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sider its participation in the Offer-
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AMONG OURSELVES

The news of the unfortunate accident
that has befallen one of our Cameroons
missionaries, Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, has
shocked all of us. The nature of the
injury suffered by Mr. Ahrens is de-
scribed by Paul Gebauer elsewhere
in this issue. Earl and Lois Ahrens
will both be returning to the United
States in October. The Michelsons are
at home for at least a year on their
scheduled furlough. All of this means
that several other missionaries will
have to be sent to the Cameroons this
Fall for important reinforcements on
the field. The news of these rapidly
changing events will be reported in
"The Herald" as soon as all the data
are available.

IN THIS ISSUE

Here is enough material in this issue
to inform and to enthuse every reader
concerning the great advance program
of the denomination through its Mil-
lion Dollar Offering. The days in
which we live are evil; the time must
be redeemed. Here is the purport of
the Rev. L. E. Wegner's message on
"The Christian's Blessed Hope." The
report of the Baptist World Congress
by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke will en-
courage many hearts. The young peo-
ple's part in the Million Dollar Offer-
ing, the latest news from our mission
fields, and a great array of fine reports
from the field will assure every reader
that the prospects for the future are
still bright.

COMING

Nobody shouts much nowadays about
"heaven," but every reader will be in-
spired to do so after reading Mr. H.
P. Donner's intriguing article about
heaven on the topic, "Life's Most Im-
portant Journey." This octogenarian
saint among us has some very inter-
esting things to say on this subject.

Missionary George Henderson con-
tributes his first article for "The Her-
ald" next issue. With Southern warmth,
Christian zeal and colorful imagery
he describes "Missionary Wings for
Africa" and relates his first experi-
ences on the Balondo field of the Came-
roons.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

God's Wonder Working Power

A TRIP to the Grand Canyon of Arizona is an awe-inspiring adventure. It is a scene of matchless beauty which is unfolded before one's eyes in a panoramic parade of brightly colored mountains and pillars that raise their peaks proudly from the depths of the canyon beneath one. It is a very real demonstration of the wonder working power of God, whose creative handiwork instils all men with a sense of awe and worship.

In a recent issue, LIFE magazine published several beautiful, colored pictures of the Grand Canyon and quoted the words of a visitor from India, who looked for a long time at the canyon and then muttered: "It sure seems as though the Creator did it just to show what he could do when he tried." Such is the impression left upon one's soul by this titanic trough that is 217 miles long, averaging a mile deep and four to eighteen miles wide. The first spectacular sight of this vast, colorful chasm soon is followed by a deep, appreciative awe of the ever changing beauty of the sun's light and the afternoon shadows playing across the canyon.

The Grand Canyon is only one of many places to fill the tourist's soul with memories that will gild the rest of his experiences with a bright and heart-warming glory. Above everything else, this profound religious impression ought to receive his foremost attention. We have a great and mighty God with wonder working power whose omnipotence is without rival. This God who has wrought these "mighty acts" of the world, whose "greatness is unsearchable," (Psalm 145:3), is the Same who has called us to be children of his, who has put his seal of the Holy Spirit upon our ministry, and who sends us forth to be witnesses of his to the far ends of the earth.

Who can be fearful with that power of God at his command? Who dares to be timid in the light of this overwhelming truth? Who is unwilling to step forward with firm tread in a great spiritual crusade and missionary advance so long as this wonder working God of ours goes before us? We are apt to look at our own shortcomings and weaknesses, first of all, or to consider the possibilities of service before us in the light of our own limitations instead of seeing the wonder working power of God and by the light of that vision going forward in his Name.

That challenge ought to captivate us as North American Baptists as we face the gigantic tasks before us in the MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING. Already some in our ranks are fearful about the many missionary and denominational advances which have already been made. "What will be the outcome of all of this," they ask. But they reckon without the wonder working power of God, who has called us to this task and has revealed his will to us.

Look ever to Jesus Christ and be overwhelmed by the power which has been given to him in heaven and on earth! That will be a spiritual Grand Canyon experience for you to empower you for great things ahead in the program of our MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING.

BIBLE TEXT

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

For more than a year this Scripture verse has been emphasized by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in bringing the attention of the young people of our churches to its motto, "Saved to Tell Others." This is only the beginning, for the Scripture verse and motto as well as the corresponding theme song will continue to be the focal point of prayerful attention for the next two years to complete the triennium until the next General Conference in 1949.

The witness of every Christian proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel and glorifying the Name of Christ is all important. There is much work to be done, beginning in the immediate circle of our daily activities and extending to the ends of the earth. Such a motto and Scripture verse as those of the National Union should receive the renewed attention of every one of us in this second year of their use. Let the power of the Holy Spirit send you forth mightily as one of Christ's radiant witnesses!

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

As announced in the last issue of "The Baptist Herald," Sunday, September 28, will be observed by our churches as Million Dollar Offering Sunday. The purposes of the offering have been described in our publications and news letters. A colorful, eight page leaflet giving further illustrated information, will be available for free distribution in our churches during September. Every church is asked to consider its part in the Million Dollar Offering on the basis of \$12.50 a member for each year or \$25.00 a member for the two year period. Prayerfully and earnestly every church and its pastor will want to make every effort to put each church's giving to this inspiring missionary and denominational advance on such a high plane that will assure the success of the Offering. Remember our Million Dollar Offering Sunday!

TO THE WORK!

Clifton's Restaurant in Los Angeles, California is famous for its neon lights, singing waterfalls, exotic vegetation and Golden Rule service. It is also well known for its leaflets, "Food for Thot," which can be read at the tables. The following story is taken from Issue No. 808.

One summer evening, when Thomas A. Edison returned home from his work, his wife said, "You have worked long enough without a rest. You must go on a vacation."

"But where will I go?" he asked.

"Decide where you would rather be than anywhere else on earth, and go there," was the answer.

The next morning he returned to his laboratory.

The Christian's Blessed Hope

A Message on the Second Coming of Christ Recently Broadcast by the REV. LAWRENCE E. WEGNER of Wausau, Wisconsin on the Radio Program, "Moments With God"

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many, and unto them that look for him shall be appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:38

WHEN our Lord had finished his work upon earth at his first advent, he parted from his disciples with outstretched hands and was taken into heaven. And while the disciples, near Olivet, stood looking steadfastly toward heaven, two angelic messengers appeared in white apparel, saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye see him go into heaven."

The Christian Church was born in the upward look. It has ever been sustained through the upward look. And, as in recent weeks men's eyes have been lifted heavenward to catch a glimpse of the mysterious flying saucers, so the spiritual eye of every born-again believer should be lifted heavenward "looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity." As the coming of Jesus in the flesh was the hope of the Old Testament saints, so also is the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ the hope of all saints in this dispensation of grace.

THE BLESSED HOPE

The coming again of the Lord Jesus is set forth in the New Testament as the precious truth of "the blessed hope", which has ever been "the polar star of the church". This "anchor of hope" is a sure support in these perilous times. It is the prospect of every believer.

Many today are living in almost constant dread of death and the grave. Others' hearts are "failing them for fear" as they realize that we are speedily heading for the precipice which shall mark the end of the world. But the Christian has no cause for dismay. What a thrill to realize that for the Christian there is always a future! The blessed hope of the second coming of Christ in the words of G. Campbell Morgan "is the perpetual light upon the path that makes the present bearable."

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." "Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

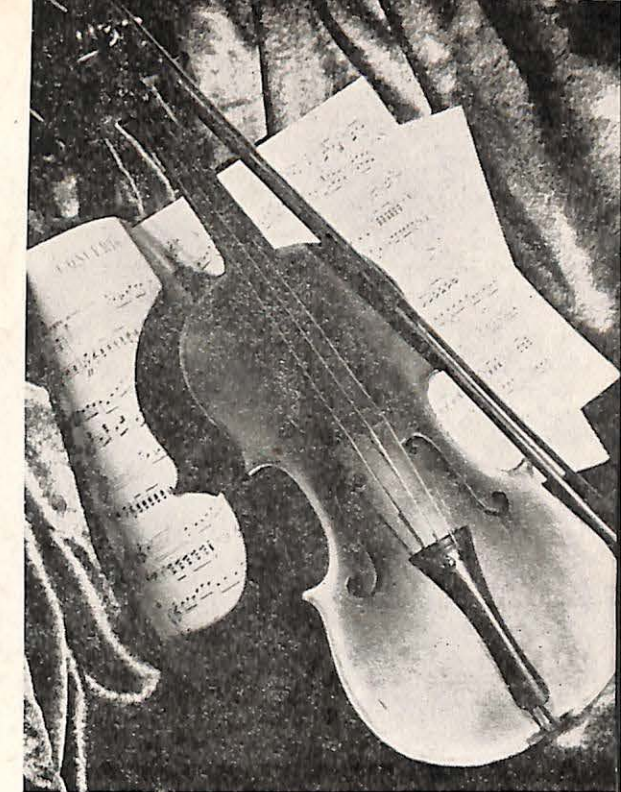
The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope because it will mark the redemption of the body. It will free us from all the sins, weaknesses, diseases, and afflictions to which the flesh is heir. When we received the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord, we were freed from the penalty and punishment of sin. As we yield ourselves completely to Christ and walk in the fulness of the Holy Spirit, we are freed from the power of sin. But there is nothing we can do now to free ourselves from the presence of sin. It is the presence of sin in this mortal body that frequently causes the Christian to cry out with Paul, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" And, "we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Thank God, the second coming of Christ shall put an end to all of this for "we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and WE SHALL BE CHANGED. For this corruption must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

A CALL TO HOLINESS

The blessed hope of the believer is not only a source of comfort to the sorrowing, encouragement to the afflicted, but it is the call of God to a life of holiness and separation from sin. We are called upon to cease walking "according to the course of this world". Our lives, in the light of the speedy return of Christ, are to be different from those who live in the world. We are to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live "soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world."

This present world, or age, has reference to the satanic world systems



—Photo by Eva Luoma
The Heavens Will Be Filled With Music and the Saints of God Will Rejoice at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

which are doomed to decay and utter destruction. Don't be ashamed of the Gospel! Don't hide your light under a bushel! Live in the smile of God and you will not need to be ashamed at his coming. "He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

The blessed hope then is the prospect of every suffering and afflicted and discouraged saint. It ever acts as a purifier to us who are living in this present evil world. Finally, it serves as a pulsating pressure to the church in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world before the day of grace is ended. Jesus said, "Occupy!" How long? Till he comes! "Hold fast!" How long? "Till I come." Show forth the Lord's death. For how long? Till he comes! All these because Christ is coming.

The early church, because of this hope of the coming of Christ, and the overwhelming conviction that it would be sooner that most people thought, was possessed with a flaming zeal, burning love, steadfast loyalty, and missionary power, that has been unequalled in all the centuries since that time. She was driven on by an irresistible force to reach the last soul for Jesus Christ. The preaching of the coming of Christ means great power to preacher and people.

D. L. Moody, the man whom God so mightily used, once said, "I never preach a sermon without thinking that possibly the Lord might use that sermon to call out the last saint who should go to make up the full number of God's elect and so bring about the

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One of Copenhagen's Many Squares With the City Hall in the Background Where the Mayor of the City Held a Reception for 350 Delegates to the Baptist World Congress

Baptist Congress in Copenhagen

Sessions and Decisions of the Recent Baptist World Congress as Reported by the REV. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

EVERYTHING conspired to make the stay of visitors and delegates of the seventh Baptist World Congress held at Copenhagen, Denmark from July 29 to August 3 pleasant and memorable.

