. So I sought Joseph, and learned of his misfortune. Then I saw Asenath, and she would not let me go. Perhaps there is a harem," she added archly and a trifle anxiously. "A man of your position —"

He caught her shoulders and gave her a gentle shake, "You do not believe that, Bashia," he whispered seriously. "I told you once that I would never ask another woman to share my life. You and I have been through too much together. There is no harem. No woman has taken your place."

Her eyes dropped under the leaping flame in his. His lips pressed her yielding mouth. He gazed upon her upturned face and half-closed eyes. "You always had the trick of hiding your charms," he chided. "Your lazy eyes and saucy red lips have lived long in my memory. At night your alluring ghost danced before me in the shadows. You challenged me with your spirit to keep on caring for you. But you have grown more beautiful than the dream, and I love you more than ever. You must not keep me waiting, Bashia."

She snuggled against his breast with a sigh that was not altogether contentment. She could see that this handsome young captain was definitely not the happy, carefree youth that she had known. He carried a baffling air of self-reliance and authority. While to one of his social and political position such assurance sat well upon him, it was to her a little frightening. She suspected that this soldier and great horseman was somewhat implacable, and wondered what had made him so. She pushed him away from her that she might appraise him better.

"Raanah," she began quietly, "in the years that we have been separated, we have both changed greatly, and I think that before we — decide — we should become better acquainted. What we still think and love about each other may not be true."

He caught her arms so tightly that the pain of his grip made her gasp. "Bashia," he demanded fiercely, "there

is no one else —?"

She shook her head. "No one has supplanted you in my heart, but I wish to make sure that the man I have loved all these years is you." She came willingly into his arms and pulled his head down so that his cheek rested against hers.

"Good night, my captain," she said roguishly as he gave her a parting kiss. "From now on, you can see me as often as you wish. Asenath insists that I stay with her. She is lonely with just her amah and the servants, and is often sad about Joseph."

As Raanah drove home, elation suffused him. He made light of Bashiah's scruples concerning their strangeness to each other. He would soon win her over. A woman of her beauty and personality would be popular at court. He frowned. There might be rivals if she put him off too long.

The horses clipped along, leaving Raanah to his thoughts. The shade of cedars lay across the road, and beneath the velvet mantle of the night, all things took on ethereal beauty. The song of a nightingale pierced his armored thoughts, and the blond mares cocked their sensitive ears.

At the gate they shied as two dark figures loomed before them. In the light of the courtyard torch, Raanah saw Egiba and Isme-Dagan trudging along stiffly. They were tired and offended after walking miles from the camp. His throaty laugh rang out at sight of them. They reminded him of two old cocks with bedraggled tail feathers, coming home to roost.

Seeing his good humor, they tried to be facetious. They could not sleep, they explained, for the smells and the noise. The steward promised to send word the minute he heard from Bashiah. Besides, they knew Raanah wanted company for breakfast, and the camp fare would be terrible.

"Ah, me!" Egiba sighed, "it is the women who stir up the trouble in the world."

They were much relieved that this fiery young captain was not angry with them for returning, and Egiba gave his dour-faced crony a playful dig as they followed Raanah into the house.

In the weeks that followed, Raanah was busy training horses for the races. Mostly, he selected animals brought in from Libya, for they were intelligent, long-legged, spirited creatures with slender, barrel-shaped bodies and great heart and endurance.

He preferred them wild from their native plains, then fed and groomed them until their coats were smooth and satiny. There was something about the beautiful, wild creatures that appealed to the young sportsman, and he loved them as might loves might. When they struggled against him, it seemed as if they were merely playing a rough-tumble game; for when at rest they nudged him playfully with their soft noses.

While he held them to strict discipline, their bits were snaffles without curbs, and his lean, brown fingers were light on the reins; yet those same fingers could be as strong as steel, and his chargers knew it.

With the time limit of the Noph-Kihor Festival set upon his work, it was extremely arduous; besides, there were matters pertaining to the Guard that he could not turn over to Kadmiel. He tried to see Bashiah every evening, though there were times when he was too tired to dress and drive over. A few times he saw Hadar's chariot at Asenath's door and turned away angrily.

He protested indignantly to Bashiah about Hadar's visits, but she turned the matter off lightly. "He calls," she said, "without any invitation from Asenath or myself, and we can do no less than be courteous to him. So get rid of the green-eyed monster, my captain," she advised as she snuggled contentedly in his arms. She was such a radiant minx that Raanah could not withstand her.

With jealousy pricking him, he urged her to marry him at once but she said "no" emphatically. Pharaoh would not like such interruption to his work. They must wait until after the Festival. Seeing his forlorn expression, she added that she could not be a smiling bride if, on the honeymoon, he gave her an absent-minded peck on the cheek and drove away each morning to train horses.

"Besides," she met his eyes frankly, "I find you much changed, Raanah, and confess it worries me. With all your worldly honors you are not at peace with yourself. I have been told that you no longer worship Ishtar; but I know, without being told, that you are still afraid of her."

Raanah stirred uneasily, but had to meet the devoted eyes of the girl. "Have you forgotten," he asked bitterly, "that once I trusted God, and He let loose a wave of troubles that nearly drowned me?"

"He did not loose troubles on you, Raanah. You lost faith too easily. Things, good or bad, once started, have to work themselves out in this man's world."

"Joseph has not lost faith, neither does he blame God for what happened to him. He knows that it was resentful, conceited human beings who caused his trouble, and he believes that God will eventually work some good out of the matter for him."

Bashiah stood before Raanah glowingly, her lips parted in a tender smile, her heart filled with solicitude for him. "Once, Raanah, I thought much as you do, but Joseph taught me better. Now I know that we are just creatures of bone and flesh. To make man, God added a spirit, and only faith in God can sustain that spirit. We must all have that precious faith — faith above all in God, and as a result, faith in

ourselves and our work."

She spoke so earnestly that Raanah was touched in spite of himself. "You are right, Bashiah, as usual." He caught her wistful face between his strong hands and kissed her.

A few days later, when the heat of the noonday had waned, and people were beginning to stir about, Raanah drove a pair of chestnut geldings through the Market Square to accustom them to crowds. As usual, the Square teemed with a colorful concourse. A string of burdened camels lurched by. The elegant chariot of a nobleman passed. Next came a petty Hindu prince with a bodyguard.

