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# Denominational Reminders

## ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist  
May 15-28 — Corona, South Dakota.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist  
May 4-16 — Shattuck, Oklahoma.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, May 2 — Northern North Dakota Young People's Spring Rally at McClusky, No. Dak. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

Sunday, May 2, to Wednesday, May 5 — Missionary Conference at Lorraine, Kansas. Guest Speakers, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

Friday, May 7, to Sunday, May 9 — Young People's Conference for Eastern Conference Churches at Munson, Pa. Guest Speaker, Prof. T. W. Bender.

Friday, May 14, to Sunday, May 16 — Christian Workers' Conference for Central Conference Churches

at Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich. Guest Speakers, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Mr. Walter Pankratz and Mr. Harold W. Gieseke.

Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16 — Atlantic Young People's Conference at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y. Guest Speaker, Prof. T. W. Bender.

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## MINNESOTA TOUR

From May 9 to 16 the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, Chairman of the \$1000 Mission Project for the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary, will make the following tour:

Sunday Morning, May 9 — Jeffers, Minnesota.  
Sunday Evening, May 9 — Holloway, Minn.  
Monday, May 10 — Hutchinson, Minnesota.  
Tuesday, May 11 — St. Bonifacius, Minnesota.  
Wednesday, May 12 — Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

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Thursday, May 13 — Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Friday, May 14 — Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn.  
Sunday Morning, May 16 — Randolph, Minn.  
Sunday Evening, May 16 — La Crosse, Wis.

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## CONFERENCE DATES

### IN 1948

June 16-20 — Pacific Conference at Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.  
June 22-25 — Dakota Conference at Avon, South Dakota.  
June 24-27 — Central Conference at Clay St. Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.  
July 7-11 — Northern Conference at Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.  
(Date uncertain) — Southern Conference at Crawford, Texas.  
August 11-15 — Northwestern Conference at Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis.  
August 25-29 — Southwestern Conference at La Salle, Colorado.  
August 25-29 — Eastern Conference at Killaloe, Ontario, Canada.  
Sept. 14-19 — Atlantic Conference at Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

The records of our relief ministry as North American Baptist Churches are truly amazing! Several books could not contain the entire story. More than a half million dollars has already been spent through these channels. The correspondence with people in need in Europe is voluminous, sometimes reaching 500 letters a day. A detailed report prepared by Dr. William Kuhn is published in this issue. It now appears as if the Rev. Mr. Meister, relief director and secretary of the Baptist Churches of Germany, will be here to visit the United States during the summer months with the latest information about Germany and the Baptist churches there.

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## IN THIS ISSUE

Love is the theme of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." Our mothers are lovingly honored in keeping with Mother's Day. Our relief ministry in the outpouring of love for the needy overseas is described over several pages. The love of Christ has constrained another couple to go to Africa as depicted by the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman. It's the story of our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., and of youth conferences which have convened in South America. It is the grandest theme of all, which has helped to make another issue of "The Herald" outstanding and uplifting.

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## COMING

"It Is Later Than You Think!" — This sermon by the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Ill., with a startling emphasis will awaken every reader to a greater awareness of missionary responsibility.  
"Meet The Doctor!" — Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee, our newly appointed medical missionaries for the Cameroons, will be introduced to our "Herald" family by means of several articles, reports and pictures.  
"The Gospel For The Jews" — The Rev. Ernest Sitenhof of our church in Anaheim, Calif., will tell the story of Friends of Israel Missionary Society and of the challenge of the Gospel for the Jews.

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# EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

## 'Tis the Grandest Theme of All

OUR PROGRAMS on Mother's Day are incomplete if they present only a eulogy to our mothers. The Christian observance of this special Sunday takes those spiritual forces into account which have transformed our mothers into handmaidens of the Lord. Our mothers are to be honored, not so much for their notable achievements and lasting monuments, but because they have exemplified God's spirit of love in all walks of life. Even on Mother's Day the grandest theme of all is this revelation of love!

This truth shines brightly in the epic account of God's plan of creation. The redemption of man begins with God's love for sinful mankind. Even before the foundations of the world were laid, God loved us. Our salvation is the story of God's gift to us of his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. That is the grandest theme of all at the very heart of the Gospel!

It cannot be denied that motherhood is a purposeful part of God's plan of creation for mankind. It was used of God to send his Son into the world as he was born of the virgin Mary in the manger at Bethlehem. It follows that motherhood reaches its greatest height of glory only as the spirit of God is revealed in such a life to brighten the home and to enrich the community in which she lives.

This means that the Christian mother wields a tremendous power in God's Kingdom. The influence of her life upon her children and associates are the cornerstone in living memorials. Her witness for Christ and her demonstration of God's love expressed through her faith and conduct open many hearts to see the truth of this Eternal Gospel.

It also follows that mothers forfeit all honors and eulogies on Mother's Day as they fail to be handmaidens of the Lord and to witness to others of God's love to all the world. There is no greater tragedy anywhere than a self-seeking, selfish mother, utterly devoid of Christian love, whose motives and actions are worldly. It may even possibly be that our civilization is facing tremendous problems that may lead to catastrophe because we have too many mothers like that.

On Mother's Day the grandest theme of all is love. It has its source in God, for God is love. It is the story of God's redemption of all mankind. It is the revelation of God's grace in the person of Jesus Christ. It is the glory of every life that has been saved from sin and transformed by the beauty of Jesus Christ. It is the sweetness of a home where Christ is the unseen Guest and Master of the place. It finds its greatest expression in a Christian mother, who is spiritually beautiful and influential because of God's love and the Gospel's glory in her life.

Sing it loudly then as the grandest theme of all to honor every Christian mother and to encourage her in her service for the Lord. A Christian mother is God's channel of blessing to others and a demonstration of love's glory in a human life.

### BIBLE TEXT

"Thou therefore, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:1.

The Christian life calls for spiritual heroes and mighty warriors of the Lord. Hardship must be endured as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. With the Apostle Paul, the Christian must "suffer trouble, even unto bonds." He must put on the whole armor of God to stand against the wiles of the devil. Above everything else, he must be strong like a mighty conqueror if he is to be effective in his witness for Christ and in the proclamation of his Gospel.

There is an exhaustless source of strength for every Christian warrior in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Cleansed from sin, with vision that has been clarified, directed by eternal truths and divine purposes, renewed by power from above, the Christian can face each new day and the tasks before him courageously and triumphantly. That grace of God can make every Christian invincible in the battles of life!

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### SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of our Rochester Seminary will be held from Friday, May 21, to Sunday, May 23. The Seminary Board will hold its important annual sessions during those days. It will be the completion of the first year of service of two of the new professors as well as the close of one of the most successful years for several decades for our "school of the prophets." The relocation program for the change of the Seminary's site to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the progress which has been made in the building plans will be given a major share of the attention of the board members and faculty. They will be festive days, during which our people will want to share in the joys of the Seminary's achievements by means of their prayers and whole-hearted interest.

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### 1948 ANNUALS SOLD OUT!

Almost all of the copies of a printing of 4500 of this year's denominational "ANNUAL" have been sold. The enthusiastic response by our people everywhere has brought great elation to the business manager of the publication society and to the editor. We want to express our hearty appreciation to the pastors and publication society agents who boosted the ANNUAL with words of commendation. The articles about our expanding denominational enterprise, the biographical sketches of all of our ministers with their important data will retain their value throughout the year. The ANNUAL had endeared itself definitely to our people. It will carry on with increasing effectiveness.

# The Blessings of a Godly Mother

A Mother's Day Sermon by the REV. FRED LOWER of Kankakee, Illinois

DOUBT has been expressed by some individuals as to whether or not Mother's Day serves a commendable purpose. They argue that the day has been too commercialized or that it is just "silly sentimentalism" or that the worst handicap some children may have is their mother. I am sorry to have to admit that in some instances the statements are true, but I am glad that they are not true of the majority of cases.

We praise God on this Mother's Day that there are mothers who are a great blessing to the world. We know that they are the mothers of a nation who make it strong. Godly mothers and Christian fathers can do more for America at this time of perplexity than any other group in the world. Let us look at some of the blessings that have come through mothers of the Bible.

### A MOTHER'S DEDICATION

The story of Hannah and Samuel (1 Samuel 1:11) stands out as a gem amidst all the stories of motherhood of the ages. Hannah "vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt — give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life." We remember that Hannah kept her vow, and when her son was born she brought him to the temple to serve before the Lord.

Samuel became a great man, a judge and a prophet in Israel. He did much for his nation and God's Word leads us to believe that it was all because his mother dedicated him to the Lord even before he was born.

One Hannah who has given her child wholly to God will mean more to the world in the things that count than a thousand women whose minds are on everything else in the world except God and their holy task of motherhood. If a church or a community goes for years without young men who like Samuel hear the voice of God speaking to them, you may be certain that that community is lacking in mothers who, like Hannah, have dedicated their children to God.

### A MOTHER'S PROTECTION

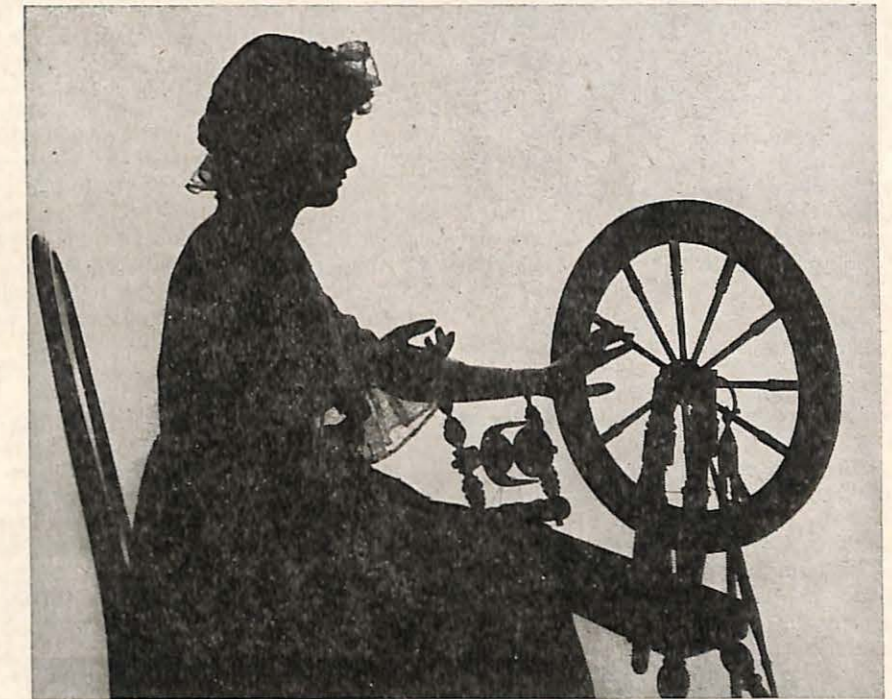
In Exodus 2:3 we have the story of Moses whose mother protected him by making a little ark of bulrushes. If his mother had not thus protected him by the inspiration of God, Israel would not have had a leader to take them into the promised land.

The mother of Moses gave him more than physical protection; she gave him mental and spiritual protection as well. She held the infant law giver in her arms and instructed him for only a few short years. But in that time she gave a trend to his life that forty years in the royal palace and the universities of Egypt could not turn aside.

would have to close, for there would be no business.

### A MOTHER'S TRAINING

Paul, in writing to young Timothy whom he calls his son in the Lord, says: "When I remembered the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am per-



—Photo by Eva Luoma  
Memories of the Mothers of Yesterday and of the Old Spinning Wheel in Many of Our Homes

Mother, if you have dedicated your children to God and have honestly trained them from infancy in the way they should go, you need not worry about sending them out into the world nor about the things with which they may come in contact. We cannot put a physical wall around our children to keep them from coming in contact with evil in this sinful world, but we can give them the "Shield of Faith." We can give them inner, spiritual resources that can protect them from all harm.

People are prone to put the cart before the horse and blame outside influences. I am convinced that every other building in town could be a saloon or tavern and still the young man who has been dedicated to God and who has truly known the Lord and who has truly known the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior could go by them all unscathed. If every home were what it should be, the taverns

sued that in thee also" (2 Timothy 1:5). The character of the beloved Timothy was the result of two generations of Scripture teaching. Thus, Paul felt that he could safely rely on Timothy's faithfulness. Timothy had the proper training and the right background.

God's Word is quick and powerful and it still says, "Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Of course, that means that the training must start early and be continuous. Many a man can look back and thank God for the training he has received from his mother.

### A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Prayer is too great a subject for time to permit it to be presented here, but we cannot think of Mother's Day without thinking of the power of mother's prayer. Hagar, the bondswoman of

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# Observations of Life in Germany

A Recent Report by the REV. OTTO NALLINGER, Director of Relief for the Baptist World Alliance and Former Pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon

A FEW DAYS ago I went to Berlin. After taking care of my official business, I went to the Bethel Dahlem Home, the home for Baptist deaconesses. There I met with Brother Meister. He took me about Berlin and showed me some of the Baptist doings in the city. My heart was thrilled at the progress which I found the Baptists of Berlin are making.

All of the churches, of course, have been destroyed in Berlin. But two of them have now been rebuilt. They are quite beautiful and modern. These churches are being put to many uses. The evangelistic fire is growing among our brethren here, and I think that we may begin to speak of a spiritual awakening among the Baptists in Germany.

At one of these two churches, evangelistic meetings are being conducted at the present time. I am told that the church which seats about 400 people is filled every evening, and many people bring chairs with them from their own homes so that they will have a place to sit. People are giving their hearts to Christ each evening.

The church is also used as a distributing center for the gifts which are arriving from America. The other church which is rebuilt is quite large. It includes a home for girls who are in Berlin without home or parents. It also includes a small hospital and an Old People's Home. About 90 old people have found refuge here.