The weather was ideal—sunny and warm, yet not hot.

The welcome extended to us by the Danish people left nothing to be desired. Official addresses of welcome were given by the Prime Minister of Denmark, the Mayor of Copenhagen, the Bishop of Copenhagen, as well as by Baptist leaders of the country. The mayor emphasized that Copenhagen stands for liberty, justice and humanity, and that in view of this all delegates, regardless of race or nationality, were heartily welcome to the hospitality of the city.

As a practical demonstration of this hospitality, 350 delegates were invited to a reception in the beautiful City Hall, where once again we were assured that the facilities of Copenhagen were ours.

The Baptist visitors were the big news of the week and everyone, even the street car conductors, were polite and helpful.

CONGRESS ATTENDANCE

It was announced that approximately 5000 representatives from various countries had been able to come. The bulk of the visitors came from Great Britain, the Scandinavian countries, and the United States, as was to be expected.

Of countries within the Russian sphere of influence, the most repre-

sentative group came from Poland. Spokesmen for this delegation expressed gratitude for the relief work being done in Poland by Scandinavian and American Baptists. They also particularly emphasized that there is complete religious freedom in Poland today. While there is no reason for questioning these statements, one could not help comparing them with similar declarations made by the German delegation at Atlanta, Georgia in 1939.

After almost everyone had begun to give up hope, delegates from Germany also received permission to come. The Danish government had given permission for a maximum of fifty delegates, the only condition being that no former member of the National Socialist party was to come. Since no one from Germany was able to bring any money, the delegation was met at the Danish border and all expenses for the group were borne by the World Alliance.

We were happy to know that our own North American General Conference had a large share in providing for our German brethren. All of them were enthusiastic in their praise of the hospitality that was provided for them. Much credit is due to Dr. W. O. Lewis, General Secretary of the Alliance, and to Dr. Herbert Gezork, Religious Affairs Section, OMGUS, for their efforts to make possible the attendance of the German delegates.

No representatives from the Russian Zone of Germany or from Russia itself were present. Greetings were sent by the Baptists of Russia, but at the same time it was intimated that the Congress program was too "political" in nature.

THE CONGRESS PROGRAM

The program that was available for the delegates was rich and varied.

Although there is not enough space to outline the program in detail, these were a few of the highlights: roll call of all nations; memorial service for Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, former president; world evangelization; race relations; the World Council of Churches; missions; relief and reconstruction.

In addition to the above, there were sectional meetings every afternoon. Among these were meetings of chaplains and ex-chaplains, of foreign language groups, of theological students, and of many others.

An impressive feature of the Congress, and one which aroused much public interest, was a giant procession through the main part of the city on Sunday afternoon, August 3.

All sessions of the Congress were enhanced by the beautiful renditions of two large choirs, the Danish and the Swedish. The Swedish Choir of 100 voices had made a special trip to Copenhagen and it sang many beautiful anthems. After one particularly thrilling number, a delegate was heard to exclaim: "All this, and Heaven, too!"

MEMORIAL MOMENTS

There is so much to report that I can mention only a few mountain-top experiences.

The most thrilling moment of the roll call came when the Rev. Jacob Meister, president of the German Union, was called to the platform to bring greetings on behalf of the Baptists of Germany. Before he began to speak, a storm of applause broke out throughout the convention hall. Our German brethren were deeply and visibly touched by this demonstration of welcome.

Some of them told me afterward that that moment alone was worth the trip to the Congress. The conviction that they have been somewhat ostracized and under condemnation has weighed heavily on our brethren in Germany.

Mr. Meister reported the great joy of the German delegates in being present, their deep sense of humility and guilt in the knowledge that the late German dictatorship had caused so much havoc in Europe and in the whole world, a fine spiritual harvest during the past year, when 4470 converts were baptized, and heartfelt thanks for the help that has already come to "The Baptist Bruderhilfe" in their great hour of need.

Another deeply moving experience was the memorial service for Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, the late president of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Rushbrooke was characterized as a great Baptist statesman, one who had fought passionately and skillfully for the

rights of Baptist minorities everywhere in the world. A particularly solemn moment came when a Negro choir sang the spiritual, "Ain't Gonna Study War No More", especially when they came to the words, "Gonna lay down my burden, down by the river-side."

BROTHERLY LOVE

Earlier in the week, the Alliance had appointed a Relief Committee. On recommendation of this committee, delegates from all countries were asked to bring clothing and other gifts to be presented to the representatives of Germany, Austria, and of the Displaced Persons Camps. These gifts were received at the session on Saturday morning, August 2. It was indeed heartening to see this practical demonstration of Christian sharing as the members of the Relief Committee collected the parcels and placed them on a large table before the platform. In addition to these gifts, a money offering amounting to \$2000 was also received.

"We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."

For the German-speaking group, the Sunday morning service in the German Lutheran Church of Copenhagen was also a mountain-top experience. Professor Johannes Schneider of the University of Berlin, as the main speaker, took us to the Mount of Transfiguration. In a very persuasive way he depicted how we are lifted out of the confusion and despair of the valley when we become conscious of "Jesus Only", and how we can then go back into the valley in the power that comes from God's presence.

DECISIONS REACHED

One of the important items of business on the Congress agenda was, of course, the election of a new president. The nominating committee wholeheartedly presented the name of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri, and the Congress unanimously elected him. Dr. Johnson is a former president of the Northern Baptist Convention and at present a vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Pastor of the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, whose membership is nearly 8000, he brings great gifts of leadership to his office. Dr. Edwin Dahlberg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, said of him: "Dr. Johnson is the center of joy and laughter wherever he goes; but he also has depths of understanding, sympathy, and tenderness found in few men."

A number of other significant decisions were reached.

1. On recommendation of the nominating committee, Dr. W. O. Lewis was appointed General Secretary for

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a year. The executive committee is to make future decisions with regard to a General Secretary as well as with regard to a possible Associate General Secretary.

2. The Alliance Office is to be moved to Washington, D. C., with a European office retained in London.

3. A new constitution for the Alliance was adopted. Since printed copies of the new constitution are not yet available, I cannot accurately discuss the provisions. Suffice it to say that, in general, it strengthens the functions of the World Alliance organization.

4. A World Alliance Relief Committee has been appointed. This committee has appointed smaller European and American executive committees to meet from time to time and to make recommendations to the full committee. The following are a number of recommendations that were adopted by the Alliance.

a) A Relief Coordinator for Germany and Austria is to be appointed. It will be his duty to survey relief needs, keep a record of what is being

done by the various groups, and recommend relief projects wherever needed.

b) A fund of \$100,000 for relief in Germany and Austria is to be called for immediately, with more to be spent as the needs arise.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Now that the Seventh Baptist World Congress is over, one asks: What will be its lasting values?

I make bold to mention two things.

1) The great value of this Congress, as with former gatherings, was the vision which it brought of a worldwide Baptist communion. It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of this for the smaller Baptist groups in countries where they are regarded as a sect.

2) This Congress will also be remembered as the occasion when Baptists from all lands could again stretch out the hand of fellowship to one another, so that the wounds inflicted by the World War can begin to heal.

The Christian's Blessed Hope

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Lord's coming." We need to regain this passion for the lost, that pressing, pulsating passion that will make the church once again a witnessing, soul-winning church all because its members believe with all their hearts that the Lord is coming soon and that there are still many who have never heard of Jesus and his love.

This is the blessed hope for the believer, but what prospect does this hold for the unbeliever, who has "no hope and is without God in the world?" To him, the coming of Christ will mean consternation and confusion. For the Word of God definitely and distinctly declares that "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel." "And the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free

man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

Friends, the door of grace is still open. Seek the Lord while he may be found! But once the Master of the House has risen up and has shut the door, all your knowing and pleading will be in vain. The coming of Christ will mark the end of God's waiting for you who are now rejecting the Gospel of Christ. When will he come? "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man." Do not delay your preparation for eternity by saying, "The Lord delayeth his coming." But "be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

Some Urgent Relief Needs

An Important Announcement by DR. WILLIAM KUHN

AT THIS TIME we wish to thank our ladies in the churches for supplying us so generously with the cotton sacks which we have used in our individual food parcels for Europe. Now our supply of those cotton sacks has been exhausted.

In our individual food parcels we need those cotton sacks for rice, dehydrated vegetables, cereals, flour, coffee beans and other food stuffs. We need these cotton sacks in the following sizes: Twelve by eighteen inches, twelve by twelve inches, seven by fourteen inches, seven by ten inches, ten by eighteen inches, and ten by fourteen inches. The sacks can be made of any clean cotton material.

Considering that we are sending out the food parcels by the thousands and that for many parcels we need as many as six sacks, it will be readily understood that we need many cotton sacks. All sacks should be sent to: Relief Department of the North American Baptist General Conference, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

RELIEF REQUEST FROM GERMANY

Our Fellowship Fund has helped tens of thousands of needy persons in Germany with food, clothing and shoes. It has been reported in many circles that we are a generous relief agency. Almost everyone in Germany, especially those who have lost their homes in the bombing raids and the almost countless refugees found themselves in desperate need.

Many of these needy ones, not belonging to our Baptist fellowship, write to us for help. Here at headquarters we receive hundreds and sometimes as many as a thousand letters in a week. Most of these letters have special requests for help. Since the SENDBOTE and the BAPTIST HERALD are both going to Germany, many of our pastors and other church members receive such requests from persons unknown to them.

Since it is impossible for us to investigate the legitimacy of these requests, the "Bruderhilfe," which is the Baptist Relief Agency in Germany, has suggested that we do not fill such requests but that we return the letters to the Bruderhilfe for investigation before taking action. During the last week or two we have sent at least 2000 such relief requests originating in Germany back to the Bruderhilfe.

We suggest that any pastors or other church members receiving relief requests from unknown persons in Germany, forward such relief requests to our headquarters here at Forest Park.

We shall then return these requests to the Bruderhilfe, where they will receive intelligent consideration. At this time, the need is so desperate in Germany that we can do no more than to help relieve the most worthy cases. With the relief at our disposal, we are endeavoring to secure an equitable distribution, as nearly as possible, and that can only be done through our Bruderhilfe, and not by each one of us acting independently.

Our Million Dollar Offering will provide for \$100,000 towards this important relief ministry overseas. Your gifts and prayers for this worthy cause should continue unabated. The needs are as great now as they have ever been!

A Grand Old Man of God

A Sketch of Ninety Year Old Rev. F. A. Licht Before His Homegoing
by HELEN DE DAMVILLE of Niagara Falls, New York

I LOOKED for hope in a young man's face but his eyes were dulled by pessimism and his lips sneered cynically. I found hope in an old man's keen eyes and I heard it in his ready laughter. To strangers, this old gentleman looked like an aristocrat from McCutcheon's romances or perhaps a successful financier. To those who were proud to know him, he was a retired clergyman thrifly stretching his little pension to meet his needs.

He strode along the street like a proud stallion, his fierce blue eyes and shapely nose arousing respect and admiration in the passerby. The manner in which he carried his polished cane resembled that of a fencing master. He tapped the pavement lightly and every other step he flourished it in unconscious grandeur.

Sometimes, when aroused and excited, he vigorously stroked the ghost of a moustache which had been shaved off ten years before. That little gesture was a warning that he was about to squelch his opponent or that he was about to be brusquely frank. His wife was proud that her husband was incapable of hypocrisy but she deplored the tactless candor that used to antagonize his parishioners in the days of his active ministry.