At an outlet of the Square, he saw a familiar figure on a well-groomed little donkey. It was Bashiah. His pulses tingled pleasantly as he guided his team in her direction. Before he could reach her, Prince Hadar, driving up behind her, drew his spanking team up to match the mincing pace of her mount and bowed elegantly.

Raanah was almost upon them. He could see Bashiah's face flush, and her eyes widen with fear as she glanced from one to the other. Hadar's smile froze into disagreeable lines, but there was a gloating flash in his eyes. Tight-lipped, Raanah met Hadar's look of triumph. The three bowed stiffly.

Although it was obviously a chance meeting, rage gripped Raanah. He wheeled his team and drove down a side street at a brisk pace, while he told himself that any friendly relations between Bashiah and Hadar must cease. He would ask Pharaoh's permission to marry her immediately. She would not lightly disregard the word of the king. This matter must be settled now.

He drove to the barracks and ordered a troop of twenty chariots and men to be ready within a half-hour to accompany him to the palace, for the Basilisk captain must arrive in state when he called on Pharaoh. Then he drove home to change from his training clothes into a fancy uniform.

Egiba and Isme-Dagan were luxuriating in the shade of the garden, each with a cool, fruity drink in one hairy hand and a fan in the other. Seeing the strained look on Raanah's face, they arose and followed him into the house. Something had gone wrong with their benefactor, and they fluttered around him like fussy housewives. Isme-Dagan brought him a cool drink and sought with blind but good intentions to drop a crumb of comfort.

"Now, lad! Don't let your worries overcast you," he said gruffly, somewhat embarrassed in the role of cheerer, and he had not the slightest idea what had upset the captain. "'Tis a long journey to life's end, and one bad stretch must not mar the beauty of the rest of it."

"You mean," Egiba mimicked his crony, "one beauty must not mar his rest."

Both gave a forced laugh; but after accepting the drink, Raanah silently peeled off his sweat-dampened clothes with savage tugs. They watched him and rolled their eyes significantly. So, it was a womar, just as they had suspected.

The old men hoped that nothing had gone wrong between him and Bashiah. With her as mistress, their position would be secure.

"Now, while you are a great horseman," Egiba's tongue wagged, "you have much to learn about women. Take my advice." The impertinent old egotist did not guess how hard his advice was. "You see, my lad, horses can be driven, but women must be coaxed. Still," he conceded blandly, "a handsome young fellow like you should be able to persuade any woman to his wishes."

Isme-Dagan was more cautious. He knew that few young men appreciate advice from their elders, and he feared the captain's uncertain temper, so he flashed warning signals at Egiba.

Raanah's mind was in too much turmoil to pay attention. Pitching his clothes across the room, he went to his bath, and splashed vigorously. He emerged in a fancy uniform with much gold braid. A green plume nodded in his helmet, and he strode swiftly across the room to the clanking of his saber. The curiosity of the old men was painfully aroused. They dared not ask where he was going, but their remarks were so obvious that Raanah had to grin at them despite his mood. They grinned back and he unbent enough to tell them that he was bound for the palace on business.

"Take me along to prompt you," the irrepressible Egiba bantered with a twinkle in his eyes. He straightened his pudgy form to look important.

"And have Pharaoh put you in a cage as a billiken to amuse the ladies?" Raanah countered as he stepped to the door.

They gazed after him anxiously, then poured themselves another fruity drink and settled down to an afternoon of conjecture.

(To Be Continued)

EVANGELISTIC APPOINTMENTS

Several months of evangelistic appointments were announced to a number of our churches by the General Missionary Secretary for the second denominational evangelist, pending his acceptance. A call was extended to one of our pastors for this ministry, but an unfavorable reply was given.

In view of this, the churches, which had hoped for the ministry of the second evangelist, will have to wait until another appointment has been made and new dates assigned by the General Missionary Secretary.

We, the Women

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

OUR SHARE

"Give, for giving is living," the angel said.

"And must I keep giving again and again?"

My peevish and petulant answer ran. "Ah yes," and piercing me through he said,

"Just give 'til the Master stops giving to you!" —Anon

How lovely you women have responded to the call for giving. At Tacoma last summer our Union adopted as its special project for the triennium the establishing of a nurses' training school in the Cameroons. Our missionary nurses had told us of the need for trained assistants in the work of ministering to the sick, and in order to help finance the training of native young men and women we chose this project.

At first no definite sum was set as our goal for this project. But how wonderful has been your response. In this one year, thousands of dollars have come in to headquarters designated for this project. This has inspired your officers to ask for \$10,000 as our goal for the triennium. There is no doubt in our minds that, if you continue to give as you have been giving, we will be able to reach this figure, and even "go over the top."

What will this money be used for? Since we adopted the project, we have been notified that under present conditions the government in the Cameroons will not permit the building and establishing of a school for training nurses. The original plan had been to build one school at a central location. However, that will not stop the training of native nurses. Under the present plan, this work will even expand. On every field where there is a dispensary eager young men and women, graduates of our mission schools, will

be trained by our missionary nurses to become capable assistants. Our money, instead of building one building, will provide necessary equipment wherever needed, such as textbooks for the students, medicines, etc.

How will giving for this special project tie in with the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING, about which you have been hearing so much? It will be included in and considered a part of that offering. For every \$20.00 you send in for the Nurses Training Project, you will receive a Share Certificate, showing that you have participated in the Million Dollar Offering to that extent. Please, be sure that any contribution you send in for the Nurses Training Project is clearly marked for that purpose, in order to keep the records straight.

Have you looked carefully at the attractive new Million Dollar Offering Poster? Pictured with all the other cooperating societies is our Woman's Union. — By the way, that group of women is from the Connors Ave. Baptist Church in Detroit, representing a typical society doing White Cross work. — As you know, we are on the budget of our denomination on a percentage basis. If the funds coming in during the next two years total \$1,000,000, as hoped, our portion will be considerably larger than in the past year, and we will be able to expand our work as a Union. As we give, so will we receive!

However, we do not want to give with any selfish motive. As we look at the poster, with the central figure of the pleading Christ, we are reminded of these words:

We give Thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

—W. W. How.

Million Dollar Offering Instructions

Send all Contributions to the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING to North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING Certificates will be sent to the contributors with receipts. Each gift of \$20.00 will entitle the contributor to receive a full share certificate. Larger contributions will give the contributor several shares. An offering of \$10.00 will entitle the giver to receive a half share. These certificates will be suitable for framing in your home or church.

