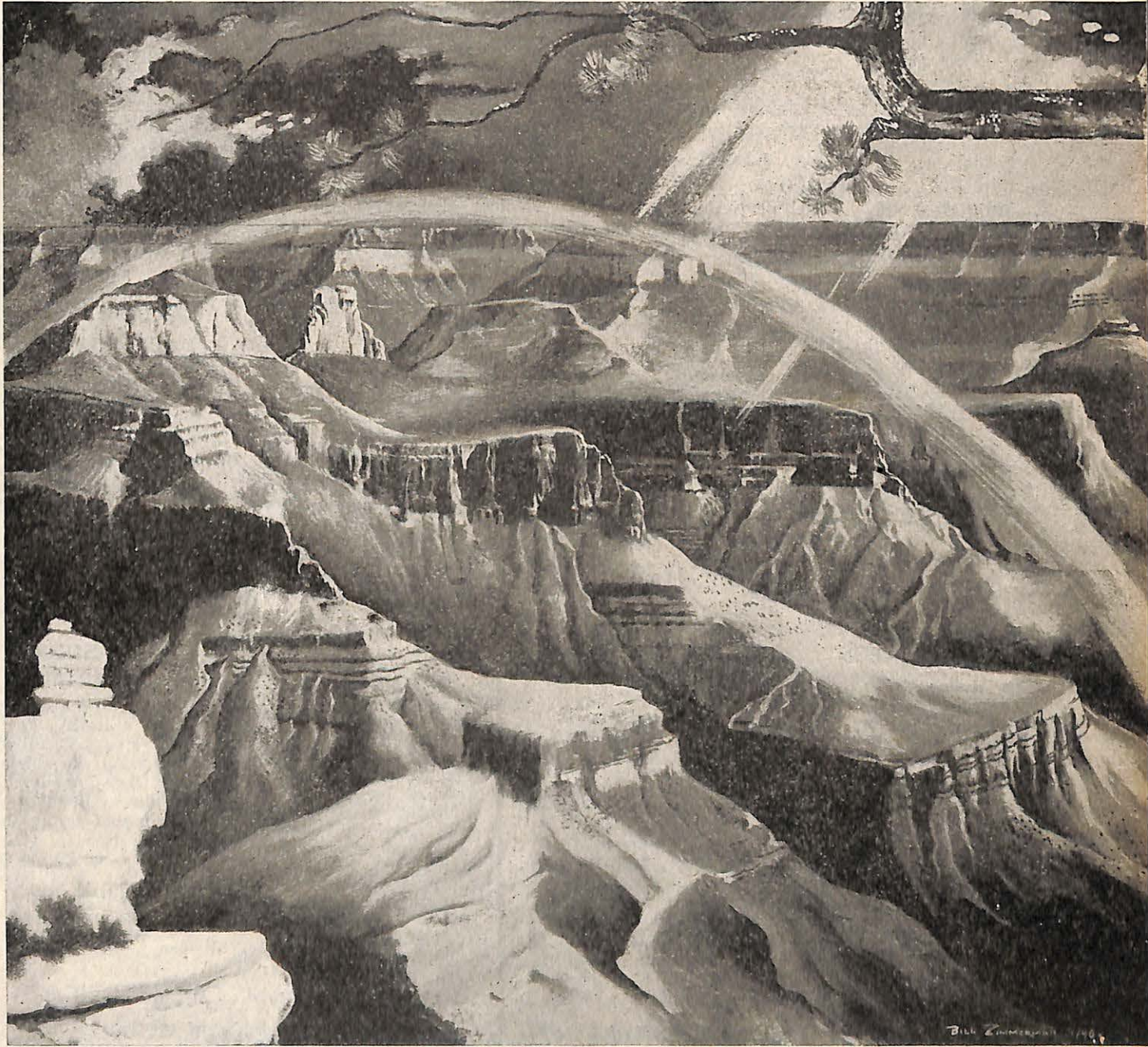


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Rev. M. L. Leuschner
Friday, April 16 — Tacoma, Wash.
Sunday, April 18 — Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Rev. H. G. Dymmel
Sunday, April 25 — Missionary Conference, Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York.

Rev. H. Pfeifer, Evangelist
April 27-May 11 — Hettinger, No. Dakota.

Saturday, April 24 — Annual Session of the Denomination's Educational Committee at Forest Park, Ill.

Sunday, April 25 — Ninetieth Anniversary of Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Guest Speaker.

April 26 — Session of Pension Fund Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

April 27-28 — General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Wednesday Evening, April 28 — Public Meeting at the Forest Park Baptist Church With Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Medical Missionary for the Cameroons, and Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas as Speakers.

April 29-30 — General Council at Forest Park, Illinois.

May 9 — "Your Attitude Toward Mother" by Mrs. Adolf Reeh, La Salle, Colo.

May 16 — "What Baptists Believe" by Rev. F. E. Klein, Colfax, Wash.

May 23 — "Ordinances — not Sacraments" by Rev. F. E. Klein.

May 30 — "New Testament Missions" by Rev. John W. Walkup, St. Paul, Minn.

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May 2 — "Hosea" by Rev. John Leypoldt, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Thursday Evening, April 22 — Reception for Students from the Chicago Area at Denominational Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.

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AMONG OURSELVES

Are you anticipating the conference blessings of the forthcoming summer months? Great plans are being made for inspiring assemblies, encampments and conferences. The intricate itineraries for all of our general workers, seminary professors, evangelists and leaders have been prepared. New voices will be heard and the familiar voices of those who have won the hearts of our people will be welcomed. An interesting packet containing new leaflets about our denominational enterprise and reports from all of our societies will be distributed free at all summer gatherings. Plan now to attend one or several of these meetings to be held in your vicinity.

IN THIS ISSUE

You will feel the hearty "handshake" of a grand introduction in this number of "The Baptist Herald." You will be introduced to the three fine graduates of our Rochester Seminary, whose articles and picture are given prominence. You will also be introduced to our new church at Elk Grove, Calif., and to the hopes for a new building for the Home for the Aged at Bismarck. The sermon by the Rev. H. Palfenier will introduce you to our new evangelist. Even the Achievement Plan, described in the editorial and on page 10, needs to be introduced to our people again. This is an issue of wonderful "introductions."

COMING

The Mother's Day sermon will be given by the Rev. Frederick Lower of Kankakee, Illinois. Other features in poems and pictures will bring a Christian tribute to our mothers.

The latest news from Germany will be brought by the Rev. Otto Nallinger, European director of relief for the Baptist World Alliance. He will tell the story of Baptist progress and of a great revival now occurring in Germany.

The program of the Pastors' Conference to be held at Green Lake from July 26th to August 1st will be published. Every pastor will eagerly await these memorable blessings at the retreat!

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

Six Steps to Spiritual Success

HAVE YOU ever been in a great gathering of Christian people and heard them sing the song, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"? It is a thrilling experience as the harmonious beauty of that song swells to overwhelming grandeur. You find yourself climbing spiritually as the stanza is sung: "Every rung goes high and higher!" Such an inspiration leaves an indelible impression upon one's life.

The Christian Achievement Plan of our denomination has this purpose in view. Every North American Baptist is to set six goals conscientiously before himself. He is to climb the rungs of the ladder to greater Christian achievement. The challenge is before him to take the necessary steps toward greater spiritual success. It is an individual relationship between every person and his God, but the churches and the denomination will do everything possible to keep these six steps of the spiritual life constantly in the foreground of attention.

The goals are simple but indispensable for the Christian. **PERSONAL DISCIPLINE** is the appropriation of the necessary resources for action in the Christian life. **BIBLE STUDY** is the foundation of all Christian service and joy. Our faith must find practical expression in the **CHRISTIAN HOME**. Our witness for Christ and his Gospel is channeled through **EVANGELISM**. This extends to the far ends of the earth in the ministry of **MISSIONS**. The future will be blessed with progress and the assurance of success if we have followed a program of **CHRISTIAN TRAINING**.

These six goals of the Christian Achievement Plan will be emphasized in every one of our churches during the months leading up to the 1949 General Conference. For a period of two months every goal will be kept before our people. An attractive poster will be found on your church's bulletin board, dramatically portraying one of these goals for that period.

A full page will be devoted in "The Baptist Herald" presenting an array of inspiring material about one of these goals. (See page 10.) Appropriate leaflets will be distributed in your church or can be obtained at our Forest Park headquarters concerning all of these Christian Achievement goals.

But remember that these goals of the Christian Achievement Plan are like Jacob's Ladder. One step at a time! Every rung leads us high and higher! It will require earnest striving! We must have the will to succeed! God from the opened windows of heaven at the top of the ladder will give his grace for success.

Start with the first goal, **Personal Discipline**. Do you pray for others? Have you ever used a prayer list? Wouldn't you like to try it so as to crystallize more clearly your intercessory praying? What does the Bible say about tithing? Is it God's way for you? Give God a chance. Try his plan and prove him now herewith! Does your reading give Christian literature the first place in your affections? How intelligent a Baptist are you? Be Christian in your selection of good reading material!

This is the first step to greater spiritual success. It is the beginning of a Christian Achievement Plan. Take this step and the others to follow, and you'll be on your way to heaven!

BIBLE VERSE

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water." Psalm 1:3.

That is a picture of the godly man. The Psalmist could not have described him more graphically. The tree is a masterpiece of God's creation. It lifts its leafy arms heavenward. Drawing heavily upon the moisture from the river nearby, it brings forth its fruit in due season and whatever it does is a picture of prosperity. So is every man who meditates on God's Word day and night and is godly in all of his ways. There is a spiritual healthy-mindedness in all of his acts, and God crowns his efforts with success. Blessed is such a Christian, who is like a tree planted by the rivers of water!

DENOMINATIONAL COMMITTEE SESSIONS

During the last week in April the important sessions of denominational committees will be held at headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. The Educational Committee will convene on Saturday, April 24, to be followed by the Pension Fund Committee on Monday, April 26. The annual session of the General Missionary Committee will start on Tuesday, April 27, and those of the General Council on Thursday, April 29. These important deliberations with decisive decisions for our denominational work will be reported in the May 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald."

On Wednesday evening, April 28, a public meeting will be held at the Forest Park Church for all our people in the churches of Chicago and vicinity. Dr. Leslie Chaffee, the newly appointed medical missionary for the Cameroons of Africa, and the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas, popular preacher of the Lorraine Baptist Church, will be the featured speakers. The service will begin promptly at 8:00 P. M. A reception for all committee members and friends will be held in the church's Sunday School room afterwards.

GOD'S HEALING POWER

Several of our pastors and denominational workers have had to undergo operations recently. We thank God for the renewed evidences of his healing power. The people of their respective churches as well as friends have united in their prayers for them. The following pastors have made splendid recoveries from recent operations: Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon; Dr. Albert Felberg of Lodi, Calif., and Rev. Wilfred Helwig of Dallas, Texas. Miss Ann Swain underwent a serious operation at the West Suburban Hospital of Oak Park, Ill., in March. At the time of this writing, Missionary George A. Dunger is facing a possible major operation following his return to this country.



Rev. Herman Palfenier, General Evangelist, Formerly Pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE SONS of the prophets had a dream which was the building of a more spacious dwelling place for themselves and the prophet Elisha. They determined that it should not remain a dream but should become concrete reality, and so they approached the prophet with their request which he graciously and wisely granted. At once there was joyous and eager activity among the young men, and things were brought into readiness for the work.

Then, when they were ready to leave for the woods that grew along the banks of the Jordan, one of them realized that it would be well if their captain and leader could go along with them. So he asked him and the request was granted. Soon they were in the woods and the work began.

What a merry crew! Laughter and shouts filled the air and the ringing sounds of the axes, as they bit deeply into the wood, re-echoed over the waters of the Jordan. Soon the giants of the forest begin to quiver and slowly bent toward the ground and the call, "Timber, Timber!" cautioned all to watch out lest they be crushed by the falling trees.

But one of them, as he worked away with a will, had a mishap. The ax head flew off the handle and dropped into the water.

THE POWER WAS GONE!

All that remained in his hands was an ax handle. Now notice what he did! He went to the prophet and told him of it. He realized that without the

With Christ After the Lost

By the REV. HERMAN PALFENIER, Denominational Evangelist

ax head he could not work, for it was the instrument by which he was an effective laborer in the service of God.

How instructive and full of spiritual import that is for all Christians! Countless professing Christians are busy in the work of the Lord and they do not realize that they have lost the ax head of spiritual power, without which no real work for the Lord can be done. The woods of religious activities are full of such who are swinging ax handles devoid of the ax head. To be sure, they dress them up with the ribbons of their talents, time and study, even devotion, but they are not aware of the fact that it is an empty handle just the same!

