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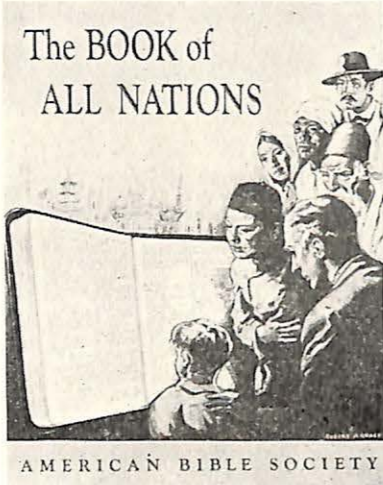
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AMONG OURSELVES

The Million Dollar Offering, which has had the unqualified support of our denomination from the outset, is in need of greater endorsement by our churches. We are considerably behind the schedule required of us in order to reach the goal on July 31, 1949. Our people everywhere have responded enthusiastically to the spiritual and missionary advance of our denomination. But many have left the actual task of undergirding this program financially to others. This can only mean failure in our undertaking. But if everyone will do his or her share and a little more, then our efforts will be crowned with success!

IN THIS ISSUE

It is time again for the observance of Thanksgiving Day and the bringing of our mission gifts to God. The theme of thanksgiving is sounded in this issue by the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., and by Mrs. K. Louise Eichler. Even Dr. Bender's article on "The Christian Deviant" has a bearing on the Christian's distinctiveness evidenced in his gratitude to God. Missionary articles by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel and the Rev. C. L. Young show the worthwhileness of our gifts of gratitude in taking the Gospel to others. Let this issue challenge you to make your thankoffering at this season of the year generous and sincere.

COMING

God's Sufficiency! — The boundless sufficiency of God's grace has inspired the Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, No. Dak., to prepare a sermon which ought to give wings to our faith to dare to do greater things for Christ.

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Mary Slessor of Africa — The 100th anniversary of the birth of Mary Slessor, whose name will always be linked with Africa's missionary annals, will be observed in the next issue by publishing a fascinating life story about her by Mrs. J. G. Benke of Hebron, No. Dak.



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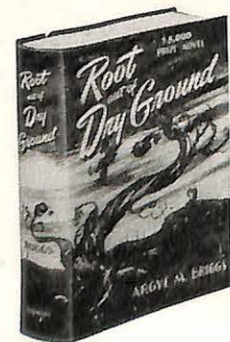
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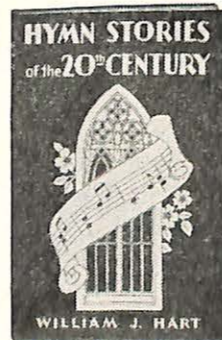
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By WILLIAM J. HART.

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

The Test of Thanksgiving

IS IT NATURAL for a man to be grateful for gifts which he has received? Is there an instinctive urge in people to show gratitude to others? Neither the disclosures of psychology nor the observations of life will confirm such a viewpoint. Thanksgiving in its highest expression must be cultivated and trained until the individual is disciplined in its practise. It is far from one of the easiest things which we can do.

Children must learn the art of thanksgiving by the hard road of parental instruction and careful rearing. Of the ten lepers who were cleansed by Jesus, only one remembered to return to give thanks for his cleansing. The 107th Psalm suggests that God's people often neglect to give thanks to God. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!" the Psalmist says. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" He intimates in this Psalm that gratitude is not the natural thing in the hearts for many people, as he repeats the challenge: "Oh that men would praise the Lord."

The test of thanksgiving can be found at this point in a Christian's life. When it is the spontaneous, natural response of the soul to God's goodness, then it is genuine, indeed. It must be like a spring of joy that bubbles over in sheer beauty and heart-warming delight. It is then the easiest thing to do, the only way to respond, the most natural expression of life.

Much of our gratitude is difficult to express because it is affected and forced. It is a mere routine of the day that we are supposed to follow if we would gain the respect of others. We anticipate some return from those to whom we are grateful. We do not continue long to be thankful to those who do not reciprocate in some way or other to our expressions of gratitude. We lack that spontaneity, that delightful freshness, that childlike excitement which belong to the true art of thanksgiving.

Real thanksgiving is a fruit of the Spirit. It is a gift of Christ that can be the possession of every Christian. But it must be trained and cultivated by spiritual discipline. We must give earnest attention and constant prayer to its acquirement. We must eagerly seek it like a pearl of great price.

The test of our possession of this spirit of thanksgiving can be seen in what it does to us. If our gratitude is the overflowing joy of our hearts, then the most natural thing for us will be to share what we have with others, to give towards the Lord's work, to lay our substance on God's altar.

There will not have to be the compulsion of the Old Testament lay to bring our tithes into God's storehouse. We shall not require reminders as to our responsibilities as stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ. We shall give and serve because we have learned the secret of true thanksgiving as expressed in Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

BIBLE TEXT

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase" (Proverbs 3:9).

God is honored and we, in turn, are blessed by the gifts we lay upon his altar! Those are rich dividends for our services. That is God's marvelous promise to his children. But we must be faithful as his stewards. We must honor God with the first fruits of all our increase, if our barns are to be filled with plenty (Prov. 3:10) and our hearts with joy. Isn't it worth a trial? Why do we hesitate? Why not take God at his Word? "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." But, FIRST, bring ye all the tithes into God's storehouse!

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Enthusiasm is mounting for the next General Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28, 1949. Announcements have been made in a very general way that it ought to be the best conference ever held by North American Baptist Churches as to attendance and program. In a few days the first steps will be taken to fulfill that hope. The program committee for the General Conference, headed by Dr. John Leyboldt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will meet on Saturday, November 27, at the Forest Park headquarters to set up the program for those memorable days in Sioux Falls. The first announcement of the rich spiritual treat in store for all of us at the General Conference will be made early in the year 1949.

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

The Million Dollar Offering is the financial undergirding of our entire denominational advance. It certainly deserves the wholehearted support of our people everywhere. It merits your extraordinary effort and sacrificial gifts. Spiritually we are on the march for our Lord Jesus Christ. The missionary challenge has not found us wanting in launching out into new and larger mission fields. Every phase of our denominational enterprise has grown in its sphere of influence. Our relief ministry to the needy, desperate peoples overseas has reached tremendous proportions, but the end is not yet in sight. There is still so much for us to do!

We expect great things of God and anticipate record-breaking results from this year's observance of THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK to be held in our churches from Sunday, November 21, to Sunday, November 28.

November 15, 1948

The Theme for Thanksgiving

"Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." Psalm 30:4

By the REV. George W. Zinz, Jr., Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

IT IS traditional to expect a Thanksgiving meditation to be centered around the material blessings of God. We owe it to him to be thankful for all these things. But there is a theme for thanksgiving which escapes us only too often. It is a theme of cardinal importance in the life of every child of God.

The Psalmist calls on us to recognize in the fact that God is holy a cause of thanksgiving, and of thanksgiving so exuberant that it should find voice in song. He deems this counsel so needful and important that he returns to it again, and reiterates it in another Psalm which he concludes with the exhortation, "Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

This call to praise, because of God's holiness, is quite in unison with much else in Scripture. There is perhaps no attribute of God made so prominent or so constantly ascribed to him. The quality of holiness is imparted to everything which comes into close relation to him.

HEAVEN'S FIRST LAW

We are exhorted to be thankful at the remembrance of his holiness. How is this? Why is it that this quality in God, rather than any other, is singled out and set before us as one eminently worthy of being celebrated in a song of thanksgiving? If the Psalmist called on us to be thankful at the remembrance of God's pity, or patience, or goodness, or wisdom, or truth, it would not be strange. But why in joyous song we should "give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness" is more difficult to see. Yet there must surely be some valid reason for the special form in which the Psalmist has put his mandate.

Consider what a blessing ORDER is and how much we owe to it. It is not too much to say that it is a condition of the enjoyment of all the blessings of life, so primary and fundamental. With good cause it has been affirmed that "order is heaven's first law." It is a matter of devout thankfulness that a system of restraints has been set up for the preservation of order in the universe

and, too, of human society — a precaution which is due to the fact that the Sovereign Ruler is a holy Being.

How much we owe to the great system of restraints which the holy and good God has laid upon society to keep back and to hold in check its evil! We seldom realize this fact. It is love keeping order in the world for the well-being of society; the Father with tender, yearful heart, but firm hand chastening and restraining his children for their good. The most active imagination would fail to forecast the misery that would have ensued to our race had God dealt with it as the easy and indulgent Eli did with his sons, of whom it is said, "They made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

How can anyone who even feebly realizes such truth fail to "sing unto the Lord, and to give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness?"

GOD'S INCORRUPTIBLE PURITY

We ought to be thankful that the holiness of God lifts him above all human infirmities and partialities. An important and central element in holiness is SEPARATION. Jehovah said to Israel, "Ye shall be holy unto me, for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the people, that ye should be mine." As applied to God, it expresses that infinite separation which lifts him far above all the sin and weakness of his creatures.

The ineffable, inapproachable purity which belongs to God, lifts him high above human pettinesses and earthly passions. Not that he is far away in sympathy and love; far away in the sense of being indifferent and cold, or without any interest in his creatures! None are too low or too insignificant to be reached by his care. Nor is the nearest earthly friend so near in pitying helpfulness as he. But as "the high and holy One," he is raised above those selfish, narrow, partisan interests and passions to which so much of earth's suffering and misery are due.

In the sight of him, their Maker, rich and poor meet together. No one is despised or overlooked because he is poor, or received because he is rich. The squalid but pious Lazarus stands higher in God's regard than



With the Pigeons at the Fountain, Old Mission San Gabriel Near Los Angeles, California

the sumptuous but godless Dives. The impression made by our Lord, even on those not in sympathy with him, was that he "cared not for any man, nor regarded the person of men" and in seeing him we see God.

What a ground of thankfulness it is that the gifts and blessings of his Gospel are dispensed to all upon equal terms. All are alike in sin. "All have gone astray," and the curse and power of sin are on the high and the low. All are in need of the great salvation which comes through Christ, and on the same terms are all invited to partake of it. The poor runaway slave Philemon is as welcome as his master.

There is no royal road to Paradise. The incorruptible purity which lifts the Most High above all respect of persons is the haven for all, the refuge of the oppressed, the hope of the down-trodden and the helpless, who may all well "sing and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

BELIEF IN A HOLY GOD

Belief in a holy God to whom sin is unspeakably abhorrent is one of the most quickening and elevating influences under which a human being can live. The conception which a people have of God affects them powerfully, according as it is high and pure, or low and carnal. Let a people think of God as indifferent to moral evil, and what can the result be but demoralization and debasement?

By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. Belief in a holy God keeps alive and deepens in them that

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Keeping Pace With God's Advance

A Christian who gives more this year than he did last year casts his vote in favor of **ADVANCE** in world-wide missionary endeavor!

By the **REV. H. G. DYMMEI**, General Missionary Secretary

"ENOCH walked with God," Genesis 5:22.

The Hebrew word for walk, "hawlak," also signifies advance. We may therefore translate these words: "Enoch advanced with God." Let us here pause and realize that no activity can be regarded as an advance unless it be with God, but if God be with us, we are advancing, even though all our effort may look like a standstill.

ADVANCE WITH THE LORD

The Lord has surely been with his people — the North American Baptists — and shown them how and where to advance. When our General Missionary Society was formed in 1883, its aim read — "to promote missions first of all among our German countrymen here in America; but then also to support foreign missions and to administer monies for benevolent purposes as designated by the donors." This year, however, the budget for Home Missions is 9 percent and for Foreign Missions 20.4 percent. Having strengthened our home base, we are advancing with the Lord in distant places. This year our foreign missions budget will approach the sum of \$120,000.

On our home mission field we have advanced with God in two new cities. In Aberdeen, South Dakota, we have established a church, because members from our neighboring churches are moving in. The church at Harvey, North Dakota, which thus far has always been a station, has called its own pastor with the help of our home missions.

In the evangelistic field it is our joy to report creditable advance with our Lord. Our evangelist, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, reports for his first year of labor 160 conversions and another 37 who have definitely started their Christian life all over again. Our churches where he evangelized raised in the neighborhood of \$6000 as love offerings in gratitude to their Lord.

In China, the Lord is spearheading our advance with our missionary, Miss Leona Ross. We are looking for an additional missionary couple whom the Lord will give us at the right time. It is our joy to know that the Lord

wants us in the promising and highly strategic field.

The Honorable Walter Judd, Congressman from Minnesota, said to the Foreign Missions Assembly at Columbus, Ohio, on October 6th that the real international crisis is not occurring at Berlin but resides in the millions of Asia where China is the kingpin. The Communists are watching which way China will lead. Russia bases its tactics of conquest on China's fate. If China falls for the Communist doctrine, then the rest of the globe is in dire peril of Communist absorption. If China decides for Christ, the West will be spared another war.

It is therefore particularly gratifying to know the Lord has led us to enter the open door of China where missionaries are highly respected, loved and honored for the unstinted service and good will they have brought to China's suffering millions.

Although part of our European work is behind the "iron curtain," we are discreetly assured again and again that the Lord is faithful and keeps his own. We derive particular joy from the advance the Lord is granting us in Austria. In more than a dozen places little churches have sprung up which are pastored by our faithful brethren over there — the Brethren Füllbrandt, Köster, Gigseder, Blatt, Ostermann, and lately Brother Hirnboeck at Bad Ischl, which is a former vacation resort of the Emperor of Austria.

CAMEROONS' VICTORIES

But our most notable advance has been in the Cameroons. Whereas for 1946 it reported about 3500 members, it stated at the end of 1947 — 6,500 members and 4,516 inquirers. There were a thousand baptisms in that period. The Lord was gracious in helping us find a missionary doctor for Africa in the person of Dr. Leslie Chaffee. The doctor will open new vistas of service to the natives which service, in turn, will lead to their accepting the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as their salvation. The Special Building Fund for the Cameroons afforded thirty new buildings on the various stations.