You may designate your contributions to any part of the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING, if you so desire.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Scripture Memory Program at Waco's Central Baptist Church

On Sunday morning, June 22, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas closed a very successful Vacation Bible School with Mrs. Herbert Schneider as principal. There were 79 children enrolled with an average attendance of 59.

The commencement exercises included a fine program given by the boys and girls, with each class giving a demonstration of what they had learned during the two weeks. There was a display of handwork and woodwork.

Diplomas were received with eager faces, and teachers as well as children look forward to a bigger and better Vacation Bible School in the coming year. The Children's Day Chapel offering received amounted to \$28.88.

On Sunday evening, June 22, we were privileged to hear our Juniors, who had completed the required Scripture Memory Course. Each one recited many Scripture passages for us, and as a reward they were given a free trip to Camp at Latham Springs Encampment by the church which was held from June 24 to 29. Those who could not go to Camp received the equivalent of the \$10.00 trip.

Mrs. Edwin Gummelt, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Wedding Reception by Erie's Central Church for the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz

"Here Comes the Bride" was the theme at the bridal reception given on Wednesday evening, July 9, by the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., in honor of the pastor and his bride, the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz, who were married on June 19 in the First Christian Church of Marion, Ind.

Mrs. Zinz is the former Ruth Mae Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cole of Marion, Ind. A graduate of Wheaton College, she was formerly a member of the high school faculty in Marion.

Decorations at the wedding reception were in silver and white. The Rev. W. S. Argow acted as master of ceremonies. The program consisted of bridal selections on the organ by Prof. A. B. Mehnert, trumpet solo by Wilbur Schuldt, vocal solo by Eva Whipple and trombone solo by Robert Sichler, ending with a pantomime, "Wanted a Wife," presented by the young people.

A large, ribbon-bedecked, golden bell



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., With Rev. Herbert Hiller at Extreme Right

was suspended over the tea table, which was centered with a large wedding cake and presided over by Mrs. George Neth and Mrs. Fred Schillinger. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful silver tea service to the bridal couple by Merle Gibbons on behalf of the church.

Mrs. K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York

From June 23 to July 3 the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York held its Vacation Bible School. The daily attendance was between 35 and 50 boys and girls. The teaching staff consisted of 7 teachers together with our pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, who acted as superintendent.

Among the wonderful choruses the children learned was one which they really put into action every day:

"Somebody thought, 'tis sweet to live, Cheerfully said, 'I'll gladly give.' Was that somebody you?"

As they sang this chorus, each child placed into a large box some item of food or a toy suitable to send to a Children's Home in Europe. It was an inspiration to the teachers and a thrill to the children to think that their little bit was going to help some poor little boy or girl over there to know that somebody cares.

Altogether we packed six 22-pound boxes of food and one big box of toys. When we thought of all the joy and help these boxes would bring to those poor children, any small sacrifice that we may have made was well worth it.

Besides our gifts of food, an offering was also given every morning and those offerings averaged from \$1.50 to \$3.00. At our closing exercises we had a wonderful time and our offering totalled \$21.50. Ten dollars of this was sent to Rev. H. G. Dymmel and the balance was used to cover the cost of mailing the boxes to Germany.

Alma A. Dibble, Secretary.

Northern Conference

The Manitoba Association and Tri Union Sessions at the Baptist Church of Morris

In response to the kind invitation of the Baptist Church of Morris, Man., we the Baptist Church of Morris, and Tri of the Manitoba Association and Tri Union received "of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth" (Gen. 27:28) during our recent sessions.

The Lord is undertaking great things. He has opened the spiritual eyes to see the open doors in the neighborhood of the open doors in the neighborhood of the open doors. Therefore, the association has decided to call a missionary.

The directors of our Tri Union have set themselves a goal which they are going to pursue with the Lord's help to further his Kingdom through the avenues of Sunday School, music and young people's work.

In answer to much prayer, the Lord heard before we cried. The Lord laid his hands on one of our brethren at St. Rose to lay the foundation for our assembly. He built an assembly camp for us and gave us a deed for the required grounds with much other support.

Our greatest pleasure in these days was to have our publication society manager, the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and Dr. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis., as guest speakers. Oh, how we loved to sit at the feet of Jesus while he used these men to speak to us!

Fred Ohlman, Reporter.

Young People's Anniversary Program at the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Saskatchewan

On Sunday, June 1, the young people's society of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Saskatchewan under the capable leadership of its president, Miss Alice Patzer, presented its annual program to a very large audience. The highlights included musical numbers by the mixed and male choirs, men's and mixed quartets, ladies' quartet and trio, duets and soloists.

A very interesting play based on the hymn, "Just As I Am," written by Charlotte Elliott was presented. The Rev. G. Beutler then brought us a very challenging message.

Our society of 46 members elected its officers with the following results: president, Alice Patzer; vice-president, Alvin Bohn; treasurer, Mrs. Arnold Patzer; secretary, Mrs. Leslie Riemer; asst. secretary, Myrtle Fenske; librarian, Inyde Helm; reporter, Myrtle Fenske; ushers, Clifford Yanke and Herbert Fenske.

With the help of the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler, we are able to report that we are trying to be guiding lights to the world.

Myrtle Fenske, Reporter.



The Speakers and Choir Members on the Platform and Some of the Congregation in the New Springside Baptist Church of Saskatchewan on the Sunday of Its Dedication

Dedication of the New \$12,500 Baptist Church Building at Springside, Sask., Canada

We of the Springside Baptist Church of Springside, Saskatchewan are happy to say that through Christ all things are possible. On Sunday, June 29th, we were able to celebrate the dedication of our new church which was erected here.

We were privileged to have the Minitonas Band with us at the morning service. Then our pastor, Rev. R. Kannwischer, read from II Kings 8:22-30 and opened the doors of the new temple. Our guest speaker for this day was Rev. W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio who brought the message, "Over A New Road."

The second speaker was Rev. G. Beutler, pastor of the neighboring East Ebenezer Church. We were very proud to have Evangelist E. Erickson with us, who had conducted revival meetings two weeks previously. He brought us an inspiring message on "God's House."

The afternoon service was opened with another message from Mr. Luebeck, "The Call to Work." Words of appreciation were then heard from the elders of the church and the overseer of the town. We regret that some furnishings were still not available, such as furnace and pews.

