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Welcome to Sioux Falls for the General Conference, August 22 to 28!

August 1, 1949

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES IN AUGUST

August 3-4 — Southwestern Conference at Wichita, Kansas. Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Guest Speaker.

August 22-28 — General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

August 29-Sept. 5 — Atlantic Conference Young People's Assembly at Denton Lake, New York. Miss Laura E. Reddig and Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Guest Speakers.

August 30-Sept. 3 — Chicago and Wisconsin Young People's Assembly at Camp Ripley, Wisconsin. Dr. George A. Lang and Miss Martha Leypoldt, Guest Speakers.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

TICKETS

Registration Fee\$1.25
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Breakfast for Women, Thursday, August 25\$0.90
Breakfast for Laymen, Thursday, Aug. 25\$1.25
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Luncheon, Young People's Officers and Leaders, Thursday, Aug. 25\$1.25

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Tickets for all of the above gatherings will be available at the Coliseum. If you plan to attend, it will be advisable to obtain your ticket as early as possible, since accommodations are limited. If you are not planning to arrive in Sioux Falls until the weekend, arrange for your pastor or a friend to buy your tickets earlier in the week.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CONFERENCE VISITORS

Upon arrival in Sioux Falls, go directly to the Coliseum. That is where the registration office will be located, and all meetings will be held there.

At the registration desk you will receive your Conference badge, a large packet containing hymnal, reports, notebook and other valuable items. Here you will also receive final instructions concerning your lodging reservations.

We are confident that God has rich blessings in store for us at Sioux Falls. Let us unite in prayer beseeching him to bring us all safely to the Conference. Let us come expecting great things from God, and ready to undertake great things for him.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The General Conference Packet to be given to all delegates and visitors upon the payment of the registration fee of one dollar will contain a variety of interesting things. The official souvenir program, now being prepared, will be more colorful than ever. The General Conference Reports will be a survey of our denominational ministry during the past triennium. The official song book is the best one of its kind on the market. The packet will also include denominational leaflets, literature about Sioux Falls and South Dakota, maps of the Coliseum and of the city and several fine notebooks.

IN THIS ISSUE

Some numbers of "The Herald" have to be read in a very thoughtful, pensive mood. That is largely true of this issue. Consider the life story and accomplishments of D. L. Moody as evangelist in the light of today's evangelistic efforts, and Mr. Donner's article in this number will seem very significant. Remember the plight of our many Baptists in Europe as you read the Rev. Otto Nallinger's interesting article about our Slavic Baptist brethren. Give much thought to the proposal of the Publication Board after perusing Mr. Baumgartner's article and the editorial. Then "praise ye the Lord!" as you thoughtfully read the sermon by the Rev. Walter Schmidt of Cathay, North Dakota.

COMING

Two Fine Sermons — The Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, North Dakota has made his message on "The Will of God," which he delivered at the Dakota Conference, available to "Herald" readers. The Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote," has also contributed a sermon.

A Pilgrimage Back to Canada — The Rev. Charles F. Zummach describes his strangely stirred feelings and brings his observations of a visit to Western Canada, his first in 27 years since his first pastorates in Canadian churches.

The Word of Life for New York — This is the story of Jack Wyrzten and his Youth for Christ programs in New York City by Mrs. Maria Frommelt.

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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

Be Prepared to Vote!

PRAYEFUL PREPARATION and thoughtful deliberation are necessary for the making of important decisions in life. This is true of institutions as well as of individuals. It ought to be true of all resolutions passed and of all action taken at the General Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28.

The General Conference vote on the resolution of the Publication Society will greatly affect the future ministry of our publications. Since everyone ought to know all the facts, a detailed article by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager, appears in this issue besides this editorial. The vote of an informed constituency will more nearly approximate the revealed will of God. That is our conviction as Baptists concerning the advantages of the democratic method.

The proposed plan would make both "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" bi-weekly publications and bring uniformity and greater efficiency into our publication ministry. Each paper would be the same size, arrive on the same day of the week at bi-weekly installments and have the same subscription price. Each publication will be able to bring the latest news and promotional material concerning the denominational enterprise.

This plan is being recommended unanimously by the Publication Board to the General Conference. Both editors have concurred in this resolution. It should be understood by our entire constituency that the full-time ministry of both editors is not being affected in any way by this decision. The pages of "Der Sendbote" are being increased from eighteen to twenty-four so that each bi-weekly issue will contain almost as much reading material at greatly reduced prices as two numbers of the paper at present.

"The Baptist Herald" will be increased in the number of issues to appear annually from twenty-four to twenty-six. This will justify the slight subscription increase to \$2.50 for regular subscriptions and the \$2.00 for subscriptions under the Club Plan. It is hoped that the number of our churches qualifying for the Club Plan will noticeably increase. Greater efficiency and regularity in printing our publications will undoubtedly be the result of this proposed plan.

If the vote of the General Conference on this matter is favorable, the actual changes will be made on January 1, 1950. Greater efforts will be made for the enlistment of our churches in the Club Plan. Both editors will do everything possible to present the most and the best spiritual reading material to their respective constituencies.

It will be of interest to the readers of both of our papers to know that the Dakota Conference, convening in Aberdeen, So. Dak., in June, voted overwhelmingly to support any resolution which has been given the prayerful consideration and sincere endorsement of the Publication Board. Such decisions make for denominational harmony and united, aggressive action. They inspire the leaders of our societies to plan and to work for the best interests of the entire denominational constituency.

Read Mr. Baumgartner's article in this issue. This has been approved by Mr. Harold Johns of Oak Park, Illinois, the president of the Publication Board. All these facts with their editorial interpretations ought to help you to be prepared to vote!

BIBLE TEXT

"I will very gladly spend and be spent for you" (2 Cor. 12:15a).

This is a good Bible text to make the focus of all thought of every General Conference delegate and visitor prior to the epoch making days at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Such a spirit makes for Christ-likeness, personal edification and denominational harmony. It drives out all selfish motives and interests from the heart and in their place puts a compassionate concern for the needs of others upon the throne of attention. It opens the windows of the soul to the beauty of Jesus. It takes us to the foot of the cross where in humble contrition and outreaching faith we sing:

"Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me
most,
I sacrifice them to his blood."

LOST BLESSINGS

Have you ever thought about the blessings that might have been yours if you had been able and eager to receive them? How different our lives would be if only we had opened our hearts to the enriching values of these divine blessings! The most terrible judgment of God upon any life or group is found in these words of Jesus spoken of the people of Jerusalem: "If thou hadst known, even now . . . the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes" (Luke 19:42). By giving heed to God's Word and by taking time for fellowship with our Lord, each one of us ought to be on tiptoe expecting and appropriating God's blessings, exceeding abundantly revealed to us, that none of them might be lost or neglected in our lives!

THE BIG CONFERENCE

General Conference days are almost here! The preparations for the conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28 are becoming more intensive than ever. There is still room for more people, even though all expectations point to the largest conference crowd in North American Baptist history. The feast of spiritual blessings in the program, the immense colorful exhibit, the spectacle of great crowds at the young people's banquet and Sunday meetings and the golden opportunities for fellowship and abiding friendships await those who will attend the conference sessions. There's still time to plan to join the thousands at Sioux Falls! Come for the weekend if you live nearby and cannot be present for the entire week. But do not miss the opportunity of a lifetime and one of the greatest General Conferences ever to be held by North American Baptist Churches!

August 1, 1949

Praise Ye the Lord!

A radiant message on the shortest Psalm and the briefest chapter in the Bible

By the REV. WALTER SCHMIDT of Cathay, North Dakota

"O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 117).

This Psalm is the shortest Psalm and the shortest chapter in the Bible. Perhaps many of you know the words by memory. Better still if we know the meaning of the Psalm and are able to sing it from the depths of our hearts!

The Psalm opens with the summons to praise the Lord God. This same summons is given approximately two hundred times in the hymn-book of the Old Testament. This is the duty and, more than that, the privilege of every child of God! Praise ye the Lord!

A TRIUMPHANT NOTE

We must praise the Lord God always. Even as the Psalm begins, continues, and ends with praise to God, so we must begin our new life in Jesus Christ in praise, continue our life in praise, and praise God in the last hour of our earthly sojourn. Then death will be swallowed up in victory and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

There is a triumphant note in the hymn. Not only the people of Israel are to praise the Lord, but all nations, "all ye peoples." Here is a preview of the day when every knee shall bow before Jehovah and every mouth shall proclaim him Lord of Lords and King of kings. For God in Jesus Christ shall reign forever and ever; of his kingdom there shall be no end. Can we do better than pay supreme allegiance to the Creator, Sustainer and Eternal Ruler of the whole universe? Surely, it would be folly to worship anyone or anything else but God.

And yet, thoughtlessly we find ourselves worshipping many false gods, Gods of money, power, honor, wisdom and pleasure. These are the things that have first place in our hearts. And having first place, they become gods. We must come to realize that all the wealth of this world, all the power and praise given by men, all the wisdom of this world, all the pleasure to which we cling, all that these gods have to offer will not satisfy

long. These gods are not eternal. Like the chaff from the wheat all these things are blown away and God Almighty alone stands firm, unmovable, unchangeable eternal in the heavens. Forsake these false gods or they will be your ruin! Seek the Lord and his Kingdom of righteousness! Praise ye the Lord, everyone, everywhere!

GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS

Why should we praise the Lord? I have given several reasons. The Bible has much more to say. The merciful kindness and lovingkindness of the Lord are great toward us. That is reason enough! We have sinned against God, we still sin against God, and yet, when we humbly bow in repentance before our Lord, he forgives us all our sins. We crucified the Son of God on Calvary, we crucify him afresh today, and still God forgives and is merciful to us. We are proud, self-righteous, blasphemers, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and still God calls us unto him. Love and mercy reveal the very nature, the very essence of God.

Do we love God as God loves us? Do we forgive again and again as God continually forgives us? We cannot begin to understand and to reveal clearly to love and mercy of God in our relationships with others. We are selfish, full of hate, and continually quarrel with one another. We cannot, it seems, relinquish a grudge or a dislike for another who has wronged us or who has hurt our ego in some way. Oh, if we only understood more the love and mercy of God we would become better followers of Jesus Christ. Then the Gospel would reach the far corners of the world and the innermost recesses of every man's and woman's heart. Then we would, indeed, lift our hearts and voices before God and praise him always.

"The truth of the Lord endureth forever!" Another translation says: "The faithfulness of the Lord endureth forever." Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." We sing in one of our favorite hymns: "Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me." When all else comes tumbling down and we find no security, rest, peace in the things of this world, how wonderful it is to know we can find refuge in "The Rock of Ages" — "Jesus, our

Lord." Our Savior is faithful and true. Heaven and earth may pass away but his Word shall never pass away! Outside of him all is vanity. As we trust in him, we have the truth abiding in us. Then we shall also be faithful and true, a blessing to all with whom we come into contact.

GOD'S BLESSED PROMISES

The Psalmist must have had a glimpse into the days when the Messiah would come to reveal the fulness of God to men and to save men from all their sins. How he must have rejoiced to know that the blessed promises of God to his chosen people, "Israel," would be fulfilled. The Messiah came and the faithfulness and truth of the Lord were made sure in that great day. God has never failed man. Man may fail God but our God stands faithful and true. He is full of mercy and lovingkindness unto all people who will take him in all generations. As we accept the Lord Jesus and obey him, we receive his spirit and live in his truth. Praise ye the Lord!

There is good reason to believe that Psalm 117 was part of the hymn that Jesus and his disciples sang at the Passover meal just before Jesus led the way to the Garden of Gethsemane. In the darkest hour of his life Jesus was able to sing praises to his father. Knowing he was to take the way of the cross, Jesus still said: "Praise ye the Lord!" Can we do the same, in the hour of darkness, when we are in the greatest need of God? Even as we praise God so shall we emerge triumphantly out of sorrow and suffering and the sins that so easily beset us. Praise ye the Lord!



I Knew Dwight Lyman Moody!

Personal Reminiscences of the Great Man of God and Evangelist

By MR. H. P. DONNER of Cleveland, Ohio

THE LEADING figure in the Northfield tradition was, without question, its founder, Dwight Lyman Moody. He was a born leader of men, possessed of keen initiative to a remarkable degree. His natural talents were of superior quality. He was kind, sympathetic, a man of the people, blessed with a high degree of common sense and a great executive.

Of broad shoulders and stocky frame, he inherited an iron constitution with abounding energy. His presence inspired men. He was tremendously aggressive in his career of public service. He was a great evangelist, a capable educator, a real philanthropist dispensing large funds entrusted to his custody. Above all, he was a true man of God empowered by the Holy Spirit by special anointing to take the Gospel to the masses, privileged to unlock the doors of the Kingdom to many thousands.

He was the most spectacular character in the Christian world of his generation. He was God's gift to the church. He was simply humble and lived in a childlike faith. He was a man of prayer and an ardent student of the Bible.

A HOME OF POVERTY

This man, Moody, was born to poverty on Feb. 5, 1837 at Northfield, Massachusetts by a mother of nine children, who became a widow before the last child arrived. Because of the straitened circumstances surrounding his early boyhood, his schooling was sorely limited and ended with his thirteenth year. To aid in the support of the family he then went to work, seeking opportunities that the adjacent farming community afforded.

At seventeen Moody forsook the farm for the city, trudging to Boston, where he found employment by an uncle engaged in the shoe business on the condition that he would attend church and Sunday School regularly each Sunday. He was placed in a class with young men of his age, some of them being students at Harvard University. Until then he seemed to have no religious consciousness. Edward Kimball, his teacher, called on Dwight at the shoe store to introduce him to the Lord Jesus Christ who became his Savior on the spot.

MOODY'S CONVERSION

There followed an awakening of the soul and he became aflame for him who saved him. His great ignorance

of the Bible was an embarrassment to himself and amusing to the boys of his class. When he applied for membership in the Congregational Church, he was placed on the deferred list because of his immaturity in matters of faith and finally accepted with certain misgivings.

