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Class, Connors Ave. Church,
Detroit, Mich.
Sunday, Dec. 12 — Forest Baptist
Church, Munson, Penn.
Rev. M. L. Leuschner
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Missionary Conference, Bethel
Baptist Church, Sheboygan,
Wisconsin.
Sunday Evening, Dec. 12 — Bell-
wood, Ill.
Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Dec. 13-19 — Randolph, Minnesota.
Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist
Dec. 5-19 — First Baptist Church,
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Sunday.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The statistical table concerning our
denominational enterprise which ap-
pears on page 9 of this issue ought
to be studied carefully. The financial
picture is most encouraging with
more than two million dollars con-
tributed for all purposes. That makes
for the amazing total of an average
of \$51.69 per member. But the spiri-
tual picture is not quite so bright.
The total number of baptisms for the
year is less than last year. A slight
decrease in our denominational mem-
bership has been recorded. With
earnest resolve we ought to pray and
to strive that the year 1949 might be
a more fruitful year, especially in our
evangelistic ministry and spiritual
fervor.

IN THIS ISSUE

This number has the stamp of "Ex-
traordinary!" upon it. The sermon
by the Rev. H. Waltereit of Lehr, No.
Dak., and the article by Dr. T. W.
Bender of Rochester, N. Y., are a
spiritual feast. The centenary of the
birth of Mary Slessor is commemo-
rated with a brilliant biographical
sketch by Mrs. J. G. Benke. There
is also a deeply moving article about
a triumphant Christian witness on our
Spanish-American mission field in
Colorado. The story of the corner stone
laying exercises of the new Home
for the Aged at Bismarck is recorded
with pictures. Yes, the editor is
proud of this issue!

COMING

Christmas Sermons — Two Christ-
mas messages for inspirational read-
ing are being prepared by Dr. A. S.
Felberg of our Seminary faculty at
Rochester, N. Y., and by the Rev.
Ralph Lutter of St. Bonifacius, Minn.
Christmas in the Cameroons — The
observance of the Christmas Festival
on our several mission fields in the
Cameroons as reflected in the ex-
periences of the Christian natives and
our missionaries will be described in
several memorable articles.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

The Annual in Every Home

THE ANNUAL has become a publication event for almost every North American Baptist. The fourth volume, which will soon come from our Cleveland presses, will be eagerly awaited by more people than ever before. In its improved appearance and with its informative contents, it deserves to be in every home and in the hands of every North American Baptist.

The 1949 ANNUAL will have several "scoops" of unusual religious news value. The centenary of the birth of one of Africa's greatest missionaries, George Grenfell, who began his missionary labors with Saker in the Cameroons, will be described in a brilliant biography, prepared by Mr. Harold Gieseke and illustrated with unique pictures. This man of God, almost forgotten in missionary annals, deserves to be in the limelight of Christian attention.

Very little has been written about one of America's greatest Baptist laymen whose name is associated with cheese products, in the production of which he and his family have been engaged. The story of Mr. J. L. Kraft of Chicago, Illinois, concerning his superintendency of a Sunday School for many years, his contributions to the Green Lake Baptist Assembly and the religious use of his valuable hobby of collecting jade and precious stones, has been prepared by Miss Esther Burger, formerly of our White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio and now a director of Christian Education of the North Shore Baptist Church.

But these two articles are only the portal into an album of pictures and articles that will fascinate you. The featured sermon by Dr. William Kuhn is his personal testimony, since December 1949 will bring him to his 80th milestone. His article is entitled, "Almost Eighty Years by the Grace of God." The famous Empire Day celebrations in the Cameroons will be pictured vividly by Miss Laura E. Reddig.

There will be illustrated pages that present the ministry of the Seminary, the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, the National Young People's Union, and the Woman's Missionary Union. Special reports from our various mission fields have been included. A review of the 1948 events in our denomination will be an invaluable historical record for years to come.

In addition, there will be calendar pages for 1949, all data and statistics pertaining to our denominational enterprise, the addresses of our pastors and missionaries, inspirational poems, and about eighty pictures, some of which are almost enchantingly beautiful. The front cover picture is a picturesque farm scene, symbolizing the fact that many of our churches are in rural areas.

No intelligent North American Baptist will want to be without the ANNUAL. Every reader of good things will covet a copy for himself. Every lover of beauty will prize the volume highly. The price remains the same at fifty cents a copy. The printing of 4500 copies will probably soon be depleted. Your pastor or publication society agent can assure you of your copy or you can order directly from our Publication House. This highly prized, beautifully prepared 1949 ANNUAL is yours for the asking!

BIBLE TEXT

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."
Psalm 90:1.

The greatness of God is unsearchable. It is seen in the grandeur of his creation, as the Psalmist reminds us: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or even thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." It is contrasted graphically to the flight of human life and the passing of days.

These words are being written as a Canadian National train is carrying me swiftly along the snow-covered peaks of the Rockies with the train window affording me a panoramic view of mountainous splendor. Such a view, that catches one's breath for ecstasy, also "teaches us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." For we shall be great and kept eternally, even more than these granite mountains, when the beauty of the Lord our God is upon us and his grace has gloriously redeemed us.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Because of many urgent requests, the secretarial staff at the Forest Park headquarters has arranged for our own denominational program for the Week of Prayer to be observed from Sunday, Jan. 2, 1949 to Friday, Jan. 7, 1949. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., whose message at the Green Lake Pastoral Conference was received with such a warm response by our ministers, was appointed to prepare this material.

The program with pointed suggestions to the pastors and with prayer objectives will appear on Dec. 15. It is a superb Bible study on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, combining spiritual meditation with prayer reflection and missionary review. It will certainly prove to be a great blessing to all of our churches observing this week. Await the article prayerfully. Use it in your churches. Open your heart to its stirring truths.

UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

Bible Sunday, which falls this year on December 12, sponsored by the American Bible Society, is now universally observed by churches of all denominations and in many countries of the world. The literature distributed by the Bible Society assists the pastors in presenting the challenge of Bible distribution to their congregations. The suggested program of Bible readings from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas has also proved to be a great incentive to the reading of God's Word by hundreds of thousands of people.

Enough and to Spare!

A Sermon on the All-sufficient
Grace of God

By the Rev. H. WALTEREIT of
Lehr, North Dakota

"My grace is sufficient for thee"
(2 Cor. 12:9.)

TAKE THE WORD or thought of "grace" out of human relationships, and you would not greatly change the world. But remove grace from the Christian religion, from the relationship between God and man, and it will change everything.

Men talk about grace, but, as a rule, they know very little about it, and practice it even less. We may have a few days "grace" when a note comes due, but that is not grace at all. It serves to illustrate man's idea of it generally. How different in our relationship with God! Peter calls God "the God of all grace". And as such, he bestows it freely, as a gift.

THE FOUNTAIN OF GRACE

It is the most wonderful fact about grace, that in its very nature, and coming from God through Jesus Christ, it is a free gift. "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:3, 4). Paul wrote fourteen epistles, and every one of them is closed with a prayer for grace.

For thousands of years, God has been trying to teach the world this great and glorious truth — that he wants to deal with man in love and in grace. It runs right through the Bible; all along you will find this stream of grace flowing. The very last promise in the closing chapter of Revelation, like the first promise in Eden, is a promise of grace: "Whoso-



The Woman of Samaria Experienced the Marvelous Grace of God and Then Left Her Water-pot and Went Her Way Into the City and Said to the People: "Come, see! Is not this the Christ?" (John 4:28-29)

ever will, let him take the water of life freely." So the whole revelation of God, and the whole history of man is encircled with grace, grace that comes right from the very heart of God.

"By the grace of God I am what I am." This is the believer's eternal confession. Grace found him a rebel; it leaves him a son. No sinner would ever have sought his God but "by grace". Saul of Tarsus would have lived and died as the haughty, self-righteous persecutor had not grace laid him low. The thief on the cross would have continued breathing out his blasphemies had not grace arrested his tongue and tuned it for glory.

SUFFICIENT FOR WHAT?

God's grace is all-sufficient for our redemption. It belongs to the very foundation of our faith that we are saved, not because of any merit or worthiness on our part, but through the undeserved favor and mercy of God. No one else will receive grace but he who is ready to accept it as all-sufficient.

Someone has said: "If you come to God as a prince, you go away as a beggar; if you come as a beggar, you go away as a prince." "By grace are ye saved, not of works . . .", and in Romans 11:6 Paul says: "And if by grace, then is it no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace; otherwise work is no more work."

The New Testament brings us instance after instance in proof of the same fact, that grace is undeserved

favor, fully sufficient for our redemption—Pharisee and Publican in the temple; the Syrophenician woman and her sick daughter; the Roman centurion and his sick servant; the sinful woman coming to Christ in Simon's house. In every case, Christ's actions were all of grace, but not because of any worthiness.

This grace is also all-sufficient for living. Many professed Christians have no spiritual power, bear no testimony for Christ, and are unable to do personal work or to comfort others. Many practically limit the grace of God. What we need, more than anything else, is more grace in our lives, in our business affairs, in our homes, in our daily walk and conversation. Many live on stale manna, on their past experiences. It is a sure sign that we are out of communion with God if we are talking more of the joy and peace and power which we had in the past, than of what we have today.

A DAILY SUPPLY

The Israelites used to gather the manna fresh every day. They were not allowed to store it up. Likewise if we would be strong and vigorous, we must go to God daily and secure grace. A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next six months. We must draw daily, and we must draw all we need, not just a little. We would not try to live on ten dollars a week, if someone deposited a million dollars in the bank in our name, and we could draw out just as we wanted it.

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The White Queen of Calabar

December 2nd marks the centenary of the birth of Mary Slessor, one of God's greatest "Heralds of the Cross" to the mission fields of Africa. "The Baptist Herald" is proud to present this wonderful account of Mary Slessor's life, prepared expressly for this centennial observance

By MRS. JOTHAN G. BENKE of Hebron, North Dakota

"BESEECH YOU therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). Paul's admonition to the Romans in this verse proved to be a living reality in the life of Mary Slessor.

In Aberdeen, Scotland, on the cold, wintry day of December 2, 1848, the second child of a family of seven was born and given the name of Mary. Shortly thereafter, her father, a shoemaker and a drunkard, losing his job, moved to Dundee, where he became a mere laborer and brought much misery and hardship to his family. The mother was a saintly soul from whom Mary derived her devotion to the church, and her passion for foreign missions — especially the Calabar Coast of Africa.

Mother Slessor thus became her daughter's tutor in religious matters and helped Mary to see the need of a living Savior in her life by instructing her in the wonderful truths of the Bible. Mary accepted Christ as her personal Savior and became an ardent worker in the church, a teacher and tract distributor. The opening of a slum mission in connection with her church gave Mary some priceless training for that which was to become her life's work. God was calling the young girl, and when the time came for her departure for Africa she was fully prepared to go.

SHADOWS OVER THE HOME

Meanwhile, her father's evil ways cast a dark shadow over the home, and many a time Mary stole, by side streets, to the pawnshop to supply the week's needs. Every Saturday brought a night of terror, and sometimes Mary was turned out of doors to wander, sobbing in darkness and misery. Often when the drunken father came home, he threw into the fire the food of which the family had deprived themselves that he might eat. They hid their shame from their friends, and Sundays saw no brighter or more faithful worshippers in church.

These terrible days became months,

and one by one the children were carried out to the church's cemetery, until only Mary, Susan, John and Janie were left. Home conditions such as these forced Mother Slessor to work in a Dundee factory. At eleven years of age, Mary, too, had to work in the mill to add to the family's meager income. During this time she attended night school and often stole time from sleep for her studies. The father's death lifted the strain somewhat, but the main support of the home rested heavily on our heroine, making her life one act of self-denial.

God disciplines his best fighters in a hard school, but never once during those trying years was the fervor of missions and the desire to be of service to God and to their fellowmen dulled in the Slessor household. In fact, this fervor became deeply rooted in the heart and life of our young missionary-to-be. Reading missionary books and magazines which told about the work in China, Africa, Japan and even Calabar, Mary one day asked herself: WHY DON'T I BECOME A MISSIONARY? The death of her two brothers, who had longed to go to the foreign mission fields, made Mary think even more seriously about this great light, which flared forth on the horizon of her soul.