Yet all who knew him had to respect his high honesty and brilliant mind. His sermons were rich in learn-

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ing and sympathetic understanding of his congregation. He was a true follower, too, of his Master, a fact not appreciated by very many.

When he was forty he began the study of medicine so that he might better minister to his followers. He gave many of his poorer church members medical care without receiving a penny in return, and managed to support his own family during his student period and also while he practiced. He still treated the minor ills of his grandchildren in later years and loved to have them come to him for medical advice.

I liked best to see him in his garden fussing with the rambler rosebush on the back fence, patiently untangling it. Then pulling off his scuffed leather gloves, he paused, admiring his work. His white hair was ruffled by the wind; his hand went to his mouth to stroke that phantom moustache.

Ninety years had not bowed his shoulders nor yellowed his ruddy complexion. Perhaps his life-long health and strength were the secrets of his inspired spiritual power, but for us, his friends, those qualities were not explanation enough. The fact is that he always believed in immortality and, like an honest contractor, he had chosen the finest materials, had bought them with a life of service, and had built a soul for eternity.

A Thousand Voices on the Bobtail Reserve

A Stirring Account of Missionary Labors by MISS TWILA BARTZ,

Indian Missionary

"EARTH with her thousand voices, praise God."

Indeed, these thousand voices are represented out on the Bobtail Indian Reservation in Alberta, Canada. Indeed, these thousand voices, to us, do praise God. From the tall trees, with their large leafy branches, to the bush that surrounds us, from the gophers, that so daringly play in front of us, to the tiniest insects that seem to find their way around, we are ever reminded of God's greatness and are compelled to praise God.

Miss Gladys Scheirer and I, however, have discovered that we are not the only ones who are conscious of these thousand voices, for our Indian friends are very conscious of this, even more so than we are. We find that they live very closely to these thousand voices, since they practically depend upon them for their existence. For food, shelter, fuel and clothing, these thousand voices are used.

We wondered, whom do they give the praise? Do they praise our God through Jesus Christ, who is Maker and Creator of all? We have discovered that they praise and give honor to a "Great Mystery" whom they believe is maker and creator of all. This "Great Mystery" for them is the creator of the sun and the earth. In their religion the Sun is the father and the Earth the mother; all things were created by these three, the "Great Mystery," the Sun and the Earth.

We have also discovered that an Indian is a very deeply religious person. However, there are exceptions. He is deeply religious in his own way. Some of us, perhaps, would annul many of the things he does, such as, not keeping the Sunday. Surely, he must — Christ said so — but an Indian sees no need for setting aside one day in seven as a holy day since to him all days are the "Great Mystery's." Every act in an Indian's life is, in a real sense, a religious act. We stand amazed and learn from them. Their acts of brotherhood and their love for each other are beautiful.

It is very hard, we find, to learn very much of their religion directly from them. First, an Indian does not speak of these deep matters so long as he believes in them, and when he has ceased to believe he speaks inaccurately and slightly. Second, even if he can be induced to speak, the racial prejudice of the other stands in the way of his sympathetic compre-

hension. Third, practically all existing studies on this subject have been made during the transition period, when the original beliefs and philosophy of the Native American were undergoing rapid disintegration.

So what we have discovered concerning their religion is by what we have read, and then we have tried to compare it with what they actually do today. Even this is almost impossible, since they do things when we

a length of time, every Indian sits in reverence, their bodies still. Their faces show the absence of strain. Thus we worship God with them.

We find it very easy to speak to them about God, and it is much easier for them to grasp and understand God, for they compare him with the "Great Mystery." But when we speak of Jesus and that they see God through Jesus, it is not comprehended. They see no purpose in Jesus when we have



are not around, or without us knowing it. One reason for this is that their religion is very sacred to them and by speaking of it or by practicing it outwardly where everyone sees it, it loses its sacredness and value to them.

It is said that the worship of the "Great Mystery" was silent, solitary, and free from all self-seeking. It was silent, because all speech is of necessity feeble and imperfect; therefore they ascend to the "Great Mystery" in wordless adoration. It was solitary because they believed he was nearer to them in solitude. There is much evidence of this quietness in our services today. They participate in silence, much more readily than in audibility. When we sit quietly for

a God. They do not understand that Jesus and God are one, and that we receive salvation through Christ. When they speak of God, they call him Jesus, but the relationship between the two is not understood. They seem very deeply interested in our services and in wanting to hear more of Jesus. After the services, they thank us for having a meeting with them.

Pray for these people that they, too, may understand that God and Jesus are one, and that we receive life eternal through Jesus Christ. Pray that they may see God as the Creator of these thousand voices that sound and resound out on the Bobtail Reservation and over the whole wide world with the message of the Gospel.

The Youth Service Plan for Our Churches

The Challenge of the Million Dollar Offering for Our Young People as Presented by the REV. J. C. GUNST

ALTHOUGH the Youth Service Plan was conceived at the General Conference at Tacoma, Washington in August, 1946, it has been put to practice for the first time during the past summer months. The Youth Service Plan is sponsored jointly by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union and the General Missionary Society. Christian students from our churches attending Christian schools may apply to the Summer Visitation Placement Committee by writing to one of the general secretaries at headquarters.

HOW THE PLAN FUNCTIONS

The Youth Service Plan has been created to assist student workers during the summer months. The Summer Visitation Placement Committee contacts churches and conference organizations that might be interested in student workers for the summer months. Churches and conference organizations may also apply for such student workers by writing to one of our secretaries.

A sum of \$10,000 for the triennium, or \$3,300 annually, is to be set aside for the purpose of supporting students for summer activities. Regional unions, conference organizations, churches or church groups may help toward the support of this worthy cause by designating a certain amount for the helpful project. For example, the Wisconsin Young People's Assembly has set the goal of \$500 annually, now in the second year, toward the Youth Service Plan. The Southern Conference Young People's Union set their goal at \$650 while the Iowa Young People's Convention contributes \$100 toward the Youth Service Plan.

STUDENT WORKERS

This summer eleven students have been placed in four different conferences under the Youth Service Plan. These students have been training at our seminary at Rochester, New York; Bethel College at St. Paul, Minn.; and the Baptist Missionary Training School at Chicago, Illinois. They have been employed in the cities and rural areas in many of our churches. In every instance, the churches and local organizations furnished room and board and contributed a fair amount for the salary of the student. In several instances the churches also took care of traveling expenses. The rest of the salary and, in some instances, the traveling expenses were taken care of

through the Youth Service Plan. Where the services of these students is much needed and the churches cannot contribute to the student's salary the Youth Service Plan will take care of such help.

The students were active in Vacation Bible Schools, church missionary work, preaching and teaching. Some were leaders in recreational activities in summer assemblies and instructors for leadership training classes. This plan has solved the need of teachers and leaders for many of our churches. At the same time it has proven to be a splendid opportunity for practical training for these students. It has also helped the students financially so that they might return to their respective schools to continue their studies.

The Youth Service Goal in relation to the Million Dollar Offering is most important. In our spiritual enlarge-

ment program through the Christian Achievement Plan and the raising of the Million Dollar Offering in the next two years the Youth Service Plan should play a very vital part. Students from our churches attending Christian schools should be keenly interested in the plan. Churches, local societies, regional and conference unions, should back the plan with sincere prayers and financial support by adopting a share of the \$10,000 goal.

Let us remember that the entire plan is to function for the purpose of strengthening the local church — your church. It is truly a service plan. By supporting the plan we trust that you will support the ministry of the Lord Jesus himself which he has entrusted to us. It is our sincere prayer that through the Youth Service Plan the kingdom work may expand and the Lord himself be glorified.

The 21st International S. S. Convention

Review of the Recent Sessions of the International Sunday School Convention Held at Des Moines, Iowa as reported by the Rev. J. C. GUNST

FROM ALL first hand impressions the 21st International Sunday School Convention held at Des Moines, Iowa was a grand success. The interest on the part of church leaders, educators and all delegates ran high. This was one place where one could see Sunday School leaders and teachers, pastors and educators, from both large and small churches, having come together from city and rural areas from all over the United States and eight foreign countries. A very good representation from many denominations was present.

The program was well planned and ran off very smoothly. A note of unity and cooperation was noticeable among all leaders and delegates. There was profound eagerness to learn about the technique and proper spiritual emphasis in the churches of today.

The Convention leadership was in well trained hands. Speakers were brought to the convention who are outstanding citizens in our nation. The Honorable Harold E. Stassen, former governor and president of the International Council of Religious Education, presided at the meetings. He was re-elected president for the organization for another four years. The Honorable Thomas Clark, Attorney General of the United States, brought an inspiring evening message. Dr. Roy

L. Smith, editor of "The Advocate," brought the opening address which was timely and thought-provoking. Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, for many years an authority on the home, inspired the audience with a challenging address.

Noteworthy, stimulating and educational was the well stocked exhibit hall. Every denomination represented at the convention had an attractive booth with the latest in Sunday School literature, young people's materials, study books and periodicals. The comparison of these materials was an experience of importance in itself.

A great deal of stress had been placed on visual education for which a large department on the exhibit floor had been arranged. To be sure, the very best and latest could be seen on visual aid equipment. The demonstrations on how to use this equipment were done with much profit to all the delegates.

It was gratifying to note the eagerness of individuals from all of these churches to have a better trained, a more experienced, and a better qualified leadership. We will recognize the fact that with much training, ability and organization must go a good portion of the humble spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ and a vital Christian experience to have a successful work in the local church.

Vacation Bible Schools

Reports of Several Vacation Bible Schools in Addition to Those Appearing Among the "Reports from the Field"

Vacation Bible Schools Held at First Church of Leduc and Mission Station

The days of July 6 to 10 were filled with joy and blessings for the children in the vicinity of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta as they attended Vacation Bible School.

Lessons were held from 9:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. and a complete Bible course of two weeks was taught. The total enrollment was 95 and average daily attendance was 89. The fine cooperation of the parents in providing transportation and the willing efforts of directors and teachers added to the success of the school.

The school was held under the ef-



The Vacation Bible School Held at the Clover Lawn Mission of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta.

Ninety-five Students Enrolled in the Vacation School of Chicago's East Side Church

A Vacation Bible School was held in the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois during the weeks of July 7 to 18. Ninety-five students were enrolled, averaging 72 children a day with 42 having perfect attendance.

The pupils were divided into five groups. Beginners were taught by Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, the Primary boys by Mrs. O'Neal and the Primary girls by Miss Reidhauser. The Juniors were taught by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Louis Johnson, and the Intermediate department had extra teachers and helpers. Some of the activities included handwork, Bible stories in flannelgraph, memory work, regular play and story periods and a snack of cookies and milk for the smaller children.

On Friday evening, July 18th, the children presented a program consisting of the things they had learned and also a display of the things they had made in Bible School.

Muriel Engbrecht, Secretary.

ficient supervision of the Rev. C. Seecamp, and Mrs. Fred Sonnenberg served as principal. The teachers and their helpers were: Beginners' Department, Helga Fischer, Ruth Grabia; Primary Department, Cecilia Priebe, Vera Hammer; Junior Department, Mrs. C. Seecamp, Margaret Benke, Clara Seecamp; Intermediate Department, Lawrence Beinert and Bernard Fillenberg.

The teachers were desirous of acquainting the children with Christ through his Word, and their efforts were not in vain for eleven children accepted Christ at the close of the school.