On completion, our church will cost approximately \$12,500, on which we still have a debt of \$2,500. A splendid offering of \$1,080.40 was realized on the Sunday of dedication. Our church which seats approximately 375 people was filled to capacity. Two loud speakers were set up in the basement and on the outside, and we reached about 700 people during the day.

Assisting in the service were the male chorus and mixed choir of Springside, the male quartet from West Ebenezer and the joint choirs of Ebenezer and Springside in the evening.

We take the opportunity to express our thanks to the Minitonas Band for the lively music supplied through the day. We would like to express our appreciation for what our pastor, Rev. R. Kannwischer, has offered in time and money in this project. His leadership was that of a wise and experienced man although he is still young in years.

Martin A. Arndt, Reporter.

Convention Days of the Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri Union at the Hilda Baptist Church

The convention days of the Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri Union, which were held from June 26 to 29 at the Baptist Church of Hilda, Alta., proved to be a blessing so that all who attended were spiritually uplifted. The general theme of the convention was "The Church According to the New Testament." The messages brought by our brethren carried out this thought. The Lord truly spoke to us through them.

To us it was a rare privilege to have as our guest speaker the Rev. W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio, the editor of "Der Sendbote." We also felt honored to have with us the Rev. F. W. Benke, who is one of our teachers in the C. T. I. at Edmonton, Alberta and who also told us many interesting things about his mission work among Indians.

The Rev. R. Milbrandt, who has been our chairman and capable leader, was present with Mrs. Milbrandt serving as pianist. We are confident that the Rev. Erwin J. Faul of Medicine Hat will be a fine leader at the Medicine Hat Church as well as in our Tri Union.

On Saturday evening the young people had a special part in the program. The Word of God was interpreted in several numbers, followed by a message from Mr. Benke.

On Sunday morning many friends gathered for the services. At the worship service the message was brought by Mr. Benke with a mission offering amounting to \$419.71. The afternoon service brought the convention to a close. The tent was filled to its capacity and many people gathered around the outside as the Rev. R. Milbrandt and the Rev. F. W. Benke brought the closing messages.

Mrs. Elmer Anderst, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Church Home and Parsonage for the Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis.

Almost a century has passed since the Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin was organized in 1850. In spite

of these many years, we feel the challenge of "the unfinished task" and see greater opportunities ahead of us. Since four years ago, when the church was moved from the country site into the beautiful city of Manitowoc, the congregation has had no permanent place of worship. It was natural to long and plan for a chapel of our own.

A building fund of over \$12,000 was raised and a favorable building site of 3 lots was purchased. But due to the exorbitant building costs and uncertainty of procurable labor and materials, it was decided to postpone our building project for several years. In the meantime, the Lord has been good to us and guided us in the purchase of a suitable, large estate which with very few alterations has been arranged to house the church activities and serve as a parsonage as well.

The building is 34 by 56 feet in overall dimensions and has two floors and a full basement. Three large rooms with an open fireplace serve as the chapel, seating 110 people. There is an additional room for Sunday School, a reception room and a pastor's study on the first floor. The basement also has a fireplace and is being arranged for dining room and social facilities. The parsonage on the second floor consists of 6 rooms and sun porch. It is modern in all details and another fireplace gives the living room an inviting atmosphere. The building is equipped with oil heating and the hardwood floors are largely carpeted. The large lot has a three car garage and is beautifully landscaped with shrubs and flowers.

With the aid of a loan from our denominational Mission Committee the property has been paid in full. For the last two months we have held our services here. The location is ideal. The services have been well attended and are frequented by many visitors from the city. Our plans are for a dedication service in the near future.

We began our ministry in Manitowoc with the first of March. A spirit of progress and cooperation prevails. During the first two weeks of July a Vacation Bible School was held. On Sunday, July 20, we had the joy of baptizing seven young believers in the Lord. Coveting your prayers, we greet you heartily!

J. C. Schweitzer, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School of Two Weeks in Sheboygan, Wis. With 150 Pupils

A Vacation Bible School was held in Sheboygan, Wisconsin from June 16 to 27 by the Bethel Baptist Church in cooperation with the Evangelical Free Church. The school was held in the Longfellow Public School and its spacious facilities were a great help in the efficiency of the school. A total of 150 pupils were enrolled in all departments of the school from the Beginners to the Junior High age. A school bus was again secured and children were transported from all parts of the city for the classes.

took the form of a farewell service, honoring and wishing two of our choice members "God speed" on their journey to the West Coast.

The Rev. L. H. Broeker had charge of the service honoring the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel, leading first in the singing of several very appropriate hymns. Following this, the Rev. A. F. Runtz, superintendent of the Children's Home, offered prayer in behalf of the honored ones, and Mr. Bartel, former denominational evangelist, closed the season of prayer. The Scripture was very capably read by a lad of about 10 years, one who was brought under the influence of the Gospel by our church visitor, Mrs. Bartel.



The Winners in the Attendance and Membership Contest Recently Held by the Youth Department of the Forest Park Baptist Sunday School, Forest Park, Illinois

Mrs. Ellis Mooney of the Evangelical Free Church was the director of the school. Other officers were: secretary, Mrs. Fred J. Knalson; and treasurer, Mr. Francis Guenther, both of Bethel Church. Mrs. Ray Blasjo of the Free Church was the registrar. At least twelve different denominations of the city were represented in the student body of the school and the Union Daily Vacation Bible School, as it is known, was again one of the largest in the city, if not the largest.

A demonstration program was held on Friday evening, July 27, at the Longfellow gymnasium. The different departments had part in the program and "open house" was held after the program giving parents and friends an opportunity to view the handwork of the pupils. After the demonstration program the Gideon Bible Society of Sheboygan presented all Juniors and Intermediates with New Testaments. Mr. Francis Guenther, secretary of the local Gideon Society, presented the Bibles to the pupils.

The Lord blessed us in that there were many evidences of his grace.

Mrs. Fred J. Knalson, Reporter.

Central Conference

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel at St. Joseph, Mich.

On Wednesday evening, July 16, the regular mid-week service of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich.,

Mrs. Bartel then gave a very interesting resume of her activities since she began her work, presenting a definite challenge to those she is leaving behind to carry on this very important work.