## NEW CHURCH WINDOWS

An interesting story is connected with one of the churches which has been rebuilt. It seems that after much trouble in securing one thing or another, they finally had all the building completed except the windows. Glass was and still is next to impossible to secure. In order to meet this need, the families removed all the glass from their picture frames in their homes and by making the church windows into little squares they were able to complete their building. This reminds one of the times when the Hebrew people used material from their own homes to build the temple at Jerusalem.

Here is a bit of news which may not interest all "Baptist Herald" readers, but it was of great interest to me. You must have read about Frau Klinke in the newspapers during the last few weeks. Frau Klinke, as you know, was captured near Stuttgart. She was formerly the Nazi leader of

the German women of Germany. She was one of Hitler's close associates and friends. It was believed that she had died with Hitler in Berlin.

Her home in Berlin, which is in ruins, has been given to the Steglitz Baptist Church. The new church will be built on the foundation of this home. Some of the walls which are still standing will also remain. The architectural layout of the home is very suitable for a church. The basement of the church will become a child feeding center. If we can get the building permission from the military permit and the lumber which has to be bought through a New York office, we will have the building completed by this coming summer. The Baptists in Berlin hope to have the dedication when Dr. C. Oscar Johnson comes to Germany.

## THE RUSSIAN ZONE

When I saw Brother Meister in Berlin, he had just returned from Mecklenburg in the Russian Zone. He returned from there with much enthusiasm. From his report I learned that there is a real spiritual awakening among our brethren in the Russian Zone. Upon inquiry I learned that the Russians do not at all interfere with our churches in that area.

Of course, they must be very careful. They are not at liberty to discuss and give their opinions as the people are at liberty to do in our zones in the west. But apparently, if they mind their own business and attend to their church work, the Russians will not bother them. The food situation, of course, is more critical there than it is in the other zones.

The food situation in Berlin is very acute. That is so because the people of Berlin live in a city which is entirely cut off from the rest of the country. They cannot go out into the country to the farmers and secure food as the people can in the zones. May I add here that Berlin is therefore getting a good share of the relief supplies which are received.

In Berlin I also visited the headquarters of Bruderhilfe. Its house is located only a short distance from Bethel Dahlem. Here I saw the supplies which come from America, and I saw the happy faces of those who were working in unpacking, repacking and shipping the things to their respective places. Transportation is difficult. Much of it is carried by men from place to place and some of it is pulled on a little hand wagon. I want

to add that lard is one of the critical items here. While there, they were just working on making small packages of lard from shipments which they received from the Plymouth Brethren. They handled these packages like gold nuggets. I was informed that some families haven't had lard for four to six weeks and when they do get some, it is so little that it is used up in a few days.

## SERVICES IN BREMEN

Yesterday I preached twice in Bremen. In the morning I preached in the First Baptist Church. They lost their building during the war and are now meeting in one of the local schools. There was no heat in the school and I shivered through the sermon somehow. But, believe me, it is no fun. I think it is remarkable that the people come at all. I dare say that attendance at home would be very small if the people had to sit in an unheated church on a cold winter day. But here they come and keep their coats on and shiver in the morning service. I think that it proves that they are not spiritually dead. About 150 people were present for this service.

In the afternoon I went to the Second Church. The various services there lasted from 4:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. I was tired when it was all done. First of all, they had a baptismal service. A refugee pastor from the Balkan states conducted the baptismal service. When I got there, the church which ordinarily seats only about 100 people had about 250 crowded into it. The usher took me to a chair where I sat right in front of everybody and I was exhibit A during the entire service.

Afterwards they had a communion service. The pastor placed me in the center of the communion table. From there I preached my sermon and brought my greetings. The embarrassing moment came when he called upon me to help him administer the communion. They do things a little differently here. I watched very carefully what he did and did the same thing. After the communion service, the young people met. Of course, I had to remain for that and tell them something of our own young people's work. They were delighted to hear that we have the same goals and that we achieve them in much the same manner as they do. They send their greetings to our young people in America.

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# Our Ministry of Relief

The Amazing Story of Our Denominational Relief Ministry from May 1, 1946 to March 31, 1948 as Reported by DR. WILLIAM KUHN for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

Herewith we are giving a complete report of relief contributed to alleviate the desperate needs of our suffering brethren in Europe. This report is simply an enumeration of the nature and the quantities of relief goods sent. Without the generosity of our members and relief workers as expressed in contributions of clothing, shoes, soap and food and also their untiring and sacrificial labor of love, this report could never have been written.

Without any spirit of boastfulness, our sincere desire is to render this ministry of love in the name of Christ. It will be a most satisfying compensation to hear the Lord say on his and our Coronation Day: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The total sum of \$455,776.12 has been spent to date.

## BULK SHIPMENTS

### Clothing

942 Bales (average weight 140 pounds each)  
300 Cases  
Army Surplus Clothing costing \$27,000.00

### Shoes

125 Cases and barrels containing thousands of pairs of shoes; many were repaired before shipment, or repair material included. Additional repair material costing \$1,652.30.

### Soap

240 Cartons Toilet Soap  
240 Cartons Laundry Soap  
10 Cases soap totaling 942 pounds costing \$434.00

### Flour and Cereal in carloads

3 Carloads Flour 2000—100-pound sacks  
4 Carloads Flour  
2 Carloads Oat Cereal  
1 Carload Rice

### Powdered Milk

33 Tons Powdered Milk costing \$30,500.00

### Dehydrated Potatoes and Vegetables

17 Tons Dehydrated Potatoes costing \$6,005.76  
2 Tons Dehydrated Vegetables costing \$1,914.90

### Prunes and other Dried Fruits

53 Cartons Dried Fruits, 40 pounds each carton

## Meals for Millions

2 Tons Meals for Millions

## Canned Fruits and Vegetables

639 Cartons Canned Fruits and Vegetables, 40 pounds each

## Canned Meat, Lard, Oil, Soup

35 Tons Canned Meat  
158 Cartons Canned Meat  
433 Boxes Canned Meat  
2 Tons Lard  
1 Drum Food Oil  
4 Drums Pea Soup

## Medicines

6 Cases Medicines costing \$2,775.22

## Bibles, Christian Literature and Song Books

128 Cartons various old books and magazines  
2000 Copies of "DER SENDBOTE" and "BAPTIST HERALD" distributed regularly in Germany  
1000 Bibles and New Testaments (new)  
2500 Bibles (new)

## Communion Sets

1 Case Used Communion Sets

## Truck

1 Three-ton Truck being used by Bruderhilfe for transportation of relief in Germany

## Sewing Machines

6 Sewing Machines

## Individual Food and Clothing Parcels

20,000 Gift Parcels sent from Forest Park  
5,635 \$10 C.A.R.E. Packages  
600 \$4 C.A.R.E. Packages  
13,000 Food Parcels from Denmark at \$5.00 each

## Independent Relief Activities

A number of our churches are carrying out an extensive relief activity independently. Besides this, many members of our churches are sending many hundreds of relief parcels to their own relatives and friends.

## FELLOWSHIP FUND FOR WORLD EMERGENCIES

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A Striking Picture of the Rev. Paul Schmidt, Director of the Baptist Churches of Germany, as He Expresses the Thanks of the Free Churches for the Gifts of Christian Brotherly Love and at the Same Time Shows the Effects of the Post-War Years in Germany

## Observations of Germany

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ica and wish them God's blessing in the service for Christ.

This evening I attended the "Arbeiter - Wohlfahrts - Gesellschaft" meeting. Several officials of the city and the labor group and the church were present. I didn't say anything but was an interested listener to their conversation. The essence of the discussion was that the highest aim a man can achieve is good will toward his fellowmen. Each man must be interested in his fellowman as human being. Little "digs" were made at the church but the man who represented the church was courageous and fearless.

He told them that this which they now proclaim as the highest goal has long ago been taught by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount and this love among fellowmen of which they were now speaking had been placed in the hearts of men by God. He told them frankly that as far as he was concerned God was not merely a conception but a living reality and, whereas he was willing to admit that the church in times past had often been selfish, it is not true that the church is not interested in the well being of its fellowmen. They finally had to agree with him. Of course, they all think that the only worth while thing is to be socially minded and if the church does not follow that then it is missing its mark. This is a little insight as to what is going on in Germany.

# The Parable of the Sower

A Scriptural Exposition by REV. THOMAS ROWELL of Clifton, New Jersey, Pastor of the Fellowship Church of Passaic, New Jersey

"Behold a sower goes forth to sow."  
Matthew 13:3.

AS WE APPROACH this marvelous parable of the sower, we shall find much that will satisfy the heart and bring us closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I shall attempt to give an analysis and an exposition of this parable, which is so familiar and yet so profound.

## THE DESERTION OF THE HOUSE

Before the Lord Jesus Christ related these seven parables, he left the house and went to sit by the seaside, and this act of the Lord Jesus is full of spiritual meaning and helpful suggestions.

Christ had already presented himself to the Jewish nation, but he was rejected, his messenger was beheaded and his message had met with hateful opposition. In return, he left the house and went to the seaside where he taught the multitudes.

The house which he deserted is the symbol of the house of Israel — the Jewish nation. The seaside represents the Gentile nations. It means that during the Gospel age the Lord has left the Jewish nation for a time, and he is dealing with the Gentile nations.

At the present time, the Jews, as a nation, not as individuals, are in obscurity and unbelief, as it is written: "Then said God, Call his name Lammih: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God" (Hosea 1:9). "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Luke 13:35).

While this primarily deals with the Jewish nation, which rejected the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel, and, in return, he deserts them during the Gospel age, this is also applicable to any nation, people, church or individual. If anyone turns his back on the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel, he will be forever forsaken of God (Psalm 23:1).

## THE SOWER

The sower is anyone who preaches the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ — proclaims the good news that Christ died for our sins, that he was buried and on the third day rose from the dead.



Rev. Thomas Rowell of Clifton, New Jersey, Pastor of the Fellowship Church of Passaic, New Jersey

The seed is the Gospel of the grace of God. The field into which the seed is sown is the heart of man. The seed must be scattered through the field, and it must be buried in the soil and disappear from human sight before it can germinate. So the Gospel must be preached, heard or read, and believed before it can save the souls of men. As it is written in 1 Peter 1:23: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

The word seed is incorruptible, liveth and abideth for ever, because it has the power to preserve the human soul to everlasting Life, and it also has power to uphold the universe, as it is written: "That the worlds were framed by the Word of God" (Heb. 11:3), and "upholdeth all things by the word of his power" (Heb. 1:3).

## THE RECEPTION OF THE SEED

According to the interpretation of the Lord himself, three parts of the field were fruitless, and only one part brought forth fruit. The field into which the seed is scattered, as our Lord tells us, is the world — the great mass of humanity (verse 38). According to this interpretation, the world is not getting better and the preaching of the Gospel will not convert the entire world. On the contrary, our Lord tells us that only a small fraction or part of the people

of the world will receive the Gospel and believe it during this age.

The Gospel will not usher in the millennial Kingdom of the Lord Jesus. That will be brought about and ushered in by the visible and personal return of Christ to this earth with his church. The divine program for this age is to take out a people for his Name. That is to say, the Holy Spirit is sent into this world to call out a Bride for Christ; and when the last member is called, Christ will descend into the upper air to meet his Bride. For it is written in Acts 15:15: "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles to take out from them a people for his name."

For nearly two thousand years the Gospel has been preached in the world, and yet more than one-half of the people of the world have never heard the name of Christ; and in the part which has heard the Gospel, nearly 80 percent are not believers.

Three parts of the field are fruitless! It means that the Gospel dispensation is not an age of universal salvation but rather individual election.

## THE ENEMY OF THE SEED

The fowls of the air which devoured the seed are interpreted by the Lord to mean the wicked one, the devil. The devil is spoken of as the prince and god of this world. As it is written: "For the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30; John 12:31; John 16:11). "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Cor. 4:4).

Whenever the Gospel is preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, the devil is ready to snatch away that which is sown in the heart before the word germinates into salvation and eternal life. The devil has many agencies and ways with which he devours the word. He blinds men to the truth of the Gospel, diverts the mind to some other channel, or he may snatch away the seed from the heart by a criticism or fault-finding, and thus through his subtle ways make us fruitless people (1 Peter 5:8; Rev. 12:1-4).

The world hinders the seed from growing. It hates Christ and his Gospel and his church, as it is written in

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# Africa, the Place of God's Choosing

The Story of the Atlantic Crossing to Africa by the REV. and MRS. KENNETH GOODMAN, Missionaries to the Cameroons

PEERING OUT of our New York hotel window, we fixed our eyes on the glistening white snow — it was everywhere! It was cold and clear and the sky was a beautiful blue. This was to be our last day in the United States for several years.

Amid the packed snow and icy breezes we boarded our ship — the "TaiYin," a Norwegian freighter. Everywhere the longshoremen were working furiously to finish loading the boat. Directions were being shouted up and down the dock and aboard the ship. It was long past sailing time. Aboard the ship, however, there were ten happy missionaries (including the Goodmans). We were all rejoicing that at last we were on the ship which would take us to Africa — the place of God's choosing.

## SUNSHINE AND FELLOWSHIP

As the afternoon turned to dusk and dusk to real darkness our ship began to move slowly away from the dock. Out on deck we missionaries were wrapped snugly in our coats, hats, scarfs and galoshes. Some even had traveling robes around our legs to keep warm as we viewed New York City for the last time. To us New York seemed like a mass of mountains, all in electric lights.

Three days out of New York we were enjoying the sunshine without even so much as a sweater over our arms. We all felt doubly good by this time because everyone was past the disagreeable stage of getting used to the rocking of the boat and was once again enjoying the delicious food served on the boat.