Let us look at the advance in the formation of the Bamenda church.

It was organized about a year ago of strangers who came to Bamenda for work. Deacons for the church came from Mbem, a result of the work done from 1936 to 1938. The present membership, after about a year, is seventy and a growing branch at Bakui, which has its own deacon and an official membership of 12. Since April 1, 1948 the Bamenda church is financially independent. It pays even its church teacher \$5.80 a month and has enough balance to entertain strangers and its three lepers. Its membership will reach the 100 mark by the end of 1948. According to African standards, it will become a wealthy church.

And what did the mission do for it this year? It provided and supported its teacher for one year. It helped to organize a New Testament Church. It helped build a chapel. It built quarters for the teacher. It shall have helped in bringing into existence experimentally the first Baptist club with club house for Bamenda's drifting youth.

MISSIONARY INFLUENCES

Said one of the young Christian leaders of Africa: "The church in West Africa owes its birth to the coming of missionaries from Europe and America during the last century, and well over fifty percent of the members of the Christian communities are first generation Christians.

"Yet everywhere, the small minorities of Christians are affecting the thought and life of the entire community, and the position of leadership and responsibility which Christians hold reflect in a measure the influence of the church on life.

"The future of the church in West Africa will be in the hands of these people. Already they are furnishing in increasing numbers the native leadership which makes a self-governing church possible, and they are well on the way to maintaining a self-supporting church in many places. Besides, the church of West Africa has since its earliest days been a missionary, or sending church itself. The African Christians have marched side by side with their American and European friends at the front lines of

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A Thanksgiving Reverie

It's the little things that make for happiness and thanksgiving. After summer's bright glow, purple autumn slips in silently and glides bronze-skinned from trunk to tree while rustling cornstalks whisper secrets, like the sweet influence of the Gospel that redeems and gladdens the heart

By **MRS. K. LOUISE EICHLER** of Erie, Pennsylvania

IN THE CHILL, twilight days of November, when the barren trees thrust their stark limbs upward against the cold grey sky and the wind has a wintry cut as it swirls the dead dry leaves over the ground, the kettle hums upon the hearth and the fragrant candle glow brings a warmth to the darkness that makes the plain things of life lustrous. Our hearts are lifted to God in grateful acknowledgment of his gifts so bountiful and free, and our hearts sing with rejoicing hope to see the glory of God in the common things.

With a lavish hand God paints for us scenes in nature's brilliant array surpassing the worth of pure gold and the brightness of rare gems. The beauty of a hill drenched in pale moonlight while winter winds so rudely blow across the pure white ermine snow is a picture richly portrayed on life's canvas by the hand of the Master Artist and, viewed through the eyes of memory, attains the polish of a diamond.

TREASURES IN EARTHEN VESSELS

The winds and snows of winter change into fluffy tints of spring, and atoms of life awaken in tiny flower faces while the red tulips springing from the soil are like new dreams after the old are gone. Summer roses with sweet fragrance fill the air like today's warm laughter born of blossoms gay. The white clouds drift over town and country lane, untouched by modern speed, over old-fashioned fences, vine-covered zigzag rails, over God's gardens dappled green and gold, over majestic mountaintop unvisited by human, over misty glen where the lazy rill tinkles on while water lilies drowse and dream, and we thrill again at the nibble on our line and the tell-tale dip of bobber as the bait is captured. Ah, he giveth us richly all things to enjoy and we have this treasure in earthen vessels.

It's the little things that make for happiness and thanksgiving — the drone of the bee, the lowing of the herds and the cool sweet scented

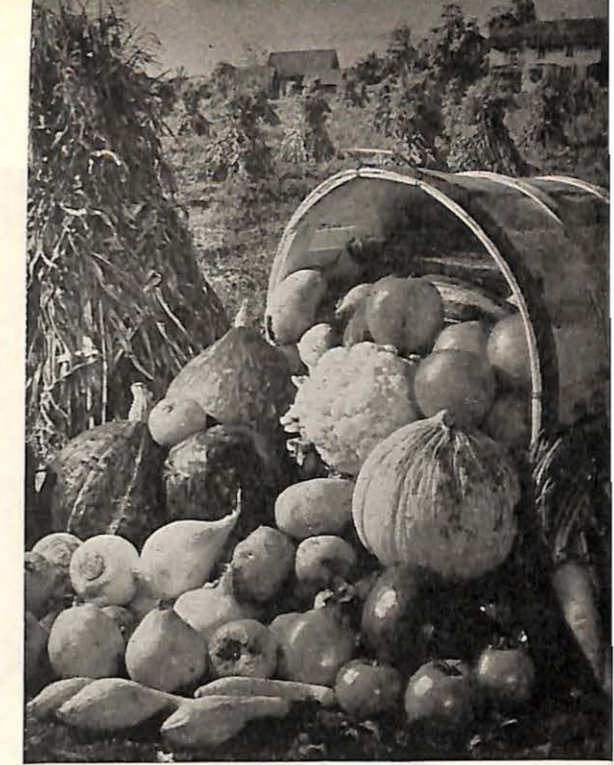
clover grass bring to mind God's sweet Kingdom of love and our hearts overflow with gratitude. After summer's bright glow, purple autumn slips in silently, dark-eyed, mysterious Indian summer, and glides bronze-skinned from trunk to tree while rustling cornstalks whisper secrets passing sweet, like the sweet influence of the Gospel that redeems and gladdens the heart.

We are immensely indebted for days of quiet happiness like the fresh dew in the dawn of morning or nights when the crystal splash of rain on the roof makes us feel content with our lot in life. Little blessings fill the little lives we live with dear dreams of the morrow and the knowledge that wherever we may be, HE is there. No bond of iron or steel can bar his sweet peace from us. He sends his Angel of patience to reconcile our smiles and tears, to heal the aching throbs of the broken heart and bid us be resigned and bear up, for he worketh all things well.

COMRADES OF LIFE

We recall with pleasure our childish faith in fairies and the slow unfolding of our simple soul belief in God, when life was a story with neither sob nor sigh. Our complete trust in God and man was as serene as the beginning of life. There was a Sunday School teacher, a friend so dear with heart so true, whose path was whole-hearted consecration to God and a wonderful preacher who never gained renown but lived a beautiful life of sanctified service. We give thanks for such devoted friends, sharers in life's happiness and comrades in time of stress, whose sweet fellowship was one of the exquisite little joys of life.

My thanksgiving blessings are joys and essences that blend like countless stars blossoming in the dark sky. There are smiles of sincere, unselfish gladness like lights in the windows of the souls, and there is the laughter of innocent childhood that cheers the heart. Mother's love and tears are like a rainbow bright that reaches across the things that fill our days



to touch our hands along the way. Ah, we are so rich in gifts — rich in the things that count the most.

A sunbeam on a winter's day is the postman's ring with a letter of friendship from across the miles or a snatch of a hymn upon the radio. The friendly handclasp of someone dear is like the comforting thought or voice ringing true when we are weary and sad and soul-sick with the blues. New opportunities are perpetual surprise on the straight path of duty, and we rejoice that we may have a part in bringing in a new and better day.

BLESSED MEMORIES

We travel along life's pathway with memories of kindness, hospitality and generosity showered upon us, like the scent of perfume remaining in the folds where it has lain, memories of pain, hurt and forgiveness and the privilege of far reaching prayer that helps the soul to live. All these are but atoms of God's completeness.

In humbleness and gratitude our thanks we convey to him who gives all blessings and the promise-filled Book discloses God's light for every darkened life, no matter how hopeless and unblest it may seem. Christ's loving heart has tender compensation still for the wounded heart and there is never a care or loss that we may not bring and leave at his feet. Thanks be to God for his gift of time, not only these years here but those of glorious Eternity.

Truly, there is no end to the blessings which he sends. The finest thoughts of intricate human mind cannot picture his "joys unspeakable and full of glory." His promise is that of our eternal inheritance and "a crown of glory that fadeth not away" for we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made

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—Photo by Harold M. Lambert

The Christian Deviant

The Christian is one whose whole nature reveals a fundamental discrepancy between himself and the world. This thesis is developed with Scriptural accuracy and scholarly skill in this first of two articles, delivered at the opening exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary

By Dr. THORWALD W. BENDER of Rochester, New York

THEY DO NOT belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." (John 17:14, 16; American Translation.)

Jesus spoke and repeated these words in his soul-stirring Intercessory Prayer. In bringing the needs of the disciples to the Father's throne Jesus speaks of their relation to himself, their relation to one another, and their relation to the world. Our text speaks of the disciples' relation to the world. "They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world."

A. T. Robertson has candidly suggested that, if this verse were properly understood by our church members, a notable change would occur in many of our churches. In the world; sent into the world; but absolutely not of the world! The disciple of our Lord must be a separatist, a non-conformist, a dissenter! Neither the name "radical" nor "reactionary,"

depending on the name-caller, ought to cause him dismay.

The name, "separatist", "dissenter", and "non-conformist," has been employed from time to time for various "sects" not in agreement with the powers that be. Our Baptist forefathers have sometimes been characterized by such labels. Actually all Christians should be so described. The modern equivalent of such names is the word "deviant". This name or term comes from the field of psychology and social anthropology. I have taken the term directly from an anthropological book by Margaret Mead.

MARGARET MEAD'S CLASSIFICATION

Margaret Mead is a member of the Smithsonian Institute and Curator and Ethnologist at our National Museum. She went to some islands in the Pacific to study the habits and social customs of various groups. On

each island the people had their own ways of keeping house, marrying and living together. On each island she found some individuals who did not do as the rest, who deviated from the usual pattern of behavior. These persons are called deviants. They are non-conformists.

According to Margaret Mead the deviant may be defined or described in this way: "He has been culturally disenfranchised. The major emphasis of his society seems nonsensical, unreal, untenable, or downright wrong." That is a fitting description of the Christian, it seems to me. The disciple of Jesus looks into the world and he finds much there that does not make sense to him, that he finds to be absolutely untenable, and that he must reject as being wrong.

So as to sharpen our understanding of the deviant, Margaret Mead also gives us a picture of the average man: "The average man in any society looks into his heart and finds there a reflection of the world about him." Quite so! The man of the world carries in his heart the spirit and the interests of the world. Not so the Christian; and the Christian dare not be an average person in his community! He must be a deviant! He does not belong to the world anymore than his Savior belonged to the world.

In considering the Christian deviant, we shall first note that in many ways all people are different. Then we shall see what common difference marks the Christians over and above the personal differences of all people. Thirdly, we are to make a classification of Christian deviants. Some examples of Christian deviation will be cited in conclusion.

The Army Quartermaster was recently reported to be very busy stocking up all the needed sizes of shoes, shirts, caps, etc., soon to be used by the new recruits. Almost thirty different sizes of each of these items have to be stocked! People do differ physically.

This is the day of tests and more tests. Our schools have given much study to aptitude, intelligence, personality and achievement tests applicable to a great variety of fields. Teachers must give examinations from time to time. Tests and examinations would be unnecessary if all people were alike in mental ability. Because people differ in mental ability and achievement we have such things as report cards, class rank, and different grades in our schools.

People also differ emotionally. Even in this age of science and scientific tools man inclines to emotional reactions. The story is told of the businessman who hired a psychometrician (a psychologist who gives special tests) to help him find an efficient secretary. The psychologist interviewed the three girls who had ap-

plied for the position. After this scientific expert had given the businessman the report of his findings, the businessman answered: "I'll take the one with blue eyes." Another man might have chosen a girl with brown eyes. Even in this age of science people differ in their emotional reactions.

People do differ physically, mentally and emotionally. Christians share in all these differences. There are physical giants and dwarfs in the Christian church. Some members are mentally alert and some are dull. Even Christians react differently to blondes and brunettes.

Just what do Christians have in common that sets them apart from the world, from the people in whose differences the Christians also share? The Christians, big and small, bright and slow, do have one thing in common: their set of soul.

THE SET OF THE SOUL

"One ship sails east and one sails west

By the self-same wind that blows; It's the set of the sail and not the gale

That determines the way it goes.

"As the winds of the sea are the the ways of fate

As we journey along through life. It's the set of the soul that determines the goal

And not the stress or the strife."

(Rebecca R. Williams)

There are little ships and big ships and they sail in all kinds of weather. The Christian ships have this in common — an identical set of sail, the same set of soul.

The Christian's set of soul is in the Truth of God. The Christian's set of soul is in the Word of God, in revelation. Listen to the words of Jesus: "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them (set them apart) in the truth; thy word is truth." Christ prayed that his own might be set apart from the world by means of the Word of God, the Truth. God's Truth, including the Scriptures, is to be the principle of differentiation between the Christians and the world!

The man of letters, Thoreau, once remarked: "If a man marches out of step with his fellows, it may be because he hears another drummer." The Christian does hear another drummer. He hears the voice of God. Here is the set of his soul determining his attitude and relationship to the world. Sanctified by God's Truth, the Christian becomes a deviant in the world.

This Truth of God in which the Christian has set his soul has objective reality. By that we mean that the Bible for instance, is the Truth of God alike for all. It is there to be



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searched and appropriated by everyone. We know that individual Christians differ in their interpretation of many details but we believe that the great fundamental truths of God's Word can be and must be accepted unanimously by all true disciples of Jesus. We hold no brief for the super-individualist, the inarticulate mystic, or the erratic subjectivist. With Josiah Royce we believe that "it is as fickle to disagree with everybody as to agree with everybody."