FIRST EXPERIENCES IN AFRICA

In 1874, when the homegoing of David Livingstone, that great and courageous soldier for Christ was heralded around the world, Mary was twenty-six years of age. His death clinched Mary's decision to offer herself for foreign service in Calabar. In 1875 she received word of her acceptance by the mission board of the United Presbyterian Church and went to Edinburgh for her training in March, 1876. Upon leaving her home city her last words were: "Pray for me!"

Finally, on August 5, 1876, her school preparation complete, she went to Liverpool, where she boarded the "S. S. Ethiopia" and bade good-bye to her family, friends and homeland and sailed for the land of her dreams so

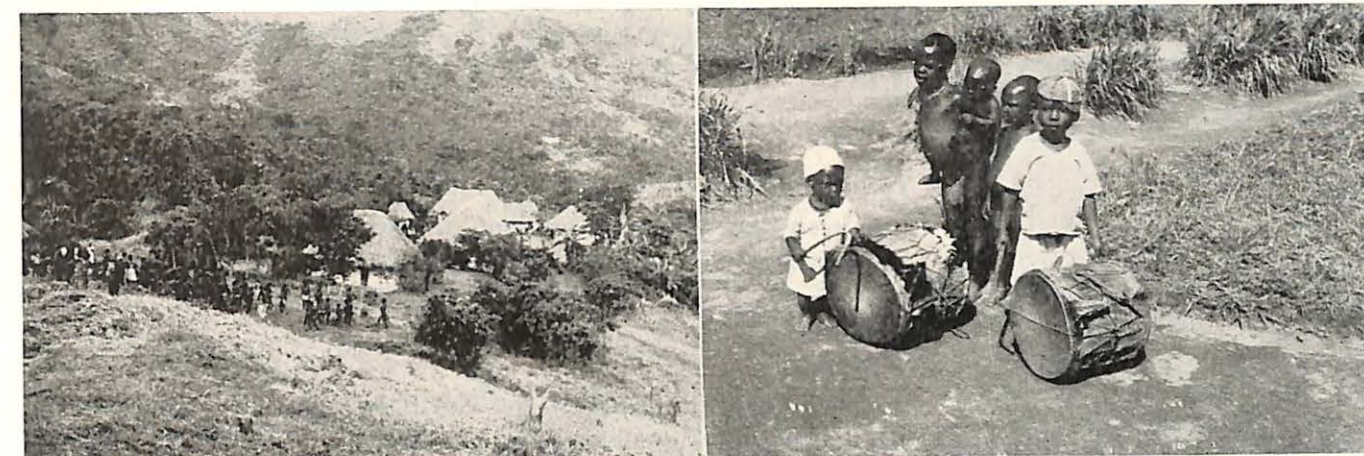
that she might bring God's Light of life into the hearts of those who were steeped in darkness and sin. Six weeks later she arrived at Duke Town, her first African home, and although the sun scorched her and the clay cliffs looked dark and foreboding and the mud dwellings of the natives not very inviting, to our young and fully dedicated missionary it was the grandest sight she had ever seen.

The mission home was high on a hill just above the town and there Mary was joyously greeted by two pioneer missionaries of her church, "Daddy and Mammy Anderson," as they were called. Mary enthusiastically assumed her new duties and before long had won the confidence of native hearts by her tireless and sacrificial spirit. She quickly mastered their intricate tongue and was able to teach her little black scholars in their own language. She visited the dirtiest huts and nursed loathsome diseases.

Often she took trips to the outlying stations. These trips were always accompanied with many hazards and unknown dangers which lurked in the dense jungles. Tiring marches through the bush, hill-climbing, jumping over fallen trees, wading deep streams and enduring drenching rains, even tornadoes, were of little concern to Mary, for uppermost in her thoughts was the longing and desire to tell the story of Jesus to these enslaved people. Mary was also determined to have the terrible custom of twin murder abolished, and many a time the mission compound swarmed with babies — twins snatched from would-be murderers' hands, who were not allowed to live because the father of one of the children must be an evil spirit and the mother was guilty of sin.

THE GOSPEL'S POWER

Mary went about her many and varied tasks unceasingly for three years, often plagued with attacks of ague and fever which left her semi-conscious. At such times she felt drained of all her enthusiasm and zeal, but through the medium of prayer found renewed strength, sup-



Natives of Lus in the Interior of the Cameroons of Africa Dancing Wildly for Joy After a Conference (Left) in a Scene That Must Be Strikingly Similar to That Witnessed by Mary Slessor at Calabar; and Several Mbem Children (Right) Playing With the Drums Before the Church Service

ported by her deep faith in God. A duly earned furlough was granted her at this time so that she might regain her health, but she used it as a means to meet with the mission committee to plead with them to send her farther into the interior of her beloved Calabar.

Thus in October, 1880, she returned to take charge of "Old Town" and its surrounding territory, among a people whose vileness suggested Satan's seat itself. Here she lived as the natives, eating their food and allowing herself no luxury so that she might send home most of her meager salary for her mother's support. Her absorption in her work made her indifferent to any personal comfort. The people were strangely attracted to her and she would stand behind her pulpit, which was a table with a white cloth upon it, and teach and tell of the love of Christ to her uneducated but earnest listeners. Gradually her patient, self-sacrificing toil had its reward in changed lives and improved behavior, but to change age-long conventions seemed impossible.

Nevertheless, Mary continued her war on these incredulous heathen practices. She began making trips farther up the river using these occasions for nursing the sick, and teaching the women how to make clothing, thereby, winning the love and confidence of the natives. She became known as "Ma" throughout the entire Calabar region. Once again her fever returned even more violently than before and she returned to Great Britain. As she gradually regained her health, she began to plead her cause in public meetings and won many friends for the work which was so dear to her heart.

Shortly before her return to the mission field, her sister died and, not long after her arrival in Calabar, word came to her that her mother had also passed away. Words cannot express the sorrow and loneliness

which Mary felt at this time, but again, she sought new strength and guidance to carry on the work by communing with her heavenly Father. She found comfort in Jesus' promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth." All human ties were severed now, and Mary lived only for her Savior.

Throughout her childhood Mary had prayed that she might be sent to Calabar as a missionary, and this dream through prayer had been fulfilled. She had another dream—that of being granted permission to carry the gospel to Okoyong, far into the interior, a field hitherto thought too dangerous. Other missionaries had tried to break through but always had been forced to flee for their lives, because of the cruelty and lawlessness of the tribesmen.

A DEVOTED LIFE FOR CHRIST

In 1888 this vision became a reality and Mary set out to conquer Okoyong, despite the warnings of her friends that she would be killed. She was forty years old now and knew that the journey would not be an easy one with her five adopted children, but her heart was filled with courage and hope and an overwhelming love for the heathen. She also knew that whatever might befall her, through Christ who loved her so that he gave himself for her salvation, she would succeed!

Mary and her little adopted family arrived at their destination safely after overcoming various obstacles and difficulties. She accepted the invitation of the chief to share the native quarters with his wives, slaves, and children, not to mention the cows, cats, rats and cockroaches! Here, in Okoyong Mary did her greatest work — overcoming unspeakable vileness, superstition, the habit of liquor and intense hatred. She wrote, "Had I not felt my Savior beside me I should have lost my reason." In this place where Christ had been un-

known only a short time ago, Mary erected the first church, laboring as her own architect and builder.

Mary Slessor felt the urge to advance even further inland, and the mission board, recognizing her peculiar greatness, granted her permission to do pioneer work. This she did without any other charge to the mission treasury than her own small salary. She had made many friends among government officials and they generously supported the work. Throughout this entire period there wasn't a day that Mary didn't endure pain and an ever increasing weakness accompanied by her feverish attacks, but she continued faithfully in the work until her illness forced her down in her home, far from any white help.

Partial recovery followed and during this time her thoughts were much of heaven and her eternal home. She wrote, "Don't talk about the cold hand of death; it is the hand of Christ." She suffered a relapse shortly thereafter and went longingly to her eternal reward at dawn on January 13, 1915. Her mortal remains were taken to Duke Town for a memorial service and then gently covered with African soil by those whom she loved and for whom she had given her life.

Mary Slessor became known as the White Queen of Calabar and, truly, was a queen in every sense of the word. "Strange, however, this record of royalty. The roads of this queen's kingdom were the swift and sullen rivers that flowed among the gloomy swamps. Her palace was a mud hut where rats scampered in the night. Her subjects were dark-skinned natives whose hostile hearts could be conquered only by the two-edged sword of the Gospel — the sharp sword that cuts deep. Mary Slessor did not wear a crown — but she had a promise from her King: 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life' . . ."

—Eva Luoma Photo
"In the beginning God." The Christian
Deviant asserts that Scripture alone gives
us the WHO and the WHY of the world
and of our own lives

THE ACTUAL SPHERE of deviation from the ordinary ways of the world may be in business, social life, school or the factory. The Christian's "uniqueness" ought to be in evidence wherever the duties and experiences of life take him. One of these spheres, especially for students, is the realm of thought. I shall limit myself to the Christian Deviant as he finds himself in the world of contemporary thinking.

One of the assertions of the Christian Deviant in contemporary thought might be put into the declaration that "Scripture surpasses science."

The conflict and tension between religion and science has not been in the spotlight in recent years. Theological liberalism especially endeavored to resolve the tension by accepting the assumption of science almost too eagerly while relinquishing the reliability of the Scriptures just as readily. This is not the time to enter into this discussion at great length. Enough to say that there is today a new interest in this traditional conflict.

Today we are witnessing a new interest in the Bible. Religious education programs are becoming more Bible-centered than they have been for some years. The fruits of humanism and rationalism have proven inadequate to provide man with the spiritual resources needed to cope with today's problems. The fruits of science, too, are being weighed more critically.

tion in the midst of much relativity. The Scriptures do provide us with a purposive interpretation of the universe. In the words of W. T. Stace, renowned professor at Princeton University: "Religion can get on with any sort of astronomy, geology, biology, physics. But it cannot get on with a purposeless and meaningless universe." Even theological liberalism must break with the assumptions of science when the latter are atheistic, making no room for God as the directing Mind of a purposive creation.

The issue, then, between science and religion is that of atheism versus theism; rationalism against revelation; materialism opposed to the supernatural; blind determinism over against divine providence. This is a much greater issue than the date of creation or similar questions.

The Christian Deviant asserts that Scripture supercedes science; that revelation has a greater outreach to the answers of the riddles of existence than does reason. Scripture alone gives us the **Who** and the **Why** of the world and of our own lives. This supercedes the **How** and the

Secondly, the Christian Deviant asserts that "the Decalogue Precludes Dialog." To put it simply: the Christian rejects all suggestions that ethics and morality are relative. Ethical and moral relativity are by-products of a materialistic, purposeless conception of the universe.

In a day of freedom from authority and devotion to the tentative, the Christian Deviant asserts and accepts the authoritativeness and finality of God's moral Word.

The Christian Deviant also asserts that "Grace is Greater than Grit." Modern philosophy, by and large, has lost the ancient problem of evil with which previous thinkers were much occupied. A purposeless, atheistic universe cannot have any evil since there is no moral law. But the Christian believes in the reality of sin.

Looking into the world the Christian sees in sin the explanation for all that is wrong. The problem here is not that religion is losing the race with science, as humanity seems hell-bent for destruction, but that science has no cure for sin either to save itself from destructive ends or to save the world. Man will never save himself by reason, skill or sheer determination. No amount of education or culture can save him from evil. As Weatherhead has expressed it: "No modernism, no culture, no act of Parliament, no education, no scientific discovery, no outward influence will override the fact of original sin or blunt the fact of its pull."

The Christian Deviant sees Calvary as more powerful than any campus; and the redeeming work of Christ as more fruitful than the zealous effort of every college. Grace is Greater than Grit!

Sometimes we like to sing, "Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray," stressing that all our concern is "Just for Today." Actually we must be concerned about tomorrow. Today has significance only as related to the great Tomorrow. It is Tomorrow that must furnish the pull for each Today.

History and life are teleological and eschatological. By that we mean that all history and every human life move toward an appointed end. Whatever the moment brings serves the end. The primitive Christians were more alert to this truth than we moderns seem to be. James Moffat reminds us: "Primitive Christians did not only believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, but in a transcendent God Who made history."

Royce profoundly suggested that "were there no longing in Time, there would be no peace in Eternity." The hope and the triumph of Tomorrow furnish the nurture for Today's striving. The glory and the certainty of God's Tomorrow furnish the sense of

The Christian Deviant is not ashamed to place the claims of Tomorrow above the worldly interests of Today. He is ready to stake everything on Tomorrow. He is willing to be poor Today so as to be found rich Tomorrow; to be despised Today so as to be honored Tomorrow. Tomorrow Precedes Today!