Our days aboard ship were spent playing various deck and parlor games. Other times it was not uncommon to see all of us in the deck chairs with our eyes fixed firmly on our Bibles or other Christian books. Each night just before we retired all of us gathered in the Goodman stateroom for a time of thanksgiving and prayer. On Sunday and once during the week we were invited by the captain to have public worship services aboard ship. This we thoroughly enjoyed.

## CROSSING THE EQUATOR

On February 13th we crossed the equator, and we were all duly initiated by King Neptune and His Royal Guard. Just a few days later we hurried out on deck early one morning to see land — our first glimpse of Africa. The coast line became clearer and a few hours later we docked at the

port of Lobito. This town could have been easily mistaken for one of the small southern California seacoast towns. All the government buildings had white stucco walls with red tile roofs. Far up on the hillside we could see the straw and mud huts of the native village.

We made several other stops before we finally reached our destination, one of which was Matadi, Belgian Congo — six hours up the Congo River. It was truly a beautiful trip up the Congo. There were dense jungles on both sides of us, and at times we could see animals along the shore.

missionary George Henderson come aboard to welcome us and to guide us through customs and immigration.

Two days later we were again aboard another ship and this time our destination was to be Victoria, British Cameroons. One morning after a four day trip on this new boat, we awoke to the beauty and splendor of Victoria harbor. Everywhere you looked you could see the beauty of God's creation in a thousand different shades of green. Because this harbor is very shallow, it was necessary for us to come ashore on a launch, bag and baggage. This was the third water



The Beach and Harbor at Victoria, the Cameroons Where Alfred Saker and August Steffens Walked Along the Shore Many Years Ago and Where the Goodmans and Hendersons, Our Cameroons Missionaries, Recently Met

Although we thoroughly enjoyed the long boat trip, it was a joy one Saturday to realize that on the morrow we would be in Lagos, Nigeria with the first lap of our boat trip completed. Though we didn't usually have a public prayer and worship service on Saturday, one of the stewardesses and the pantry boy asked if we would have one last farewell service for them. Gladly we agreed and it was our joy to see all the available chairs filled as we let our voices ring out over the broad Atlantic in song and praise to our God.

## MEETING THE HENDERSONS

The next morning at breakfast while still aboard the "TaiYin," the stewardess announced that there was someone to see the Goodmans. Our hearts were thrilled and overjoyed to have

vessel we had used on our trip to Africa. As we "put-putted" ashore we could see Alma Henderson on the wharf waving to us. Truly, it was a marvelous feeling at last to set our feet upon this land—our Cameroons.

## THE BENDER MEMORIAL CHURCH

After a thorough and hearty welcome from all the coastal missionaries, we motored up to Soppo Mission Station. On the way we passed the largest banana plantations in the world. Up the narrow road we traveled until at last we were on a side hill, then we turned off the main road into the mission compound.

We were really surprised — the Bender Memorial Church is much more beautiful than any of the pictures we had seen of it at home. Here

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# Program for the Pastors' Conference

Official Program for the Pastors' Retreat to Be Held at Green Lake, Wisconsin from July 26 to August 1, 1948

## "MINISTERS FOR JESUS' SAKE"

Conference Text: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor. 4:5).

### DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.—Breakfast  
 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.—Morning Devotions  
 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.—Bible Hour  
 10:20 - 10:30 a.m.—Intermission  
 10:30 - 11:20 a.m.—Pastors' Clinic  
 11:20 - 11:50 a.m.—"Looking at Ourselves"  
 12:00 m.—Noonday dinner  
 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.—"Our Denomination, Today and Tomorrow"  
 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.—"Ministers in God's Workshop"

Rest of afternoon—Recreation Period  
 6:00 p.m.—Evening Meal  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Service

### Morning Devotions 9:00-9:30 A. M.

Tuesday, July 27 — Rev. Louis Johnson, Chicago, Illinois.  
 Wednesday, July 28 — Rev. Arthur Fischer, McClusky, North Dakota.  
 Thursday, July 29 — Rev. James R. Wyatt, Lorena, Texas.  
 Friday, July 30 — Rev. Adam Huber, Leduc, Alberta.  
 Saturday, July 31 — Rev. Aaron A. Stackhouse, Stafford, Kansas.

### Bible Hour 9:30-10:20 A.M.

Guest Speaker — Tuesday, July 27, to Thursday, July 29 — Dr. Wm. A. Adams, President of the Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas.  
 Guest Speaker — Friday, July 30 — Dr. Ernest E. Smith, President of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
 Saturday, July 31 — Our Denominational Relief Ministry.

### Pastors' Clinic 10:30-11:20 A.M.

Tuesday, July 27 — Topic — "The Challenge of Town and Country Pastorates" — Panel composed of Arthur Weisser of Wishek, North Dakota, Chairman; C. H. Seecamp of Leduc, Alberta; E. S. Fenske, Herreid, South Dakota and Herman Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa.  
 Wednesday, July 28 — Topic — "A Uniform Ordination Procedure for Pastors in our Conference" — Panel composed of Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas, Chairman; W. C. Damrau of Tacoma, Washington, L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh,



Dr. William A. Adams, President of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, Who Will Conduct a Daily Bible Hour at the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin

Pa. and R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Thursday, July 29 — Topic — "Adequate Pension Provisions for our Pastors" — Panel composed of Mr. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois, Chairman; Wilfred Helwig of Dallas, Texas; C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa and Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Friday, July 30 — Topic — "Our Continued Independent Existence as a Denominational Enterprise" — Panel composed of A. S. Felberg of Lodi, California, Chairman; Herbert Hiller of Buffalo, New York, and two other pastors still to be selected.

Saturday, July 31 — Question Hour concerning our denominational enterprise to be led by the Rev. Frank Woyke, Executive Secretary and other General Secretaries and denominational leaders.

### "Looking at Ourselves" 11:20-11:50 A.M.

Tuesday, July 27 — "The Minister in His Study" — Dr. Dale Ihrle, of Bellwood, Illinois.

Wednesday, July 28 — "The Spiritual Resources of the Pastor" — Rev. Robert S. Hess, of Bethlehem, Pa.

Thursday, July 29 — "Ministerial Ethics" — Prof. O. E. Krueger.

Friday, July 30 — "The Minister as Pastor" — Rev. Emmanuel Wolff of the Salt Creek Church, Oregon.

Saturday, July 31 — "The Glory of the Ministry" — Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Illinois.

### "Our Denomination, Today and Tomorrow" 1:30-2:15 P.M.

Tuesday, July 27 — Publication Society.

Wednesday, July 28 — General Council.

Thursday, July 29 — North American Baptist Seminary

Friday, July 30 — General Missionary Committee.

Sunday, August 1—National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

### "Ministers in God's Workshop" 2:15-3:00 P.M.

Tuesday, July 27 — "Our Ministry Through Evangelism" — Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon.

Wednesday, July 28 — "Our Ministry Through Christian Education" — Dr. A. J. Harms of Detroit, Michigan.

Thursday, July 29 — "Our Ministry to Laymen" — Mr. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Illinois.

Friday, July 30 — "Our Ministry Through World-wide Missions" — Rev. Paul Zoschke of Cleveland, Ohio.

Sunday, August 1 — "Ministering to Young People" — Prof. Reuben P. Jeschke of Rochester, New York.

### Evening Services

Monday, July 26—

Testimonies by Rev. John Grygo of Pound, Wisconsin and Rev. North E. West of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Address by Dr. Ernest E. Smith, President of Sioux Falls College.

Tuesday, July 27—

Testimonials by Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Illinois and Rev. D. S. Wipf, Emery, South Dakota.

Address by Dr. Wm. A. Adams of Kansas City, Kansas.

Wednesday, July 28—

Testimonies by Rev. John Kimmel of Portland, Oregon and Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas.

Address by Dr. Wm. A. Adams of Kansas City, Kansas

Thursday, July 29—

Testimonies by Rev. Stanley Geis of Detroit, Michigan and Rev. Fred Mashner of the Beaver Baptist Church, Michigan.

Address by Dr. Ernest E. Smith of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Friday, July 30—

Testimonies by Rev. Fred Benke of Edmonton, Alberta and Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, California. Addresses by our Cameroons Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Anamoose, North Dakota.

Saturday, July 31—

Leader, Rev. C. B. Northland of Forest Park, Illinois. Speakers, Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, and Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim, Calif.

Saturday, July 31

Saturday afternoon in its entirety is to be kept open for a special trip around the Camp and for special recreational events.

Sunday, August 1

10:00-11:00 a. m. — Sunday School Hour. The Sunday School lesson for this day is to be presented by Prof. Albert Bretschneider of our Seminary.

11:00-12:00 a. m. — Morning Worship Service. Sermon by Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of our Seminary.

1:30-3:00 p. m. — The Sunday afternoon program is to be the same as during the week with sessions from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Announcements for these periods appear elsewhere in this program.

7:30 p.m.—Closing message by Dr. George A. Lang, President of our Seminary.

### Special Committees for the Pastors' Conference

Recreational Leaders for the Conference — Rev. Fred Lower of Kankakee, Illinois, Rev. George Zinz, Jr. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Music Committee — Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of Los Angeles, California, Chairman, who will also serve as director of the Pastors' choir for the Sunday services; Rev. Leland Friesen of Sherwood, Oregon, and Rev. Arthur Schulz of Crawford, Texas.

Housing Committee — Dr. John Leypoldt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Chairman; Rev. Alfred Bernadt and Rev. C. B. Nordland.

Exhibit Committee — Rev. Martin L. Leuschner has been asked to serve as chairman of this Committee who will select other members for the Committee.

Book Display — Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager of the Publication Society.

**Pastors' Fellowship**  
 Thursday afternoon, July 29, between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. is to be reserved for a discussion of the organization of a denominational Pastors' Fellowship as initiated at the General Conference held at Tacoma, Washington in August 1946.

# Youth Conference in South America

The Report of a Baptist Youth Conference in Santa Rosa, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil by the REV. J. H. LANDENBERGER of Gladwin, Michigan on a Visit to South American Mission Fields

"NOS PREGAMOS Christo crucificado." With these words, "We preach Christ crucified," ringing in the hearts of many people, the Baptist Youth Conference of Brazil was held from February 18 to 22 at Santa Rosa, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Rev. G. Henke organized this youth group in the year of 1928. During the years 1941 to 1946 the conference was interrupted, when all the German people suffered greatly at the hands of the Brazilian government. The German language was even prohibited in the homes. In 1947 the first conference could again be held. It was attended by 21 delegates and 36 visitors. This year 33 delegates and 50 visitors arrived. The conference was a glorious success all along the line.



Stately Palm Trees Rise Above the Illuminated Canal Do Manguê in Brazil's Capital, Rio de Janeiro

"The Time of Youth Should Be Holy," was the theme. As president for the youth association, Mr. Otto Kepler of Panambi was re-elected. The secretary, Arthur Stillner, who was the leader in times of great danger and distress and who had lost his personal liberty for four years, dropped out of the picture and his brother, Erwin Stillner, was put in his place. All the other officers were re-elected. In all business sessions intense interest was apparent. The able leader showed initiative, wisdom and humility. The allotted time was used to the utmost.

Two outstanding steps were taken by the conference. A youth secretary was found in the person of Valerie Stillner. This fine teacher was elected for full-time service. She will visit

all the twelve societies during the year and help them in the solution of their problems.

A Bible course is planned for July 5 to 11. All the ministers will participate as teachers. Forty young people have promised to take part.

During the evening services of the conference and on Sunday the church, with a capacity of 400, was crowded. A spirit of fine fellowship prevailed. Music and good singing did their part to create a holy atmosphere. Even a number of our choruses translated into German were sung with enthusiasm before all meetings.

On Saturday there was an outing to the Santa Rosa waterfalls with about 120 persons participating. While some admired the waterfalls, others were bathing below the falls on a guarded place. At noon as we were having our lunch a thunderstorm came up. Quickly our several autos and buses were loaded with a happy people and in the rain we returned to the outing place of the church.

At the Sunday morning service the church was too small for the audience. The two guest speakers, Rev. G. Henke and your reporter, had the honor of bringing messages. An offering of 2500 cruzeiros (\$125.00) was taken for European relief and for the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg.

After the service the band of the church led a long procession of about 500 people to our outing place. Young people led the procession followed by the six preachers and all the rest of the people. It was a mighty demonstration for Christ.

After we had had our meal in the open, a program followed. A number of young people gave testimonies honoring Christ. Finally Rev. F. Matschulat expressed his thanks in a beautiful way in the name of the delegates and visitors to the church of Santa Rosa which was the magnanimous host of the conference. Many left for their homes thereafter with high spirits and new hopes. Only the remaining young people used the last hours for games.

A great conference came to a perfect end. What your reporter had dreamed of many years ago has come to pass. For the 400 members of our youth in twelve societies in these Baptist Churches of Brazil this conference will long be remembered. May greater things come about in the years ahead to the honor and glory of the most high God!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

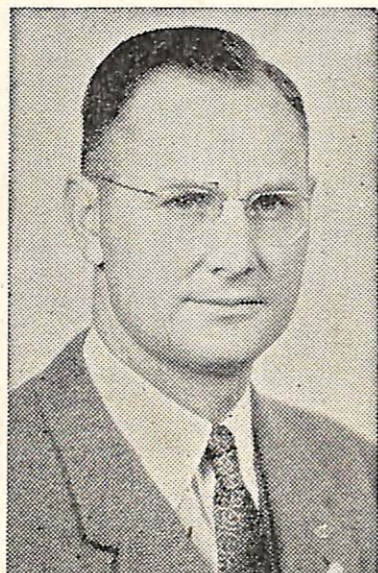
● A son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Lower of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois on Tuesday, March 23. He has been named Philip Frederick. This is the second son in their family.