Because God's Truth does have objective reality, it is possible to produce statements of faith acceptable to large groups of individual believers. There have been times when such statements of faith became a necessity in the life of the Church so that those of like mind might find one another and unitedly combat heresies (such as Arianism or Manicheanism).

Today there are many who believe that the onslaught of anti-Trinitarianism and anti-supernaturalism demand a corporate expression of faith by the believers in the Word of God. As Baptists we have always rejected all formal creedal statements as a basis for church membership. But many of our churches have found it useful and necessary to articulate the traditionally accepted truths of their members.

SEMINARY REPORT

The illustrated report about the ground breaking exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 28, will be published in a forthcoming issue, pending further developments with the building's architect and contractor.

EDITOR.

Even with agreement on general fundamental truths, there is room for considerable disagreement on secondary matters. Frequently such differences are due to the varying degree of deviation from the world that we find in the lives of our members.

Permit me to refer once more to Margaret Mead. This scholar has grouped the deviants among primitive people into three classes: the neurotic, the psychically maimed, and the man of innate disposition. We shall find a counterpart for each of these among the Christian deviants.

The neurotic is the person who is physiologically defective. This person may suffer from diseased glands and have a weak intellect. He may be emotionally unstable. His physical condition accounts for his being at odds with the world about him.

The "psychically maimed," according to Mead, is the poorly adjusted person who was conditioned against the culture pattern of his group in early childhood. Such a person acts as he does because of the training of his youth. If his training was contrary to that generally accepted in his community, he will turn out to be "queer" or anti-social.

Then there is the third type "whose failure to adjust should be referred not to his own weakness and defeat, not to accident or to disease, but to a fundamental discrepancy between his innate disposition and his society's standards." Here we have an individual, according to Mead, who is not sick and who is not showing the results of early training. This person is different because of an "innate disposition." He is different from the inside out without any scientific "cause."

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Thanksgiving Theme

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sense of sin, which makes them turn more readily to the divine mercy. What man is there who can bring his life into the Light in which there is "no darkness at all," without being more sensible of the sin that stains and pollutes it? Recognizing the mighty lifting and transforming power which resides in the thought of God as a holy Being, we cannot but feel constrained to "sing and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

Finally, the yearful love of God which spared not his own Son, but gave him to save the lost, is in such close relation to his holiness that the one could not exist without the other. No, it might almost be said that holiness is the foundation of the divine compassion. We are too apt to associate holiness with a hard, un-pitying spirit. Our own experience should correct such a superficial error.

Do we not know how sin depraves and hardens men, dries up the springs of pity in them, makes them selfish and cruel? Do we not also know that the more pure and free from sin a person is, his heart is more sensitive and sympathetic toward others? Have we not pre-eminent proof of it in our Lord himself? Who was so pure as he?

And, as the salvation of men through Christ was in its origin closely allied with purity, so the most signal display of the divine holiness ever given to the world is that which we behold in the working out of that salvation.

True, forgiveness is freely offered to the sinner. But on what ground? How has it been procured? Through the death of God's Son on Calvary. He is "set forth" not merely as our great Pattern and Ideal, not only as the source of light and help for struggling men, but "set forth as a propitiation through faith in his blood."

Who are they who are thus invited to be grateful? It is his "saints" — those who are themselves in some measure partakers of his holiness. Until we are in germ, at least, possessed of it, the remembrance of his holiness will be an occasion not of gratitude and joy, but of dread and dark foreboding. How anything appears to us, and what sort of feeling it awakens, depends on the relation in which we stand to it, and on the point of view from which we look at it.

Let the chief aim and constant effort of your life be to become partakers of his holiness as the best blessing that heaven can give and eternity itself will seem too short to "sing and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

A Thanksgiving Reverie

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with hands, eternal in the heavens and he will be ever mindful of his covenant. We can thoroughly trust in him, regardless of life's vicissitudes.

How can we accept placidly, as common, in this fragile thread of life, the many fascinations, boundless beauty, endearing memories of home and loved ones, the trembling melody of music, the mind's vast mysterious powers of education, the moral inspiration of the Bible, the Cross on Golgotha's hill and the bloom of eternal spring in the vast hereafter of pleasures without loss and treasures without stealth? Against these many things does not the quivering crimson cranberry sauce and golden brown turkey turn to ashes in our mouths?

We do not need one Thanksgiving Day, when every minute of every day all year long the blessing of the Lord maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow with it. We should be forever thankful for this but, most of all, thankful just for God and his unspeakable gift.

Pace With God's Advance

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the advancing frontiers of the light of the Gospel of Jesus, and they will continue now and in the future to look to their American and European missionary friends to be their colleagues and co-workers in the ongoing work of the church of Jesus in West Africa."

Now our missionaries pray for a Bible School to prepare native workers for worthy preaching of the Word. They pray also for a girls' school to prepare native womanhood for Christian motherhood and family life. They pray for a hospital that through the healing of the body, the soul of the native be more effectively reached.

And as we behold the advance in the steps of the Savior, have you cast your vote for advance? You may cast your vote for retreat, retrenchment, standstill, or advance.

A Christian who gives nothing to world missions casts a vote in favor of calling every foreign missionary home. That is retreat.

A Christian who gives less this year than he gave last year casts a vote in favor of retreat in world evangelism.

A Christian who gives only as much as he did last year votes in favor of merely holding the line in world wide missionary endeavor.

But a Christian who gives more this year than he did last, casts his vote in favor of ADVANCE in world wide missionary endeavor.

Let ADVANCE be our thanksgiving offering this year!

The Christian Deviant

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the Christian fellowship we find a close parallel. In the church are those who are physically defective. There are neurotics in the church. These unfortunate people find refuge in the church in their flight from a world which shows them very little kindness. The Lord loves them. His love is no respecter of persons.

I doubt if the Lord calls such individuals into his public service. The church likewise ought not to have obviously neurotic persons teaching children in the Sunday School or serving on the Board of Deacons. There are Christian deviants whose separation from the world is due largely to their physiological shortcomings.

Then we have people in the church who are there only because of their early training. They were raised in a Christian home. Even if they try, and they often do, they find it hard to be really at home in the world. They are in the church because of "accident," because their parents belonged to the church. These may be likened to the "psychically maimed." They are poorly adjusted to the world because of the early conditioning in a Christian home. Frequently such people are half-hearted in their deviation from the world. Some of them feel as little at home in the church as in the world. They are given to two-timing.

The third type we regard as "the out and out deviant." He is perfectly normal in body and mind. He may or may not have been reared in a Christian home. But this is most evident: here is an individual whose whole nature reveals a "fundamental discrepancy" between himself and the world. Apart from any external "causes" this man is eccentric because his life is centered in Christ and not in himself or the world. He is "the new creature in Christ."

He "seeks the things which are above where Christ is." He does not conform to the world because of the renewing and transforming experience of the new birth. For him "the friendship of the world is enmity with God." This man is separated from the world not because of any physical defect or merely as the result of early training, but because the very core of his being has been vitalized by the Spirit of God.

He has come into this state of regeneration not "by blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." He knows that "if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." He is the Christian deviant par excellence.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



ALL THAT GLITTERS

Little Conchetta's parents had come from Italy and had taken their little family across the ocean to give them a better chance in life. Things had not worked out as they had dreamed. Conchetta's father died and left the family in very poor circumstances.

You can well imagine that Conchetta was not as lucky as most of us. In the first place, she had to work lots harder than is good for any little girl amount of good healthy work doesn't hurt people. But all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and Jill a dull girl, too, for that matter.

Conchetta went to school and studied very hard at her lessons all morning. Then she washed glasses behind a soda fountain in a drugstore all afternoon. At six o'clock she called at the Day Nursery for her baby brother. She hurried home with him in her mother's arms to start supper before her mother returned at seven from a hard afternoon scrubbing floors in a downtown office building.

Life was not very easy for Conchetta, as you can readily see. She would not have believed that things could be as pleasant as they are for you and me. Why, Conchetta had never had a pretty silk hair-ribbon, or a story book of her own, or a really brand new, store-made dress, or a birthday cake or even a bed all to herself!

If Conchetta was not too tired at night, she sometimes went down to the big building where her baby brother attended the Day Nursery. It was called a Christian Center. Conchetta belonged to a Story Hour Club. She was too tired by evening to want to romp or play games.

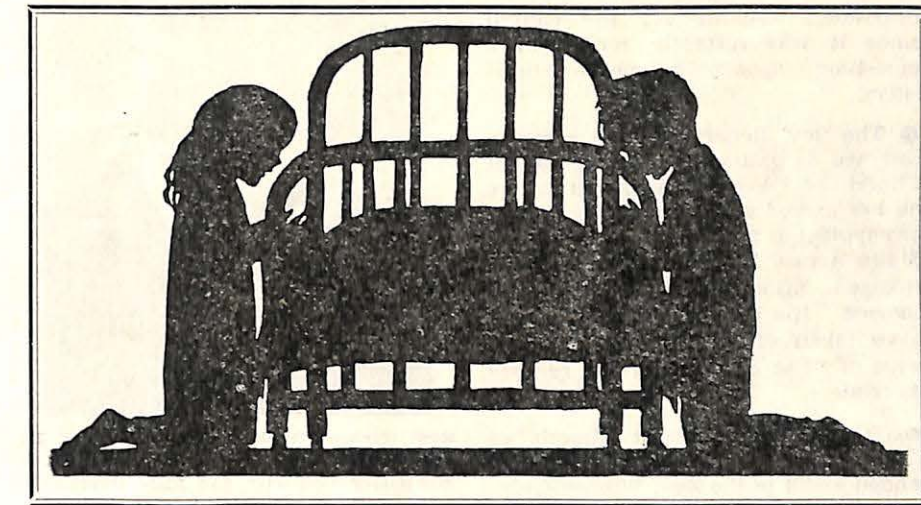
But it was lovely to sit back in a dusky corner of the cheerful room and half close one's eyes while the sweet voiced missionary told stories. And such stories! Stories that made Conchetta forget all about her day's work and the one crowded room she called her home! Her eyes would sparkle as a little girl's eyes should for she dearly loved stories.

One day a marvelous Something happened. An enormous box of books arrived at the Christian Center for little girls like Conchetta to take home and read.

"Really, truly belong to me for a whole week?" implored Conchetta,

her big black eyes dancing like stars. Conchetta had never had any books except schoolbooks before, and they had to be left in the desk for another girl to use afternoons. It was a new

"It must cost a lot of money," she thought. "I wonder if there is any way I can earn something to help. It will be like paying back a little for the precious books."



world to her — the nicest world of all, the World of Books. Now Conchetta cherished those precious volumes, dressed them carefully in clean, brown paper jackets, patted them lovingly, laughed and cried over their pages, kissed them a gentle good-night as she slipped them under her pillow.

One night Conchetta had a fearful dream. She seemed to see the Christian Center House on fire. Flames were devouring her beloved books, page by page. She could see them curling up and turning the sheets of crisp, black tissue before her eyes.

Conchetta cried so hard in her sleep that she woke herself up. Suddenly an overpowering sense of gratitude swept over her heart. Just to be awake and alive and know the darling books were safe! What could she do to show how glad she felt?

Who built the Christian Center, anyway? She wondered for the first time. Who sent the American girls to tell stories and teach sewing and take care of babies and teach in Sunday School? Conchetta asked the missionary the very next day.

"Why, a big organization, dear. Women who love Jesus and want all the people, rich or poor, in this big America to love and follow him, too."

That was a beautiful thought to little Conchetta. Someone who had never seen her loved her enough to want her to be happy.

So Conchetta thought and thought. But there was no way to squeeze even a penny for the ladies who built the Christian Center. One can't spare anything from a miserable two dollars a week earned by washing scores of dirty, sticky soda glasses. Mother needed it at home anyway to buy macaroni and cheese and bread.

One afternoon the big idea dawned on Conchetta. She laughed out loud. Of course, why hadn't she thought of it before? After that every time anyone unwrapped a bar of candy in the drugstore Conchetta darted out from behind the soda fountain to capture the tinfoil. Conchetta's silver ball grew slowly. First a tiny marble, then a golf ball, now a tennis ball, soon a croquet ball!

It took until Thanksgiving time before it was large enough and heavy enough to sell. So pretty, so smooth, Conchetta almost hated to part with it. But there was the debt for the precious books to be paid. The man gave her five shining ten-cent pieces in exchange for the silver ball. Conchetta hopped and skipped all the way to the Christian Center that night after supper. She had earned the right to make her thank-offering for the library.

"All that glitters is not gold," she said shyly dropping the five silver domes in the missionary's hand. "Sometime it's tin foil!"

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota has successfully extended a call to the Rev. Aaron Buhler of Onoway, Alberta, Canada who has served as pastor of the Onoway and Glory Hill Baptist Churches of Alberta since 1946. This will be the first full-time pastorate for the church since it was formerly served in a part-time capacity by nearby ministers.

● The Rev. Robert E. Stark recently resigned as pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma where he has served since August 1947. He has applied as a chaplain in the United States Armed Forces in which he was engaged prior to his coming to Okeene. His resignation will already have taken effect by the time this issue of "The Baptist Herald" reaches its readers.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, North Dakota has extended a call to the Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Elmo, Kansas to serve as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. He has resigned as pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Kansas of which he has been the pastor since 1945. He will begin his ministry in Carrington on Nov. 21st, succeeding the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, now of Elgin, Iowa.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon has extended a call to the Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Watertown, Wisconsin to which a hearty favorable response has been given. Mr. Woyke will begin his pastorate in the picturesque capital city of Oregon on November 21st. He has served as minister in Watertown, Wis., since 1942. In Salem he will succeed the Rev. G. G. Rauser, now of Lodi, California.

