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Rev. H. G. Dymmel
 March 3-5 — Session of the Northern Conference Mission Committee and C. T. I. Governing Board at Edmonton, Alberta.

Sunday, March 14 — Dedication of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
 March 1-3 — Visitation of Texas Churches.

March 4-7 — Northern Texas Association at Dallas, Texas.

Sunday, March 14 — Hutchinson, Minn.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
 Sunday, March 7 — Watertown, Wis.

Thursday, March 11 to Sunday, March 14 — North American Baptist Seminary and Andrews St. Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Evangelist H. Pfeifer
 March 14-27 — Hebron, North Dak.

Evangelist H. Palfenier
 March 1-14 — Madison, South Dak.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, March 14 — Bible Day Observance (See Articles and Notices in This Issue).

Sunday, March 14 — Dedication of the New Edifice of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware. Rev. Christian Peters, Pastor. Guest Speakers: Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. A. E. Kannwischer. All friends are heartily invited to attend or to send letters of congratulation.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The manuscripts have arrived from Africa for a wonderful study course book about our Cameroons Mission Field. This will be the first attempt in our denomination to present every phase of our African mission in book form. The missionaries have written the material in the light of their experiences and observations on the field. The front cover art design has been prepared by Mrs. Clara Gebauer. A second volume will be published next year. The book of 130 pages will be sold reasonably. It will be a publication of our Roger Williams Press and will probably be available to our people early this summer.

IN THIS ISSUE

This is a forward-looking number of "The Baptist Herald." It looks forward to the observance of Easter week and the raising of the Easter Offering for our denominational enterprise. It anticipates the observance of Bible Day with several articles prepared by Mr. Harold Johns and the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of our Publication Board. It envisions the greater work which will soon be ours on mission fields in China and Africa. Even the reports from the field carry the spirit of greater tasks to be done. Read this issue in anticipation of the many blessings that this Easter season has in store for you.

COMING

The Easter sermon has been prepared by the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, North Dakota on the topic, "For Such a Time as This." Its challenge will stir the heart of every reader.

The General Conference moderator, Dr. George A. Lang, has written an inspiring message on "The Living Presence" for the Easter number at the request of the headquarters staff and the "Herald" editor.

The story of the Christian Training Institute as depicted by the Rev. E. P. Wahl will direct the attention of our people to Edmonton, Alberta at the time of the commencement exercises on March 30 and 31.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

This IS Required of You!

IT WAS DANIEL WEBSTER who once said that the greatest truth which had ever entered the mind of man was that of his responsibility to God. The Bible discloses this truth in even greater grandeur in the words: "Ye are not our own, for ye are bought with a great price." In salvation we are the recipients of God's grace. Throughout the entire Christian life we are stewards of God, entrusted with many spiritual goods and gifts.

In this important business of living there is no more important verse of Scripture than that found in 1 Corinthians 4:2. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." That places all of us on the same plane of equality. God may entrust ten talents to one man and three to another. There is a great difference of material resources among Christians, for we have the rich and the poor in our churches. But of all, regardless of their gifts and goods, faithfulness will be required. By that they will be judged and rewarded.

The Christian life involves our response to God's commands. Sometimes we overlook the severity of God's orders. Our business creditors seem to press us for payments of overdue bills a great deal more than God. We are more concerned about paying Uncle Sam's income tax bills than we are about meeting our obligations to God and his Kingdom. At such times of spiritual laxity it is important to hear the words: "It is required of thee!" There is no escape from our responsibility as stewards of God. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you!"

This stewardship must ring true with the overflow of thankful hearts. Those who have been redeemed by Christ and have recognized their dependence upon God for all things, have learned the secret of true living. With Jean Valjean they say: "Life is to give, not to take." Their philosophy is echoed by the Christian cobbler in his shop. "Not all I can get for what I give, but all I can give for what I get." Their lives overflow with praise and thanksgiving to God, with a radiance of Christian saintliness, with an eagerness to serve their Lord and Savior. Every waking moment is a hearty response to this command of Christ: "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

Our stewardship must also reach out broadly to the far horizons of need and service. As we labor together with God, our hands reach out to places of need, our sight becomes clearer, our hearts beat faster, and our sympathy broadens. The Samaritan in need becomes your neighbor. His need becomes your business. His plight is now your concern. Your faithfulness as a steward of God implies that you must respond to every Macedonian call wherever circumstances and resources permit.

The time for another Easter Offering has come to us as North American Baptists. The needs of the world are greater than ever. God has blessed all of us richly, even exceeding abundantly. In the light of the great things that God has done for us, what will your offering be? Remember the command addressed to every Christian disciple: "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

BIBLE TEXT

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits." Psalm 68:19.

How colorful are the words of Scripture! God's benefits bestowed on us are a heavy load. He gives exceeding abundantly. He gives liberally to all men that ask of him. The blessings which he pours out upon us through the opened windows of heaven are so numerous that often there is not enough room to receive them. They are beyond count like the sands on the seashore. Day after day our heavenly Father loadeth us with benefits. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

This is the kind of a load which we love to bear. Such a load of blessings helps to bear us up and to carry us victoriously through life.

SEMINARY GRADUATES

For the first time in several school terms our Seminary will present a graduating class for the consideration of our churches. This will be good news, especially to those of our pastorless churches that have found it difficult to call a minister. The three Seminary graduates are well equipped and trained for the tasks of the active pastorate. They have shown themselves to be good servants of Christ and true interpreters of God's Word in their previous contacts with our churches. These young men, Dale Chaddock of Hartford, Mich., Roger Schmidt of Buffalo, N. Y., and John Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wis., deserve your prayerful encouragement and the consideration of our pastorless churches.

There are also two Seminary graduates of other years who have now finished their undergraduate work at the University of Rochester, who are also seeking pastorates in our churches. Theodore E. Krause of the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Walter Schmidt of the Temple Church of Buffalo, N. Y., can be recommended to our churches.

EDMONTON'S BIBLE SCHOOL

Another school term at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta will soon be drawing to a close. The commencement exercises are planned for the days of March 30 and 31. The presence of Dr. George A. Lang as commencement speaker will help to bring these two institutions closer together in understanding even though their educational purposes are different. This has been an unusual year for the Institute. The student body of about 110 has again taxed the capacity of the buildings. The new educational unit was not sufficiently completed to make use of its many facilities, but it is already an imposing addition to the Bible School campus.

When God Is Well Pleased

As we work for the realization of the Spirit-given vision of our Million Dollar Offering, we hear our Lord's approval when he says to us: "I am well pleased"

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN, Assistant General Secretary

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER is dispensing his blessings in rich measure upon his people in every station of life every day of every year. When God expresses to an individual or to a group of individuals his approval of their life or ministry in these words, "I am well pleased," then he bestows an extraordinary blessing. The hearts of any receiving God's approval are filled to overflowing with joy and praise. All the disappointments and sacrifices are then forgotten. New courage surges through the soul and big tasks are undertaken.

Every day God is saying to some: "I am well pleased." Sometimes he speaks through the opened heavens and sometimes his approval is carried into the innermost recesses of the soul by his still, small voice. In this brief message we are referring to that sacred hour when God said to Jesus Christ: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Then also we want to bring to our attention that God has spoken words of approval to our own denomination and says concerning us: "I am well pleased."

GOD'S APPROVAL OF CHRIST

Although Jesus Christ lived daily in the consciousness of having his Father's approval, on a number of occasions this approval was expressed audibly. As he entered upon his messianic ministry, standing there in the waters of Jordan ready to fulfill all righteousness, the heavens opened and with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon his head, God said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Our Lord, being not only divine but human, must have been thrilled to hear those words spoken by his Heavenly Father.

Then again toward the close of his messianic ministry, with his face resolutely set toward Calvary in that night spent on the mount of transfiguration in the company of three disciples and conferring with Moses and Elijah concerning the sacrifice which he was to make on Calvary, God again spoke through the open heavens: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

With that word of his Father's approval ringing in his soul, he could not only go into the dark shadows of Gethsemane but go unflinchingly into the disgrace, excruciating agony and ignominious death on Calvary.

After Jesus Christ had endured the tortures of crucifixion for hours before dying, he cried with a loud voice: "It is finished." That was a note of victory. He proclaimed to all the world that everything needful to effect a complete redemption had been accomplished by him. After the crucified Christ had lain in the grave toward the dawning of the third day, God put his seal of approval upon the redemption wrought by Jesus Christ by breaking the bonds of death and raising him from the dead. Then God the Father "declared him to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead."

Jesus Christ had not only foretold his death and burial but also his resurrection on the third day. If God the Father had not spoken this powerful word of approval in the resurrection, then there would never have been a Christian Church. God be praised that we have both Good Friday and Easter as memorial days; the death on Calvary and the resurrection in the garden are both necessary for an effective redemption.

GOD AND OUR DENOMINATION

In the more than one hundred years of our denominational history, we can hear God repeatedly saying concerning our denominational group: "I am well pleased." It is true that he has not spoken this approval through the opened heavens but more often by his direction of the affairs of our denominational life. In making this assertion that God has repeatedly said of us, "I am well pleased," we are painfully aware of all that has grieved and dishonored him during those one hundred years. He has graciously forgiven us all our many sins and shortcomings and unfaithfulness and lack of faith and disobedience. We like that king of Israel of whom the Lord said, "I have found a man after my own heart," have many blemishes



"The Christus" by Thorvaldsen As Seen in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California

on our record. Our consolation is that "he will abundantly pardon."

As we review our century-long history, we hear God saying in many of our experiences: "I am well pleased." With enlightened minds we can interpret every one of the following as an approval of God concerning our denomination.

God has brought us safely through these one hundred years fraught with many dangers and crises. From that small group of members in Philadelphia, who now number more than 40,000. Our 266 churches are standing like lighthouses in almost every part of the United States and Canada. Today we are more united than ever before. Although we are a diversified group made up of people from various backgrounds, by God's grace we have "kept the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

On the pulpit of every church there is a Bible, and every sermon is preached about that gospel revealed in that Holy Bible. We can honestly say: "We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the Wisdom of God."

The Lord has poured out the "Grace of Giving" upon our people. A convincing evidence of that we find in our total income for the month of December 1947. During that month we

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School Children in Front of the Mission School at Ndu, Nsungli, Africa

Thou Shalt See Greater Things Than These

Missions as an expanding enterprise is God's way of providing us with security and assuring us rich returns on our investments with him

By REV. H. G. DYMMELE, General Missionary Secretary

"THOU SHALT SEE greater things than these!" Jesus says this to those who leave the fig tree of their narrow existence and seize upon his dynamic promise.

Take our biggest mission field, the Cameroons of Africa. Ours is an intelligent and consecrated family of missionaries of high caliber and intense drive. By common problems and a challenge of great promise they are being welded into an effective weapon of evangelism and conquest for the Redeemer. There we have reached the world average of one missionary for 51,000 population, although this is a ratio 100 times smaller than for the homeland, where there is a minister for every 510 persons.

CONQUESTS IN THE CAMEROONS

This past year we have had the largest ingathering of souls in the history of our missionary enterprise, that is three thousand — a Pentecostal year. Moreover, the German Baptist Mission of the Union of Free Evangelical Churches of Germany recently transferred to our General Missionary Society their claims and titles to leases and real estate in the Cameroons. Whereas we labored hitherto in a subsidiary capacity in point of legal status, we are now the sole heirs and rightful

successors to the German Baptist Mission of Neuruppin, Germany. We left the fig tree and are seeing greater things.

Another handicap will be lifted presently. How fervently have our missionary nurses prayed and pleaded for a medical missionary, without whom there is no government approval of medical missions. How persistently and alertly has the Home Office explored every lead; yet, at first, to no avail. Now, however, it is but a matter of months, yea, weeks, when a competent and genuinely evangelistic doctor and his charming family may sail for the Cameroons. Therefore, the Nurses' Training Project will materialize, a hospital looms as a certainty, and untold evangelistic opportunities beckon by way of medical relief. Praise his precious Name!

MISSIONARIES IN EUROPE

Or take our missionary efforts in Europe. Although a good many missionary opportunities have been blasted by the violent uprooting and expulsion of nationals, there are spiritual freshets springing up in Communities in Austria. In Huetteldorf, a suburb of Vienna, there is a community of 8000 without any church whatever. There, as well as in other communities, Rev. Rupert Ostermann labors faithfully.