You cannot meditate upon the Lord's intercessory prayer without being deeply moved. What tenderness, what concern! What clear-cut statements about the Christians' relation to their Savior, to one another, and to the world. His disciples are those who have been set apart from the world through the Truth of God's Word. They are those who are to be with him in eternal glory and blessedness. They are those for whom he is praying today in his ministry of intercession.

To be like Jesus means to be at odds with the world. It means to reject as "nonsensical, unreal, untenable or downright wrong" much that the world offers. The Christian listens to another drummer. He marches out of step, a Deviant!

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You will remember the story of the widow who was told by Elisha to borrow all the vessels she could, with the command: "Borrow not a few." She took him at his word, and all the vessels were filled with oil. Then he said to her, "Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt; and live thou and thy children off the rest." That is grace for the present, and for the future.

There is grace enough not only to cover all our sins, but to carry us right into glory. We all need to pray this old prayer: "God give us grace to see our need of grace; give us grace to ask for grace; give us grace to receive grace; give us grace to use the grace we have received."

This grace is all-sufficient for service. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:11-14). Here

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Faithful Even Unto Death

By Missionary C. L. Young
of Monte Vista, Colorado



Rae Espinoza Being Baptized by Missionary J. J. Reimer in July 1946

RAE ESPINOZA, formerly of Villa Grove, Colorado, passed away in the Rocky Ford Hospital recently as a result of burns received when a can of kerosene exploded.

The Espinoza family moved to Fowler, Colo., in the Spring of 1947 to work in the vegetable fields of that district. On the morning of Sept. 14, 1948 Rae, the sixteen year old daughter, arose and started a fire in the kitchen stove to get breakfast. She then went out into an adjoining room to dress. While dressing the family heard her singing the well known old hymn, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." No doubt, she little realized that the Lord was going to call her to himself that very day.

Upon returning to the kitchen she apparently thought that the fire in the stove had gone out or was not making sufficient progress, so she proceeded to pour some kerosene on it. The oil in the can from which she poured exploded, spraying her body and also the walls and ceiling with oil, which ignited immediately.

She called to her mother for help, and then, in excitement and pain, ran into the yard. The mother and Virginia Jimenez, a niece, smothered with bed covers the flames coming from the oil-soaked clothing. A neighbor rushed Rae to the Rocky Ford Hospital. Other members of the family returned to the house to battle the flames which engulfed the kitchen. A passing truck driver ran in with a fire extinguisher which he carried for safety purposes, and soon the fire was out.

Rae lived only ten hours after the accident. During this time she was cheerful and never showed signs of complaining or fear of death. She prayed a great deal of the time — sometimes in English and sometimes in Spanish — and exhorted her rela-

tives to prepare to meet God and to live right. She said if she had any enemies, they were forgiven, and that if anyone had anything against her, she hoped they would forgive.

She told some of the relatives it was bad to burn in this life, but much worse to burn after this life. She told an aunt to be sure to notify Brother Young of the accident and tell him to pray for her. She was a member of the Spanish Baptist Church of Saguache. Mr. Young, missionary pastor of this church, went by car and assisted in the funeral

NOTICE CONCERNING CLOTHING FOR SPANISH - AMERICANS

We are profoundly grateful to the missionary-minded churches which have graciously sent boxes of clothing for our Spanish-American people in Colorado. At present we have a sufficient supply both of used clothing and White Cross material. Therefore we suggest that you do not send more until further notice.

During these times of prosperity the Mexican men are working, so we are giving out these supplies only in cases of sickness or where there is a need arising from an unusual condition. We do not want the people to seek the Gospel for the "loaves and fishes."

While the need is still so great in Europe, we suggest that the clothing be sent there and the White Cross material to Europe and Africa.

Missionary C. L. Young.

The Story of the Triumph of Rae Espinoza on the Spanish- American Mission Field of Colorado

services which were held at La Junta, Colorado.

The Espinoza family did good work on the farm and were well thought of in the Fowler community. After the accident had occurred, three neighbors (two Americans and a Spanish) circulated a petition in the community and also among the businessmen of Fowler and raised over \$250 for the grief-stricken family. This was enough to cover all burial expenses.

Rae Espinoza is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lillie Espinoza; two brothers, Benjamin and Antonio, Jr.; and a large number of relatives and friends. Mr. Espinoza, the father, passed away about four months ago.

Rae and her mother accepted Christ as Savior about two and a half years ago, and they were baptized by Missionary J. J. Reimer. A few months later Benjamin, now eighteen, also gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized by Mr. Reimer. The father, although sympathetic to the Gospel, did not yield to the Lord until about a month before his death.

When the Espinoza family lived in Villa Grove, someone went each week from Saguache (18 miles distance) and conducted a service, which was usually held in their home. From twenty-five to thirty-five persons would assemble to hear the Gospel and to sing hymns. In the winter of 1947 we had a three-months Bible School for Spanish-speaking young people who lived in or near Saguache. Rae attended and was an outstanding student and had an unusual insight into the Word, especially for one of her age. Her cousin said she never seemed interested in the things of the world after that Bible School.

Why the Lord called this unusually bright and promising Christian girl, in the flower of youth, we do not understand now, but we know that "he doeth all things well," and that Romans 8:28 never fails.

The New Bismarck Home for the Aged

A Sketch of the History of the Dakota Conference Home and a Report of
the Cornerstone Laying Exercises at Bismarck, North Dakota
by the REV. EDWARD KARY, Secretary of the Board of Directors

IN BISMARCK, North Dakota the new Baptist Home for the Aged is rapidly nearing completion. Barring any unforeseen interference, we expect to be permanently settled in it by the beginning of 1949.

Looking back over the last nine years to the beginning of the Old People's Home Society, we cannot but feel God's guidance and blessing in its marvelous development up to the present time.

In the summer of 1939 at the Dakota Conference held in Emery, South Dakota, a committee was appointed whose duty it was to explore the possibilities of starting an Old People's Home as a Dakota Conference project. This committee immediately went into action. On September 22nd of the same year a public meeting was called which was attended by 55 brethren. Here the formal organization took place which was to be known as the Baptist Old People's Home Society of the Dakota Conference.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors was elected consisting of G. W. Rutsch, chairman; E. Broeckel, vice-chairman; and Karl Gieser, secretary-treasurer. Other members of the Board were the Messrs. P. F. Schilling, A. W. Meidinger and A. F. Lehr.

On the 15th of August, 1940 the Board bought the home of Dr. F. B. Strauss at 223 First Street, Bismarck, North Dakota at the cost of \$9,500.

On October 15, 1940 this house was formally dedicated as the Old People's Home and thus a dream of many years became a reality! Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser became the first superintendent and matron, and into their care the aged people were entrusted.

The Home was an immediate success because it fulfilled a long standing need. The people rallied to its support with money and other gifts. It soon became over-crowded and additions had to be made from time to time.

Eventually we were forced to make plans for a new Home. The Board took steps to make this a reality. Rev. Karl Gieser spared no effort in the gathering of funds and in the perfecting of plans. War conditions caused a delay in the building plans but in the summer of 1947 the Board felt that we could delay no longer.

A Building Committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. A. F. Lehr, Rev. E. Kary and Mr. E. Stohler. Late in 1947 the actual construction began.

CORNER STONE LAYING

On October 12, 1948 a public cornerstone-laying service was held. Rev. Walter Stein opened the service by leading the audience in the singing of old familiar songs. Rev. A. Fischer read Scripture and Rev. H. Hirsch led in prayer. Rev. J. Benke, the president of the Board, greeted the audience and led the service. A brief historical sketch of the Home was

read by Rev. E. Kary, the secretary, followed by a brief message by the new superintendent, Rev. R. Sigmund.

Then Dr. M. L. Leuschner brought the dedicatory message. Rev. J. Kepl spoke the dedicatory prayer. The box with several historical documents was then sealed into the wall by Mr. Sigmund and the stone was put in place. Mr. Leuschner was busily engaged taking pictures of this historic event which will be shown throughout the denomination. Rev. E. Broeckel spoke the benediction.

The new Home will be completely modern and fireproof. It has concrete partition walls and the outer walls are of brick and tile. It will have an all-automatic elevator and other modern conveniences. The building, 149 feet long and 40 feet wide, will house 80 elderly guests as well as the workers.

GOD'S LABORERS

Many have worked and given sacrificially to bring us to this stage. Some who desired so much to see this day have gone to their heavenly reward. Among these is Rev. Karl Gieser, our first superintendent, who with Mrs. Gieser served the Home for five years and worked untiringly in its behalf. Mr. Gieser also served one year as promotional director and collector and he was a Board member at the time of his death.

For two and one-half years Rev. (Continued on Page 17)



Ministers of the Dakota Conference Churches (Right) in Attendance at the Cornerstone Laying Exercises of the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, North Dakota; and Officials of the Home (Left) With the Contractor Following the Ceremony. Left to Right: Rev. J. G. Benke, President; Rev. R. A. Klein, Promotional Director; Rev. R. Sigmund Superintendent; Rev. Edward Kary, Secretary; and the Building Contractor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Since Sept. 21 the Rev. Roger Schmidt, a 1949 graduate of our Rochester Seminary, has been studying at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He is studying towards a Bachelor of Music degree which he hopes to receive in two years. Mr. Schmidt is also directing the student chorus at the Seminary and is in charge of musical activities. He was a member of the 1946 Seminary quartet which also participated in the General Conference sessions at Tacoma, Wash.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta recently observed "Homecoming Sunday" with members of the church responding to the roll call with Bible verses, testimonies or by letter, if unable to be present. A dinner, served in the church basement following the service, added to the joys of Christian fellowship. On the following Sunday the choirs of the church rendered their annual program under the direction of their capable leaders, the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 26, the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia held a farewell program for its 10 young people who left for various Bible Schools and for Mr. Chris Weintz, who is a second year student at our Rochester Seminary. The Rev. A. Kujath, pastor, spoke a few words in behalf of the church, wishing the young people God's blessing in their studies. The young people, leaving as students, also brought their testimonies at this impressive program, reported by Miss Elsie Kraemer, secretary.

● The Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Minneapolis, Minn., recently the interim pastor of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, will serve as dean of the Red River Valley Bible School from Jan. 3 to March 25, 1949 to be held at Three River Falls, Minn. The school of two-week periods is sponsored by the Baptist Churches of the Red River Valley. After March, Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder hope to move to Lodi, California where they will be active in the Temple Baptist Church, of which several of their children are already members.

● Mr. Melvin Wipf, son of the Rev. D. S. Wipf of Emery, So. Dak., and Janette Hurd of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.,

were united in marriage at the Emery Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, October 23, by Mr. Wipf. After the ceremony, friends and relatives gathered in the church dining rooms where a wedding supper was served to about 100 guests. A program consisting of musical numbers and a message by the Rev. D. Wessman, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, was carried out between courses. After a short wedding trip to the Twin Cities, the couple made their home in Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

● On Oct. 15, Miss Naomi Wuttke, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. W. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif., and Mr. Edward Neher of Elk Grove, Calif., were married with the Rev. W. W. Knauf of the Elk Grove Church officiating. Miss Alice Stuermer of Tacoma, Wash., sang "The Wedding Prayer" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Frieda Stuermer at the piano, both of whom made the special trip to Sacramento for the ceremony. Mrs. Neher is pianist of the Sunday School, the Junior Department and of the Men's Octet. Mr. and Mrs. Neher are residing in their home at Elk Grove across the street from the Baptist Church.

● The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Wausau, Wisconsin was the winner in a contest of 6 weeks with the Baptist Sunday School in Waupaca, Wis., 60 miles away. The prize of a large church clock was given to the Wausau Sunday School. From Oct. 25 to 31 Dr. H. Framer Smith of Flourtown, Pa., brought Bible expositions followed by the Rev. Earl Johnston, a graduate of Bob Jones College, with services for another week. On Sept. 29 the church held a fellowship banquet with 150 people present at which pledges and gifts of almost \$5,000 were received toward the church's indebtedness of \$15,000. The Rev. Lawrence Wegner is pastor of the church.