Mrs. Bartel, the former Miss Elaine Higman, was presented with a lovely clock in appreciation of the splendid work she has carried on. Mr. Walter Marquardt, church moderator, made the presentation. Another farewell gift was presented by Mr. Oscar Lassfolk on behalf of the Twin City Bible Class, of which Mr. and Mrs. Bartel were regular attendants. Mr. Bartel has accepted a pastorate at the Arthur St. Baptist Church in Spokane, Wash., to which destination these honored members headed the following morning. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartel will indeed be missed here, but we know they will be a great blessing to the church in Spokane.

A. B. Abraham, Reporter.

Attendance and Membership Contest by Youth Department of the Forest Park Sunday School

For a period of six weeks, the Youth Department of the Forest Park Baptist Sunday School of Forest Park, Illinois held a contest for the purpose of reaching new members and encouraging perfect class attendance and 100% individual scores based on the Six Point Record System. Miss Adelaide Klatt was the Contest Chairman.

The name of an apostle was assigned to each of the twelve classes in the department, and the disciples for the

girls' classes "fished" from one boat, and the six representing the boys' classes cast their lines from another boat. A "line" was attached to each figure, and as points were gained, fish were added. A minnow represented 100 points, and after ten of these were "caught", a large fish, the equivalent of 1,000 points, was substituted.

A class was entitled to a minnow a Sunday if all of its enrolled members were present, plus an extra minnow if each scholar had a 100% record for that Sunday based on the Six Point Record System. The girls, taught by Miss Stephanie Neumann, were the only ones to attain the latter goal when all ten girls were present on a Sunday during the contest and each one had a 100% score. However, points were awarded to classes on a pro-rata basis for each pupil who was a 100% scholar on a given Sunday. A large fish was given for each new scholar. Absences during the contest were at a minimum and the number of 100% scholars increased.

The accompanying picture shows the happy winners: the girls in Mrs. Cecil T. Osborne's class "caught" the most fish, with the boys, taught by Mr. Daniel B. Granzow, Sr., coming in second. Recognition was given them at the Children's Day program on June 8th, at which time the pageant, "The King's Garden," was also given.

Irma L. Grieger, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Program of the Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat at Bradley Beach Cottage

The Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat was held during a recent week at Bradley Beach, New Jersey. In spite of inclement weather, a good representation of pastors enjoyed the program and fellowship together.

On Monday evening the Rev. Thomas Rowell of Passaic, N. J., spoke on "The Holy Spirit." On succeeding evenings the speakers and their subjects were as follows: Rev. Wm. Kahlert of Union City, N. J., "The Mission of the Holy Spirit to the Believer;" Rev. Herman Palfenier of Philadelphia, Pa., "Mission of the Holy Spirit to the World;" and Rev. V. J. Hammond of Jamesburg, N. J., "Mission of the Holy Spirit in Christ's Life."

Instructive papers were read by the Rev. John Grygo of New York, N. Y., on "The Beginning of a New Pastorate;" by the Rev. Christian Peters of Wilmington, Del., on "The Miraculous Ministry of Elijah;" the Rev. H. S. Kuhl of Union City, N. J., on "The Miraculous Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ;" by Mrs. Wm. Swyter of Union City, N. J., on "The Place of the Minister's Wife;" and by Mrs. John P. Kuehl, reading her husband's paper on "The Miraculous Ministry of Moses."

The devotional periods were led by the Rev. John Schmidt of New York, N. Y.; by Mr. Theodore Krause, seminary student; and by the Rev. Frank Orthner of Brooklyn, N. Y. The Rev. Paul Bramhall of the Taylor Memorial Baptist Church of Avon-by-the-Sea also addressed the group.

Victor J. Hammond, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

The Fourth Annual Oklahoma Memory and Reading Camp at Hydro Park

July 14 to 18 marked the days of the 4th annual Oklahoma Scripture Memory and Reading Camp, which was held at Hydro State Park. Enrollment at this camp was 85, of whom 21 were guest speakers, teachers, sponsors and helpers. Memorizers and readers present from each of our six churches were: Loyal 4 readers; Ingersoll 7 memorizers and 6 readers; Bessie 3 memorizers and 2 readers; Gotebo 12 memorizers and 2 readers; Okeene 12 memorizers; Shattuck 5 memorizers and 3 readers.

Among our numerous privileges, one of higher rank was to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner with us, who was our camp pastor. We were all well impressed and greatly inspired by his messages. We were also exceedingly exultant to have the Rev. Arthur Schultz of the Strassburg Church in Kansas in our midst who served as instructor of music as well as director of all singing groups. Another special blessing was to have Miss Ann Swain, the denomination's Scripture Memory Missionary, with us who served as guest instructor, dean of young ladies, and co-teacher of Intermediates.

The remainder of our teaching staff consisted of Rev. George Neubert, co-teacher with Rev. Frank Armbruster of Young People's Classes; Mrs. Ray Blake, co-teacher of Juniors with Mrs. Alex Kline; Mrs. Menno Harms, co-teacher of Intermediates; and Mrs. Alex Kline, captain of all memory drills. It should be emphasized that the character building, spiritually-uplifting influences of these instructors were indeed, remarkable and outstanding.

We also give a hearty salute to Rev. John Heer, our competent and friendly camp director, and to Mrs. John Heer, supervisor of food and overseer of kitchen; Mrs. J. W. Hasson, dean of girls; Rev. Menno Harms, dean of boys; and to all camp helpers, we say, "Hats Off."

Our first evening of assembly was marked by the reading of the "Voices of the Past", which were general opinions written last year by those attending camp expressing what camp had meant to them. This was, indeed, of special significance since so many splendid testimonies were rendered.

Three offerings taken, amounting to \$16.65, \$17.70, and \$35.70, were respectively designated for the Indian Mission of the Alberta, Canada, the new China Mission, and for the Cameroons in Africa.

On Wednesday afternoon, an Expression Period, under the direction of Miss Ann Swain, was fittingly portrayed by all ministers present. Many laughs were derived from this humorous period.

During our final evening, we again handed in written opinions of camp to be buried until next year when they will be unearthed and again be read as "Voices of the Past". Many hearts were deeply touched and saddened



Oklahoma Children, Teachers and Sponsors at the Oklahoma Scripture Memory and Reading Camp Held on the Methodist Camp Grounds at Hydro, Okla.

when Carol Ann Miller's testimony which she wrote at camp last year was reread. Carol Ann of Bessie was killed in an automobile accident in March of this year, and following is her testimony which so heartily expresses her vivacious and energetic spirit:

"This camp has meant very much to me. It has been a blessing to my soul. All the meals were delicious. And I enjoyed all the games and the evening services. And I truly enjoyed it all."