● At a business meeting of the Second German Baptist Church of Union City, New Jersey, held on Wednesday evening, March 17, the church extended a call to Mr. Norman H. Klann to become its minister. He had been serving the church for some time as supply pastor. German services are still being held on Sunday mornings with guest speakers in the pulpit, according to Traugott Aeschlimann, church clerk. Mr. Klann is succeeding the Rev. William Kahlert, former pastor of the church.

● Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herzfeldt and their family of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., have moved to Huntington Beach, California where they have purchased a residence about three miles from the town that is to be converted into a Rest Home. Mr. Herzfeldt was the efficient agent of the Publication Society in the Forest Park Church for more than 30 years. We wish them God's blessing in this new venture of theirs! Later their address will be furnished to "Baptist Herald" readers.

● The new pastor of the Villa Ridge Church, a mission of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon, is the Rev. Henry Barnet. Mr. Barnet is a graduate of the Multomah School of the Bible of Portland. This Fall he will be enrolled in Lewis and Clark College and later in the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Barnet have also announced the birth of a daughter, Carol Ann, on Feb. 22nd. A farewell reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Virgil R. Savage and family on Sunday evening, Feb. 15th.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin has extended a call to the Rev. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wis., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Vanderbeck will stay with the Seventh Street Church of La Crosse until after June 13th when the church will celebrate its 55th anniversary and the Rev. M. Vanderbeck's son, John, will be ordained into the Christian ministry. June also marks the close of ten years



Dr. Ernest E. Smith of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, President of Sioux Falls College, Who Will Be a Speaker at the Pastors' Conference in July

of the Rev. M. Vanderbeck's ministry in La Crosse. At Sheboygan he will succeed the Rev. Fred J. Knalson, now of Underwood, North Dakota.

● On May 21st the Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Cards and letters of congratulations can be sent to them at 916 W. Center St., Anaheim, Calif. On April 7 Mr. Schroeder observed his 80th birthday. The Men's Baraca Class of the Bethel Baptist Sunday School of Anaheim presented him with a gift on Monday evening, April 5. Mr. Schroeder is the teacher of the class.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada has extended a call to the Rev. John

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. Henry Barnet  
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Rev. John Schmidt  
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Rev. John C. Schweitzer  
6094 Chester Street  
Vancouver, B. C., Canada

Schweitzer of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to which he has responded favorably. During his ministry of a year and two months in Manitowoc, the church purchased a large church home which has been remodeled to serve as chapel and parsonage. Seventeen new members have been received into the church's fellowship. In the Bethany Church of Vancouver, where he will begin his pastorate on May 23, he will succeed the Rev. Emil Becker, who is now minister of a Northern Baptist Church in Washington.

● On Easter Sunday, March 28, the Sunday School presented a program at the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., and three new members were received into the church's fellowship by baptism and confession of faith by the pastor, Rev. John Schmidt. Since Feb. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have been living in the new parsonage which the church bought at Maspeth, Long Island. The new address appears on page 12 of this issue. The church has expressed its gratitude to the General Mission Committee for granting a loan and thereby making possible the purchase of the house.

● On Palm Sunday, March 21, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., baptized three young people and received them into the church's fellowship on Easter Sunday morning. On Easter Sunday evening a "musical request" service was held, for which there were 18 requests for vocal solos, organ and instrumental numbers and songs by duets, church choir and male quartet. For a devotional number, two girls, Shawn and Mary Schulze, told the Easter story on flannelgraph. At the close of the service, an elderly blind man who was present said to the pastor, "This was like heaven!"

● The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., under the leadership of the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas conducted an evangelistic campaign from March 1 to 14. Although the weather was the worst in twenty-five years, the meetings were well attended. An intensive church visitation program was directed by Mr. Ferris during the meetings and many unsaved were contacted in their homes. Four adults united with the church by experience and two young married couples came by confession of faith in Christ and for baptism on Easter

Sunday. The Sunday School set a record attendance of 200 during the present pastorate of the Rev. Robert E. Stark on Easter Sunday.

● Miss Esther Burger, a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., and a member of the White Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed director of children's work at the North Shore Baptist Church of Chicago of which Dr. Weldon L. Wilson is the pastor. She will assume her full-time duties in the church after graduation about June 15. The two other students from our churches in attendance at the B. M. T. S. are Miss Virginia Schmidt of the Beaver Church of Michigan and Miss Laverne Michelson of Martin, North Dakota.

● Although the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held no special evangelistic meetings this winter, due to the fact that they supported the Detroit City-Wide Revival held in January, the Lord is nevertheless working mightily in their midst through the faithful ministry of the pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, and almost every Sunday decisions for Christ are made. On February 22nd thirteen persons followed the Lord in baptism, most of whom were adults and young people. On Sunday morning, March 14, after the pastor's heart-searching message on "The Betrayal of Jesus," ten persons came forward to accept Christ and to consecrate themselves anew unto the Lord.

● On Palm Sunday evening, March 21, the young people of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, New York presented a program of shadow dramatizations in which the events of Passion Week were depicted, beginning with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and closing with the resurrection scene. Mrs. Walter Schmidt prepared the program and read the story over an amplifier. A spirit of deep reverence prevailed during the entire program. Mr. Edward Link was at the piano and suited the music to the varying scenes. There were also several vocal selections. The Rev. O. E. Krueger is the pastor.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota has purchased the church building and parsonage of the Congregational Church of the city with 150 foot frontage for \$36,500 in addition to the Baptist parsonage valued at \$12,000. The members of the Congregational Church united several years ago with the Northern Baptist Church for their services so that the Congregational Church was placed on the market. The Grace Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmermann, are enthusiastic about this forward step and

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# Family Increase at the Children's Home

Recent Events of Denominational Interest About the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan by the REV. AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Superintendent

WHEN A CHILD is born into a home, that's something! But if there are twins, well, what IS something. But if there are triplets, well, that REALLY is something! However, if they are quadruplets, that's something to read about in the daily press. When quintuplets are born, half the civilized world becomes interested. And when six children come — well — that's just about the way things are apt to happen at our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. Yes, and we did

things which you as people in our churches did for the Home and children at that time. You sent gifts to each child; and what a happy time the youngsters had as they opened their beautifully wrapped presents on Christmas day.

Our local radio station sent a representative to the Home and made a recording of the proceedings, also interviewing a number of children. This was later broadcast and we listened to our own voices and the noise we had made over the radio.



The Six New Children Who Have Been Received Into Our Children's Home Family Recently at St. Joseph, Michigan

have an experience like that only a short time ago when six children entered the Home within a few days of one another.

One of these is a little girl of eight years, who comes from a broken home. Two are brother and sister, also from a broken home. The little boy is three years and the girl five. Three are brother and sisters, aged three, nine and ten. These are Mexican children who have come to us from Chicago, Illinois. Their mother is dead, and through Mr. Herman Siedmund the father placed them in our Home. They are fine, intelligent children. So now we have two three-year-olds in the Home, and, of course, they are the center of attraction. We have the prattling of young voices and the patter of little feet.

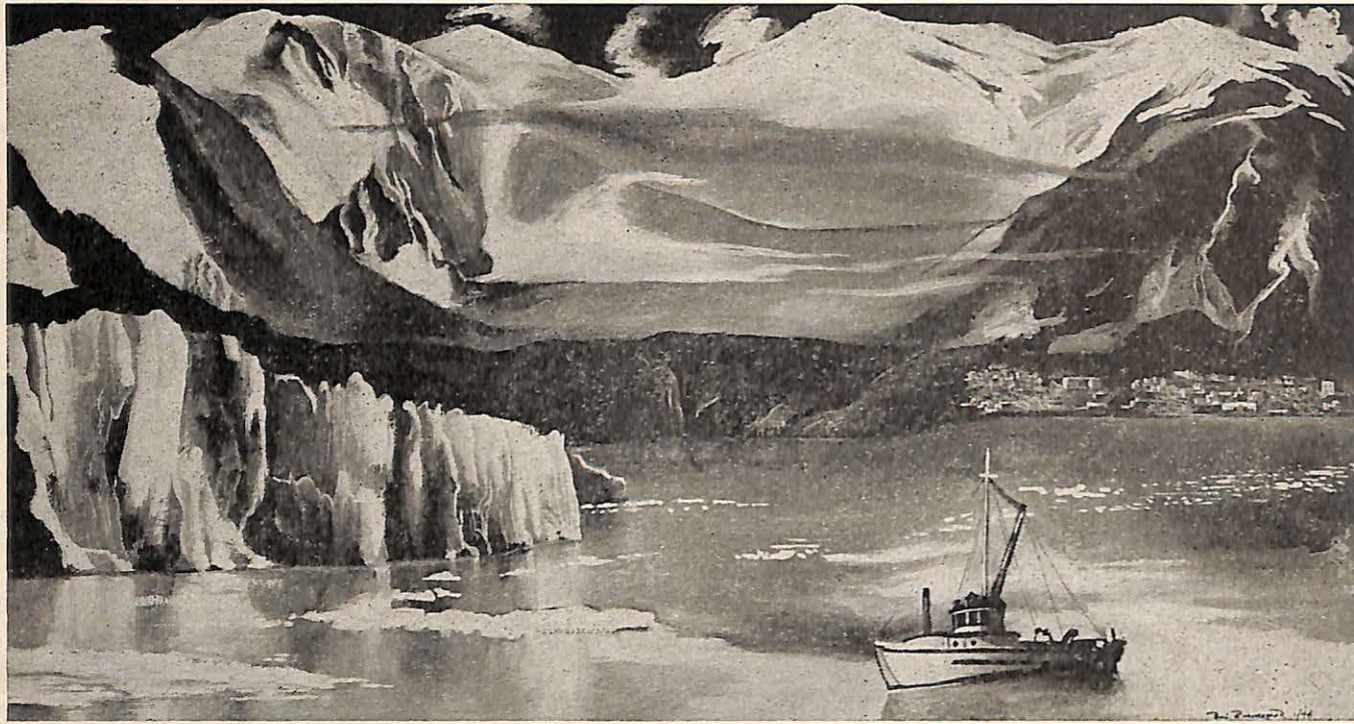
Even though this will be published on May 1st, our thoughts still go back to Christmas as we remember with deep appreciation all the nice

But to get back to the many fine things which you so graciously and sacrificially sent to the Home. You sent linens and bedspreads and drapes and such good things to eat as nuts and candy, oranges and cookies, eggs and chickens, and numerous other items. For all of these we are most grateful.

The Children's Home still has a very warm spot in the hearts of our people, and we are glad that this is so. Quite a number of our children are not orphans at all, but come from broken homes. These often create quite a problem and are perhaps more to be pitied than those who have lost their parents in death.

Possibly we ought to add a word of advice to those who write to us or who send us gifts. There are two children's Homes in our city, and unless the letter or parcel is addressed to the Baptist Children's Home, or to 1401 Langley Ave, St. Joseph, Mich. or to us personally there is apt to be a mix-up in the delivery. The mail carrier has no way of knowing to which institution he should deliver his letter or parcel. Kindly take note of this whenever you write.

The Children's Page, Which Is Unavoidably Omitted from This Issue of "The Baptist Herald," Will Appear in the Next Number on May 15, 1948.



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

## Land of Tomorrow

A Novel by CHARLOTTE KRUGER

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### SYNOPSIS

After the war Chris MacKay went back to Alaska — "the Land of Tomorrow" — not only to the mountains and forests, but to love and dreams. On the steamer he met Julianna Barrett, who was going to Alaska with the message of the Gospel. In the little fishing village of Willow Point Julianna held meetings for the children in the old schoolhouse. She also met an old-time friend of hers, Lydia Wilson, the friendly government teacher at Beaver Creek. Julianna and MacKay became very good friends. But she wanted to testify to Chris about her faith in Jesus Christ. One day the opportunity came and she gave her testimony for her Lord as MacKay listened.

### CHAPTER NINE

"That's right," MacKay smiled at Julie in the dimness. She noticed how white and even his teeth were. One could not help liking that friendly smile. "We were interrupted." Then he added, "I reckon I didn't quite catch what you were trying to tell me." He could have added, "I was so glad to see you again that I failed to get a word you were saying ... just looking at you," but it was better that that remained unsaid.

"It might still sound strange, Chris," said Julie, "but it's the truth."

"Tell me everything," urged MacKay.

There was a log lying high on the rocky beach, and to this the couple directed their steps. When they were comfortably seated, Julie began her story. A prayer was in her heart as

she recounted the events of the fortnight just passed — a prayer that Chris would understand — a prayer that he, too, might someday seek the Savior whom Molly Tedishoff had sought and found.

She told him that little Molly had been a faithful attendant at the daily morning Bible classes at the schoolhouse, that she had listened hungrily to the story of God's love — love even for her. She had enjoyed the Bible stories and had learned the Bible memory work with remarkable ease. As a prize she had earned a lovely leather New Testament in which the words Jesus had spoken were printed in bright red letters. She had never seen as lovely a book as that one and it was all hers! By the end of the second week the child's starved heart had felt a deep yearning to know the One who loved her. She had stayed after the session and had begged to talk with Julie who had explained to her in simple terms the way to receive the Savior. With joy another little "lamb" had entered the fold that day.

It had been a special joy and encouragement to Julianna Barrett's heart, too. Molly had been the only one to accept the Savior during these two weeks at Beaver. With an overflowing heart, Julie had rejoiced for this early token of God's blessing and

favor. Three months had passed at Willow Point, her own station, before she had had a similar joy. Then it had been an old native woman, not a child with the best of life before her. The poor old soul had been dying, longing for something, Someone to whom to cling. Julie had explained the story of God's love, had prayed silently all the while that the poor old woman could understand, reach out, grasp God's gift of eternal life. A deep joy had filled Julie's soul when the old lady had indicated that she believed and trusted. A wan smile had flashed over her once-pretty features, a light had illuminated her bleary eyes and then she had whispered, "Jesus ... He ... die ... for ... me." A few days later her poor wasted remains had been laid to rest in the cool earth under an old spruce tree in the Russian cemetery.