● Miss Frieda Becker, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Becker of Olympia, Wash., who was a member of the Bismarck Baptist church of Bismarck, No. Dak., was brutally slain by "a rock killer" on Sept. 21 and her body left in the brush on the Fort Lewis military reservation. Miss Becker had gone west with her parents who

had been working at Fort Lewis, Wash. Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church of Olympia with the Rev. Henry S. Rahn officiating. She was born in Beulah, No. Dak., on April 21, 1917. The Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck, No. Dak., provided "The Baptist Herald" with the news concerning Miss Becker's tragic death.

● From Sept. 22 to Oct. 10 the Rev. John Walkup, executive secretary for the National Association of Evangelicals for the Upper-Midwest area, was the evangelist for two weeks of special meetings held at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, No. Dak. The ministry in song and word by Mr. Walkup was greatly appreciated by the entire community and the church was spiritually revitalized. Several persons accepted Christ during the meetings. A baptismal service is being planned for the near future. On October 17 the church held its Harvest and Mission Festival with the Rev. Alex Sootzman of McLaughlin, So. Dak., as the guest speaker. The total offerings for the day amounted to \$1346.38. The church is planning the enlargement of its present facilities in the Spring of 1949.

● The Pilgrim Church of Jersey City N. J., held a reception for its new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wm. Cook, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 5. The Rev. Lester Schoen, who had served as interim pastor for 18 months, was in charge of the program. Messages of welcome were brought by the Reverends Herman Kuhl of Union City, N. J., John Schmidt and A. Husmann of New York City, L. C. Beers, Leonard Sibley and Edward Kohler of nearby Jersey City churches, Herbert Freeman of West New York, N. J., J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., for the North American Baptist General Conference, and Mr. Gordon Moore for the local church. Mr. Cook is a graduate of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa. He has been serving as pastor of the Pilgrim Church since July 1948.

● Special meetings were held by the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., from Oct. 24 to 31 with the Rev. W. Douglas Roe, president of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, Philadelphia, Pa., bringing the messages and Mr. J.

Stratton Shufelt of Chicago, Ill., serving as soloist and song leader. The church is publishing an informative weekly paper, "Bethel News", which is ably edited by the pastor, Rev. J. Lester Harnish. On Sunday evening, Oct. 17, the newly formed Sunday evening choir of 27 young people made its initial appearance under the direction of Mr. Elmer Wengel. On Wednesday evening, Oct. 20, and on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 21, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, spoke and showed denominational and missionary pictures at the midweek service of the church and at the monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held a reception for its first pastor, Rev. Arthur Weisser, and his family in the auditorium of the nearby High School on Sunday evening, Oct. 10, with about 800 people in attendance. Dr. A. J. Harms, the interim pastor for six weeks, was in charge. Greetings were extended by the Reverends W. W. Knauf for the California Association, G. G. Rauser for the Pacific Conference, and A. R. Boone for the Lodi Ministerial Association. The mayor of Lodi, the honorable Ritlo Rinn, spoke for the community. Six members of the Temple Church extended the church's warm welcome, and the choir of 30 voices, directed by Mr. C. R. Lohr expressed their welcome in song. Mr. and Mrs. Weisser and their family have also moved into the new six room parsonage adjoining the church which was built at a cost of about \$12,000. On Sunday, Oct. 31, the guest speakers at the services were the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, who will later move to Lodi and teach the Adult Bible Class, and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

The Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee has received authorization for an extensive immigration assistance program. The Rev. Fred C. Schatz of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has been appointed to assist prospective immigrants in Germany. An immigration director with offices in Washington, D. C., will also soon be appointed. These workers will concern themselves with prospective Volksdeutsche immigrants as well as displaced persons.

We are participating in the immigration program of the Baptist World Alliance, so that the facilities of the Alliance will be fully available to us. Please direct all your inquiries and correspondence to North American Baptist Headquarters, P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Our Return to the Cameroons

By the REV. and MRS. EDWIN MICHELSON
Cameroons' Missionaries

A YEAR AGO in July we arrived at La Guardia Field in New York City from Soppo in the Cameroons. The time has now come for our return to the vineyard of our Lord in West Africa that has become our home.

It was our happy experience to bring our children, Paul and Judith, home to America to show them the many new things here and, even more, to introduce them personally to our friends and family. A year goes by so quickly.

We have said farewell to friends and family here in America to go back to our African friends. Paul remembers Soppo and Africa. He was quite anxious to return. "I want to go to Soppo" was heard from him quite regularly. The Lord willing, we shall soon be there.

We expect to sail by way of Europe. Passages are still extremely difficult to obtain. Although passage that was

once so certain has now a doubtful shade, we go in confidence that the many prayers of our friends at home and abroad will be heard.

We return happy in the call that God has given us, even if it means we must again drink boiled water and sleep on hard beds. Tasteless food which lacks nourishment will be on our tables, except when we treat ourselves to American-tinned food. Overwork is the lot of every missionary on the field. There are no office hours. And yet because it is the Lord's will, we are returning.

Coming to America has had its joys and disappointments. The great materialism of the American people is striking. The war has taught them no good lesson. But to see the genuine mission passion of our North American Baptists from coast to coast, from Mexico into Canada, is a joy to every missionary.

Our people have asked us thousands of questions about the Lord's work in the Cameroons which show their background and love for that work. In every church we have heard the promise of support in the future.

We have had the privilege of visiting many of our churches and meeting many of our people. The story is always the same. Though the way may be dark and many times uncertain, the memory of warm hand-clasps and encouraging smiles will help us onward. Thus, above all there is the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Lo, I am with you always."

VOYAGE TO AFRICA

The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson left New York City on October 15th on the "S. S. Nieuw Amsterdam" bound for Liverpool, England. There they hoped to make arrangements for their continued voyage to the Cameroons of Africa on some freighter making their arrival at Soppo about the end of November.



The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Anamoose, North Dakota, Cameroons' Missionaries, and Their Children, Judith Ann and Paul Edwin.



—Photo by Herman Siemund
Forests of Trees Can Be Seen on the Way to Paradise Valley on the Slopes of Mount Rainier, Washington.

Cloud Across the Sun

A Novel by G. FRANKLIN ALLEE

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SYNOPSIS

Larry Brantwell, a famous radio announcer and singer, was told by the doctor that he was through with his radio career because of a bad throat condition. All that the doctor could further suggest was to get out-of-doors, to go logging in the Northwest country. It wasn't long before Larry was on his way to the white-capped Olympics in Washington to begin life all over again at Camp One, of which Big Jim Rand, a bold, dynamic leader, was foreman. He soon made friends with the men and went to church at Grace Chapel in nearby Sheldon because of the recommendation of a waitress. At the lumber camp a new man named Barnes began to look for trouble with Big Jim. Larry noticed it, and one day as they walked toward the store he asked the foreman, "How long have you worked in the woods, Jim?"

CHAPTER FIVE

"Going onto ten years. I started in as a whistle punk when I was sixteen. My dad was a high climber, and he was killed when a tree he had just topped, split and squeezed the life out of him. You know how it is, don't you? When the high climber cuts the top off, up there about a hundred and eighty feet from the ground, sometimes the tree splits and tightens up on his safety rope, and unless he can slip it, he's apt to have the life squeezed out of him before help can reach him. That's what happened to Dad. I was the oldest of

four boys, so there wasn't anything to do but get out and work. Mother never was very well, so I had a lot of the housework to do, too. Mom passed away last year."

This was more than Larry had ever heard the foreman reveal of his own affairs, and it was also the longest speech he had known him to make. He went on.

"It kept me busy looking after Mother and helping the boys finish their schooling. That was something I didn't get," Rand said.

Larry took note of the disappointment which had crept into Jim's voice, and said, "Schooling is a fine thing, all right, but the majority of those who have it don't use it to any great success, while a great many without very much education succeed remarkably well."

"That may be so, but you fellows who have a good education don't know what it is to be scared to open your mouth when educated people are around."

"I don't suppose—" Larry began. But Rand cut him off, apparently without noticing. His words came slowly and regularly, with a toneless quality, as though they had been rehearsed and memorized for this occasion.

"I've thought my words through, when I knew I was going to a conference with some employer on behalf of our union, and I'd think I surely would be able to say the right thing in the right way. But when the time would come and I was there in their office, and I knew they were so much better educated and so much smarter than me, I'd get scared stiff. The cold sweat would come out on me. My heart would pound till I was sure they could hear it and know how scared I was. Lots of times it was so bad that my voice would quiver, so to cover it up I'd talk loud and hard. Instead of having tact and being diplomatic, I'd bluster and blow like an old wind-jammer. Then when I got away alone I would get so mad at myself that I'd want to go jump in the river."

"But, Jim," Larry said, taking out his penknife and cutting off a tall fern while he sought for suitable words with which to set the big fellow at ease in his presence, "you shouldn't feel afraid of a man just because he has more money or has had more schooling than you. Those things aren't so important among real men. You have as fine a personality as anyone I've met, and you can take your place with anyone in any place.

A man's a man, regardless of education or position."

"It's easy to think that, and I often reason that way. But even when I do, I know that the next time it will be the same way. It's no use. A fellow can't win out on this kind of thing."

Larry opened his mouth to speak, but Jim, who seemed suddenly embarrassed because he had revealed his feelings, turned away as he said something about seeing the falling crews about tomorrow's work. His words had been a revelation to Larry—like the opening of a door into a room long closed. Now many things were clear that had been obscure. He saw the logging boss in the light of a new perspective, and with the knowledge there came a strong desire to help the man, whose character he was coming to admire and respect more and more.

They were on their way back toward Sheldon, driving along the narrow road that lay between the walls of green, like a swath cut through a field of grain, when Reese asked, "What's your impression of Jim Rand?"

"I like him a lot. I believe he is a man of real character. But he has a psychological handicap that causes him to be misunderstood by most people, particularly by those higher up the social ladder."

"A handicap?"

"The psychologists call it an inferiority complex, but I never thought that term fit the malady very well," Larry said.

Reese laughed softly, amusement evident in his voice as he said, "That's a new one! A tough egg like Rand with an inferiority complex! You haven't heard him talk up to an employer, or group of employers, yet."

"Nor have you been an employee working under him as a foreman."

"No, I haven't," Reese said slowly and meditatively as he slowed the machine behind a big truck. When they were safely past it he added, "But that is a new angle anyway. Maybe you have something there. Could be that bulldogging technique is nothing but a cover-up for his feeling of inferiority."

"Quite possible," Larry replied. "Anyway I'm appointing myself as his consulting psychologist—without his knowledge, of course."

"A worthy endeavor. Let me know what progress you make," Reese said.

As they drove slowly along toward town, the young lumberman tried to lead Larry out to talk about himself and his future plans. Failing in this, he finally came directly to the point: "Think you'll stay in this logging game any length of time?"

"It looks as though I might, provided I can continue to find an indulgent employer."

"Tain't the way I he'd it," Reese said, quoting a worn-out phrase borrowed from a current radio program. "You can stay with our outfit as long as you want to—that is, if we can keep going."

"Thank you. Economic security has always been one of my dreams. It really feels good to know I've found it."

Reese laughed and said, "You'll find yourself shifted around from one job to another when you get back out there again. I want you to learn the entire business. You're too intelligent a man to be kept out there on the end of that choker line. In fact, I may have you down to my office for a couple of weeks soon, so you can get our angle of the business."

"You'll live to regret your hasty decision in this," Larry said. "I can see it in the crystal."

"Might be. But I may have an ulterior motive back of all my apparent magnanimity. I may need you higher up, and soon."

The lights of the town loomed suddenly before them, as Larry wondered at the veiled intimation behind the words. As they parked in front of the hotel, Reese said, "I'm staying over at your hotel tonight. Got to go out to the camps again tomorrow."

They were lingering over their coffee. Sam had just completed a significant telephone conversation and appeared more nervous than he had been the day before. As they talked, Larry learned that a shutdown of the camps appeared inevitable. When the young lumberman came to admit this, his nervousness mounted until it was apparent in every word and action. He strummed with his fingers on the table, let his heel beat a staccato on the floor, and snapped his fingers absently, while his dark eyes seemed never to pause a second, his gaze leaping restlessly about the dining room.

Larry found Sam, despite his nervousness an interesting conversationalist, although he soon discovered there was little that interested him outside of business and the making of money. He deduced, also, that the fear of failure lay like a sharp knife close at his heart. Sam had an attractiveness that would have gained him recognition in any company. He was quick-witted, alert, eager and vivacious. But money, and success in the getting of it, was at once his god and his nemesis. Its pursuit was his life; its loss would mean an insufferable defeat. When discussing business he was intense and magnetic until the suggestion of failure was injected, and then instantly he was nervous, impatient and tense.