● On Sunday, Oct. 3, the Rev. Wilfred Helwig pastor of the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas, baptized two adults. One of these is the wife of a Baptist seminary student in the city, the Rev. Robert L. Wendt. The communion service was held on that same Sunday evening. The guest speaker on that Sunday morning was the Rev. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionary, who was making a promotional tour of the Southern Conference churches.

● The Cottonwood Baptist Church, near Lorena, Texas has extended a



Rev. Herman Renkema of Baileyville, Illinois, Who Has Been Appointed as the Missionary Colporteur and Field Representative of the Publication Society Beginning With March 1, 1949

call to the Rev. J. O. Zillen of Prairieville, Louisiana to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and began his ministry at the Cottonwood Church on November 1st. On Sunday, Oct. 10, the church observed Laymen's Day, on which the men took charge of the services during the day. The song, "Be a Man," was splendidly rendered by the male chorus of the church.

● The Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey has extended a call to the Rev. G. Harold Hill, the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Linwood of Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. He has responded favorably to the call and is beginning his pastorate in the Newark Church on Nov. 15th. Mr. Hill is a graduate of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa., and for several years also served as teacher at the Philadelphia School of the Bible. He will succeed Dr. Darroch as pastor of Newark's Evangel Church.

● The Rev. Ray C. Allen, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, recently presented his resignation and announced that he had accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Breckenridge, Minnesota where he hoped to begin his pastorate about Nov. 1st. The church is the only

Baptist church in both Breckenridge and Wahpeton, which together make up a city with a population of 9000. It is affiliated with the Conservative Baptist Association. Mr. Allen wrote: "I am sorry to leave the North American Baptist Conference and the many friends I have found in this fine group.

● On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Rev. Herman Renkema, pastor of the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Illinois since 1939, presented his resignation to be effective on Jan. 1, 1949. He also announced that he had accepted the appointment of the Board of the Publication Society of our denomination to serve as the Missionary Colporteur and Field Representative of the Roger Williams Press beginning with March 1, 1949. A recent picture of Mr. Renkema appears on this page. Further announcements about this colportage ministry will be made in forthcoming issues.

● Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., vice-president of the National Woman's Missionary Union, was the speaker at the women's meeting of the Iowa Association held at Victor, Iowa on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 6. On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 7, she addressed the 66th birthday anniversary program of the Women's Mission Society of Racine, Wisconsin with the women of the nearby Kenosha society also in attendance. On Sunday evening, Oct. 31, Mrs. Dymmel brought the message at the anniversary program of the Baptist Church's Woman's Union at Watertown, Wisconsin.

● The Rev. Arnold R. Vail began his pastorate in the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain ((Boston), Mass., on Sunday, Sept. 19. He was born in New Brunswick, Canada and received his early education in Canada. He is a graduate of Providence Bible Institute and Gordon College of Theology and Missions. He served as pastor of the Christian Church of Clayville, Rhode Island for three years, of the Union Church of Westport, Mass., for 3½ years, of the Greenville Baptist Church of Leicester, Mass., for 3½ years, of the Bay Road Chapel, Revere, Mass., for one year, and a summer pastorate in the First Baptist Church of Advocate Harbor, Nova Scotia. Mr. Vail was ordained in 1940.

● On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, the parents of the Rev. Paul Gebauer, our Cameroons missionary, observed their golden wedding anniversary at Hassfurt, Bavaria, Germany in the American Zone where they are living with their son, Konrad. Most of the members of the family could be present for the festive occasion, except the son, Paul, in Africa. Pictures of little Walter, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, were sent to the grandparents by the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., as well as congratulatory greetings. A more complete report has been promised for "The Baptist Herald" readers.

● From September to December the Rev. O. E. Krueger and the professors at the Seminary are bringing messages on "Prayers of the Bible" at the midweek services of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. From Oct. 10 to Christmas, ten weeks of Christian Education and Evangelism are being held on Sunday evenings on the theme, "The Fine Art of Christian Understanding." Five class sessions are held simultaneously from 7:30 to 8:05 P. M. taught by Professors George A. Lang, T. W. Bender, A. Bretschneider and R. P. Jeschke and the Rev. O. E. Krueger. These sessions are followed by an evangelistic message from 8:15 to 8:45 P. M.

● On Friday evening, Oct. 1, Dr. Albert H. Steffens of Anaheim, Calif., was hit by an automobile while crossing Broadway at the intersection of Lemon Street in front of the Bethel Baptist Church. He died in the nearby Fullerton Hospital without regaining full consciousness. Dr. Steffens and his wife lived in South Dakota before retiring to Anaheim seven years ago. He was a brother of the Rev. August Steffens, our first missionary to the Cameroons. At the funeral service flowers were omitted and the money given for a memorial fund to go towards our Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons. He was buried in Trenton, Illinois. He died at the age of 74 years.

● The Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia, Canada recently extended a call to the Rev. Paul G. Hintze of Hilda, Alberta to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Hintze is already on the field at Prince George, having begun his pastorate there on Nov. 1st. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, secretary of the Northern Conference Mission Committee, wrote concerning Prince George: "There is definite influx of immigrants and other settlers in Northern British Columbia. Furthermore, the newly planned highway will pass through the city and will bring an increased amount of trade into the community.

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"Earnestly Contending for the Faith"

By MR. E. ELMER STAUB of Detroit, Michigan,

A Prominent Christian Layman and a Member of Many Denominational Committees and Boards

THIS PASSAGE is often quoted by some Christians who readily question the faith of other Christians: "Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). The basis of the faith of all saints is the New Testament, but application and interpretation may differ. Don't you remember that Paul "withstood Peter to his face" (Gal. 2:11), and that the contention between Paul and Barnabas "was so sharp that they departed asunder one from another" (Acts 15:39)?

Within the past few months, I have personally received letters from several of the most prominent and active Fundamentalists in the United States, complaining bitterly about others who are almost as prominent and active Fundamentalists. Such letters proved to me that the spirit of condemnation and criticism, which has divided Christian churches, also divides individual, "born again," Christian leaders.

Small groups, claiming to represent "the true fundamental faith," have caused many church "splits." Sometimes these groups later start "contending" among themselves — further dividing the church; only in turn to be later again divided. The recent "Christian Herald" Church Survey discloses a number of different "Contending Fundamental" Protestant groups. All of this is neither "edifying to the church" nor advancing Christ's Kingdom among men.

Jude directed "them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called" (Jude 1) to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). But Jude never directed them to so contend against other saints, but against "certain men who crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God to lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 4).

God has sealed the hundred years of work of our denomination with his approval — and especially so during these past years. I have closely known a greater number of our pastors, teachers, missionaries and leaders during the past 40 years than probably most now-living laymen. Some of the most deeply (and "fundamentally") spiritual of them have been dreadfully wronged (almost

heart-broken) by critics who may have been "zealous" (so was "Saul" who became "Paul" after his eyes were opened), but who certainly were not thinking and apparently believed it necessary to "quote Scripture" to justify collective condemnation of workers whom, in most cases, they hardly knew except by name — and of whose faith they knew still less. We have in our ranks NO such pastors, teachers, missionaries or leaders as Jude warned against.

Because of difference in individual viewpoints, it may be unwise to use certain brethren to teach others, or even to occupy pulpit leadership — as the "trumpet should not have an uncertain sound." But to condemn missionaries, teachers and general workers (unless they sign a "doctrinal statement" satisfactory to the critics) is hardly an act of "love." Could it possibly be one of "pride?" How scriptural and unifying is the "doctrine" of the Detroit City Rescue Mission which reads, "No Law but Love; No Creed but Christ." No signing necessary there — just live it!

To use the above quotation (Jude 3) among Christian brethren is, in the writer's opinion, to do violence both to the Scriptures and to our beloved brethren, who in many cases by God's grace have "labored more than all" of their critics.

Why should we not trust our denominational body of Christians — and our various societies' Governing Committees to elect and appoint doctrinally sound men? Has our easy tendency to doubt and "set at naught our brethren" pushed aside our faith that the Holy Spirit still guides the majority of us?

If anyone should have a specific charge to make against any individual worker, why should he not make it in detail and in writing and direct it to the General Council or to the proper Cooperating Society Committee, with a copy to the one against whom the charges are made? That is the biblical and only Christian procedure, and it doesn't hold the church up to the ridicule of the world, or destroy our individual and collective testimony.

Let us have done with unity-destroying, wholesale suspicion and criticism of our brethren. Let us "close up our ranks" and unitedly contend against "the world, the flesh and the devil" and leave each other our freedom in Christ Jesus to "hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" (1 Tim. 3:9).



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Forests of Trees Can Be Seen on the Way to Paradise Valley on the Slopes of Mount Rainier, Washington.

Cloud Across the Sun

A Novel by G. FRANKLIN ALLEE

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SYNOPSIS

Larry Brantwell, a famous radio announcer and singer, was told by the doctor that he was through with his radio career because of a bad throat condition. All that the doctor could further suggest was to get out-of-doors, to go logging in the Northwest country. It wasn't long before Larry was on his way to the white-capped Olympics in Washington to begin life all over again at Camp One, of which Big Jim Rand, a bold dynamic leader, was foreman. It seemed as if labor troubles were brewing at the camp. Larry was transferred to the yarding crew, and an accident occurred that nearly cost him his life. After being in the hospital for some time, Larry became better acquainted with Sam Reese, his employer. From him he learned about the cut-throat competition of the Hill Lumber interests. Life in the little town of Shelton was becoming very exciting!

CHAPTER FOUR

CHURCHES were not scarce in Shelton. In fact, there was the usual group to be found in most places of like size, so that anyone might find one that would offer the degree of nonresistance to his upward — or down — life that he desired. For the elite, who deigned the humble way and went to church just frequently enough to give them hope that they might have a representative to speak for them on the great day, there was St. Paul's with its high steeple and deep-toned organ. Here the socially prominent members of the community

could rustle in on Sunday morning and pay God the respects of their presence in His house. Then there was the People's Church, a converted store building, still with its high store front, where in disdain of all "creeds" and rejecting the ministry as a profession or calling, anyone feeling himself suddenly overwhelmed with a "message," might rise and deliver it forthwith, regardless of who was speaking at the time.

Between these two extremes were several groups of worshipers ranging from the conservative to the liberal, from the fanatical to the fervently religious. And who is there to say that there should not be a diversity of church organizations as wide as the range of human personalities, so that every man may find his mental and spiritual complement and be kept from complete apostasy?

Somewhere in about the center of all these varied groups, but in its location a bit aloof from all of them, stood Grace Chapel, a clean white stucco building located on a high point overlooking the main portion of the town.

There is little of the pretentious about Grace Chapel. It has no loud ringing bell to call, "This way! This way!" to prospective worshippers on

a Sabbath morning. It has no choir of paid singers. But on the other hand, there is little of the cheap or sensational in its worship service. The attendants there know they will neither be bored by the coldly formal or disgusted by the tawdry.

"Attending church somewhere today, Mr. Brantwell?"

Larry glanced up from his bacon and eggs, and smiled at the pert little waitress in white, whose brown eyes and wavy hair reminded him so much of Lorraine, as she placed a cup of coffee before him. She had always seemed so reserved, as though afraid to make the acquaintance of the customers, that he was surprised at her question. But there seemed nothing of impertinence in her asking him this, only interest.

"Why — I hadn't thought much about it," he admitted, "Fact is, I would scarcely know where to go if I were to start out."

"We have a number of good churches here," she said. "I'll bring you a directory."

As he lingered over his coffee the girl brought him a card which listed the name of each church and the time of services. He scanned the list, but the church of his own affiliation was not there and none of the others

seemed to offer a special invitation. He beckoned to the girl, and when she came he asked, "Which of these has the most interesting preacher?"

"I suppose that would depend largely upon one's inclination," she replied. "Reverend Fenton at St. Paul's is no doubt the best scholar. Reverend Brant at First Presbyterian is a fine man and a wonderful speaker. Then there's Reverend Larkin at the tabernacle; he's good, although he has an awfully loud voice."

Larry noting that there was only a passive note in her voice as she endorsed the clergymen, said, "And where do you go?"

"Oh, I go to Grace Chapel. Reverend Martin, the pastor, isn't very young or very active, but when he speaks, he just keeps everyone right up on the edge of his seat. I don't know what it is, but there seems to be something about him and his message that takes hold of your heart right where you live. That customer over there is getting impatient and I'd better go—" And away she hurried.

Larry had noted the sparkle that came to her eyes and the eager note in her voice when she spoke of the pastor of Grace Chapel, and as he climbed the stairs to his room he decided that Reverend Martin would have one more listener that morning. It had been a long time since he had attended church with any degree of regularity. Not that he was not religiously minded, for his mother's life and teaching, which reflected her firm faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior from sin, had influenced him profoundly. While a high school student he had made a decision for Christ, but there had been the war, with its lack of church opportunities. Then, after his early release, had come his sensational radio success, and he had given little time or thought to church attendance, until finally he had dropped out entirely.

He remembered the struggle he had experienced when asked to sing in a church where there would have been little or no remuneration while, at the same time, commercial programs with high salaries were bidding for his talent. Finally he decided against the church as he rode high on the tide of success to prosperity and fame. The flame of ambition had burned higher and brighter until it seemed to set fire to every impulse of his heart, every thought of his mind, every cell of his body. Then romance came his way, and, later, disillusionment, and, caught in the crossfire between love and the desire for fame, he had gradually broken.

"And here I am, a busted-up lumberjack in a small-town hotel instead of a world-famous singer living in a luxurious apartment on Queen Anne Hill," he muttered as he stood at the window of the plain little hotel room

and gazed toward the ridge on which Grace Chapel rested. Already a number of cars could be seen gathering about the little white building.