"Ever since that day, Molly's been eager to have her grandpa back again. She longs for him to know the Savior, too." Julianna Barrett was finishing the simple story of Molly's conversion.

"There's something about a little kid's trust that ... that sort of ... gets you." MacKay was groping for the right words. That he had been impressed with Julie's account was evident by the way he had listened.

"Yes," agreed Julie, "a child's faith is beautiful ... so real."

"I hope she won't be disappointed. Drink's an awful thing. It has such a grip on these poor natives, too. Cookhouse Mike is one of the worst ... can't seem to leave it alone."

"I know." There was sadness in Julie's voice. "It's the fault of the white man, Chris. He taught the natives to like the stuff in the first place." They were silent for a moment. Then the young missionary added, "If it weren't for Someone who is able to break the grip the poison has on them, their cases would be hopeless."

Voices along the beach and Lydia's "Yoo-hoo!" announced that they were no longer by themselves. Julie was grateful for the short time she had had alone with Chris, though she was a little disappointed that it had not been longer. Better than no time at all, she assured herself. Then she answered Lydia's call with a "Here we are!"

"Looks as if we might have a display of northern lights tonight," observed Jones when the two reached the curve of the beach where Julie and Chris had found the fallen log.

"Oh! That would be wonderful!" exclaimed the missionary. "I thought, though, that one only saw the aurora borealis in the wintertime!"

"Not at all," Jones said. "We've seen lots of gorgeous displays here in the summertime, though they are more frequent in the winter."

"They usually tell us colder weather is in store. Isn't that right, Neal?" but in MacKay.

"Exactly."

"Remember the display we saw last trip?" Chris asked the skipper.

"You bet," he answered. "That was about the prettiest display I've ever seen, and I've lived in Alaska all my life." He added the latter for emphasis.

From the beach where they stood the land stretched away gradually ... upward ... upward. A half mile out of town beyond the sloping meadows, one majestic old crag reared its hoary head to the Alaskan night. It was silhouetted plainly tonight, black as pitch against a sky which grew lighter momentarily. The effect was odd, unreal, almost weird. Gradually the sky became brighter ... brighter ... then the northern lights began. It was especially thrilling to Julianna Barrett for it was her first view of this striking phenomenon. She stood with her face lifted to the sky, drinking in the beauty, saying nothing. Bright searchlights of pastel shades shot up from behind the darkened mountain to shimmer and ripple across the blue dome overhead. Sometimes the beams of light shot across the sky as though a terrific force urged them upward ... upward. Then again they moved up slowly, feebly, only to die down for a

while. Later they would shine forth with new brilliance. The heavens seemed like a huge iridescent fan. The next moment they were a curtain, rippling up and down, back and forth. Behind it all the stars shone dimly, nearly obliterated by the unusual light.

Julianna could not see enough of the colorful display. She was filled with awe. All four watched in silence ... time forgotten. The wonder and beauty of the moment thrilled them to the very core of their being.

When the splendor of the northern lights began to fade, and the stars again peeped forth with new brightness, Lydia broke the silence. With a start they all came to earth.

"Guess what time it is?" "Judging by the way my neck feels," remarked Jones dryly. "We've been stargazing half the night!" The others laughed.

"Not quite that bad," assured Lydia, "but it is after midnight."

"Ugh!" groaned MacKay, "and we wanted to unload at the peep of dawn and get an early start out of here!"

After accompanying the girls to the schoolhouse apartment on the spruce-covered knoll, the two men clambered sleepily on board the lonely deserted "Nushagak."

In Neal's ears were Lydia's parting words. As they climbed the schoolhouse hill, she had been commenting on the northern lights and had said to him, "Sure makes you wonder how anybody could ever doubt the existence of God after seeing something like that!"

If Julianna Barrett could have overheard this confession from her schoolteacher friend, her heart would have skipped a beat for joy.

As soon as the first streaks of dawn lighted the eastern horizon, Jones nudged MacKay.

"Have to unload while the tide's right, Chris," the skipper informed him right, Chris," the skipper yawned and stretch-sleepily. MacKay yawned and stretch-sleepily, then arose to help with the work. As soon as all the freight was removed from the boat and stored in the shelter of a crude cabin at the end of the dock, the "Nushagak" pulled away from Beaver Creek.

"We always hang around this stop too long," confessed Jones with a chuckle.

"I wonder why!" Chris was grinning broadly.

When the girls arose, Lydia noticed with a little feeling of disappointment that the mailboat had slipped away while they slept.

"The 'Nushagak' is gone," she announced to her friend who was at that minute brushing her shimmering golden hair.

"I thought so," replied Julie. "Chris mentioned that they expected to pull out early. They're behind schedule ... had to drop anchor in a cove night before last because of the rough sea."

"Oh, so that's why they were late!"

"Uh-huh. We waited for them all day yesterday ... remember? They usually come in the morning."

At the Tedishoff cabin, little Molly was bustling about preparing breakfast for her grandpa and big brother, Steve. Teacher had taught her how to make pancakes when she stayed with her at the schoolhouse apartment the first few days after Cookhouse Mike's accident. She wanted to surprise her grandfather this first morning that he was back home.

Realizing that food was being prepared Old Mike sniffed the air expectantly. Then he opened his bleary old eyes. Astonishment showed on his leathery face as he saw little Molly standing at the stove busily greasing the top onto which she poured little pools of creamy liquid.

The girl, when she saw that her grandfather was awake, approached his bed without her usual timidity. "I make you good eats, Grandpa," she announced importantly. "You get strong ... quick."

The old man gave her a toothless grin. "Where you learn cooking, Molly?" His voice was more like a growl than anything else, but Molly was not the least bit afraid of him today.

"Teacher show me how," she replied happily.

"Steve ... where he go?" The old man leaned on his elbow and viewed the empty bed which was his grandson's.

"He catch fish for breakfast. Lotsa herring down by dock." Molly returned to her place by the stove and turned a few nicely browned hot cakes. A pan on the back of the stove was already half filled.

Steve stamped into the house presently with a dozen fish all cleaned and ready to fry. Molly had a pan filled with hot fat waiting on the stove. In a few minutes the fish were sizzling beside the pancakes.

Cookhouse Mike had a pleasant surprise when he bit into his first hot cake. "Good!" he announced enthusiastically. Then he reached for the pan piled high with the tender golden cakes and dumped half the contents onto his own plate. After spreading thick salmonberry jam on top, he began to eat greedily. Steve took his place at the table, too, and was soon eating his share.

Molly was delighted as she watched the men. They were obviously enjoying their food. The hot cakes and most of the fish disappeared miraculously. She would eat what was left when they were finished. Somehow she felt much older than her ten years as she hovered happily and importantly over the stove, turning the fish and cakes at exactly the right moment and seeing that her grandfather's and Steve's plates were replenished.

When Steve had eaten all he could hold, he pushed back his chair, arose



and stretched. Then he reached for his leather jacket where it hung on its nail behind the door, put it on and left the cabin.

"I come home six," he informed his little sister. Then he strode through the doorway and out into the early fall day.

"Where he go?" growled the old man who was now, of necessity, slackening his pace.

"Why, he work at cannery, Grandpa!" Molly's voice showed surprise. She did not realize that her grandfather forgot so soon after he had heard. "You know," she added, "your job."

A peculiar grunt was Molly's reply. Arising from his chair, the old man shuffled across the room, back to his cot. Steve had managed to locate another mattress to replace the one that had gone up in flames two months before. The charred logs on the cabin wall had been scraped as much as possible but still bore evidence of the fire. He shuddered as he recalled the horrors of that day.

After hastily swallowing the few remaining hot cakes and the one lonely herring the men had failed to eat, Molly cleared away the few dishes, wiped off the sticky oilcloth on the table and swept the floor.

Mike Tedishoff, back in his bed, watched the child. There was a pleased expression on his wrinkled old face. She would be like her mother when she grew up. Walya had been a good help around the house, a fine cook, and obedient daughter. Suddenly, the picture of that gaunt figure he had glimpsed on the fox island just yesterday flashed in Cookhouse Mike's mind. Could it possibly be? His feeble old mind tried to recall. No, it couldn't be. Walya and big Steve had been gone almost ten years now. Molly had been a baby then. Her parents had ventured to town in a small dory one day, far too light a boat for these waters. No doubt a storm had come up. They had never returned. No boat had ever been found, no bodies.

"Grandpa," Molly stood at his bedside. "I'm going now," she announced obediently.

"Where you go?" Mike Tedishoff raised up on one elbow and looked at his grandchild.

"Schoolhouse," The old man nodded his head, closed his eyes and lay back in bed. Maybe she would go to learn more about cooking, he thought. That pleased him.

With a light and happy heart, Molly skipped out of the cabin. It would soon be time for the Bible class to start. She hurried to the schoolhouse on the hill. Annie Andrewvich had decided not to accompany her this morning. "Gotta help Mama make jelly," she explained when Molly stopped at the door of their cabin to call

for her.

Grandpa had not touched a drop of beer or whiskey since he came home. Molly's heart was singing as she realized the wonder of this fact. Maybe God would answer her prayer sooner than she dared dream. The new teacher with golden hair like the buttercups that grew on the edge of town had told her she would have to be patient, that maybe she would have to wait a long time for God to change Grandpa, maybe a year or two, maybe more.

When she reached the schoolhouse, Molly slipped into her seat quietly. The other children had not yet arrived. She must be early. She would have time to learn the new Bible verse before the others came.

Soon the other children began to arrive. And then Bob Tomishoff was ringing the handbell, loudly, clearly. He had been so proud to be given this task. Miss Barrett had asked him to be the bell ringer, for he possessed a watch that kept accurate time. Each morning at five minutes to nine, he had stridden importantly to the schoolhouse, taken the bell from its place and swung it vigorously to announce that the Bible class was in session. Usually his efforts would be rewarded by a few stragglers who had forgotten all about time.

When the children were all settled in their seats, Miss Barrett came into the room. Molly looked up with eagerness when she heard the familiar voice saying, "Good morning, boys and girls."

They answered in unison. When Molly looked into her beloved teacher's face this morning she knew immediately that something was wrong. Teacher had been crying. Her eyes looked red, as if she had not slept well. What could be wrong?

"I feel so helpless, Lydia." Julianna Barrett faced her friend, the government teacher. Then she dropped into a convenient chair in the kitchen and stared out of the window with unseeing eyes. Blue of sky . . . gold of autumn meadows . . . intricate lace of freshly fallen snow on the high peak behind the village made no impression on her now. The boys and girls had been sent to their homes after the Bible class. Julie had slipped hurriedly into the kitchen. It had been such a task to teach those youngsters this morning when her heart was so heavy, so burdened.

"I think you were pretty wonderful to go on with your class as usual, Julie," Lydia said sympathetically. "But we can't collapse over bad news. The world goes on as usual."

Julie had received a letter from home which she had failed to open last night because of the lateness of the hour. The fact was that she had really forgotten about it until this morning. Jones had informed the post-

mistress in town to put any mail for Julianna Barrett in the Beaver Creek sack instead of the one for Willow Point. She had complied. Over the breakfast table, the girls had read their mail.

Julie's first letter had been from Mother. With surprise she had noted the postmark. It had been airmailed from Pennsylvania just six days before. That was good mail service, four days to Valdez, another two on the "Nushagak." Eagerly her fingers had torn open the envelope. With a cry of dismay she had assimilated the contents of the opening paragraph. Dad had met with a serious accident working at the factory. He was at the Presbyterian Hospital. His body was in a cast. The rest of the letter was cheerful enough, yet Julie could read between the lines. Mother was dreadfully worried about Dad's condition. In a person of his age a bone injury was much more serious than in a younger man. It seemed his spine had been crushed by a falling weight of some kind. He had not been quick enough to get out of the way. Tears rushed to Julianna's eyes. Poor dear Dad! Lying in a cast! It seemed unbelievable, unreal. She wished it were all a bad dream from which she would awaken presently. But, no, it was not a dream; it had actually happened.

If she had been in Alaska for a few years, she would think nothing of packing up and going Outside. Her parents needed her at this time. But she had so recently come to this land . . . this "land of tomorrow." Just a half year had passed since she had said good-by to home and loved ones. Missionaries did not come and go as they pleased. There was considerable expense involved in traveling. Money was not too plentiful. The small amount which a faithful group of Christians provided for the living expenses of their missionary was barely enough to meet Julianna's needs. Living was extremely high in Alaska. Of necessity the prices of ordinary commodities were much higher than in the States because of the great distance they had been shipped from the markets. There was nothing for Julie to do but pray . . . and trust. She would do both until she knew definitely what else to do. "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." So had David the Psalmist spoken years ago. Yes, Julie was afraid of what this accident might entail. Dad might become a helpless invalid. There were many frightening possibilities. She would rather not think of them. She would do as David did: trust in God.

Lydia Wilson was very much impressed by the attitude of her friend. After the first shock from the unhappy news, Julie had shown her grief, but by early afternoon she was in complete control of her emotions. It made Lydia wonder. If she were

Julie, she would be frantic, worried sick, probably dashing around to find someone with a boat to take her to town so she could get Outside, home, as quickly as possible.

Julie had realized that this might be a God-given opportunity to be a testimony to her friend, and had come to herself quickly. While sitting in the kitchen, staring out the window, she had heard a whisper in her heart. The Still Small Voice spoke plainly to her: "Remember, all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose' . . . all things, not just some." With a start, Julie saw that she was acting exactly as any worldling would at a time like this, bemoaning the sad experience that had come to her father. Why, a believer in the Lord Jesus ought not to worry! He ought to show his faith and complete trust even though the way suddenly seemed dark, ominous. God cared for even the humble sparrow.