We are reminded of Samson, that mighty champion of the Lord. He, too, lost the ax head of his power and did not know it. "He wist not that the Lord had departed from him." But when the cry, "The Philistines be upon thee," fell upon his ears and awoke him out of his slumber in the lap of luxury and pleasure, he said out of the arrogance of his ignorance: "I will shake myself as before." Not knowing that the power of the Lord had departed from him, he started swinging the ax handle without the ax, and we all know what the result was.

THE JOY OF SALVATION

A man stood before the writer and said, as the tears were slowly rolling down his cheeks: "Brother, there was a time when the zeal and the power of God were upon me, but that time is gone. I have them no longer." He had lost his ax head. Many preachers stand in the pulpit swinging the shining handles of eloquence and learning, but the power of God is not there. Teachers in Sunday Schools carry ax handles of study and preparation of lessons, but the ax head of consecration and godliness is not there. The cry of "Evangelism! Evangelism!" is heard throughout the land. May the Church of Christ realize that without the ax head of spiritual power, souls cannot be won for the Lord.

No matter how one dresses up the handle, one still needs the ax head. David had lost the ax head and in agony of spirit he cried out: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me. Then shall I teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee." He had lost it and knew it!

Are we aware of our moral and spiritual losses, as David was? The

world is waiting for a church filled with the power of God, but instead it beholds a steady procession of committee meetings, dinners, banquets, suppers and planned activities. It is no longer the Upper Room, but the supper room! We are interested in "speakers," but care little for seekers and reapers. We cry: "Hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may." But ax handles don't produce chips; they produce noise.

The young man goes to the prophet and tells him what happened. The prophet does not scold and does not tell that he should have been more careful with borrowed goods. He simply asks: "Where fell it?"

"WHERE FELL IT?"

The young man showed him where he had lost it. There is very little use in looking for things we have lost unless we look just there where we lost them. Yet how unwilling we are to do just that. Christ is in the midst of his people and he knows those who have lost their power in the realm of the spiritual, and he is waiting patiently for them to come to him and say in all humility: "Master, I have lost it." This is not easy, but necessary. And when the gentle inquiry comes, "Where fell it?," we must show him. Perhaps some will say, "How do we know where we lost it?"

If once you knew the power of God in your life and service and you lost it somewhere along the way, you not only know that you lost it, but you'll also know where you lost it! If you'll permit the Holy Spirit to open up the clogged pathways of your memory, he will show you and bring all things to your remembrance. Was it perhaps in the swift stream of earthly ambition, the stagnant pool of the love of money, or the foul swamp of carnality and the pleasures of sin? You know! Tell him!

MIRACLE OF RESTORATION

The ax head was lost and it could not be restored out of the deep and swiftly flowing Jordan by the power of the one who lost it. But the Master in their midst was equal to the occasion and in the power of God he restored it to him who had lost it. The ax head was given to be used by him who lost it. It did not belong to him. So with spiritual power, if we have it, it is but the gift of God in accordance with his promise. And

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Students in the 1948 Graduating Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.
(Left to Right: Dale Chaddock, Roger Schmidt and John Vanderbeck)

The Work of the Holy Spirit

By MR. DALE CHADDOCK of St. Joseph, Michigan

IT IS with a certain sense of joy and expectancy that I look forward to going out into the field of service. I feel that my time spent in preparation here in Rochester has, indeed, been profitable. Time spent in study enlarges one's understanding and balances one's thinking. Long hours spent in studying God's Word brings a deepening love for it and a stronger spiritual girding.

In wrestling with these eternal and divine truths, I have been forced to look into my own life and to search it in the light of God's Word. People often think that one entering into preparation for full time service is no longer confronted with spiritual struggles. Strange as it may seem, we can rejoice that this is not the case. It is through our spiritual struggles that we grow and experience the joy of overcoming.

I could mention an endless number of things that have meant much to me in my studies. However, for the present purpose I only want to mention some things concerning the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is probably the most mysterious and least known member of the Trinity. The average Christian knows quite a little about God, the Father and God, the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. But when it comes to the Holy Spirit very little is known. We would readily say, however, that when we speak of God the Father, Jesus Christ our Lord, or the Holy Spirit — with all the knowledge we have of them — and with all that has been written about them down through

the centuries, we do so in the limitations of our human understanding. We look forward to that day when we shall know, even as we also are known.

Many reasons could be given regarding the prevalent drouth of knowledge about the Holy Spirit. Let me mention only one erroneous interpretation of the Holy Spirit, that has been very prominent in the religious thought of recent years, and which is the basis for much of the current misunderstanding of the place and work of the Holy Spirit. Simply stated, this interpretation is this: the Holy Spirit is an influence emanating from God. In other words, the proponents of this theory would lead us to believe that

the Holy Spirit is nothing more than God's influence upon the lives of men, much as a great general might have a good influence over the men under him.

We must admit that this is a very shallow conception, indeed. It comes out of that great trend in religious thought that tries to put Christianity on a humanistic and purely historical basis. Instead of man being created in the likeness and image of God, God is viewed in terms of the likeness and image of man. We find the results of this type of conception in every type of study. In the study of the Christian movement we find that those leaders, who have followed this line of reasoning, have tried to obtain the results of Christianity while denying its source of power, even its supernaturalism.

Let us turn to God's Word and see how it portrays the Holy Spirit. First of all, he is distinct from God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, the Son. At the baptism of Christ we see the Holy Spirit descending on Christ in the form of a dove, and definitely distinct from God, the Father, who was also present as a voice speaking out of the cloud.

Again in Christ's great Commission, we hear, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Similar distinctions are made in Christ's farewell discourses in John 14 to 17. Thus we see that the Scriptures portray the Holy Spirit as a distinct, separate Personality. That is why the pronoun "He" is used for the Holy Spirit, instead of "it."

Now let us look at the work of the Holy Spirit. As we study the work of the Holy Spirit in the Bible, and come to understand it more, and then

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That I May Know Him!

By MR. ROGER W. SCHMIDT of Buffalo, New York

THE YEARS of my Seminary training have passed all too quickly. In bringing them to a close, my heart is filled with the rich harvest that I have gleaned during my stay. The Seminary has been to me as a door, opening, to a vast, new, captivating world. This is a world which transcends the fretful cares of this life, which knows no rise and fall of sickly man-made nations nor the growing pessimism; a world founded on the principles of Christ and perpetuated by his sacrifice for us. It is this world,

formulated by our Creator, on which I have laid hold, the eternal kingdom of God. How much clearer and dearer it has become to me!

I think of the millions in our modern world, many right next door to us, who do not know of the love of God, their Creator, nor of the sacrifice of his Son in their behalf. This new world is waiting to receive them, but still they stand without. How can the light be spread? I have come to realize how differently we are all constructed constitutionally. In dealing with individuals there is no basic mold

or general outline. Each of us seems to find the truth in a different way; yet the important thing is that we find it. As we go to spread the Gospel light we would be mindful that we deal with each new life anew.

Our Bible tells us that God created man in his own image; but yet how differently each man reaches out to his Creator to know him. Some of us find God in the immediate experience of our consciousness of God's presence and action of his Spirit. Our experience may be spontaneous, but vital, and life-transforming as we turn our hearts to God. In this revelation of God within our consciousness and in our immediate communion with him, our faith grows strong. We are led to bow in humble worship, in the awareness of our sinfulness, to receive the grace and blessings of a loving God.

Some of us are led to seek God by the use of reason. The rationally-minded person can learn much of God by appealing to reason. He sees order and a plan in the universe and reasons that there must be a God who rules over this creation. He sees a loving God who wills good for his creation and has an active and purposeful hand in it. He finds in his own soul a force that drives him out of his narrow existence to cling to a higher power.

We would certainly not deny the place of reason in our attempt to find and understand God. Christianity is a reasonable religion and is not based on faltering fancies. Surely, much of what we cannot know must be accepted in faith; but by the process of reason man can reason out his existence and confess his dependence upon the Almighty.

Still others of us have found God through his revelation in Creation and in his written and incarnate Word. In the Bible we see the acts and works of God dealing with his people. The records are, indeed, worthy of the divine Authorship which they claim. Without a doubt, they are inspired. God's revelation in Jesus Christ is the Bible's most sacred surety, for Jesus is surely the supreme Revealer. It brings God near in human life. This revelation to us is most assuredly our main source of knowledge of God and of his love for us.

The true and most extensive knowledge of God, then, will be found when we combine these avenues to God: when we have experienced God, have "comprehended" him with our mental faculties, and have seen his revelation in the world, his Word and his Son. Then we can be sure of having the most adequate knowledge of our great God and Savior. We now are foundationally secure in our own faith. By the grace of God, we desire to bring others to a living and victorious faith in Christ.

Rochester Seminary Graduates in the Class of 1948

Mr. Dale Chaddock is a member of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan. His wife comes from the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan. For the past three years he has been pastor of the Clifton Baptist Church of Clifton, New York, about fifteen miles from Rochester. He has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Youth For Christ program in the city of Rochester. His ministry is zealously evangelistic as he follows the leading of the Holy Spirit in his many activities for the Lord.

Mr. Roger W. Schmidt comes from the city of Buffalo, New York where he is a member of the Temple Baptist Church. His father, Mr. Walter Schmidt, Sr., is a member of the Seminary's Board of Trustees. In 1946 Roger traveled with the Seminary

quartet which brought blessing to the hearts of our people and to the General Conference delegates at Tacoma, Washington. He has also studied music at the Eastman School of Music and is in great demand is a soloist as well as a preacher. He was married last Fall.

Mr. H. John Vanderbeck is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wisconsin. His father has been pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church since 1938. John was a member of last summer's quartet that toured the United States and Canada. He is engaged to Miss Edith Glewe of St. Paul, Minnesota, and hopes to be married soon after graduation. His ordination into the Christian ministry is planned for La Crosse in June. He is a real credit to the Seminary and denomination as he goes forth from the halls of learning into the field of Christian service.

The Bible and Man

By MR. H. JOHN VANDERBECK of La Crosse, Wisconsin

"WHAT IS MAN that thou art mindful of him?" This question strikes home to any person who is willing to view man objectively. It has been said that "man has always been his own most vexing problem." The validity of this statement is clearly manifested when we review the path upon which man has trod through the centuries. Man is a sinner and needs a Savior to bring him into proper relationship with God, the Father.

Let us look at the Biblical view of man. Man is the highest form of life upon the earth and is proud of this position. However, natural man is wretched and ill in body and spirit. The religions of the world recognize this depravity of man as they express their various doctrines of and solutions for sin.

Governments take this naturalness of man into consideration. We have courts and jails and various other institutions which try to stem the tide of sin and suffering in the world. Wherever we look, no matter how high our self-portraits may rise, we come to the inevitable conclusion that man is full of sin. Sin gives birth to tragedy and grief and causes the unrivaled ruin of the world.

Through Adam all men have become corrupt. Present-day man has inherited the guilt and result of the original sin of Adam. Because of the fall of Adam man has also inherited a bent to sin; a depravity which has taken control of the ruling forces of human destiny. Because of sin we die spiritually, but in Romans 5:17-18 God

has given us an eternal hope which is steadfast and sure: "For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Man is truly sinful but there is a "blessed hope" in Jesus Christ. Man can be redeemed!

Augustine, in viewing man, has said in his writings: "Individual wrong choices come from the underlying state of the person who engages in them. Man is morally responsible for wrong choices springing out of his evil nature, and he is also responsible for the evil nature out of which these choices spring. If he is a bad man, if he has a bad nature, he is responsible for that nature, no matter how it came to be bad."

In opposition to this view, some people feel that man needs no change of nature or to lay hold upon the Gospel and be saved. In fact, they feel that the Gospel is not necessary for salvation at all. To them the Gospel is nothing more than a moral persuasion for good in the life of man to induce him to do what is right.

This second statement of doctrine is radically contrary to the views expressed in the Bible. Man cannot save himself. There is no such thing as "boot-strap" salvation. BUT there is a way out provided by a loving God and a crucified, risen Redeemer.

Man, according to the Bible, is dead in trespasses and sins. He can do nothing to save himself. He is saved

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Vacation Bible School Group of Teachers and Pupils in Front of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

Worship in the Vacation Bible School

By MISS MARTHA LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
Associate Editor of "Youth Compass"

THE VACATION Bible School presents a challenge to your church. The organization of such a school will give your church an unusual opportunity to extend your ministry to many boys and girls in your neighborhood. Also the Vacation Church School will give you as pastor or superintendent of the school a marvelous opportunity to lead these boys and girls to a vital meaning of worship. The earlier in life that boys and girls learn how to worship and are led into experiences of reverential worship, the more vital their religious understanding will be.