After two years in Boston, he felt the lure of the expanding west and, acting on that urge, he moved to Chicago, Illinois. This was in 1856. In that buoyant atmosphere he rapidly developed his latent business talents and an absorbing participation in Christian work. This marked the beginning of his career in Christian service, first, in organizing a Sunday School and later a church in which he served as lay-pastor, witnessing many conversions and which has survived to the present day as a power of good in Chicago. (The Moody Memorial Church.)

During this period he was aggressive in business, earning well. He was frugal in habits so that when he decided to give his whole time to Christian work at the age of twenty-four, he was enjoying an annual income of no less than \$5000 and had saved the snug sum of \$7000. From that time on he rapidly grew in stature as a servant of the Lord until he was favorably known on both sides the Atlantic Ocean through his extensive evangelistic missions in Great Britain and across the face of this continent. His name became a household word.

VENTURES OF FAITH

He ventured on many enterprises but they were ventures of faith. The Gospel singer was his handmaiden in his evangelistic work. He depended much on the convicting power of the message as it was sounded forth by the men who were endowed with the spiritual gift of sacred music and whom he gathered about himself in affectionate comradeship. The most prominent were Ira D. Sankey and George C. Stebbins, although there were others, highly regarded.

Out of this service grew the gospel song book for which a tremendous demand developed. The publishing of these books in many editions under Moody's sponsorship yielded large royalties, even in excess of a million dollars and these incomes were used in support of the schools which he founded, rather than hold them for personal gain. That became a sacred business. This reveals the self-effacement of this great man.

He was endowed with a remarkable gift for raising money on a large scale. He was direct, tactful and persuasive in his approach. His personality had an appeal for men of affairs. They regarded Moody as belonging to their class and he had access to them as few men had. He took men captive. He had the faculty of winning such men for his enterprises by securing their participation in practical ways.

WINNING MEN FOR GOD

Back in Chicago he won men like John V. Farwell, the foremost dry goods jobber in that metropolis, and the banker Isaac H. Burch for his city missions, getting them to superintend his Sunday Schools. It was through his efforts that the Y.M.C.A. of that city secured the first building of that type in America known as Farwell Hall, for which Mr. Farwell gave the site and for which Cyrus McCormick made the first contribution of \$10,000. In subsequent years he often sponsored the securing of funds for Y.M.C.A. buildings and numerous other projects.

He did things in a large way expecting and receiving large amounts of money from the influential class. It is said that on one occasion he called on William Thaw, a capitalist in Pittsburgh, asking for money. When Mr. Thaw said, "All right. I'll give you the widow's mite," Moody answered, "Very well. I'll take all you have."

Once he needed twenty thousand dollars for his schools. This need he took to the Lord in prayer asking for the specific amount and requesting of God that it be sent so that he might recognize the gift as his answer. The prayer was answered. In all of these experiences he remained untainted and despised personal gain. Money-getting with him was an act of faith supported by prayer.

MASTER OF ASSEMBLIES

At the Northfield conferences Moody was the master of assemblies. His presence on the platform electrified his audiences. They gave him enthusiastic response. He did not often preach at these meetings. He humbly thought the men surrounding him far superior in ability, for he attracted brilliant and godly preachers to his service.

However, I shall never forget one Sunday forenoon when he was the second speaker for that day. In his characteristic way, he climbed up into the choirloft to have better command

of the immense gathering. We had been led to the portals of heaven by the preceding speaker, but Moody climaxed the hour preaching on "This One Thing I Do." It was a powerful deliverance poured out in spiritual passion.

I heard him on another occasion preach on Elijah with dramatic and oratorical effect but in dead earnestness. As a public speaker he became master of the art in his maturer years. He grew marvellously since his first stammering attempt in the pulpit. He was natural, simple, direct and forceful, dominated by spiritual power with the burden of eternity upon his soul. His consuming passion was to save the lost.

INSTITUTIONS HE FOUNDED

This brief portrayal of a dynamic life would be incomplete without reference to the institutions which he founded. One might be disposed to regard them as a by-product. Be that as it may, they grew from a wide field of observation and out of human needs which he discovered as he moved among the masses.

He felt keenly that young people should secure the advantages of education without exorbitant cost for those who might, otherwise, be deprived of such privilege. This planning included the Bible as a major study. When the seminary at Northfield opened its doors, a fee of one hundred dollars was established, which was about one-half the actual cost.

He saw a need of Bible and practical training to fit young people for intelligent service in their respective churches. This was the motive in founding the Chicago Bible Institute, said to be the first Bible School in America. He saw the importance of making Christian literature available to inmates of penal institutions and he promptly organized a colportage library.

The living monuments which survive him are the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago, a great religious center sustaining large congregations. Moody Bible Institute with its thousands of students under scholarly leadership; Moody Colportage Library, better known today as Moody Press, publishers of books and the magazine, "Moody Monthly;" Northfield Seminary, a school for girls; and Mount Hermon School for boys. This leaves unsaid the series of Northfield Conferences and the numerous missions that were called into life on the British Isles as a result of his labors across the sea. Truly, his was a fruitful life!

As an afterthought it should be noted that the name "Moody" by which some of the corporations are known today, was integrated after his decease, to perpetuate his memory. He himself did not call them by that designation, nor would this truly humble man ever give his consent to



One of the Main Streets of Sioux Falls, South Dakota With the Tallest Building of the City Rising in the Background

such exploiting of his person. These are, indeed, living monuments to his greatness by the grace of God.

As he lived, so he died. In November 1899 he entered upon a vigorous evangelistic campaign in Kansas City, Missouri. Enormous crowds attended his ministry. It was with the old ardor that Mr. Moody sent out the clarion call of salvation. But in the midst of the work he broke down and was compelled to hasten home to Northfield to be laid aside from further active service and to bide God's will.

His herculean strength was shattered and he calmly awaited the end facing the open gates of heaven. Shortly before he fell asleep he uttered these assuring words: "Earth recedes; heaven opens before me — if

it is death it is sweet . . . God is calling me and I must go." The summons came on December 22, 1899 at the age of sixty-two.

Thus ended a useful life so far as the flesh is concerned, it having been consumed in the Master's service. His body was laid to rest on Round Top at Northfield, Massachusetts, an elevation on the seminary campus with an enchanting outlook on the distant hills and where, during the conferences, informal sunset meetings were held and where decisions for eternity were made. This was to him a sacred spot.

The inscription on his tombstone epitomizes his unshaken conviction that "He That Doeth the Will of God Abideth Forever."

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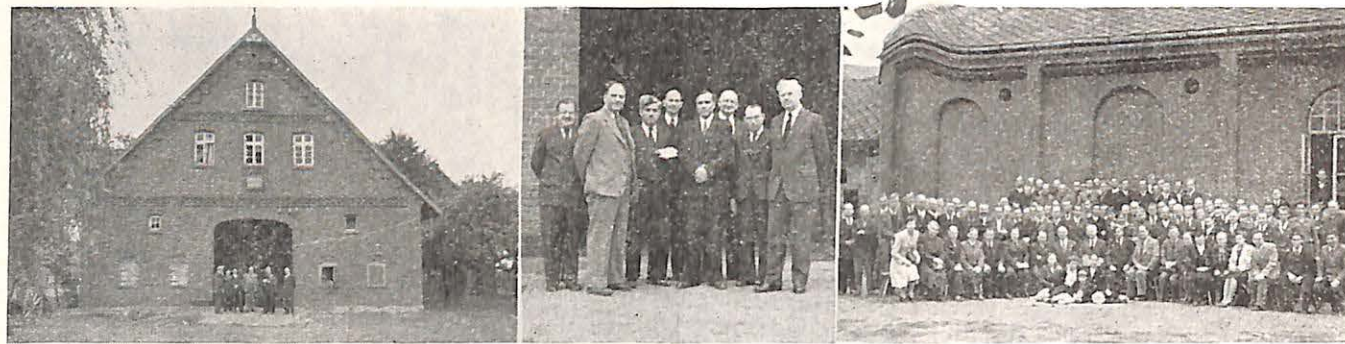
Conference	June, 1949	June, 1948
Atlantic	\$ 1,543.60	\$ 800.50
Eastern	1,721.44	1,434.05
Central	5,794.15	9,914.63
Northwestern	3,630.18	3,865.64
Southwestern	2,981.55	2,072.47
Southern	1,467.49	1,439.58
Pacific	2,275.80	2,850.78
Northern	1,328.56	1,532.90
Dakota	1,501.85	6,339.30
Total for the Month of June	\$22,244.62	\$30,249.85

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

June 1, 1949 to June 30, 1949	\$ 20,523.66
August 1, 1947 to June 30, 1949	880,746.16
Total required to date	958,333.33

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1949 to June 30, 1949	\$101,618.93
April 1, 1948 to June 30, 1948	97,135.35



The Barn at Frille, Germany (Left) Which Serves as the Seminary for the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Union; and Some of the Ministers and Leaders of the Baptist Union (Center); Besides Some of the People Who Attended the Conference of the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Union (Right) at Which the Rev. Otto Nallinger Spoke

A Helping Hand to Slavic Baptists

The Pitiful Story of Slavic Displaced Baptist Brethren
by the REV. OTTO NALLINGER, Relief Director in Germany of the Baptist World Alliance

LIKE ALL Baptists throughout the world, the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Union has its associational meetings and conferences. These brethren are to be complimented because they have not lost their spiritual vision and eagerness to serve Christ, even though they have been uprooted from their homeland and are now living in dire circumstances in a hostile land.

These people all remember the days when they were carefree and happy. They were days when they quietly pursued their duties on their farms, factories, schools, pulpits and places of business, days when they were able to speak of their own home and when they still had the assurance that they belonged to the place where they lived.

REFUGEES INTO GERMANY

All this has changed. Through the war they were caught up in the mass movements of people. Some were literally dragged as slave laborers to Germany. Others fled their homeland because of the unrushing Communist windstorm which swept over their homeland. As Baptists and believers, they knew that they would not have liberty and freedom of worship once the Communists took over their homeland.

Why did these people come to Germany, of all places? One need but look at the geographical location of Germany for the answer.

Coming from Russia, Ukrainia, Poland and Lithuania, and wanting to flee from Communism, they could not go further east into the heartland of Bolshevism. Coming west, they naturally came first to Germany in the hope that they might be able to cross from Germany to the low countries, France, and eventually to England and America. But this was not

possible. The low countries and France did not permit them into their countries. Thus, these people simply got stuck in Germany. Here they are unwelcome guests.

The German economy, having been utterly destroyed with the debacle of Hitler's armies, cannot support its own people, leave alone the millions of Displaced Persons, expellees and refugees. First UNRRA and now IRO have and are doing all they can to house and to feed these people. The food is, of course, not the best in the world and the housing leaves much to be desired. Most of them live in camps which are former German army installations. As many as two and three families are crowded into one room in these camps.

These people are shattered all over Germany. Thus we find that our dis-

placed Baptists are also scattered all over Germany. A handful may be in Hanover and a handful in Stuttgart with a family in Munich and a few families elsewhere. Under such conditions it has been very difficult to keep up morale and faith in God. But thanks to the untiring efforts of Slavic Baptist displaced pastors, our Baptist displaced persons from the east have not been without spiritual guidance. These men travel from camp to camp to encourage and to strengthen their people in the faith. They have organized a Union which is known as the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Union. Through this union they are able to encourage one another and to keep in touch with every member and every family.

HEADQUARTERS AT FRILLE

The headquarters of this union is in Frille, a small town in the British Zone, between Hanover and Minden. Frille is a typical small German farming town. The streets are crooked and dirty. The century old houses are nestled around the two state churches, one Catholic and the other Protestant. A town hall, gymnasium and a dairy make up the public buildings of the town.

Frille, being situated near one of the concentration camps, which Hitler had spotted throughout Germany during his regime, was cleared of the German inhabitants because of its locality. After the war, British military authorities permitted Slavic displaced persons to move into the houses of that town. Among these people was a large segment of Baptists. Frille therefore became the headquarters of the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Union in Germany.

The headquarters building is nothing more than a farmer's barn. The



Rev. Otto Nallinger, Formerly Pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon, and at Present Relief Director in Germany for the Baptist World Alliance

seminary for the training of ministerial students is also housed in this barn. It leaves much to be wished for, but I dare say that our Slavic brethren are to be complimented for carrying on under such circumstances. The seminary consists of two rooms in this barn. One room serves as the bedroom for about seven students. This room also serves as the dining hall, lecture room, study room and library. Everything is handy, to say the least, even though it is not up to regular seminary standards.

The other room is the study and bedroom for the two teachers. Although cramped for space, we find that the Bible is taught just as well in this barn as in our luxurious seminaries in the United States. I dare add that just as good ministers are trained in this barn as in our seminaries at home. After all, Jesus was born in a stable.

CONFERENCE OF THE SLAVS

Last Fall I was invited to attend the conference of the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Union which convened in Frille. Having been told beforehand that the conference would convene in the local Evangelical Lutheran Church, we headed our car toward the tower of that church when we arrived in Frille. But to our surprise we saw, upon entering the sanctuary, a robed pastor going through rituals which are uncommon to our Baptist faith. I couldn't imagine as to what might have happened to our Slavic brethren. But upon closer investigation I discovered that this was not a meeting of the Baptist conference but rather a meeting of the local state church.

Upon inquiry I learned that the Baptist conference was meeting at the local gymnasium. I learned later that the conference was to have met in the local state church but that the local pastor found it necessary to deny the use of his church to the conference because of special meetings which were arranged and which happened to fall on the same date as that when the Baptists had their conference.

We quickly found our way to the gymnasium where the opening evening service of the conference was already in progress. Here I found about 250 Slavic Baptists from all over Germany. The Union is made up of displaced Russians, white Russians, Ukrainians, Lithuanians and even a few Estonians. Russian is the language which is used at such a conference because it is understood by all of them. Although not able to understand a word, nevertheless I was inspired by their apparent earnestness and sincerity and enthusiasm as they preached, sang and listened. I made a feeble attempt to sing their hymns in their own language. It was not too difficult so long as one of the brethren stood near me, singing loudly into my ear.