Rev. Peter Blatt visits the refugee camps and brings the Gospel message of comfort to the dispossessed, while in Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, a citadel of Roman-Catholicism where in 1557 the Anabaptists were cruelly drowned, we have for the last 2 years a church of eighty members, served ably by the Rev. Martin Gigleseder. The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, our special messenger to the Danubian countries for the last twenty-five years, is circumspect and aggressive and ably supervises the evangelistic ministry committed to him by our denomination.

We have about twelve missionaries in another country beyond the Iron Curtain. Valiantly they also hold forth the Word of life. And although our exchange of information often takes the form of the veiled language of Revelation, we succeed in bringing comfort to their bodies and souls. Two years ago it was foreign to our hopes to have a missionary foothold in China. But with the arrival of Miss Leona Ross in Canton, Province of Kwangtung, China, the richest province of China, where there are 366 people per square mile over against only 44 per square mile in the United States, we are beginning to claim for Calvary men and women in a country where thus far only one of every thousand is a Christian.

But enough of foreign missions this time. Let us cast an appraising glance upon the mission fields at home. In the Canadian Northwest like a tower of strength one of our most gratifying undertakings stands out — the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, ably presided over by the Rev. E. P. Wahl. It is our counterattack against youth's enforced idleness during long winter months, against the abysmal ignorance of so many Christians, young and old, as to the fundamentals of the Christian message, yea, against the darksome wiles of the Roman Catholic encroachment. There are 113 students at the Institute this year, ten of them from the United States, hailing all the way from New York and California. It was axiomatic that the facilities needed expansion, and so we widen the stakes and strengthen the cords by erecting a new building of imposing proportions.

HOME FIELDS

Up in Colorado at an altitude of 7500 feet where the night temperature often drops far below zero, four missionaries determinately breach the walls of prejudice and gloom and superstition of the Spanish-American population at Saguache and Monte Vista, at La Garita and Alamosa. These missionaries are the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer and the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young.

Only recently we received permission from the Canadian Government to build a chapel on the Montana (Bobtail) Indian Reserve near Edmonton, Canada. Miss Twila Bartz has won the hearts of the people and has initiated them not only into the mysteries of the English language, but also into those of the Kingdom of Christ.

Then there are our two general evangelists, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer and the Rev. Herman Palfenier, who launch out into the deep and let down their nets for a draught. They are in such demand that they have been booked not only for this year but in part even up to and including December 1949.

And what a busy round of services come from our conference workers, Rev. Fred Benke, Rev. Rudolph Milbrandt, Rev. Daniel Klein and Miss Ann Swain, as they face the greater things of opportunity.

OUR EXPANDING ENTERPRISE

And what shall I say more? For the time would fail me to tell of the self-effacing, patient work of our missionary pastors. How for a relative pittance, called salary, they keep up a necessary car for their faithful rounds of pastoral calls, how they raise a family of decent children at

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The Goodmans Sail for Africa!

THE REV. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and their son, Larry, sailed for the Cameroons of Africa on January 27. Their sailing date was postponed for several days because of steamer delays. On Sunday evening, January 12, an enthusiastic congregation met in the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois in a farewell service for this missionary family to the Cameroons. Miss Talbot and Dr. Warren Filkin represented the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, from which the Goodmans

"mail bag" to the Goodmans with letters including poems, snapshots and Bible verses to be read in crossing the Atlantic and upon various occasions while on the field in order to serve as reminders of their friends' best wishes and support and prayers.

On Sunday, January 18, the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman served the Evergreen and Ridgewood Baptist Churches of Brooklyn, New York, of which the Reverends W. J. Appel and Adolph Kannwischer are pastors, respectively. On Wednesday evening,



Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and Their Son Larry, Who Have Recently Arrived in Africa as Our Cameroons Missionaries, in a Photograph Taken Shortly Before Their Departure

recently graduated. Mr. Walter Pankratz, president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, made a presentation on behalf of the young people. Mrs. Eva Blevens, former missionary to the Belgian Congo, presented the Goodmans with a small gift on behalf of the Grace Church young people.

Other speakers on the program were Mr. Harold Gieseke and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, vice-president and general secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, respectively. The Rev. Wm. Jeschke, pastor of the Grace Church, then presented a

January 21, they addressed a union meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., for the members of the Pilgrim and Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Churches. They also spoke at the Second Church of Union City, New Jersey on Thursday evening, January 22.

Their trip to Africa to the Cameroons Mission Field will require several weeks. By the time of publication of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" they hope to be in Africa. They will report about the trip overseas and their first impressions of the Cameroons for the benefit of "Baptist Herald" readers as soon as possible.

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR CAMEROONS' MISSION

The General Missionary Committee has appointed Miss Eleanor Weisenburger as another missionary for the Cameroons mission field in Africa. She will sail for the field in March, if passage can be secured. She is a member of the Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota. As a registered nurse and with teaching experience, she promises to render an effective ministry on the mission field.

It can also be stated that a medical missionary has been secured for the Cameroons, in response to many prayers. A detailed announcement will be made in the near future.



Easter Captivates Youth

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In every group of Christian young people there is a desire to carry out the great commission of their living Lord: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me"

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By REV. J. C. GUNST, Young People's Secretary

a potent force at work. In a loving spirit, seasoned with loyalty, these young lives carry on to completion a moving missionary project.

SURRENDERED LIVES

Where you find people with a clear understanding of the meaning of Easter, there you find surrendered lives. Nothing is too costly nor impossible. Forgetting self, you have the individual thinking of serving others. Such a person will deny himself personal pleasures, comforts and luxurious ease. At any cost and most of the time at supreme sacrifice, he will seek to serve those in great spiritual need. Material things or physical things, beyond the bare necessities, are unimportant. Service for the Lord in work to win to Christ is done at any price. Friends are often left behind. Separation from loved ones may result. Genuine preparation at great price for the best service is undertaken.

In all diligence a suitable field is sought out. In untiring unselfishness and deep devotion the infinite love of a Savior is made known. The truth of God is taught. The acquired knowledge of alleviating pain and methods of healing are put to use and ably applied. A hunger and thirst for the Word of God and righteousness are created. A faith in a living, life-giving God is awakened. There is a grasping of God's grace and forgiveness of sin through Christ the Lord. A soul is born again.

Thus another individual has the light and understanding of what Easter means. He can understand perfectly well what Jesus meant when he said: "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Everywhere our young people are organized for a definite purpose. In

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Photo by
Harold M. Lambert

there is a working, a dynamic force in their witnessing power today.

All over in our local conferences and regional young people's unions, from the largest to the smallest society, the Lord has laid claim on young lives. Again and again Christ makes known his resurrection power in a young life. A faith that grips others is revealed. Thus the power of Christ finds expression in the individual life which, in turn, stimulates not only the individual but very often a larger group. There is the molding of a regenerated personality. The spirit of such a person is unselfishness personified. A devotion to see Christ's name honored, glorified, and brought to the attention of others is most evident.

Very often this finds expression in strong leadership to get larger groups of youth together for fellowship. Choice leaders with simple, yet dynamic faith in Christ and his program are brought to the group to proclaim the profound truth revealed in God's living Word. The enthusiastic proclamation of God's power in such a life fascinates, stirs, and sets to thinking the mind of the gathered group.

A vision of Christ's challenge to the leader is presented. A goal is set before the group. A method of how Christ can use the group to attain that goal is clearly outlined. The fact that God would use such a group of young people to attain his purpose through their lives is made clear and soon you have a united group, a directed effort,

TO THE CHRISTIAN young person Easter is something more than new clothes, a parade, or a lovely sunrise service. A believing young person has a clear conception of what Jesus meant when he said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me shall live" (John 11:25). Our emphasis in this verse of Scripture at this time is on belief and life. If the belief is genuine it finds expression in life. Living is the fact that gives significance to Easter. If the Lord had not risen, if he were not living, Easter would have no significance for the individual life.

The witnessing power of the early disciples was their faith in the resurrected Christ. A new life filled with the spirit of Christ is love, and a will to serve was the result in the life of the disciples. Since the first century the Easter glow has found expression in regenerated personalities. There have always been men and women who, because of faith in Christ, gave evidence of a spirit-filled life.

RESURRECTION POWER TODAY

So often we have prayed for that fervency of spirit, that depth of conviction, and an unwavering assurance that the living Christ be as real to us as to the early disciples. If we have not fully experienced the fact that Christ has power in our life, we can readily see a working power in the lives of young people today. Truly

Blessings That Come from Christ

"By the Risen Lord all things are held together." That blessing enjoyed by the denomination is a challenge for the Easter Offering!

By REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

EASTER is the greatest time of the year. One cannot visualize God's revelation to us if Christ had not been born at Bethlehem. It is impossible to conceive of our salvation if Christ had not died for our sins. But even more exalted is the truth of Easter. This is the keystone in the arch of our faith. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Cor. 15:14).

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, the greatest thing that has happened to us is that we have been raised with Christ into a new life, a "life that is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). That is the greatest testimony of every Christian, so that you can say with the Apostle Paul, "being dead in your sins, he has quickened you together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses" (Col. 2:13).

OUR FELLOWSHIP

It is altogether fitting to ask ourselves as a fellowship of North American Baptist at this Easter season: "What is the greatest thing that has happened to us as a fellowship of God's children? What is the greatest thing that the Lord has done for us?" There will be many answers to this question since Scripture reveals a host of blessings that come to us when the living Christ is in us, "the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

But there is one important answer in the light of our denominational fellowship as we unite to observe the Easter festival and to lay another bountiful offering upon God's altar. One of the most important things that the Risen Lord has done for us is that he has united us and molded us into a compact spiritual fellowship with common aims and purposes and with a great love that is focused upon Christ.

This fact is even more remarkable when one considers the conglomerate racial and social elements that represent our background or the great distances that separate our churches and conferences from one another. This spiritual unity is a blessing to be especially cherished in this day when other groups are facing great divisive and destructive forces within their own constituencies.



The Rev. Christian Dippel of Baraboo, Wisconsin, One of the Retired Ministers of our Denomination Who Is Enjoying the Benefits of Our Pension Fund

Wherever evidences of this unity are found, as we firmly believe can be seen in the ministry of our North American Baptist General Conference, they are to be attributed solely to the guiding and energizing power of the Risen Christ. Easter is the calendar's reminder to all of us that "in all things he (Christ) might have the pre-eminence." And in that same passage of Colossians we read that "Christ is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Col. 1:17). That is, by the Risen Christ all things are held together, until "whatsoever we do in word or deed, we do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17).

The denominational unity finds practical expression in the many conferences, young people's assemblies and sectional gatherings among us. The spirit in these sessions is quite unique. Even strangers and "outsiders" testified of this during the last General Conference held in Tacoma, Washington. Plans are being made for our first Pastors' Retreat at Green Lake in July, where it is hoped the Risen Lord will bind our spiritual leaders more closely together than ever before. With the passing of the years these ties of denominational unity are

ever tightening. Behind that fact is the Presence of the risen Christ by whom all things are held together.

The response of our people to the great program of expansion into new mission fields of the world and to a larger, more challenging work in the Cameroons of Africa, has been well-nigh unanimous. Many people have been aware of difficulties in the way. They have given warning signals of trouble ahead. But as the tasks were begun and the assurance became ours that the Risen Christ was going before us to these new fields, our people altogether, unitedly, followed.

THE UNITY OF FAITH

Equally heartening is the unity of faith that is cherished by us, the evangelical emphasis that characterizes us, the clear-cut acceptance of God's Word which we believe without reservation. Surely, those things can only be a fact so long as we are the people of one BOOK, the Bible, and so long as the unity is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, by whom all things are held together.

This is the glory of our denominational fellowship, a glory that is not the reflection of our efforts and achievements, but that is the effulgence of the Risen Lord. How grateful we ought to be for the blessings that come to us in this fellowship of ours! How eager we ought to be to strengthen the stakes of this work of Jesus Christ in our denominational enterprise.