"My mother is a most wonderful woman of faith," he said, when the

conversation took that turn. "But I don't seem to have inherited that characteristic. While I try to be a Christian, I can't see everything the way she does, though I often wish I could; I know I would be a lot happier."

Larry voiced his interest, and he continued, "She was left a widow when I was just a little shaver. I guess I told you we had a manager in charge of our affairs until I came back from Italy a year ago. Mother was left in pretty good shape, financially, at Father's death, but our manager was an easy-going fellow and things were in a pretty bad condition when I came home. Taxes on our timber land were eating it up, so I started out to log it off. But I couldn't stop there. It takes a big investment in equipment to begin with. Now we're in it pretty deep; or at least I am. I've invested every dime of my own inheritance, but I've kept her quite safe—up till now, at least."

"If you don't get that timber from the state you may be forced to close down soon. Is that right?"

"I'm afraid it is too correct for my peace of mind. Sorry to burden you with all my troubles, Brantwell; you've got a pretty big problem of your own. But I had to unload on someone, and you were the only one at hand."

Sam not only stayed over that one night, but on returning from the camps at the end of day, he said, "Believe I'll stay over Sunday. Nothing I can do in town now and a little rest won't do me any harm. I should go back out again Monday, anyway."

Larry, who was swiftly becoming attached to him, said, "Good idea. I know I'll enjoy having you around. It's been a bit dull here, with so little to do, and so much time to do that." Before they went to their rooms, he said, "I don't know whether you'd care to, or not, but I'd be happy to have you go to church with me in the morning."

"Well, I had thought I'd be lazy and forget church tomorrow. You've got to be sick, or have some other very plausible excuse, at our place, to stay in. Mother just takes it for granted that her household is going. I want you to meet her, Brantwell. Sure, I'll go with you. Where do you attend?"

Larry told him of the chapel, and found that he had already heard of it. While he gave Reese his impression of the minister, he was thinking of the tall, gray-haired businessman whom he had not been able to forget. He had hoped that Sam could identify him and thus set his own mind at rest.

But his eyes searched the congregation in vain the next morning. The

man he sought was not there. Hoping that he was merely late and that he would still come in, Larry turned his attention to the service. Glancing at the mimeographed bulletin, he noted the number of the next hymn, opened the book and, remembering that he must not sing, handed it to his companion. Sam sang in a fine clear tenor, his evident ease revealing that this was the type of service to which he was accustomed. To cover his own uneasiness, while the others sang, Larry studied the church bulletin. He noted that the pastor was to speak on "This Way Out." Reading the program in reverse order, he saw the choir was to sing "Wonderful Peace." As an offertory, a violin solo was to be presented by a Miss Bethel Linden. Due to a typist's error, the name of the musician was almost unreadable. He thought, If her playing is as crude as the work of that typist, it won't be easy to take.

They stood for prayer, which was offered by a visiting minister — a long, wordy oration, delivered to the congregation, though ostentatiously offered to the Lord.

Larry was beginning to feel critical and was also regretting the fact that he had invited his employer. The crowd was smaller than on the previous Sunday, and there was a dull apathy upon the people, as is often the result of a sudden sag in attendance.

With relief the people dropped into the pews as the long prayer ended. Somewhat bored, Larry lowered his head and read a poem which appeared on the back of the bulletin. He vaguely heard the short prayer the pastor gave before the offering, and the tones of the organ playing the prelude; then the low, sweet strains of the violin as they softly blended with the accompaniment. He

kept his head bowed while he reached for his billfold but the richness and the sweetness of the violin was slowly taking possession of him. He dropped his offering in as the plate passed, observing that Sam had a folded check ready. The organ tones diminished as those of the violin rose stronger, richer and sweeter. Something was taking a strong grip on his heart, his will and mind. Another higher note was reached and, as though fastened upon by some strange, unseen hands, he sat erect.

She was standing near the organist, her pretty chin resting upon the violin, as she played without music before her, seemingly unaware of the congregation. Her eyes shone with a rich luster, which Larry could see even from that distance, and were fixed upon one of the high amber windows through which the sunlight filtered like a golden liquid poured out upon the people. Her hair was halfway between brown and blonde, and was topped with a jaunty little black hat.

His eyes traveled slowly across her face, taking note of the rich natural texture of her complexion, creamy white. Her forehead was wide and fairly high, and her eyes were half concealed by long, dark lashes. She was wearing a dress of sheer black alpaca with white trim, simple and plain, but fitting her personality perfectly and accentuating the pearly whiteness of her skin. But it was not alone her beauty that caused Larry to draw a sharp breath and sit rigidly at attention. It was, rather, the simple unaffectedness of her, and the sweetness of the smile upon her face as she played on, absorbed in the music. She seemed perfectly at ease, but without the least touch of conceit.

Reese glanced about and, noting

that Larry was sitting up so straight that his back did not touch the backrest of the pew, thought, So that's why he comes here. Well, I don't blame him.

She drew the bow down across the E string and, as the last note faded away, looked around and smiled at the congregation as if to thank them for listening. Her eyes met Larry's for one breathless second, and then turned away. He drew in a deep breath that was almost a sigh and settled back into the seat. Turning toward Reese, he met a quizzical, slightly amused smile which — still under the effect of her music and smile — he interpreted as one of musical appreciation.

The pastor chose his text from the first and second verses in the twelfth chapter of the book of Romans, reading from a revised version: "I entreat you, then, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer yourselves as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, for this is your reasonable service. Do not conform to this world; but be transformed by the complete change that has come over your minds, so that you may discern what God's will is, finding it good and acceptable."

Larry found his mind wandering away to the violinist, even as his eyes went in search of her where she sat in the front seat, her pert little hat and wavy hair just showing above the shoulders of a matron ahead of him.

Suddenly he found his attention brought back to the speaker by some powerful magnetic force, as slowly, deliberately, but with a challenging power in his words, the minister said, "I want to take as my premise this one thing—there is no problem, spiritual or psychological, known to the human race, but has a happy solution to be found in the complete consecration, an all-encompassing, self-annihilating surrender of oneself to God."

He went on to clarify this by saying, "Man's ultimate destiny and full self-realization is to be found only in God. . . . We cannot overcome our personal problems with any degree of success until we find a cause and a Person so great that we can completely lose ourselves, our interests, our weaknesses and our problems in self-effacement forever in that Person and that cause. . . . No one can be happy who is self-centered. Selfishness and happiness are antithetic the one to the other."

"This complete consecration—which may not be possible at the time of conversion — releases the full power of the Holy Spirit to us, and then all other things seem trivial in comparison with that Person and cause to which we are committed."

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Enough and to Spare

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we have grace in a threefold aspect: grace that brings salvation, grace for holy living, and grace for service. There are many who have arrived at the first stage; some at the second; very few have reached the third.

In order to "grow in grace", we need to launch out into the deep. We need to begin to use the abilities and opportunities which we already possess. When we "go forward", then it is that God meets us with his grace. If Moses had stayed in Horeb until he had gotten the grace he needed, he never would have started for Egypt at all. But when he once set out, God met him in the day and blessed him day by day as he needed it. Like him, we shall find opposition. As we launch out into the deep, we cannot expect to have the approval of a godless world and of cold Christians.

Furthermore, we need to help someone else who is carrying a heavier burden than we are. It was when Job began to pray for his friends that he forgot his own troubles. Paul gloried in his infirmity and in the tribulations he had to undergo, so that the power of Christ might all the

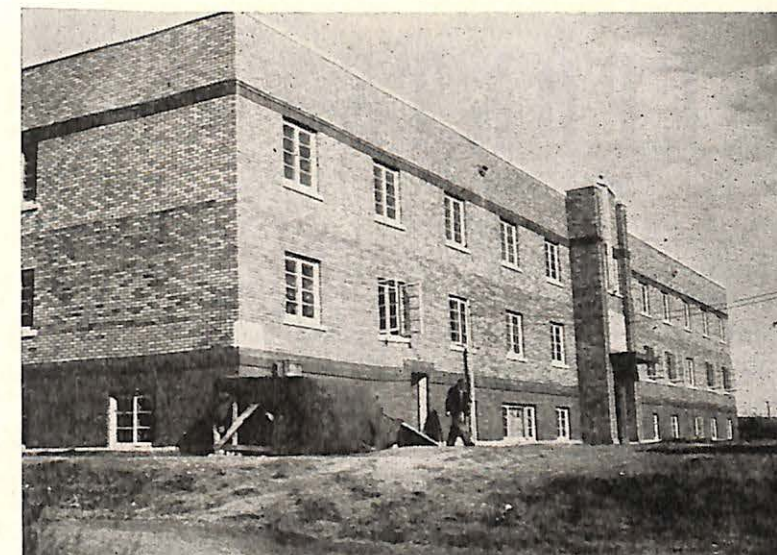
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more rest upon him. In our text passage, Paul speaks of "the thorn in the flesh." He prayed the Lord to take it away, but Christ wanted to give his servant to bear it. So the apostle learned to thank God for the thorn, because he received more grace.

We honor God when we ask for great things. It is said that on one occasion when Caesar gave a very valuable present, the receiver replied that it was too costly a gift. The emperor answered that it was not too great for Caesar to give. Our God is a great King, and he delights to use us! So let us delight to ask him for great grace, that we may go out and work for him. Are we full of grace? It is our privilege to become full. Which is the best way to become full of grace? It is to be emptied of self,



The New Edifice of the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged at Bismarck, North Dakota on the Day of the Cornerstone Laying Exercises

The New Bismarck Home for the Aged

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and Mrs. C. M. Knapp served the Home as superintendent and matron. To them fell the hard task of administering the Home during the days of war-time restrictions and rationing. They, too, worked with unselfish devotion.

The Rev. R. A. Klein was our promotional director during the last year. He braved storms and bad roads and covered great distances in order to bring before the people the need of our Home. He gathered more than \$20,000 for the Home and we are more than grateful to him and to all who have given so generously. We regret that he is leaving this important work at such a time but he has responded to the call of the newly organized church of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

REV. AND MRS. R. SIGMUND

Since August 1st the Rev. and Mrs. R. Sigmund are the managers of the Home. They have come at a most opportune time. They are well fitted

for this work. They have a real love for these aged people and are not only concerned with their physical welfare but are doing everything possible to enhance their spiritual welfare as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund have served several churches in the Dakota Conference and are well known and well beloved here. Children may be assured that their parents are receiving the best of care under their wise and energetic leadership. Their work calls for hard physical labor, endless patience and a full measure of Christian love. May God bless them in their work.

We urge your constant faith in and support of the Home. Our Home, when completed, will have a valuation of more than \$150,000. There still are opportunities for furnishing rooms or giving other equipment. Please direct all inquiries to Rev. R. Sigmund, 223 First St., Bismarck, North Dakota.

by letting the fullness of God come in.

This all-sufficient grace is not only a promise, but a fact. God's grace is sufficient for us, whether we believe it or not. There was always "bread enough and to spare" in the Father's house, even when the prodigal was in the far country desiring to be fed upon the husks which the swine did eat! Always enough and to spare; he had only to go and to share it.

It was this verse, "My grace is sufficient for thee," which led that great man of God, Webb-Peploe, into the victorious life. After the crushing sorrow of losing a beloved child, he tried to prepare a sermon with this as his text. But he could not "cast his burden upon the Lord."

Rising to his feet he cried out to

God in his agony, "Oh, God, it is not true. I do not find thy grace sufficient for me in this heavy sorrow that has befallen me. But, oh, make it sufficient." Falling on his knees he repeated this prayer. Then through his tears he saw over the mantel piece an illuminated text-card, "My grace is sufficient."

In a flash he saw his mistake. "What a fool I am," he cried. "How dare I ask God to make what is? I will get up and trust him." And he did!

So also Paul knew that God's grace would fulfill every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

"All my need shall be supplied,
All I want in thee I find."