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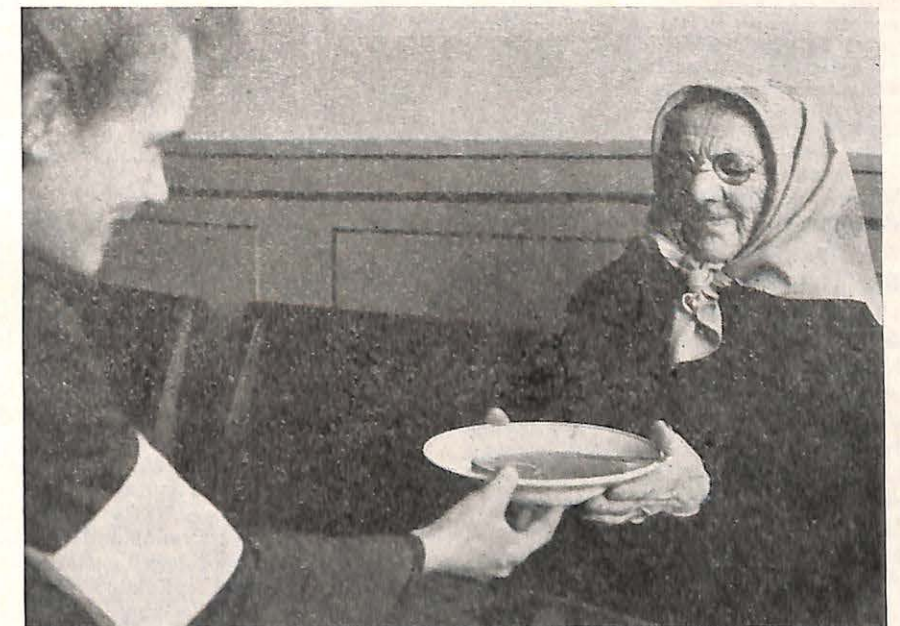
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After the evening session, I left with some of the leaders for the seminary building (barn) where we partook of the evening meal consisting of potato salad, some very black and hard to digest bread, and some unimaginable coffee. I think I squeezed through that meal alright without offending my brothers in Christ. But when the same menu was served for breakfast and again that following noon, I began to wonder if I could manage to keep up my good front.



Jesus said: "I was hungry and ye gave me to eat, and inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:35 and 40.

During the morning of the second day of the conference, I addressed the group through an interpreter. Then followed a period of questions. I discovered that all questions which were asked centered about the possibility of emigration.

THEIR HOPES FOR A HOME

These people, without home or future, long for a home some place in the world which they might again call their own and where they can again begin to live as normal human beings. They also long for a place where they can pursue the way of happiness which in their mind is an existence without the constant fear of the Rus-

sians who might come at any moment. They know that if the Russians did start something in Europe and if they did come further into Germany, that Russian Displaced Persons would be the first who would be put to death by them. This constant threat naturally makes them nervous and anxious to go somewhere where they can live without fear being constantly in their hearts.

I am thankful that I was able to promise them that the Baptist World Alliance would do whatever was within its power to get them out of Germany. We are thankful for our Baptist friends in America and elsewhere who are willing to take in some of these people, giving them a new start in life. They are good people. They believe in Christ and they believe that the great Savior of mankind will save them from their present distress. They also know that they belong to a great Baptist world fellowship. It is up to us to prove to them that their faith in this fellowship is not shaken. We must do what we can to help these people toward a new life.

Changes in Our Publication Schedule

A Statement to "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald" Readers Prior to the General Conference Session by the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager

THE PUBLICATION Board at the annual meeting in April, 1949 voted to submit two important recommendations to the General Conference. One calls for the bi-weekly publication of our German periodical, "Der Sendbote," and our English periodical, "The Baptist Herald," beginning with January 1, 1950. The plan of bi-weekly publication received much thought and consideration during the past few years and the Board felt that it is necessary to recommend action now. The reasons for the recommendation are herewith stated.

FRUITS OF "DER SENDBOTE"

"Der Sendbote" is now in its 97th year and through all these years has served as one of the official publications of our denomination. Its value as a means of inspiration, promotion, education, missionary endeavor and unifying influence cannot be described in words. The fruits of "Der Sendbote" are found in the lives of men and women who were devoted and loyal in promoting the growth of our denomination.

At the present time "Der Sendbote" has a circulation of 4200 which includes the United States, Canada, South America and Europe. This is a loss of 2000 from the previous year and is explained by the cancellation of subscriptions to Germany when funds for this free distribution were exhausted. Despite the over 6000 subscription list of the past year, the publishing loss of "Der Sendbote" amounted to \$7,189.23. This coming year with only 4200 subscribers is bound to show a greater loss.

The problem of a publishing loss is not new to the Board but it is a matter of deep concern that, as the years went by, the number of subscribers decreased which meant a loss of income and at the same time the production costs increased. This also meant an increase in the annual deficits. Despite these deficits the Board has always recommended the publication of "Der Sendbote" because of its particular value. The Board feels that "Der Sendbote" should be continued so long as there is a denominational or missionary need and the funds to cover the deficits are available.

OVERCOMING DEFICITS

To continue as a weekly publication while the number of subscribers is decreasing and the production cost is remaining at approximately the same

level means there will be an increased deficit. The problem is how we best overcome the increased deficit and yet continue the good influence of "Der Sendbote." It is definitely the desire of the Board to do everything possible to continue this German publication.

The plan recommended calls for a change from sixteen to twenty-four pages in "Der Sendbote" to be published every other week and at a reduced price of \$2.50 per year or \$2.00 in the Club Plan or \$3.00 to foreign countries. Canada and South America are not subject to the foreign country regulations. By using twenty-four pages every other week a splendid and greatly improved German paper can be provided at less cost per year than the present sixteen page weekly. The bi-weekly publication of "Der Sendbote" will mean a saving of approximately \$4,000 per year in production costs and this item alone should receive serious consideration in view of the greatly decreased income because of the subscription losses.

The reduced subscription rates will also mean less income but the rate will have to be less in all fairness because "Der Sendbote" readers will not receive as many pages per year as formerly. The important matter now is to find a way in which the denominational and missionary influence of "Der Sendbote" can be continued and the Board believes that a bi-weekly publication of "Der Sendbote," containing eight more pages than the weekly "Sendbote" and also containing new and inspirational and educational departments, will definitely continue the good influence of this publication and at the same time provide an exceptionally good German religious periodical for our German reading brethren.

TWENTY-SIX ISSUES A YEAR

"The Baptist Herald" is also to appear bi-weekly instead of semi-monthly from twenty-four to twenty-six issues per year, to retain the same number of pages as at present but be increased in price from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per year with a Club Plan rate of \$2.00 and \$3.00 for foreign countries except Canada and South America. This past year "The Baptist Herald" had a subscription list of over 8000 and yet it showed a production loss of \$6,221. Under the bi-weekly publication plan with the increased rate, the Baptist Herald should show an increase of approximately \$3,500 in income. It will naturally help reduce the deficit.

Both "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald" serve as promotional agencies in the development of our denominational life and activities. For this reason both papers are subsidized. Recent years have seen a tremendous increase in the cost of production and increasingly it becomes a problem as to how to meet the publishing deficits. Our denomination has only 40,000 members and a record of over 4000 "Sendbote" readers and over 8000 "Baptist Herald" readers shows that our reader percentage is very high.

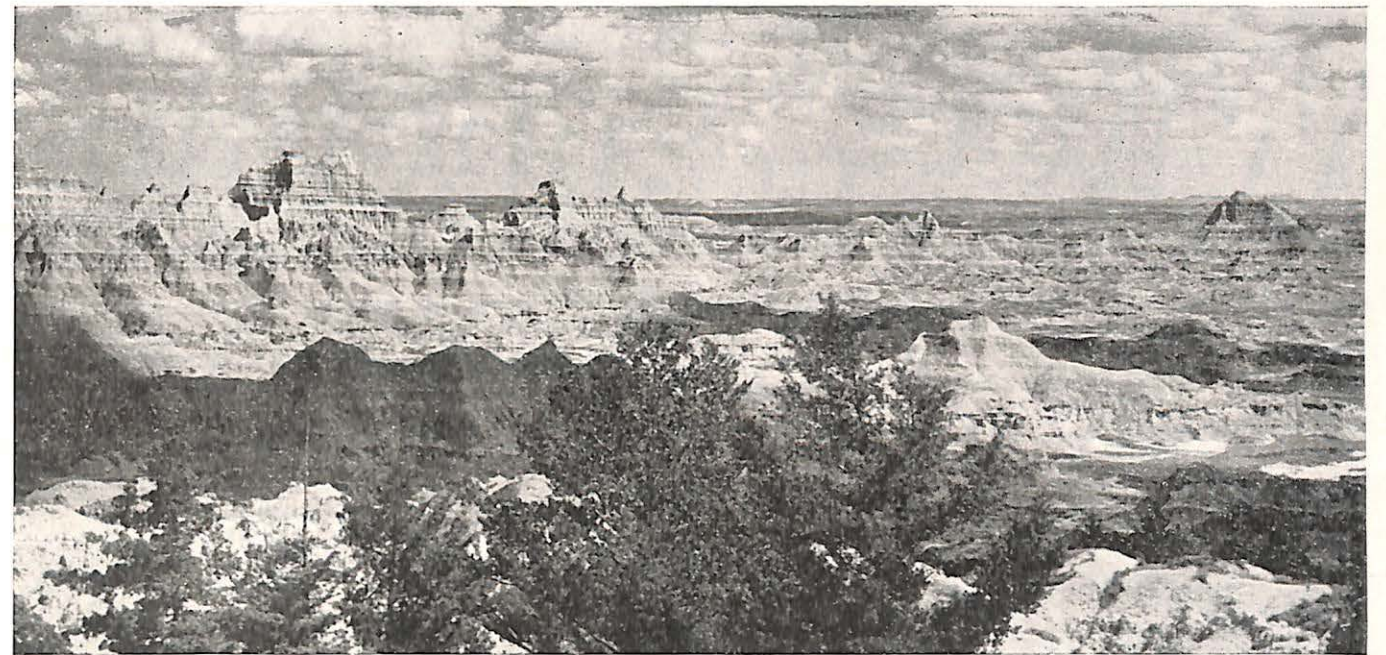
PRINT SHOP OPERATIONS

One way of overcoming a deficit is to gain new subscribers but our difficulty is that our field both in the German periodical and in the English periodical becomes quite limited. The Board believes that a price of \$2.50 per year for the bi-weekly twenty-four page "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald" is definitely a fair price, in view of present day costs and the purposes for which the papers are published.

Another important reason for publishing bi-weekly is that it will make possible the establishment of a schedule of operations in the Print Shop by which one paper will be published each week. Those acquainted with the problems of a printing plant know how much this means for efficient operation. At present we need to publish two papers approximately every other week and so very often the Publishing House is hard pressed to get the papers out on time. During recent years the amount of printing done at the Publishing House has greatly increased and it certainly would make for far greater efficiency and much more prompt delivery if our two major publications were printed bi-weekly.

REGULAR DELIVERY

The Board feels that the bi-weekly plan will therefore be a forward step toward the easing of the financial problem connected with our publication, that it will help to bring about a more prompt and regular delivery, that it will equalize the amount of reading material furnished to both the German and English reading brethren, that it will help tremendously in the Bookkeeping Department, the Subscription Control Department because all prices will be uniform. Beyond all of this there is the conviction that a bi-weekly publication will not only continue but also strengthen the remarkable influence



A Colorful View of the Bad Lands in the Western Part of South Dakota, One of the Scenic Wonders of the Dakotas —Ewing Galloway Photo

of our two splendid denominational publications.

The second recommendation deals with our "Cheerful Sower." This is to become a weekly publication of four pages and is to be a trifle smaller in size than the present paper. The intention is that it be distributed each Sunday among the Junior and Intermediate age young people of our Sunday Schools. There has long been a desire for this type of publication which would be our own. It is to contain missionary, evangelistic, inspirational, denominational, educational and Scripture material and, of course, will also carry the usual good Christian stories.

The subscription price will need to be \$1.00 per year per copy or \$.90 a year in clubs of five to nine, or \$.85 for ten or more. It will also be necessary that the number of subscriptions be not less than 5000. This new paper would be published monthly, that is, the required number of copies each Sunday of the month would be sent to the churches in one shipment. We believe that a publication of this kind will be a great blessing to our people.

It is the conviction of the Publication Board that great care needs to be exercised in giving all of our people the best possible publications. The printed word is a great power, a power to build, to strengthen and to attain victory. The Board also believes the General Conference is fully aware of this fact but also aware of the many problems connected with the publication of periodicals in this our time. It, however, believes that as God has led so wonderfully in the past, he will lead us now unto the path which will lead to the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Last Call for Sioux Falls

An Important Announcement About the General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., from August 22 to 28

For the benefit of those who have not as yet made a room reservation for the General Conference, to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28, I wish to advise that there are still plenty of sleeping rooms to be had. If some have delayed sending in their reservation blanks or letters because they were not sure they could attend, or because they were afraid that there might be no place for them to stay, let me urge that they do so at once. Advance reservations

THE STORM

By Mrs. M. ZURBRIGGEN
of Sumner, Iowa

I watched the blinding lightning
Cleave the leaden sky;
The thunder roared and crashed,
Shaking the very earth
As tho' in violent contact.

And every time
The cloven sky revealed to me
The glory of the heavens
Just beyond.
For in the lightning's flash
I saw the Lord.

Anew I felt the power of his love;
He is the All-Wise One,
The Father of the universe
Who in the hollow of his hands
Holds LIFE.

There IS NO DEATH!
For He is EVERLASTINGNESS.

indicate that this is going to be the largest and best attended General Conference we have ever held. But in spite of this, there is still room for more.

Everything is shaping up wonderfully. The Coliseum will be a grand place to hold our meetings and to make educational displays of our various activities as a denomination. The various breakfasts, luncheons and banquet as well as community Sunday dinner have all been arranged for. Tasty meals, plus a feast of wit and wisdom is promised all who attend.

Where no date of arrival has been specified on the reservation blanks, I am assuming that arrival will be on Monday, August 22nd, and am making their reservation accordingly. These facilities having been set aside for their exclusive use, the conference visitors will be expected to pay for same, starting August 22nd, as is customary.