At Easter you will come face to face with the greatest things of life — what God has done for the world by raising Christ from the dead, what Christ has done for you in the exceeding greatness of his power to us who believe, what the Lord has done for our denomination by whom all things are held together, what you can do to proclaim his Gospel into the dark corners of the world! In the greatness of these Easter truths, let your living and giving challenge you to great heights of service. Our Easter Offering to be received from Palm Sunday, March 21, to Easter Sunday, March 28, will give our people everywhere the opportunity to show the Risen Lord the great things that we can do for him because of his indwelling power and marvelous grace.

Back in China!

The story of our missionary's trip to Hongkong and of her first observations of conditions in China after many years' absence.

By MISS LEONA ROSS, Missionary

the Coca Cola people, they were a "pause that refreshes." And even yet, as well as all the way across the continent and the ocean, these verses are constantly turning up.

After four days delay, we sailed from San Francisco, Calif., on December 10th, and immediately ran into heavy seas. Golden Gate was true to its name, for as we passed through the gate the glory of a lovely golden sunset lighted the sky. But within less than an hour people were beginning to get seasick, and not many seemed to enjoy the first three days. The fourth day was very bad and by that time I, too, chose to stay in the cabin most of the time.

There were 18 bunks in our cabin and they were three deep. But by the beginning of the fifth day I went out on the deck again. The sea was still stormy but the sun was shining. The water was a beautiful blue and the sun reflected colorful rainbows in the dancing sprays.

FELLOWSHIP WITH MISSIONARIES

We spent a very pleasant day in Honolulu. Contrary to what I had expected, the first week out of Honolulu was really enjoyable to me, at least, though the sea continued rough. I have never been on a ship before where it seemed almost impossible for the Christian people on board to be able to find a place to meet for daily Christian fellowship, Bible study and prayer. We could not get permission to use a part of the dining room which was all there was besides the smoking lounge, this being full of smokers and card players.

Finally, we resorted to the third class dining room. It was like a bake oven down there with not even a single port hole, the only thing being an electric fan which circulated the hot stuffy air. But we did enjoy those times, anyway, and those of us, to whom Christian fellowship meant everything, were willing to put up with the discomfort of the heat. We also had services on Sunday up in the smoking lounge.

The nearer we got to the Philippines, the hotter it became. Fortunately we had fresh water showers and some of

us took three a day. Then as we came close to the Marianas, we were told that we were heading for a typhoon and would be in it by 1:30 A. M. midnight. The captain steered the ship 90 miles out of its course, and we went up around the north of the Philippines instead of through the straits.

It turned out to be the worst typhoon in twelve years, leaving in its wake millions of dollars worth of damage. Two ships were sunk which had followed the course we had avoided. One never knows what turn a typhoon may take, but we believed that God answered our prayer in guiding the hand of our captain. Even then we had "a good brush-off" by the tail end of the typhoon and again most of us took to our bunks.

THE PHILIPPINES

As we entered Manila Bay in the Philippines, we saw that it was full of sunken Japanese ships, which were referred to as the graveyard of the Japanese Navy. There must have been a great many, for we were told many had already been removed. The pier where we docked was still in ruins from the bombings, as were all the government buildings. It appeared as if nothing had been done. Together with the mud and water through which we had to wade from the pier to the customs house, the whole effect was very depressing. There were hundreds of people, mostly Filipinos, on the pier to meet the "S. S. General Meigs." It was a great sight. That was late afternoon on December 27th. We were told not to venture out at night since it was very dangerous because of many holdups.

But on Sunday morning the sun shone brightly. We wanted to go to church but could get no information. In our desperation, we decided to go to the Union Church. As our taxi passed along, we saw a sign "Memorial Baptist Church," so we had the taxi stop. When we went inside, we found it was the church that our own G. I.'s had helped to build. The service itself was splendid. In the evening we took a taxi again and went to another Baptist church, also English, but the pastor was a Filipino, a fine Christian man.

We were asked to give a testimony. There were many young people there. A former Wheaton College man took us home in a station wagon. He was the guest speaker.

While we sailed through the Philippine Islands the sea was calm and beautiful. We passed Corregidor with its empty shells of buildings on top. It was sunny and pleasant. But alas! The typhoon had preceded us going up to Formosa where it finally spent itself, leaving behind a turbulent, raging sea. So again most of us took to our bunks. We realized something of the power of the sea, when its mighty waves seemed to catch our ship and shake it as a playful kitten toys with a mouse. Pitching, rolling, tossing, trembling, we gradually lost time and finally arrived in Hongkong, China on December 31st.

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG

No one can imagine the thrill when one familiar landmark after the other came into view. I was on the deck before 5:00 A. M. We docked about 8:00 A. M. It was a lovely, sunshiny day. With the exception of a long rip in the fibre of a large brand new trunk given me by four young Chinese people in New York, everything arrived safely. Thank God for answered prayer.

I stayed for the first five days in the Church Guest House, a reservation made for me by Thomas Cook and Son. This was quite expensive. I inquired of various friends but all said it was most difficult to secure living quarters in Canton. I had a half promise to stay in a German Mission home which was much less expensive.

In the meantime, I visited Chinese friends who immediately invited me to come and be their guest. And so, a week ago I accepted their invitation and I could not be more royally entertained if I were the president of the United States. They are so very kind. We eat Chinese food which suits me to a "T." I feel I have so much for which to be thankful.

The people, with whom I lived before, are not living there any more. But I have seen them and have been invited to dinner by them. So far there is no trace of Chan Oi, the 6½ year old girl I left behind. It is believed by some that she could not have survived since she had beri-beri, a malnutrition disease, before she disappeared on June 6, 1942.

OUR MISSION NEAR CANTON

I am expecting a letter almost any time from Canton where someone is trying to get a place for me. So I hope very soon to be able to go on to Canton and secure a permanent place to live and to get started. They say the robbers are very bad. But God is able! Our trust is in him. As you

read this, maybe God will lay upon you a burden to pray. Anyway, it is such a joy to be here and the road has never been easy. We are to attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God.

The waiting here in Hongkong would be much more trying were it not for the fact that opportunities for service have opened before me. On Friday night I was invited to give a message at the Swatow Baptist Church here, a church organized by Christians from Swatow a year ago, without the aid of any missionary. The work has grown by leaps and bounds and they are now in their own church building which seats 500. It was not quite full on Friday night. They have regular services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights besides their Sunday services.

They have asked me to come back again on Wednesday, and I told them I would if I am still here. There was a wonderful spirit there, and numbered among them are former opium smokers and gamblers who have been delivered. One woman, to whom I was introduced, prayed for ten years that a Swatow Church would be organized.

They say there are at least 10,000 people here from Swatow. Those lovely drawn and embroidered table cloths are made by Swatow people.

Then yesterday I was asked to be the guest speaker at the Church of Christ here. This church also is entirely Chinese, and like the other, a very fine spiritual church. It happens that a missionary from the Southern Baptist Board, who was a dear friend of mine years ago, was their pastor's spiritual mother. Yesterday was their communion service. They had a fine service and the church was packed to the doors, and it was an inspiration to me to speak to such an appreciative audience. They too want me to come back.

But while I enjoy this fine fellowship with these beloved Chinese brethren, my heart longs, above all, for the day when my boat will be finished and we can use it to wend our way through the many canals into the villages in the outlying districts around Canton and tell the story to those "other sheep" still outside of the fold. So, friends, do not let me down, but pray that the Lord may continue to "go before."

When God Is Well Pleased

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received \$109,000. Never before during all the years of our long history have we received as much in a single month.

This is the second time in our history that we are striving to reach that high goal of securing one million dollars for our denominational enterprise. With the help of the Holy Spirit and the faithful cooperation of members and churches, we succeeded in raising \$1,053,000 for our Million Dollar Offering launched in 1920. Since that time we have grown in numerical, financial and spiritual stature. It has always been our firm conviction that the first Million Dollar Offering was consummated because God had sealed this undertaking with his own approval.

As we are striving to raise this Million Dollar Offering in two years, to be successfully consummated by July 31, 1949, we are undertaking an even bigger project than in 1920. We are counting on the helpful cooperation of God's Holy Spirit now as then. As we work for the realization of this Spirit-given vision, we hear our Lord's approval when he says to us: "I am well pleased."

It is an added encouragement for us to know that during the five months from August 1 to December 31, 1947 our Million Dollar Offering receipts totaled \$256,058.98. If during five months we contributed more than a

quarter of a million dollars, then surely even the most conservative among us can believe that during the remaining nineteen months, without undue exertion, we can go beyond the million dollars.

There is a danger for us lurking in that upward climb, and that is that we tire and take a rest in some half-way house far from the crowning day, or that some of us withdraw ourselves from active participation, thinking that others will do their part. If we want to sing that doxology, praising God for the realization of that God-assigned project of raising a million dollars in two years, we must all continue to do our share gladly and joyously.

Thinking about this Million Dollar Offering in two years, we believe that it will be nothing less than a miracle of God. The Lord's first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana could only be wrought because all the servants concerned obediently carried out the Lord's directions, even when they seemed to be so unreasonable. If we who are engaged in working this miracle of the Million Dollar Offering in two years will implicitly and consistently follow the advice given by Mary the mother of Jesus when she said, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it," then and only then will the hymn of joyful praise ascend to the Throne of God from our conference gathering in 1949.



—Ewing Galloway Photo

A Chinese Pagoda Seen Through a Doorway at Hangchow, China

IT CERTAINLY SEEMS good to be here in China again. I feel as much at home as though I had never been away for five years.

First of all, let me thank those of you who have been especially praying that the Lord would "go before." He has done just that. There have been many evidences, often in small details, of his leading. We have a wonderful God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

GOD'S PROMISES

Before I left New York I took a number of promises that I had drawn from my Promise Box and put them where I could often reread them. One was: "Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest" (Gen. 28:15). The other, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Ex. 33:14). There were also others.

But these two somehow stayed together and during those busy days of packing and preparation, I was continually seeing them and each time I stopped to read them it seemed as if God himself was speaking to me personally. They were such a blessing and, to borrow an expression from

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Jan. 21st a daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas, who has been named Marjorie Ann. The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Illinois have announced that a daughter was born to them on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 1st, who has been named Joyce Ann.

● Evangelistic meetings were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California for two weeks following Wednesday evening, January 28 with the Rev. Alfred Bernadt bringing the messages. On the successive Sundays, February 1 and 8, the guest speakers in the pulpit of the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa were the Reverends J. C. Gunst and H. G. Dymmel.

● The Rev. Arthur Schulz, pastor of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas since 1944 resigned on Sunday, February 1, and announced that he had accepted the call of the Canaan Baptist Church near Crawford, Texas. Mr. Schulz hopes to begin his ministry in the Texas church on March 15 where he will succeed the Rev. Robert Schreiber now of Chicago, Illinois.

● For some time the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas has been served by the Rev. F. H. Ogilvie of the Southern Baptist Convention. On January 25th Mr. Ogilvie presented his resignation to the church and brought his ministry to a close soon thereafter. The reporter, Mr. George Schoenewolf, stated: "The church is looking forward with God's help to call another pastor in the near future. We covet your prayers."

● The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Losing of Plevna, Montana was observed by members of the church and relatives on Dec. 14th. A brief program was held in their home led by the Rev. David Littke, pastor. Janet Losing, the oldest daughter, read an appropriate poem, and the honored couple was presented with a beautiful set of silverware.

● On February 17 the Rev. Otto Nallinger, director of relief for Baptist World Alliance, sailed for Europe. He is now located in Bielefeld in the British Zone which is the headquarters of the German Central Committee on

BIBLE SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Bible Sunday will be observed by our churches on March 14. Programs with recitation material to be used by the Sunday Schools have been edited and prepared by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio and distributed by our publishing house in Cleveland. The offerings of the Bible Day programs are to be designated for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature by our publication house. They should be sent to headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois. If the printed programs and recitation material have not been received by March 1, please write to Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio and state your requests.

Relief. He will be the Cralog representative in that area and, in addition, will look after the Baptist interests in all of Germany. It may be possible that Mr. Nallinger's family will be able to join him in Germany some time during this coming summer.