Although Larry had been dressing rather roughly, hoping that this would aid in concealing his identity, this morning he dressed with unusual care. Many eyes were turned in his direction as, wearing a double-breasted suit of brown worsted, which revealed to advantage the breadth of his shoulders, and with a becoming gray hat set at a slight angle over one eye, he strolled down the street and ascended the grade toward the chapel. Several children emerged from the building as he drew near, and he knew that Sunday school had been dismissed. Hoping to be unobserved, he waited outside until he heard the organ prelude and then the full volume of song as the congregation took up the opening verse of the first hymn.

An elderly couple came up the steps just then, affording him the opportunity he sought, and he entered behind them. To his surprise the auditorium was packed. Halfway to the front the usher found him a seat next to the center aisle and handed him a hymnbook. Remembering his doctor's orders, Larry checked himself at the end of the first stanza, regretfully closing his book and laying it aside. He glanced about then, taking mental stock of the congregation. It was about what he expected to see in a small lumbering town, with the exception that the place was full, and that there was a larger percentage of young people present than was usually to be found in church.

A choir of sixteen voices occupied one end of the long, plain rostrum that ran completely across the front end of the room. The usual combination of voices, he thought. As he listened closely he discovered that the one good soprano was the girl who had invited him that morning. Once he caught her eyes upon him, but she speedily averted her gaze.

Larry studied the pastor's face with interest as he stood to announce his text. He had a high straight forehead, crowned with a wealth of silvery hair that rippled back across his head like a crown of glory. Except for this, there was nothing notable in his appearance to make him different from other elderly ministers. His collar was half a size too large, his clothes not too well tailored. His shoes were in need of a shine, but his tie, which Larry noted was of rich texture and color, was well chosen and well tied. He had heavy black eyebrows that stood out in sharp contrast against his pale face and white hair. Although his face was lined with marks made either by physical or mental suffering there was something — in his eyes, his voice and

gestures — which spoke of strength, a calmness that instantly made itself felt.

Larry had been prepared for crudity, for stuffy self-importance, in fact, for almost anything other than the beautiful English, the scholarly bearing, the eloquent gestures and the quiet forcefulness of this small-town preacher. The congregation, even the small children, of whom there was a considerable number, listened with a raptness that was almost intense. It was easy to keep one's mind on the sermon, and Larry followed with keen attention, feeling a sharp sense of disappointment when it was brought abruptly to a close and the benediction was pronounced. He had noticed that the pastor's face seemed to be growing almost pallid as he approached the close of the sermon, and two young people stepped quickly to his side and escorted him from the platform.

At the door two young men were shaking hands with the people as they left. One was a young fellow with rough, workhardened hands. Larry knew him as the driver of one of Reese's log trucks, but was glad to note that the recognition was not mutual. In some manner, he knew, it had been whispered about among the loggers that the "greenhorn" was a former singer and only his own persistent silence had quieted the rumor. But here they might connect his name with the program — and he wanted no such recognition.

Another hand was extended, and as Larry took it he looked into the keen black eyes of the stranger who had caught his attention at the library, and said, "Glad to have you with us."

Larry thanked him, expressed his appreciation for the service, and then made his way out of the chapel. As he walked slowly back toward his hotel, he again tried vainly to recall where he had met this man, whose every look and act seemed so strangely familiar, yet whom he could not place.

After lunch he went for a stroll along the highway that skirted the bay. A full tide was crowding up across the tideflats and lapping at the shores, carrying a great amount of floating debris upon its crest. Farther out, a huge log boom rode at anchor, with hundreds of sea gulls hopping on it and circling overhead. In the timber back of the highway the chirping of birds mindled in a steady chorus of harmony.

Larry was restless and uneasy. Strong emotions which he did not attempt to analyze, welled up within him. Had there been something in that church service to arouse this feeling? No. The sermon had been one of assurance; it had been delivered with poise. He decided that this

restlessness was caused by the music and the fact that he could not participate in it. He wished now that he had ignored the doctor's orders. Might as well. I'm getting no better fast, anyway, he thought. And he determined that when, and if, he attended Grace Chapel again, he would sing.

The days of the week passed without special incident, except that a "get well" card, postmarked at Tacoma, and signed, in feminine handwriting, "A Friend," reached Larry on Wednesday. About it clung the faintly sweet aroma of some fine perfume that seemed familiar and was memory provoking. He studied the handwriting, striving to think where he had seen it before, but, he finally gave up and put the matter out of his mind. He had cut himself off so completely from his former associates that it was impossible that one of them should know his whereabouts and condition now.

Then Friday afternoon Sam Reese came by on his way to the camps and said, "Come and ride along with me, Brantwell; that is, if your arm feels well enough."

"I'll accept that invitation without even going through the customary 'think it over' process," Larry answered. "I'm thoroughly bored with the inertia of this existence. I see the doctor five minutes every other day, and the rest of the day I kill time. And, believe me, the ghost of all that murdered time is beginning to haunt me. I don't even have to go back to the doctor till Monday. Then he's going to decide whether or not I have to go to Seattle for treatment."

"Seattle?"

"That's what he said today."

"What's the nature of the treatment he thinks you may have to take?"

"Some kind of ray treatment, which is supposed to be the thing for this particular type of infection."

"I may stay down here over Sunday, so I've got my better duds in the car," Sam said, glancing down at the corduroys he was wearing.

"I'll get my logger togs on, and be right down," Larry said, remembering the loggers' scornful looks when they saw the clothes he wore when he first arrived at the camp. He did not wish now, by a repetition of that act, to lose what little standing he had gained among them.

They drove westward along a narrow asphalt-surfaced road, and met several large semitrailer logging trucks thundering along the road toward Sheldon, their pyramids of logs reaching above the cabs. They reached the camp just as the men were filing in from the woods. Larry mingled among them while Reese went into the office of Farmer, the superintendent. Their friendliness as

they crowded around him to inquire about his shoulder gave him more pleasure than anything he had experienced for some time.

Rough and uncouth in appearance and language though they were, yet Larry was coming to feel a sincere admiration for these picturesque men of the woods. There was little pretense or hypocrisy among them. In the main they had a traditional contempt for anything that smirked of self-declared pietism or cant; in fact, they were inclined to present purposely an appearance of greater hardness and wickedness than they actually felt or practiced.

"Doin' O.K., eh?" one bewhiskered giant asked, as he drove his axe into a stump and approached him in a friendly manner.

"Purty good; purty good. Any guy who can lay down an' let a dozen or so logs roll over him, and then make off under his own power, will do," another said.

"Aw bunk! That ain't much," Windy Marty, five-foot-four, the smallest man and the worst braggart of the camp, said. "When I was—"

"When you was Paul Bunyan's foreman, I s'pose," a rangy "cat" driver interrupted.

Ole Peterson, Larry's first saw partner, came up just then, his "tin" pants swishing with an eager zip, zip, zip, as he strode along. A friendly grin lighted his broad Swedish face as he stuck out his big work-hardened hand to take Larry's, a gesture not common among these men.

"Vell, v'at you know! Here's da boy from Indianya who vasn't s'pooosed to know how to saw. Ay'm glad to see you."

"I'm glad to see you, too, Ole."

"Cooming back to vork now?"

"Not yet, I'm afraid. But I'll be back soon as they let me."

Reese was still in the office with the superintendent when the supper bell clanged, so Larry accepted Big Jim's invitation and went into the cookhouse with him.

Mealtime at the camp had never ceased to be a source of interest and almost amazement to Larry. Although the men were talkative, boisterous, and even quarrelsome outside, here there was silence only by the rattle of dishes, the heavy-booted tread of the cook's helper, the rattle of dishes and terse commands, "Pass the meat . . . Milk . . . This way with the punk . . . How about some salve (butter)?" Eating was a serious business, with no time for nonsense. The long hours of hard work in the open produced an appetite that knew no rival when the table was set.

There was a new man in the crew, a heavy-set fellow four inches shorter than Rand, but with a thickness of body and limb that more than made up for his lack of stature. His

face was wide and dark, and his thick mat of hair came halfway over his low forehead. He was sitting opposite Larry at the table, and he had opportunity to observe him closely as the man gulped great quantities of the coarse, palatable food. His eyes were small and set close together, and they were constantly on the rove. Beside him sat slender, pale Harry Barnes.

Before the meal was over, Larry observed that the new man seemed to be deliberately annoying Barnes. In passing him the butter he gave it a sudden push, so that Barnes' thumb was thrust deeply into it, much to his embarrassment. A moment later a slight movement of his arm caused him to spill his coffee into his plate. Later, as the new man passed Barnes a dish of carrots, he said, "Eat some of this and you won't look so ghastly."

Out of the corner of his eye Larry saw color rising in Big Jim's face, and he was aware that the tormentor noted it also with apparent satisfaction. Some of the men were amused at the newcomer's teasing, and laughed at his quip. But a low growl of anger was the response of a number who knew Barnes' war record. After the meal they were coming through the door when Barnes stumbled and would have fallen but for the quick movement of the logging boss, who seemed to be on the alert and sprang to catch him by the arm. Behind him a wide grin spread across the face of the new man and Larry surmised that he had been responsible for it. He grinned and said, "You'll fall and stick up if yuh don't look where you're goin'. Better keep your eyes open."

Before Barnes could answer, Rand snapped, "Better keep yours open too, fellow! And watch out what you're doing!"

The evening was warm and the men scattered about in the camp space. Some sat on logs and smoked. A few went into the camp store to make small purchases. But several grouped near the bunkhouse, where the new man seemed to be the center of a circle of men who were apparently listening to him with interest. "Who is that new fellow?" Larry asked Jim.

"Fellow who took your place. Bill Barlow's his name. The supe brought him up from Aberdeen."

"He seemed to be picking on Barnes at the table. I wonder why."

"I don't know why he was doing it, unless he's looking for trouble," Jim replied.

Larry was aware of a darkening of the foreman's face as he spoke. His teeth snapped, and his eyes had a strange look. As they walked along toward the store he asked, "How long have you worked in the woods, Jim?"

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What's Happening

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We believe that the field has the potentiality of becoming one of our largest mission fields."

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 26, a beautiful painting was unveiled and dedicated in the Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., which was presented to the church by Mrs. Jake Meidinger of Lodi in memory of the late Mr. John Ehnisz, her first husband. The artist is Mr. G. Emerson of Acampo. On Sunday evening, Oct. 3, the young people of the church presented a missionary program with the offering going toward the project of the California Union supporting Miss Leona Ross in China. The Sunday also marked the second anniversary of the Rev. W. W. Knauf as pastor of the church. From Thursday evening, Oct. 28, to Sunday, Oct. 31, the California Association met with the Elk Grove Baptist Church.

● The ordination of the Rev. Richard R. Mercer, Jr., pastor of the Walnut Street Church of Newark, N. J., was held in the Tremont Temple Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., on Wednesday evening, Oct. 6. During the war Mr. Mercer was assistant to the director in the Baptist Service Men's Center in Tremont Temple of Boston. During the summers of 1946 and 1947 he traveled 20,000 miles preaching for the Evangelistic Association of New England. The ordination sermon was preached by Tremont Temple's popular pastor, Dr. Sidney W. Powell. Other ministers participating were the Reverends H. Cambell Eatough of Cambridge, Mass., Ralph F. Palmer of Mansfield, Mass., Russell G. Schofield of Belmont, Mass., and Wesley G. Huber of Boston, Mass.

● Dr. William Kuhn, assistant executive secretary, was the principal speaker at the ground breaking exercises for the new edifice of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16. He also spoke at the church supper on that same evening which had been arranged for the raising of funds for the new building and served as guest speaker at the Pilgrim and Fleischmann Memorial Churches on Sunday, Oct. 17, of which the Reverends W. C. Damrau and John F. Crouthamel are pastors, respectively. On the previous Thursday, Oct. 14, Dr. Kuhn spoke at the ministers' conference of our Baptist pastors of New York City and vicinity and in the evening at a union meeting of the Immanuel and Second Churches of New York held at the Second German Baptist Church. The Reverends A. Husmann and John Schmidt are pastors of these churches, respectively.

We, the Women

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

THANKSGIVING IS RE-MEMBERING

Recently we attended the 85th anniversary of the Temple Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. Following the banquet, "Father Time" appeared and questioned various members, representing a cross section of the church's membership, on their knowledge of the history of the past 85 years. As various events were recalled, there was much cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving for, indeed, the "Lord had done great things."

This dramatic presentation suggests to us that at this happy Thanksgiving season we, too, wherever we might be, could in a similar manner consult the records of the past to discover the great things the Lord has done for us, in us, and through us. For example:

In your family life, have the days been fair and bright? Thank God for the love of father, mother, sister and brother. Or, have you passed through some great trial or sorrow? Thank God for his sustaining and comforting power.

In your spiritual life, have you been victorious, overcoming the impulse to do wrong? Thank God for his inspiration and help. Or, have you fallen in the hour of temptation?

Thank God for his forgiveness and for the strength he gives to rise again.

In your church life, have you found joy in service? Thank God for accepting us as co-laborers with him. Thank God for the enriching Christian fellowship found within his family.

In your denominational enterprise, have you followed the forward advance? Thank God for the fields white unto the harvest, and for the men and women who have recently gone out to labor in these fields. Thank God for those who have blazed the trail in years gone by, these saints of God, too soon forgotten. Thank God for consecrated leadership, for the vision and the faith to attempt to translate that vision into deeds. Thank God for your place, as a woman, in the missionary society and the Union, through which you have been enabled to carry out the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Someone has remarked that "to think is to thank." That is the central message of Thanksgiving Day — remember, and give thanks! Let us heed the admonition of the Psalmist:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits."