We thank God for the fine weather we were privileged in having during our camp days and for the fine assembly we had.

Virginia L. Fritzler, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

The Baptist Church of Martin, North Dakota Observes Its Fiftieth Jubilee

A very happy occasion was experienced on July 20th at the Martin Baptist Church of Martin, No. Dak. The 50th Jubilee of our church was celebrated. A motto, "Ebenezer," which is to say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," decorated the church. It was a beautiful Sunday, therefore many of the neighboring churches were able to take part in the celebration.

Our superintendent, Robert Rust, opened the morning session. The following speakers were then introduced: Fred Putz, the only living charter member in our church; David Weinholtz, our honorable deacon who served over 40 years and was a Sunday School scholar over 65 years; Mrs. Otto Lohse from McIntosh, So. Dak., and John Rust, a former member of this church. Short messages were given of God's wonderful leading through these 50 years. The Rev. Otto Lohse of McIntosh, So. Dak., brought the morning Jubilee message.

The afternoon services began at 2:15 p.m. with Rev. John Kepl in charge. Following the reading of letters from former pastors, the Rev. Karl Gieser of Anamoose delivered the English

message. Representatives from our "Daughter Churches", Anamoose, Rosenthal, Lincoln Valley and Harvey, then spoke. The reading of German letters preceded the German sermon which was delivered by Rev. John Kepl.

The evening service was opened with the president of the Young People's Society in charge. Rev. Wm. Brieher, pastor of the Evangelical Church, then spoke words of greeting and congratulation. The closing message was brought by Rev. A. Bibelheimer. His theme dealt with "Vessels for the Master's Use."

The Senior Choir, directed by Albert Seibel and the Junior Choir under the direction of Luverne Michelson offered hymns of praise throughout the day. The "thank you" offering which amounted to over \$200, was to be designated for missions and the Fellowship Fund.

The Baptist Church of Martin was organized in 1897 with 18 charter members. During these past 50 years, 701 persons were received through conversion and baptism, letter and testimony. Over \$100,000 was taken in through the church and the branches thereof. The ministers who have served the church are as follows: Rev. Henry Schnuit, Rev. W. F. Goling, Rev. Robert Fenske, Rev. August Heringer, Rev. William Paul, Rev. Joseph Schlipf, Rev. W. L. Wahl, Rev. Otto Lohse, Rev. Karl Gieser, Rev. Gustav Rauser and Rev. John Kepl, who is serving at the present time.

During these 50 years it pleased the Lord to call seven of our church members into the ministry and missionary work. They are as follows: Alex Nickolaus, Paul Zimbelmann, Otto Fiesel, Fred Knalson, Lorenz Michelson, Edwin Michelson and Verna Rust Michelson.

As a result of the 50 years of faithful work of the Martin Baptist Church which is the Mother Church, many stations have been established. While some have been closed during the latter years, others are organized churches. They are: Anamoose, Rosenthal, Lincoln Valley and Harvey.

Luverne Michelson, Reporter.

The Lehr Church and Rosenfeld Station Hold a Vacation Bible School

The Lehr Baptist Church and the Rosenfeld Station of Lehr, North Dakota held its Vacation Bible School for an entire week from June 9 to 13.

In spite of rainy weather and very bad roads, our attendance was very good. The Rev. H. J. Waltereit did the supervising and directed all music. Mrs. Jacob Krause was in charge of the children of pre-school age. Mrs. Henry Kranzler taught the Primary group; Adeline Werre the Juniors; and Mrs. Waltereit had the Intermediates. Mr. John Kranzler assisted her for one day. Mrs. Henry Kranzler also was pianist.

On the following Sunday evening, June 15, a program was given by the children, who presented some of the material taught during the week.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School Group of the Lehr Baptist Church and Rosenfeld Station of Lehr, North Dakota

An Inspiring Music Festival by the Germantown, Cathay and Fessenden Baptist Churches

On July 20th a Music Festival was held at the Church by the Highway (Germantown) of North Dakota. The Baptist Churches of Cathay and Fessenden were represented. After a song service, in which the capacity audience participated, we were privileged to hear special selections from all three churches.

The Fessenden Mixed Quartet sang several selections, a solo was heard, and the Fessenden Choir also took part with several lovely songs. The Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, pastor of the Fessenden church, delivered a short address upon the inspirational power of music. The Cathay Men's Chorus and Ladies Sextet also contributed a great deal to the evening's program. The Church by the Highway was represented by its Men's Quartet, a duet, a vocal solo and an instrumental duet.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion and two pianos were in use and rendered beautifully blended interludes. Everyone agreed that it had been an evening well spent and that it had been a blessing for these three churches.

W. G. Gerthe, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Sunday School Picnic at Herreid, South Dakota

The Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota was held from June 9 to 13. We had a very fine enrollment of 50 children. Mrs. Edwin Bollinger, and Mrs. Erwin Quenzer were in charge of the Primary and Beginners' Classes, Mrs. E. S. Fenske for the Juniors, and Rev. E. S. Fenske for the Senior Class. Mrs. R. H. Ackerman was our pianist. We had a blessed week together with the children. Scripture memorization was one of our main subjects. Handwork was enjoyed by all the boys and girls. A fine program was given on June 15th in the presence of a large audience.

On July 20th the Herreid Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. went out to Lake Hiddenwood for a picnic. Races and games, also ice cream and lemonade, were enjoyed by all. After our picnic supper the Rev. E. S. Fenske brought the evening message on "The Christian Race." Choruses were sung and the vesper service was brought to a close. It was inspiring to worship God out in the open!

Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Reporter.

Sessions of the Central Dakota Association at Bismarck, North Dakota

The Central Dakota Association convened at Bismarck, N. D., from June 23 to 25. The evening service was opened with hearty singing and a warm welcome by the Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the Bismarck Church, upon which the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, the moderator, responded in behalf of the association. The opening sermon entitled, "Christ, the Good Shepherd," was brought by the Rev. E. S. Fenske.