If someone who has made a reservation finds it impossible to attend, I should be notified of this fact promptly. Co-operation on the part of all is essential. After August 1st my address will be:

ARTHUR SCHWERIN
c/o Carpenter Hotel,
Sioux Falls, No. Dak.

to which address all correspondence should be sent.

What's Happening

● On Sunday afternoon, June 5, the Rev. Dale Chaddock, pastor of the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, baptized three converts in an out-of-door service held at a picturesque pond on the farm of Mr. Merwyn Betz. At the communion service in the evening, these converts were given the hand of fellowship by the pastor. On Children's Day, June 12, five little children were dedicated to the Lord in an impressive dedicatory service.

● The Rev. C. Martens, pastor of the Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba for the past four years, recently resigned and served the church for the closing Sunday on July 3rd. During the summer and fall months Mr. August Bertsch of Venturia, North Dakota, a student at our Rochester Seminary, is supplying the pulpit of the Moosehorn Baptist Church. He began his ministry on July 10 and will continue throughout October.

● The Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas has called the Rev. John Wood of Denver, Colorado as its new minister. He was graduated from Rockmont College in Denver in May, 1949. He held a former pastorate at Cedaredge, Colorado and has also worked under the American Sunday School Union. He is married and has a four-year-old son. He began his ministry at the Bethany Church of Kansas on Sunday, July 3rd, succeeding the Rev. Ronald Stabbert who is now residing in Tacoma, Wash.

● On Sunday evening, June 19, the Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Clay St. Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., baptized twelve converts and received these and five others at the communion service held on Sunday morning, June 26. The first Vacation Bible School conducted in the history of the church was held from June 14 to 24 with an average of 200 pupils and twelve teachers in attendance. Miss Norma Robertson, church worker, served as the principal of the Vacation Bible School.

● On June 2nd Eunice Ontjes of Aplington, Iowa and the Rev. Otto R. Schmidt of Rochester, N. Y., formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Fessenden, No. Dak., were married at the Aplington Baptist Church. The Rev. Fred Schmidt of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., and the Rev. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa officiated. About 200 friends of the couple attended the

RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES OF LEONA ROSS AND LAURA E. REDDIG

Miss Leona Ross, our missionary in South China, returned to the United States on the "S. S. President Wilson," arriving in San Francisco, Calif., on June 20. Because of the Communist victories and the resultant unsettled conditions in China, it has been impossible for her to continue her important ministry in China.

Miss Laura E. Reddig, our missionary in the Cameroons, arrived in the United States by plane on July 6. She will have no scheduled series of speaking engagements until the General Conference in Sioux Falls, After visiting with friends en route, especially in St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday, July 10, she went to her home at Cathay, No. Dak., where she is now staying with her brother, Mr. Albert Reddig, and his family.

wedding ceremony and reception. The Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schmidt are residing in Berkeley, Calif., where Mr. Schmidt has enrolled as a student in the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

● The North Side Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is now being served by Mr. B. F. Taylor as its pastor. This is one of our newest churches in our denominational fellowship. The church has good mission prospects, and as a result is now receiving some financial aid from our General Missionary Society. Mr. Taylor, who comes from Texas, is tendering a fine ministry in the Sioux Falls church.

● The Baptist Church of Minnetonka, Manitoba conducts a radio program every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 A. M. (Central Standard Time) over station CJGX in Yorkton, Sask. This program called, "Streams of Blessing," is conducted in German by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, and singers of the church. For two and one-half months of the summer the Rev. Henry Schroeder, music director of the Christian Missionary Alliance Bible School at Regina, is serving as the pastor's assistant at the Minnetonka and Swan River churches.

● The trio of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, known as "the C.T.I. Harmonettes" completed a tour of more than two months to our churches in the United States and Canada on Sunday, June 26, at Minnetonka, Manitoba. The trio is composed of Margaret Benke of Leduc, Alta., Darline Thole of Stafford, Kansas and Erna Schwanke of Westlock, Alta. They began their tour on April 11 and visited about 50 churches. During their final week they attended the Homebuilders Assembly Camp at Lake Dauphin and gave a concert in the nearby St. Rose Baptist Church.

● At the communion service on Sunday, June 5, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to eight new members. One of these came by letter. The others had followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, May 15. The church was privileged to enjoy the ministry of Miss Ann Swain, Scripture Memorization worker, in April, of the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary in May, and of the Rev. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany in June. A Teachers' Training Course was conducted by the pastor with 25 persons enrolled. Seventeen completed the course.

● The pulpit of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., is being supplied during the summer months by Mr. Eldon Janzen of Morris, Manitoba, a student at our Rochester Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Janzen are both rendering a greatly appreciated ministry in serving the church in this capacity. The Vacation Bible School of the church was held from July 5 to 15. On June 15 Mrs. Ida Macoskey of the Evergreen Church observed her 80th birthday. She is the mother of Dr. Walter Macoskey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., and of Margaret Macoskey, the secretary and assistant to Dr. William B. Lippard of "Missions" magazine.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at Harvey, North Dakota from June 28 to July 10 with four churches of the community participating, including the Baptist Church of which the Rev. A. Buhler is pastor. The Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Mich., served as evangelist. This was his second engagement in Harvey in 1949. The

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meetings which were held in the High School auditorium attracted attendances up to 570 persons. There were about 18 converts. The Baptist Church held its first service in the new edifice on Sunday, July 17. This church building was built at a cost of about \$15,000 for the materials, besides \$15,000 worth of labor contributed without charge by enthusiastic members of the church.

● The Baptist Church of St. Rose, Manitoba has renovated the interior of its edifice with many extensive improvements at a cost of \$860 and with much contributed labor. On Friday evening, June 24, the young people from the Manitoba Homebuilders Camp at nearby Lake Dauphin joined the congregation of the St. Rose church for a program of missionary pictures shown by Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary. On Sunday morning, June 26, Mr. Leuschner preached at the Baptist Mission at Ochre River, Manitoba to a fine congregation of more than 50 people. This mission is being conducted with much encouragement by the Rev. August Kraemer of the St. Rose church regularly on Sunday mornings.

● On Sunday, June 16, the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, celebrated its 85th anniversary. The Rev. George E. Riday, secretary of Christian Education and Youth Work of the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society, and the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, brought greetings. The Rev. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Mich., a former pastor of the church, brought the morning message and in the evening the young people presented a very effective missionary play. Bethel Church, located in beautiful Indian Village, has mothered four other churches and now has a budget of \$53,000, given by 855 members. About forty-five percent of the total income goes to missions. The Rev. J. Lester Harnish is pastor of the Bethel Church.

● The Baptist Church of Fessenden, No. Dak., held a reception for its new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Link, on Sunday evening, July 3rd. The Rev. Daniel Klein of the nearby Germantown Baptist Church was in charge of the service. The address was given by the Rev. Walter Schmidt of the Cathay Church. Greetings were extended by representatives of the church as follows: Mr. George Fuhrman for the deacons, Mr. Dale Kost for the young people's society, Mrs. James McBain in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society, and Mr. John Schmidt for the Sunday School. On Sunday, June 26, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fuhrman of the Fessenden Church observed their golden wedding anniversary with about 200 relatives and friends in attendance and at which Mr. Vernon Link spoke.

The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

By the REV. ROBERT S. HESS of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

ANSWERING THE CALL

THE SCENE opens by the sea of Galilee. In the days when Christ walked by the sea is was surrounded by prosperous cities, touched by a prosperous route, and abounded with fish. One day as Christ was walking along the shore he saw a group of men occupied with fishing and mending nets (Matt. 4:18-22). He called them to discipleship.

above and supernatural. God uses humble instruments to accomplish his work that all glory might be to his Name.

There can be an over emphasis on academic standing to the injury of divine calling, spirituality and Biblical wisdom. The writer has taken advantage of higher education but he realizes that his college and graduate training did not make him a minister of the Gospel. God calls and makes



Rev. Robert S. Hess, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., and Editor of "The Pilgrim's Guide" in "The Baptist Herald," Standing With His Daughter in Front of the Church's Bulletin Board

We have at least five recorded references in the Gospels to his call to the disciples. His calls were progressive as was the revelation of himself. They were called to believe, to train, to dedicate, and then commissioned. In verse 17 we have a general call to all the country. Our text records a special call. In the development of this text we will consider: (1) Candidates for Discipleship, (2) Call to Discipleship, and (3) Consecration in Discipleship.

CANDIDATES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

When some cause is seeking supporters, they look for a Socrates or an Aristotle. But not so our Lord. Though he had a Paul, he did not look for candidates among those of academic or ecclesiastic position (Verses 18 and 21a). Those in power by riches or politics were ignored. He called unlearned fishermen to be his disciples. It was the Gospel of the Kingdom they were to preach, and this teaching and power to convert sinners and establish his Church were from

a person a minister. Academic training does not qualify a man to preach the Gospel. Neither does the lack of it disqualify a man when he is called of God. Happy and fruitful is the man who is called of God, Spirit-filled, and academically trained!

Christ saw in these fishermen more than meets the natural eyes. He saw them as they would be in the future. He knew their weakness and coming failures, but he knew also their coming vicories. We must have faith in people, trusting God to make them what they can be by his power. Beware of cynicism.

Observe that these candidates for discipleship were all employed. There is no place in God's service for a lazy person. It is the usual thing to find in our churches that the Christians who will do an extra task are already busy.

Here Christ calls these fishermen to take a definite step (Verses 19 and 21b). They were following Christ as ordinary believers while continuing in their occupation, but this is a

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Tawah, Son of Thunder

A story in seven installments of a beautiful collie dog which changed the course of life for two young people

By JOYE HOEKZEMA from the book, "Swift to Answer,"
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SYNOPSIS

Chad Garrison was in love with Jill Macon, who was a heart-catching slip of girl, a picture to take any man's breath. But she was also very much attached to Tawah, a beautiful, big collie dog. The two young people made plans for an apartment in a three-room housing project but there was no place for Tawah according to Chad. But one day the dog saved Jill's life when a terrifying cramp seized her while swimming. That settled it! Chad promised to keep the dog with them! They were married and moved with the dog into a tiny apartment in a big city. One evening they were invited to the apartment of their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. David Briggs. At the dinner table Dave Briggs told his wife that Dick Martin, a working partner of his, had accepted Jesus Christ. His wife, Nina, was anxious to hear more as Jill and Chad sat and listened in blank surprise.

CHAPTER FOUR

"THERE isn't much to tell," Dave said humbly, but his voice throbbed with happiness. "I've been having little conversations with my working partner for weeks now, just telling him what the Lord Jesus Christ has meant to me, what a miserable fellow I was until I met Him one night, how He has made me a new creature . . . and today Dick admitted he owed

God something, too. You see Dick saw some pretty rugged service in the Pacific. He fought in the Islands for three years, and he says he knows he was kept by a Power bigger than he is. So today I told him, that if he felt he owed God something, he should pay the debt right now and square accounts."

"And what did he say?" Nina breathed, her face shining.

"He said he knew he ought to square accounts, but he didn't know what he could do that would repay the Almighty for bringing him back safe. It was right then I asked him if he had the Testament he had carried through the war. And he dug it out of his inside pocket, all worn and dog-eared and shabby. And I asked if he had read it. And he said 'no,' he just carried it as a sort of good luck charm. We sat down on the bench then, and I told him to open it and find out what God had to say in the book He had written. I started him out with Psalm 51:5: 'Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.' That sorta surprised him because he thought he was

a pretty good fellow, never having done anything very bad. He looked doubtful, so I had him turn to Romans 3:10: 'As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one,' and Romans 3:23: 'For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.'

By that time he was sitting on the edge of the bench and looking like somebody had walloped him one. He wanted to know why, if God considered him a sinner, He had spared his life and brought him back home safely. So I turned the pages to Titus 3:5 and he read it out loud: 'Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.' And then Romans 5:8, 'But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'

"After that I didn't have to urge him to read. He was so interested he shook, 'You mean,' he said, 'that God cares enough for individuals like me, to send this Christ to die for sin?'"

Nina laughed. It was a small, tremulous sound, pregnant with tears,

"Oh Dave, it wasn't hard after that to lead him to the Lord, was it?"

"I'll say it wasn't. When he read John 1:12 — 'For as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name,' he looked up at me and said, 'Dave, does that mean me?', and I said, 'It means you, Dick. By accepting the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, as your Lord and Savior, you are born again into the family of God, and become a son of the Almighty. You admit you owe God something, Dick. You cannot offer Him less than yourself, now can you?'"

"You should have seen his face. You know what a big stout fellow he is, brawny like a blacksmith. Well, he just broke down and cried like a little kid and after a long time he said, 'If you think God wants me, here I am, and I said, 'I know He wants you, fella. He says so, right here in His book. Now it says in Romans 10:9, 'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.' Will you confess Jesus, Dick?' And he said he would and that's when we got down on our knees and he asked God to forgive him his sins, and, like a child, asked Christ to come into his heart and clean things up. And when we arose, Dick was a new creature in Christ. It was beautiful to see. I showed him the page in the back of his Gideon Testament where there was a confession of faith in Jesus and a place for his name and the date. And he signed it right then, with an old stub of a pencil. Ink would have been blotted with his tears. Man, is he happy!"

Jill couldn't seem to get a deep breath. She was half-frightened, half-thrilled and altogether bewildered. She saw that Chad was almost as much at sea as she was, yet mixed with his confusion, was a sharp uneasiness which evidenced itself at once.

"I'm surprised that Dick would be interested in religion," he said.

Dave's smile was warm, "He isn't interested in religion, He's in love with a Person," he corrected gently, "the beautiful Person of the Lord Jesus. Once you meet Him, Chad, you will understand. There is no experience in life like it . . ."

"So you've told me," Chad interrupted, and Jill was surprised to hear a note of irritation in his voice. "Have some more cold ade. I'll get ice cubes . . ."

Dave flushed under the rebuff, for it was a rebuff, but he made no further effort to force the subject.

"I've had enough to drink, thanks. We'd better be going now . . ."

When the door had closed behind them, Jill said wonderingly, "I wonder why they were in such a hurry to

leave. I have sherbet in the ice —"

Chad, already on his way to the shower, turned and gave her a disgruntled look, "Maybe they prefer their own rooms to this kennel," he said snappishly.