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	Oct. 1948	Oct. 1947
Atlantic	\$ 2,045.27	\$ 3,745.21
Eastern	999.50	3,745.21
Central	5,554.24	5,509.74
Northwestern	5,551.18	5,924.52
Southwestern	3,059.80	3,757.79
Southern	561.48	1,258.72
Pacific	3,191.59	3,711.95
Northern	4,835.63	4,832.11
Dakota	13,073.97	17,636.98
Total for the Month	\$38,872.66	\$47,558.38

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

October 1, 1948 to October 31, 1948	\$ 38,119.48
August 1, 1947 to October 31, 1948	553,833.88
Total required to date	625,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1948 to October 31, 1948	\$200,577.78
April 1, 1947 to October 31, 1947	230,257.52

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Ten Converts Are Baptized by the Rev. A. Schulz of Crawford, Texas

The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas is indeed happy because of the manner in which God has blessed us recently. On Sunday morning, Oct. 3rd, six girls and four boys made open profession of their faith in Christ before the church. That evening our pastor, Rev. Arthur Schulz, conducted an impressive baptismal service. After a sermon on "The Christian Baptism" which was

brandt are superintendent and matron.

The Haven is indebted to the many friends and churches who have supported it from the very beginning. Donated labor, services, commodities, money and untiring efforts have made it possible for the Haven to begin without cash on hand.

It is the endeavor of the Haven to be the ideal place in which our aged people may have the "Rest of Life." Every comfort and convenience possible is provided the guests. Every need is met. A monthly rate, depending upon the services which the guest requires, is charged, and has proved itself as a sound basis thus far.

The calamity, the fire of last winter

in which four guests lost their lives due to suffocation, was terrible. Every effort was made by the city to discover the cause, but without success. Actual fire damage in the burning of the building was little, but smoke damage was large so that the entire wing in question had to be re-decorated. All has been repaired.

Only the smaller part of the \$8,000 conference project has been completed. We prayerfully urge you to do your part now. The living quarters of the staff have been only temporary, as also the laundry. Both are now being put in readiness.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." God bless you!

R. H. Zepik, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Sessions of the New England Association at the Rock Hill Baptist Church

The New England Baptist Association held its 51st annual meeting at the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston Mass., from October 8 to 10. During the war years we had one-day conferences, but we are very happy to be back on the old schedule of Friday night meetings and all day Saturday and Sunday. Our association is made up of five churches in New England, and each church has a chance to entertain us for a week-end.

This year we held our conference in Boston. The theme was "For Such A Time As This" taken from the 4th chapter of Esther. Our guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Gunst, secretary of the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union and our own ministers encouraged us in the work we are doing and showed us new heights to attain in working and living for Christ. Everyone joined in the very full program with interest and enthusiasm.

When the association is invited to Boston, we all look forward to a sightseeing tour. We filled up a bus on Saturday afternoon and reviewed a great deal of American history in the three-hour period. It made all of us happy and thankful to be living in this wonderful land of ours.

We listened to the Word of God and we conducted our business and reviewed the work of a year in all our churches under the leadership of our pastors, Rev. G. E. Friedenberg, New Britain, Conn.; Rev. George Hensel, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Alfred Weiser, New Haven, Conn.; Rev. August Lutz, Meriden, Conn.; and Rev. Arnold Vail, Boston, Mass., who has just started his ministry in that church.

Milda O. Hotchkiss, Reporter.



Ten Young Converts Who Were Recently Baptized and Received Into the Fellowship of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas

directed especially to the young converts, these new believers followed their Lord in baptism.

On the following Sunday morning, Oct. 10th, these young Christians observed the Lord's Supper for the first time with the church. The hand of fellowship was also extended to each convert by the members of the church.

Truly, we can again say with Paul, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

Janie Ruth Hodel, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Building Improvements and Greater Conveniences at the Haven of Rest, Medicine Hat, Alberta

In the Northern Conference the last Sunday in November is known as "Haven of Rest Sunday." Could there be any among our people who do not know that the "Haven of Rest" at Medicine Hat, Alberta is the newest of our Homes for the Aged. As an answer to prayer, it has grown so rapidly that it accommodates fifty guests, and employs a staff of ten workers. The Rev. and Mrs. R. Mil-

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Ground Breaking Exercises and Fellowship Supper by the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

Ground breaking exercises on the site of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, October 16th, marked another milestone in the church's 74 year history.

A beautiful October afternoon, a goodly number of neighborhood friends and the interested participation of many North American Baptist "church neighbors" combined to make this an auspicious occasion for the members and friends of Pilgrim Church. Recordings of several anthems by the church choir, prepared especially for this occasion by one of its members, served as the prelude and furnished the accompaniment for the singing of the Doxology.

The Rev. J. F. Crouthamel, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, led in the invocation, after which the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Church, led the responsive Scripture reading. A stirring anthem by the male chorus of the church was followed by an address by Dr. William Kuhn, who was pastor of the church from 1897 to 1914. Dr. Kuhn, as a former pastor; Mrs. Anna Leyboldt and Mr. Harry Becker, representing the oldest members; the Rev. W. C. Damrau, the present pastor; and Mr. Otto Draeger, chairman of the Building Committee, participated in the ceremony of breaking ground for the new church building. The pastoral prayer offered by Mr. Damrau was followed by the singing of "Lead on O King Eternal," and the services closed with the benediction by the Rev. Julius Kaaz.

A Fellowship Supper, served in the Sunday School auditorium of the present building, proved to be merely a pleasant intermission, for the festivities were continued in the church auditorium. Greetings and good wishes sent by the Rev. H. Palfenier, until recently the pastor, and from several former members were read.

The principal speaker of the evening, the Rev. Assaf Husmann, now pastor of the Immanuel Church in New York City, brought a challenging message. Mr. Husmann was pastor of the Pilgrim Church when the Building Fund was launched about 13 years ago, and his heart-warming, encouraging address touched the hearts of all who were present.

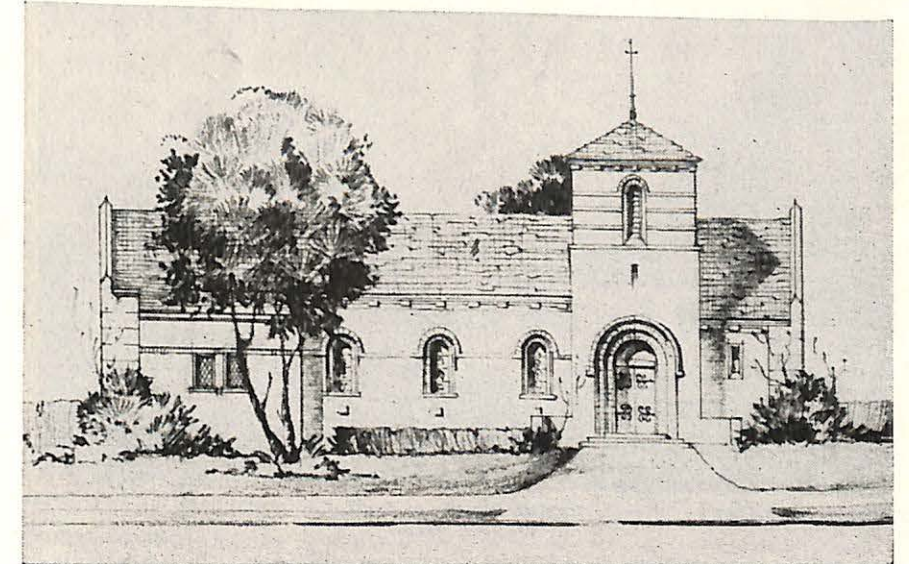
Ida J. Draeger, Church Clerk.

Pacific Conference

Summer Assembly of the Oregon Baptist Youth League at Twin Rocks Camp

Twin Rocks, Oregon was the location chosen for this year's summer assembly for the Oregon young people. About 110 young people came together for one week of spiritual instruction, exhilarating recreation, renewal of old acquaintances and the desire to make new friends.

Most able and inspirational teachers included the following: Rev. Frank



The Architect's Sketch of the New Edifice Being Planned for the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Woyke, denominational representative and executive secretary of the North American Baptist Convention; Mr. Sam Rich of Bethany; Rev. Frank Friesen of Bethany; Mr. Don O'Dell of Villa Ridge; Rev. Henry Barnet of Villa Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hoelzer of Portland; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker of Bethany. We were also privileged to have had for a brief stay Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, our African missionaries. During the Open Forum class periods the various ministers from the Oregon churches led, as well as Mr. Michelson and Mr. Woyke. One day was given to a prepared discussion relating to young people's decisions concerning full time Christian work.

The morning classes were directed by the first above mentioned instructors, while the evening vespers were conducted by the following: Rev. E. Michelson, Mrs. Michelson, Rev. Otto Roth, Rev. Leland Friesen, and Rev. John Wobig.

Among topics discussed and taught

were our Baptist heritage and the management of home and family. For the younger group the topic was "Victorious Christian Living," while the Primary and Junior children were instructed in handcraft, Bible memorization and flannelgraph lessons.

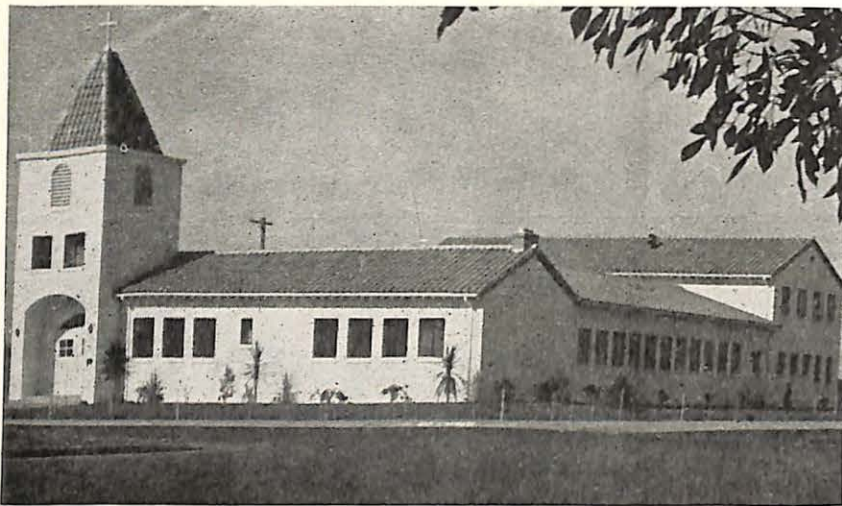
Praised almost more highly than anything else was the cooking, which was most ably prepared by the following Trinity Church people: Mrs. Otto Boehi, Mrs. C. Rosen, Mrs. Lillian Wuerch and Mr. and Mrs. Schnell. Recreation was planned by the Rev. John Kimmel, Portland and Mr. W. Schmitke of the Salt Creek Church.

The officers of the Oregon Baptist League include the following: president, William Jenne, (Bethany); vice-president, Delbert Delzer, (Portland); secretary, Florence Schmunk, (Portland); treasurer, Luella May, (Salt Creek); Handclasp editor, Martha Miller, (Portland); and registrar, Mildred May, (Salt Creek).

Florence Schmunk, Reporter.



The Teaching Staff and Young People's Officers at the 1948 Summer Assembly of the Oregon Baptist Youth League Held at Twin Rocks, Oregon



The New Edifice of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California With the Rev. Arthur Weissner, Pastor

Activities and Election of Officers of the Bethel Guild of Salem, Oregon

The Bethel Guild of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon was organized three years ago by a group of young women. Since then we have been endeavoring to be active in missionary service.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday evening of every month, at which time we present brief programs followed by a time spent working at missionary projects. Some of our accomplishments have been the making of scrapbooks, dolls, infant wear, wrapping of bandages, packing boxes for the needy overseas, and donating to various causes.

Annually we sponsor a Mother-Daughter banquet. This year we were privileged to have Mrs. Elizabeth Nance speak to us, who with her family has been a missionary in Yunnan, China, and who has again returned to China to rejoin her husband to carry on the work.

On August 3rd the officers for the

ensuing year were elected and installed. A recent picture of our Guild accompanies this report and the five officers are seated in the center of the front row (left to right) as follows: Erma Reischke, treasurer; Bertalene Kuper, secretary; Edith Sunderland, president; Jean Zeeb, vice-president; and Christine Kuhn, pianist.

We are desirous of further promoting missionary work while the day of opportunity is still present. Any missionary reading this report who might have needs that we can fill, please let us know.

Viola May, Reporter.

Dedication of Temple Church and Welcome of New Pastor at Lodi, Calif.

"Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God" has literally been tried in the short history of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California since its organization on Feb. 25, 1948. God has not failed his children in their expectations as again and again they have come to him in prayer for wisdom, guidance

and help, but he has crowned all efforts with abundant and marvelous blessings far beyond human expectations!