Since the Dakota Conference met immediately following the association, the time was rather limited, and thus the program was adhered to very closely. All the sermons, devotional messages and essays by the brethren were inspiring and informing. One could feel that the motive for which the Christians gathered was to refresh their spirits and souls for further activity in God's great vineyard.

The reports from the various churches were gratifying. We know God is still doing marvelous things among his people. The new officers for the ensuing year are: Rev. Fred Alf, vice-moderator; Rev. Alex Sootzmann, secretary; Gottlieb Kraemer of Linton and Rev. Arthur Weisser of Wishek were elected to the Mission Committee.

We rejoiced over the musical support rendered by the Bismarck Church choir and all other numbers that contributed to the success of the association. We all owe the city of Bismarck and its Chamber of Commerce a great

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measure of gratitude for their kind hospitality.

May God richly reward all things according to his riches of glory in Christ Jesus!

Henry Lang, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Nine Months of Scripture Memory Work for the Children at Franklin, Calif.

The Scripture Memory Course in the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., was started by the Rev. W. W. Knauf in November 1946. It was under the direction of Mrs. Leonard Fandrich. The theme was, "Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart" (Ps. 119:11).

In the month of June 1947 there were



Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Herreid, South Dakota (Left to Right: Mrs. Erwin Quenzer, Mrs. Edwin Ballinger, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske)

14 who had completed their first nine months. Also at this time a program was prepared and given in church. Prizes were given by the church to each pupil who had completed the work. Seven others helped as leaders. They were Mrs. H. Penner, Mrs. T. Ehinsz, Pearl Ehinsz, Mrs. E. Rau, Mrs. D. Rau, Mrs. Stabbert and Mrs. F. Veninga. The course will be again given next Fall.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter.

Recent Events at Franklin, Calif., and Report on Condition of Rev. J. A. H. Wutke

During the first week of August it was one year since the Rev. J. A. H. Wutke of Sacramento, Calif., had a stroke. With the exception of short periods that he spends in the wheelchair occasionally, he is largely confined to bed. Not much improvement in his condition can be reported. In my visits I find him most of the time very congenial. Almost always he has a happy smile and a hearty handclasp with his left hand. It is not his good fortune to enter into conversation, although he tries very hard sometimes, but his speech has not returned sufficiently to make his words intelligible. However, he manifests a great interest

to listen in on a conversation. The wife and daughters of our brother have a heavy yoke to bear and we do well to continue our intercession for them.

In June we of the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., had one week of Vacation Bible School with 45 pupils and 7 teachers enrolled. The average attendance was 47. The daily mission offerings amounted to \$8.77. The teaching staff was composed of Miss Freda Penner, Mrs. W. W. Knauf, Miss Henrietta Schmidt and Miss Christine Fessler. Miss Penner is a student at the Los Angeles Bible School, while Miss Schmidt and Miss Fessler were graduated this spring. Vivian Rau and Phyllis Knauf served as helpers. The pastor was in charge of the school.

Miss Schmidt, who is a member of this church, is at the present time engaged in Vacation Bible School work with the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

These are very busy days for us. The building project at Elk Grove, Calif., has begun and the basement walls are erected. The men of the church are really behind this work, giving of their time and effort. We have enjoyed many visible blessings of God in this undertaking.

W. W. Knauf, Pastor.

Woman's Missionary Union Sessions at the Pacific Conference Held at Anaheim, Calif.

At the Pacific Conference held this year at Anaheim, Calif., the members of the Woman's Missionary Societies, who were in attendance, spent many blessed hours.

The meeting of one hour, which was for our business, was held on Friday afternoon, June 20. The following members were elected to serve next year: president, Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, Calif.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Otto Nallinger, Salt Creek, Oregon; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Donald Davis, Wasco, Calif.; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. F. A. Olthoff, Tacoma, Wash.; secretary, Mrs. O. Boehi, Portland, Oregon; treasurer, Mrs. Baer Huntington Park, Calif.

This was the first time our women were given an evening for their program. To a full house the hostess society presented a play, "Three Knocks in the Night." This is a short playlet depicting some true incidents in the life of the missionary, Ida Scudder of India. Then the host pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann, spoke some very challenging words.

The speaker of the evening was Prof. O. E. Krueger who in his calm and soft manner told us that "the best men in our churches are women." Then he told us of the early beginnings of our churches and the part taken by the women.

A very fine offering was taken which amounted to \$146. This was the largest collection ever taken at our Women's meeting, and this together with the dues received during the year, will be divided equally among the three following funds: the Seminary, the Hospital Equipment for the Camerons, and the Fellowship Fund.

Mrs. O. Boehi, Secretary.

OBITUARY

MRS. HERMAN F. KRUEGER of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. Herman F. Krueger, nee Kruse, of Madison, South Dakota passed into the nearest presence of her Lord on Sunday, July 13, aged 76 years, 7 months and 12 days. She was born in Kankakee, Ill., and lived there until she was united in marriage to Mr. Herman F. Krueger in 1900 and came with him to Madison, S. D. At the age of 14 she confessed Christ as her Savior in baptism and was received into the fellowship of the Baptist church in Kankakee, Ill., and on her arrival in South Dakota, she immediately united with the West Center St. Baptist Church.

She possessed many fine traits of character and varied gifts which she faithfully used in the service of her Lord. She was a true mother in Israel and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She is survived by 4 children: Ruth, George, Frederick and Evelyn. Her husband preceded her in death about 4 1/2 years ago. Two sisters, Mrs. F. C. Krueger of Kankakee, Ill., and Mrs. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., also mourn her death.

Earth is poorer but heaven is so much more real and richer because of her departure. A very large attendance and many floral as well as memorial gifts at the service on Wednesday, July 16, proved how well beloved and respected she was.

Madison, South Dakota

Henry R. Schroeder, Pastor.

MR. ROBERT BAIER of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Robert Baier of Chicago, Ill., was born in Russia on Dec. 8, 1871. At the age of 14 he came to know Christ as Savior, and experienced the redemptive grace that there is in Christ. In 1890 he married, to which union six children were born. In the year 1900 Mr. Baier preceded his family to America, the family following in 1901, taking residence in the city of Chicago. The family soon found church fellowship and became active in the First German Baptist Church of the city.