For a moment Jill was cold despite the punishing heat, "It wasn't Tawah's fault they left," she defended indignantly. "If it was anything, it was the crusty way you answered Dave when he was trying to say something about — about this Person, Jesus!"

Chad stopped in the doorway and stared at her. The room was so still that Tawah's panting was loud in the next hall. "I wasn't crusty!" he denied uncertainly. "Why should I be?"

"I don't know. But you were. You didn't like knowing about the experience this Dick Martin had."

Chad flushed. The accuracy of her diagnosis made him strangely angry. "Why don't you mind your own business!" he muttered unreasonably, and banged the bathroom door behind him.

Jill often wondered later, how they ever got through that summer and early Fall. Had it not been for the passionate intensity of their love, they would have quarreled often and savagely. Tawah was usually the innocent victim, though there was a deeper undercurrent to their disagreements, as though the dog was only an excuse for their emotional tempests. But, oddly enough, it wasn't until October, when the weather had cooled to the crisp comfort of autumn, that their contentions flared into open war.

Chad had been working overtime for weeks, and the strain was beginning to tell on him. He had little opportunity or energy for any kind of social activity. Occasionally they went to the movies or took Tawah for a run in the park. But life was fast assuming the monotonous pattern of many another family on a swing shift.

And then one night Chad came home early and the instant he stepped through the door, she knew he was excited and happy. Jill heard him greet Tawah with boisterous enthusiasm and then sing out eagerly for her, "Hi, funny-face. What's cooking?"

"Your favorite dish," she called, her spirits lifting without yet knowing the cause. "How come you're home at four o'clock?"

He appeared in the doorway, bare-headed, his blue shirt sleeves rolled to the elbows, his gray eyes dancing youthfully. Without replying, he snatched her roughly into his arms and kissed her soundly, "Have I mentioned lately that I love you, Mrs. Garrison?" he demanded.

"Not since last night," she gasped, hiding her face against the brown column of his throat. "Why are you so excited, Chad?"

"Boy, I feel like a kid just led out of school!" he chuckled, giving her another bear-hug. "I don't have to work tomorrow, they're installing

some new machinery in the west plant, so we get two days off! But here's the surprise package, Sweetheart. Dave hatched it up on the way home. What do you say to the four of us driving to Birch Lake tomorrow morning? Dave says there's a kind of lodge open up there all year 'round — rustic, but plenty of good food. We can lay around and rest and maybe fish a little. How does it sound?"

"Wonderful! Only —"

"Only what?"

"Only, if you have two whole days off, I sort of wish we could drive out to my folks."

"I thought of that," Chad said, still holding her in the curve of his arm and rumpling her hair absently with his chin. "But our tires aren't very good and I hate to drive that far. Birch Lake is only thirty-five miles, and, naturally, Dave and Nina would rather go to the lodge."

"It ought to be a load of fun," Jill agreed hastily, not wanting to blunt his pleasure. "Maybe we can go home around Christmas, — on the train. What time do we start in the morning?"

"At the first sniff of dawn," he told her, grinning. "I'm going to dig out my fishing tackle right now."

"Look at Tawah," Jill giggled. "He knows something is afoot!"

It was true. The dog was planted squarely in the kitchen doorway, his expression that of exaggerated pleasure, his feet ridiculously sprawled in a posture he had learned from past experience, usually brought a laugh from his human gods.

"Poor dog," Jill said, tossing him a meat scrap. "He has endured confinement pretty patiently. It's no wonder he forgets his dignity at the prospect of two whole days of liberty."

Chad made no immediate reply, and Jill looked up to find that he was frowning.

"What is it?" she demanded sharply. "What's the matter now?"

Deliberately, he went to the sink and drew himself a drink, so that his back was toward her when he answered, "Tawah can't go with us, Jill. Dave's tires aren't even as good as ours, so we'll have to drive our coupe. There won't be room for him. You ought to know that."

Jill dropped the meat fork. "Are you kidding?" she demanded, staring at Chad's rigid back. "If necessary, Nina and Dave can sit in front with you and I'll sit in the rumble seat with Tawah!"

Still Chad didn't face her. His knuckles around the glass were white with pressure — "We've got a lot of things to pack in, Jill. Please don't be difficult, Honey. There just isn't going to be room for the dog."

"But what are we going to do with him?" she questioned, too surprised as yet to feel resentment.

"We'll take him to a boarding ken-

nel," Chad said firmly, and now he turned, the muscles of his jaw hard and stubborn. "He'll be perfectly safe there until we get back. And, for once, let's not be sentimental about him. After all, he's only a dog."

"Have you forgotten the morning he kept me from drowning?" Jill demanded, looking small and forlorn and indignant all at once.

Chad set his glass down hard. "I expected you to throw that in my face," he said harshly. "You're reminded me of it every time I've wanted a little freedom from that dog. When I wanted to join the bowling team, it was 'no' because we had to exercise the pup. When we were invited to the Morris' cottage for Labor Day, we had to stay here and stew because you wouldn't go without Tawah. I've taken him for runs when I was tired enough to drop, but if I dared to grumble, you'd have promptly reminded me that he was a hero. If you had to make a choice between us, there's no doubt where your loyalty lies!"

"Chad Garrison!" Jill gasped furiously. "You — you actually sound jealous!"

"I am. And why shouldn't I be?" he challenged, knowing that their quarrel was ridiculous and more angry because of it. "I've played second fiddle to that dog ever since we were married. We've regulated our lives to suit his needs. I work like sixty all day and play nursemaid to him at night! And I haven't complained because he's a swell dog and I like him. But by cracky, this is once when he's staying where a dog belongs! There's no room for him and that is that!"

Tawah crowded suddenly between them, a puzzled whine trembling in his throat. He had caught the threatening note of rage in Chad's voice, and now he pressed against Jill protectively, the whine turning to a soft, questioning growl.

"It's all right, boy," Jill said thinly. "Go lie down!"

Chad stalked out of the kitchen and the dog sank down across the doorway, his ears full of bewildered misery. Occasionally that almost soundless whimper came to his throat and his tail moved in a mutely questioning half-way. Every time Jill looked at him, her indignation grew. "Only a dog! And all this time Chad has been resenting him! Oh I wish I could walk out of this right now!" she stormed silently, as she slammed plates onto the table in the breakfast nook and piled bread in a neat heap. She knew it was all silly. It was such a small thing to quarrel over. And yet, life was made up of small things, and strangely enough, she realized that most of living was but a series of little adventures, little problems, little emotions. Great difficulties were a challenge and seldom formed the basis for marital rifts. It was little things,

little irritations (like a dog, and a small flat), that caused the real troubles. No doubt other couples scrapped over just as silly trifles. She knew she should quench her wrath, but right now she felt no softening and so she let her rage burn.

She heard Chad in the hall closet pulling out his fishing tackle with ungentle hands. The joy had gone out of him. There was nothing left now but stubborn hurt and wrath. Jill should have been sorry, but she wasn't.

"You've got to be shut up like a prisoner!" she muttered stooping to pat Tawah's head. "I've seen those little cages they board dogs in, scarcely room to turn around. You'll think you're being punished for something . . ."

Dinner was a miserable meal eaten in stormy silence. And then Nina and Dave came over and they had to hide their bitterness and talk over plans for the morrow. But when Jill went into the kitchen for some lemonade, Nina followed her —

"Will you mind very much leaving Tawah?" she asked bluntly, her gentle eyes searching Jill's face. "Dave says Chad is planning on leaving him in a kennel."

"There's no other place for him," Jill said, ignoring the first question. "He'll be safe enough, I suppose."

"Yes, he'll be safe enough," the other agreed. She hesitated a moment, as though hunting for words to express some difficult thought. Then she said, without quite meeting Jill's eyes, "Chad has been working terribly hard lately. Isn't it grand he can have this little rest? I hope nothing spoils it."

An ice cube slid into the sink with a small splintering sound. The noise of it was somehow strangely related to the chill around Jill's heart. Nina, she realized, was trying to tell her something. In effect she was saying that she hoped Jill wouldn't let Tawah interfere with Chad's pleasure. It was plain enough where her sympathy lay.

"You think I'm very selfish to keep Tawah in the apartment, don't you?" Jill asked sharply.

Nina flushed and shook her head in embarrassed denial. And then, as though hating her own cowardice, she straightened her shoulders and met Jill's angry glance squarely.

"It's — it's none of my business," she said breathlessly. "It's — it's just that I want you and Chad to be happy together." And then she hurried from the kitchen, as though afraid of Jill's reply.

To all outward appearances, the holiday had a serene beginning, but Jill's heart was, in reality, locked in a vise of misery. Not for an instant could she forget the picture of Tawah, standing puzzled and questioning behind the fencing of the runway, the whimper in his throat very urgent.

It was Chad who had gone back with the last word of encouragement, "Be a good fella!" Jill heard him say, and there was a bit of huskiness in his voice. "We'll bring you the juiciest bone we can find." But Tawah had watched them out of sight like a condemned prisoner, and the sound of his parting sob haunted her through the brief trip to the lake.

Her nerves were raw by the end of the first day, but somehow she managed to keep her bitterness hidden from the other couple by a pretense of gaiety. Between Chad and herself, however, there was a polite coldness, more terrible than the first hot anger they had experienced. Not once had Tawah been mentioned, but his shadow stood grimly between them.

It was at the close of the day, when a young moon rode high in a cloudless sky, and the lake was glass beneath the stars, that Dave said with simple dignity —

"Nina and I always have devotions before we retire for the night. Won't you folks join us?"

Jill wasn't sure just what he meant, but Chad answered without hesitation, "Sure thing. Where shall we go?"

"How about taking a boat a little way out in the lake. We can't see to read out there, but we can quote Scripture from memory."

Chad's laugh had an edge of embarrassment now, "Maybe you can, fella, but all I can remember of the Bible is 'Jesus wept' and 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' That's not going to help much . . ."

"Never mind. We'll have a pleasant time to fellowship, anyway," Dave said, and the four of them climbed quietly into a small boat anchored by the dock.

Jill's heart stirred from its apathy. There was wonderment in her now and sharp questionings. Nina and Dave acted as though this was the usual and natural thing, to push out from land in a small boat, to sit silently for a moment under the arc of magnificent stars, to have, what they had just called "devotions." Jill trailed her fingers in the warm water, listened to the small, lonesome voices of the night, and waited with a strange tightening of her throat. It was Dave who began softly in his deep rich voice:

"'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. Selah.'"

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

HOW A DUCK SAVED RICHARD'S LIFE!

By ADNA BYRD.

"Mom, may I go down and feed these scraps to the ducks?" The small boy looked pleadingly up at the tall, handsome woman. It was such fun to carry scraps down to the lake and feed the wild ducks that made their home there.

"Mom, old Limpy comes right up and eats out of my hand. He lets me stroke his head and back. Old Limpy is fun."

Richard's eyes were bright and merry, his face glowed with joy. He was holding the precious bag of scraps close in his arms.

His mother looked broodingly down upon her small son. She or his father usually went with the lad, but today his father was away on business. And there was to be a meeting of members of the Red Cross in her home. She couldn't leave. Then, Richard had gone alone several times and returned safely. It was as Richard's father pointed out; the boy was not a baby any more. Why, he would be nine his next birthday, and should be treated as a nine-year-old.

"You must be careful, son. This mild weather has softened the ice. You stay ashore and call the ducks," cautioned his mother.

"I will, Mom. Old Limpy comes when I say 'Quack, quack!'" He imitated the bird. And his mother burst into laughter.

"No wonder, Richard. You sound like a duck."

Old Limpy was the duck someone had shot down and not retrieved. Richard and his father had found the wounded duck. They had brought him home and patched up the poor creature's crippled body. It had responded to care and kindness and grown strong again. But Old Limpy had been grounded for life. He could not fly and he limped. His waddle was comically lopsided, his quack so cheery that one laughed with him, thereby forgetting to feel sad over his misfortune.

"May I go now?"

"Yes." Richard's mother bent over and kissed him.

"Goodbye, Mom!" He dashed for the door and clattered down the walk. His speeding feet soon brought him to the lake's edge. He called eagerly:

"Quack, quack!" Silence greeted his ears. There was not the usual

noisy welcome when a flock of nearly a score of ducks came quacking forth. Where had the ducks flown to? Where was old Limpy?

"Quack! Quack!" cried the boy, a note of distress in his shrill voice. "Quack, quack!"

"Quack," came the lone reply. And Richard's eager eyes spied Old Limpy sitting alone near a bush. Anxiety for the bird drove caution from the boy's mind. He rushed onto the rubbery ice, making his way towards Old Limpy. He had gone about twelve feet from the shore when the ice gave way. He plunged into the icy water. He remembered his mother's warning too late.

"Quack, quack!" answered old Limpy dolefully. And the wind blew weird sounds into the loneliness. Richard shuddered in his icy bath. Tears came to his eyes.

"Oh, Limpy, Limpy," he appealed to the only living thing besides himself, the duck that was sitting huddled on the ice a few feet away. "What am I to do?" A shuddering sob shook the boy.

The duck raised his head, turned it to one side and peered at the lad.

"Help! Please God, send help before I freeze to death. Please, God!"

Old Limpy got up, waddling towards Dick. What happened then will linger in Dick's memory as a modern miracle.



Two Long-necked Giraffes at the Brookfield Zoo Near Chicago, Illinois Are Eagerly Looking for Some Nice Green Leaves to Eat

"Help!" he shouted. But it was a lonely spot. No one heard his cry, "Help!"

His eyes spied a rope on the ice. He remembered that it had been stretched along the bank to keep people from the nesting place. Now one end had broken from its iron post and the loose end blown out by the strong spring winds was lying on the ice by Old Limpy, tantalizingly close, yet out of Richard's reach.

"Help," screamed Richard shrilly.

CHILDREN'S PAGE EDITOR

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As the old duck started to move, the frayed ends of the rope moved with him! The strands were frozen by a thin crust of ice to the drooping wing of the crippled old bird, which had huddled beside the rope! The boy nearly ceased to breathe as he saw the duck advancing with the rope trailing behind him. Would Old Limpy bring it or drop it?