THE MEANING OF WORSHIP

The realization of the presence of God and the consciousness of one's dependence upon him are elements in every experience of worship. From this can come the commitment of one's life to the Christian way of living which should be the aim of every one who belongs to Christ.

You cannot expect that every child who attends the Vacation Bible School in your church will have a real experience of worship. However, that is the ideal towards which you must strive! As the school progresses, with the proper guidance, the children will have a clearer meaning of spiritual things and will realize to a greater extent the consciousness of the presence of God.

Think of the worship period as one when the pupils meet the Lord. Help the children to realize that they are worshipping in a holy place and trust that God will reveal himself to the

boys and girls in a unique way. Lead the children in an understanding of God in his majesty and power, for only with this feeling of humility in the presence of God can they truly worship.

PREPARATIONS FOR WORSHIP

The atmosphere in the room in which the worship service is held is important as an inducement to worship. Quietness and reverence should prevail. An attractive room is also significantly important. Order and preparedness should characterize every worship service. Likewise poise and dignity help demonstrate to the children an attitude of reverence.

The worship service should be under your direction as leader of the school. Ask the pastor to participate daily, and inform all of the teachers of your worship procedure so that they will help preserve the reverence which is so earnestly desired. As the leader, make your final preparations for worship before the service begins and be certain that all who are to participate are notified in advance as to their proper duty and the time of its performance.

Be in your place before the children come into the worship service. Children are extremely sensitive to the examples of their leaders. By your expectant and reverent attitude it will help the children to assume the same. Enthusiasm, assurance, as well as reverence are wholesomely contagious. What you expect from the boys and girls must first be realized in your own life.

If you desire the children to remain outside of the church before the school opens, the most advantageous way for the pupils to come into the auditorium for worship is by means of a processional. This enables the children to enter quickly and orderly. Work with the teachers in the planning of the processional before the school begins. The ringing of the church bell or some other similar device should be used to signal the children to get into line. Two lines of march are advisable, keeping each department separate. The teacher or helper should march in the line with or beside her group. Flag bearers leading the processional is a very effective procedure.

REVERENCE FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Another suggestion is to have a miniature replica of the Sunday morning church service. This is an excellent opportunity to teach the children how they are to enter the sanctuary reverently for worship. Choose some of the capable boys, or girls, to act as ushers and guide the children to the proper places according to the departments. One or two of the teachers can be at the door inaudibly to suggest the attitude of quietness and reverence. A pleasant smile instead of a stern rebuke is much more helpful in preparation for worship.

If the children have wraps they should be left outside of the auditorium so the children have nothing to distract their attention from the worship service. Teach the children that when they enter the church audito-

rium it is a signal for silence. The pianist may be playing quiet and worshipful music, or appropriate victrola music may be used for the prelude.

To avoid the extreme transition of the playground attitude outside to the worship service inside a browsing table may be placed near the entrance of the auditorium. If possible a separate table can be placed in each department adapted to the age of the children.

Begin the worship period with a call to worship, a scripture, a song or a short prayer. Use the thing best adaptable to your group or vary it from day to day. Plan the program very carefully and make every second count. The worship service should not be long. Make these first few minutes at the beginning of your school ones of intensive worship making the children very conscious of the presence of God.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

The music in the service can be a very vital part of the worship. The song leader and the pianist must make careful preparation. They should know the entire program and see that the music used is appropriate for each specific service. It is not always advisable to have a special song leader, for sometimes the service is more dignified if the leader of the worship service announces the hymns. Be careful in the choice of hymns. Boys and girls should be given the opportunity of knowing and loving the great hymns of the ages. If they are ever to know and to appreciate them they must come to know and value them in their youth.

The children should always stand when singing. Do not encourage them to sing loudly for some will sing so loud that it ceases to be music. Inspire enthusiasm and strive for real singing.

It is better not to put hymn books into the hands of the children. Books give the children something to handle and in which to write, and they interfere with good discipline. Have all of the books taken out of the pews and put in some designated place. At first, sing hymns that the children know. Teach them new hymns during some other part of the day beside the regular worship time.

PRAYER IN WORSHIP

Prayer, too, can be a very vital worship experience. Give thought to the preparation of the prayers that you offer. Avoid difficult theological concepts. Speak in the children's language, praying for the things that the children need and desire. Simple, direct language, and, above all, brevity are desirable. Make the children conscious of the presence and nearness of God by short periods of silent prayer. Help the children to under-

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stand that God hears our prayers even if we do not move our lips. It might be well for the leader to suggest thoughts for silent prayer. If the children wish to pray audibly in a period of sentence prayers, guide them along this line.

Before the leader prays, he may wish to ask the children if they have any specific requests or have them express something for which they are thankful. In this way the leader may express the thoughts and needs of the children. Having all the children join in praying the Disciples' Prayer will give each child an audible part in the prayer period.

Prayer responses are sometimes used very effectively and may be used in the singing of a prayer hymn or the playing of a short response. Make the prayer time a spiritual experience when the children come closer to God.

OTHER ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP

Discover some of the many passages from the Bible which will help the children think of God and want to praise and to worship him. Memory verses or passages may be used very effectively.

A short devotional talk about God or the explanation of a Scriptural passage about worship will help the children get a clearer realization of God's presence, his omniscience and his love. Lead the children to a deeper meaning of Christ and his great mission.

Worship also by giving gifts. While the ushers come forward to receive the offering, which is to be designated for some specific purpose, music should be played. Have the ushers well drilled in their important task. Give a few appropriate remarks and then a prayer may be offered before or after the offering. Keep the offering program dignified.

After the offering a recessional for the Beginners and Primary Departments is advantageous. This will give

the leader an opportunity to spend a little more time with the older boys and girls. A character story at this time is very effectual. Make the story brief and as dramatic or unusual as you deem advisable for your group. Guided conversation and discussion may also be introduced at this time.

Encourage all of the teachers to guide their children in such a way that the pupils will feel at ease and will ask questions regarding spiritual things. The teachers should be ready at any time to take advantage of any opportunity to help a pupil make a definite decision for Christ. Let the children individually make the decision rather than make group appeals. As the children find Christ, their worship will become a truly glorious experience.

Although there is a specific time set apart for the worship period, emphasize to the children that they are not to segregate worship to a definite time. Encourage the children to realize that at any time they may worship God by singing or breathing a prayer.

EXPRESSIONAL WORSHIP

There should be a miscellaneous program period where announcements, explanations and matters that need attention may be discussed. If there are any matters of discipline or irreverence during the worship period, this may be tactfully dealt with at this time. Explain to the children what is expected of them during the worship service. This period may be used for drilling on Scripture memorization or learning of new hymns. A period of prayer may be helpful at this time. Teach the children the meaning of prayer and guide them as they pray.

In connection with handwork the children can learn a better understanding of worship. Let the children compose a Psalm of their own. Use the Book of Psalms as a guide, taking a specific one as an example. A Psalm of praise may be quoted if the children are to give thanks to God.

Daily devotional booklets may be made. For each day the pupil should suggest a theme, giving a Scripture verse, a poem, a song, a picture and a short prayer. Illustrated hymn booklets may also be made. A pictorial hymn book will help the children appreciate the meaning of the hymns which they learn. Use a descriptive hymn such as, "This is My Father's World." Illustrate each phrase of the song with a picture and print the words below.

Be enthusiastic about your Vacation Bible School! Plan your program well and make each part of your program a vital one. Above all, make it your goal to lead your children to a real worship experience.

Achieving Personal Discipline

A Page Devoted to the First Goal of the Christian Achievement Plan

The First Goal

PERSONAL DISCIPLINE

1. The Use of a Prayer List.
2. Tithing of Income.
3. Reading of Christian Literature "The Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote" and Christian Books.

BIBLE VERSE

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand" (Ephesians 6:13).

BIBLE READINGS

Matthew 7:1-29, Luke 4:1-15, John 15:1-17, Galatians 5:13-26, Ephesians 6:10-20, Colossians 3:1-17.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

"We have all to be laid upon an altar; we have all, as it were, to be subjected to the action of fire." — G. J. W. Melville.

"Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks! Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Everyday you will wonder at yourself, and the richness of life that has come to you by the grace of God." — Phillips Brooks.

"A dull ax never loves grindstones, but a keen workman does; and he puts his tool on them in order that it may be sharp. Men do not like grinding; but they are dull for the purpose which God designs to work out with them, and therefore he is grinding them." — Henry Ward Beecher.

THE POSTER

A colorful poster about the Christian Achievement Plan has been sent to every pastor to be placed on the church's bulletin board during the months of May and June. Ask your pastor about it if you have not seen it in your church.

This first poster on PERSONAL DISCIPLINE shows Gil Dodds at the finish of a grueling two-mile race held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Gil Dodds holds many athletic records but his clear Christian testimony is still the greatest thing about him. He hopes to compete in the Olympic Games to be held this summer. He embodies the spirit of earnest Christian discipline and the achievements that can be ours through such Christian living. An article about him will appear in a forthcoming issue of "The Baptist Herald."

The Christian Achievement Plan Is Also Known as the Christian Service Plan Sponsored by the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION

(The following leaflets can be secured free at denominational Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Please limit your requests since the demands for these leaflets are heavy.)

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make use of the prayer list leaflet which is available free at headquarters.

Describe the blessings of the prayer list in a service or program. Distribute the leaflets and ask for reports about results achieved.

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Keep a scrapbook of important articles or pictures which have appeared in our papers.

INSPIRATION TIME

Only Today

Only today is mine,
And that I owe to thee;
Help me to make it thine;
As pure as it may be;
Let it see something done,
Let it see something won,
Then at the setting sun
I'll give it back to thee.

What if I cannot tell
The cares the day may bring?
I know that I shall dwell
Beneath thy sheltering wing;
And there the load is light;
And there the dark is bright,
And weakness turns to might,
And 'so I trust and sing.

What shall I ask today?
Naught but thine own sweet will;
The windings of the way
Lead to thy holy hill;
And whether here or there
Why should I fear or care?
Thy heavens are everywhere,
And they are o'er me still.

Give me thyself today,
I dare not walk alone;
Speak to me by the way,
And "all things are my own,"
The treasures of thy grace,
The secret hiding place,
The vision of thy face,
The shadow of thy throne!

—Henry Burton.

The Front Cover Picture

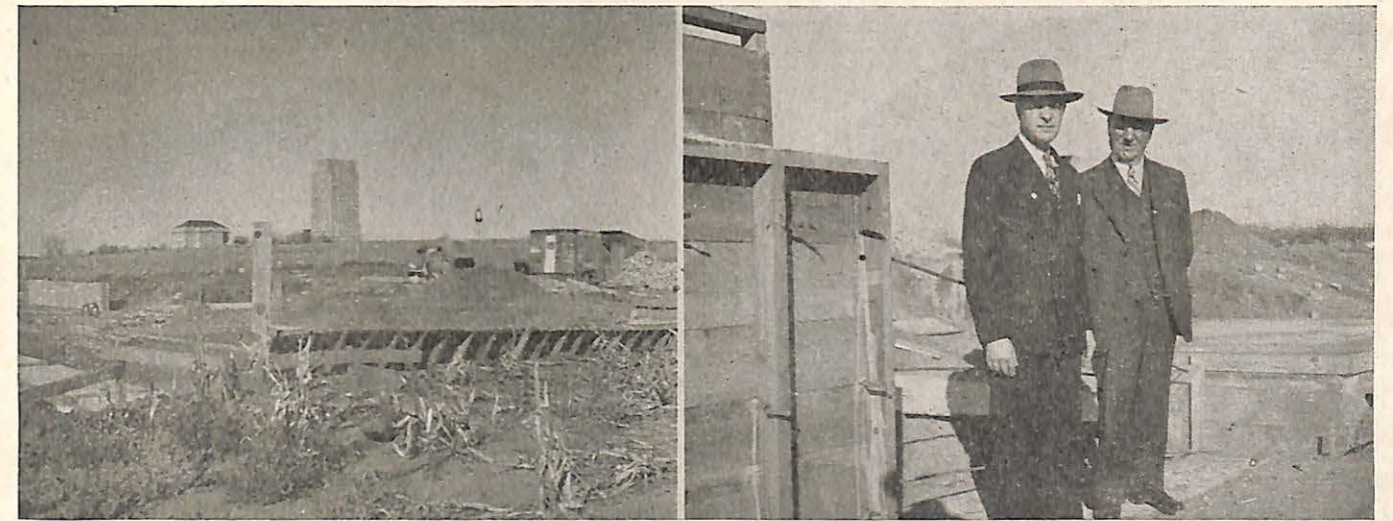
The Story of the Artist and of the Painting Originally Prepared for "The Baptist Herald"

"The Rainbow Over the Grand Canyon" was originally painted as a water color sketch for "The Baptist Herald" by Mr. William Zimmerman of Chicago, Illinois. This promising young artist is a member of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, of which the Rev. Louis R. Johnson is pastor. He was baptized by the Rev. Herbert L. Koch.