The Book of all Nations

Announcement About the "Worldwide Bible Reading" Program by
Dr. JAMES V. CLAYPOOL of the American Bible Society

THE PRIMARY purpose of "Worldwide Bible Reading" promoted annually by the American Bible Society is to help establish a habit of daily Bible reading. This is the fifth consecutive year the Bible Society has set apart the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas for this endeavor. Each year has seen an increase in the circle of readers, and in the number of nations that has participated.

The little bookmark, carrying the suggested list of daily readings, has become a familiar symbol to those following the program. Last year 15,000,000 bookmarks were distributed and the list of selections was reprinted more than 20,000,000 times. Under the supervision of the Bible Society's foreign agencies, the bookmarks were translated into various other languages.

The theme chosen this year is "The Book of All Nations." The Bible is the only book that could be given such a designation, for it is available to nine-tenths of the human race. Some part of it has been translated into 1090 tongues. This amazing number is constantly increasing, as through the continuing labors of missionary-translators, the Book finds its message recorded in new languages. Not that translation is an easy task. It requires never-ending application of consecrated, spiritual followers of Christ to carry on this work.

Copies of the printed list of selected Scripture passages to be read during the period from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas can be secured without charge from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y., or from the editor, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Atlantic Conference

Annual Meeting of the New York Woman's Missionary Union on Thursday, Nov. 18

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of New York and Vicinity will be held at the Second German Church of Union City, N. J. (120-40th St), on Thursday, Nov. 18th.

The afternoon service at 3:00 P. M. will feature reports and election of officers. The guest speaker, Rev. Assaf Husmann, will speak on "Religion in Russia" in the German language.

The evening service will begin at 7:30 P. M. with a song service led by Rev. John Schmidt. The speaker of the evening will be Rev. H. Freeman, who will speak in the English language. Coffee and cake will be served.

Emelie Becker, Secretary.

Sixty-second Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Bridgeport, Connecticut

The 62nd anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the King's Highway Church of Bridgeport, Conn., was observed recently. Devotions, including the reading of our motto from Galatians 6:9-10 by our president, Mrs. Everett Zissell, was followed with presentation of corsages to our former president, Mrs. Emil Berger, for 18 years of unselfish leadership; to Mrs. Mathilda Wehger, for 50 years as an active member; and to Mrs. R. J. Dittich for 25 years of uninterrupted service as treasurer.

The Rev. George Hensel offered an inspirational prayer. Three new members were welcomed into the society, bringing the total to 24, all faithful workers in our extensive missionary undertakings. The program, "Turning Back the Pages to Reminisce," was in charge of Mrs. Elroy Blair. A social hour completed the evening. We pray for God's continued guidance and are thankful for the small group who have had faith and courage.

Mrs. Lena Foster, Secretary.

Southern Conference

Rally Day Program for the Southern Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

On Sunday, September 26, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southern Conference met at Mother Neff Park near McGregor, Texas for its Rally Day. Nine churches were represented.

Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht was in charge of the Sunday School hour, with Mr. W. B. Marstaller leading the song service. The teachers for the classes were as follows: adults, Rev. W. Helwig; young people, Mr. Douglas Boyd; Intermediates, Mrs. Arthur Schulz; Juniors, Miss Faye Doyle Hill. The Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco conducted the worship service and the Rev. Arthur Schulz delivered the morning message on "The Call of God."

The Rev. Arthur Schulz led the song service in the afternoon. Miss Doris Engelbrecht was the pianist for both services. Special numbers rendered by representatives of the different churches were a source of inspiration to all.

Our president, Granvil Rost, introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Frank Placzek, ministerial student of Baylor University, who brought the closing message on the subject, "Freedom From Bondage." We all felt that through this day God had richly blessed us in a most wonderful way.

Eunice Terveen, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Birthday Celebration Sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The annual birthday meeting at which the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. celebrated their birthdays was held on October 6th. While Mrs. E. Quade played the piano, fifty ladies sat down at appropriately decorated tables. After Mrs. E. Loehr, a former president, had led in prayer, a delicious luncheon was served.

The president, Mrs. Monroe Roth, presided at the interesting program which followed. Mrs. Baumgaertner talked briefly and read an original poem. Two inspiring musical numbers, a solo and a trio, were rendered. The birthday offering which was taken was designated for missions. Mrs. George Zinz, the pastor's wife, conducted the devotions and led us into the divine Presence.

Mrs. Roth then introduced a sister-in-law, Miss Katherine Roth, who in her youth was an active member of Immanuel Sunday School and who for the past 20 years has been a devoted missionary in Kenya Colony, British East Africa. Miss Roth then fascinated everyone with the story of her experiences, told humbly but charmingly. Because of her complete consecration to God, obstacles that seemed to be impossible to surmount were gloriously overcome.

Laura Weihe, Reporter.

Fifth Quadrennial Convention of the Baptist Life Association at St. Paul, Minnesota

Sixty-four delegates of the Baptist Life Association obeyed the law to hold the sessions of its supreme governing body at Hotel Ryan, St. Paul, Minnesota on August 26 and 27, to adopt new paragraphs to the constitution and elect new officers and directors to serve for four years. This system maintains a democratic form of government prescribed by law. These 64 delegates had traveled from localities from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The Baptist Life Association has 86 local branch societies, each of which, with 15 adult members, is entitled to send from one to ten delegates. A few local branch societies have as many as 300 members. All societies are organized in Baptist churches with local officers and committees; all is set forth by the constitution and the state laws, the main object of which is absolute solvency of each of the 300 or more fraternal benefit associations organized in the United States of America.

Each of these fraternal is an independent corporation, not organically affiliated with the church body, managed by laymen. The Baptist Life Association is one of the smallest of these 52 church insurance corporations. Ours now has a membership of about 6000 and a working capital of considerably over one million dollars. It has a solvency of 112 percent, and few fraternal and regular old line companies can boast of a larger and absolute stronger financial standing.

The election of officers was the last business on the program. The result of the elections was: president, Henry Marks; vice-president, Aug. H. Lueders; secretary, Walter B. Morton; treasurer, J. O. Distler; and directors to serve for four years: Jos. Rocho, E. C. Smith, Helmuth Wobig, Paul Trudel, Jacob Howen, Harold E. Stassen and Herman Skubick. These are our brethren to whom is entrusted the management of the association under the strict supervision of the New York State Insurance Commissioner and 19 other state insurance departments.

It will be noted that Mr. F. W. Godtfring, Sr., was not re-elected as secretary after having re-organized and re-rated the old society in 1911, serving as general manager, secretary manager and secretary for 37 years, he now having reached the age of 82.

Mention should also be made that the convention adopted a new life insurance contract to be called, "The Ministers and Missionaries Retirement Income Policy," guaranteeing an income certain for ten years or for life beginning at the age 65 to be issued for amounts of \$2,500 up to \$15,000.

D. J. Ortland, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Ministry of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church in the Queenly City of Regina

Regina, "Queen City of the Prairies" and capital of Saskatchewan, Canada, has 64,000 inhabitants, bright houses, green lawns, many trees, clean streets and clean air. The beautiful Parliament Buildings are surrounded by a huge park, with lovely flower beds and a lake. Regina has many of the advantages and but few of the disadvantages of larger cities. There are only two licensed places for selling alcoholic beverages in the town, and swimming pools and ice-rinks are closed on Sunday mornings.

We also have a great number of churches of different races and creeds: English, German, Scandinavian, Russian, Ukrainian, Serbian, Rumanian, Hungarian and Polish; Anglican, United Church, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecost, Apostolic, Mormon and a few others. Among this great number of churches there is also our Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, a beautiful little building with a tower, situated favorably at the corner of one of our main streets.

Our membership is not large, consisting mainly of retired farmers living in the city, a few business people and girls working in the city or going to school. The last mentioned help to increase the number of our young people's group and of our choir. However, since they are often going home for week-ends, the choir cannot sing regularly.

Our Sunday School attendance could be larger if some of our older members would realize that there is still something to be learned by them. Our small children, on the other hand, are all the more faithful in attending Sunday School even during the severest Canadian winter weather. Our prayer meetings are well attended by the older members. The Ladies' Aid has a faithful group of women who keep on sending parcels to Europe and excel in sick visitations at our two large hospitals, where constantly some members of our neighboring country churches are lying sick.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Hugo Lueck, whose picture you can see, as he is posing together with his family in front of the beautiful parsonage. The Luecks came to Canada because they preferred to serve in a still German-speaking community. However they were happy to find that the Sunday School and the evening services are English for the benefit of the younger generation. Last Spring the pastor had the joy of baptizing six persons, among them his own two daughters.

Our aim is to train our people in the ways of God, that by our loyalty to Christ and love to our denomination and by genuine Christian living we may witness to others of the saving and transforming power of Christ.

Hugo Lueck, Pastor.

Annual Program of the West Ebenezer Young People's Society of Saskatchewan

The annual program of the West Ebenezer Young People's Society was held in the West Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan, Canada on Sunday evening, Sept. 26. A large crowd of about 400 persons filled the church and there were visitors from a distance.

The program consisted of a play dramatizing part of the life of Dr. Ida Scudder. There was also a dramatization of the hymn, "The Church in

loft in the Baptist Church overflowed with enthusiastic youngsters so that the Beginners and some of the Primary children had to be seated below in the church proper. Each department gave several numbers of special importance. Never were there more willing contributors to any program than was this happy "bunch" picked from almost every church in town. It did our hearts good to see them work and pray together, and we feel that our dear Lord looked down and blessed his little flock in all their well meant efforts.

Ida Hoffman, Reporter.



Rev. and Mrs. Hugo Lueck of Regina, Sask., Can. With Their Two Daughters

the Wildwood." Numbers by a quartet, trio, musical duet, and several choir songs were enjoyed. We are happy to report that a large offering amounting to \$109 was received, which was designated toward the Million Dollar Offering.

At present the officers of our young people's society are: president, Joyce Knoll; vice-president, Reuben Ziolkowski; secretary, Artrude Ziolkowski; treasurer, Gerald Eichhorst.

Artrude Ziolkowski, Reporter.

Community Vacation Bible School With 128 Pupils at Morris, Manitoba, Canada

From August 9 to 15 the Community Vacation Bible School of Morris, Manitoba was held. Cycle I, for each of the four departments, prepared by the Rev. Ethel Ruff, was taken during the forenoon and afternoon periods of the five days of school. One hundred and twenty-eight pupils from the four different churches were enrolled. An average attendance of 114 was maintained.

Keen interest in both work and play was a record feature of the whole time. Like a swarm of busy little ants, each intent upon finishing his or her allotted share, the youngsters delved here and dug there and really accomplished an enormous amount of work in the short time. But best of all, many of the precious gems of the Bible were committed to memory.

Our own pastor, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, was the principal, and the splendid success of this first venture as a community affair must be attributed to his untiring efforts, and fine management. Ten of our own Baptist Church members served as teachers.

On Sunday evening the climax of this fruitful work occurred. The choir

Eastern Conference

Anniversary Services of the Polish Mission of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.

In the glorious autumn when the leaves drift slowly down from sun-patched spots of swiftly baring trees and the golden pumpkins lie lazily scattered o'er the brown fields, it seems to be a fitting time to observe a year of fruitfulness and blessing. So the Polish Mission, affiliated with the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., and better known as the Open Bible Tabernacle, opened two days of glowing inspirational services with a banquet, prepared by the women of the Mission and Central Churches.

The Rev. John Remlinger of N. Y., speaking in Polish, and the Rev. Paul Ford of Central Baptist Church, in English brought highly inspiring messages upon the theme of brotherly love. The Mission's Youth Choir, a group of talented young people, thrilled us with their selections at all the services while both churches lent their talents for various parts in the four services in instrumental and vocal numbers. They were Mrs. Margaret Baxter, Mr. Robert Eichler, Mrs. Kons, Mrs. Shawver, Miss Alice Sobel, and the Kons sister trio.

Bright and clean basement Sunday School rooms, church parlors and kitchen testify of the active work of the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Kostanowski, and the assistant pastor, Rev. Van Buskirk, and many others. This courageous little church, only a little over a year old, has already made great strides forward in the Lord's work.

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Recent Highlights in the Ministry of the Baptist Church, McClusky, North Dakota

During the early summer the several Protestant churches of McClusky, North Dakota held a combined Union Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 93 children in addition to eight teachers. We had several conversions at this school.

Later in August the McClusky Baptist Church together with the Turtle Lake Church had a joint baptismal service at Brush Lake. Our pastor, Rev. Arthur J. Fischer, baptized two girls, and Rev. F. Schmidt baptized six candidates.

of the Evangelistic Organization of Billings, brought a heart warming and encouraging message. A lunch was served with the women of the Missionary Society in charge.

Last June a farewell reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Sigmund and their boys who had served the Calvary Church of Billings since 1944.

The Rev. W. H. Shoot of Billings brought the message, after which the Sigmunds were presented with a gift of \$93.00 donated by different members of the church. We at Billings wish the Sigmund family God's richest blessings in their new work at the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, No. Dakota.

We as a church are also looking forward to a blessed time of fellowship and work with our present pastor,

of Wesley College was the guest speaker with the message, "The Task of Protestantism." After the service guests and friends were shown through the church and were served a light lunch in the dining room.

On Saturday evening supper was served to 150 guests, friends and members. Following the supper the B. Y. P. U. presented the missionary play, "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush." On Sunday morning, September 26, the annual promotion of Sunday School scholars was held.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the National Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union, and the Rev. E. W. Klatt, pastor of the River-view Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, are the only former pastors out of six still living and they served as our guest speakers. Mr. Gunst spoke at the morning worship service on, "A Church of Distinction," with reference to the church of Antioch.

In the afternoon service we heard reports from the church clerk, treasurer and chairman of the board of trustees. The church clerk, Mr. Albert Kurzweg, read again the report which had been brought at the dedication of our former church 28 years ago. The present church property was purchased from the Plymouth Congregational Church which has federated with the former First Baptist Church.