Temple Baptist Church is an outgrowth of the First Baptist Church of Lodi which on Feb. 18th granted permission to interested persons in its membership to organize another church in regular and New Testament manner, and also granted the new church the accumulated building fund amounting to \$22,379, and further granted the new church permission to continue to worship together as one congregation in the First Baptist Church until such time as the new building would be completed.

Consequently, on March 3, 1948 a group of 173 persons were granted membership rights in the formation of the Temple Baptist Church. The preamble to the Constitution and By-Laws, the statement of faith and covenant adopted by the new church received the hearty approval of the pastors and delegates from neighboring Baptist churches which on May 16th gathered in council at the First Church for a recognition service of the Temple Church of Lodi.

After considerable planning and prayer, the Temple Church purchased five lots in one of the new residential districts of the city of Lodi and proceeded to build two units of a three-unit plan; that is, a chapel and educational building accomodating approximately 300 persons. The third unit is an adjoining sanctuary which is to be built, the Lord willing, at some future date.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held at the site of the new church on April 19th by members of the church. Mr. David Weigum, chairman of the Board of Deacons and the Building Committee, was in charge. Dr. A. S. Felberg led the devotional, reading Psalms 27 and 96 and a portion of 2 Chronicles 2 and 6. Mr. J. J. Schmiedt, chairman of Board of Trustees, then broke the ground, after which Mr. L. A. Hirsch, deacon, led in the dedicatory prayer.

On April 24th the contractors with a large number of volunteer helpers started the actual construction work on the foundation of the new church, and from then on continued with the work until it was completed for dedication on August 15th.

We are exceedingly grateful to God for his guidance and watch-care over our construction work, and are very grateful for the many willing and faithful hearts among our members and friends who donated over 4500 hours of labor. Many worked evenings after putting in their regular day's work at their own respective jobs. Even the skilled bricklayers, carpenters and others donated their full day's work every Saturday. In appreciation of this donated labor, the women of our church took turns in serving the working men with delicious meals every Saturday noon at the building site.

Sunday, August 15th, was the official dedication day when at 10:30 A. M. we met at the church for the unveiling of the cornerstone and door-

unlocking ceremony. The Temple Church choir in their new royal-blue robes led the processional to the entrance of the church where they stood with the audience in the background. We were privileged to have the Rev. Frank Woyke, our executive secretary, as the main speaker of the day for this memorable occasion. Mr. D. J. Weigum, chairman of the Board of Deacons, unveiled the cornerstone. The contractor handed the keys to Mr. J. J. Schmiedt, chairman of Board of Trustees, who unlocked the doors. Then the organ commenced the strains of "Holy! Holy! Holy!" and the choir led the processional into the church, singing that hymn of praise.

At the afternoon service the following neighboring churches participated in bringing greetings and brief messages: First Baptist Church of Lodi, First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, and the Memorial Baptist Church of Stockton. Mr. Woyke preached another splendid and challenging message as well as in the evening service.

The Temple Choir of 30 voices, directed by Calvin Lohr and accompanied by Mrs. Aimee Sawatzky at the organ, contributed their share of praise to the Master in the singing of the following anthems during the three services of dedication day: "Onward Christian Soldiers" by Simeone; "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod; "Lift Up Your Heads" by Ashford; "Stranger of Galilee" by Treharne; "King All Glorious" by Vail; and "The Holy City" by Adams.

Dr. A. J. Harms served our church as interim pastor until the arrival on October 10th of our regular pastor, the Rev. Arthur R. Weissner, formerly of Wishek, No. Dak. The Lord is granting marvelous showers of blessings under the leadership of our pastors, and we are truly grateful to God for every good gift from above.

Emma Rawe, Reporter.

New Library Opening at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon opened its new library with 180 books. For this dedication the books were placed on the platform so that the congregation could see them. Of this number, either the books or money were given for 85 volumes.

The Rev. John Wobig spoke on the value and usefulness of a church library. Mrs. Genevieve Roark, church librarian, told how the library would function, and described its aim as a service to the church. The books will be issued as in a public library, and it will be open to borrow or return books either before or after every church service.

The librarian and her two assistants, Miss Adeline Kuehn and Mrs. Dorothy Leyboldt, are responsible to a committee consisting of a representative of the deacon board, young people's group, Woman's Missionary Society, church board, Sunday School and pastor in the operating of the library and selection of new books.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. F. G. George of Lehr, North Dakota on the Occasion of Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Women's and Young People's Activities at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Tuesday evening, October 12th, the Ladies' Aid of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California held its annual dinner and bazaar. A ham dinner was served to over five hundred and fifty people after which many beautiful articles made by the members and friends of the Ladies' Aid were sold. A large crowd was in attendance and a net sum of \$1400 was realized from the dinner and sale.

On Sunday evening, October 17th, the young people of the church installed the new officers of the year. It was an impressive candlelight service with the following new or re-elected officers installed: president, Milton Fischer; vice-president, Marcella Delk; treasurer, Peggy Featherstone; secretary, Emma Lust; pianists, Muriel Zimmerman and Jean Rauser; song leaders, Phyllis Graf and Alice Rauser; ushers, Stanley Hust and Edwin Lust; usherettes Joyce Buell and Lenis Stroh; "B. Y. Speaks" editor and assistants, Betty Meidinger, Loretta Forsch and Esther Leicht; social committee chairmen, Donna Meidinger and Norma Jean Goehring. Also installed were the five program chairmen for the year: Ruby Littke, Mabel Graf, Elsie Goehring, Georgia Catran, and Irene Schauer. Our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, spoke on the topic, "Ye Are My Witnesses," which was the theme of the installation service. It is the prayer of our young people that we may grow together, working for Christ's glory and honor!

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred George at Lehr, North Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. Fred George of Lehr, North Dakota were honored at their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday evening, Oct. 3rd, in the Lehr Baptist Church. The couple was escorted to the platform by the deacon, Mr. John A. Miller, while Mrs. Henry

Kranzler, church pianist, played a wedding march.

The Rev. H. Waltereit, our pastor, spoke words of welcome to the honored couple and then gave an appropriate message based on Psalm 34. A choir selection was rendered, "Anywhere With Jesus," followed by congratulatory messages by representatives of various branches of the church.

Among those who participated in the program was Mrs. Ted Bohle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George, who recited a beautiful poem in German. She then pinned a corsage of yellow roses on her mother, and a boutonniere on her father's coat lapel. Mrs. William Erbele of Lansing, Michigan, another daughter spoke in behalf of the children in which she expressed their love and devotion for their parents.

After this service a delicious lunch was served in the Legion Hall to about 200 guests. A three-tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom, adorned the table where the honored couple sat. The church presented Mr. and Mrs. George with an electric mixer and hassock. The Lehr Ladies' Aid, of which Mrs. George is a long-time member, gave her a beautiful all-wool blanket.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

Session of the South Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at Tripp, So. Dak.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Convention was held at Tripp, So. Dak., on Oct. 6. Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, our president, presided and after a short devotional period led by Mrs. H. G. Braun the following officers were elected: Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, president; Mrs. J. D. Heil, secretary-treasurer. Thirteen societies were represented and the reports read were brimful of activities showing a zeal in the work of our Lord.

Crowding into one session both the business meeting and the program, we enjoyed vocal selections by members of the Chancellor, Parkston, and Emery Societies and a reading by one from the Avon Society.

Gratefully acknowledging God's answer to prayer in the person of our missionary-doctor, we listened attentively as Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee brought us the message from 1 Cor. 3:9 and Romans 1:16-17 stressing the words: "I am debtor — I am ready — I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ — I press toward the mark" (Phil. 3:14). We thank God for his testimony and pray God's blessing on him and his family.

The Rev. John Borchers of Columbus, Nebr., also gave a brief message on Luke 8:22.

The offering amounted to \$202.76 which is to be divided as follows: \$50 to the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, No. Dak.; \$25 to the church at Aberdeen, So. Dak.; the balance equally divided between the North American Baptist Seminary and the Nurses Home in Africa.

Mrs. J. D. Heil, Reporter.



Young Women of the Bethel Guild, a Missionary Organization of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon



Ground-breaking Ceremonies of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan Shows Members of the Building Board as They Stand on the Hallowed Ground for Their New Church Following the Exercises on Sunday Afternoon, October 10th

Election of Officers and Special Meetings of B. Y. P. U. of Presserville, Montana

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, the B. Y. P. U. of Presserville, Montana held a special meeting at which Mr. Wilfred Miller of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada spoke to us on missionary expectations, and also gave us his testimony why he wanted to be a missionary. An offering of \$35 was given to him in appreciation for his work.

We held our B. Y. P. U. election of officers on Oct. 22. The new officers are as follows: president, Dave Will; vice-president and pianist, Helen Strobel; secretary, Harold Hoffman; treasurer, Dave Johnston; ushers, Johnathon Strobel and Gary Beuchler; adviser, Rev. Henry Lang. We have 26 members in our society.

The B. Y. P. U. has a "get-together social" every month. We think that it is a real blessing and a great experience to be around other Christian young people, and through these socials we hope to show other young people the way of salvation.

Harold Hoffman, Secretary.

Anniversary Program, Building Activities and Evangelistic Meetings at Hebron, North Dak.

In July we of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota had the joy of celebrating our 60th anniversary of the organization of our church. We had invited our executive secretary, the Rev. F. W. Woyke, to come and help us celebrate, and we were happy for the privilege of getting acquainted with another member of our denominational family at Forest Park. Our little church was "bursting out at the seams" as we listened to three interesting and uplifting sermons by Brother Woyke.

Much could be said of the joys and sorrows of the past 60 years. It was very interesting to hear three reports by the sons of our pioneers, Messrs. Adam Heinle, Henry Schmidt and Gottlieb Staiger, telling us about the early life of the pioneers, the work of the church, and what has been accomplished by God's grace. It is good to stop at intervals and take stock of all the blessings of God to his people.

It has been a busy season for our people. The last two weeks of September we had evangelistic meetings every evening with Rev. H. Palfenier, our evangelist, bringing the messages.

Up to this summer, we have had a station and a church — the mother Church — at Antelope. Many of the old pillars of this church have gone to their reward, and many others have moved to Hebron, so that the attendance and interest in the Antelope Church had been on the decline for several years. After much prayerful discussion, it was finally voted to close the station and to move the church building to Hebron and attach it to our present church edifice. This has been done, and we are adding 24 feet to our present auditorium. We also shall have a number of good Sunday School class rooms, and a little more convenient arrangement in every way, including an enlarged basement. Our church attendance has been steadily growing.

Our church building program is well along under the able leadership of the Rev. J. G. Benke and the chairman of our Building Committee, Mr. Henry Schmidt. We hope to be able to dedicate the new church in a few months free of all indebtedness to the service of our God.

On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, we brought our evangelistic meetings to a close, with our annual Harvest and Thanksgiving Festival. The Rev. H. Palfenier served us as guest speaker. The

offering for missions and our building fund was \$4066.75. The Lord has blessed us with good crops and good prices, and our people were willing to give a part of it for his service.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

Central Conference

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan Breaks Ground for New Building

The people of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., rejoiced on Sunday afternoon, October 10th, as they broke ground in preparation for building their new house of worship. The sun shone brightly as the ceremonies commenced in the midst of the wooded 4½ acres on Moross Road near Harper Avenue in Detroit. This great tract of land in a new residential area and situated at the junction of two prominent streets was a fine setting for the proposed new church building.

Mr. Irvin Draewell led the singing of two hymns, supported by a portable organ and two trumpets played by our young people. The pastor, Rev. Arthur McAsh, read the Scripture passage and gave some remarks fitting the occasion. Representatives of various organizations of the church spoke briefly through the loud-speaking system that had been set up. Mr. Emil Witt, chairman of the Building Board, was followed by Mr. Herman Skubick, architectural chairman. In succession remarks were made by Mr. Christian Fink for the Sunday School, Mr. Gerald Cape as president of the Young People's Group, Mrs. Helen McAsh as president of the Ladies' Society, Mr. Walter Boehm for the Trustees, Mr. Carl Wipp for our Anthony Wayne Mission, and Mr. Irvin Draewell for the Deacons Board.

The sod was then turned beginning with the pastor and followed by each representative who had spoken, including also Mr. Carl Witt, Sr., who as property man was instrumental in securing this location. The pastor then led in the prayer of dedication and the impressive service was concluded with the hymn sung by the large crowd, "Standing on the Promises."