Mr. Zimmerman is a graduate of the American Academy of Arts and of the Chicago Art Institute. He is an instructor at present at the American Academy, and, besides, working as a free lance artist, he is studying at the

University of Chicago. He is married to the former Miss Ellen Dollashe, who is also a member of Chicago's East Side Church.

On their honeymoon trip to the Pacific Coast in the Fall of 1947, they stopped at the Grand Canyon where Mr. Zimmerman made a few sketches of this masterpiece of God's creation. On the front cover picture, he has depicted the melodious outburst of spiritual glory as the rainbow arch appears over the canyon and God's everlasting covenant is renewed with mankind!



The Laying of the Foundations for the New Building of the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged at Bismarck, No. Dak., Almost Within the Shadow of the Skyscraper Capitol Building (Left); and Rev. Edward Kary and Rev. J. R. Matz of Bismarck Viewing the Work on the New Building

Our Home for the Aged at Bismarck

A Report by the REV. EDWARD KARY, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged

EVER SINCE our Home for the Aged was established here in Bismarck, North Dakota and housed in its present quarters, the Board of Directors felt that this would be only a temporary place. The Home was an immediate success and there is always a long waiting-list of those who wish to enter the Home.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Karl Gieser, former superintendent of the Home, plans for the new Home were drafted and funds diligently gathered. By the time we were ready to begin building, the labor situation and building material shortage became critical, and it was found advisable to delay building until these conditions were alleviated.

No effort was spared, however, to gather funds. Many people gave freely, believing that we would soon have a new Home. Others said, "As soon as you begin to build, we will give more." Early last summer the Board of Directors felt that they should delay no longer. Direction was given to begin the work. There were many difficulties to overcome. Legal technicalities had to be ironed out and more funds had to be raised.

The Board of Directors appointed a building committee, consisting of Mr. A. F. Lehr, Mr. Ed. Stohler and Rev. Edward Kary. This committee was to complete the final details and get the actual construction of the building under way.

After many more weeks of planning and work, the final plans were approved and the actual construction

begun in the first part of September 1947. We had hoped to finish the basement before the winter weather would bring a halt. However, the cement shortage caused many delays so that we were not able to meet our goal. We did get a good start, though, and as soon as the weather will allow it, full-scale operations will be resumed.

Throughout the winter months we have been purchasing critical materials and storing them on the grounds, so that once the work is started we can expect very few delays.

When completed, we will have an attractive Home, as the architect's sketch has shown. The building will be 150 feet long and 42 feet wide. We shall be able to house 80 people. The Home will be a modern fire-proof building. Each room will be considerably larger than the minimum requirements of the State laws. There will be several infirmary rooms where special care can be given to the sick.

The attractive living quarters for the workers will add to the efficiency of the Home. We will have a spacious chapel, a large dining room, a modern-kitchen and laundry. All of these things will make the ministry to the old people more pleasant.

Our new Home will be located on the north side of the city of Bismarck with the State Capitol in the background. The rather high elevation will provide a pleasant view of the entire city as well as an extensive view of the Missouri Valley to the south.

The spacious grounds will allow a

fine park area where the old people can wander at leisure. The city bus runs within one block of the Home, making it possible for the old people to go down-town to spend the \$4 or \$5 provided them monthly by the State.

The State of North Dakota, through its various county agencies, is providing for its aged people in a splendid way. Our Home has been praised repeatedly by the State Welfare Board for the fine care provided the inhabitants.

We plan to have the home completed and ready for occupancy by this coming Fall. That will be a great day! In the meantime, there will be much to do. The Rev. Rudolf Klein has been appointed as promotional director for the Dakota Conference, and we ask you to receive him kindly.

Some individuals and societies have been inquiring about furnishing rooms and establishing memorials. The estimated cost for furnishing a single room is \$400 and \$500 for a double room. The chapel and kitchen will need to be furnished as well.

There will be several small suites for those who may want more room and who would be willing to pay for this added convenience. Some may wish to make reservations by establishing their funds with us. We will be glad to aid anyone concerning such arrangements. Direct your inquiries to the Rev. Edward Kary at 618 Eleventh St., Bismarck, No. Dak.

We solicit your prayers for the continued success of our Home here in Bismarck.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. G. W. Pust, pastor of the Baptist Church of Startup, Washington resigned recently. His resignation took effect on March 1st. He has served as pastor of the church since the summer of 1946. His plans for the future are indefinite at present.

● The Baptist Church of Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada is now being served by its new pastor, the Rev. Wilfred Reimche. Reports from the field indicate renewed interest in the church services. The Nokomis Church has been without a minister for several years.

● After serving the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma since 1942, the Rev. Menno Harms brought his ministry to a close in February, as reported by Miss Viola Schantz. At the present time he and his family are residing in Faribault, Minn. Their plans for the future are indefinite.

● Mrs. Victor J. Hammond, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey passed away on January 19th and was buried in Philadelphia, Pa., on January 22nd. She had been in the hospital for a little more than a week. May God's comfort continue to bless the bereaved husband!

● The new pastor of the Baptist Church of Wasco, California is the Rev. E. A. Kohlfield, whose address appears elsewhere in this issue. He has succeeded Dr. Donald Davis, who is now studying at the University of Edinburgh of Scotland. Mr. Kohlfield is a former missionary in China, according to reports received at the Forest Park headquarters.

● The Rev. Emil Riemer presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho on Sunday, March 7, to be effective on May 31st. He has served as pastor of the church since 1945. On January 6th he was married to a member of one of the prominent families in the church. His first wife died in June 1947. His son, Helmut, is a sophomore at our seminary.

● A daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert at Jos, Nigeria on February 26th who has been named Carolyn Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Tobert are missionaries in Nigeria under the

Sudan Interior Mission. Mrs. Tobert is the former Carrie Swyter, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. The Toberts lost their little son, John, about a year ago in Nigeria.

● The Rev. George A. Dunger, Cameroons missionary, arrived in the United States by trans-Atlantic plane on Saturday, March 20. He will require hospitalization and a possible surgical operation because of his physical condition which impelled doctors in Africa to send him speedily to the United States for the necessary medical attention. The prayers of our people are requested for him in these days as well as for his family who remained in the Cameroons.

● Mr. Alvin Straub, a middler in our Rochester Seminary, has been serving as the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Gorham, New York since January 1948. It is a full-time pastorate, although Mr. Straub is still studying at our seminary. He and his wife will move into the parsonage in May. Both Mr. and Mrs. Straub came from Leduc, Alberta where he is a member of the First Baptist Church and his wife of the Temple Baptist Church.

● An inspiring young people's rally was held at the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can., on Sunday afternoon and evening, March 14, with the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionaries as the guest speakers. The churches of Morris and Whitemouth also participated in the program. Evangelistic services were conducted in the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg from March 7 to 21 with the pastor, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, bringing the messages.

● Mr. Walter Schmidt of Buffalo, New York has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota to become its pastor. Mr. Schmidt is a graduate of our Rochester Seminary in the class of 1946, and will graduate from the University of Rochester in June 1948. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Cathay by July 1st, when he will succeed the Rev. Richard Grenz, now of Alpena, Michigan. Mrs. Schmidt is a person of winsome gifts who will be able to assist her husband effectively.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has extended a call to the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Washington since 1938. A favorable response has been given, and Mr. Damrau hopes to begin his pastorate in "the City of Brotherly Love" on July 15. He will succeed the Rev. Herman Palfenier, who is one of the general evangelists at present. The Pilgrim Church faces a large building program, besides a continuation of its aggressive spiritual and missionary ministry.

● The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Plum Creek Church near Emery, South Dakota was held on Sunday evening, March 14. The great truths of Christian stewardship were graphically presented in three dialogues and several songs. The dialogues were entitled, "Tithes and Offerings," "Aunt Margarete's Tenth," and "When the Thankoffering Box Returned." Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, the pastor's wife, was in charge of the program as the union's president. A fine offering of \$276 was received.

● A week of evangelistic meetings was held at the Calvary Church of Stafford, Kansas following March 14. Dr. F. D. Whitesell of the faculty of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., served as evangelist. Mr. Edward Link of Olds, Alberta, a student at our Rochester Seminary, rendered an appreciated ministry as music director. The Bible Day program was presented by the Sunday School on Sunday evening, March 7, with Mrs. Harve Fritzeimer and Mrs. Rex Eisenhour in charge. The Rev. Aaron A. Stackhouse is the pastor.

● From Feb. 22 to March 5 a series of evangelistic meetings was conducted in the Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., with the Rev. Henry Hengstler of the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles, Calif., serving as evangelist. His inspiring messages were used of God to the edification of the church members and the salvation of a number of young people and adults. The Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor, wrote: "We believe that still more fruit of these efforts will be harvested." The report of the festivities in connection with the dedication of the new church building appears on page 19.

● Since Feb. 1st, Mrs. Dorothy Fleigg has been serving as the librarian in part-time service at the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. Former students and other Seminary friends will recognize her as the former Miss Dorothy Ehrlich, a daughter of Mr. John Ehrlich, who served as the treasurer of the Seminary board for many years. Mrs. Fleigg also has a prominent position as librarian at the Eastman Kodak Library. She was formerly one of the department heads in the Rundel Memorial Library of Rochester.

● Announcement was made on March 1st by the Baptist Executive Council of Peoria, Ill., that Rev. Charles F. Zummach, formerly of Trenton, Ill., assume the pastorate of the East Peoria Baptist Church, a new congregation being established under the sponsorship of the Council. In announcing the selection of a pastor for the East Peoria church, the Rev. Frank Veninga, Council president, stated that Mr. Zummach was concluding an interim pastorate at First Baptist Church of Chatsworth, Ill., where he was assigned in May, 1947 by the Illinois state Baptist Convention.

● The Rev. W. J. Appel, pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York since 1939, recently resigned and announced to the church that he had accepted a call to become associate pastor with Dr. Norman W. Paullin at the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, Pa. This church of the Northern Baptist Convention was founded by Dr. Russell H. Conwell and in recent years has enjoyed the ministry of Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of "The Christian Herald." Brother Appel is to be congratulated upon the large service to which he has been called in directing the visitation work and young people's activities of the church.

● A new church has been organized in Lodi, California to be known as the Temple Baptist Church. This step was taken with the approval and support of the First Baptist Church. Both churches will worship in the present edifice under the pastorate of Dr. A. S. Felberg until such a time as the new building can be completed. A more retailed account appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue. Recently a ten day evangelistic campaign was held at the Baptist Church of Lodi with the Rev. A. R. Bernadt of Burlington, Iowa bringing the messages. A number of people publicly confessed their faith in Christ as Savior. On Sunday, Feb. 29, Dr. A. S. Felberg, pastor, baptized four persons and received 17 into the fellowship of the church.

Your Child and God

By MRS. K. LOUISE EICHLER of Erie, Pennsylvania



its contact. Children learn by repetition and practise, and the greatest opportunity of practise is not in one hour of church a week but in the many hours of home life. Our relationship to our children accounts for a lot. A partnership with God is parenthood. What love and wisdom are needed by those who help God fashion an immortal soul!

Our boys and girls must have rooted deeply and warmly in their childish hearts the sweet tide of God's love. They need the flame of sacred fellowship to quench the rebel sin so that they will feel, not "I alone" but always, "We two — God and I."

Obviously the answer is the family altar. Do I hear a protest? ... "Oh that's old-fashioned, it went out with the family album!" But I say to you it is as modern as the sleekest ship that ever winged its way through blue unfathomed skies. It is as ageless and meaningful as Holy Communion, and we would not question that as old-fashioned!

The children come to know and love the Bible characters, and in the family circle they feel free to ask questions which they might be too bashful to ask elsewhere. Let the little ones pray; they learn by example. Prayers are bells, some toll, some chime, some are ridiculous, some sublime but these assorted bells make music in God's templed citadels. Many times in the beginnings of our devotions we were startled or hard put not to smile as a small one thanked God for "my hands and feet and head" or blessed some beloved toy. But one must never laugh, for a prayer is a prayer and God sees the soul that lies within.