● The Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., has extended a call to the Rev. Wolfgang G. Gerthe of Cathay, No. Dak., pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church since 1945. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his ministry in Hutchinson on May 1st, when he will succeed the Rev. G. P. Schroeder who is now serving independently as evangelist.

● On January 24 our Home for the Aged at Medicine Hat, Alberta, Can., was damaged by fire. Five persons perished in the conflagration, including Mrs. E. Fenske, wife of the late Rev. Robert Fenske, and Mrs. Margaret Hoffman. The Rev. R. Milbrandt has reported that renovation work has already been started. The mayor of Medicine Hat, the Hon. W. M. Rae, opened a Restoration Fund with his personal check for \$50.

● The Seminary students had charge of the service at the Andrews St. Baptist Church in Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday evening, January 25th. Mr. Alvin Wetter served as the pastor for the evening and arranged the order of service. Mr. Roger Schmidt, one of the prospective 1948 graduates,

brought a fine biblical message on "Our Sickly Churches." On January 23rd the Seminary Chorus sang in one of the large Rochester churches for a Muriel Lester rally.

● On January 1st the Young People's Society of the Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana held its annual B. Y. P. U. meeting, at which new officers were elected as follows: president, Richard Opp; vice-president, Art Hepperle; secretary, Ruth Sieler; treasurer, Manuel Lang. On the evening of this same day the group had a social gathering in which they sang choruses and played games, followed by an offering and refreshments.

● Several anniversary banquets were recently held by organized Sunday School classes of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash. On Jan. 20 the Friendly Bible Class held its 25th anniversary banquet and on Jan. 30th the Fellowship Class met for its anniversary banquet. On Sunday evening, Jan. 23, the film, "The God of the Atom," was shown to a large, appreciative audience at the church. At the Watch Night service the Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor, baptized two young people, one a student nurse and the other a Senior student at Pacific Lutheran College. "The Week of Prayer" meetings were held in various homes of church families with at least two meetings scheduled every evening in different sections of the city.

● On Jan. 1st the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph C. Lutter of Mound, Minn., began their ministry at the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn. The reception for them was held by the church on Monday evening Jan. 19. Mr. Lutter is a graduate of the Northwestern Bible School and Seminary at Minneapolis, Minn. He also spent a year of study at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago and one year at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. A reporter from the church stated: "We have enjoyed and been blessed with Mr. Lutter's baritone voice and trombone and with Mrs. Lutter's flying fingers on the piano. We are all looking forward to a prosperous year." Mr. Lutter was formerly pastor of the Fundamental Church of Mound, Minn. He has succeeded the Rev. August Lutz, now of Meriden, Conn.

Bible Day and Bible Reading

By MR. HAROLD B. JOHNS of Oak Park, Illinois, Chairman of the Publication Board

AS WE APPROACH our annual Bible Day Sunday, we are reminded of what our Bible should mean to us. "... for the Word of God is alive, and active, and more cutting than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the dividing line of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and is skilled in judging the heart's ponderings and meditations" (Heb. 4:12, Berkeley Version). This would indicate that the Word of God is far more potent than any mere human words — regardless of whether the human words are about the Book or on any other subject.

We may well ask ourselves if we are being exposed to the Word adequately enough to permit it to affect us as it should in accordance with this statement from Hebrews.

Daniel Webster, the great orator and statesman of a century ago is reported to have read the Bible through every year for forty years. Much of his persuasiveness and keen logic are believed to have come from this "exposure" to the Word of God.

Much of Lincoln's ability and many of his sayings, ("A house divided against itself cannot stand"), are attributed directly to his familiarity with the Bible.

It is customary at this time of the year to emphasize the denominational need for contributions to our Bible and colportage funds. The need is there and is as great or even greater than ever before. The use to which these funds were put last year is indicated elsewhere in this issue. We wish to do even more in 1948.

How much more important, however, and how much more beneficial to ourselves and our denomination if, before we give, we arrange to expose ourselves to the quickening influence of God's Holy Word in its entirety!

Twenty-three chapters a week (three a day and five on Sunday — with Psalm 119 counting for eleven chapters!) will enable one to finish easily within a year.

Some prefer five chapters a day (10 in Psalms) Monday through Friday, leaving Saturday and Sunday free. This schedule of twenty-five chapters a week (fifty in Psalms) will enable one to finish easily in about ten months.

"All Scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for teaching, for re-

Bible Day and Easter Offerings

Offerings of Bible Day Programs Will Be Used in the Distribution of Bibles and Christian Literature. Bible Day Observances Are Scheduled for Sunday, March 14th.

The Easter Offerings for Our Denominational and Missionary Enterprise Will Be Received from Palm Sunday, March 21, to Easter Sunday, March 28. The Goal Has Been Set at \$100,000! Your Prayers in Behalf of This Challenging Effort Will Be Appreciated.

"It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

proof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be well fitted and adequately equipped for all good work" (2 Tim. 3: 16-17, Berkeley Version).

God's Holy Word! May it be an inspiration, guide and comfort to each of us!

The Bible Day Observance

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager

AS PREVIOUSLY announced, Bible Day this year will be observed on March 14th. Program material has been sent to all of our ministers and, in those churches without a pastor, the material has been sent to a Sunday School officer. The offering taken on Bible Day is used for the free distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

The Roger Williams Press is grateful to all contributors. The response in the past year has been very gratifying and through this generosity of our people, much good has been done and, under the direction of God, we hope to do much more. To every contributor we would express our grateful thanks. May we all remember that whatever we give to this cause, serves to bring the message of the written Word unto others. May it be our

THE BIBLE DAY OFFERING

During the past year Bible Day offering funds have been used for the following purposes:

1. Individual ministers and church workers in Europe were furnished "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" on the basis of sharing the cost equally with the Fellowship Fund and the Bible Fund.

2. Many copies of "Der Sendbote" have gone to key workers in South America.

3. "Der Sendbote" and "Wegweiser" have been sent to Prisoner of War Camps in England.

4. A number of people have sent used German books intended for refugee ministers in Europe. We defray the transportation charges from the Bible Fund in the sending of these books. We have also sent a considerable number of books of theological character to South America for use in the pioneer areas.

5. Every request for Bibles, English or Spanish, made by our Mexican missionaries is immediately supplied, using money from our Bible Fund.

6. Any call for free Bibles which we consider worthy is always answered. For example, just a few weeks ago twenty-four German Bibles were shipped to New York. These Bibles will be included in relief packages.

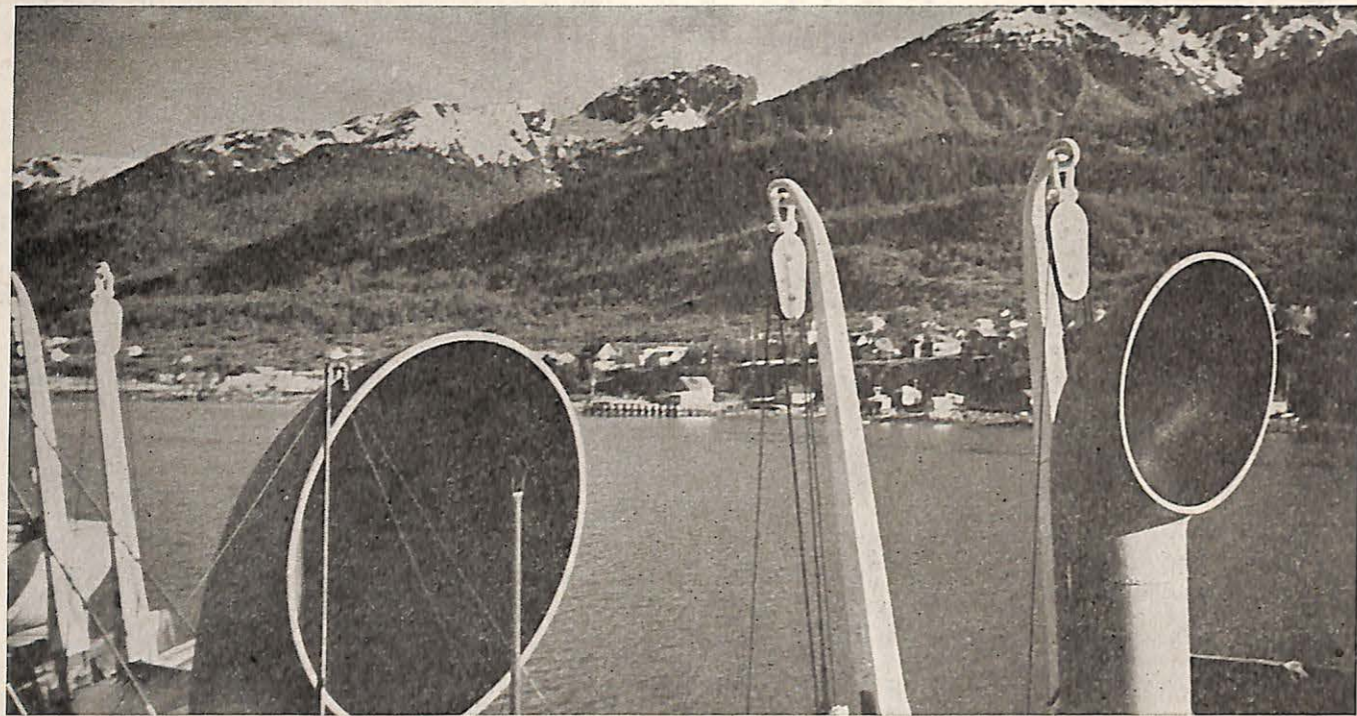
7. During the next six months, "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald" will continue going to Europe. The Bible Fund pays \$1.00, the Fellowship Fund \$2.50 and the same proportion for "The Herald." 1500 "Sendbotes" and 600 "Baptist Heralds" are on this list.

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prayer that this written Word shall comfort, strengthen and, above all, lead others to the foot of the Cross.

Many of our Sunday Schools may not find March 14th a suitable date. The actual observance of Bible Day and the manner of presenting the program is left with each school and we are sure all of our schools will want to consider the observance of this day in the spirit of prayer and dedication.

Prof. H. von Perge has prepared the English and German recitations. This is a splendid selection and may we suggest that it be filed for future reference. Also read the article by Harold Johns, chairman of the Publication Board, in this issue of "The Herald." Let us all try to make Bible Day an outstanding success this year!



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Land of Tomorrow

A Novel by CHARLOTTE KRUGER
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SYNOPSIS

After the war Chris MacKay went back to Alaska — "the Land of Tomorrow" — not only to the mountains and forests, but to love and dreams. On the steamer he met Julianna Barrett, who was going to Alaska with the message of the Gospel. In the little fishing village of Willow Point Julianna held meetings for the children in the old schoolhouse. She also met an old-time friend of hers, Lydia Wilson, the friendly government teacher at Beaver Creek. The arrival of the government mailboat "Nushagak," with its husky skipper Neal Jones, and his right-hand man, Bob Carter, was a big event. Julianna was delighted that the boat had room to take her over to Beaver Creek. A chorus of children's voices begged her to "come back" soon.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE August sun departed in splendor. A luscious watermelon pink seemed to ooze up from the western rim of the world. It flooded the sky ... faded to a pale pink ... then brightened to a plum purple. Julianna Barrett watched with disappointment as the last bright purple cloud turned to a drab gray. Chris MacKay, standing by her side at the bow of the "Nushagak," watched in silence.

One by one the stars peeped through the darkening curtain overhead. Soon the deep blue dome of heaven was studded with twinkling lights. Phosphorescent patches sparkled fitfully in the inky waters.

Julianna broke the silence. "Eight stars of gold on a field of blue," she

quoted. "Alaska's flag ... may mean" She left the sentence dangling. MacKay regarded her with curiosity. In the dim light he could see that her face was a solemn study. She was looking up into the deep blue heavens and watching the glowing stars. When she turned her gaze in his direction, Chris observed that there were two bright stars in her own eyes of heavenly blue.

"Stars," she said almost in a whisper, "I've always loved them ... ever since I was a little girl." After a moment's silence she continued, "I recall how Mother used to pull up the blinds in my room after the lights were out at night. She used to think I was asleep, but sometimes I was just lying awake under my window, watching the stars ... wondering what lay beyond them ..."