Though our departed brother's membership lapsed for a time, he renewed his active allegiance in recent years and remained faithful to the time of his passing. Our immediate loss is a glorified fellowship's gain. Our brother left us on the morning of July 13, at the age of 75 years, 7 months and five days, passing into his portion of grace, into a scene whose splendor is felicity supreme and fadeth not away.

Preceding father and husband in death have been a daughter and wife on Jan. 23, 1937. He leaves to mourn 4 sons: William, Albert, Arthur, Walter; and a daughter; Mrs. Placeck (Ann); 16 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

The Rev. William Jeschke of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago officiated, assisted by Vernon Link, interim student pastor.

First German Baptist Church,

Chicago, Ill. Vernon Link, Reporter.

MRS. EMIL RIEMER of Paul, Idaho

Mrs. Helen Riemer, nee Frank, was born on August 20, 1903 in Tublauken, East Prussia, Germany. In her 11th year she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior, and was baptized by Pastor Scheve and added to the church at Potsdam which was her temporary home as a refugee during the first World War. After the war had ceased, Mrs. Riemer returned with her parents to their farm in East Prussia where she lived until her marriage to her husband, Emil, on March 22, 1924. Three years later they emigrated to Canada where her husband served since 1938 at different churches as pastor. In the year 1945 they came to Paul, Idaho where she lived until her departure. She passed away on June 25 at the age of 43 years, 10 months and 5 days.

The funeral service for Mrs. Riemer was held in the First Baptist Church of Rupert, Idaho on Sunday afternoon, June 29th. The church was crowded to the doors with many standing, as loved ones and friends gathered to pay their respects to Mrs. Riemer, who was admired and respected by all who knew her. Messages of condolence in German and English were delivered by Rev. K. K. Maier of Paul, and Rev. Ernest W. Stuchbery, pastor of the Baptist Church of Rupert.

Mrs. Riemer was a devout and genuine Christian who loved the Lord and who assisted her husband untiringly in his work. Her greatest desire was to have her children follow in the footsteps of the Master. She was ill for a number of years, suffering from heart trouble and during the last six months she had contracted dropsy which was the cause of her untimely death.

She leaves to mourn her death, her husband and two children. Two children preceded their mother in death in their tender childhood. Those living are Helmut, who at present attends the North American Baptist Seminary, and Gertrude, who attends the High School in Paul.

Besides the above mentioned, her departure is also mourned by her mother, four sisters and three brothers, all of whom are now living in Germany. Her loss is also keenly felt by the church which misses its beloved pastor's wife whom they loved and valued dearly.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of all comfort, console the mourners and give them strength and consolation in their hour of bereavement.

Paul, Idaho

Ernest W. Stuchbery, Offic. Minister.

MR. FRED ROTT of Lodi, California

Mr. Fred Rott of Lodi, Calif., was born on Nov. 15, 1871 in South Russia and came to the United States together with his parents when he was 11 years of age. At first he lived in Menno, South Dakota for 2 years. For 17 years of his life he was near Gackle, No. Dakota and for 30 years he lived in the town of Gackle. Together with his family he came to Lodi, California in the year 1920 and lived in our midst to the day of his homegoing.

The deceased entered holy matrimony with Miss Katherine Meidinger on Oct. 27, 1895. This marriage was blessed with 8 children. Three of them died in their infancy. Four daughters: Mrs. Katherine Auch, Mrs. Margaret Goehring, Mrs. Ruth Emery and Mrs. Rose Drais; and one son: Mr. Reuben Rott; mourn over the departure of their father.

His first companion passed away on April 15, 1934 and on March 5, 1935 he entered marriage with Mrs. Mary Zellmer, his now bereaved widow. She has been a faithful companion to him and throughout the 8 months of his severe illness rendered loving service to him and cared for him in a sweet spirit.

Our departed brother confessed Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized upon the testimony of his faith by Dr. G. E. Lohr in the year 1923 and received into the First Baptist Church of Lodi, where he was a faithful member up to the day of his homegoing.

He served in the church in the capacity of Trustee and on the Church Building Committee. His interest in church work went far back before he ever became a member of the church. His faith was centered in Christ his Savior and through the long months of severe illness he repeatedly expressed the desire to go home and be with his Lord, and thus gave expression of the hope of glory that was in him.

He fell asleep on Tuesday, July 15, to be relieved of all suffering and to enjoy the glory of the Lord prepared for his own. He leaves to mourn over his departure: his widow, Mrs. Mary Rott; his 5 children; 6 brothers, Jacob, Adam, August, Harold, Charlie and Christ Rott; and one sister, Magdalena Rutschke; 3 step-daughters, Mrs. Anita Burke, Mrs. Martha Gallanger and Mrs. Alice Gallanger; 8 grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends. May God's favor and blessing rest upon all who mourn!

Lodi, California

A. S. Feiberg, Pastor.

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No Baptist should hesitate to encourage the work and growth of this Association. Our representatives have secured not quite 600 new members during the year 1946 with a total of over \$600,000 of new insurance and we feel sure that this will be considered a most encouraging report.

We are pleased with the result of the faithful work of our agents during the first

six months of the current year, 1947; 255 new members have been enrolled up to July 1st and this keeps right on. With the addition of more full time state managers we may reach the one million mark of new insurance written in 1947. What encourages us more than anything else is the fact that our younger pastors have made application for \$10,000 of life insurance on the "Endowment Payable at Age 65 plan," which provides an income of \$98.50 per month for ten years certain; or the person insured on this plan may select at the age of 65, to receive \$3117.60 in cash and in addition \$10,000 life insurance policy fully paid up; or may choose an annuity of \$1084.70 yearly for life; or choose a paid up life insurance policy for \$14,500 payable to his family as a death claim upon his demise. Such a plan of insurance, even for \$5000 of insurance, will in addition to a social security plan, or any other pension plan, greatly increase the monthly income of a pastor or layman when he reaches age 65. Our local agents will be glad to discuss this matter with any one, or detail information can be secured by writing to the Home Office. When inquiring about any plan of insurance do not forget to state your birth date.

Excepting religion as preached in the church of Christ, life insurance in a Fraternal Benefit Society renders the greatest service to humanity. We need additional representatives. A sales course is furnished. Full or part time work. Satisfactory earnings promised. Splendid opportunity for rapid advancement. Write to Baptist Life Association, 860 Walden Avenue, Buffalo 11, New York.

We are appreciative of the cooperation we have had and are receiving from the pastors and lay members of our churches.

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