Your reverent attitude, your impression of God and his presence within your very midst, besides its first value as that of spiritual growth, acts to knit the family closer than in any other way. Truly, no hour is so sweet from blush of dawn to evening star as that which draws us from the cares of the world to the sanctuary of God's nearness. The baby's hesitating prayer gradually blossoms in thought and takes form and now it is the children who ask, "What time are we going to have our prayers?"

God is always nigh and his love is a gem of purest ray that helps the struggles of the soul to bear and checks to rising doubt. Our children must learn perfect obedience to him

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THE CHILDREN'S laughter peals out joyously as they play in the happy abandon of childhood. Too soon are these precious carefree years gone — brief as a perfumed scent . . . and the mother cries: "Where has my baby gone? — Why, there he is, he's one of the big boys!"

We love them, these our children! We would give our lives for them, but have we accepted our primary responsibility toward them — that of Christian training? Have we laid the cornerstone of faith? Oh, yes, we send them to Sunday School . . . that helps but we cannot shift the burden to the church. The institution that is responsible is, as the little boy so aptly put it: "The church that is in our house." We ask God, "What shall we do?" and we are pointed out a tiny spot, "Tend that for Me" — and we protest, "Not that little place, why — no one would ever see!" And yet Galilee and Nazareth were such little places.

Perhaps, we place too much assumption upon the church's duty along religious lines to our children and yet we ourselves through sickness and even thoughtless influence may break



"Alaskan Scene" by William Zimmerman of Chicago, Ill.

Land of Tomorrow

A Novel by CHARLOTTE KRUGER

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SYNOPSIS

After the war Chris MacKay went back to Alaska — "the Land of Tomorrow" — not only to the mountains and forests, but to love and dreams. On the steamer he met Julianna Barrett, who was going to Alaska with the message of the Gospel. In the little fishing village of Willow Point Julianna held meetings for the children in the old schoolhouse. She also met an old-time friend of hers, Lydia Wilson, the friendly government teacher at Beaver Creek. The arrival of the government mailbot, "Nushagak," with its husky skipper, Neal Jones, was a big event. Chris MacKay soon became Jones' first mate on board the ship. In September the time had come for the next regular trip of the "Nushagak." One day Chris caught four large salmon and shot five ducks. "We'll have roast duck at Beaver Creek tonight," he told the others in the boat.

CHAPTER EIGHT

AT NEAL'S suggestion they resumed their trip immediately. In a short time the "Nushagak" was on her way. There would be a few fox island stops, then, by late afternoon, if all went well, they should reach Beaver Creek. Chris, at the helm in the pilot house, could not suppress a feeling of expectancy and eagerness. He longed to reach the small village as quickly as possible. Would Julianna Barrett be glad to see him again? Would she be pleased that he had begun to seek the Lord whom she loved and served? Would he see little Molly this trip? If he asked to accompany Cookhouse Mike to his cabin, he should certainly

be able to see the child. He pitied her, for the grandfather's return would surely mean hardships for the girl. He wished something could be done about it. There was Steve. He brought the only hope and brightness in the child's otherwise dreary existence.

Time passed quickly. The five on board the mailboat were enjoying the trip. Cookhouse Mike's bad humor faded away. The three natives stood together on deck and silently watched the varying landscape. They were a people of few words. Regular friendly conversation, the daily diet of the white man, was unknown to them. They spoke only when it was absolutely necessary. But the expressions on the three brown faces bore evidence that the trip was a pleasure to them. As far as the eye could see were jagged mountain peaks covered with early snows. At times they went through narrow channels where spruce-covered slopes rose up like walls on either side of the small boat. One passage was so narrow that they could reach out and almost touch the towering spruces.

At one of the fox island stops, Nick and Joe Belkofski disembarked. Children ran shyly to meet them, two boys and a thin little girl. At tall angular native woman stood waist-deep in dry grass and weeds and watched dully as

the men got into the skiff and were rowed to shore by the tall white man, Chris MacKay. Cookhouse Mike, standing inside the pilot house with Jones, saw the woman. His eyes seemed to fasten on the gaunt frame. He studied the sallow face with its high cheek bones, small straight nose, full mouth. His dull mind groped vainly ... desperately ... but his memory was failing of late. His own trips in the dory had never taken him to this particular island though he knew of its existence.

Jones and the old Aleut watched MacKay as he beached the skiff and helped to unload several cases of groceries onto the sandy shore. The children had now overcome their bashfulness and were watching the unloading operations eagerly and expectantly. The younger of the two native men pulled a few packages of gum from his pocket with a smile and handed one to each of the youngsters. They began to peel the paper off and shoved several sticks into their wide mouths at once.

Old Mike Tedishoff, unable to keep to himself the question that was churning in his poor bewildered mind, asked bluntly, "The lady — you know who she is?"

Jones regarded the dark face so close to his own. The old man was

staring at the gaunt figure of the native woman on shore. She still stood in the tall grass, stoically watching the men and children. She might have been a statue, she stood so still and straight.

"That's Joe's wife, I think," explained Jones. "Those are Joe's kids." He indicated the three little ones who were prancing excitedly about the men who were unloading the boxes on shore.

"What she doing here?" The old man was still staring.

"Why, she lives here, Mike. This is her home. Joe and his dad, Nick, work on this island. They raise blue fox ... Sell the pelts ..."

"They own island ... all this place?" It seemed to be difficult for Old Mike to grasp the meaning of Neal's words.

"Well ... n-no. They don't exactly own it. The government leases these islands year by year. Joe lives on this island to help the white man who leases it ... a Mr. Swanson."

"And he ... where is he?"

"I understand he went Outside for a few months," replied Jones.

"How he go ... you take him to town ... your boat?"

"N-no. He didn't need me and the 'Nushagak' at all. Swanson took his own boat to town and caught a big steamer there." Neal hoped the old man understood. He seemed to, for he was wagging his head affirmatively as though he did.

The "Nushagak" was all set to leave just as soon as MacKay returned to the mailboat and had dragged the light skiff back on the stern deck. In a few minutes they had left the island and were headed out to open water. Early that evening they would reach Beaver Creek.

Each of the three men on the "Nushagak" was busy with his own thoughts. Neal Jones had a puzzling problem. He had to plan the best way to unload some heavy freight for the cannery. Among the items were bulky machinery and an engine. Mike Tedishoff was unable to erase from his mind the face of that woman on the fox island. Jones had said she was Joe Belkofski's wife. MacKay, in the galley, had cleaned and roasted the ducks in the little oven. He would surprise the young government teacher and her missionary friend by supplying the meat course for tonight's dinner.

Even now as he thought of his good fortune of the morning — the fish and ducks — he caught himself chuckling aloud.

As the "Nushagak" nosed her way around the familiar spruce-covered peninsula and headed for the Beaver Creek dock, MacKay's heart beat perceptibly faster. In a few minutes he

would see Julianna Barrett again ... her deep violet eyes ... her sweet face with its halo of gold. Would she be glad to see him, too? Or had she failed to realize that this was "boat day"?

Lydia Wilson and Julianna Barrett had not forgotten what day this was. In fact, both young women had been counting the days since the last trip of the "Nushagak." And now, the day had actually arrived.

With part of the town still down the Bay at the cannery, only a small delegation was at the dock to meet the mailboat when MacKay secured the ropes to the rickety pilings. But the two girls were part of the welcoming committee. MacKay noticed that with keen satisfaction. Even in the semi-twilight for the sun had already set, Chris could pick out Julie. The golden hair framing her face formed a spot of light against the darkening background.

"Too dark to unload tonight," said Jones, "but we'll take off the mail sacks."

"O.K." Chris was already starting up the ladder with one of the sacks. There were three this trip, for the fall mail order catalogs had arrived.

At the top of the ladder he greeted the young women, who expressed their welcome. Suddenly a small form hovering behind Julianna emerged timidly from the shadows and slipped one small hand into MacKay's large one. Then a child looked up into his strong friendly face. Chris knew instinctively who it would be.

"Well, Molly!" he exclaimed, at the same time squeezing the warm little hand which he held in his own. "How are you? You were too busy picking berries last trip to bother with me. I missed you."

The little girl smiled bashfully and poked one worn shoe at the cracks of the wooden dock. Then she spoke, "You ... you bring my grandpa home again, Chris MacKay?"

"Yes, Molly, your grandpa's on board. See, here he comes now." The old man was limping slowly from the pilot house door and starting up the ladder. Jones hovered behind in case he slipped back. MacKay helped him when he neared the top of the ladder. With much groaning and grunting he managed to climb the last few rungs. His small granddaughter awaited him nervously. "Hello, Grandpa."

Molly Tedishoff looked up at the familiar old face. "I am glad your ... your arm is ... better." Micky, her faithful dog, no longer a puppy, stood beside the child and eyed the old man with suspicion.

Cookhouse Mike mumbled inaudibly and then started down the dock toward his cabin, Molly following. Micky lagged behind.

Chris felt a strong desire to accompany the trio to the cabin. Somehow, though, he realized that he would be intruding, and so he restrained the impulse and watched the retreating figures as the darkness swallowed them completely.

"Poor little Molly!" MacKay uttered his thoughts aloud. "Her heartaches will begin again after these weeks of peace."

"It will not be nearly so hard now ... now that she has Someone with her." Julianna Barrett's voice spoke softly ... reverently.

MacKay looked down into her face. "You mean ... someone's staying with Molly now? You mean ... Steve?"

"Steve is always home evenings," explained Julie simply, "but I wasn't referring to him." Raising her golden head, she met the honest gaze of MacKay who was regarding her intently. "Molly Tedishoff belongs to the Lord Jesus now." There was a note of joyous triumph in the young missionary's voice. "She asked the Lord to come into her heart two days ago. He did!"

From the expression on his fine face, Julie could tell that MacKay was bewildered.

"I ... I'm afraid I don't understand," admitted the young man quietly.

"Some things are difficult to understand, Chris," replied Julie, "but they're true nevertheless. Suppose we have a talk a little later on. I see Mr. Jones wants to hand another mail sack to you, and," indicating the youngsters standing around, "perhaps it will be easier to talk without an audience."

"Of course," agreed Chris.

As soon as the mail sack was deposited on the dock the group headed for the schoolhouse on the hill. A little persuasion on the part of Lydia Wilson convinced the children that they should go home to their cabins. She promised to get their catalogs ready for them that evening so they could spend an enjoyable time poring over the brightly colored pages.

Jones dragged the sacks up the hill. Chris had gone to the galley for the treat he had planned for the evening meal. When the young women heard of the roasted ducks, prepared and waiting to be eaten, they were delighted.

"It's been ages since I had any roast duck," confessed Lydia.

"And I've never tasted wild duck in my life," added Julie.

After a delightful hour around a friendly, well-laden table, the four chose comfortable chairs in the sitting room. It was a pleasant room, spacious, well-furnished. A friendly

fire was blazing and crackling in the coal range. At one end of the room was a wide bay window, attractively curtained. On the walls hung several lovely oil paintings, Alaskan scenes. On the wall over a small desk were some brightly colored seashells. Lydia had explained to Julie on her first trip here that these had been gathered from the beach by the schoolchildren and then painted carefully.

"Julie why don't you play the organ for us?" suggested Lydia.

"But perhaps the men would rather just chat," returned the blonde girl simply.

"Say, nothing could be nicer than some music," insisted the mailboat skipper. His voice registered enthusiasm.

"Yes ... please play for us," urged Chris.

So Julie arose. Walking gracefully across the room, she seated herself on the bench before the small parlor organ. In a moment she had pulled out a few stops expertly and placed her hands lovingly on the keys. Soft, plaintive music was soon filling the room. The organ was a small, well-made instrument, compact, of beautiful golden oak carved with delicate flowers. But its rich deep tone was more important than its outside appearance. Julie had come to enjoy playing it very much, for Willow Point boasted neither an organ nor a piano. That was one reason she had been glad that she had taken her guitar along with her. Mother had urged her to take it. "You'll be lost without music, Julie darling," she had said.

"I'll always have music in my heart because I'm His!" Julie replied, but she had gladly taken the instrument with her these thousand of miles from her Pennsylvania home.

As the beautiful organ music stole softly through the room, Chris closed his eyes. He loved to listen that way ... he seemed to soar into another world when he heard beautiful music. It lifted him above this ordinary world with its ordinary men and women, its cares, its perplexities, its worries, its heartaches.