The treasurer, Mr. John Kraenzler, reported that the present church and parsonage were purchased for \$36,500, plus our former parsonage. The sum of \$10,500 was paid in cash, leaving a debt of \$26,000. Our former church was sold for \$5500, of which \$5000 were designated toward our indebtedness. The total offerings received on dedication Sunday were over \$900.

Mr. Joe Werre, Sr., chairman of the trustees, reported that the redecoration of the church, with the exception of the main auditorium, was done by the members and friends of the church. The total cost would have been over \$2000, but with the splendid help of our people it remained at a little less than \$700.

The evening message, "Forward with Christ," was delivered by Mr. Klatt on the text, Phil. 3:14. About 225 visitors and members were present at each of the worship services. Our total membership is 128. Throughout the three days visitors from 13 out-of-town churches were present. Morris, Manitoba, Canada was represented with about half of its membership.

The church is located on the corner of University Avenue and North Fifth Street which is also U. S. Highway 2 and 81 through Grand Forks. The church is a brick structure. The parsonage next door is a large frame building. Open house at the parsonage was on September 22nd at which time the Rev. and Mrs. Gideon Zimmerman showed us their new home. The host and hostess were given a beautiful set of coffee service in silver from the members. Numerous other gifts were also received.

Mrs. Orville Feickert, Reporter.



The Auditorium of the Newly Purchased and Recently Dedicated Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota With the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman as Pastor

On Sunday, September 26, our church observed its Harvest and Mission Festival with the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson serving us as guest speakers. The offering amounted to about \$700.

With the first of September our pastor's salary has been increased by 20 percent. In the near future we plan to have two series of evangelistic meetings. "Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead."

With the opening of the school year, four of our young people left for schools to prepare for full-time Christian service. Miss Irene Froehlich of our church has recently undertaken her work as the pastor's assistant in the First Baptist Church of Billings, Montana.

George Kessler, Reporter.

Welcome and Farewell Receptions Are Held by the Calvary Church of Billings, Mont.

We of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana rejoice that our new pastor, the Rev. David Littke, has begun his service with us. On Sept. 28 a reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Littke and their daughters, Darlene and Delma. All leaders of the various organizations of the church extended a welcome to them.

The Rev. Claire L. Harris, president

Brother Littke, in winning souls for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Herman G. Fuchs, Reporter.

Dedication of the Newly Purchased Building of the Grace Church, Grand Forks, No. Dak.

The dedication services of the newly purchased Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota began on Friday evening, September 24, with a community program. Dr. W. A. Munk

AN OPPORTUNITY!

There is an opportunity for a consecrated Christian couple to serve at the Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan. The husband is to be maintenance man, the wife to do general housework. (No cooking.) Room and meals are provided. There is also an opening for a girl or woman. Kindly make this a matter of prayer; this is your opportunity for real Christian service.

For further information write to the Rev. A. F. RUNTZ, superintendent, 1401 Langley Ave., St. Joseph, Michigan.

Central Conference

Baptist Young People of Alpena, Mich., Make Weekly Visits to General Hospital

Since 1943 the young people of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan have been visiting the local hospital every Sunday after the morning worship and Sunday School to bring a bit of cheer to the patients. It means waiting for dinner an hour longer, but the blessings received far outweigh the sacrifices.

Immediately after Sunday School the group, which averages from 12 to 15 persons, gathers to select and to rehearse four hymns. Then they get into their cars and make their way to the General Hospital. In the corridor of the hospital one of the group offers a prayer, and tracts are given to each person. The group goes to the second floor and gathers in the hall to sing the theme song, "You'll never know real peace till you know Jesus," followed by two hymns.

Then the group separates and every room is visited, a few cheerful words are spoken to each patient and a Gospel tract explaining the way of salvation is left at each bedside. This same procedure is followed on the first floor and in the basement. Upon special request songs have been sung in the rooms. This bit of service rendered by our group has received words of appreciation from the patients and from the nurses and hospital superintendent.

Since June of this year, immediately following this service, the group stops at the County Jail for a short meeting. In addition to these weekly meetings, the group is in charge once a month of a Sunday afternoon service at the local County Old People's Home.

May the Lord richly bless his Word as it is given out so faithfully by these young people so that the seed sown may bear much fruit.

Mrs. R. Grenz, Reporter



—Photo by M. L. Leuschner

Young People of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan at the General Hospital of Alpena Before Conducting Their Weekly Service of Singing and Tract Distribution in the Hospital on Sunday Afternoons.

Homecoming and Rally Day for the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

The Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois observed Homecoming and Rally Day on Sunday, September 19. The Primary Department of the Sunday School presented an

excellent program which was followed by the exciting movie, "Wheels Over India." This picture vividly portrayed the need for Christ in India.

Dr. Martin Leuschner, promotional secretary, delivered a most inspiring sermon, "God's Hilltops," which challenged all to continue diligently in God's work, pressing on to higher ground. The Ladies Aid and the Woman's Missionary Guild prepared and served the delicious dinner which everyone heartily enjoyed.

A number of volunteers canvassed the neighborhood of the church in the afternoon to extend invitations to attend Sunday School and church services.

We had the joy of witnessing the baptism of two converts and accepting them into the membership of the church at the evening service. Following the baptism, the stirring movie, "Beyond Our Own," was shown, which reiterated the theme of service to God in the capacity for which we are best suited.

Ruth L. Moench, Church Clerk.

What will be your gift to be placed in the Lord's treasury?

Our Churches Will Observe the **THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK** from Sunday, Nov. 21, to Sunday, Nov. 28.

Remember — the Lord sees ALL the gifts that are laid upon his altar and into his treasury!



The Official Board of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois (Left) With the Rev. John Vanderbeck, Pastor, Sixth from Left; and Mr. Vanderbeck With His Young People of the Church on Homecoming Sunday (Right)

The Body of Dr. Albert Steffens Is Laid to Rest in Trenton, Illinois

On October 9th the body of our beloved friend and brother, Dr. Albert Steffens, was laid to rest in Trenton, Ill., whence at his request it had been brought from Anaheim, Calif., for internment beside the remains of his three brothers and two sisters. The remains of one brother, August, rest in the Cameroons of Africa, and those of another in Idaho. Dr. Albert Steffens was the last of an illustrious family of German Baptists, who in truth can be termed to having been the "salt of the earth."

It was the privilege of the undersigned to have known and to have been the pastor of all of them at one time, except Missionary August Steffens. At the expressed wish of the deceased we were requested to preach the funeral sermon. The services were in charge of the pastor in Trenton, the Rev. Leslie Albus, and the writer of this brief notice brought the message for his friend whom he had known for more than forty years, and whom he had learned to love and respect for his Christian qualities and his devotion to his Lord and Master. Charles F. Zummach, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Edwin W. Miller of the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland

At the invitation of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, an ordination council was called consisting of all our ministers in Cleveland and representatives of six other Baptist churches, to advise the church with reference to the ordination of their new minister, Mr. Edwin W. Miller. This council convened on Friday evening, September 24. The meeting began with devotions under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. J. Luebeck who explained the nature of the gathering and called for the minutes of the church. The organization of the council was then effected with the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke as moderator and the Rev. Norman Edwards of the Brookside Baptist Church as clerk.

The candidate was presented by Mr. Paul Ludwig. Mr. Miller then gave his statement on his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views. It was a refreshing experience to hear these statements given without a paper but with the directness and warm-heartedness of a personal message. After a brief period of questions to further elucidate a point or two, the council went into executive session. With enthusiasm over the precise and unequivocal presentation, the delegates expressed their complete satisfaction and joyously recommended Brother Miller to the church for ordination.

The ordination service was held on Sunday evening, October 17, under the presidency of Mr. Zoschke who also reported the council's action. The charges to the candidate and also to the church were given by the Rev. Samuel Blum and Mr. H. P. Donner,

respectively. The Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan, pastor of the church in which the candidate was reared, preached the sermon on the topic, "God's Man." The ordination prayer was spoken by the Rev. Paul Zoschke at the request of Brother Miller. A welcome to the ranks of the Christian ministers was brought by the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, and to the denomination by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner who fortunately could be present. Presentation of the ordination certificate was made by the Rev. W. J. Luebeck. The Rev. Edwin W. Miller then spoke a cordial response with acknowledgments and a warm appeal to the church for joyous working together, and after the closing hymn pronounced the benediction.

Paul F. Zoschke, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Sessions of the Southwestern Conference Held on College Campus Greeley, Colorado

The 68th annual session of the Southwestern Conference was held on the beautiful campus of the Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, Colorado. The First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., under the able leadership of Rev. A. E. Reeh, was our host, and every arrangement was made for a pleasant and satisfying conference. Within sight of the Rocky Mountains and amid beautiful surroundings, we were lifted to high spiritual planes.

Words of welcome were brought at the opening service by the La Salle church, the mayor and chief of police of Greeley, and the president of the college. Music by the La Salle choir was rendered. The Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn of Loyal, Oklahoma brought the opening sermon, appropriately speaking from Psalm 121, the key text of the conference.

The theme of the conference was, "These Higher Levels." In keeping with the theme the following sermons were given: "Ararat, Mount of Opportunity" by Rev. John Heer; "Carmel, Mount of Decision" by Rev. W. Klempel; "Transfiguration, Mount of Vision" by Rev. W. Quiring; "Calvary, Mount of Reconciliation" by Rev. R. Stark; "Olivet, Mount of Commissioning" by Rev. F. Ferris (prepared but not given). The doctrinal sermon was delivered by the Rev. Theo. W. Dons on Thursday evening on the topic, "The Gospel of God." Preceding each session of the conference, we had moments of meditation the following ministers bringing devotional messages: Rev. Frank Armbruster, Rev. C. L. Young, Rev. Harold Fischer, Rev. J. J. Reimer, Rev. J. R. Kruegel.

The business meetings of the conference were under the leadership of our moderator, Rev. John Borchers. Seventy-five delegates representing 21 churches responded during the organization of the business session. The letters from our churches were read and they revealed that the churches were still busy in the Lord's work.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: vice-moderator, Rev. A. Stackhouse; recording secretary, Rev. W. Quiring; statistician, Harvey Fritzeimer.

Our conference was also highlighted by the presence of many representatives of our missionary enterprise. The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens clearly presented the Cameroons and made us feel our responsibility. The Rev. J. J. Reimer and the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young spoke to us about our Spanish-American Mission in Colorado, and stirred our hearts with the need of the Gospel there. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel represented our general work in giving us interesting reports on the work being done.

Wilmer Quiring, Reporter.

Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southwestern Conference at Greeley, Colorado

Keeping in mind our theme, "Working in the Valleys," as we were led to mountaintop experiences of "These Higher Levels" in the general sessions of our Southwestern Conference, the Woman's Missionary Union held its annual meeting with the La Salle Baptist Church at Greeley on Friday, August 29.

The business session was held following a luncheon provided by the La Salle women with our president, Mrs. Harvey Kruse, presiding. The song service was led by Mrs. John Heer, and the devotionals by Mrs. W. R. Klempel. A roll call of the societies was held, with 22 out of the 27 groups responding.

The following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: president, Mrs. Harvey Kruse, Marion, Kansas; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Klempel, Beatrice, Neb.; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. G. Blackburn, Loyal, Okla.; secretary, Mrs. G. E. Schroeder, Lorraine, Kansas; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Haas, Ingersoll, Okla.

The new pastor's wife, Mrs. Robert Stark of Okeene, Okla., was introduced, who then favored us with a vocal solo. This was followed by a very interesting report of our missionary work among the Spanish people of Colorado by Mrs. C. L. Young.

The annual program was held on Friday evening. The song service was led by Mrs. E. D. Meacham, followed by devotionals led by Mrs. Theo. Dons. The new officers were then introduced, followed by a dedicatory prayer by Mrs. Blackburn. A very interesting play, "The Barriers Are Down," was given by the La Salle Society.

Mrs. Ahrens, who with her husband, Rev. Earl Ahrens, our returning missionaries to the Cameroons, had been a great blessing and inspiration throughout the conference, then gave us a very interesting talk on the women of Africa and our opportunities for service there. The offering of the evening was \$212.48, of which 60 percent was to be given to our Nurses Training School in the Cameroons, 20 percent to our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., and 20 percent to the Fellowship Fund.

Mrs. G. E. Schroeder, Secretary.

Young People's Session of the Southwestern Conference Held at Greeley, Colorado

The Southwestern Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met on August 28 and 29 with the La Salle Baptist Church at Greeley, Colorado on the campus of Colorado State College of Education. Seventeen churches answered the roll call.

The business session was held on Saturday afternoon, August 28. The following officers were elected: president, Edith De Werff; vice-president, Merle Brenner; secretary, Bernice Weber; treasurer, Harry Schmidt, Jr.; member of Awards Committee, Rev. J. H. Kruegel; "Challenger" editor, and Meyer; and promotional secretary, Ruth Skibbe.

The following churches received School awards: Stafford, Shattuck, Bessie, Loyal, Okeene, Ingersoll, and Gotebo, Oklahoma; La Salle, Colorado. Gotebo received the Banner of Excellence.

B. Y. P. U. Awards were given to the following churches: Okeene, Bessie, Shattuck, and Gotebo, Oklahoma; Lorraine, Eljinwood, and Strassburg, Kansas. Gotebo also received the B. Y. P. U. Banner of Excellence. The mileage banner was awarded to Lorraine, Kansas.

The financial goal for the coming year was set at \$3,000. Of this \$2,000 will go for Spanish-American mission field, \$200 for the Seminary relocation; \$200 for miscellaneous; \$100 for promotional work; and \$500 for the Cameroons Hospital. The Sunday afternoon service was held under the direction of the young people.