"Please, God," prayed the little boy, "make him bring it to me."

Old Limpy waddled steadily forward. The rope followed him. At last Richard eagerly grasped it, while the old duck looked somewhat startled at the boy's vigorous movements.

"Oh Limpy, — O God, thank you!" he cried gratefully. By the aid of the rope, Richard pulled himself onto the ice, out of the water, and ran home.

The tale he had to tell amazed older people. But one boy firmly believes God took his own peculiar way of answering a prayer.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



An Open Letter from the Rev. R. C. Schmidt at the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Georgia

While I was superintendent of a Public High School in North Dakota, I served as a student pastor of one of our North American Baptist Churches, namely, the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, No. Dak. In the Fall of 1947 I started my studies at Central Baptist Seminary at Kansas City, Kansas, and was ordained at the First Baptist Church of Peabody, Kansas of which I was pastor at the time.

On August 29, 1948 I was stricken with polio, which paralyzed both legs, my stomach, chest and back. On September 8, 1948 I was transferred to the Trinity Hospital at Minot, North Dakota. While there many of the people from the Rosenfeld Church came to visit me.

On May 5, 1949 I was transferred here to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation at Warm Springs, Georgia. God has caused me to improve much and it thrills my heart to know that our God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. During these days, how precious have been the words of 1 Peter 1:7-8.

Many of our good people reading "The Baptist Herald" have been concerned, and have evidenced that concern in a wonderful way so I would appreciate your printing this report in part or in full in the columns of "The Herald."

Pacific Conference

Forty-two Children at the Vacation Bible School Held at Startup, Wash.

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash. from June 6 to 16 with an average attendance of 42 children. Classes were held from 9:00 A. M. until noon.

After sending out invitations to many homes in the surrounding community, we were rewarded by having many children at our school who do not attend a Sunday School. We are very grateful to Mrs. A. Larson and Rev. R. G. Kaiser who provided transportation for the children.

The daily schedule began with children marching into the church and giving salutes to the United States and the Christian flags and also to the Bible. A brief worship service was then led by Miss Ann Swain, principal of our school. The children were divided into four classes. The Beginners

were taught by Miriam Kaiser and Florence Rappuhn, the Primary children by Mrs. R. G. Kaiser and Mrs. Mary Schals, the Juniors by Miss Ann Swain, and the Intermediates by Mrs. Dorothy Hieb.

A mission offering of \$11.80 was given by the children to help build a hospital in the Cameroons' Mission field. On Thursday evening the children gave a demonstration program for the benefit of parents and friends. May the seed that was sown in these two weeks soon grow into a fulness of Christian living!

Dorothy Hieb, Reporter.

Fifty-ninth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Los Angeles, Calif.

On Sunday afternoon, June 5, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., observed their 59th anniversary. A combined program and choir concert were enjoyed by one of the largest audiences that has ever attended. The nearly-filled auditorium was surely encouraging to everyone. It was also a red-calendar day because we were privileged to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our young people's secretary, as the guest speaker for both the morning and afternoon meetings.

First, a short word of welcome was given by Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, president of the Missionary Society. The choir then opened the musical part of the program by rendering five beautiful anthems, directed by our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt. Mrs. Ruth Wetzler, our faithful organist, played the accompaniment. The choir, which consists of 32 voices, never fails to render two anthems every Sunday morning even during the summer months.

Interesting reports followed giving the accomplishments during the past year. These were given by Mrs. R. Baer, secretary pro tem; Mrs. I. Jesch, treasurer; and Mrs. E. Hufnagel, White Cross chairman. The tireless efforts of the society as they carry on their White Cross work for the missionaries in the Cameroons, the orphanages, as well as the home mission work, reminds us of the old adage, "A woman's work is never done." As Mrs. Hufnagel read excerpts from Missionary Laura Reddig's letter, it warmed our hearts to hear how much these efforts are appreciated.

A short missionary playlet was presented entitled, "Here I am Lord, Send Me." To highlight the program, we were privileged to hear the Rev. J. C. Gunst who gave an appropriate and heart-searching message on "Women Serving With Christ." His inspiring message was based on the

words found in John 11:5, and were a challenge to everyone who heard them. The offering amounting to \$87.42 was designated for our denominational foreign mission enterprise.

We are very happy to report that new broadloom runners for our church auditorium and platform have now been ordered. The month of May was designated for this purpose and special offerings came in every Sunday. The response was overwhelming and a total sum of \$641 came in answer to the appeal.

Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Revival Meetings, Ground Breaking Service and Baptism at Shattuck, Oklahoma

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Frank Armbruster, is privileged to relate a few of the blessings which the Lord has so graciously given us recently.

Revival meetings were held some time ago with the Rev. Otto Patzia from the Connors Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., as evangelist. Two men confessed Christ as their Savior during the meetings and one young lady came by letter. Mr. Patzia's messages brought in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, were indeed a spiritual treat for all of us.

On Sunday afternoon, May 1st, ground breaking services were held for our new church on our lot in Shattuck with the Rev. Otto Patzia as speaker. He chose as his text, Nehemiah 4:6, to encourage us in the work of the Lord and especially in the building of our new church. The Lord willing, we plan to build immediately after harvest.

On Sunday, June 12, a baptismal service was held in God's great outdoors. After an impressive service at the lake, conducted by our pastor, Rev. Frank Armbruster, the candidates followed the Lord in baptism. On the same evening the hand of fellowship was extended to those who had been baptized, as well as the one received by letter, after which the Lord's Supper was observed.

From May 26 to 29 it was our privilege to be host to our Oklahoma Young People's Institute. Miss Margaret Kittlitz was the guest speaker. Her messages gave us a new vision of the needs on our Cameroons Mission field and a greater determination to pray and sacrifice more for the cause of Christ in Africa.

Mrs. Alex Kline, Reporter.



Young People and Faculty Members at the Iowa Christian Life Camp Held at Iowa Falls, Iowa

One Hundred and Thirty-five Children at the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp

Seven o'clock, and the shrill notes from the whistle of the Rev. F. G. Ferris, dean of the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp, sounded into every corner of the camp held from June 6 to 10 at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. In a few minutes all the nests were astir as noisy Flickers, and saucy Bluejays vied with chatter in Sparrows and gentle Doves to get to breakfast first. Soon a line 135 persons long was forming in front of the dining hall. This was the annual camp for all boys and girls who had completed courses 4 to 9 of our National Scripture Memory Courses. Dean Ferris had divided the campers into bird groups and for four days kept them happy in a program of varied activity.

After breakfast they gathered in the chapel for morning devotions and then it was class time. Classes were divided according to courses and here they learned more interesting facts about the Bible, first steps for young believers, and how to grow in Christian character. Teachers were Mrs. A. A. Stackhouse, Mrs. A. D. Wirth, Rev. Loyal Funk, Rev. J. H. Kruegel, Rev. Wm. Trow, and Rev. John Kroeker. Between classes there was a play period and an hour of singsgiving and testimonies led by Rev. Harold Fischer.

Afternoon recreation was led by Mr. Merle Brenner who arranged volleyball and baseball tournaments and, best of all, time for swimming and boating. Before supper the boys and girls gave their own program built upon their contributions of music, stunts and imitations. Some very fine talent was evident as could be expected when so many "birds" get together. Even Mr. Kruegel's violin did its parts by telling the story of Jonah. A missionary story followed but missions really came to life when Miss Margaret Kittlitz, our Cameroons missionary, arrived. Miss Kittlitz knows boys and girls and delighted them with her stories of African people and their habits and the antics of Chippy, the monkey.

Thoughts became very serious in

the short evening service as Mr. Ferris and Mr. Stackhouse talked to them about how necessary it was to have Christ as their Savior and of keeping their lives ready to serve the purposes of God. Several decisions were made for Christ and many resolved to be better witnesses. At one service the boys and girls presented the Bibles which they had purchased for the Scripture Memorizers on the Victoria field in Africa. Miss Kittlitz accepted them in behalf of Mrs. Alma Henderson and told more about the progress on that station.

Just before bedtime was the "Fun Frolic," and then it was time to go to their nests. Here counsellors guided their groups in evening devotions before taps were sounded by Dean Kohrs, the camp trumpeter.

Behind scenes, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, camp manager, saw that food, equipment and facilities were ready for their enjoyment. And they did enjoy camp, for the last words to be heard as they drove away from camp were, "We'll see you next year."

Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Eighty Young People at First Iowa Christian Life Camp at Iowa Falls

Eighty young people from the church at Baileyville, Ill., and from all the North American Baptist Churches of Iowa gathered for their first Christian Life Camp from June 12 to 18. The camp, which replaced the annual convention, was held at the Iowa Baptist Assembly grounds at Iowa Falls.

We were encouraged to become greater "Vessels for the Master's Use" through messages brought by our two guest speakers, Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of our General Conference, and Mr. Harold Gieseke, vice-president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers Union. Challenging messages were brought at chapel and vesper services by our guest speakers and the Reverends C. F. Lehr, James Brygger, Howard Johnson, Dale Chaddock and Herman Lohr.

Six classes were offered the campers — three each period. A class on "Lessons in Soul Winning" was taught by the Rev. Arthur Ittermann; "The Christian Devotional Life" by Rev. C. Fred Lehr; "What Baptists Believe" by the Rev. Martin DeBoer; "Book Study: First Timothy" by the Rev. J. J. Renz; "The Christian and Amusements" by Mr. Harold Gieseke; "Courtship and Marriage" by the Rev. Alfred Bernadt and Mr. Kenneth Meilahn.

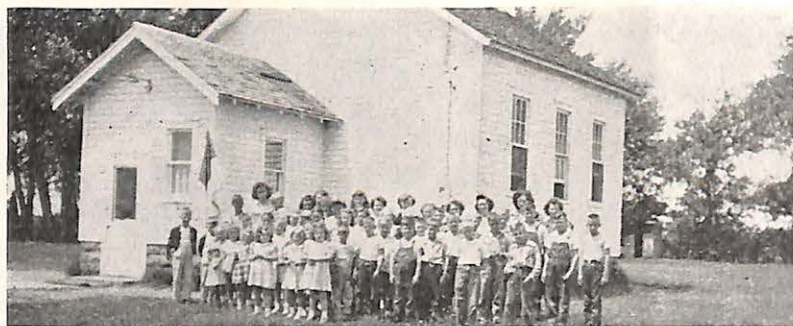
Special music was presented by the camp choir, male chorus and the ministers, chorus under the direction of Rev. Arthur Ittermann. The male quartet of Aplington, Miss Shirley Miller of Victor, Louis Chenette (marimbist) of Aplington, and Rev. James Brygger of George favored us with special numbers at some of our services.

Camp officers were: president, Willis Potratz, Sumner; camp dean, Rev. William Jeschke, Sumner; camp pastor, Rev. C. F. Lehr, Aplington; music director, Rev. Arthur Ittermann, Elgin; registrar, Rev. Herman Lohr, Parkersburg; assistant registrar, Miss Ellen Lehr; recreation director, Rev. Howard Johnson, Steamboat Rock; camp nurse, Miss Mildred Willeke, R. N., Aplington; lifeguard, Rev. James Brygger, George.

At the annual business meeting held on Friday, June 17, it was unanimously decided to have a camp again next year. Other highlights of this session were the announcement by the treasurer, Floyd Schneiderman, that we had gone "over the top" in missionary project giving, the adoption of a \$2500 mission project goal, and the election of officers.

The past president, Willis Potratz of Sumner, was reelected to office. Louis Chenette of Aplington became the new vice-president; Janice Bohstedt, Victor, secretary; Carroll Stover, Sheffield, treasurer. The following appointments were made by the president: project promotor, Rev. Arthur Ittermann, Elgin; editor of "The Crossroads," Ellen Lehr, Aplington; camp dean, Rev. William Jeschke, Sumner; assistant dean, Rev. Howard Johnson, Steamboat Rock.

Ellen Lehr, Reporter.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Conducted by the Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa in a Nearby Rural Schoolhouse

The Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa Holds a Rural Vacation Bible School

From May 31 to June 4 the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, conducted a Vacation Bible School that was set up to reach the children in the country. It was held in the two rooms of a little rural schoolhouse. Forty children were enrolled. Teachers in the three departments were: Mrs. William Jeschke and Mrs. Robert Sage (Beginners); Mrs. Louis Horsely (Primary); and Miss Marva Potratz (Junior). Rev. William Jeschke and Miss Shirley Messerer assisted. Others helped by transporting the children in their cars.

The excellent Scriptural material that was used emphasized the Gospel message and prepared the children's hearts for Decision Day. On Friday Mr. Jeschke gave a heart searching

Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa. It was the largest Bible School that we have ever had in our church. We gathered children from all directions within a radius of about ten miles. Transportation was furnished by various members of the church donating the use of their cars and time to go out and gather in the children. The teachers also brought loads of boys and girls.

There were 68 pupils enrolled and eight teachers. The average attendance, including the teachers, was 62. There were boys and girls from about six different churches. The parents and friends who came to attend the closing program filled the church to overflowing. The total offerings taken during the two weeks of school and at the closing program amounted to \$108.95. The accompanying picture has 58 pupils and eight teachers on it, taken the last day.

Dale Chaddock, Pastor.



Children and Teachers at the Vacation Bible School Held by the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa

appeal which resulted in twenty of the boys and girls accepting Christ as their personal Savior.

On Saturday a picnic was featured to which forty-six children came. There was every sign that the school would be promoted so as to draw even more next year. Sunday evening's program, which drew so many to the little schoolhouse that the floor needed to be braced from below, consisted of interesting demonstrations of the many things that the children had learned and had done in the one busy week. Prizes and awards were then presented to pupils and teachers.

Marva L. Potratz, Reporter.

Sixty-eight Pupils Enrolled in the Vacation Bible School at Victor, Iowa

This year was a blessed year for the Vacation Bible School held by the

Special Programs and Happy Events in the Church and Parsonage, Randolph, Minn.

On Sunday, May 29th, the Rev. Ben Zimmerman of the Baptist Church at Randolph, Minn., had the joy of baptizing seven young people on confession of their faith in Christ. These young people had taken their stand for Christ some time ago and had been receiving weekly instructions on the Christian life. They were also extended the hand of fellowship into the church at the communion service.