After a while he opened his eyes. He found himself looking at the girl at the organ. In the lamplight she made a charming picture. He studied her quietly ... the halo of golden hair ... the sweet face. She was looking off dreamily, seeing, yet not seeing. Perhaps she, too, was transported to another world even as he had been. Perhaps she was thinking of home, loved ones, those she had left behind to come to this north country with the Gospel.

Their eyes met. A friendly smile lighted up the girl's eyes. A look of understanding passed between them.

Chris felt he could sit here forever listening to such music, studying such a picture!

A knock at the kitchen door brought the four back to the present. Lydia jumped up quickly to answer. When she opened the door to admit someone, those in the sitting room heard a voice asking, "You got catalogs ready, teacher? My mother ask me come for ours." It was Annie Andrewvich.

"Oh, dear!" Lydia sounded distressed. "I completely forgot about those catalogs. I'll get yours for you right away, Annie." There were two sacks filled with the catalogs. Lydia hastily dumped the contents on the kitchen floor and began to search for one that said "Sam Andrewvich, Beaver Creek, Alaska." She found it and put it in the eager outstretched hands of the girl, who had disappeared into the darkness from whence she had come.

Julie, having glimpsed a patch of starry sky through the open kitchen door, brought her playing to a close. "I'd love to go out for a breath of fresh air," she announced. Chris volunteered to accompany her. She had hoped for an opportunity to speak to him alone.

Neal Jones offered to help Lydia clear the dishes from the table and sort the mail. There would be others wanting their catalogs this evening. Another knock at the door just at the moment verified this. One by one the representatives from the various native cabins would come up to the teacher's house for their mail. She would have to stay home for this reason.

"Mind if we go for a walk down the beach?" asked Julie.

"Not at all," assured Lydia. "Maybe after most of the folks have come for their mail we'll join you. Neal, maybe you'd rather go along now. Go ahead if you want to. I can take care of the mail and dishes myself. I'm used to it." Unconsciously she had used the skipper's first name. He seemed delighted, for a grin appeared on his pleasant face.

"Aren't some people independent!" he said with a laugh. "Well, it happens that I'd rather stay and help you ... honestly," confessed Neal genially. Lydia did not remonstrate, for it would be more pleasant having company. However, she had become accustomed to lonesome evenings long before this, for months and months of them had passed for her. Though her existence was far from dull, with full and satisfying days, she had to admit these visits by the mailboat skipper and his helper were highlights.

As the couple stepped out from the warmth and coziness of the school-house apartment, a cool breeze greeted them. The sky was deep blue ...

clear and starry. Julie buttoned her coat snugly, pulled a babushka from her pocket, tied it firmly under her chin and then put her hands deep into the roomy pockets of her sport coat. In silence she and Chris descended the trail leading down to the beach. At the water's edge they followed the curving shore westward. They continued in silence, the only sound the lapping of the waves on the beach. It was pleasant, enjoying the fragrance of the night air ... the beauty on every hand. A row of alders dressed in golden robes of autumn fringed the shore. Tall stalks of dried wild celery, or "pushki" as the natives called it, grew in thick clumps. When the snows of winter descended it would seem as though the flowers bloomed again, for each dried pedicel would provide a resting-place for snowflakes.

"I've looked forward to this visit, Julie." Chris took his eyes from the starry heavens for a moment and regarded the young girl solemnly. She looked up and returned his earnest gaze.

"Have you really, Chris?"

"Uh-huh."

"I'm glad."

The young missionary wanted to ask him point-blank about the tract she had given him to read when last she had seen him. Perhaps he had forgotten to read it. Perhaps he had lost it or misplaced it. No, she would not ask. It might be embarrassing for him. But how could she broach the subject that was on her heart? How could she lead the conversation to the things of the Lord? Molly's wistful face flashed before her mind's eye. That was it! She would use little Molly Tedishoff as her point of contact.

"How did Mike Tedishoff enjoy the trip this time. Was he nervous?" Julie asked the question casually.

"To tell you the truth," confessed MacKay, "I didn't see much of him during the trip. He stayed in his bunk a good part of the way. Funny, but he's not a good sailor at all. You'd think he wouldn't mind it a bit, having lived in a place like this all his life, but he sure can't take rough water." Chris chuckled as he recalled the old man's haste to get to his berth the night they had sought shelter in the cove.

"Wonder if he's glad to be back," Julie said.

"Sure thing," said Chris, "only he's sure plenty sore that he missed out working at the cannery this summer." After a moment's silence he added thoughtfully, "It's the little kid I'm wondering about. Wonder if she's glad he's back. I'm afraid not ... poor little Molly."

Julianna was delighted that the conversation had drifted so easily and

naturally to Molly Tedishoff.

"You needn't worry about her, Chris." Julie's voice was low and gentle. She paused for a brief moment to make the statement she was about to utter more effective. "Molly was eager for her grandpa to come back ... even if he has been mean to her at times ..."

MacKay regarded her with a puzzled frown. "Eager ... you say?"

"Uh-huh. I started to tell you about it down at the dock, but there were too many others standing around."

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Your Child and God

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who uplifts the soul and gives surcease from cares, and if they have not spent their youth with him and his bidding comes, they are apt to react as rebelliously as the child who was repeatedly admonished by his mother to sit and finally was made to sit by force. Then he informed her, "I'm sitting down BUT I'm standing up inside!"

Surely, every home could spare some time out of each day to strengthen their children's ties with God, if they really wanted to do this. It can be done and it ought to be done. Let the sense of God's presence in our homes be so real that outsiders will see a house where God is Head and where they know the Master is there!

Christ After the Lost

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when we have lost it, we are not able to retrieve it; we must let him who gave it restore it.

This is the miracle of grace. God does not cast away such who have lost the power they once had, but in wondrous love helps them to regain it. But we must let him have his way with us! When the prophet proceeds to perform this miracle of recovery the young man does not interfere; he knows the Master knows best. This is the secret of restoration, the yielding word, no longer our will or plans, no longer our way, but his way, being crucified with Christ and unto this world.

Is the power of God unto godliness and effective service securely fastened to the handle of entire consecration, or are you out there in the woods of religious activity feverishly swinging an empty ax handle, to the amusement of the world and the detriment of your own soul? What is it to be, the humdrum of a daily round of irksome duties or the vibrant glowing power of the Holy Spirit regnant in your heart?

We, the Women

FOR — or WITH

Recently a group of women from the Christian Friendliness Department of the Cleveland Council of Church Women gave a play in our church entitled, "The Wall is Down." The "wall" refers to the prejudice we often build up between ourselves and people of other racial or religious groups.

The play vividly points out how wrong it is to condemn any group of people just because they belong to a certain race. It is our obligation as Christian citizens to think of these people as individuals and to accept or to reject each one on his own merit. It was very well presented and left a never-to-be-forgotten impression.

The chairman, in introducing the play, made a very striking statement. She said that all of us in our mission circles enjoy making White Cross materials for the natives in foreign lands, and we work on other projects to raise money for these people. But how many of us would be willing to work with people of these same races who live right in our own community? Every large city, and many smaller ones, too, has its minority groups — Negroes, Jews, Chinese. We gladly do mission work for the Negroes in Africa, for the Chinese in China; how

do we work with these people in our own neighborhood?

Do we hesitate to sit next to a colored person on the bus or street-car? Do we nod our heads in approval when someone says, "Those Jews must be kept out of our neighborhood, or it will deteriorate?" Do we agree that "Negroes must be kept in their place, and not given equal opportunities for education and advancement?"

Jesus taught us that all men are brothers. In the parable of the Good Samaritan he showed how the "wall" was broken down. No racial prejudice was allowed to interfere with the Samaritan's compassion and love for the one in need.

What, then, shall we do? Let us continue to work for the needy of foreign lands, through our White Cross work, Nurses Training Project, and other means, so that our missionaries on the field can work with them.

But let us also strive to show a truly Christian love and attitude in our contacts with people of other races and creeds here in our own land. Let us look for every opportunity to work with them, showing the radiance and love and compassion of our Master.

(The play, "The Wall is Down," by Ethel F. Brown, may be obtained from the Roger Williams Press, Cleveland, Ohio, for 15c a copy.)

You Should Know -!

THAT LAST YEAR more Vacation Bible Schools were reported held than ever before. A total of 105 schools was reported held. It is gratifying to know that 708 teachers volunteered to lead and instruct 6271 pupils in matters pertaining to the Christian life and principles. Another encouraging fact about our schools is that 246 contact versions were reported. \$1836.21 were raised by these youngsters for missionary purposes. How much more we would rejoice to know that there was a Vacation Bible School in every one of our churches!

May we this year urge every Sunday School in our work to have a Vacation Bible School. Only good can come of these efforts on the part of Christian workers. Besides training a host of young people in a teaching ministry, opportunities are excellent for soul winning. This as you know is a major emphasis in Christian circles these days. Here is an opportunity to reach new pupils in your community.

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A more concentrated effort on Bible knowledge is possible. Scripture memory work and handcraft activities will appeal to the boys and girls. Here will be an opportunity to make personal contacts with children as at no other time. The boys and girls will have opportunity to learn all about the great and many mission fields the Lord has given us. Last, but not least, a fine number of student workers will be given opportunity to be leaders and helpers.

In this issue of "The Baptist Herald" you will find study materials recommended. Your co-operation in giving us your records when the school is finished will be appreciated. We noticed that last year our churches used materials from the Scripture Press, Southern Baptist and Judson Press. The Roger Williams Press will be able to fill your order for your material again this year.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Some Bible Verses

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,
 Thou greatly enrichest it;
 Thou providest them grain, when thou has so prepared the earth.
 Thou waterest its furrows abundantly,
 Thou settlest the ridges thereof;
 Thou makest it soft with showers,
 Thou blessest the springing thereof.
 Ps. 65:9a, 9c, 10.



—Photo by Eva Luoma
True Pals for Life!

HOW OLD OUGHT I TO BE?

"Dear mother," said a little maid,
 "Please whisper it to me:
 Before I am a Christian,
 How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, dear child,
 Before you can love me?"
 "I always loved you, Mummie mine,
 Since I was tiny wee.

"I love you now and always will,"
 The little daughter said,
 And on her mother's shoulder hid
 Her golden curly head.

"How old, my girlie, must you be
 Before you trust my care?"
 "Oh, Mother dear, I do, I do —
 I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be, my child,
 To do the things I say?"
 The little girl looked up and said,
 "I can do that today."

"Then you can be a Christian, too;
 Don't wait till you are grown;
 Tell Jesus now you come to Him
 To be His very own."

And so the little maid knelt down,
 And said, "Lord, if I may,
 I'd like to be a Christian now."
 He answered, "Yes, today."

—Author Unknown.

GROWING DAY BY DAY!

If you go about with your eyes open in the early Spring, you will notice that something is happening every day. That sounds strange, but it is true. It is not everyone who goes about with his eyes open, for some people may stare at a thing, yet never see it.

But, what is happening? Well, when the year first came in, it was

broader, stronger, and kinder than you were a year ago. Do you ever measure yourself? I know a little girl who is fond of being measured, and on the wall of her room, there are a number of marks. I do not mean finger marks, though they do get on walls. But these marks are to show how big she was on the date which her father put opposite to each of them, and they both could see how much she had grown since she was last measured.

Try to measure yourself, not back to back, for there is more than one way of growing. We have minds as well as bodies, and souls as well as both.

Ask yourself, "How much have I grown?" "Am I taller than I used to be?" "Am I better than I was a year ago?" "Am I kinder than I was a year ago?" That shows that you have been trying to follow the noble and true, and that's what we should do as followers of Jesus.

There are many things that help us to grow. Before the Spring flowers came, while the days were still gloomy and dark, someone went out to plant the bulbs. The ground was damp, and the hole into which they were placed was cold and dark. They had been far more comfortable in the shop. But the rain came and drenched them, and the little bulbs did not want to get up, and when the wind came and whistled, they just turned over and over again and went to sleep. But after a while, the sun smiled on the earth and they felt they could not lie buried there any longer, so up they came, happy and gay.

It is much the same for us. We have chill winds of disappointments and showers that damp our spirits, and have to make our way through. We culties, just as the shoot has to push up through the soil. But the Master Gardener knows what is best for us, and showers and sun are all meant to help us to grow.

To grow tall is good, to grow wise is better, but to grow like Jesus our Master is best of all. It was said of him when he was twelve years old, and in favor with God and stature (Luke 2:52). So before you go to sleep every night, measure yourself with Him, and ask, "How much have I grown today?"

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People Entering the Open Doors of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, California on Dedication Sunday (Left); and the Large Audience in the Church's Sanctuary (Right) Singing a Hymn of Thanksgiving to God at the Dedication Festivities

Church Dedication at Elk Grove, California

A Report by MISS THEODORA WUTTKE of Sacramento, Calif.