"Did you ever find out?" Chris MacKay asked the question reverently. There was another moment's silence before Julianna replied.

"Yes," she said simply. It was a difficult subject to discuss. Somehow, though, she felt that this tall young man at her side was keenly interested. There in the beauty of the starlit night she felt strangely drawn to him. She remembered that pleasant week on the steamer earlier in the year when she

had discovered he loved the same things she loved ... the wild things of the woods ... the birds that circled and soared in the sky ... the wonders of the mysterious forests ... the flowers of Alaskan marshes and meadows.

Breathing a silent prayer, she voiced her conviction. "Yes ... I found out ... when I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus some years ago, when I learned that He has gone to prepare a place for His own ... 'far beyond the starry sky,' as one hymn writer expresses it."

"Tell me more."

There at the bow of the small mailboat, with the accompaniment of lapping waves and throbbing engine, Julianna told her story simply ... yet beautifully.

Eight years before, at the time of her graduation from high school, she had had one supreme ambition and that was to become a famous ballet dancer. She had been graceful from her earliest days and her parents had begun her training when she was a mere child. By the time she had reached her teens, she was an accomplished dancer ... much in demand. However, her popularity had a disastrous effect. She became proud, boastful, conceited, selfish. Even her parents were not favorably impressed with the "finished product" that was

their pride and joy, their only daughter.

One day when she was returning to her small home town in Pennsylvania, after a series of ballet engagements in Philadelphia, Julianna had met with an accident. Her coupe had skidded from the road down a steep embankment, and had rolled over and over as it hurtled down into a deep ravine. A state trooper on his motorcycle had seen the accident, hailed a passing car, and he and the driver had clambered down the embankment and found the unconscious girl in the wreckage. She had been rushed to a Philadelphia hospital immediately, severely injured, half dead. Days had stretched into weeks ... weeks into months ... nearly a year had gone by before she had been able to return home. Then the disheartening news had been told to her ... she must never expect to dance again. Bitterness had followed in the wake of pain and disillusionment. Mother and Dad, their hearts aching with love for their unfortunate child, had done all they could for their Julie. In deep distress, her mother had begun to attend church services and to listen to a popular young radio evangelist over a Philadelphia station.

One spring day ... a Sunday when the forsythia bushes had been drooping with golden bells and the peach trees had been veiled in delicate pink ... Mother had come home from a church service with the startling announcement that she had been "saved" that morning. Mr. Barrett had been puzzled ... fearful lest some mental quirk had asserted itself in his wife. But from that day on a change had been apparent in Mrs. Barrett's life. She had no longer bemoaned the cruel fate that had smitten her child. She had set out with definite earnestness to learn more about this new "way of life" ... the Christian way. She had spent time formerly given to bridge parties and other social affairs to the study of the small black leather volume that bore two shining gold words, "Holy Bible." She had begun to pray ... not only for her daughter's physical recovery, but for the healing of her wounded soul as well. She had prayed for her husband that he, too, might come to know the Savior. And her prayers had been answered. Mr. Barrett, realizing the difference in his wife's life, had begun to study the Word and this resulted in his conversion. Julianna, puzzled over her Mother's perpetual joy since that memorable Sunday, had again become interested in living. She had even asked to read the small black book that seemed to be such a blessing and help to her Mother. When fall came she had been able to walk again ... though slowly. The perennial pain in her back since the accident had begun to lessen.

And then, the second spring after her accident, she had met June Rodgers, a devout Christian girl in her mid-twenties, a missionary candidate for India. The Rodgers had bought the house next door to the Barretts. By summer the two families had become fast friends and good neighbors. June, preparing to go for a brief vacation in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania, had urged Julianna to accompany her. After some hesitation, the younger girl had agreed to go. It turned out to be a Bible Conference ... and a happier, more satisfied group of young people Julie had never seen in her life. At the end of a week she had felt a deep need in her own life. On a July evening, shortly before the vacation ended, the girls had been walking under the pines along the brook that bubbled and chattered over the stones. Julie had expressed her need to June. And there, in the beauty of God's out-of-doors, with fireflies busily flashing their tiny lanterns, the two girls had knelt while the solemn transaction between another sinner and the Savior had taken place.

Her story ended, Julianna turned her eyes once more to the starry heavens. Chris had listened quietly to every word. That he had been impressed was evident from the thoughtful expression in his friendly gray-blue eyes.

"You did not finish the story," said the tall Wyoming man softly. "You did not tell me how it happened that you're in Alaska today."

"I came as a missionary ... to tell the people here that the Lord loves them ... that they can be assured of a happy 'tomorrow' if they prepare for the life to come today."

"Yes, I know ... but ... but ... how is it you chose Alaska? I mean ... why didn't you go to India or China ... or ... Africa ... or some other place?"

"People all over the world need the Lord," explained Julie. "I was always keenly interested in Alaska, even when I was a child. Then, when I went to Bible school after my conversion, I heard about the needs of the entire earth came to our school to speak to us ... to challenge us with the needs of their fields. I told the Lord I would be willing to go anywhere ... for Him." She paused for a moment. Chris looked admiringly at the courageous profile silhouetted plainly against the dark background of sea and sky.

"Just at the time of my graduation," she went on, "an Alaskan missionary society was asking for a young woman to carry on a Bible teaching work especially among the children in a certain section of the Territory. I was free to go anywhere and so I offered

to come to this place. I was accepted and, before I knew what had happened, found myself actually en route for this land ... this land that I like to think of as ... the 'land of tomorrow.'"

"Land of tomorrow?" A puzzled frown passed over MacKay's sun-tanned face. "Say, isn't that the nickname for ... for ... Mexico?"

"I believe it is," Julie answered with a slow smile. "but the implication in connection with that country is the procrastination of the people. Isn't that right?"

"Uh-huh. They're always going to do things mañana ... 'tomorrow' ... but tomorrow never comes," explained the ex-soldier.

"I like to think of Alaska as the land of the future, if the Lord tarries," said Julie thoughtfully. "Alaska is a land of possibilities ... a land that will someday come into her own."

"Alaska does have vast natural resources still untouched," mused MacKay. "The wealth of this great country is inconceivable."

"Yes," added Julie, "it's a known fact that the majority of the people who come to this part of the world come to make money."

"That's right," agreed the young man.

"That's the way it's been down through the years. People have come to appropriate some of that wealth for themselves ... to get gold in one form or another."

Chris nodded his acquiescence.

"It's sad but true," continued Julie, "that even today most of the people come to Alaska for exactly the same thing ... gold ... not necessarily literally, but for money ... riches. I've been able to see it so plainly in these few months that I have been here, Mr. MacKay. People aren't interested in God ... they're interested in gold!"

Chris noticed the sadness in Julianna Barrett's voice as she made known her discovery. He looked down at her and saw a few shining tears trembling in her eyes. She hastily brushed them away with the back of her hand.

A pang went through his heart as he realized his own lack. Had he been guilty of seeking gold ... not God? Had he come to this land to make money? In his heart, MacKay believed there was a God who had made the beautiful world in which he lived ... but ... to know Him personally as did this girl at his side ... that was different. A man had to make money to live. But was that all that God intended in a man's life? Somehow he felt there was more to life than a mere humdrum existence. He was interested in discovering it for himself.

It was a sharp rap on the window of the pilot house that suddenly re-

minded the pair that it was growing late.

"Say, aren't you ever comin' in?" asked Neal Jones. "Isn't it cold out there?" His muffled voice reached them through the closed windows. They had been oblivious to time and place.

With a start Julianna realized that she was cold ... terribly cold ... numb with cold. The night air that blew from the many glacier-crowned peaks was frosty and biting even in the summertime.

Turning their backs on the stars, Julie, followed by MacKay, entered the warm coziness of the pilot house. Chris took over the helm so Neal could rest for a while.

In the wee hours of the morning, the "Nushagak" dropped anchor out of Beaver Creek.

Julianna Barrett, asleep in the little cabin behind the pilot house, was conscious of the cessation of the motor and of the ship's rolling sometime during the night. Too sleepy to look at her watch, she fell fast asleep again. A few hours later Chris MacKay's cheery whistle as he worked around on the stern, roused her to full consciousness. Her watch said it was seven o'clock. Peeping through the curtained window to learn where they were, she recognized the familiar scene of Beaver Creek. She had reached her destination. Hurriedly she dressed, ran a comb through her honey-colored hair and then descended to the galley to wash.

Neal Jones looked up from the magazine he was reading to welcome her. "Good morning." She regarded the skipper with a smile.

"Mornin', Miss Barrett," returned Jones brightly. "D'ya sleep all right? It was kind of rough there for a while ... MacKay and I were wonderin' if you'd stuck to your bunk!"

"I slept very well," she confessed. "Honestly ... was it rough? Or are you kidding?" Jones had reputation for "stringing a person along."

"I mean it ... really I do," assured the genial skipper. He was grinning. "We were taking the waves for an hour or two; glad we didn't have old Cookhouse Mike on board. He gets so scared."

"Cookhouse? You mean ... Mike Tedishoff?"

"Uh-huh. We almost got to bring him back this trip."

"Where has he been ... if I'm not too inquisitive?"

"Oh, didn't you know about the fire?"

"What fire?"

"The Tedishoff cabin burned. Let's see ... when was it? Toward the end of June, I think it was. The old man got burned pretty badly."

"The little girl ... what about her?" Vaguely Julianna remembered little Molly's wistful face, though her name had slipped her mind. Lydia had told her of the child's background.

"She's fine. Chris MacKay here, my new helper, saved the little kid's life. She thinks he's just tops ... sort of a Santa Claus if you know what I mean. Every time we get to town he gets something for Molly. I've tried to convince him he's spoiling her, but he insists he likes to do things for her ..."

"Who's talking behind my back?" A pair of long legs descending the ladder announced MacKay's arrival. With a pleasant grin he welcomed Julianna.

The trio had a jolly time preparing their breakfast. Jones opened some canned fruit and set the table. Chris presided over the stove, fixing bacon and eggs and making the coffee. Julie sliced bread and waited patiently for it to toast in the tiny oven.

"This is fun!" she said as she stopped to turn a few slices of bread that were nicely browned on one side.

"I'd say it was a case of 'too many cooks spoiling the broth,'" put in Jones.

By the time they had breakfast, the incoming tide had deepened the water. Jones started up the "Nushagak" and nosed her over to the mossy dock. Some youngsters who had seen the familiar mailboat anchored a short distance from shore were on the dock ... chewing contentedly on hunks of smoked dried fish while they waited. When the ropes were securely fastened to the pilings, the two men began to unload the merchandise for Beaver Creek.

Amidst a chorus of eager childish voices, "Do I get any letters?" Neal Jones passed the mail sack to his helper who placed it on the dock. Julie, standing in the bow of the boat, looked up and thought how much these children were like her own little flock back at Williwaw.

Lydia Wilson came running down the trail from the green schoolhouse when she spied the excitement at the dock. When Julianna clambered up the rickety ladder, she received a warm welcome.

"I'm so glad you've come, Julie," exclaimed Lydia, at the same time emphasizing her joy with a friendly hug.

The remainder of the morning passed all too swiftly. When the freight and mail from the boat were unloaded, the government teacher invited the men to come up to the schoolhouse apartment for luncheon.

Julianna, in the meantime, had unpacked her bags and made herself quite at home. It was very cozy and pretty at Lydia's place ... a kitchen, living room and small bedroom downstairs, another large bedroom up-

stairs, a real bathroom and even a nice white bathtub. Such luxury in the middle of the wilderness!

"Had you planned a class for the children today, or will you begin tomorrow?" Lydia, sorting mail at the kitchen table, glanced up at her friend and asked the question that was on her mind.

"Whatever you say, Lydia. If you've told the boys and girls to expect a meeting this afternoon, I can be ready."

"Well, I'm afraid we won't have much of a group if we do. Someone came along the trail from the cannery three miles down the Bay just a little while ago, with the report that the fields on either side are just thick with all kinds of berries. The children will be heading for the berries. There may be a few stragglers in town ..."

"Oh! That sounds interesting! Berries! I haven't picked any since I was a kid back in Pennsylvania." Julie's eyes shone like a child's beholding a Christmas tree.