As we go on in construction and relocation with all its difficulties and its promises of future enlargement of usefulness for God, we do so "standing on the promises of God." Excavation began soon after this ceremony and, as we do our best, we are trusting the Lord to facilitate all things in construction.

The Building Board is to be congratulated upon its good and aggressive work as they harmoniously work together as a team. Each member of the church rejoices as he has done and is doing his part in this great work. The successful financial drive recently held, and faithful work by many in clearing the lots during the summer has along with our regular full church program kept our people very busy.

Mrs. Ruth Ordland, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MARIAN JEAN HUNSICKER of Fredonia, No. Dak.

Marian Jean Hunsicker was born on August 12, 1947 and died very suddenly and unexpectedly on October 20, 1948. Apparently in the best of health when she was put to bed at night, she awakened in the night with a sharp cry of pain. Several moments later she had several attacks of convulsions from which she never did recover. In the morning her father tried to rush her to a hospital here in Bismarck but she died on the way. Medical examiners diagnosed the case as "acute encephalitis."

She leaves to mourn her so untimely passing, her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hunsicker; two sisters, Fay Rose, aged 4, and Ruth Ann, aged 3, the grandparents and many other relatives and friends.

The little body was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery in Bismarck. The Rev. Edward Kary was in charge of the service and spoke on a portion of God's Word found in 2 Samuel 12:16-23.

May our heavenly Father comfort the bereaved hearts.

Fredonia, North Dakota

EDWARD KARY, Officiating Pastor.

MR. ARNOLD B. HOOK of Columbus, Nebraska.

Mr. Arnold B. Hook of Columbus, Nebr. was born on October 24, 1874 in Ihrhove, Germany and died on October 10, 1948 in Adrian, Mich. of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile. Coming to the United States in 1893, he lived in Iowa for a number of years. In 1920 he was united in marriage to Mary Leffers, who preceded him in death about two years ago. Three weeks before his sudden death, he was married again to Mrs. Mary Smith, a sister of the Rev. John Borchers of Columbus, Nebr. For the past 25 years or so the departed had made his home in Columbus, where also, in our Shell Creek Church, he was baptized upon the confession of his faith. For years he had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Columbus.

Mr. Hook and his wife were visiting a nephew, the Rev. Ernest Hook of Adrian, Mich. when the tragic accident occurred. The earthly remains were brought to Iowa where funeral services were held in the Aplington Baptist Church. The Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg brought a message of cheer and comfort on this occasion. Besides his wife, the departed leaves to mourn his death one brother, Ernest, of Aplington, Iowa, and a number of nephews and nieces.

Aplington, Iowa

C. FRED LEHR, Officiating Pastor.

MRS. MARY HOELZEN of Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. Mary Hoelzen of Burlington, Iowa, a beloved member of the Oak Street Baptist Church for 68 years, was called to her eternal reward on August 28th after a short illness and was laid to rest in Aspen Grove.

She was born in Crowja, Germany on July 18, 1864, the oldest child of Henry J. and Fredericka Brenneke Rieke. When she was only three years old she came with her brother Henry and a group of others who were the founders and charter members of our church. She was the sole survivor of this original group.

She was converted at the age of 16 and was baptized into our fellowship by the Rev. F. Hoelzen, and since that time rendered outstanding service as a member of the church, the missionary society of the church, and the House Committee.

It was on July 12, 1887 that she married Hugo Hoelzen who preceded her in death 15 years ago. She is survived by three children: Minnie (Mrs. Arthur Schwerin); Herbert H.; and Gertrude (Mrs. E. F. Hemmye), all of Burlington; two sisters, Min-

nie, with whom she shared her home since the death of her husband, and Clara (Mrs. D. J. Luebbers); and one brother, William; as well as ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

The pastor preached the funeral sermon to a large number of relatives and friends in the church, using as a text her favorite Bible passage, Psalm 90.

We shall miss her for she was numbered among the most faithful of our fellowship, and her understanding and sweet disposition were an inspiration to pastor and people. It is our prayer that the great God of all will grant a full measure of comfort to those who sorrow in these days of bereavement.

Oak Street Baptist Church,
Burlington, Iowa

ALFRED R. BERNADT, Pastor.

MRS. IDA SCHMIDT of Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. Ida Schmidt of Burlington, Iowa was called to her eternal reward at the age of 81 on September 12, 1948 and was laid to rest in Aspen Grove.

She was born at Browe, Germany on April 3, 1867 and came to Burlington with her parents in June 1877 when her father, the Rev. J. F. Hoelzen, received a call as pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church. On April 3, 1888 she married August Schmidt who preceded her in death in 1935. She was a member of the church and Missionary Service Guild for many years.

Mourning her passing are two sons, Dr. Harry Schmidt of Detroit, Mich., and Arnold Schmidt of Cleveland, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Hamm of Cleveland, and Elanore Schmidt of Iowa City; three grandchildren; a brother, William Hoelzen of Burlington; two sisters, Mrs. John Duden of Louisiana and Mrs. Ella Kahle of Burlington. Her parents, two sons, one daughter, three brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

She was a devoted member and child of God whose greatest joy was sharing in the fellowship of her church. A large number of friends and relatives attended the service at the church where the pastor preached on Psalm 23. May the God of comfort grant a full measure to sorrowing relatives and friends as we await the time when we meet again at his feet.

Oak Street Baptist Church,
Burlington, Iowa

ALFRED R. BERNADT, Pastor.

MISS BERNICE E. RABENHORST and MARY L. RABENHORST of Salem, South Dakota.

Miss Bernice Edith Rabenhorst of Salem, South Dakota was born on August 25, 1927 to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rabenhorst. She was converted in her early life, baptized in June 1939, and welcomed into the Unityville Baptist Church. Her church became a primary interest in her young life. She became a Sunday School teacher and president of the young people's society. She attended the local school across the road from her parents' farm, and was a graduate of the Salem High School in 1945. She attended Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell, So. Dak., and Huron College, after which she taught for three years at her home school.

She lived in her parental home all of her life. She died after a few days' siege of polio in a Sioux Falls Hospital. With what seemed to be her whole life before her, and so many plans in the making, our well loved sister was very suddenly taken from us on Wednesday, September 8, 1948, at the age of 21 years and 14 days.

Miss Mary Louise Rabenhorst of Salem, South Dakota was born June 7, 1935 to

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Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rabenhorst. She was converted at the age of 11, and baptized at Lake Herman by the Rev. Fred Trautner on August 4, 1946. She then joined the Unityville Baptist Church.

She was a member of the eighth grade class of the local school. She became ill with polio two days after her sister, and died on Saturday, September 11, 1948 at the age of 13 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

These two sisters left a Christian testimony in their community, and their radiant lives will be a sweet memory to those who remember them. The church and community join those who mourn their early departure: their mother and father; one sister, Mildred; one grandfather, Mr. Wm. Wobig; ten aunts; and six uncles.

Unityville Baptist Church,
Unityville, South Dakota

BURTON ANKERBERG, Offic. Minister.

DR. A. H. STEFFENS of Anaheim, California.

Dr. A. H. Steffens of Anaheim, Calif., was born on June 18, 1874 in Saxony, Germany. At the age of six his parents and family left their homeland by coming to the United States where they settled in Trenton, Illinois. In this lovely spot, Mr. Steffens spent the joyful days of his youth. Books and thirst for knowledge, coupled with a determination to strive for the best and the highest in life, became the distinctive and distinguished traits of his character and personality. After finishing the schools in Trenton, Illinois, he entered Normal School, earning his diploma of the teaching profession.

While teaching school he followed the benevolent ambitions of his heart to become a physician. To accomplish this he entered Barnes Medical College, from which he graduated as a Doctor of Medicine. He located in Menno, South Dakota where he was untiring in his efforts to soothe and heal the sicknesses and ailments of mankind. Since there was such a need for a dentist in the community, he decided to take up dentistry, and through untiring efforts he graduated with the Doctorate of Dentistry from Sims College. His greatest contentment from now on was to go about doing good trying to emulate the great example, his ideal, the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was through his illustrious brother, the Rev. August Steffens, the faithful missionary in the Cameroons in the early missionary endeavor of our denomination, that Dr. Steffens was led to his Savior. Great was his joy when he realized that his sins were forgiven and that he had become a child of God. He was baptized upon his confession that Jesus Christ was his Savior in the month of April 1885 by the Rev. F. Hoffmann and was added unto the membership of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois where he remained a faithful and loyal member to the cause of Christ. On September 16, 1914 he was married to Miss Amelia Koth, the wedding taking place in Madison, So. Dak. Since a good wife is heaven's last best gift to man, the Doctor's happiness was now complete, and in happy union they travelled the road of life and love together.

In 1941 the Doctor retired from active practice, leaving the Dakotas. Coming to Anaheim, California, he and his wife became members of the Bethel Baptist Church. In this church our brother endeared himself to all, and by his splendid example in church attendance, giving, and Christian living, he became the joy of its leaders.

On a Friday evening during his usual evening walk he was struck down by a reckless driver, and in the early hour of Saturday morning, October 2, he passed from this earth to be with his Savior. He leaves to cherish his memories, his dear wife, Mrs. Amelia Steffens, and a great host of friends and relatives.

"Therefore, be ye also ready, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Bethel Baptist Church,
Anaheim, California

P. G. NEUMANN, Pastor.

The South Dakota Convention at Tripp Enjoys Presence of Outstanding Speakers

The South Dakota Convention met in regular session in the Baptist Church of Tripp, So. Dak., October 3 to 6. The first service of the convention took place on Sunday evening with the Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. He also brought the message on Monday evening. Due to pressing duties elsewhere, he had to leave the convention on Monday night.

We were also blessed through the services of the brethren, Rev. John Borchers of Columbus, Nebr. and Rev. Rudolph Klein of Aberdeen, So. Dak. Pastors of the convention also had an active part on the convention program as they discussed the well chosen topics outlined by the program committee. Special musical numbers also proved to be an added blessing.

"Extra special" was the privilege of the convention when on the last day we had the added blessings in the coming of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our medical missionary to the Cameroons, who won the hearts of all of us, and inspired us for the cause of missions. Truly, Dr. Chaffee is God's answer to our prayers.

Under the capable leadership of our moderator, Rev. Peter Wiens, and the help of the program committee, all needed program changes were well arranged and carried out. The con-

vention officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Albert Ittermann, Tyndall, moderator; E. Gutsche, Corona, vice-moderator; D. S. Wipf, Emery, secretary; George Terveen, Emery, treasurer.

D. S. Wipf, Secretary.

Sessions of the Badlands Sunday School Convention at Bison, South Dakota

Throughout the Badlands Sunday School Convention held at Bison, South Dakota from Oct. 8 to 10 we were favored with special musical numbers rendered by the Bison High School Boys' Quartet under the direction of Mrs. Crawford, the Broeckel - Huber Quartet, and several other numbers. Piano music was furnished by Ruth Huber and Verna Heupel. Song services were led by Helen Lohse and Elmer Wolff.

We were thankful that the Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, North Dakota, who brought the evening and morning messages, could be with us. On Friday evening his theme was "The Glory of the Gospel." On Saturday morning the Rev. Henry Lang pointed out that Jesus is the Master Teacher

and Christians must give some evidence of their spiritual life in his "Four-fold Ministry of the First Church."

The Badlands churches reported 38 conversions and 30 baptisms for the last year. Rev. Bruno Schreiber was again elected moderator of our convention; Rev. David Littke, vice-moderator; Rev. Henry Lang, secretary and treasurer; with Rev. A. G. Rietdorf in charge of Scripture Memorization.

The Rev. Alex Sootzman spoke on Saturday afternoon on the "Three-fold Ministry of Jesus." The Rev. David Littke spoke on "The Manifold Ministry of the Sunday School." Devotions and "The Quiet Hour" were led by Rev. Otto Lohse and Rev. R. G. Kaiser.

The church was filled to capacity on Sunday morning. Mr. Heupel, local superintendent, was in charge of the Sunday School. Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Littke explained the lesson. Mr. Broeckel brought wonderful truths to our attention in his message at the morning service. The Young People's Rally Program presented musical numbers and readings from 10 out of the 11 societies in our convention. The offerings amounted to \$302.20.

We heartily agree that the B in Bison does stand for "Brotherly Love," displayed at the meetings, in the homes and by the meals we received. We thank God for all his blessings to us during this convention.

Helen Lohse, Reporter.

The program for the Week of Prayer (January 2 to 7, 1949) will be published in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."



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