The Sunday School picnic on July 11 was attended by many and served as a joyous climax for the school. The closing program was held on Sunday evening, July 13. Singing by the children, individual class presentations and display of handwork were highlights of the program. The mission offering taken was designated for the nearby Indian mission work.

A similar school was held at the station church of Clover Lawn from July 14 to 18. The total enrollment was 49 children and average attendance 42. This school was under the leadership of the Rev. C. Seecamp assisted by several teachers.

The work of our church is progressing in every phase as continual efforts are being put forth to glorify Christ! Cecilia Priebe, Reporter.

NOTICE, REPORTERS!

All reports should be limited to about 250 words in length. They must be sent within one month after the event to be eligible for publication. No wedding anniversary reports, except those pertaining to the 50th, will be published. EDITOR.



Children and Teachers of the Successful Vacation Bible School Held by the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois as Photographed by Mr. Carl J. Schroeder



Many Smiles on the Faces of Children and Teachers at the Vacation Bible School Held by the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

Vacation Bible School With 104 Children at the Cottonwood Church of Texas

The Vacation Bible School of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas was of eight days duration from July 9 to 20 and was headed by Mrs. Ted Nehring as principal with the pastor, Rev. James R. Wyatt, as assistant principal. Mrs. Adolph Braun was pianist and John Massirer, Jr., was secretary. Department leaders were: Beginners, Mrs. Vernon Ekert; Primary, Mrs. C. F. Kincannon; Juniors, Mrs. Ethel Zube; Intermediates, Edward Link of the Rochester Seminary. These were ably assisted by helpers, including transportation, handwork, and refreshment committees.

The total enrollment of the school was 104 with an average attendance of 84. There were two professions of faith. We believe it was one of the most successful schools in recent years.

James R. Wyatt, Pastor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On August 8th Miss Clara Neubarth and Mr. Orville Feickert of McClusky, North Dakota were married in an impressive wedding ceremony held in the McClusky Baptist Church with the Rev. A. J. Fischer officiating. Mrs. Feickert served for the past two years as the president of the Northern North Dakota Young People's Union and has been very active in youth activities in the state of North Dakota.

● The good news has been received at the denominational headquarters that on July 20th a baby girl was born to the Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom. The six pound baby girl, who has been named Glennis Ann, was born at Ebolowa Hospital in the French Cameroons. Miss Margaret Kittlitz attended as nurse. Mrs. Ganstrom and her daughter returned to the Belo mission station early in August.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Herman C. Wedel, formerly living in Los Angeles, Calif., where they were in charge of a children's home, have now moved to Anaheim, Calif., where they will conduct a foster home for children who are in such need. At present, they have six children in their home. Their address is 7351 E. Ball Rd., Rt. 1, Box 167, Anaheim, Calif. They are members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, of which the Rev. P. G. Neumann is pastor.

● On Tuesday, July 29th, the ministers' families of the Dakota Central Association enjoyed a picnic at Hoskins Lake near Ashley, No. Dak. Lunch was enjoyed under beautiful, shady trees. The afternoon was spent by playing ball and swimming. In the evening all were guests in the spacious home of the host pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein, who served a delicious chicken supper with all the trimmings. "Everyone present enjoyed the day to the fullest," as reported by Gordon E. Fenske.

● On Sunday, Aug. 3, the Rev. Karl Gieser of Anamoose, North Dakota baptized ten converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These Sunday School scholars ranging in age from 11 to 17 years were baptized in the waters of Bentley Lake. On Sunday, August 10, they were received into the fellowship of the church at which service the Rev. Edwin Michelson, one of the Cameroons missionaries, brought

a very interesting message. Mr. and Mrs. Michelson's parents are members of the Anamoose Church.

● The Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon has extended a call to the Rev. Emanuel Wolff of the White Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio. A favorable response has been given, and Mr. Wolff hopes to begin his ministry in the Salt Creek Church on Sunday, Oct. 12. He has served the Cleveland church since 1943. In the Salt Creek Church he will succeed the Rev. Otto Nallinger, now of San Carlos, California.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., recently extended a call to the Rev. Assaf Husmann, a member of the faculty of our Rochester Seminary. Mr. Husmann accepted the call, having previously resigned from the seminary faculty. He began his ministry in New York's Immanuel Church in September immediately following the close of the pastorate of the Rev. John Crygo, who on Sunday, Sept. 11, was installed as pastor of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis.

● Recently the Rev. C. T. Rempel, pastor of the Baptist Church of Ventura, North Dakota, had the privilege of baptizing 18 persons and receiving these and two others into the fellowship of the church. This baptismal service, which took place at Hoskins Lake, was witnessed by at least 1200 people. The Rev. H. Waltereit of Lehr, No. Dak., served as the special speaker for the occasion. A total of 42 people have been baptized during the two year ministry of Mr. Rempel, increasing the membership of the church to 290.

● On Sunday, Aug. 10, an impressive baptismal service was held at Brush Lake for the Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak., when the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler had the joy of baptizing six people on confession of their faith in Christ. These six persons besides another lady were received into the church's fellowship on Sunday, Aug. 17. The baptismal service was held in conjunction with the Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., for which a separate report appears in this issue, and the Mennonite Church of McClusky.

● On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24, the Connors Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held its reception for its new pastor and wife, the Rev. and

Mrs. Otto Patzia, and their family, formerly of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Representatives of the sister churches of Detroit as well as from organizations of the Connors Ave. Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Patzia to the city and the church. Mr. Patzia opened his ministry in the Connors Ave. Church on that Sunday, having succeeded the Rev. Wm. Hoover, now of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

● On Sunday, August 17, the new edifice of the Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada was dedicated in impressive services which were held in the morning, afternoon and evening. The Rev. W. C. Damrau of Tacoma, Wash., mission secretary for the Pacific Conference, brought the morning message, and the Rev. R. Kern of Vancouver, B. C., spoke in the afternoon. The choir of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver sang in the afternoon service. The people and pastor, the Rev. Phil. Daum, of the Chilliwack Baptist Church are exceedingly grateful to God for their fine, worshipful sanctuary.

● The Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church near Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada held its annual missionary conference and camp at Point Inspiration on the shores of Pigeon Lake from July 7 to 13. The camp was held in conjunction with the West Side and Brightview Baptist Churches with more than 1000 persons in attendance. The speakers included Rev. Clifford Paulsen, missionary from China, Rev. Raymond Cross, and Rev. Cyril Hutchinson of the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute. The Rev. George Robinson, pastor of the Pleasant Prairie Church, also reported 13 conversions during the camp meetings.

● On Sunday, July 20, the Rev. David Little of Plevna, Montana had the joy of baptizing 14 young people on confession of their faith in Christ, among whom was his oldest daughter, Darlene. On Sunday, July 29, the church was delighted with a visit from the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel who were on their way to their new pastorate in Spokane, Washington. On Sunday, Aug. 3, the Rochester Seminary Quartet rendered a program at the church. It was also the pastor's birthday which the church remembered by presenting him through its deacon with an envelope containing a good sized gift of money.

● On Sunday evening, Aug. 17, a farewell service was held by the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas for its pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schreiber, and their family. Leaders of the various church organizations spoke words of appreciation to the Schreibers for their ministry of the past two years. Afterwards everyone was invited to the church's out-of-door playground where refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed. At the last Woman's Missionary Union meeting, the ladies of the Crawford Church presented Mrs. Schreiber with a lovely lace table cloth as a remembrance. Mr. Schreiber began his new ministry at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois on Sunday, August 24.

Missionary Earl H. Ahrens of the Cameroons in an Accident and Will Have to Be Sent Home

On July 21st Missionary Paul Gebauer sent an Air Mail letter in which he told the sad news of the accident that had befallen Missionary Earl H. Ahrens at an Empire Day celebration on his mission field in Nsungli. Mr. Gebauer's letter follows with all the available information. From Mr. Ahren's relatives in Tacoma, Wash., we have learned that Earl is resting comfortably and that seemingly no permanent injury will be sustained. Our people everywhere will want to remember both Earl and Lois Ahrens in their prayers in the critical days to come. The Editor.

PAUL GEBAUER'S LETTER

This is written at Ebolowa in the French Cameroons, in the neighborhood of which lies the great hospital of the American Presbyterian Mission. Ebolowa is 427 road-miles southwest of Bamenda.

Earl Ahrens had an accident while on trek on his mission field. Last Tuesday (July 15) I arrived in Ndu, the day he was carried into the station. On Wednesday of last week we went to Bamenda to the pickup truck secured for us by our church in Lodi, Calif. Thursday we saw the British doctor at Bamenda and on Friday forenoon we set out for this place with the only X-ray machine in the Cameroons.

Dr. Thorne reports that one vertebrae is broken and has smashed into another one. About six weeks will pass before the spine is back in normal position to allow the placing of a cast. A week or so after the placing of the cast Earl should be ready to be shipped home. He should not fly, the doctor advises. I am attempting to get a passage for him and Lois for the first week in October. (Six to nine months may have to see Earl in a cast unless a specialist constructs steel braces.)

Beside the Still Waters

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

HARVEST TIME

OF ALL the seasons of the year, autumn is the most colorful and most rewarding. Winter, spring and summer have all made their contributions to produce a harvest. On one of the first pages of the Bible God made the following promise: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall never cease" (Gen. 8:22). We know from observation and experience that God's laws are absolutely dependable.

But God's Word not only teaches a harvest in the natural world but also in the moral and spiritual realm. It is just as true in the human world as in the plant world that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap also (Gal. 6:7). This is an inexorable law in the life of men. Christians who sow seeds of truth and kindness will reap a harvest. "Kind hearts are the garden, kind thoughts are the roots, kind words are the blossoms, kind deeds are the fruit." Many have already enjoyed the harvest of truth sown into the lives of boys and girls years ago. The seed of truth bore fruit and today we behold the golden harvest of strong

Christian characters. Jesus realized that his unique life would be sown like a seed in the soil of sinful humanity (John 12:24). He would die like the grain of wheat in the ground, but just as the one grain produced many new kernels of wheat, so the one unique sacrifice of the Savior would produce a glorious harvest of saved souls. We speak of the great sacrifice that Christ brought for us, but we forget the great joy that came to him as he saw the host of the redeemed (Rev. 7:9-10). Christ has been harvesting for centuries and today the spiritual harvest is greater than ever before.

But Jesus spoke of a harvest at the end of the world that will be unwelcome to many. The vicious circle of evil and good will not exist forever. Some day the harvest of the end of the age will come. Then there will be a separation of the wheat from the weeds. The good seed, the sons of the God, will be garnered unto the kingdom, but the weeds, the sons of the evil one, will be cast into the fire of remorse and spiritual anguish. "There shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:39-43).

What will your harvest be?

Pointed Paragraphs

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

¶ Western civilization is jeopardized in Europe because it is in peril in Germany, said former President Hoover on his return from the occupied zone. He made the journey at the request of President Truman. In his report to the President and to Congress, Mr. Hoover did not mince words. He declared that "those who believe in vengeance and the punishment of a great mass of Germans not concerned in the nazi conspiracy can now have no misgivings, for all of them, in food, warmth and shelter, have been sunk to the lowest level known in a hundred years of Western history." In other words, the Morgenthau policy as given form in the Potsdam agreement and the "Level of Industry" plan has succeeded in uprooting, starving and freezing so many millions that the most intransigent hatred ought to be satisfied at the frightful result. Mr. Hoover asserted that the housing situation in the American and British zones of Germany "is the worst that modern civilization has ever seen."

—Christian Century.