"What do you say then? Shall we ourselves pick berries this afternoon and tell the children to be ready tomorrow?"

"That'd be wonderful," exclaimed the young missionary.

Shortly before noon two hungry men made their way along the familiar path to the schoolhouse on the hill. The girls had prepared a luncheon fit for a king. Four healthy appetites were soon being satisfied.

"How is Cookhouse Mike getting along?" asked Miss Wilson during the course of the conversion.

"Pretty well," assured Jones. "We thought we'd have him along with us this trip but Doc said 'No, not yet.'"

"Perhaps next trip?" Lydia's eyebrows were raised questioningly.

"Perhaps," answered Jones. "Then little Molly's heartaches will begin anew," sighed the teacher.

"He's been crosser than an old bear because he was unable to get back in time to work at the cookhouse," confided Jones.

When the girls made known their intention of berry-picking, the two men volunteered to carry their buckets for them.

"We're going that way anyway," explained MacKay with a grin.

"That's very nice of you," said Miss Wilson, "but really, don't let us delay you. Hadn't you planned to pull out this afternoon?"

"We had, yes, but one of the old fellows down at the dock said they needed help at the cannery ... pitching salmon. MacKay here has never done it ... thought he'd like a try at it. So we'll stick around a few hours longer."

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Greater Things Than These

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great self-denial and send into the larger work many a young man and young woman who figuratively under a fig tree had a first glimpse of him who said: "Thou shalt see greater things than these" (John 1:50.) At the same time they led half of the mission churches into complete self-support.

Missions is a paying but also an expanding enterprise. "Go ye into all the world!" Does this mean sending more missionaries? It does! Does it mean that next year perhaps we ought to invade South America and/or Japan? It does! It is God's way of providing us with security and assuring us rich returns from our investments with him.

A good brother in our denomination wrote me recently thus: "So at the close of the year taking invoice of God's blessing for the year 1947, I sat down and wrote some checks to deposit in the Lord's bank. You know we don't get much interest in the banks, so why not invest it in the Lord's work, whose interest is unlimited, as one soul is worth more than the whole world. So I am enclosing a check of \$600 for you to invest for us for the year 1948."

CHRIST'S INVESTORS

We need such investors. Our field force in the Cameroons pleads for a missionary business manager, a station manager, a manual training missionary, a Bible school missionary, a school superintendent, a medical doctor. Along with them we need for Victoria a remodeled guest house, a remodeled church, a permanent missionary home, chapels at Tiko and Mutengani; for Soppo a girls' school, a classroom for a preliminary course for teacher training, a missionary home, a permanent day school classroom; for Bamenda a permanent guest house, a permanent garage and workshop, and permanent staff quarters; for Belo one duplex as home for a missionary nurse and teacher; for Ndu six permanent native staff houses, one duplex as home for a missionary nurse and teacher; for Mbem two permanent school houses, two permanent native teachers' homes; for Warwar completion of a nurse's home, two permanent native staff quarters, one permanent guest home, one church.

Let the crying need and the victory of the Risen Christ be the yardstick of your practical, sacrificing faith as you give towards the denominational Easter Offering. All power is given unto Jesus and unto all those who like Nathanael follow him into greater things!

We, the Women

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

ON THIS AND THAT

"The time has come," the walrus said, "To talk of many things." This we will do today — though not "of cabbages and kings."

REPORT CARDS. What an exciting day it is for school children when report cards are handed out! There are mixed emotions visible on the little faces — some beam with pride as they see the high marks on their card, others reflect gloom and shame at the low record, while still others show fear as they think of what their parents will say or do about the poor marks received. Most of you parents, no doubt, take a keen interest in the report cards your children bring home, and encourage them to strive for the highest grades possible.

At the end of this month each Woman's Missionary Society will be asked to fill out a report blank covering the work of the past year. In a sense this is your report card — not only for your society, but for each individual member. Have you ever thought that what you do is very important for the society as a whole? Well, it is, for only as each member does her part can the whole group make a good showing.

Report cards, as any teacher will tell you, are to measure the progress of a child in his studies. The report blanks which we as a National Union send out are for the same purpose — to help

you measure the progress of your group on the various goals outlined on our Project Chart.

If you haven't finished reading your five Bible books or the one missionary book, won't you get busy right away? You have the rest of this month to finish. And suppose you check up on the other goals to see what you can do to help them over — so that your group may be well pleased with a "perfect" report card.

BROADCAST. If you liked the Union paper in its printed form, won't you drop the editor, Miss Eva Yung, a line telling her so? By the way, there is at present no charge, but we are necessarily limiting the number of copies we send out, as nearly as possible, to the presidents of societies and ministers' wives or other society leaders. We trust that they are being shared with all those interested, as well as being used for programs.

GERMAN MISSIONARY BOOKS. The suggestion has been made that perhaps a good missionary book in the German language may be hidden away in someone's attic half forgotten. Since it is so difficult to get German missionary books for our German women to read, could we work out a system of sharing these books through a circulating lending library? If you have any such books and would be willing to share them with others, please write your president, Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel, as soon as possible.

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	Jan. 1948	Jan. 1947
Atlantic	\$ 1,810.75	\$ 4,059.10
Eastern	2,220.45	1,746.02
Central	7,715.58	8,894.95
Northwestern	8,289.07	8,744.38
Southwestern	3,723.68	8,963.15
Southern	1,847.52	8,409.91
Pacific	7,979.60	12,375.65
Northern	1,657.91	7,083.35
Dakota	11,608.30	9,901.59
Total for the Month of January	\$46,852.86	\$70,189.10

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

January 1, 1948 to January 31, 1948	\$ 45,715.71
August 1, 1947 to January 31, 1948	301,774.69
Total required to date	250,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1947 to January 31, 1948	\$400,137.83
April 1, 1946 to January 31, 1947	361,044.23

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Pacific Conference

Christmas and Watch Night Services at Los Angeles' Fifteenth Street Baptist Church

The Christmas holidays were blessed days here at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. We look forward each year to our Christmas program and pageant presented by the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. White Christmas gifts of food are brought to the church by everyone wishing to contribute something for those less fortunate than we are. This year the response was overwhelming. This whole-hearted cooperation was especially appreciated since the gifts went to our loved ones in Europe.

Our traditional Watch Night service was held in the church parlor under the leadership of our faithful pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt. We are happy to report a record-breaking attendance for this inspiring service. The decorations for this occasion were carried out in the bright colors of red, green, and white, and were surely a beautiful sight to see. Harriet Schlegel, chairman of the social committee, was responsible for this artistic work.

Everyone gathered informally around the candle-light tables to enjoy a varied program of special musical selections and reviews by the representatives of the various organizations. The choir rendered two beautiful anthems, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Shelley, and "Beside Still Waters" by Hamblen. Mr. Mittelstedt gave a short but inspiring message challenging both young and old to do more for our Lord and Master in 1948.

The program closed with an impressive candlelight service given by the young people entitled, "Immanuel God With Us." Each person read his Scripture verse giving proof of God's eternal love in the past, the present day, and in the future days to come.

On Sunday afternoon, January 4, we had the joy and privilege of packing the White Christmas gifts for our friends and relatives in Europe. The names were turned in to Mr. Mittelstedt a few weeks in advance. Sixty parcels were sent out to our loved ones, and our prayer is that these gifts will bring some happiness to them. The Christmas offering amounting to over \$100 was designated for the postal charges. May God give these people the strength and courage to go on in this world of turmoil!

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Central Conference

Five Church Young People's Union of Detroit, Mich., Holds Its Annual Banquet

Detroit has done it again! The annual banquet of the Five Detroit Churches of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held at the Bethel Baptist Church on Friday evening, January 23. We have started off the year of 1948 right. About 240 young people and Sunday School workers were present from the five churches, including Bethel, Burns, Connors, Ebenezer and Linden. The evening started out fine, too, with a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings. After dinner Roger Williams, the president, brought a few words of greeting and then Herb Seipke as toastmaster took the program over in his usual clever way. Since each church was to participate in the program, Bethel started off with their version of the radio program, "Bride and Groom."

That wasn't enough, for Connors Avenue came next with a skit entitled, "The Salt Shaker." There was still more fun when Ebenezer presented their pantomime concerning Grandma and Grandpa's first ride in the Old Ford. When we thought we had no laughs left, Burns Avenue put on, "The Crooked-Mouth Family," which doubled us up for the rest of the evening. On the more serious side we had a beautiful duet presented by Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Geis of Linden and a men's quartet from Connors. The program was thoroughly an entertaining one, and one which will long be remembered in the history of our five Detroit churches.

Each church had decorated its own table and the pastors from the churches acted as judges and awarded the prize for the best decorated table to Ebenezer whose table boasted a sports scene. The prize of \$10.00 was sent to the Million Dollar Offering of our North American Baptist Conference. Mention was also made of our forthcoming Christian Workers' Conference on May 7, 8 and 9 of this year at the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, a time when all the workers of the Sunday School and young people's groups of the Central Conference will get together for a time of inspiration and fellowship through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We truly praise God for being able to have this blessed fellowship as believers in Christ Jesus.

Frances Stanley, Secretary.

Holiday Activities With Five Students at the Beaver Church of Michigan

The Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan, was happy to have five students spend their Christmas holidays with them. Four of these were seminary students at Rochester, N. Y., and one from the Missionary Training School at Chicago, Ill. They were Adolph and Bert Braun who are from our church; Lawrence Bienert and Harold Weiss; and Virginia Schmidt, also from our church. Their presentations were a joy to all.

The children rendered a program on Christmas Eve that delighted the hearts of many people who filled the church as they came to review the birth of our Lord and Savior. Student Harold Weiss rendered numbers on the musical saw, with Virginia Schmidt at the Hammond Organ.

The Watch Night service came as the climax to this beautiful season of fellowship. Again our church was filled to capacity as we began our service at 9 P. M., the students taking charge of the first hour with inspirational addresses. In the closing hour our pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, led the congregation in a soul-stirring candlelight, consecration service. Beautiful white and colored candles flickered on the altar table in the semi-darkness of the church auditorium as the earnest appeal for reconsecrated lives came from the lips of our beloved pastor. Those who pledged themselves to win one soul in the new year took their place in front of the church with the white-lighted candles. Others stood along the side walls of the church with the colored-lighted candles.

New Year's Day again was the occasion for the Young People's Banquet. After a delicious turkey dinner at 7 P. M. in the church basement, a humorous program followed. Our toastmaster was Edwin Schultz, brother of Esther Schultz, our missionary in Africa. After much laughter and smiles, our pastor brought the evening to a close with a message on, "The Gospel According To You."

Little did we realize that the terrific storm that had been raging all day had blocked the roads for our journey home. Nine cars leaving together at 10 P. M. did not arrive home until 2 A. M. and then only with much trouble and driving twenty miles round about. One family drove home on a tractor, another walked four miles. But we all thank God for the bitter as well as for the sweet. We will continue to "rejoice in the Lord."

Mrs. Paul Rinas, Reporter.



Members of the Youth Choir of the Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas With Mrs. A. Braun, Pianist, at Extreme Left (Front Row) and Mr. W. B. Marstaller, Director, at Left and Rev. J. R. Wyatt, Pastor, at Right in Back Row

Great Remodeling Program and Spiritual Progress at Benton Harbor's Clay Street Church

The New Year's Eve Watch Night service in the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., was a veritable flow of testimonies, praising God for his guidance and sustaining grace during the past year. As we reflect on our New Year's service of 1946 and remember how we stood as a church without a pastor, earnestly seeking God's will for our leadership, we cannot but praise him for directing the Rev. Wm. Hoover and his family into our midst. The deepened spiritual life of the church, the many reconsecrations of individual lives, and the large number of conversions we have been privileged to witness are ample proof of the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst and God's favor upon the union of the pastor and church.

The church remodeling program begun in July was successfully completed November 1st, climaxed on October 30th by a church family night dinner and program in which each class and organization gave a report of their contributions to the project. Each night during the entire four months period of actual work, men of the church together with our pastor as leader reported for work and took great pleasure in doing much of the common labor attendant upon such a venture. Each Thursday and Friday evening a faithful "Bucket brigade" of women from the church cleaned the auditorium, thus making it possible to carry on our regular Sunday services. In all, it was estimated that the gratis hours of labor amounted to the grand total of \$5400.00.