A long cheerful letter was written to her parents immediately after lunch. Julie knew Mother would be at the hospital daily, visiting Dad, cheering him, encouraging him. She would love having letters to share with him—letters from their only child whom they had so recently surrendered to the Lord for His service. She would write to them as frequently as possible and trust the Lord to provide some transportation so the letters could reach town and begin their long journey to the Outside.

"Do you think someone might be going to town who could mail this for me?" Julie entered the sitting room where Lydia was busily engaged writing letters.

"I guess so, Julie. We could ask around at least. It won't go out for another two weeks if we wait for the regular mailboat."

"That's what I thought, Lydia, and I would so love to get this one on the way in a hurry, to cheer Mother and Dad, to let them know I'm trusting the Lord to make everything come out all right." The radiant smile on her face as she finished her remark made Lydia wonder. How could one be so confident and happy when such unwelcome news had been received! She marveled at Julie's attitude. It was a mystery to her, she had to admit.

Sam Andrewvich was planning to take his Diesel-powered boat to town the next day and agreed to post the letter for the golden-haired lady who was staying with the school teacher. His daughter, Annie, had been attending some of the classes this lady was teaching and had been singing such odd songs around the house these days, songs about heaven, about God, songs he had never heard before. They were pretty tunes too, though not so lively as those he played occasionally on his squeaky phonograph.

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What's Happening

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about the possibilities of greater progress in their fine, spacious church in the days to come. A more detailed report will appear later.

● On April 3rd Dr. Laura Zirbes of Columbus, Ohio was awarded one of the achievement awards of the Women's National Press Club at the club's annual dinner, held at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C. Dr. Zirbes is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Zirbes who served several of our churches for many years. Eight outstanding women of the country are recognized annually for the exceptional work which they have done in their respective fields. Dr. Zirbes was honored for her work in education, since she is professor of education at Ohio State University. The presentation was made to the women personally by President Harry S. Truman.

● In March the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., celebrated its tenth anniversary under the presidency of Dr. Charles W. Koller. Since the coming of Dr. Koller to the seminary, there has been a great increase in the total program. Three buildings have been added to the physical properties. The library facilities have been increased to include almost 40,000 volumes. When Dr. Koller came ten years ago, the faculty included only four full-time professors, but now there are thirteen, besides part-time professors and instructors. The student body enrollment has jumped from 197 to 368. Dr. Koller was formerly pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey.

● On Easter Sunday evening, March 28, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., baptized 17 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Most of these converts were the fruit of evangelistic meetings held for two weeks in March with the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim, Calif., bringing the messages. After the baptismal service, the augmented choir of 40 voices rendered the Easter cantata, "The Resurrection Story" by Carrie B. Adams. On Good Friday afternoon a three-hour-service was held in the First Covenant Church sponsored by the churches of the Puget Sound Evangelistic Fellowship of which the Rev. W. C. Damrau is the president. On Friday evening, April 16, a missionary service was held with the Rev. J. C. Gunst speaking and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner showing the latest pictures from the Cameroons mission field.

● On Sunday evening, April 4, the Rev. Frank Friesen, pastor of the Bethany Church of Oregon, baptized seven persons, including Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionaries to the Cameroons who were formerly associated with the Presbyterian Church, and received a large group of 15 persons into the fellowship of the church. An inspiring missionary rally was held in the Bethany Church in the afternoon with Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee speaking. Evangelistic meetings were held in the church from Jan. 21 to 30 with the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim, serving as evangelist. From Sunday, April 11, to Thursday, April 15, the Reverends J. C. Gunst and M. L. Leuschner served the church as guest speakers besides teaching a Leadership Training Class and showing the latest pictures of our denominational and missionary advance.

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	March 1948	March 1947
Atlantic	\$ 1,039.65	\$ 1,054.73
Eastern	1,611.20	2,227.20
Central	4,397.49	5,579.30
Northwestern	8,878.24	2,027.21
Southwestern	3,533.84	2,268.42
Southern	875.09	3,615.51
Pacific	2,585.66	3,812.82
Northern	1,293.85	1,194.16
Dakota	4,914.47	4,694.91
Total for the Month of March	\$29,129.49	\$26,474.26

**MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING**

March 1, 1948 to March 31, 1948	\$ 26,581.04
August 1, 1947 to March 31, 1948	353,256.10
Total required to date	\$333,333.33

**TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

April 1, 1947	\$451,619.24
April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947	412,254.01

## The Land of Africa

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again the predominating color was green, but everywhere you see the bright colored flowers which helped to make a truly glorious sight. Everywhere we could hear the natives calling, "Welcome! welcome!" Then individually they would come up and shake hands with the new missionaries.

The next day was Sunday and the native church had prepared a welcome service for us. It was a time of joy and rejoicing for all. The service was lovely and we especially enjoyed the music. The native women's choir lifted their voices and our hearts to God in praise many times. They even followed us all the way back to the house singing for the new missionaries.

If the people in our churches could see the joy in the hearts of these black people as they welcome a new missionary, they would be repaid a hundred fold for the prayers offered up in our behalf. But may we, the Goodman family, offer to you our personal thanks and may your prayers prepare the way as we start up country for our station at Ndu, Nsungli in Africa's grassland country.

## The Blessings of a Godly Mother

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Abraham, had been cast out into the desert (Genesis 21:16-17). She found herself without food or water and she thought surely that her son would die, but she lifted up her voice to God and her voice was heard by him. The mother's prayers kept the son from physical death.

How many a mother's prayers have kept her son from spiritual death! Who could question the power and strength of a mother's prayers and a mother's love? We can thank God today for the love which he has instilled in mother's hearts.

We have been speaking to and about mothers, but the day demands that we also say a word to the children. The Bible says, "Honor thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12). The truly great men of the earth in all ages have vied with one another to keep that great command. Someone has said, "For good or for ill a man and his mother are bound together in history as well as in the bundle of life." The faith which thousands professed and which they live was fashioned largely by a mother.

God grant that her hopes, her prayers, her expectations may not be disappointed. Let us ask ourselves this question:

"Am I doing the things that she dreamed I would do  
Am I all that she prayed I would be,

## "Come Ye Apart and Rest a While"

By Mrs. Menno Harms of Faribault, Minnesota.

(This poem, based on Mark 6:31, was written on February 18, 1948 by Mrs. Menno Harms for her husband, who was formerly pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma until illness necessitated an enforced rest. Their address is now Rt. 3, Faribault, Minnesota. Mrs. Harms has requested the prayers of "Baptist Herald" readers in their behalf. EDITOR.)

"Come ye apart and rest awhile,"  
The Master has said to me;  
Gladly I'll follow, dear Lord,  
Happy to walk with thee.

"Come ye apart and rest awhile,"  
How precious his words to me;  
Have ever I known earthly friend  
As constant and tender as he?

"Come ye apart and rest awhile,"  
Close to his heart I'll be,  
And as I walk and talk with him  
His beauty and strength I'll see.

"Come ye apart and rest awhile,"  
Until, with strong heart aflame  
Ready again, when Thou dost bid  
To go forth in Thy dear Name!"

## The Parable of the Sower

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James 4:4. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God."

### THE FOUR KINDS OF SOIL

These four kinds of soil represent four classes of people in the world.

The indifferent class, or wayside soil, is that group of people which are Gospel-hardened, making it impossible for the Holy Spirit to speak to their hearts or the Word to find a lodging place in their lives. They erect a barrier between themselves and God, for their conscience is "seared with a hot iron" (1 Tim. 4:2). The wayside soil also represents those men and women who have turned their backs upon the Lord and have made themselves comfortable in evil and sinful living.

The emotional class, or stony soil, represents those who respond to the Gospel, but are not willing to pay the price to go all the way with God. They are men and women who are easily offended because of the Word. As it is written, "But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it: yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is offended" (Matt. 13:20-21).

The worldly class, or thorny ground, represents a class of people who would know the truth and love the things of God, approving of it, but are not willing to give up the worldly things and pleasures of life. The world is too attractive and sin is too sweet to be relinquished. Therefore, they become a fruitless people.

### THE GOOD GROUND

The good ground represents the true, honest hearts which receive and believe the Word to the extent that they act upon it, putting it into practice.

The hundred-fold Christian refers to the Apostolic age, when men gave up their all for Christ and his Gospel (Acts 2:44-47). The sixty-fold may be likened to the Wesleyan Revival and the Reformation by Luther and those who were connected with him. The thirty-fold may be likened to the age in which we live, the closing hour of this age.

According to this interpretation, or explanation, as the age advances, there will be fewer and fewer people who will respond to the Gospel call.

May the blessed Spirit of God use this message to bring comfort and illumination to the hearts of the readers.

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## Northern Conference

### Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program of Ladies' Aid of Morris, Manitoba, Canada

February 22nd was a day of rejoicing at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, for it marked the 25th anniversary of our Ladies' Aid.

Although the weather was not favorable and our guest speaker, Rev. D. Fuchs of Winnipeg, could not be present, our program still proved to be a success and a blessing to all who could attend. Our capable minister, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, brought a very inspiring message on the text Phil. 3:5-10.

The women sang two songs and a very suitable recitation was brought as well as a report of the work during the past 25 years. Many thanks go to Mrs. P. Daum of Chilliwack, B. C., who helped to organize our Ladies' Aid.

The offering of the service amounted to \$46.10 which will be used to send parcels over to Germany. The women are very faithful at this task. They meet every Thursday night to pack parcels and to send them to the needy.

We can truly say thanks to God for the progress and the blessings that have been experienced in these past years. May God continue to use the members of our Ladies' Aid and bless the efforts they put forth in his Name and for his sake.

Mrs. Sam Hoffman, Reporter.

### Manitoba Tri Union Rally at Winnipeg With Rev. and Mrs. E. Michelson as Speakers

On Sunday, March 14th, the Manitoba Tri Union held a Youth Rally at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg.

Our rally opened in the afternoon with a hearty song service under the direction of Mr. J. Schirmacher, music director of the Tri Union. Miss Margaret Miller, young people's president of the host church, extended a hearty welcome to all, to which a response was given by Rev. W. Sturhahn, acting president of the Tri Union. Roll call was taken and each participating church responded favorably. A colorful program was rendered consisting of items contributed by the young people of all our churches.

We were greatly honored to have Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionaries to Africa, as our guest speakers. After an enjoyable time of fellowship in the lower auditorium of the church, at which refreshments were served we gathered again for the evening service.

One of the highlights of the evening

service was a round table discussion, "Memories of Last Year's Assembly." The purpose of this was to acquaint members of our churches with the Union's latest project organized last year, namely, that of establishing a permanent camp site for the assembling of our young people. With a heart stirring message by the Rev. E. Michelson the eventful day was brought to a close.

We can, indeed, say that the Lord has been with us and has blessed us in all our undertakings. We are looking forward to our summer activities, and it is the prayer of all that our efforts may not be in vain.

Meta Stober, Secretary.

## Southern Conference

### Sessions of the North Texas Association at the Carroll Avenue Church of Dallas

The annual North Texas Association met at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, from March 4 to 7.

Our theme was "Evangelism in our Day." Rev. R. W. Seibel, the association's moderator, ministered to us with the opening sermon, "What Is Evangelism?" and Rev. James R. Wyatt brought the closing message, "Rewards of Evangelism." Various topics were discussed about evangelism throughout the association.

We were privileged to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst with us, our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' General Secretary, who led the daily forum and brought a very inspiring mission sermon on Sunday morning.

The local Baptist Training Union was in charge of the Saturday night service. A play was presented, "Outpost" by Helen M. Clark. It is a mission play with the setting in the hill country of northern India.

### A Reminder for Presidents of the Local Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Unions.

Your Conference Council Member as representative of the National Union should be elected during your conference sessions this year. This will give your Council Member opportunity to get acquainted with the work of the National Union before the General Conference sessions in August, 1949. Your General Secretary of the National Union, Rev. J. C. Gunst, should be notified immediately after the election as to who the Council Member for your conference is.

Afterwards everyone was invited to a social held in a local club house where Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Seibel were in charge of the games. Ice cream and cake were served and the evening was made complete by the singing of choruses.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Gunst presented prizes to the children in the Junior department of our Sunday School who had completed courses in their Scripture memory work. We were proud of Marjorie Vogel who has learned 743 verses and is the first girl in our denomination to complete all the courses. She was awarded a beautiful painting of Christ and a Ready Reference Bible.

Mrs. Willie Mae Balka, Reporter.

### Sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association at Kyle, Texas

The theme of the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association, which convened with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas from February 26 to 29, was "The Unity of the Churches," according to the Epistle of the Ephesians. The opening message based on Ephesians 1 was delivered by Rev. George E. Stewart, Jr., guest speaker, pastor of the Baptist Church, San Marcos, Texas. Other messages developing the theme were: Ephesians 2 by Rev. L. Hoeffner, Ephesians 3 by Rev. J. J. Lippert, Ephesians 4 by Rev. August Rosner, Ephesians 5 by Rev. J. C. Gunst, and Ephesians 6 by Rev. V. E. Sprock.

The special guest speaker of the association was the Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Secretary, from our national headquarters at Forest Park, Ill. He conducted a number of special conferences in order that the local church workers might have a better understanding of the purpose and functions of the Sunday School and Training Union. He also delivered a number of inspirational addresses, including the missionary message on Sunday morning. The mission offering passed the \$300 mark, for which we are thankful.