¶ When a new pastor is employed, his wife is watched more closely and more critically than the pastor himself. Her tasks are handed her, tasks that require long hours of hard work, and she must do her work well if the pastor is a "success."

Hers is not an easy place to fill. More is required of her than is required of her preacher husband. Usually things required of her are considered "little things," but they are very exacting in every way.

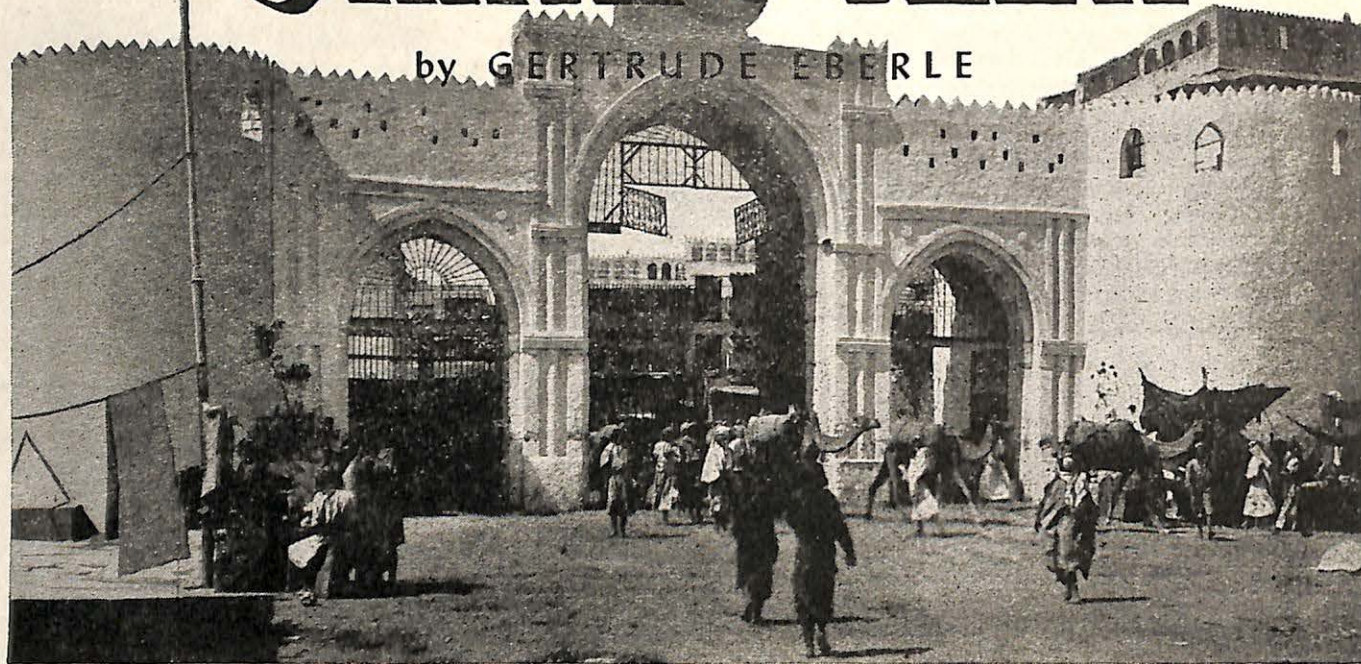
She must open her home to the local church at all times in all ways, regardless of the inconvenience to her own family. She must be able to fill any place in the church work which someone else has failed, in the last moment, to fill, but she must not seek a place of leadership for herself. She must forever hear the secrets and the grievances of most of the homes of her church people, but must never, never divulge one.

All these duties and many more are hers. She is truly a servant of God.

—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, who was found by his old cronies, Isme-Dagan and Egibe. Later Asenath, the princess, brought her to the palace. Even Hadar, the rival of Raanah in many ways, tried to win her attention. A fight almost ensued, and Raanah in great rage and excitement went to call on Pharaoh.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

THE impetuous Raanah drove to the barracks, picked up his troop, and a few minutes later drew up at the palace with clattering pomp. He gave the reins to his charioteer and marched in alone. Pharaoh was seated before his gaming table, while several petitioners awaited their turn.

"Ah—my captain!" Pharaoh's heavy face lightened, supposing that he had come on matter pertaining to horses. "Stand by! I shall be through shortly."

But Raanah soon realized that he had come at an inopportune time. The king's fat, piratical face wore a worried expression; his deep-socketed eyes glittered with unnatural light; his deep voice had an impatient ring. Raanah remembered there had been some gossip about Pharaoh being troubled by dreams.

A middle-aged peasant and a young girl stood timidly before the king. The man's grim face bespoke fear, mixed with hostility. The girl was pretty in a coarse, swarthy way.

Pharaoh addressed the peasant, but his avaricious eyes flicked over the girl.

"You know the law—that Pharaoh may claim for his harem any maiden who stirs his fancy. Dare you dispute that?" he sneered. "I have said that your daughter pleases me. Surely you would not infer that your ruler is unworthy of her?"

"Oh—never, Mighty Pharaoh," the man groveled. "'Tis only that a young soldier has taken her fancy, and they were soon to wed. Youth ever longs for youth."

"Faugh!" Pharaoh roared, stung by the implication. "I am only in my prime. Away with such a calftale—it serves only to make the girl more interesting. Leave her and go—But wait!" he reconsidered. "Come here!" he beckoned to the girl, and she stepped forward timidly.

Pharaoh lowered his voice and regarded her intently. "You know that I would dress you in fine clothes and you would live at the palace?"

She stared, as if fascinated by his dwarfish ugliness and nodded her head. "Your family would be cared for, and you would have jewels to sparkle on your throat and in your hair."

A slight shudder passed over the girl. She shook her head.

"Still no? Well, then—I'll tell you

what I'll do. I will dice with you—yea and nay—for your release."

Raanah watched the scene with a blank face but inward disgust. Everyone at court knew that Pharaoh had two great weaknesses—gambling and women. But to gamble with a human heart at stake! His own heart gave a painful flip. Suppose Pharaoh should take a fancy to Bashia! Other young women at court had influential families to protect them. Asenath had the tradition of her priestly father, but Bashia had no one but himself. Until they were wed, he would never again trust her in Pharaoh's sight.

Pharaoh shook a tiny dice box, then with gallantry unbelievable of him, handed it to the girl. "Cast!" he ordered. "I will take the light, you the dark." He cocked his sprightly eyes at her, and his manner assumed a wheedling air.

She accepted the box with trembling fingers, hesitated, then closed her eyes and cast.

"So-so!" Pharaoh's brows puckered, and his tone was crestfallen. "The nay has it. Well—that's settled. Pharaoh keeps his word. Peace go with you," he said graciously. The girl dropped on her knees and raised his pudgy hand to her lips with a sob. As she walked away with her father, Pharaoh gazed after her and shrugged. "'Tis well this land has plenty more as come-ly and more willing. Next case!"

The guards came forward with two prisoners. One had a gaunt, despairing face; the other, shifty eyes. Both

men were poorly clad. Pharaoh darted his thumb at the first fellow. "You, the morbid one!" An official at the king's elbow whispered in his ear. Pharaoh looked the prisoner over coldly. "He says you were condemned by the court to death, but the manner was not named. Now, what sort of execution would you prefer—a flight of arrows in your heart, or crucifixion?"

The prisoner's dry lips murmured, "Arrows."

"Very well—we dice! You take the light stone, I the dark. Two out of three throws. Fair enough—huh?"

The man nodded dully.

Pharaoh squirmed on his chair. With a human life at stake, dicing was exciting. "Your turn first." He generously handed over the box. The man gave it a quick, nervous rattle and threw. The dice clinked against each other as they rolled on the table. "Hah—dark!" Pharaoh fairly exploded in his eagerness. "You start out badly." He reached for the box, shook it, and gave it an expert fling. "Light! I gave you better than you gave yourself. One more throw." He shoved the box at the man. "Be careful now lest you cheat yourself."

The prisoner's face hardened. He shook the tablet slowly a few times, then cast. The guards craned forward. The dark stone came out first and rolled so far across the table that it touched Pharaoh's hand. "Ha," he cried, "though your king was merciful, you sentenced yourself to the hardest way. Now, who can say that Pharaoh is not just?"

Yes, Raanah thought, Pharaoh is so just that no man can expect mercy from him. The young officer gazed pityingly at the stricken prisoner and marveled that with all his privations he possessed such stark hunger for life.

Pharaoh waved to the guard. "Take him away," he said with evident distaste, "and see to his execution immediately. Now, you!" He pointed to the other prisoner. Again, the official whispered to the king. Pharaoh grunted. "Huh, so the evidence was circumstantial and the theft was not actually proved against you. What have you to say?"

"I am not guilty, O Pharaoh," the man spoke up courageously. "I bought the plow for three shekels and paid for it. The real thief lied against me."

"Yet you were unable to prove your innocence. So how is this—we dice—life imprisonment or freedom?"

"I would as soon die as to be sent to prison for life, O King."

"That is not for you to say, and this way I give you a chance." Pharaoh snapped his fingers impatiently. "Three out of five. Yours light, mine dark! Be careful that you do not convict yourself," he chortled. "Now, cast!"

As they began to rattle the box and throw, Pharaoh leaned forward with secret relish. His eyes narrowed to smoldering slits, and his air was that

of a sharp bargainer. Watching him, Raanah realized that bestial primal instincts formed the basis of this man's character. The young officer stood stiffly, apparently unmoved, but his jaws were set tightly.

The prisoner threw the dark stone first. Pharaoh emptied the light one out. Again a dark and a light one tied the score. One more throw was left. Raanah saw the prisoner's lips tighten. Everyone knew that Pharaoh was a lucky gambler. Again, it was a prisoner's turn to break or seal his sentence. Pharaoh liked it that way. It shifted the odium from him. The prisoner hesitated while his lips moved as if in prayer. Then, as if to gain good fortune by sheer effort, he threw the lots down hard. The dark stone rolled out first. The prisoner stared apathetically. Pharaoh's voice boomed in thunderous laughter. "'Twas you, not I, who brought it on yourself."

The prisoner's face turned sullen. "You—why you—!" and sprang at the king. "I'll—!" But before he could reach the king, guards caught him while he bit and scratched and screamed his imprecations.

Pharaoh was visibly flustered, but recovered quickly. "Take him away," he ordered, "and give him twenty lashes!" He straightened his doublet as if brushing off the unpleasant incident, and turned to Raanah with a cold smile.

"Now, my captain, what is on your mind?" His bloated face took on a querulous expression. "Speak up," he ordered tartly. "What is it that has aroused you sufficiently to seek an audience when you should be busy with your training?"

Raanah groaned inwardly. Now comes the punishment for my sins, he thought, for it was my own ill nature that urged me here. Pharaoh's frosty eyes appraised him. Such a caustic reception made Raanah feel like a prisoner about to cast a lot.

"My King," he began diplomatically, "I have always tried to serve you loyally—"

"Come to the point," Pharaoh snapped irritably.

Raanah swallowed hard. "Your Majesty, I seek permission to wed—"

"Ah-a," Pharaoh sneered, "so that is what ails you—lovesick, eh?"

Raanah had expected that with such a plea, Pharaoh's booming laugh would ring out with his customary merriment. Instead, the king snarled, "Bah! you come here with kittenish palpitations of the heart when your mind should be on your work. A young man like you should have a dozen maids. Why settle on one and stew yourself into despondency? Who is this paragon who has snared you?"

Raanah's face flamed. He knew his cause was lost, and longed to escape. He was in real trouble now "Your Majesty," he tried to keep his voice under control, "her name is Bashia.