Recently the young people of the church presented the play, "The Light in the Window," directed by Mrs. Nathan Lufi. It was also given at the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minn. On Sunday, July 3rd, the church remembered and recognized the fifth anniversary of Mr. Zimmerman's pas-

torate in the Randolph Church.

A son, named Donald David, was born on June 6th to the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Zimmerman. This is their first child and he brings much joy into the hearts of the parents. The baby was born on the same day that the Rev. Ben Zimmerman received his B. A. degree from Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. Recently the Baptist Church at Randolph helped Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in the form of a reception given in their honor.

Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Evangelistic and Missionary Fervor at the Alberta Convention Held in Edmonton

During the days of June 13 to 19 the Alberta Convention held its 49th session with the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. Those days that we as God's children spent at the Alberta Convention will always remain memorable for we were led to heights where we could get a renewed and a deeper and more meaningful glimpse of the Eternal.

The ever timely topic, "The Way of Salvation," was used as the theme of the convention and was discussed in its various aspects by the different pastors of the convention. The guest speakers, the Rev. C. F. Zummach of Peoria, Ill., and Dr. T. W. Bender, professor at our Seminary, inspired us with challenging messages in the evenings.

From the reports by the different churches in the convention we could not help but sense that an enthusiastic and a progressive spirit prevails in our churches. With but one or two exceptions the churches reported of progress, and the encouraging thing about them was that the churches were not growing because of members they had gained from other churches but because men and women were being won to the Lord Jesus Christ.

That there is a missionary spirit in the convention and that God's people still have visions was evidenced by the endeavors of the convention. Throughout the convention days plans were made for the work that the organization will undertake to do. Little comment, if any, was made as to the amount of money that would be required to carry out this program but when on Sunday the missionary offering was received the substantial sum of over \$900 was gathered. Part of this money was designated to help defray the expenses of the extended missionary work in the Peace River district, another portion was designated toward the promising Indian Mission work, and a still further portion was designated to the Seminary Removal Fund.

To the officers of the past we take off our hats and say, "Well done." To the newly elected officers we extend our hands and say, "The Lord bless you and lend you his grace for fruitful service."

Isador Faszer, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Saskatchewan

The Baptist Ladies' Aid of Spring-side, Sask., Canada held its annual program in the church on Sunday, May 1st. Our president, Mrs. Julia Yanke, opened the meeting and welcomed a very large audience. A good program was rendered consisting of quartet and duet numbers, recitations, a dialogue and several selections by our ladies' orchestra and songs by the group.

Our treasurer reported about some of the work we had done in the past year. We sent a good number of parcels overseas to Europe for the needy, and helped in the mission enterprises as well as at home. A fine offering, amounting to about \$180 was received, and all of it will be used for relief to Europe.

Every month we hold our meeting which is always well attended. We try to glorify God in song, prayer, readings and testimonies. We have 39 active members. It is our prayer and desire that God might give us strength to carry on and do his will "and not be weary, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Mrs. Edith Breitzkreuz, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Rempel and Sharon at Hebron, North Dakota

Sunday, May 22, was a very happy day for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., for on this day we welcomed our new pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Rempel and Sharon who came to us from Venturia, North Dakota.

Mr. Rempel gave us a very appropriate message at our morning worship service. In the afternoon we again gathered at the church for our reception program. Our friends of the reception program. Our friends of the churches had been invited for this occasion. After the moving words of welcome by the representatives of all the organizations and visiting churches, we gathered in the social rooms of the church basement for a light lunch and "Get Acquainted" hour.

We definitely feel the presence of a "shepherd" once more as we pray that God may use us in building his Kingdom.

Irene Fehr, Reporter.

Fifty-four Children Enrolled in the Vacation Bible School at Underwood, No. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota held its Vacation Bible School from June 6 to 10. Our faculty included our pastor, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, who served as director. Mr. Paul Riess, a student of Dallas Theological Seminary of Dallas, Texas, was in charge of the Junior Department and also taught music. Miss

Darlene Radke taught the Primary Department and was also the school pianist. The teacher for the Beginners' Department was Mrs. Emma Blatchford.

We were also fortunate in having Miss Luverne Michelson, a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Illinois, with us. She had charge of the Beginners and Primary Music and taught the flannel-graph lessons for all departments. Miss Laura Knippleberg and Miss Edna Gruenich were the assistant teachers.

There were 54 children enrolled in the school, which everyone felt was a good enrollment. The Heavenly Sunshine Material was used in all departments. The stories were all illustrated with flannelgraph. The pupils brought a mission offering every day and this will be used to help bring the Gospel to the children who have never been privileged to hear the Word of God.

We closed our Bible School on Friday, June 10, with a picnic for the children in the Underwood City Park. On Sunday evening, June 12, we gave our demonstration program. Many of the parents attended this service. Our sincere prayer and desire are that the seed which was sown might bear fruit unto life eternal.

Darlene Radke, Reporter.

Welcome Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler at Plevna, Montana

Sunday, June 19, was indeed a happy day for the Baptist Church at Plevna, Montana. For ten months the group there had faithfully carried on the work without a pastor, meanwhile praying and hoping that the Lord might direct one of his servants into their midst to carry on. Now, this desire was to be fulfilled in the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler and family from one of our Canadian fields.

Mr. B. Huber, the senior deacon, acted as chairman at the reception. As the new minister and his family entered the church for the morning worship, the entire congregation rose to sing, "Wir begrüßen euch all." In his initial sermon, Brother Beutler stated clearly that only faith, love, prayer and cooperation can mean victories through the coming years.

The official reception took place in the afternoon. The Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, pastor of the Berlin Baptist Church at Fredonia, No. Dak., delivered the welcome address, after the Rev. Wm. Kahlert, interim pastor of the Baptist Church at Washburn, No. Dak., had read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer. Next followed the various greetings by members of the church organizations. Both the men's and mixed choirs added to the joyous mood of the afternoon. After all had spoken, the Beutlers replied, deeply moved by the reception given them.

The rest of the afternoon was spent informally around the tables in the basement upon which the women had placed a variety of food for a lunch.

William Kahlert, Reporter.

Cornerstone Laying Exercises for New Berlin Baptist Church near Fredonia, North Dakota

High on a hill overlooking a beautiful countryside near Fredonia, North Dakota stands the new Berlin Baptist Church. Directly behind and slightly to the side, like a shadow of the new giant church, stands the old building, which for approximately 41 years has served its people well but which now has become wholly inadequate for its task. Seeing the old building in contrast to the new in this manner, gives one a good picture of the physical and spiritual growth of the church people.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, members of the Berlin Church, as well as friends from near and far, came together for the cornerstone-laying ceremony of the new and practically finished edifice. The morning service was held in the old church. After a brief Sunday School period the guest speaker, the Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck, No. Dak., told a story to the children and delivered a Pentecost sermon. The choir, under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker, sang two numbers. During the noon and supper hours lunch was served by the ladies of the church in the spacious basement of the new church.

In the afternoon we gathered outside in the bright sunshine for the laying of the cornerstone. Under the leadership of the energetic and enthusiastic young pastor, we sang well-known and well-loved songs from memory. Mr. Hunsicker then proceeded to read a fitting Scripture passage and led us in prayer. The main address of the afternoon by Mr. Kary followed. It was based on Solomon's prayer of dedication as found in 1 Kings.

A document, which told the history of the Berlin Church from the time of its founding, and which was later sealed in the cornerstone for future generations to peruse, was read to the group. Mr. Hunsicker said he was proud to be the pastor of a church with such a history. It was noted that the new church was the fourth building to be erected by the group.

The present pastor, the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, has served the church since 1943. Under the driving power of his leadership many improvements have taken place, notably the installation of individual communion cups and the introduction of the envelope system of giving. The latter has been very effective. One of the first things one notices among the Berlin people are the many young couples and the many infants and children. This is a healthy sign for the future of any church.

The head carpenter, Mr. Dockter of Jamestown, North Dakota, was chosen to seal the attractive cornerstone in its place. Indeed, he has reason to be proud of his handiwork. Those who have not as yet seen the building from the inside will be pleasantly surprised when they see it for the first time at the dedication in the Fall on Sunday, September 11. May God bless this undertaking of faith.

Mrs. Edward Kary, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School Is Held by Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

A full week of Vacation Bible School was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., from June 6 to 10. We had a grand total of 50 children registered, besides ten teachers, including our superintendent and pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman.

The Beginners' class enrolled 22 pupils. The ages ranged from 3 to 6 years in age. The children learned the Creation Story, engaged in coloring in their work books, and made some object to take home each day. The class was divided into two groups, one having been under the supervision of Mrs. Joe Werre and Darlene Kranzler, and the other under the direction of Mrs. John Kranzler, Pauline Palasch and Mrs. Al Kurzweg. Due to the large staff of teachers we were able to do a very worthwhile, creative work with each child.

The Primary Class studied, "God's Family — How to Belong to It and How to Live in It." Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman and Mrs. Shel. Preston were in charge of this group of ten lively youngsters.

The Intermediate Class had an enrollment of six boys and four girls with Mrs. Rudy Eisner and Mrs. Fred Kranzler as their instructors. These boys and girls had Bible studies revolving around such topics as, "What Is God Like?" and "How Can My Life Please God?" Two outstanding trips which they took were to the radio station KNOX where they were able to advertise our Bible School and to Arvilla Park with Dr. Wilson Baird of the University of North Dakota who explained plant life to them.

The Junior Class had an enrollment of eight. Their theme was, "The Use of the Precious Gift of God's Time to Us." They made a "Time and Talent" game, lapel pins and clock plaques, which all fitted into their theme with Bible verses and songs. The instructors for this group were Mrs. Charles Balogh and Mrs. A. Bibelheimer.

At the close of the school on Saturday, a picnic was held for the pupils and faculty at the Riverside Park. Ice cream was the treat for the school from its superintendent, Mr. John Stroh. The Bible school program was held on Sunday, June 12. The church was filled with eager children and a pleased audience welcomed the Gospel truths presented in words, Bible verses and songs from the children.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

Ordination Into the Ministry of the Rev. Norman Miller, Venturia, North Dakota

On Sunday, June 5, the Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota called a council from the neighboring churches for the purpose of setting Mr. Norman Miller apart for the Gospel ministry. The following churches were represented: Wishek, Linton, Eureka, Herreid, Ashley, Venturia.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. C. T. Rempel, the former pastor of the entertaining church. He also

extended a welcome to the visiting members of the Council. Following this Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, So. Dak., was elected chairman of the Council and Rev. Ervin Faul of Wishek, No. Dak., secretary.

Rev. C. T. Rempel introduced the candidate for ordination. Mr. Miller gave his testimony of his conversion, call to the ministry and beliefs. Following his testimony the Council met and accepted the testimony, as well as his definite call into the Christian work at Hettinger, No. Dak. A supper was served to the delegates, ministers, and the Miller family in the church basement.

The ordination program was given before a large congregation of about a thousand people. Mr. Fenske as moderator was in charge of the program. The prelude was by Audrey Schnabel. Scripture was read by Rev. Ervin Faul. A duet, "Is Your All On the Altar?" was sung by Gladys and Thelma Hoff. The ordination sermon was given by Rev. A. Krombein, followed by a solo by Howard Breitling. Following the reading of the minutes of the Council by Mr. Faul, and with the laying on of hands by the ministers, Rev. C. T. Rempel gave the ordination prayer.

The welcome into the ministry was by Rev. A. Huber. Mrs. T. P. Haas presented Mr. and Mrs. Miller with a Bible in behalf of the Venturia Church. A vocal solo, "I'll Follow Him," was given by Audrey Schnabel. The charge to the candidate or duties of a minister was by Rev. Walter Stein. A trio consisting of Irene und Hulda Dockter and Linda Bertsch sang the song, "Transformed." The charge to the church was by Rev. E. S. Fenske. Following a song by a male quartet of Linton, the benediction was offered by Rev. Norman Miller.

A social hour followed with a lunch served in the basement of the church. This was indeed a great blessing for the church to have this event take place in Venturia and we hope God will let us have many more similar events.

Audrey Schnabel, Reporter.

Fifteen Days of Union Evangelistic Meetings at Bison, South Dakota

Two meaningful weeks of spiritual impact ended on Sunday evening, June 12, for the community of Bison, South Dakota when Rev. L. H. Smith, former pastor of our church in Durham, Kansas, brought the closing message to a full and attentive house. These 15 days were times of unusual opportunity and a new venture in fellowship when both the Baptist and the Presbyterian congregations invited Mr. Smith to conduct the services. Although the needs of the two congregations were different, the basic cause in self-centered attitudes and living is the same. It was also again proven that the one Gospel, redemption through Christ as the only way of salvation, and consecrated living as the only proof and fruit of that salvation are the answer to life's needs and problems, whether the person be Presbyterian, Baptist or any other name.

The meetings were held in the new Presbyterian church which is just across the street from our Baptist basement church. Although the house was not always filled the interest mounted steadily with even the Saturday nights counting excellent attendances. A rousing Junior Chorus added its part, and the youngsters in turn gave happy attention to Mr. Smith's nature stories and object lessons along with the entire congregation, as through them he showed how wonderful and loving our heavenly Father really is.

During the second week of the revival a Vacation Bible School was also conducted for five days as a united work. The enrollment reached 45, and the fact that the average attendance was over 40 is proof that it was interesting to the children. This also added its fund to the spiritual impact and with Mr. Smith sharing his stories of God's providence and love with the children it became all the more a part of the revival effort. Persons were turned to God, some of them church members, and children and young people confessed the Lord Jesus Christ. A new chapter has been written in practical Christian fellowship in a community where the worldly majority has been more cooperative than those who are called by Christ's Name.

Our hope and prayer are that the foundation has been laid for a future to our Gnadenfeld Baptist Church of Bison, a future marked by that love and fellowship, that cooperative spirit of service of which Christ can and will be the Head.