It was, therefore, with a real sense of participation that we gathered on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2nd, with the neighboring churches and pastors as well as the contractors to rededicate our edifice. A program of miscellaneous numbers by workmen, contractors and church officers was most impressive, climaxed by a re-dedication prayer.

The interior of our church has undergone such a physical change as to give it the modern lines of church architecture. What was formerly the wall between the Sunday School room and the main auditorium, has now been removed and replaced by a fabric-covered accordion-type, folding door, which can be opened or closed to accommodate both large and small audiences. The aisles of the church auditorium, choir loft and choir room have been carpeted. Indirect fluorescent lighting has been installed. The auditorium ceilings have been covered with acoustical tile. A new P. A. system, carrying the message of the pulpit to all parts of the church, was installed. An enlarged, modern and fully equipped kitchen with asphalt tile floor is the joy of the ladies in the church. Conversion from coal to oil heat has given us additional space for Sunday School facilities. The entire church has been redecorated and a new roof applied.

The total remodeling expenditures as reported by the committee were \$25,000, which have been paid in full

RECEPTION FOR STUDENTS IN CHICAGO AREA at Forest Park Headquarters, April 22

A reception for North American Baptist students in the Chicago area is being planned by the Secretarial Staff at the denominational headquarters at 7308 West Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., on Thursday evening, April 22. Invitations will be sent to all students whose names and addresses we have. If you as pastor or as parents can supply such information, please do so at once by writing to the Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. There will be refreshments and a program to which all of our students in the Chicago area will be welcomed.

with a technical deficit of \$3000, covered by pledges. When one realizes that this has been in addition to the remodeling of our parsonage only a few months previous and the regular church budget, we humbly acknowledge an undertaking of this size and scope to have been impossible to attain without the Lord's help and blessing.

We look forward hopefully as the Lord has seen fit to entrust to us these spiritual and material blessings. May we be found ever faithful in his service, dedicated to preaching and teaching the Gospel of Christ.

Mrs. Arthur Achterberg, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Youth Choir of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas Renders a Cantata

"Sing unto God, sing praises to his name" (Ps. 67:4a). This Scripture verse certainly applies to the young people of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas because they are using their voices in singing and praising him. We thank God for this fine group of Christian young people who love the Lord and are willing to give one night each week of their time to the study of music in order to glorify his Name. We also thank him for the splendid and untiring efforts of their director and pianist, Mr. W. B. Marstaller and Mrs. A. Braun. On Sunday evening, December 21, this youth choir gave an excellent rendition of the cantata, "The Story of Christmas" by R. M. Stults.

On Christmas Eve our Elementary and Intermediate Departments of our Sunday School presented a fine program. The auditorium was well filled with approximately 250 members and friends. All who were present received gifts from the tree.

It is our desire to continue in Christ's work with a greater zeal to "go forward" and bring the unenlisted into his fold during the coming year.

Mrs. Vernon Ekrut, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Spiritual Progress and Increased Attendance at New York's Immanuel Baptist Church

We of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., are happy to report that since the Rev. Assaf Husmann accepted our call, the congregation is going forward by the grace of God. No one wants to miss the inspiring messages, and the attendance is very promising, with strangers visiting frequently.

Although Mr. Husmann began his ministry on Sept. 1st, we held a very fine reception on Nov. 13th, due to the housing shortage which kept his family away until Nov. 1st. But the Lord led us to buy a lovely, one-family



Baptismal Candidates Recently Baptized by the Rev. E. S. Fenske (Center), Pastor of the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota

house with garage and garden, thanks to the noble sacrifices of our dear people. Mrs. Husmann feels very happy about it and called it "an open house" for all our people.

All departments of the church, especially the Sunday School, are progressing. A new mixed choir with Mr. Husmann as director, has been started, and a young people's society is going to be organized soon. We had a fine Thanksgiving Offering for the denominational enterprise, and our women are doing well in aiding the needy. Even snow-bound New York City could not cut down our attendance.

The Watch Night service was very inspirational with a baptismal service, prayer and testimony which had to be extended until 12:30 o'clock. The attendance reached the hundred mark.

So we started the New Year with grateful hearts, praising the Lord for the blessed service of our pastor and his co-workers. Quite a few of our former members have come and are still coming back home, and we cling to the Lord for greater blessings.

During the first week of January we had a fine prayer fellowship with the Second and Harlem Churches, and we appreciate highly the spirit of Christian brotherhood which prevailed throughout these meetings!

Robert F. Herzog, Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Recent Activities of the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church of North Dakota

Special meetings were held by the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Minneapolis, Minn., at the Lincoln Valley Church of North Dakota from Nov. 17 to 30. These services were especially enjoyed by all, and eight Juniors of the Junior Class gave their hearts to the Lord. May God keep them within the hollow of his hand during the coming years.

Miss Ann Swain visited our church in October and introduced the Scripture Memorization plan. She gave a missionary talk to the Missionary Society also. The Rev. Karl Gieser of

besides their regular meetings. We enjoyed a very fine Christmas program by our Sunday School.

From Jan. 5 to 16 we had the privilege to have the Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, So. Dak., with us for evangelistic meetings. This was a boon not only for the unsaved, of whom four answered the call of the Master but for the whole church as well. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Fenske and his church for this service.

The pastor's salary has been raised and he has been remembered with many love gifts. Even his coal bin has felt the impact of the generosity of the members as it has been filled to overflowing each year by generous givers. Lately the parsonage has been insulated and also a medicine chest with plate glass installed in the bathroom.

David Littke, Pastor.

Evangelistic Services and Baptism of 32 Persons at Herreid, South Dakota

The Herreid Baptist Church looks back to 1947 with heartfelt gratitude to God for the many rich blessings which he has bestowed on it. In this report, however, we shall only enumerate some of the most recent blessings.

From Nov. 3 to 4 revival meetings were conducted at our Gnadenfeld station. The Rev. David Littke of Plevna, Montana served as evangelist. Thirteen persons were saved and God's people were revived in their faith. We are thankful to Mr. Littke for the fine service rendered and to the Plevna church for relinquishing his time so that he was able to serve us.

Our general evangelist, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, assisted us from Nov. 23 to Dec. 5 in Herreid in protracted meetings. Mr. Pfeifer's Felt-O-Scene talks and stirring Gospel messages took well with our people. The attendance grew from evening to evening, even though the weather was against us and many roads were blocked, so that some of our people were unable to attend the services. Through God's grace 20 persons were saved and God's people were refreshed in their faith.

At the Watch Night service it was our joy to baptize 32 persons and besides these receive eleven people through restoration (43 in all) into the fellowship of the church. The impressive baptismal and communion services were a living testimony in the presence of a large audience of over 500 people to the saving power of Christ. As a church we greatly rejoice over this ingathering of souls.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, the Herreid Sunday School gave a very fine program which consisted of recitations, dialogues and songs, which was led by the superintendent, Mr. Andrew Huber, and was appreciated by a large audience. The pastor and his family were presented with many gifts from the members of the parish. At the close of this program, an offering was received for our orphanage in St. Joseph, Mich.

E. S. Fenske, Pastor.

Evangelistic Meetings, Baptism and Musical Programs at the Calvary Church, Carrington, N. D.

The month of November began for the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, North Dakota with three weeks of evangelistic meetings, the first week being conducted by our pastor, Rev. Arthur Ittermann, which served as a real spiritual tonic to the church. During the following two weeks the Rev. Otto Fiesel of Sidney, Montana brought God's Word in such a convincing way that seven persons were won for Christ and the spiritual life of the church members was deepened. We express our appreciation for his services, and wish him God's richest blessings on his own field.

As a result of these services it was our great joy in connection with our Watch Night service to see these converts follow the Lord in baptism, and to receive them into the fellowship of the church on the following Sunday. Under the instruction of our pastor, a large class of young people recently completed two weeks of Bible School with Bible study and practical Christian living.

The Christmas season was welcomed with its many blessings. The holiday program featured a fine variety of songs, recitations, dialogues and a pageant by the various Sunday School departments.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 28, a fine message in song was rendered by the church choir under the direction of our pastor and ably assisted by Mrs. Ittermann as accompanist. The musical program carried out the Christmas theme with special numbers. In spite of adverse road and weather conditions, all these inspiring events were well attended and we greatly rejoice and praise God for his blessings.

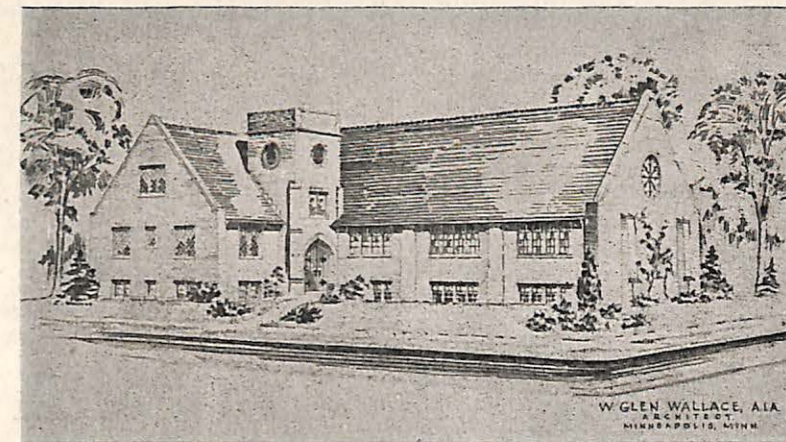
Mrs. Martin Kandt, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Organization and Recognition of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, desiring to be recognized as an independent Baptist Church, extended an invitation to several of our Iowa churches to send the pastor and one delegate for the purpose of deliberating as a council on recognition. This council convened on Tuesday, December 30, at the Sumner church.

The meeting was opened by the Rev. Paul Zoschke, pastor of the Elgin and Sumner churches. The Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg was elected as chairman of the council, and Harry Johnson of Elgin was elected as clerk. A resume of the organization and history of the Sumner church was given by Mr. M. Zurbruggen of Sumner and Mr. Carl Hackman of Elgin. After a public discussion regarding the testimony, progress, and prospects of the Sumner church, the council withdrew in private session. The council unanimously and heartily voted to recommend that the Sumner church



Architect's Sketch of the New Edifice Planned for the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

proceed with plans to become an independent and self-supporting church, and this decision of the council was read to the Sumner church.

The chairmanship then reverted to Mr. Zoschke who called for the letter of membership transfer from the Elgin church to be read. It was unanimously voted that the members whose names were read constitute the charter membership of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa.

The evening recognition service was presided over by Mr. Zoschke. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our mission secretary, presented a challenging message on the subject, "The Church of Jesus Christ." After the message, the members of the Sumner church gathered around the platform for an impressive service of consecration. Mr. Dymmel offered the consecration prayer. Fitting words of welcome, responsibility and fellowship were given by the Reverends C. F. Lehr and H. Lohr.

May the Lord's gracious blessing rest upon our newly organized sister church at Sumner, Iowa.

Howard Johnson, Reporter.

Plans for the Relocation of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn.

There are two dangers to which God's Church is ever exposed — that of complacently sitting at ease in her present comfortable condition, or that of rushing impatiently into new circumstances without providential guidance. It is always wise for her to commit her way to God and he will direct her path. We assume, and Scripture supports that assumption, that God has always guided and directed his Church in ages gone by. God's motto with Israel was always "Forward."

On its way to Canaan Israel had been encamped at the foot of Mount Seir. For thirty-eight years Israel had compassed the mount. The children of Israel frequently changed their position with regard to this mountain. But they never moved forward, but always in a circle. It was a constant "Merry-go-round" movement with them. They encamped alternately on the west, and on the north, on the east

and the south side of this mount, but they had never ventured beyond the old established frontiers. In this circular movement they had lost their sense of direction, and thus never reached the Promised Land until they went forward. They were no nearer to the land that was promised to them and which they were to possess, than they had been thirty-eight years earlier. But God still had great plans for them, and therefore, when the fullness of the hour was come, he spoke to Israel through his servant Moses, saying, "Ye have compassed this mount long enough; turn you northward" (Deut. 2:3).

This command to decamp and to turn northward has come to the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. We have sold our present building and have made plans for the erection of a new one.