Bernice Weber, Secretary.

Sessions of the Nebraska Association of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice

The theme of "Victory Through Christ" was emphasized at the recent sessions of the Nebraska Association held at the West Side Church of Beatrice. The Rev. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., talked and smiled his way into the hearts and minds of his listeners. His Christian fellowship is attractive, appealing, calm and warm. He is such a Christian that all who see and hear him are drawn to our Christ.

A deeper kinship for the work of our denomination evolved as Mr. Woyke talked to us concerning the Million Dollar Fund and how this money is used, the Seminary, home and foreign missions and missionaries, and conditions abroad in Europe.

Rev. John Borchers of the Shell Creek Church, Rev. John Broeder of the Creston Church, and Rev. Walter Klempel of the West Side Baptist Church in Beatrice led our thoughts in the theme, "Victory Through Christ," in various phases of our lives — over sin, in our daily life, in the church, nation, and world. The host Church at Beatrice had the privilege to share personal experiences, devotions, evening services and meals with individuals from the visiting churches.

Mrs. W. C. Littrell, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MRS. LENA BERCHTOLD of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Lena Berchtold, nee Voth, of Cleveland, Ohio was born on July 7, 1871 in Mirow, Mecklenburg, Germany, and died on Oct. 3, 1948. At the age of 16 years she emigrated with her family to America, making Cleveland her new home. Here she experienced salvation in Christ two years later and was baptized by the Rev. J. H. Merkel into the fellowship of the First German Baptist Church, later the Shaker Square Church. When this organization dissolved, she transferred her membership to the White Ave. Church. She was married to Mr. Carl Berchtold in 1891. No children were born to them. Preceded in death by her two brothers, Conrad and Herman Voth, Mrs. Berchtold is survived by her two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Christine Voth and Mrs. Helen Voth; six nieces and seven nephews; and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD J. KOSE of Montreal, Canada.

Mr. Edward J. Kose of Montreal, Canada was born in Zurich, Ontario in 1871 and died on September 29 in Montreal. He was a son of our pioneer minister, the Rev. Henry Kose, and a brother of the late Rev. S. A. Kose.

Besides his wife Carrie, who is critically ill, he leaves his daughter, Mrs. Van Wart, her husband and a granddaughter. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Kaaz and Mrs. Emma Kampfer, a sister-in-law, Mrs. S. A. Kose, and four nieces, Alatheia and Celia Kose; Mamie Marchand and Margaret McKenney. He was baptized by his father and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Montreal.

In his last testimony he thanked God for his loving-kindness and for the love of family and home. Never thinking of himself, he was always busy showing kindnesses to others. Truly his life was a living testimony of his faith in God.

THE RELATIVES.

MR. JOHN REITER of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. John Reiter of Dayton, Ohio was born on February 23, 1881 at Dayton to Gustav and Anna Reuter. On Christmas day in 1892 he was baptized by Rev. Mr. Wegner into the fellowship of the Fourth Street Baptist Church. Except for a short while, during those years when he was not a resident of Dayton, he has been a life-long member of this church.

In 1906 he was married to Adina Busch by the Rev. Benjamin Graf at La Crosse, Wisconsin. Mr. Reiter served for many years with the Dayton Police Force.

After a long period of illness, God in

Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon Honors Rev. John Wobig on His Birthday

On September 8th at the close of the prayer meeting service in the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon members and friends surprised their pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, on his birthday. Mr. Harry Johnson was in charge of the meeting in which every organization was represented. Mr. Otto Boehi spoke in behalf of the Deacons Board and the church. An additional amount of \$25 a month was given to Mr. Wobig for car expenses.

Mrs. A. Losli represented the Woman's Missionary Society after which she and Emma Meier sang a duet entitled, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me." Victor Loewen

his mercy called him to his heavenly home. He died on Friday, September 3, 1948, at the age of 67 years.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Robert; three sisters, Mrs. Wm. Haller of Dayton, Mrs. Bertha Graf and Mrs. Martha Ziehl of Detroit, Michigan; and a brother, Arthur, of Chicago.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Alex H. Elsesser, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. His loss is mourned by all, yet we sorrow not as those without hope. It is our faith that our loved ones move on into the nearer presence of the Father to dwell in heavenly mansions. "That where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3.

Fourth Street Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

ALEX H. ELSESSER, Pastor.

MR. SAMUEL SEIBOLD of Carrington, North Dakota.

Mr. Samuel Seibold of Carrington, North Dakota, a son of George and Julia Seibold, was born in Rumania on January 29, 1884 and died in the Jamestown Hospital with heart trouble on Monday, August 9. He came with his parents to Canada when he was 14 months old. The family came to Stutsman County when he was 12 years of age. He grew to manhood there and farmed in Stutsman County until 1917 when he moved to Carrington. He was a cream buyer there until his health failed him in 1936.

In January of 1904 he was converted under the Rev. Schwendener's evangelistic ministry, and in the month of June of the same year he was baptized by his pastor, Rev. William Wahl, to become a member of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church and later the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington.

On June 11, 1908 he was married to Pauline Albus, with whom he had had the privilege of being baptized with previously before their marriage. To this union 12 children were born, nine of whom are still living. Two died in infancy, and the oldest daughter, Clara, died in 1941.

He is being mourned by his dear wife; his mother, Mrs. Julia Seibold of Portland, Oregon; and the following sons and daughters: Charles and Paul, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Maude Crandall, Bismarck; Mrs. C. H. Hooper (Ann) Ruthven, Iowa; Mrs. Chas. Sax (Rose), Watford City, North Dakota; Mrs. L. M. Ring (Julia), North Bend, Ore.; Mrs. Jay Beck (Edna), Allegany, Oregon; Lorraine Seibold, Bismarck; Mrs. Howard Earl (Mitzl), Carrington; two brothers and seven sisters and 15 grandchildren.

May the Lord himself comfort the bereaved with his divine grace. He says: "My grace is sufficient for thee," and again, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; they rest from their labors." For God's own there is a place of many mansions, which he himself shall prepare for his own. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann spoke on: "The Good Results for a Prepared Person" (Numbers 23:10).

Carrington, North Dakota

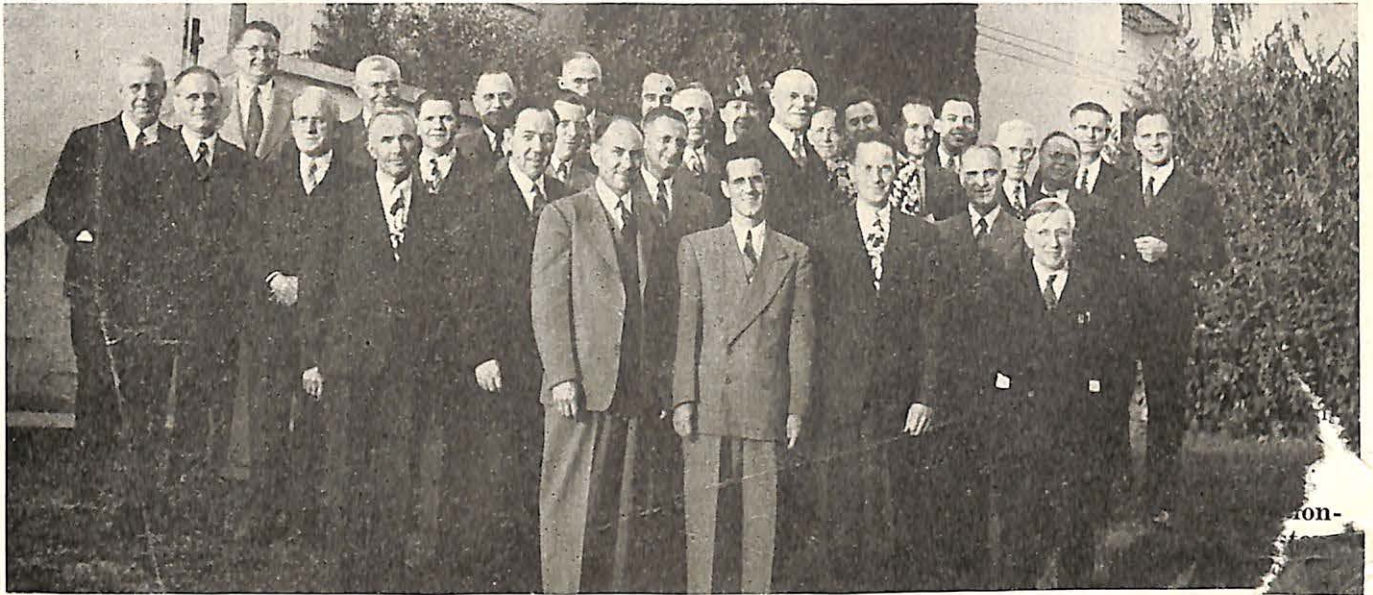
ARTHUR ITTERMANN, Pastor.

led in the singing of several choruses and the traditional "Happy Birthday" after he had spoken in behalf of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. These two societies gave the pastor a lovely picture of the Monterey Coast.

The Victory Class, of which Mr. Wobig is teacher, was represented by Rudolph Bauder, and a gift of a Parker 51 fountain pen was presented to him. Our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Ed. Rocks, spoke in behalf of the Bible School, followed by a reading entitled "God Needs a Man." "Why Do I Sing About Jesus" was sung by two of our Bible School scholars, Miriam and Elizabeth Zink. An electric shaver was given to him from the Bible School.

Melvin Becker spoke for the choir, and presented him with a gift.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.



—Photo by Rodesick Eggiman

The Ordination Council at the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon Which Examined Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee and Mr. Henry Barnet Before the Ordination Service

Inspiring Days for the Bethany Church of Oregon With Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee

Sunday, September 12, was another great day for members and friends of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon. Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee requested that the Rev. Frank Friesen bring the morning message so that they could hear their pastor preach. On Sunday evening both consented to give a short talk. The rest of the evening was devoted to musical numbers, which the Chaffees had personally requested, such as selections by the choir, a male chorus, ladies trio, male quartet and two piano and organ duets. These musical numbers were under the leadership of our choir director, Mrs. Melba Schaeer.

To add to the missionary atmosphere, a very picturesque letter from Mildred and Gilbert Schneider in Africa was read. It made us very happy that both the Schneider's parents from the Salt Creek Church could be with us at this meeting. We were very happy to meet Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee's two lovely children, Sylvia and Douglas, for the first time.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 14th, was the climax of the Chaffees' short stay in Bethany, at which time we had a very sumptuous church supper with everyone enjoying the fellowship and the food. The basement was decorated with six tall palm trees and a big thatched hut in one corner, so we truly had a Cameroons' setting. Afterwards representatives from the various departments of the church brought greetings to the Chaffees. Ben Graf spoke for the deacons, Charlie Walker for the Sunday School, Roberta Mohr for the Missionary Society, Sam Rich for the choir, Bill Jenne for the young people, Grace Jenne for the Primary Sunday School, and hers was a greeting to Sylvia and Douglas with a gift for them.

The good wishes having been extended, we turned our attention to

the improvised African hut, which revealed a storehouse of shower gifts. Among the number of useful things were 10 pairs of pillow slips, 11 sheets, many beautiful towels and yards and yards of lovely material. Then the men of our church presented Dr. Chaffee with a fine rifle and a goodly amount of ammunition, a top notch movie camera and a good supply of film. The evening was fittingly closed with hearty thanks by Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee and a short challenge by our pastor, Rev. Frank Friesen. In closing the four deacons led in prayer.

August 31st was also a thrilling experience for us as we witnessed the double ordination service for our Rev. Henry Barnet of the Villa Ridge Church and Dr. Leslie Chaffee, our doctor missionary to the Cameroons. The choir from the Bethany Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. Melba Schaeer sang, "I have left all to follow my Savior." The Rev. Frank H. Woyke gave the ordination sermon based on 2 Timothy 2:15.

Grace Jenne, Reporter.

First Young People's Assembly of the Pacific Northwest Union at Lake Samish

Gathering from four churches in Canada and from Spokane and Tacoma in Washington, our Pacific Northwest Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union began its first assembly. Though the weather was dark and rainy, spirits in no wise were dampened and our expectations were fulfilled and even more than man could ask, God supplied.

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We were fortunate, indeed, to have our national young people's secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, as one of our teachers. His wit and friendliness made him just "one of us." Also we were honored to have the Rev. and Mrs. E. Michelson, missionaries to Africa, who brought their beloved Soppo land and experiences to us, as our guests for half of the week. Then to top all experiences, we met and at once loved our first doctor-appointee to the Cameroons, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, and his very lovely wife. All these at our very first assembly!

Our camp grounds were situated on one of our beautiful Washington lakes, Lake Samish. Tall mountains covered with green trees came down to the very fringe of this big lake. Certainly God's handiwork in mountains, trees, and lakes brought him very close during these days.

Three classes were taught during the morning: "The Art of Teaching" by Rev. J. C. Gunst; "Outlines of Bible History" by Rev. F. W. Bartel of Spokane, and "How to Win to Christ" by Rev. J. C. Schweitzer from the Bethany Church in Vancouver. Each day an open forum was held with different topics for discussion. Also during the morning, the Junior group was taught by Mrs. F. E. Klein and Mrs. H. Schmunk, Jr.

The evening hours featured a rousing song service and always a fine message by one of our ministers or missionaries. Firesides were always a time of joy and real Christian fellowship. Each church represented had charge of one evening. Our Lord and Savior was truly glorified, but he also became our very personal Friend during these quiet times.

Much more could be said, but truly our first assembly was definitely a success. New friends were made, young lives rededicated, and all drawn closer to our Savior.

Mrs. Henry Schmunk, Reporter.

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