IF YOU COULD have looked in on the small community of Elk Grove, California on Sunday morning, February 15, you would have been pleasantly surprised at the air of expectancy which prevailed. Everyone was assembled before the First Baptist Church well before 9:30 A. M., the time set for the dedication ceremony.

Our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, and the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim and the Rev. G. G. Rauser, former pastor of our Franklin Baptist Church, now of Salem, Oregon, were stationed before the church door. Mr. Knauf read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer, after which our head usher, Mr. Ed. Rau, unlocked the door and in a very orderly and reverent manner, members and visitors filed into our beautiful edifice to the music of hymns of praise flowing from our Wurlitzer organ which had been placed there by the courtesy of Brenner's Department Store of Sacramento. A hush came upon everyone as many eyes of our members became moist for joy and many a silent prayer ascended to the Throne of grace, expressing a fervent "Thank you, Lord, for making this possible." As soon as the people were seated and every available place taken, our choir, under the direction of Mr. Wilford Reub, sang an appropriate anthem.

A very interesting program followed. The first part was presented by our Sunday School under the direction of our superintendent, Mr. Erwin Schuh. Every class was represented in song or recitation. Even our Beginner's Department was represented and we

were all delighted with the solo so beautifully rendered by four-year old Carol Ann Reub. We were also privileged to have our former pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, with us who spoke to the Sunday School.

The morning worship service followed. Our dedication sermon was brought to us by the Rev. P. G. Neumann. How our hearts rejoiced as we listened to the God-inspired message. Preceding the dedicatory prayer by our pastor, we were favored with an appropriate solo, "Bless This House" by May H. Brahe, beautifully sung by Mrs. John Wageman.

At 2:30 P. M. we continued our ser-



Rev. W. W. Knauf, Pastor

vices following a sumptuous dinner prepared by our Ladies' Aid. And what a pleasure it was to serve our guests from our fully equipped, modern kitchen. Approximately 490 guests were served in our dining hall.

At this service we were favored by brief talks by our visiting pastors, the Rev. G. Miller, representing the Elk Grove Community; Dr. A. S. Felberg, representing our Pacific Conference; Dr. Ray Dugger, representing the City of Sacramento and vicinity.

We also heard the reports of our building committee. Mr. Ed Nehr reported for the deacons, Mr. Frank Veninga for the trustees, and Mr. Dan Rau gave us a complete report of all finances.

The total estimated cost of our building project is \$70,000. However, since it was not necessary for us to employ an architect to draw up plans as these were drawn by our pastor, Mr. Knauf, together with a number of members who are among the finest carpenters in the country, and since we had the cooperation of willing, loyal men, the church was built at a total cost of \$35,000. Also, the lots, whereon the church was built, were presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schanzenbach. However, the Lord did not permit our Brother Schanzenbach to see the completed building to which he had looked forward so eagerly, but he took him Home to worship in a temple not made with hands, whose Builder is God.

When we look back over the period of time since the month of July, 1947, we realize anew that our Head Builder

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Eastern Conference

Visit of Rev. M. L. Leuschner at the Seminary and Andrews St. Church, Rochester, N. Y.

"No one who heard those addresses will ever be quite the same!" Prof. Albert Bretschneider spoke those words in the first chapel service following the days of Dr. Martin L. Leuschner's ministry at the Seminary from March 11th to 14th. Students and faculty members alike responded to that comment with a hearty "Amen!" ("Hearty" in the truest sense: not vocal, but with the deep and grateful assent of the heart.)

Some months ago the faculty had felt the need of bringing to our Seminary family a servant of God who would minister to our hearts in a special manner. The inner springs of the soul dry up too easily in the day-after-day intellectual efforts and emphases of the classroom. Our promotional secretary was invited to minister to us and he was led of God to come to us.

The messages that poured from his heart into ours carried the breath and life of the Holy Spirit. And where the Spirit of God goes forth, Pentecost comes to the hearts of men. Pentecost at the Seminary means more zealous and Spirit-filled ministers and missionaries for God and our denomination. While Brother Leuschner's ministry was not designated to be in the terms of his promotional office, the advance of God's work and grace in and through us for years to come may be traced to the visions and resolute consecrations of these days.

In addition to this intimate ministry to our hearts, Brother Leuschner also shared with us recent denominational information and missionary films. His ministry at the Seminary also made possible an extended service at the Andrews St. Church in which we all shared. We thank God for his riches of grace to us through his servant.

T. W. Bender, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Sessions of the North Texas Association at the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas

The 1948 North Texas Association of North American Baptists convened from March 4 to 7 with the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. The theme around which all topics and their treatment centered was "Evangelism in Our Day." The weather was rather disagreeable and the attendance as a result was not what we nor the entertaining church

had hoped for. The program, however, was very good and laments such as this were often heard: "Too bad there aren't more of our people here to enjoy these blessings."

We were all glad that the Rev. J. C. Gunst could be with us and his messages were soul-stirring and strengthening. May God continue to protect him and make him a blessing as he travels from place to place to bring his messages to our people.

Three of our churches are at present without pastors. However, one of these will be supplied again in a few weeks. We are hoping that the other two will also have their pastors soon to lead them on in the work.

The Rev. Geo. Ehrhorn was with us and took part in the program as did also a number of students from the Dallas Interdenominational Seminary. Some of these students are members of our Carroll Avenue Church.

The Rev. Wilfred Helwig, pastor, and his helpers, did their work well and their entertainment was exceptionally good together with lodging and meals. We say again: "Thank you and God bless you, one and all."

W. H. Bunning, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

Anniversary Programs and Easter Sunday Services at Milwaukee's Bethany Baptist Church

The past few months have been busy ones for the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., with every organization in the church participating in various activities. The young people's organization did considerable visitation this year, and is now embarking on a campaign to increase its membership. They had a very enjoyable banquet on Valentine's Day with a good attendance.

The Sunday School is endeavoring to increase its membership. Once a month the various departments of the School merge and we have Mission Sunday, dedicating the entire service to missions. This is a very interesting and inspiring service, and the pupils enjoy it very much.

The Ladies' Aid Society celebrated its anniversary on Wednesday, March 3, with a supper and a very interesting program. Pictures from the Christian Center of Milwaukee were shown.

The Brotherhood organization of the church has organized a softball team, and the fellowship and recreation have had an enthusiastic response. The men have had some interesting speakers at their meetings.

The church celebrated its 16th anniversary with a program on Sunday evening, March 7. Several of the charter members told how the church

was organized, and the service was almost entirely a testimony and musical service.

Easter Sunday was a blessed time for Bethany. A baptismal service was planned for that day. There was also a Sunday School program in the morning, and an Easter cantata by the choir in the evening. A communion service was held on Good Friday. Our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, conducted the service.

Mrs. Kurt Knebel, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

New Church Is Organized in Lodi, Calif., to Be Known as Temple Baptist Church

Growth in membership and activities of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California recently culminated in the approval of plans for the formation of another Baptist Church in the city. The new church will be known as the "Temple Baptist Church."

In a formal statement issued after the organizational meeting of the new church, it was declared:

"After many years of fruitful ministry to the community, the First Baptist Church has outgrown its worship and church school facilities.

"Now, after due consideration for the possibility of expansion, the church deemed it advisable to branch out and expand its ministry in another location in the city.

"To carry out the plan, a number of the members have declared themselves willing to organize and build another Baptist church. The new church will be known as the Temple Baptist Church.

"The First Baptist Church will continue its services as heretofore in its present location on the corner of Oak Street and Central Ave. of Lodi."

The membership of the church, at present, is well over the 800 mark. Both the members and friends of the First Baptist Church and the Temple Baptist Church will continue to worship together as one congregation in the First Baptist Church under the ministry of Dr. A. S. Felberg until such time as the new building will be completed.

"The First Baptist Church has voted to give the newly organized church its entire building fund and has pledged itself willing to continue its support as much as possible as the Mother Church," it was declared.

Both churches are looking forward eagerly to a continued effective ministry in the community and will appreciate the favor of the entire denomination. — Clipping from Lodi Newspaper.

Baptism on Palm Sunday and Other Activities at Portland's Immanuel Church

We praise God for the blessings that have come to the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. In January it was our privilege to have the Ministers' Institute in our midst. Nearly all ministers from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and some from California came, likewise our genial Mission Secretary, Rev. H. G. Dymmel. The spirit was an excellent one and the speakers were interesting and found the favor of all present.

At the end of January we had the great pleasure of having Dr. James McGinlay of Glendale, California with us, who preached powerfully and fearlessly night after night to a crowded and sometimes an overcrowded church. His ability to hold the interest of the people is marked. During the meetings seven men and three women accepted Christ and in following up house visits by the pastor another five accepted Christ, ten of whom were baptized on Palm Sunday while the other five will unite with other churches. The remarkable result of these meetings is the fact that nearly all converts are men and women of mature or middle age and many of them have been the object of our prayers and work. Their surrender to Christ delights us greatly and will unite the families as well as give much strength to the church, as we gain men who are willing and able to work for Christ.

We are also thankful for the continued interest of our young people in the prayer services. Due to the large number attending we separated them from the older ones to give them an opportunity to be active in prayer. Thirty of them form our church choir. Their presence in all services helps greatly to enliven the meetings, which in turn draws many visitors, refreshing all who seek after God.

There also prevails a commendable spirit in the church. Besides rebuilding our organ, they have entered the pastor in the Ministers' Pension Fund and also taken over the car expenses of the minister, both of which are greatly appreciated. Immanuel is really trying hard to fulfill its obligations as well as utilizing its opportunities.

Now we are looking eagerly forward to the Pacific Conference, which will assemble with us from June 16th to 20th.

Otto Roth, Pastor.

Northern Conference

Many New Members Are Received by the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

We as members of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada have had some wonderful experiences recently. Our evangelistic services were led by the Rev. J. T. Larson of Denver, Colorado. Through his messages more than twenty persons



Baptismal Candidates Baptized by the Rev. Richard Schilke and Received Into the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

found salvation in Jesus Christ.

At the New Year's Eve Watchnight service twenty-six young people were baptized. It was a wonderful service with special numbers by the church choir and the orchestra. We also observed the Lord's Supper and the hand of fellowship was extended to those who had been baptized by the Rev. R. Schilke, our pastor.

This brought to thirty-nine the number of new members who joined with us in 1947. We praise God for these blessings and pray especially that he will bless our efforts during this year.

A. Gruber, Church Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Evangelistic Services Are Conducted by Rev. John Heer at La Salle, Colorado

With the beginning of this year the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado met regularly every week for prayer and supplication preparatory to the revival services that were to follow. With February 16 a series of two weeks of special services were conducted in which the Rev. John Heer of the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., was the guest speaker. The services were very well attended and the inspiring messages of Brother Heer very well received. God's Holy Spirit was keenly felt during these meetings because Jesus Christ was exalted before our very eyes.

As a church we are not only grateful to Brother Heer for the fine service he rendered in ministering unto our needs, but we are also grateful to our sister church, the Bethel Baptist Church, for allowing this time for her minister. Though we shall never know, so long as we remain in this body, of the impact these meetings made upon all those who participated, the Lord also blessed them in a visible way. The baptismal waters will be moved again in the near future. God's

promises are still valid: "My word shall not return void, but shall accomplish for that which I send it."

Robert Oster, Church Clerk.

Central Conference

Annual Missionary Conference Held by the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, we of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., had the privilege of seeing pictures of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. R. Wilkinson and family, of Haiti and of their work there. Mr. Wilkinson's mother, having just returned from a short visit with them, told us of their work and then showed the pictures. Mr. Wilkinson had been assistant pastor of our church before leaving for Haiti.

This was a very fitting introduction to our sixth annual Missionary Conference which took place from Feb. 26 to 29 with missionaries from the following missions represented: Mrs. Pudney, Unevangelized Fields Mission; Miss Velma Pickett, Wycliffe Bible Translators; Mrs. P. M. Thompson, Latin America Mission; Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas, Sudan Interior Mission; Rev. John Bell, China Inland Mission; our own missionary Rev. Frank Wallin, Scandinavian Alliance Mission; and Dr. Wm. Kuhn representing our North American Baptist General Conference.

Meetings were held during the day and also in the evening. On Saturday evening a banquet was held in the church parlors with a program following. The theme throughout the conference was "Look on the Fields."

We also had the opportunity of getting better acquainted with our own missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Wallin and family, during their short stay here with us. We held a farewell service for them on March 10 in connection with our prayer meeting, which was in charge of the Bethany Bible Class.