On Saturday evening, a group from the North Texas Association joined with us for a young people's banquet, which was a time of fellowship and inspiration to all. Our moderator, Rev. R. C. Mulder, arrived from Donna for the banquet, having been detained due to an emergency operation on his wife. It was a pleasure to welcome him and receive word as to the favorable condition of Mrs. Mulder. Prior to his arrival, Mr. Hoeffner acted as moderator.

The host church and pastor did a splendid job of entertaining, and their true "southern hospitality" was deeply appreciated by all recipients.

Rev. V. E. Sprock, Reporter.

**Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Schulz by Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas**

The Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas formally welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, and his family at a service in their honor on Friday evening, March 19. The Rev. J. J. Lippert, our supply pastor, brought a short talk and other words of welcome were spoken by representatives of the Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Training Union and the church. The children's choir, the male choir and members of the Mission Union rendered songs of praise.

The Rev. Roy Seibel spoke words of welcome in behalf of the Central Church of Waco and in behalf of the Southern Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz were welcomed into the fellowship of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southern Conference by Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht of Waco. At the close of the program Mr. and Mrs. Schulz responded and encouraged the church members to work together for the glory of God.

Through the guidance of our new shepherd and with the help of God, we as a church are looking forward to accomplishing greater things in God's Kingdom.

Janie Ruth Hodel, Reporter.

**Southwestern Conference**

**Farewell Reception for Pastor and Easter Program at the Strassburg Church of Kansas**

Sunday, March 14, brought to a close the 3½ year ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Schulz at the Strassburg Church near Marion, Kansas. We experienced many blessings during their stay here, and to show our appreciation several farewell courtesies were extended them prior to their departure.

The B. Y. P. U. presented Mr. Schulz with a gift in appreciation for the work he did as their advisor during his ministry here. Mrs. Schulz received a farewell gift from the Scripture Memory group whose leader she had been. At the March meeting of the Missionary Society Mrs. Schulz received a lovely bed spread from the ladies.

On Thursday evening before the Schulzes left the entire church gathered in the fellowship hall for a farewell supper. The church presented them with a gift of money at this time. On Sunday evening after the final service recordings were made of the various musical groups which Mr. Schulz had directed. We at Strassburg wish them God's richest blessings in their new field of labor at Crawford, Texas.

The Rev. R. M. Baerg, graduate student at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, is serving the church as interim pastor. The church is thankful to God for sending Mr. Baerg to us

to serve us until we shall again have a pastor.

On Easter Sunday evening all departments of the church united to present an Easter program. There were songs by the Juniors, a solo and a story entitled, "Consider the Lilies," by the young people. A Ladies' Sextet sang two selections; the Men's Chorus also rendered two numbers. The Adult B. Y. P. U. presented the pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," and Mr. Baerg had a challenging message entitled, "Whom Seekest Thou?" Both morning and evening offerings were designated for denominational purposes.

Mrs. Harvey Kruse, Reporter.

**Evangelistic Services and Other Special Events at the Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas**

The days of February 4 to 15 were happy days for the people of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas. We had the Rev. Lewis B. Berndt of Minneapolis, Minnesota conducting revival meetings, and all who attended were blessed by the messages Mr. Berndt brought from the Word of God. May God continue to bless our church now that we have come down from the "mountain top" experiences of the meetings, and give us a renewed enthusiasm to work in his Name.

The Ladies' Aid of our church was hostess to the community churches at the World Day of Prayer on February 13th. We followed the suggested material sent out by our denomination with a number of musical selections worked in at various points. Mr. Berndt was the speaker for the afternoon session, and again his message was a blessing to those who heard it.

Our church had the privilege of helping to celebrate a silver wedding anniversary, that of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Guthals, on February 22. The couple was honored with a church dinner followed by a social hour, and were presented with a gift from the congregation. Two musical selections were rendered after which the Rev. A. R. Sandow, former pastor of the church, spoke appropriate words of appreciation. Mrs. Guthals has served as Sunday School teacher as well as superintendent and Ladies' Aid president. Mr. Guthals is a trustee of the church and has just completed 12 years as treasurer.

The church is in the process of putting in a water system in the parsonage. The men have been busily digging a new cistern, and we are now waiting for the plumbers to put in the fixtures.

Our Ladies' Aid has just completed its first 25 years of existence, and in May we shall celebrate with our anniversary program. At our recent election the following women were chosen to serve for the coming year: president, Mrs. Louis Guthals; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Riekeman; secretary, Mrs. Solomon Riffel; and treasurer, Mrs. Warren Williamson. May God grant them wisdom in leading our society in the coming year.

Mrs. Wilmer Quiring, Reporter.

**Northwestern Conference**

**Remodeling of the Immanuel Church of Wausau, Wis., and Recent Baptismal Services**

Two years ago a Building Committee was appointed by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wisconsin to survey the needs of our growing congregation and Sunday School. The committee was to present plans for the improvement of our facilities. The fruition of their labors was an entire remodeling program which was completed about the middle of January at the approximate cost of \$25,000.

The program included the remodeling of two entrances, and the complete remodeling of the basement, which hitherto was unusable. A small addition was added at the back to house the new oil heating system, and the ladies room in the basement and the Beginners and Primary department on the first floor. The auditorium was enlarged by the removal of a sliding door, including what was formerly the overflow in the auditorium. The chancel was extended, making additional room for the choir. The baptistry was removed from its location in the floor of the platform, and a new baptistry was built directly behind the pulpit, thus adding greatly to the general appearance of the auditorium. Both men's and women's wash rooms were completely rebuilt and new fixtures installed. The kitchen has new gas stoves and a modern sink. New lighting fixtures were installed outside as well as throughout the building.

The redecoration of the building includes painting throughout, refinished floors upstairs, carpeting of the chancel, and the installation of asphalt tile in the basement. The old roof was replaced with an asphalt shingle roof. As soon as weather permits, further improvements will be made out-of-doors, including some landscaping.

Special dedication services were held on Sunday, January 18, with Dr. John R. Siemens, executive secretary of the Minnesota Baptist Convention, as guest speaker. The church was well filled for the three services of this Sunday. The evening baptismal service was in charge of the Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner, pastor of the church. Four candidates were baptized, and ten persons responded to the invitation for salvation, reconsecration and baptism. A week of special services was held during the following days with the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan, as evangelist. These meetings were for the most part attended by capacity crowds and were a real blessing and means of revival to the church.

God has continued to bless in the days which have followed. On Palm Sunday evening eight converts followed the Lord in baptism. On Easter Sunday the hand of fellowship was extended to twelve persons. Three more received the hand of fellowship on the Sunday following Easter.

Lawrence E. Wegner, Reporter.

**Mid-Winter Institute of the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union at St. Paul**

On Friday evening, Feb. 27, in spite of a blizzard, the 19th Mid-Winter Institute of the Minnesota Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union began at the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul. Our speaker for the evening was Rev. Louis Berndt of the Faith Church in Minneapolis. The theme of the Institute was, "What Is Your Life?" and all sessions centered on that theme.

Two classes were held on Saturday. Rev. E. Buehning of the Holloway Church taught "What Shall I Do With My Life?", and Rev. John Walkup of the Dayton's Bluff Church taught "How to Take My Place in the Christian Service Plan."

Saturday afternoon was spent in recreation at the Christian Youth Center. The Bethel Male Quartet brought the evening program, and Don Patet, one of our own boys and a member of the quartet, brought the message. After the service we had a street car party which proved to be a real success.

The Sunday afternoon message was given by Prof. Edwin Omak of Bethel College. It was entitled, "Upsetting the World," and many hearts were stirred by this word to give more of themselves to God.

Although the weather was adverse and not many were able to be out, we had a wonderful time in the Lord and "he certainly did bless."

Arlene Richter, Secretary.

**Sixty-five Persons Enrolled at Christian Training School at Kenosha, Wisconsin**

The Lord has been richly blessing the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin. For a period of six weeks on Tuesday evenings we had the privilege of having a Christian Training School.

Four classes were offered for which credit could be received providing the requirements were met. The classes and their teachers were as follows: "Lives of Great Missionaries" by Rev. Herbert Freeman; "You Can Teach" by Miss Martha Leypoldt; "Book of Romans" by Rev. August Rode; "Old Testament" by Rev. North E. West.

The meetings were well attended in spite of the somewhat adverse weather conditions. Sixty-five persons were enrolled in the Training School with an average attendance of 47. Forty-one persons completed courses for credit.

Our pre-Easter revival services were held from March 10 to Palm Sunday, March 21. The Rev. George Hixson of Chicago was the speaker. He had had an outstanding evangelistic ministry as an Army chaplain in the Pacific Theater. He founded the "G. I. Gospel Hour," the Army equivalent of "Youth For Christ." He has been also a keyman in the founding of a new missionary society for evangelizing Japan. They have already sent



—Photo by W. W. Snyder, Sr.  
The First Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware Photographed Shortly After Dedication Sunday on March 14

out 14 missionaries and have 50 more candidates waiting.

The messages which the Rev. George Hixson brought us from God's Word were very inspirational and will long be remembered in the hearts of the people here. The results within the church were very encouraging. Many rededicated their lives to Christ, others accepted the missionary challenge and are willing to be used in whatever field God needs them. Some requested the hand of fellowship in our midst and are willing to serve the Lord in whatever way they can. Still others accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Mrs. Walter Kopf, Reporter.

**Central Conference**

**Youth Fellowship at Trenton, Ill. Presents a Palm Sunday Play for the Community**

On Palm Sunday evening, March 21, the Youth Fellowship of Trenton, Ill. presented the play, "He Lives," at the First Baptist Church of the city. The play portrayed the effect of the death and resurrection of Christ on the rich, young ruler.

The play was given before a sizeable crowd from the various churches in Trenton. The leads were played by Lester Ranz as the Rich Young Ruler and Mary Sullins as his wife. Supporting them in the cast were: Betty Bopp as Rebecca, the ruler's maid, Herbert Luginbuhl as Peter, Richard Ranz as John, Clifford Ranz as the soldier, Edward Opperman as the angel, and Marie Schoene as Mary Magdalene.

This was the first presentation of this youth group and the sentiment of the audience was that it was an inspiring program and that the Fellowship was filling a need in the community.

The musical background for the play was furnished by Mrs. H. Zilles at the piano and solovox and by Mrs. H. Ranz and Mrs. L. P. Albus as vocalists. Rev. Leslie P. Albus, Director.

**Atlantic Conference**

**Dedication Services Held by the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware**

The dedication services of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware were held from March 11 to 14. Everything seemed to be in readiness for the doors of the new church of Elsmere to be opened. On Thursday evening the Rev. Whitney Dough and his "musical ministers" were in charge of the Sunday School and young people's program which was well attended. A number of boys and girls accepted Christ as their Savior at this service.

Friday evening was Church Night when we had many greetings and best wishes from 11 neighboring churches represented by their pastors and people.

Sunday morning was crowned with beautiful sunshine. More than 100 people anxiously waited outside the church. A brief service was held on the church steps and then all joined in the processional march into the new edifice that was to be dedicated to the services of the Master. Approximately 240 people attended this fine service.

Rev. Helmut G. Dymmel, our general missionary secretary, brought the dedicatory message and led in the prayer of dedication. The Wurlitzer Organ Co. had brought over one of its fine electric organs for demonstration, which added much to the beauty of the worship services. In the evening the Rev. Adolph E. Kannwischer of Ridgewood, N. Y., was our guest speaker and brought an excellent message for this occasion. Mr. James G. Corcoran of Philadelphia gave a number of selections on the organ.

The Lord is blessing our efforts abundantly in this new community. One lady was baptized on Sunday evening, March 21st, and seven candidates followed the Lord in baptism on Easter Sunday morning. A number of others are being prepared to be received into church membership.

Christian Peters, Pastor.



Members of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon at Their Recent Birthday Luncheon

### Ordination Service for the Rev. Theodore F. Krause of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

With great joy and expectation, delegates of the Long Island Baptist Association and also of the neighboring North American Baptist Churches gathered at the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday evening, March 12. The ordaining council, with Rev. Gordon Baker, D. D. as moderator, and Frank E. Davis as secretary, convened to consider the advisability of setting apart Mr. Theodore F. Krause to the gospel ministry. The examination of the candidate disclosed four vital points: his Christian experience, his call to the ministry, his training and education, and his Christian doctrine. To all questions asked a clear and detailed answer was given. After a thorough cross-examination, the council declared itself satisfied, and voted unanimously to proceed with the ordination.

Monday, March 22, was set aside as the night for the ordination service. The program, with Rev. A. E. Kannwischer presiding, included Scripture reading by Rev. Frank Orthner. The church choir rendered an anthem, "The Ninety and Nine." The ordination sermon, entitled the "Baptist Concept of the Ministry," was delivered by Rev. Milton Froyd. Due to illness, Rev. W. J. Appel was unable to give the charge to the candidate, and requested the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, the moderator, to take his place. Dr. Gordon Baker delivered the prayer of ordination, with Rev. John Schmidt extending the welcome into the Christian ministry, and Rev. A. Geary extending the welcome to the Baptist Fellowship. As treasurer of the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., of which Mr. Krause is a graduate, Mr. Edwin Marklein presented the certificate.

The impressive and never-to-be-forgotten service concluded with the Rev. Theodore F. Krause giving the benediction.

Ruth M. Pusch, Reporter.

### Friendly Spirit and Special Programs of the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Maryland

The writer of this report was recently appointed reporter for the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Balti-

more, Maryland by the pastor, Rev. Gustav Schmidt. I wish to say in behalf of my husband and myself that the West Baltimore Church should be called "The Friendly Church of Baltimore." We have lived in Baltimore approximately two years during which time we had visited several churches in an effort to find one in which we could feel at home. We came from Christian homes, and deeply missed something, the fellowship of the church. It began to look as if our efforts were in vain. To begin the New Year, 1948, we made a resolution to visit some church every Sunday until we found the church that had what we wanted, and I am happy to say that that church was the West Baltimore Baptist Church.