A. G. Rietdorf, Pastor.

Large Crowds at the Northern North Dakota Association Held at Goodrich

The theme of our Northern North Dakota Association held at Goodrich, No. Dak., from June 16 to 19 was "The Glorious Christian Church." It was most fitting for the day in which we are living. Under the general theme the following topics were discussed by the various ministers present: The Primary Mission of the Church, The Church at Worship, The Triumphant Church, Conditions for a Successful Church, The Grace of Giving in the Church, The Place of the Church in the Christian Life, the Dynamics of the Christian Church. It was a real inspiration to hear the pastors expound the various topics.

Our guest speakers, Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin and Professor R. P. Jeschke of Rochester, N. Y., were listened to with great interest. The association was well attended, despite some rainy weather. On Saturday we had a Youth for Christ meeting, at which Prof. Jeschke was the main speaker. Dr. Meister was called upon to make a few remarks.

The Sunday services were conducted both in the Baptist and Evangelical Churches simultaneously. In the Baptist Church Dr. Meister spoke in the German language and in the Evangelical Church a service was carried on in the English language. Both churches were filled to overflowing. Many lives were enriched spiritually during the convention.

A. Buhler, Reporter.

Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of Northern North Dakota at Goodrich

The Woman's Missionary Societies of North Dakota have truly been blessed this past year. Our annual meeting was held in Goodrich, North Dakota, in connection with the Northern North Dakota Association, on Friday, June 17. Mrs. A. Buhler of Harvey led the morning devotions with an inspiring talk on "When Jesus Looked." At the business meeting Mrs. A. Fischer of McClusky was re-elected as president and Mrs. F. Knalson of Underwood as secretary-treasurer.

Our sixteen Ladies' Societies have a total of 342 members who raised the sum of \$8,684.06 this past year, a total of \$25.36 per member. Our afternoon program was opened with a song service led by Mrs. G. Zimmerman of Grand Forks and Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Cathay led in Scripture and prayer. Mrs. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich extended a hearty welcome to all. The Turtle Lake and Carrington societies rendered special musical numbers and Mrs. Gienger of Lincoln Valley gave a fine German reading. The Goodrich women presented an excellent dialogue reminding us all to give for God's Kingdom and not for our own selfish purposes.

Professor R. P. Jeschke of our Rochester Seminary spoke on the "Rewards of a Christian Life." It is human to look for rewards for the good things we do; in our life and often it is beyond our understanding how God is rewarding us but they become more fully known as we walk in Him. Professor Jeschke pointed out how the fellowship of love with God and our future blessedness are two of the great rewards of a Christian life.

Mrs. Fred Schmidt, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference Little Folks' Hour at the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City

To the program and activities of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., of which the Rev. Asaaf Husmann is pastor, a new feature has been added, the so-called Little Folks' Hour. The Little Folks' Hour is an extension of the Sunday School work and meets independently after the regular Sunday School is over. It commences at eleven o'clock with the German worship service.

All the children, seated in front of the sanctuary after having heard a story or special message given to them mostly by the minister, leave the auditorium for their workshop period. In the absence of restless or inattentive youngsters — obviously and admittedly — adults do worship better and at the same time the minds of their children are kept busy, their minds plus their hands.

During the Little Folks' Hour the creative approach to Christian religious education is taken. Things are done, projects made, which are worth-

Obituary

MRS. EMMA REUSSER of Elgin, Iowa.

Mrs. Emma Reusser of Elgin, Iowa was born on March 27, 1858 in Elgin and died on May 9, 1949 at the Walter Siems home in Danville, Iowa. Converted and baptized by the Rev. Wm. Schunke in 1884, she united with the Elgin Baptist Church. In 1888 she married Frederick Reusser and lived in the Elgin vicinity until 1940. Then she went to be with her daughters at Bloomfield and Danville, Iowa. She was noted as a devoted wife, mother, friend and church member.

Survivors are: Mrs. Lydia Siems, Danville; Mrs. Marie Randolph and Elmer of Bloomfield; Dr. Walter C. Laramie, Wyoming; Dr. John L. Normal, Ill.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; Miss Bertha Abbey, Cedar Rapids. The pastor spoke on her favorite text, Ps. 32:3, at the funeral service in Elgin. Her memory remains a blessing!

First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

ARTHUR ITTERMANN, Pastor.

MRS. ELSIE BECHTOLD and LEROY BECHTOLD of Lodi, California

Mrs. Elsie Bechtold, wife of Benjamin Bechtold, and the daughter of Fred Pfeifer of Galt, born on May 26, 1914 in Linton, No. Dakota, and a resident of Lodi, California for the past 18 years, and her only son, Benjamin Leroy, were suddenly taken out of time into eternity through a car collision on May 3, 1949. Mrs. Bechtold was converted and baptized in the year 1942 and had been a faithful member of her church. The Temple Baptist Church and community of Lodi were deeply saddened by this tragedy. Both will be greatly missed in their home, church and community. Mrs. Bechtold sponsored the Club Plan for "The Baptist Herald" in our church, was a member of the Young Adult Bible Class and the Ladies' Missionary Society. Her mother preceded her in death, and she leaves to mourn her untimely passing, her husband, father, six brothers and one sister.

Benjamin Leroy was 12 years old, born on October 10, 1936. Leroy was a faithful member of the church having accepted Christ as his Savior this Spring and was baptized on March 6, 1949. He enjoyed his Sunday School and Junior Youth Fellowship. He enjoyed life and led a fine, noble and upright life. He too will be greatly missed by his father, who was his constant companion, and by his many friends. Words of comfort were brought by Rev. Gustav Rausser, Rev. Gerhardt Schroeder and Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, their pastor.

"The righteous live forever, and the care of them is with the most High."

Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California

ARTHUR R. WEISSER, Pastor.

while to the teachers as well as to the little people. Boys and girls learn by doing. This comparatively new feature enjoys great popularity. Helmut Schlegel, Superintendent.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Rev. Julius Kaaz' Ministry Is Celebrated in Philadelphia, Pa.

On Wednesday evening, June 8th, an unusual event took place at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. Friends of the Rev. and Mrs. Julius Kaaz gathered in honor of his fifty years of service as one of our faithful ministers. At the same time, their 49th wedding anniversary was also celebrated.

In addition to the verbal expressions of congratulations, letters and tele-

MRS. FRANK JANZER West New York, N. J.

Mrs. Frank Janzer, nee Marschall, of Cliffside Park, N. J., was born in Hungary on September 13, 1889. In 1908 she came to America where she resided in Hoboken, N. J., and later in West New York, N. J., where she and her husband lived until six months ago when they changed their residence to Cliffside Park, N. J.

Up until the time of her recent illness, Mrs. Janzer was an active member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in West New York, N. J., having the distinction of having been one of the charter members. She will be remembered as a faithful attendant at the services and willing worker in the Woman's Missionary Society.

Surviving are her husband, Frank Janzer; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Marschall; her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Kozz, and four sisters, two brothers and one grandson.

Early in the morning of June 6, 1949 she slipped away during her sleep. Her church and pastor recognize the loss of one who worked and prayed for her church and its testimony.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

Ebenezer Baptist Church,

West New York, New Jersey

H. J. FREEMAN, Pastor.

MR. ALBERT WOLFF of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Albert Wolff was born in Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 1, 1880, and entered into his rest and reward on June 18, 1949 after a lingering illness of about four years. On Dec. 3, 1907 he married Miss Elizabeth Pelke and shared the joys and sorrows of life with her for over 41 years. In his early youth he was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ and received into the fellowship of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, where he remained a true and faithful member until the time of his death.

Brother Wolff was a hard working man, a kind husband and father, a loyal friend and a humble Christian. He never complained about his illness, and deeply appreciated all that was done for him. He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Schauer; and three sons, Edwin, Elmer and Vernon Wolff; a brother, William, eight grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends sincerely mourn his passing. Earth is poorer, but heaven is richer because of his home-going.

The funeral service was held in Crown Point, Indiana on June 21st. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder spoke on Numbers 23:10, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." May God grant all a glad and eternal re-union in heaven.

East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

HENRY R. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

Picnic Luncheon for Ministers of New York and New Jersey at Passaic Parsonage

On Thursday, June 9, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Rowell of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Passaic, New Jersey were again hosts to the ministers and their wives of New York and New Jersey at a picnic luncheon in the parsonage at Clifton, New Jersey.

The day was everything that could be desired and the weatherman favored us with clear skies and a bright sun. As we gathered around the attractive tables and the abundance of good things to eat, one could not help but be reminded of that great day of reunion when the Lord Jesus and all his redeemed family shall be seated around the table at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Such times of fellowship as we enjoyed on June 9th are but a foretaste of that great day which lies ahead for God's children.

Those present were: Mrs. John Orthner, Mr. P. Bender and Rev. and Mrs. Emil Gruen from the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn; Rev. and Mrs. Asaf Husmann of the Emanuel Church, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt of the Second German Baptist Church, New York City; Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Cook of the Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J.; Rev. and Mrs. Norman Klann of the Second German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J.; Rev. and Mrs. Herbert J. Freeman of West New York, N. J.; Rev. Victor Hammond of Jamesburg, N. J.; Mrs. Anna Kreuger, Mrs. Anna Trippler, Miss Sophia Schroeder and Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Rowell.

After a time spent in the garden amidst blooming flowers and refreshing green bushes, photographs were taken and our "Adieu!" made until another time of meeting together for fellowship and refreshment.

Mrs. Anna Kreuger, Reporter.

Dedication Service, Children's Day Program and Missionary Meeting at Jamesburg, N. J.

On Sunday, May 22, a very beautiful dedication service was held by the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey in memory of Mrs. Wilhelmina Lange, one of the charter members of the Baptist Church of Jamesburg. A pew was dedicated to her memory by her daughter, Mrs. Ida Macoskey, and presented by the granddaughter, Miss Margaret Macoskey.

Mrs. Lange was the first president of the local Woman's Missionary Society and served for many years. In later years she was affectionately known as "Mutter Lange," and will be remembered by the older members of the church for her kindness, goodness and love. She went to be with the Lord at the age of 87.

On Children's Day, June 12th, a very wonderful program was rendered by the Bible School and at the regular morning service, eight children, Thomas William Dawson, Harriet Jean Dawson, William Richard Dawson, Delores Theresa Clinton, Victoria Linda Clinton, and Frank Katona, Jr.,

were dedicated to the Lord. Each received a white Testament.

Since the day was also a Missionary Sunday, the entire Bible School offering was given one-half to the North American Baptist General Conference and one-half to the Northern Baptist Convention for missionary purposes. Then at the morning service the Rev. Charles Gibbs, a retired missionary from China, gave a challenging and inspiring message to our people.

We are happy to say that the Bible School is increasing in numbers, having reached more than twice the number of three years ago. Church attendance keeps up, both in the morning and evening services.

Victor J. Hammond, Pastor.

Central Conference

Activities of the Ambassadors of the Fourth Avenue Church, Alpena, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Ambassadors of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Voss on Friday, June 10. The devotional period opened with group singing led by Mr. Reuben Thom. Scripture reading was chosen from Ephesians 4:1-16, and read by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Grenz. The president, Mrs. Morris Tripp, led in the closing prayer.

The business meeting opened with a roll call and minutes read by the secretary, Mrs. Omer Turnbull. The election of officers was as follows: Mrs. Morris Tripp, president; Mr. Leonard Schwenke, vice-president; Mrs. Omer Turnbull, secretary; Mr. Harold Voss, treasurer.

The Ambassadors sponsored the evangelistic services which were held in the church from July 24 to 31. The evangelists were the Rev. Bill Green and the Rev. Charles Henderson. The society is also conducting a Bible survey during the summer months. Bill Smith was elected as secretary for the survey, and Morris Tripp was nominated as supervisor. Mr. Leonard Schwenke is again in charge of our meetings which are held at the County Infirmary.

Doris W. Turnbull, Secretary.

Recent Memorable Events for the Beaver Baptist Church of Midland, Michigan

We of the Beaver Baptist Church of Midland, Michigan praise God for the ministry of Prof. T. W. Bender of Rochester, N. Y., who served us recently with a week of evangelistic meetings. The experience of a spiritual revival was again ours, and we were made to realize our shortcomings and our frailties when we stray from Christ. We were challenged to stand firm and united as a church for Christ, willing, humble, working cooperatively to "be doers of the Word."

On Thursday evening, June 9, the Gospel Harmonizers Quartet of our Rochester Seminary presented a sacred concert in our church. The presence of God was felt as the young men humbly brought to us their wonderful

messages in word and song. We were especially happy to have them because one of them, Adolph Braun, is a son of our church.

The Rev. Otto Patzia of the Connors Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was our special speaker for our young people's anniversary program on June 12. We were also happy to have the young people of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin share the evening of blessing with us. We know Brother Patzia from his student days of the seminary and therefore we had an evening of renewing acquaintances and receiving rich blessings as he spoke on "Magnifying the Name of Christ."

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School, that commenced on June 19, were closed with the children presenting a fine program, that revealed hard work and great achievements. We are thankful for the sincere devotion and sacrifice of the teachers in serving the little ones. The Rev. Fred Mashner is pastor of our church.

Marie Rinas, Reporter.

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special call to leave their nets and work in his vineyard. He called them to receive his teachings and follow his example. He said, "Follow me." The way to lead men to be saved by faith is to preach Christ and his Gospel. That same call comes today to believers. There is much work to do.

They were asked to sacrifice. It meant leaving home, less money, hardships and unpleasant means of death. He did not tell them of thrones on which they are to sit nor of their future greatness. They left all for Christ's sake only. They did not ask, "How much is in it for me?"

The purpose of the call was to make them "fishers of men." He would teach them how to cast the net of his Word. Too many professed followers are more interested in catching money and position than in catching men for God.

These verses are simple, beautiful, and full of blessing (Verses 20 and 22). They suffered the loss of all earthly things to gain all heavenly things. Mark and Luke say, "They forsook all and followed him." This means home, security and contentment to follow "the Stranger of Galilee." Some could not take it and forsook him, but these men remained true and became mighty "fishers of men." The nets may have been all they had but the important thing is that they left ALL.

It isn't the amount we sacrifice that is important, but it is very important that we give ALL and then be FAITHFUL until he comes again. Listen to Paul: "For whom (Christ) I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." He is calling today. How are we answering the call?