There are two major reasons for our action, which we believe was God-inspired. First, we have outgrown our present Sunday School facilities as well as the main auditorium. Hence, we are moving on to a larger church with more adequate facilities to meet our need and with more room to accommodate our people during the worship services.

Secondly we have outlived our usefulness — if such a thing is possible — at our present location. In the past when the ministry of the church was confined to the German language and the German people who resided in the immediate vicinity of the church there was a need for such a ministry. But with the coming of an English program in the heart of a community that has several evangelical churches, the ministry of our church has become very limited.

The Lord willing, we will begin the construction of the church as soon as favorable weather returns. We may not be able to complete the edifice because of the exorbitant and ever-mounting prices of building materials. But we shall not be daunted for "Faith" qualifies not only the name of our church, but the character of our endeavor as well, for "now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, for by it the elders obtained a good report."

Lewis B. Berndt, Pastor.

The Ruth Guild of Manitowoc's First Baptist Church Conducts Vesper Service

Pictured below is the Ruth Guild of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as they appear in their presentation of "Jesus Christ Is Lord" on Dec. 7th. The fact that the entire service, with the exception of the Scripture reading was given from memory, did much to add to the effectiveness of the Vesper Service. A large pulpit Bible was presented to the church by the Guild during the program.



Members of the Ruth Guild of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin as They Appeared in a Recent Vesper Service

Since the organization of the Ruth Guild six years ago, the girls have held a consistent high record for their missionary reading, having earned four pictures for qualifying in the National Reading Program. Each year they have filled their White Cross quota and have completed the suggested home and foreign mission study books. Besides contributing to the missionary budget of the church and to special mission projects, the girls have undertaken raising money for the purchase of an organ when a new church can be built. To date their organ fund amounts to \$750. All funds raised by the Guild are through the pledges of its members.

The officers of the Ruth Guild are: Mrs. Grace Liesch, president; Frieda Specht, vice-president; Mrs. Richard White, secretary; Alice Anthold, treasurer; and Mrs. Lucian Newberry, counselor.

Mrs. Lucian Newberry, Reporter.

Recent Events in the Ministry of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin

The Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin celebrated the birth of our Savior with several religious programs. The Ladies' Aid held its annual Christmas party in the minister's home, at which time the election of officers took place. Mrs. Emil Adam was re-elected as president. Gifts were exchanged by the members.

Our young people's society under the able leadership of Mr. Math. Meyer is going forward in the name of the Lord. Meetings are held each Sunday evening at the church preceding the service. A men's quartet has been organized with Rev. John Grygo and

Messrs. Math. Meyers, William Bok and W. M. Kostanski. They furnish numbers at the evening services.

The Watch Night service was well attended. On New Year's day our annual business meeting was held. Mr. Leo Gross was elected Sunday School superintendent to succeed Mrs. Frank Frye, who so ably carried on the Sunday School work during the past year. The Week of Prayer was observed with meetings held every evening in the church.

Our pastor, Rev. John Grygo, and his family are getting acclimated to our northern weather, and we are get-

ting to know one another better. Surely, the Lord is blessing the work here under his leadership. The pastor and his family are grateful for the many blessings that are coming to them in material things as well as in a spiritual way. Mr. Grygo addressed the Ministerial Association of Marinette County recently on his experiences as a pastor in New York City.

Mrs. Emil Adam, Reporter.

Many Interesting Programs at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn.

The blessings that we as the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., have experienced in the past months are far too many to mention at this time. Even as we look back to these church activities, our hearts express gratitude. On Sunday evening, December 14, our three choirs — Mixed Choir, Male Chorus, and Junior Choir — which have served the church well, rendered a "Candle Light Musicale" to a very appreciative audience.

On Sunday evening, December 21, the Sunday School scholars gave a delightful and interesting Christmas program of recitations, plays and music. The church presented the pastor, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, and his family with a substantial gift of \$100. The Watch Night service was in charge of the Senior young people.

The second week of January was observed in the following manner: Several evenings were devoted to prayer, with our annual business meeting, preceded by a fellowship dinner, on Wednesday evening, January 14, and the beginning of a Leadership Training Course on Thursday evening. The topic of the course was, "Building a Christian Home." Both the

Senior and the Junior young people are already busy, each preparing a play to be given some time in the not too distant future.

The church's last year's mission offerings amounted to \$3436.05, a gain of \$1343.93 over the previous year's offerings. The fine spirit of fellowship, harmony and cooperation revealed in every department of the church has made it a pleasure to carry on God's great work at Riverview!

Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Young People's Society of Trochu, Alberta Holds Annual Election and Presents Programs

The Young People's Society of the First German Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta recently gathered for its annual elections. Following are this year's officers: president, Delton Yost; vice-president, Ed Henkel; secretary, Loraine Falkenburg; treasurer, Vivian Yost; pianist, Dorothy Yost; reporter, Mrs. Ed Henkel; librarian, Doloras Haller; representative to church committee, Albert Weigum.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 21, a well prepared Christmas Candlelight Vesper Service was rendered by the girls of the society. An enjoyable evening was had by all at the banquet held on Dec. 26 in the church parlors.

A very interesting play entitled, "The House on the Sand," was presented by a group of the society's members on January 11. Our one desire as a society is to serve the Lord and Master in such a way that it may be pleasing to him.

Mrs. Ed Henkel, Reporter.

Spiritual Blessings in the Ministry of the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta

We of the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta are thankful for our consecrated pastor, Rev. J. P. Schultz, who is a faithful shepherd of his flock. In November he was privileged to baptize three young people on confession of their faith in Christ. The Sunday School, under the capable leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Henry Weidman, rendered a lovely Christmas program.

The Lord is also blessing us as young people. Five of our members are attending the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. Although we are few in number, we rendered a program on New Year's Eve and the play, "Your Conscience Speaks," was presented. An offering was received for the needy in Europe. Our male choir consisting of twenty voices serves us faithfully every Sunday.

The Rev. R. Milbrandt was in our midst from January 13 to 23. His timely and inspiring messages deeply touched our hearts.

Ruth Unger, Reporter.

The Cold Winter Does Not Curtail Activities of the Church at Jansen, Sask.

The Emanuel Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., is pleased to report that its pastor, Rev. John Wahl, formerly of Yugoslavia, who is experiencing his first Canadian winter, is well climatized and has no "phobia" for Saskatchewan's sub-zero weather.

He is pictured above with the church's former pastor, the Rev. E. J. Bonikowsky (now retired) and his team and closed-in sleigh which is the most popular mode of conveyance in use during this season. Although it cannot boast of "Pullman air-conditioning," it does provide the passenger with spring-cushioned driving comfort, good visibility, a comfortable seat, heat to any degree of comfort and economical travel at safe speeds to the music of sleigh bells.

Winter may curtail the speed of travel but not the zeal and fervor of a sound Christian group. They have not diminished. The season of the year also has no influence on the activities of the Ladies' Missionary Society here at Jansen. Under the able leadership of Mrs. E. J. Bonikowsky, wife of the former pastor, it meets every month in spite of inimical winter weather.

The church services are well attended and its plans for the immediate future are greater than any previous aim. May God see fit to grant their fulfillment and may he open our eyes that we may see good and not evil, truth and not error, victory and not defeat in the work of his Kingdom.

W. E. Bonney, Reporter.

Holiday Activities of the Young People's Society of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

On Sunday, December 14th, the Young People's Society of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba presented its annual Christmas concert. Many enticing numbers were offered but the climax was the presentation of a play. The young people's choir under the direction of Leo Schultz sang Christmas carols on a number of Sunday nights before Christmas.

On December 26 "Bill" Patzia kindly offered us his home and immediate surroundings for a toboggan party. About sixty young people turned out to enjoy themselves in the crisp air. Skiing, skating, tobogganing, and a "sled merry-go-round" were made available. We then went indoors for lunch and a singsong during which we welcomed our new pastor, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, into our group.

To round off the holiday activities the boys gave a party for the young women. No games were played as the young men did all the entertaining. After the program lunch was served by candlelight. Mr. Fuchs presented a very interesting and enlightening talk.

Interspersed among these social events, we held our regular devotional services.

John Luebeck, Reporter.

Rev. E. J. Bonikowsky, (Left), Former Pastor at Jansen, Saskatchewan, and Rev. John Wahl, Present Pastor, Beside the Team and Closed - in Sleigh Used in Coming to Church



Easter Captivates Youth

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every group there is a desire to carry out the great commission of their Lord: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Programs of inspiration and fellowship result. Periods of study and learning the principles of Jesus and the eternal truth of God are arranged. There are times of dedication and consecration of life.

Great missionary conferences result in assuring large missionary projects to support missionaries. Young men and women from the ranks of our churches

where these young people reside who enter full time service are thought of in prayer and are well supported with financial necessities.

Churches begin to hum and grow in a spiritual witness because youth everywhere has caught a vision. They have accepted a challenge. They have set a large goal. They accomplish and bring to pass a mighty force for truth and righteousness, justice and a decent life for every individual. Why all this, and why is youth successful? They believe in the One who said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me . . . shall live."

OBITUARY

ARLIE WAYNE HUBER of Plevna, Montana

Arlie Wayne Huber of Plevna, Montana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Huber, was born on Aug. 20, 1942 and died at the Baker Hospital on Jan. 11, 1948 at the age of 5 years, 4 months and 21 days. Arlie had been ailing for some time and in spite of all the loving care both of doctor and parents it was his wish "to go home and be with Jesus," as he expressed it. Now his joy is complete.

Plevna, Montana

David Littke, Pastor.

MR. ALFRED GUTZMAN of Madison, South Dakota

Mr. Alfred Gutzman was born on a farm near Madison, S. D., August 21, 1919 and died suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday morning, Jan. 17, 1948, aged 28 years, 5 months and 15 days. A severe heart attack caused his untimely death. From childhood he attended the Sunday School and services of our church, and when 15 years old he was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ by the Rev. John F. Olthoff and received into the fellowship of this church.

He is survived by his parents, one sister, two nephews and two nieces. There was an unusually large attendance at the funeral service, held on January 20th, and many floral and memorial gifts were given in his memory. Why he should meet such an untimely death will always be a mystery to us, but we know that "God doeth all things well." Job. 1:21b served as text and comforted and strengthened our hearts.

West Center St. Baptist Church,

Madison, South Dakota

Henry R. Schroeder, Pastor.

MRS. MARIE STAHNKE of St. Paul, Minnesota

Mrs. Marie Stahnke, nee Patet, of St. Paul, Minn., was born July 30, 1865 in Thorn, West Prussia, Germany. She was converted at the age of twenty years and baptized the same year on November 12,

1885. She joined the fellowrip of the Hohn Baptist church at Thorn.

On February 20, 1887 she was united in marriage to Carl Stahnke. They came to the United States soon thereafter and settled first at Springfield, Minnesota, where they resided for about six months. Moving to St. Paul, Minn., in November 1887, they joined the First German Baptist Church, now the Dayton's Bluff Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons and three daughters. Suffering a stroke she passed peacefully to her heavenly home on October 31, 1947 after an illness of five days. She leaves to mourn her death, one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Dresler; four sons, Paul H., Charles, Henry and Arthur, all of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Daytons Bluff Baptist Church,

St. Paul, Minn.

John W. Walkup, Pastor.

MRS. JULIUS FRIEDERICI of Hammond, Indiana

Mrs. Anna Rumrod Friederici of Hammond, Indiana was born in Saxony, Germany on Nov. 23, 1865, and went to be with the Lord on Dec. 26, 1947 at the age of 82. She came to this country in the year 1887 and became the wife of Julius Friederici. To this union ten children were born, four of whom died in infancy.

She was a faithful member of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago for many years, she and her husband being among the oldest living members. Nine years ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the church. Though hindered by failing health, she was faithfully present in her accustomed place of worship until two weeks before her death.

She was preceded in death by her youngest daughter who died at the age of seventeen. She is survived by her husband, one son, four daughters, one daughter-in-law, three sons-in-law, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the Oexmann Funeral Home in Hammond, Ind., on Monday, Dec. 29, with the local pastor officiating.

East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

Louis R. Johnson, Pastor.



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