She lives with Lady Asenath. She was present at your last party."

Pharaoh's heavy face expressed satisfaction. "Oh-o—that's the girl whom Hadar tried to steal from you. And let me tell you, young man, he will get her if he wins the races."

Raanah knew that for reasons of his own, Pharaoh was trying to make him jealous. Still, what he said might not be all threat. Pharaoh was so unpredictable, there was no telling what he might do.

Pharaoh cleared his throat raspingly. "I have always allowed that to the victor belongs the spoils. Let me tell you that the entrance of the Prince of Bakarrah into these races is assuming political importance. Should he win, it would add much to his growing prestige, and he is too strong a rival to be regarded passively. Besides, he is a tricky fellow, and you must look well to yourself. For my sake, if not for yours, should an accident arise, you must not be the victim. Again I tell you frankly, should you lose, Hadar will get the girl, whether you are married to her or not."

Raanah's face went white. Pharaoh saw the flash of fear in the young man's eyes and considered that his hot blood could be stirred past the point of endurance. "There—there!" he soothed, "take not the matter of the girl too seriously. My tongue has grown a little sharp of late, since I have had dreams so upsetting they leave me quaking in my bed. They must be a warning from heaven—but what? And not a magician in my whole realm can interpret them. You must forget about marrying the girl until after the Festival. With so much at stake, neither of us should be bothered with such a trivial matter."

With a sigh Pharaoh rested his forehead on his hands, and Raanah suspected that he was weeping from self-pity. He longed to leave, but could not go until he was dismissed.

A flurry by the door stirred their attention, and Nebajoth, the seer, with a group of councilors, was announced. Pharaoh turned to Raanah. "Stay for the report. Perhaps the presence of youth will give me luck. Show the men in," he said to the announcer, "but before they speak, I must have some wine. Call the Butler!"

Nebajoth and his necromancers filed into the room. He was a tall thin man with a snow-white beard, and the wrath of gods gleaming from his stern old eyes. His cheek-bones were prominent beside his hawk-bridged nose, and his white-robed appearance was cold and frosty. The men with him were well beyond their prime, their hair and beards thin and scraggly.

Pharaoh drank the wine and beckoned to Nebajoth. "What says the report of the Council?"

"We are sorry, Your Majesty, but we can make no more of your dreams than we have already reported. Never be-

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fore have such baffling visions been presented to us."

"Now what am I to do?" Pharaoh wailed. "And what," he demanded tersely, "is the worth of a wise man if he has no foresight?" His piercing eagle eyes flitted from one to another of the magicians while they squirmed.

Before Nebajoth could reply, the butler set down his tray with an apologetic air. He was a spry man with thin legs and a witty face. "My King, forgive me, but only this minute do I remember my faults. Sometime ago, when Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put the chief baker and myself in the Royal Prison, we had strange dreams. A young Hebrew interpreted them for us. He said that I would be restored to my office, but the chief baker would be hanged, and it turned out just as he construed the dreams.

"Then he beseeched me," the butler continued, "to mention him to you, for he had been falsely accused. But in my happiness to be out and serving you again, I forgot about him until this minute."

During the butler's recital, Raanah's face turned as white as the magician's gowns. A cry of joy arose within him, but was choked back. He stepped forward, the blood beating in his ears as he tried to keep his voice from trembling. "Your Majesty, I know this Hebrew well. What your butler says of him is true. He is a most worthy young man, and he speaks with authority from God."

Pharaoh arose, pushing back his chair with a loud, scraping noise. His agitation was marked. His hand fumbled with his wine goblet as he raised it to his lips. "Where is this Hebrew now?"

"In the Royal Prison, Your Majesty." "Fetch him! Go quickly!" He pounded the table with his fist, his bloated face grown red. "The gods have delivered a message to me, and I must know what it means."

Raanah saluted smartly, and made for the door as fast as he could without running. His face was radiant. At last Joseph would have his chance! Reaching his troop, Raanah shouted an order. His men whirled their chargers, cracked their whips, and clattered off. Raanah led them at a furious pace, while they wondered what had excited their captain. To him the clatter of the horses' flying feet on the pavement and the clattering wheels of the chariots on their way to snatch Joseph from prison, was the sweetest music ever heard.

Minutes later they dashed through the gate of the prison yard and drew their horses to such a sudden stop that they reared on their haunches, and harness and chariot gears creaked with strain. The warden and Joseph hurried out to see what the commotion was about, and from every grated window prisoner's eyes peered down.

Joseph stepped quickly to the side of Raanah's chariot. He, too, had changed with the years, but there was a dignity and pride in his bearing that marks men of aristocratic birth. His features were finely chiseled and scholarly in their classic beauty, and his dark eyes held the aesthetic light of the thinker and believe.

Raanah leaned over the chariot and laid a hand affectionately on Joseph's shoulder. "Pharaoh told me to fetch you to interpret his dreams. His magicians have failed, and he is much troubled over them."

Joseph's face turned an ashen hue, and Raanah hurried to relieve him. "The chief butler only this day remembered his neglect and spoke of you to Pharaoh. I happened to be there and added my word to his. Oh, Joseph," Raanah's voice faltered with suppressed emotion, "surely, you can tell Pharaoh what his dreams portend, then you have only to name your desires to get them."

Joseph regained his composure and smiled at Raanah reassuringly. "Interpretations belong to God," he said quietly, "I shall say what He puts into my heart." Then he glanced at his clothing. "I must change before going to Pharaoh. I shall hurry," he called back as he strode away.

The horses champed restlessly, but Joseph soon returned. He had saved the clothes he had worn in the service of Potiphar. Their rich materials gave an elegance to his trim figure that made him look well worthy to stand before Pharaoh. He waved to the warden and sprang lightly into the chariot with Raanah.

"Good-by and good luck," the warden cried. "I hate to lose you, but a good man deserves his reward. And never before," he gloated, "has a prisoner from here departed with such pomp."

As they clattered off, Raanah grinned at Joseph. "My pride, also, is inflated, just as it was when you came with the Basilisk Guard to take me from the prison in Tahpanhes. Remember?"

Still in his dress uniform two hours later, for he had come straight from the palace, Raanah stood before Asenath's door. Bashia dimpled as she greeted him. "My dear, you are gorgeous!" Her eyes swept from the green plume of his helmet to his embossed buckler and the green thongs of his buskins. "What is the occasion? Such splendor urges me to bow before you."

"Deceiver!" he mouthed at her as he swept the small figure into his arms and planted a rousing kiss on her lips, "you would never be that kind to me." His manner was uneasy, for his conduct that day was open to censure, but he saw with relief that she had apparently forgotten it.

She pushed him away and shook

her finger at him. "You have news. I see it in your telltale face. Out with it!"

"And if I have, impertinent lady, it is not for you. Call Asenath!"

Asenath came quickly at their excited summons. As Raanah greeted her, his face sobered. "What, Lady Asenath, would be the dearest wish of your heart?"

"Joseph's release," she cried instantly, then paled as she saw Raanah's face glow. "Oh, Raanah — tell me!"

"Yes, but take it easy." He stepped quickly to her side, as she grasped the back of a chair. "If you swoon," he warned, "it will be sometime before you hear the news."

She flashed him a tremulous smile, and he assisted her to a seat.

"Your wish is granted," he said simply that she might recover quickly. "Joseph is free. He requested me to tell you that he would be over as soon as Pharaoh will let him go, but that will not be soon," Raanah opined, "for the grateful old king sticks closer to him than a brother."

Asenath wept happily, daubing one hazel eye, then the other. Bashia handed her another kerchief that she might weep as copiously and comfortably as she pleased. "It is wonderful," Bashia cried, "but don't keep us in suspense. Tell us about it."

"I will, but it is quite a story," Raanah sat down before them. Bashia slipped an arm around Asenath. "You have heard the gossip about Pharaoh's dreams and how they have troubled him," he began. "Well, I happened to be at the palace this afternoon, and —"

"What for?" Bashia demanded suspiciously, the meeting with Hadar earlier in the day occurring to her.

Raanah was almost trapped and looked guilty, but caught himself. "On business, pert miss, and don't interrupt me again. While I was here, Nebajoth and his sages came in. He told the king that they could make nothing of the dreams, and Pharaoh was ready to tear his hair and don sackcloth. But the chief butler put down his wine tray and said that while he and the baker were in the Royal Prison, a young Hebrew interpreted their dreams, and things turned out just as the Hebrew had said they would."

"Then I stepped forward and told Pharaoh that I knew the Hebrew well, and what the butler said of him was true. 'Most certainly,' I said, 'he has a gift from God.'"

The faces of the girls were intent, and Raanah grew more graphic. "Then Pharaoh arose in all his squat majesty with that burning, vitriolic gleam in his bug eyes. He was quivering with rage at the sages and desire for help, and in a voice that scares a man to silence, he said to me, 'Go! Go — quickly, and bring this Hebrew to me!'"

(To Be Continued)

CHILDREN'S PAGE



HONORING JESUS

Twelve year old Alice and Edith were always together. They were the same age, and they both wore their hair in pigtails, and they looked so much alike that people seeing them for the first time were sure they were twins. For years they had been the very closest friends and, though they quarreled as all children do, they would soon forgive and forget.

But there was one difference between Alice and Edith, or perhaps we should say between Alice's and Edith's homes. Alice's father and mother were very fine Christian people and their Christ and their church were always above anything else in their lives. And even though Edith's folks were very fine people, Christ didn't mean anything to them personally and they didn't bother to go to church every Sunday. If it were convenient, they would go.

Alice had gone to church since she had been just a baby, and Edith had gone to Sunday School for several years, but neither of the girls had ever received Jesus as her own Savior.

One day as they were sitting under the old oak tree in Alice's backyard, they began to talk about their Sunday School teacher.

"Isn't Miss Black the nicest teacher you know?" asked Edith.

"Oh, yes, I just love her. She tells us the nicest stories, and I like those pictures she uses on the flannelgraph. You know, last Sunday after she had told us the story about Andrew finding his brother Peter and bringing him to Jesus, I went home and read it in my Bible. I read some more about Jesus and his disciples, too. The Bible has nice stories, doesn't it?"

"I don't know. I never read the Bible. We've got one somewhere at home but I don't even know where."

"Oh, Edith, you don't know what you're missing. Shall I get my Bible and let's read awhile?"

Without waiting for an answer, she ran into the house and was back in a jiffy. The girls spent some time reading together the stories of Jesus. You see, the Lord was speaking to Alice's young heart and she was beginning to love him and his precious Word.

The next Sunday as Edith and Alice sat listening to Miss Black tell again how Jesus loved them so much that he gave his own life to save them from the guilt of sin, Alice said in her heart,

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"I love Jesus too, and I want him to save me from my sins."

After class, she told her teacher and as they prayed together, Alice received Jesus into her heart as her Savior and knew that she now had become a Christian.

Edith didn't wait for Alice, but hurried home to her mother. With tears in her eyes, Edith said to her, "Alice received Jesus into her heart as her Savior this morning and I would like to become a Christian, too."

"Why, Edith, you're just all upset. You're too young even to know what you want. When you get older like your daddy and me, then religion will be all right, if you want it." And from then on her parents made an excuse to take Edith away every Sunday so she couldn't go to Sunday School.

Months passed by and Edith and Alice were growing farther and farther apart. They were still friends but they were busy in their own interests so they didn't spend much time together. Edith had new friends but Alice was lonesome without Edith.