Mildred Wolfe, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of King's Daughters Society of the Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Michigan

The King's Daughters Society of the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan presented its eleventh annual program on March 7. At the first strain of the processional, the girls entered and walked down the center aisle in couples. Each member wore a white blouse and black skirt and carried a lighted white candle.

The first number of the program was the theme song, "Saved to Serve," sung by the girls. The main feature of the program was a play entitled, "Revive Us Again," directed by Annabelle Dachtler. This play tells how one family, through their son who was away at college, was revived again after drifting away from God. The following took part in the play: Marion Stobert, Erwin Kuhn, Bertha Birkholz, Fritz Pletz, Marilyn Lang, Betty Spende, Harold Kwast, Jeanette Dachtler, Eleanor Strauss, Mary Marshall, Wilma Penno, Melba Harris, and Ronnie Boldt. Other selections on the program included, "The Lily of the Valley," "Blessed Be The Name," and "Now I Belong to Jesus," sung by the girls of the society. After the benediction, the girls softly sang, "Take the Name of Jesus With You." The pianist for the evening was Kathe Penno.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Annabelle Dachtler, president; Bertha Birkholz, vice-president; Wilma Penno, secretary; and Marion Stobert, treasurer.

The ultimate aim of the King's Daughters Society is to bring others to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. This has been done in various ways in the past year. We sent \$40.00 to Mr. Olsen of India and \$36.50 to the Navajo Indians. At Christmas time we went caroling to the sick, aged, and needy, and presented them with a box of goodies. We also sent a crate of eggs, some of which we colored, to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan, at Easter time.

May Christ's glory shine forth from us, as individuals, and as the King's Daughters Society. As a society we are continually reminded of our motto, "Saved to Serve," in 1 Cor. 15:58 which says, "Therefore my beloved sisters, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Wilma Penno, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Special Meetings Conducted by Rev. H. Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist, at Madison, So. Dak.

Special evangelistic services were held in the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota from February 29 to March 11 with the Rev. H. Palfenier bringing the messages every evening. This was

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his first assignment since his appointment as our denominational evangelist.

The weatherman was not very cooperative. We had some of the worst weather of the winter during these two weeks. Snow and ice covered the ground, some roads were blocked, and one morning the temperature went down to 25 degrees below zero. But in spite of the adverse weather conditions, the attendance was very gratifying. Mr. Palfenier preached some mighty fine, soul-stirring sermons that will be remembered for a long time to come by those who heard them, and our prayers will go with him wherever his work may take him. We can heartily recommend him to any church that may want his services.

Four young people yielded their hearts to the Lord during these days, but our hope is that several others may also do so in the near future. The special offering at the close of the services amounted to \$348 and showed how much the people appreciated the work that Brother Palfenier had done in our midst.

Henry R. Schroeder, Pastor.

Bible Day Program Presented by Sunday School Class of Danzig Church of South Dakota

The members of the Young Married People's Class of the Danzig Baptist Church of South Dakota were appointed to give the Bible Day program on March 14. Eagerly they began preparation. A committee was selected to arrange the program and find material. As a result, very fine readings were given by Harry H. Buchholz, Mrs. Glenn Parsons, Mrs. Melvin Buchholz, Arnold Berndt, Mrs.

Northern Baptist Convention at Milwaukee

The Northern Baptist Convention will convene in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 24 to 30. If any of our church members, including pastors, would like to attend some of these sessions and would need lodging in Milwaukee, they are invited to write to one of our three pastors in the city and to make their requests known IMMEDIATELY. Their names and addresses are: Dr. John Leopoldt, 3934 No. 42nd St., Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin (Bethany Church); Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, 2203 No. 42nd St., Milwaukee 8, Wis. (Temple Church); and Rev. George W. Zinz, 2474 Cypress St., Milwaukee 6, Wis. (Immanuel Church).

Michael Berndt, Helen Buchholz, Mrs. Sidney Hebner, Alfred Heckenliable, and Evelyn Voigt.

All readings were about the Bible, proclaiming its power, origin, translation, etc. Songs also were a part of the program. Four songs were sung by the members of the class, one song by the Primary Class and also a song by the Rev. Albert Itermann. The offering taken amounted to \$47.25, which is designated for purchasing and distributing Bibles. After the program, our pastor gave a short message on the Bible and its power to reflect one's own spiritual condition.

Howard Hebner, Reporter.

Relief Ministry Carried On by the Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota

Although it is not customary with us as the Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota to appear often in the headlines of our denominational papers, nevertheless, we praise our Lord for the privilege to have a share in the promotion of his Kingdom.

The Lord Jesus had this testimony for the church of Philadelphia: "Thou hast a little strength." Whether this had anything to do with the numerical membership is not indicated. The main issue was that they "had kept his word and had not denied his name." To us at Corona was given the same grace. We used our strength to convert his word from the "written word" into the "practised word," which in our time seems to be the only effective word.

Thus we as individuals, families, church and especially Ladies' Missionary Society were instrumental to feed and to clothe hundreds of God's hungry and needy children in Europe during this past winter. In a flood of letters they conveyed their testimony to us that we strengthened their faith in the goodness of God and the love of his children. Our members sacrificed clothing, shoes, meat, lard, groceries and money for the alleviation of want in Europe. Hundreds of letters were received and hundreds of packages were sent. Our contributions toward our General Missions did not suffer because of it. The undersigned alone supported 30 families.

We also had the joy of baptizing a number of persons whom the Lord added to the church. Corona is one of the privileged churches which during the years of its existence was able to enrich other churches with members. Had all the people who moved away from this part of the country remained, Corona would be one of the largest Baptist congregations in these parts.

Our meetings are well attended. The mixed choir is our special joy. A sure standard of spirituality is the attendance at the mid-week services. The B. Y. P. U. and the Ladies' Society are very active. The erection of the intended new parsonage has not yet materialized because of an acute shortage of building material in these parts. But we look toward the future with great expectations.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.

The Bible and Man

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by the gracious, sovereign act of the new birth. We know we are regenerated when we have the love of Christ in our hearts and our souls are at peace with God and our fellowmen. "The spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

"There are only two kinds of men," declares Pascal, "the righteous who believe themselves sinners; the rest, sinners who believe themselves righteous." "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." However, we glory in the knowledge that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life which lead to the Father.

Through our studies at the Seminary we have attained deeper insights into the Word of God. We have caught a larger view of his work and grace in the lives of men. We have come to a more profound love for and appreciation of God's Word.

May we be always true to the Biblical faith! It is sorely needed to save a lost and frustrated mankind. We would grow in the grasp of the eternal verities of God as found in Scriptural theology. Christ gave himself for us, and we would give ourselves to him unto the salvation of men through faith in the only Redeemer.

The Work of the Spirit

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let this work take place in our own lives, what a wonderful experience is ours! It brings new life to our faith, through a new depth of meaning of God's eternal plan of redemption, and affords us richer experiences in our daily Christian living.

We notice that the work of the Holy Spirit is distinct from that of God, the Father, and God, the Son. The Holy Spirit, first of all, convicts us of sin and brings us to realize that we need a Savior. And then, when we accept Christ's wonderful salvation, sin has no more dominion over us. Once the "spirit of Satan" held rule in our hearts; now the Holy Spirit takes control and makes us new creatures in Christ Jesus, dead unto sin but alive unto God.

The Christian life begins through the work of the Holy Spirit; it also grows through him. The Scriptures tell us in Gal. 5:22, 23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." We can only lead a worthy and genuine Christian life if the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts and if we are yielded to him.

If the Holy Spirit were nothing more to me than a "good influence," I am sure I would have given up studying

:: OBITUARY ::

MR. HERMAN WEIKERT, SR.
of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Herman Weikert, Sr., of Cleveland, Ohio was born August 5, 1860 in Waltersdorf, Germany, and passed on to his reward Thursday, March 11, 1948, at the age of 87 years, 7 months and 6 days. In his fatherland he received his education, and his early religious nurture was afforded him by the state church.

He was united in marriage to Miss Emilie Gertler in 1881. In 1893 the family emigrated to America and located in Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Weikert were blessed with six children whom they reared and cared for with love and diligence.

About 1905 Mr. Weikert was baptized upon confession of his faith and joined the membership of the White Ave. Baptist Church, proving himself a staunch and zealous member till his departure.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Weikert received loving, tender care in the evening of their lives in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schurdell.

Preceded in death by the decease of his wife, November 28, 1943, Mr. Weikert is survived by his six children: Herman, Jr., Richard, Fred, Alfred, Helen (Mrs. Wilbur Hyde), and Frieda (Mrs. Arthur Schurdell); three grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

White Avenue Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio

Paul F. Zoschke, Pastor.

MRS. LYDIA KNOOP
of North Freedom, Wisconsin

Mrs. Lydia Knoop, nee Zochert, of North Freedom, Wisconsin was born on March 8, 1874 in the town of Bloomfield, Wisconsin. As a girl she came to a farm in the town of Baraboo, Wisconsin with her parents, where she resided until her marriage to Mr. Fred Knoop on March 22, 1898. God blessed this marriage with four children, two sons and two daughters, who reside in this community. Mr. Knoop preceded her in death on April 22, 1945.

In 1894, during the pastorate of the Rev. G. Engelmann, she gave her heart to the

for the ministry a long time ago. Among other things, I praise the Lord for a more vital understanding of the Holy Spirit; a deeper appreciation for his ministry of grace that has come to me during my Seminary days.

Church at Elk Grove

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has been God. It was he who gave the blessing. He held his protecting hands over our workmen so that no one was hurt or disabled. It was he who made friends and members willing to give liberally so that a debt of only \$13,000 remains.

The Rev. G. G. Rauser again gave us the message in the afternoon and we were richly blessed. Our Male Octet furnished us with splendid numbers at each service and we are justifiably proud of them. Our mixed choir also served us at each service.

The evening and closing service was in the nature of an evangelistic service. The Zion Baptist Church of Franklin has always been known as "a singing church." We are now the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove and we plan to continue to sing to the glory of God. Our director, Mr. Reub,

Lord and followed him in baptism. She became a member of the North Freedom Baptist Church, and here she took an active part in the mission societies. Due to a severe fall in July of 1946 she became an invalid and on Tuesday morning, March 9, she passed away in her sleep at the age of 73 years, 9 months and one day.

She is survived by one brother, Albert Zochert; four children, Reuben, Harvey, Mrs. Clara Zantow and Mrs. Rachel McIntyre; nine grandchildren and many other close relatives and friends.

North Freedom, Wisconsin
Thomas D. Lutz, Pastor.

MRS. ROSA DARGATZ
of Anaheim, California

Mrs. Rosa Dargatz, nee Peters, of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Poland on Jan. 1, 1863 and passed to her heavenly reward on March 4, 1948 at the age of 85 years, two months and three days. At the tender age of eight years she was converted and baptized by Rev. Aschendorf. In 1882 she was married to Albert Dargatz, who preceded her in death. This union was blessed with seven sons and one daughter. One son died in infancy.

In 1892 she emigrated to America and settled on a ranch near Anaheim, Calif., where she lived the remaining years of her life, and where she joined the Bethel Baptist Church. After the death of her husband in 1940 her son Leonard came to live with her. With him and his dear wife she found a pleasant home and a loving care until about six months ago when she went to her only daughter, Olga Brackman, who has always been very good to her and who tenderly cared for her during her last severe illness until she went home to her Lord whom she loved so dearly.

Our sister was a true child of God, a loving and beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother and a person beloved by all. Her memory will remain a blessing. She leaves to mourn her departure six sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one sister. The Lord bless and comfort these bereaved hearts with the blessed hope of a happy reunion in heaven. In the absence of the pastor the undersigned conducted the funeral service.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Anaheim, Calif.

O. R. Schroeder, Officiating Minister.

led us in an inspiring song service, and Mr. Neumann again took us upon the spiritual mountain top.

On Monday evening, Feb. 16, we continued our celebration by having a Youth Rally. Many fine numbers were rendered by the young people, and Mr. Rauser was again our guest speaker. At the close of the service a number of young people rededicated their lives to the Lord.

On Tuesday evening we had a fellowship dinner to which only members and their families were invited. Our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, was the toastmaster, and a delightful evening of fellowship was enjoyed.

We are indeed thankful to God that he has given us such a lovely pastor's family to lead our endeavors to serve God in this new community. Mr. Knauf worked every day along with the men on the building and showed his willingness to do everything he could to bring the building project to a successful close.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, was our first Prayer and Praise Service in the new church and we took this opportunity of again saying, "Thank you Lord."

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