On February 29th we both signified our desire to accept Christ and to follow him through baptism. There were four others baptized at the same time. Our pastor conducted the baptism. Mr. Newberg was our guest speaker for the evening service. He is a converted Jew, and his testimony is always an inspiration to those who hear him.

Mrs. Kingsley is our choir leader and she has developed a very interesting young people's choir, of which we are very proud. We hope to furnish

#### PICTURES WANTED

The Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., celebrates its 75th anniversary during the first eight days of August. In gathering data for an anniversary booklet we find very few pictures of our former pastors. The committee is anxious to locate them. We are wondering if a few words in "The Baptist Herald" might not turn up some pictures of these men. The following are the ministers who have served the church and the year of their arrival:

H. Miller, 1873; J. F. Hoefflin, 1874; F. Heisig, 1879; J. P. Groth, 1880; H. Schulz, 1881; R. J. Hack, 1890; J. Scholz, 1893; H. Kaaz, 1898; H. Marschner, 1904.

Please send all pictures and information to Mrs. Harvey Stanke, 741 E. Nebraska, St. Paul 6, Minn.

them with choir robes in the near future.

On Palm Sunday our pastor, Rev. Gustav Schmidt, brought inspiring messages which were very appropriate for the occasion. Also on Palm Sunday four persons stepped out to accept Christ, three by confession of faith and one by letter. A special service was held on Good Friday evening with three speakers participating. Our pastor, Rev. D. Whiteside, and Dr. W. H. Stewart brought us the last seven words of the cross.

On Easter Sunday special singing and music were furnished by the Berge Sisters. They are talented musicians, and enjoy singing for the Lord. Their goodness seems to radiate through the entire audience, and many experienced a wonderful blessing by hearing them.

Nellie M. Koose, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

#### Birthday Luncheon of the Laurelhurst Ladies' Missionary Society of Portland, Oregon

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon met at the home of Mrs. John Reisbick for the January business meeting and annual birthday luncheon in honor of the president, Mrs. Fred W. Mueller. There were 23 members and four visitors present to help celebrate the occasion.

Our society has 37 active members. Our regular meetings are held each month and the day is spent in serving for the needy people in Europe. A half hour of devotion is always in charge of our vice-president, Mrs. Katharine Peterson.

Mrs. Blanche Young, Secretary.

#### Anniversary Program of the Salt Creek Woman's Missionary Society, Dallas, Oregon

On Friday evening, March 12, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon under the capable leadership of its president, Mrs. John Tilgner, presented its annual program.

The highlights of the program were a ladies quartet, "Speak, Lord, We Hear," organ and piano duet, reading, "Young Sing Lee's View of Missions," and installation of new officers for the coming year by the Rev. Emanuel Wolf. A play, "Once I Was Blind," was also presented, which was enlightening about missionary work all over the world, as members of the society dressed in foreign costumes appeared and put in a plea for their country which was overheard by a mother and daughter who had no use for missions until convinced of the blessed chance our Savior has given us to help others.

The Lord has surely blessed us during the past year. The secretary and treasurer reported that we have a membership of 43 and the offerings for the year were \$934. We were also able to send 200 packages to Germany.

Mrs. Dick Bartel, Reporter.

May 1, 1948

### Missionary Conference and Organizing of a New Association by Churches of British Columbia

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada extended its invitation to the churches of this province to meet with them from March 18 to 21 for a time of fellowship, Bible study and consecration. The entire program for these days of spiritual deepening was centered in the Passion of the Savior. The evening messages, as the devotionals and expositions during the day were based on the seven words of Jesus on the Cross.

The Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna gave the opening address and the Sunday forenoon sermon. The Rev. Phil Daum of Chilliwack preached on Friday evening and during the day gave a lecture. The Rev. J. Thiessen of the Mennonite Brethren Church led two half-hour Bible studies on "The Meaning of Christ's Suffering" and "The Day of the Lord." The devotionals and remaining lectures were led by Mr. A. Hass of the Bethany Church, Mr. Wurtz of Chilliwack, Mr. Aug. Blessin of Kelowna and Rev. Victor Ross of Moosemin, Sask. The closing message was given by the pastor of the host church, the Rev. R. Kern.

We were privileged to have with us for Saturday and Sunday Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens of our Camerons mission field. The Saturday evening youth rally, led by representatives of the various churches, gave our missionaries an opportunity to speak to us while moving pictures and slides of the work were shown. They also spoke on Sunday afternoon at the missionary rally.

The effectiveness of these meetings was greatly enriched by the choirs of the churches; vocal and musical selections; a mass male chorus at the opening service, led by Herbert Sturhahn; and a mass mixed choir for Sunday afternoon led by Albert Sauer.

During the business session on Saturday forenoon the four represented churches of Bethany, Chilliwack, Ebenezer and Kelowna organized, what is possibly the youngest child of our denomination, the "British Columbia Vereinigung." The elected officers of the new association are: Rev. Phil. Daum, chairman; Rev. A. Kujath, vice-chairman; Mr. A. Hass, secretary; Mr. G. Smith, assistant secretary; Rev. R. Kern, treasurer. The offering of Sunday forenoon amounted to \$222.89.

It is our prayer and hope that this newly planted tree may bear much fruit for God's Kingdom.

R. Kern, Reporter.

### Eastern Conference

#### The Polish Baptist Chapel of Erie, Pa. a Mission of the Central Baptist Church

The need of a true Gospel work among the Polish people of Erie, Pennsylvania has been the burden of the heart of Mr. John A. Zurn of the

### OBITUARY

#### MR. RODNEY LEE HALLER of Trochu, Alberta, Canada

Rodney L. Haller of Trochu, Alberta, Canada, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haller of Trochu, was born on Dec. 9, 1923. His entire life-time was spent in the Trochu district, where he received his education, and was establishing himself in business. From childhood he had not enjoyed good health, and it was on Feb. 17, 1948 that his life yielded to the disease. He was converted, and on August 15, 1943 he was baptized. At his passing he witnessed that he had not been disappointed in his Savior, with whom he had a night season of prayer.

The service was held in the community hall which was filled to capacity. The huge bank of flowers was evidence of his great number of friends. Rev. R. H. Zepik was ably assisted by a ladies' duet, Misses Ardash Schmierer and Salma Bertsch.

His passing is mourned by his parents; brother, Ralph; sisters, Joyce and Delores; all of Trochu; uncles, aunts and cousins of Trochu, Alta., British Columbia, and the U. S. A.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

Trochu, Alta., Canada.

R. H. Zepik, Pastor.

#### MR. BERNARD B. WENDT of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota

Mr. Bernard B. Wendt of St. Bonifacius, Minn., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wendt and a nephew of the Rev. John Wendt, founder of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, was born Oct. 19, 1861 at St. Bonifacius, Minnesota, and departed from this life on Feb. 25 having attained the age of 86 years, 4 months and 6 days.

On Jan. 29, 1948 he underwent an emergency operation at Watertown, Minnesota, from which he had apparently fully recovered. Plans were then made to take him home. In the meantime, he suffered a relapse and was taken to the Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis where he succumbed to a heart attack.

In his early youth he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and was baptized upon the confession of his faith. He united with the Minnetrista Baptist Church, where he remained a loyal and faithful member until his death. Throughout his entire Christian life he gave his Lord priority in all his affairs. He was a staunch pillar and an ardent worker in his church which always held first place in his heart. He served in various capacities as a trustee, a Sunday School superintendent and

Central Baptist Church for several years. At last a call was given to Rev. A. F. Kostanowski and his family to come to Erie to open up a missionary work among the Polish people. He was born in Poland, but at the time of the call was engaged in mission work near Binghamton, N. Y. He arrived at Erie in May of 1946, and began his ministry here by conducting meetings from house to house, explaining the Gospel of John. Only a few people attended.

Later, through the liberality of Mr. Zurn and the Central Baptist Church of Erie, the corner lot at Fifth and Wallace Streets was purchased with a two-story building, which was soon converted into a fine church building with parsonage rooms upstairs.

Most of the repairing and altering of the building was done by Mr. Kostanowski himself, assisted by his son-in-law, Rev. R. S. Van Buskirk, who is also his assistant pastor.

Dec. 22, 1946 was the day of the opening of the mission work in the

teacher for over 40 years, and as a deacon since 1913.

On May 11, 1886 he was united in marriage to Miss Mathilda Luedtke to which union two children were born. In the prime of her life, she passed into Eternity. After three years he was married to Miss Annie Zeimer who also preceded him in death in 1940.

He leaves to mourn his departure, one sister, Mrs. Otto Gongoll; a son, Albert; a daughter, Mayda; and one grandson; besides many other relatives and friends. The funeral service was held on Monday afternoon, March 1st, at the Minnetrista Baptist Church with the pastor officiating. Although Brother Wendt was ready and willing to meet his Lord, he will be greatly missed in the church and in the community.

Minnetrista Baptist Church,

St. Bonifacius, Minnesota.

Ralph C. Lutter, Pastor.

#### MRS. MINNIE B. FREIGANG of Tacoma, Washington

Mrs. Minnie B. Freigang, nee Bonkowske, of Tacoma, Wash., was born on December 10, 1866 near Graudenz, Germany, and went to be with the Lord on March 3, 1948, aged 81 years, 2 months and 23 days.

At the age of 16, she migrated with her parents to Wolhynien, Russia. Here she found Christ as her personal Savior and in the year 1892 was baptized into the fellowship of the Neudorf Baptist Church. Almost immediately after her conversion, she began to work for the Lord as a Sunday School teacher and youth leader.

Since she had the advantage of several years of higher education in Germany, she was soon led to seek permission from the Russian empress to conduct school for the children of the German colonists. This permission was granted and for almost 25 years she taught school and served as church missionary at the same time.

During World War I, she with her friends and pupils was banished to the frigid wastes of Siberia and suffered terribly. However, she was one of the few who returned.

In 1923 she came to the United States. On October 8, 1930 she married the Rev. G. L. Freigang, her former pastor and co-laborer. In 1932 she and her husband came to Tacoma, Wash., where they became members of the Calvary Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Rev. G. L. Freigang, and four stepchildren. At the funeral her Sunday School teacher, Rev. E. Bibelheimer, spoke on John 14:2-3, and her pastor brought words of comfort from Ps. 90:1. Dr. J. F. Olthoff also participated in the service. The Lord is comforting the bereaved.

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Tacoma, Wash.

Walter C. Damrau, Pastor.

new location. Only nine persons were present in the morning, and 15 in the evening. It was up-hill work. During that winter 15 persons accepted Christ as their Savior.

It was not until the next Fall that the remodeling was completed on the building. Then on Sept. 1, 1947 the little chapel was dedicated to the Lord as "The Open Bible Tabernacle," which in reality is a branch of the Central Baptist Church.

On the following Dec. 14th thirteen people were baptized. Their present membership is 20. The average attendance at Sunday School is 55, evening services 30, and at young people's services on Friday evenings the total is 60.

Many New Testaments, both Polish and English, have been distributed, in addition to a thousand Polish Gospel tracts. The blessing of the Lord is upon the work and its faithful workers, and is a joy to all at the Central Baptist Church.

Paul D. Ford, Pastor.

# Baptist Life Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

## Financial Statement, December 31st 1947

### ASSETS

Book Value of Real Estate .....	\$ 979.24
First Mortgage Loans .....	613,780.31
Certificate Loans .....	31,175.23
Government Bonds .....	484,331.74
Bank Deposits and Cash in Office .....	148,853.88
Interests Due and Accrued on Investments .....	5,993.24
Net Premiums in Course of Collection .....	2,374.74
Total Admitted Assets .....	\$1,287,488.38
Total Ledger Assets .....	\$1,280,287.19
Ratio Assets to Liabilities .....	112.12%
Ratio Actual to Expected Mortality .....	42.64%
Net Rate of Interest Earned .....	3.55%
Benefit Certificates in Force .....	6,278
Insurance in Force .....	\$5,400,000.00

### LIABILITIES

Death Claims, awaiting proof .....	\$ 3,000.00
Present Value of Current Disability Claims ..	4,220.28
Advanced Premiums .....	37,690.17
Dividend Accumulation .....	3,110.04
Reserve for Dividends .....	6,687.51
Benevolent Fund .....	5,561.97
Reserve for Life and Endowment Certificates ..	1,028,910.00
Reserve for Permanent Disability ..	2,583.00
Sick Benefit Fund Reserve .....	6,526.32
Special Reserves for Strengthening Am. Exp. 4% Certificates .....	48,814.00
Surplus .....	140,385.09
Total to Balance with Assets .....	\$1,287,488.38

### INCOME

Net Amount received from Members .....	\$ 176,936.70
Income from Investments .....	40,463.35
Increase by Adjustment in Book Value of Ledger Assets .....	3,103.00
Refunds for Dividend Accumulation and Mis- cellaneous refunds .....	1,421.31
Total Income .....	\$ 221,924.36

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Members and Beneficiaries .....	\$ 77,637.28
Agents Compensation and Travel .....	23,513.62
Medical Examiners Fees and Inspection .....	953.85
Salaries of Officers and Employees Includ- ing Travel .....	16,163.29
Ins. Dept. Fees and Department Examination ..	3,692.82
Social Security and Bond Prem. ....	648.29
Operating Expenses Including Advertising, Printing and Stationery .....	6,488.74
Investment Expenses and Bond Amort. ....	377.55
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 129,475.44

### BALANCE IN FUNDS

Mortuary .....	\$1,172,125.75
Disability .....	6,832.82
Sick and Accident .....	6,526.32
Benevolent .....	5,561.97
Juvenile Mortuary .....	79,523.23
General Expenses .....	9,717.10
Balance .....	\$1,280,287.19

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