As the days passed, Alice became busy with her school work, and she began to neglect reading her Bible and praying. Sometimes she would only hurriedly say a few words in prayer and sometimes she wouldn't even do that. As she neglected her Lord, she became more and more lonesome for the friendship of Edith.

One Sunday afternoon she went to Edith's house. As Edith greeted her at the door, she said, "Oh, Alice, I'm glad to see you but I was just going to the movie. Would you like to go along?"

Alice didn't go to movies but she thought perhaps, this one time, it wouldn't hurt. She knew it was a good picture and she would be home again before young people's meeting and she just wouldn't tell her folks.

"I'll pay your way if you'll go," Edith coaxed. So Alice went.

After that the girls were seen together more often and each day it became easier for Alice to go along with Edith in her pleasures and she soon forgot her Lord almost entirely.

But the Lord hadn't forgotten her ...

Miss Black had noticed that Alice was not very interested in the things of the Lord any more and she was deeply concerned and prayed for her every day. One Sunday, the lesson was about honoring Jesus.

During the lesson she said, "Our Golden Text today is 'Him that honoreth Me, I will honor.' O, girls, I wish you could get the meaning of that. You want God to honor you, don't you? But he can't, if you won't honor him."

When Alice went home, she was very thoughtful. She hadn't done much for Jesus and she wasn't very happy. Perhaps the friendship of Jesus meant more than the friendship of Edith. Anyway, she knelt by her bed and told the Lord she was sorry she had forgotten him in her life and asked him to help her to honor him from now on.

After dinner, Alice walked over to Edith's house. She had planned to go with Edith to the show, but things were different now.

"Edith, I'm not going with you to the show today. I have not been true to Jesus during these past months and I'm sorry. I've been doing what I wanted to do instead of honoring Jesus. From now on, Edith, I'm going to put him first in my life and do what he wants me to do. I wish you were a Christian, too. Won't you receive Jesus as your Savior?"

"Oh, Alice, don't be silly. I'm having a good time. Some time later I'll be a Christian. I have to go now. See you later."

Alice loved Edith and she wanted her to love Jesus, too, so she began to pray for her. Months passed by and it appeared that her prayers were not being answered. But she didn't know that Edith was watching her and wishing that she had the peace and joy that Alice had since she put Jesus first in her life.

One evening Edith came to Alice and said, "Alice, I can see that Jesus has changed you and made you happy and I too want to be a Christian."

So Alice told Edith that all she needed to do was to believe that Jesus died for her sins and trust him to save her. She did and now they are again the very closest friends. And what do you suppose they have chosen as their life motto? — "Him that honoreth Me, I will honor!"

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Central Conference

Two Interim Pastors Before Arrival of Rev. O. Patzia at Detroit's Conners Baptist Church

During the months of May and June, the interim-pastor of the Conners Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan was Rev. J. N. Williams of Wasco, Calif. The short stay of Rev. J. N. Williams in our midst was a real blessing to our church. His genial character attracted many and made him well-liked. With regret we saw him leave on account of sickness in his own family.

The Lord led that Dr. Alfred A. Cierpke, professor at Bob Jones College, was available until our permanent minister arrives. At the suggestion of Dr. Cierpke, our young people's meetings were continued every Sunday, during the summer months.

The Rev. O. Patzia from Winnipeg, Manitoba began his ministry here during the latter part of August. May the Lord guide us on our path, and richly bless the ministry of our new pastor.

Gilda M. Yungton, Reporter.

Baptismal Service and Double Anniversary Program at Cleveland's Erin Ave. Baptist Church

July 20th was a great and blessed Sunday for the Erin Ave., Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. A young woman, coming from the Catholic Church, and the 8 year old son of the Luebeck family were baptized.

On July 23rd we celebrated with the Luebecks their 25th wedding anniversary, and also the Rev. W. J. Luebecks 25th ordination anniversary. A varied program was rendered, such as recitations, addresses by the oldest daughter of the Luebeck family, by Rev. S. Blum, and by Rev. H. Hirsch, besides solos, selections by the male chorus, and speeches of congratulations and best wishes. The chairman of the board of deacons presented Mr. and Mrs. Luebeck with a box of silver dollars. An unusual beautiful cake was donated to the family by Mr. and Mrs. S. Maschner, coffee and cake were served to all present. It was a blessed evening which will long be remembered.

Henry Hirsch, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School of the Fourth Ave. Church of Alpena, Michigan

"Boys and girls for Jesus, this our earnest prayer," were the words of the chorus which the children sang as they marched in for each morning session of the Vacation Bible School, held from June 23 to July 3 at the Fourth Avenue Church of Alpena, Michigan.

We were happy to have girls and



Vacation Bible School Group of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan

boys from the community, several representing other churches and our own Sunday School scholars attend. Our average attendance was 40.

Our teacher for the Beginners was Mrs. Ormel Burnham, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Smith and Mrs. Arnold Kirschner. This was our largest class. Mrs. Omer Turnbull taught the Primary Class and Miss Millie Paad the Juniors. Miss Minnie Peters taught the Intermediate Class and acted as superintendent of the school.

Many of the parents and friends attended the closing program on Thursday night, July 3. The children presented a program of songs, memory work and flannelgraph message. The offering that was taken amounted to \$20.65.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Southern Conference Sessions Are Held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

The Southern Conference held its annual meeting July 23 to 27 with the Cottonwood Baptist Church, a small community "deep in the heart of Texas," near the city of Waco. Messengers represented all of our churches except Donna, but a glowing report came from that church of its great missionary zeal which they are doing for the Lord with the Latin-Americans. The fellowship, inspiration, and hospitality were of the best. The theme, "God's Love Plus Christians' Efforts" was developed in devotional, doctrinal and inspirational addresses by some of our best speakers, two of whom were Seminary presidents, Prof. George Lang of Rochester, and Dr. Charles Koller of Chicago, also by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager of the Roger Williams Press.

Some special inspirational highlights were the rendering of "What Did He Do" by the Cottonwood Choir; "May God Depend On You" by a male chorus conducted by Ed Link; a playlet, "The

Unpaid Tithe," by the Cottonwood Woman's Missionary Union; the vesper service led by Captain Kramer in Cameron Park; as well as the various inspiring messages delivered each day.

Encouraging reports were made by different committees of the work done during the past year. Of special interest is the Camerons missionary project, the only cloud being the need of a doctor in this region. It is our prayer that very soon the Lord will call out a doctor for this field. At the close of the meeting on Sunday, the delegates left with a broader vision of our task as a denomination.

V. E. Sprock, Reporter.

Young People's Sessions During the Southern Conference at the Cottonwood Church of Texas

The annual sessions of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southern Conference were held in connection with the Southern Conference program convening at the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas.

On Friday evening, July 25, the program was under the direction of our dean, Rev. R. Schreiber, with Mr. Edward Link directing the song service. Special numbers were rendered by different churches, followed by a most interesting and inspiring message by Prof. George Lang of Rochester, New York.

In the absence of our president, Mr. Julius Hill of Kyle, Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, council member, presided at the annual business meeting on Saturday morning, July 26. Elected to the following offices are: president, Vernon Ekru, Cottonwood; vice-president and dean, Rev. James R. Wyatt, Cottonwood; secretary, Doris Ann Gummelt, Cottonwood; treasurer, William J. Benton, Dallas; editor, Mrs. Granvil Rost; associate editor, Granvil Rost, Crawford; dean of women, Mrs. Claud Kincannon, Cottonwood; council member, R. E. Engelbrecht, Waco; members at large, Reuben Schaffner of Hurnville, Faye Doyle Hill of Kyle, and Willie Mae Imhoff of Greenvine.

For our project for the coming year we have set a goal of \$2450 with \$2000 designated for the China Mission Work in connection with the "Million Dollar Offering."

Our Sunday afternoon program, July 27, opened with president Julius Hill presiding, and Alvin Wetter directing the song service. We were again favored with special numbers by various churches. Prof. Lang was in charge of the installation of officers. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Illinois. He spoke on Isa. 40:10-11, 29-31; as he brought a challenging message on "Living Above the Snake Line."

Christine Oster, Secretary.

Vacation Bible School of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas

The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas held its Vacation Bible School from July 29 to August 7 with an enrollment of 27 children. The Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, served as the superintendent of the school. The teaching staff consisted of Mrs. Marvin Engelbrecht, Miss Janie Ruth Hodel and Mr. Alvin Wetter, a student of our Rochester Seminary. The Misses Anna Lou Hoppe and Doris Engelbrecht served as assistants.

Lunch was served the children each morning by the women of the church. On Friday afternoon, Aug. 8, a picnic was held for the school, and on the same evening a program was rendered by the pupils. The handwork of the various departments was also displayed.

Janie Ruth Hodel, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. August Lutz at the Minnetrista Church

On Sunday afternoon, July 27, the friends and members of the Minnetrista Baptist Church near St. Bonifacius, Minn., gathered at the church to bid farewell to our minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. August Lutz, who left us after completing nine years of service in our midst.

The church basement was taxed to capacity. Among those who spoke were Rev. Lewis Berndt of Minneapolis, Rev. B. Voll of the Methodist Church at Mound, and Mr. B. B. Wendt, our deacon. Mr. Wilmar Luedtke served as master of ceremonies. A delicious chicken dinner was served.

A very sizeable purse was presented to the Lutz family in token of our love and esteem for them.

Our good wishes accompany them as they leave our midst for their new field in the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn.

Oscar Ledin, Reporter.

Fine Vacation School and Large Church Attendance at Milwaukee's Bethany Baptist Church

The Vacation Bible School of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, held from July 7th to 18th, was a great success. The average attendance was 84 with the highest attendance 105. We had a large group of teachers to take care of this fine group, and believe the hard work put into the school bore fruit. There were several conversions. Over 200 attended the interesting and informative closing exercises on Friday evening, July 18th. Several of the new children are now coming to our Sunday School.

In spite of the quotation, "It is generally in summer that religion is



Vacation Bible School Children and Teachers of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

snowed under", Bethany has had a gratifying attendance at the church services and prayer meetings. If this can be taken as an indication, our winter work will, indeed, be busy and prosperous.

Mrs. Kurt Knebel, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference Sessions at Elgin, Iowa With Five Guest Speakers

The Baptist Church at Elgin, Iowa was host to the Northwestern Conference from August 13 to 17. The answers to the conference theme, "What Can The Righteous Do?" were well and thoroughly discussed by the different ministers of the conference and by guest speakers, who told us in inspiring messages what great things the righteous can do. The guest speakers were Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, speaker for the women's program, Rev. A. F. Runtz, Rev. Wm. Schoffel, Professor O. E. Krueger, and Rev. Frank Woyke.

Mr. Woyke, just having returned from a visit to Europe and the World Baptist Congress at Copenhagen, related many interesting things about the disparaging situation in Europe. He told of the godlessness and the immoral situation existing there. However, he related one fact that should make every Baptist rejoice, and that is the Baptists of Europe realized 5000 converts in the past year. Making converts is the great task of the righteous!

The unusual fine spirit of fellowship, the splendid program, and the incomparable service of the host pastor, Rev. P. F. Zoschke, and his fine church were responsible for the many blessings that proceeded from the Throne of God. We give God the glory!

E. W. Klatt, Reporter.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES NOTICE!

All the secretaries of the local conferences are requested to notify our denominational headquarters in Forest Park immediately as to the new members of the General Council and of the General Missionary Committee for their respective areas. Send your information to Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Recognition Service for Dr. Thorwald W. Bender and Family at Milwaukee's Immanuel Church

On Sunday, July 27, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a Recognition Service for Dr. T. W. Bender who has been elected to the position of Professor of Homiletics and Theology at the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

Guests at the service were members of the two daughter churches, Bethany and Temple. Greetings were extended by the pastors of these respective churches, Dr. John Leyboldt and Rev. Peter Pfeiffer. Dr. Faris D. Whitesell, representing the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago and Dr. Ezra G. Roth of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention also extended greetings.

The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald", was the principal speaker of the evening. Presiding at the service and assisting were Mr. H. E. Wichtel, chairman of the Board of Deacons, and Rev. Harold Olson, a deacon, who read the Scriptures. Music was rendered by the church choir of Immanuel and a violin solo by Mr. Fredric Erbach accompanied on the piano by Miss Eunice Roth, church organist. A gift was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Bender at the service.

During Dr. Bender's ministry of six years at our church, the membership has grown from 290 to 450, with almost 200 new members received, of whom 100 were baptized. The mission contributions have grown to \$5000 a year. The church has also expended about \$10,000 for building improvements and renovations.

Some of the highlights of this ministry have been the following: the revival of Sunday evening services; departmentalization of the Sunday School; organization of youth groups; adoption of church constitution; increased attendance at morning services; the Achievement Award received by the Sunday School; launching of city wide Leadership Training Schools and Schools of Missions; installation of visual aid and sound motion picture equipment; and liquidation of \$24,600 church debt on the building.

We wish Dr. Bender and his family God's richest blessings as he undertakes his new ministry at our Seminary.

Mary Denomme, Reporter.



Twelve Young People Recently Baptized by the Rev. H. Smuland and Received Into the Fellowship of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Alberta

Northern Conference

Revival Meetings and Baptismal Service Held at the Wiesenthal Church of Millet, Alberta

We of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta, Canada praise our God for revealing his power during two recent weeks of revival meetings. How our hearts rejoiced to see people stepping out to accept Christ as their personal Savior and others to re-consecrate their lives to him. Soul stirring messages were brought by our pastor, Rev. H. Smuland, and by Dr. C. H. Seecamp of the First Baptist Church of Leduc.

Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada from July 17 to 24. Children came from near and far, ranging from the ages of 5 to 14 years. Those attending classes regularly numbered 36. Altogether we had 40 enrolled. Classes were divided into different periods, such as singing, Bible study, hand-work, reading, surprises, and daily devotion led each day by one of the teachers.

Parents and friends came for the program and were happy to hear expressions of the memory work, Bible studies as well as the joyful singing of their children. A certificate for faithful attendance and a copy of John's Gospel were presented to each pupil.

We thank God for the two children who gave their hearts to Christ dur-



Vacation Bible School Group of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

On Sunday morning, July 27, it was our privilege to witness the baptism of 12 new converts in an impressive outdoor service. In his message Mr. Smuland challenged the twelve to be "out and out" for Christ and the church to be a true example to the young Christians.

At the evening service these twelve persons, as well as six others, were received into the church's fellowship and joined with us around the Lord's table.

Verda Scheeler, Reporter.

Forty Children Enrolled in the Vacation Bible School of the Ebenezer East Church

A shout here, laughter around the corner, the ringing of bells, and much singing behind closed doors! Such was the scene of happy Vacation Bible School days held at the Ebenezer East

ing the Bible School. The following were the teachers in this special undertaking: Rev. G. Beutler, Misses Alice Patzer und Myrtle Fenske.

Alice Patzer, Reporter.

Many Blessings at the Junior Camp of the Alberta Tri Union Assembly

With "Following Jesus" as our theme, the days of July 21 to 27 marked the week of the second annual Junior Camp of the Alberta Churches to be held at our own camp grounds at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Besides giving us such perfect camp weather, God blessed abundantly in many other ways.

Our attendance reached the 110 mark, and these children were divided into four Junior and two Intermediate classes. The course, "Following Jesus with Peter," was taught to the Juniors

by the Rev's. A. Huber and D. Buhler, Mrs. Ben Weisser and the Misses Ruth Unger, Edna Rosom and Helen Grunwald. Miss Linda Meggenburg and Mr. Lawrence Bienert taught, "Following Jesus with Paul," to the Intermediates.

Every day was filled with activities. With class instruction in the morning and recreational activities in the afternoon, the day always seemed too short. The devotional periods and campfire "singsongs" at the close of the day were always the source of many blessings. It was at these times that God really worked, and we thank him for the 24 children who gave their hearts to a living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunday brought a blessed week to a close. As "Goodbyes" were waved, feelings of sadness and happiness were mingled. We all felt that the success of our camp was due largely to the two directors, the Rev. A. Huber, and Miss Agnes Buckles.

Helen Grunwald, Reporter.

Sessions of the Northern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Carbon, Alberta

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern Conference held its annual business meeting on July 3rd at Carbon, Alta., with our president, Mrs. J. Kornelewski, in charge. Following the opening service, the secretary and treasurer's reports were read. We rejoiced in the fact that throughout the past year the women of our missionary societies gave willingly of their time, talents and money to serve our Lord, in striving to achieve various goals, the outstanding one being the continued help extended to our destitute brethren in Europe.

From the forms received, the following statistics were compiled: 32 societies, members totalling 810, of whom 69 had been gained within the past year, with local and missionary expenditures amounting to \$8,213.58. Nineteen societies accepted the Project Chart of our National Woman's Union, and of them six were "Gold Seal," and nine "Silver Seal" societies. It was decided to divide the \$80.00 of the Woman's Union treasury equally between the Building Project of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute and the Medicine Hat Old People's Home.

Following are the officers for 1947-1948: president, Mrs. J. Kornelewski, Minitonas; vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Wegner, Carbon; treasurer, Mrs. R. Schilke, Edmonton; secretary, Mrs. G. Beutler, Ebenezer.

On July 4th the Woman's Union presented a program before a large audience. The program was enhanced with songs and recitations rendered by the representatives of the various societies, as well as two songs by the ministers' wives. We were privileged to have Dr. T. Bender as guest speaker for the occasion. He spoke on Isaiah 53:3, "Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees." The offering amounting to \$150 was designated for our African Nurses' Training School.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Turtle Lake's Baptismal Service and New Site for the Tabor Baptist Church

During July the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, North Dakota, had the joy of receiving 13 new members into its fellowship. Four of these were young people who were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, during a large out-of-doors baptismal service at Brush Lake. It was a time of rejoicing for us all.

Another item which may be of interest to the readers of "The Herald" is that the Tabor Baptist Church, which I also serve, has moved its church building into the town of Mercer, No. Dak., ten miles east of Turtle Lake. The building was placed on a full basement. An addition, also including a tower, has been built to the church. It was a great joy to see the fervor of the members and friends in spending much time and effort in the work of enlarging the church and making the necessary improvements. We hope to have a dedication service some time in the Fall. We are praying for the blessings of God upon this new and enlarged field of service.

Fred Schmidt, Pastor.

Eight Persons Baptized for the McClusky Church at a Service at Brush Lake

On Sunday afternoon, August 12, the Goodrich and the McClusky Baptist Churches of North Dakota held a combined baptismal service at Brush Lake, with the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler bringing the message. Then the Rev. A. J. Fischer entered the baptismal waters and baptized eight persons, some from the Sunday School and three adults. One lady was formerly a member of the Greek Orthodox church. Brother Kraenzler baptized six persons. The eight baptized persons and three others were received into the Goodrich church on August 24th.

Since August 8th we are worshipping again in our newly renovated and enlarged church edifice. On June 3rd we began to build on the church, and after two months of hard labor we are so far advanced that we can worship in it again. The entire congregation is much pleased with the newly constructed sanctuary. We have gained considerably more room, especially Sunday School facilities. We have added thirty feet to our former building.

Of our people it can be truthfully said: "The people had a mind to work." Much of the labor was donated by our people. On Sunday evening, August 10, the Seminary Quartet was with us and gave us a very fine program.

A. J. Fischer, Pastor.

Highlights of the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly Held at Jamestown College

From July 1 to 6 the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly met on the



Large Crowd of Young People and Adults at the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly Held at Jamestown, North Dakota

beautiful Jamestown College Campus. We were fortunate in having four guest teachers with us. Rev. J. C. Gunst taught the class, "What Baptists Believe;" Rev. Wm. Schoeffel, "The Growing Christian;" Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, "Our Lord and Ours;" and Miss Ann Swain, "My Church and I." We were spiritually blessed and strengthened through these classes.

Our mass choir, under the direction of Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, sang several selections over the Jamestown College Hour. Our vesper services were in charge of the officers as follows: Rev. H. J. Wilcke, dean; Dolores Fehr, president; Caroline Barbie, vice-president; Jeanne Mehlhoff, secretary; Iola Bertsch, treasurer. Other officers were Mrs. Gottlieb Kramer, Journal editor; and Rev. Arthur Weisser, recreational director.

We enjoyed our afternoons during the expressional hour, recreation and swimming. A tour through the city was taken where we visited various places of interest throughout the city. A stop at the Coca Cola plant was enjoyed since the day was very hot.

On July 4th, the college packed a picnic lunch and at 3:00 P. M. we were on our way to Klaus Park. We had our services on the lawn as Rev. Edward Kary brought us the message.

Our banquet on Saturday evening was in charge of the Ashley society with Mrs. Vernon Jenner acting as toastmistress. The business meeting was held Saturday afternoon by Dolores Fehr, president. The new officers are as follows: Rev. H. J. Wilcke, dean; Miss Caroline Barbie, president; Ed. Miller, vice-president; Miss Correne Stading, secretary; Miss Iola Bertsch, treasurer; Mrs. Gottlieb Kramer, Journal editor, and Rev. A. Weisser, recreational director.

We enjoyed the wonderful fellowship with our large attendance of 202 students. A great part of the success goes to our dean, Rev. H. J. Wilcke, who put every effort into the program, as well as the other officers. We are thankful to our Lord that we could learn to serve him better.

Dolores Fehr, Reporter.

Nineteen Conversions at the Vacation Bible School Held at Alfred, North Dakota

A glorious Bible School was recently conducted in the Baptist Church at Alfred, No. Dak., for two weeks with an enrollment of 41 children. Our course of study was centered on "The Garden," prepared by Miss Helen A. Maxfield.

Our teaching staff was composed of Mrs. Harry De Witt, Miss Mary Klundt, Miss Jeannen Henne, and Miss Delores Henne, superintendent, with the assistance of the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Klein.

The Holy Spirit was continuously convicting the children, but not until some personal work was done was the barrier broken. To see children with broken hearts fall on their knees before God stirred the hearts of us all.

Delores Henne, Reporter.

The Emery Baptist Church of South Dakota Celebrates Its Sixtieth Anniversary Recently

The First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota celebrated its 60th anniversary on Sunday, July 13th. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and now a professor of our Rochester Seminary, was the guest speaker for the day. The Rev. A. G. Lang of Britt, Iowa and the Rev. G. W. Rutsch of the Plum Creek Church also took part in the program.

Our pastor, the Rev. W. S. Wipf, brought a brief history of the church's 60 eventful years. Mr. Simon Olt-hoff spoke for the Sunday School, and short replies were also given by representatives of various organizations.

At noon a fellowship dinner was held in the church basement which was attended by many people. It was a big and inspiring day for our church. We look hopefully into the future asking God for his guidance, as we of today continue the great work begun by the pioneers of 60 years ago.

Emanuel Wahl, Church Clerk.

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