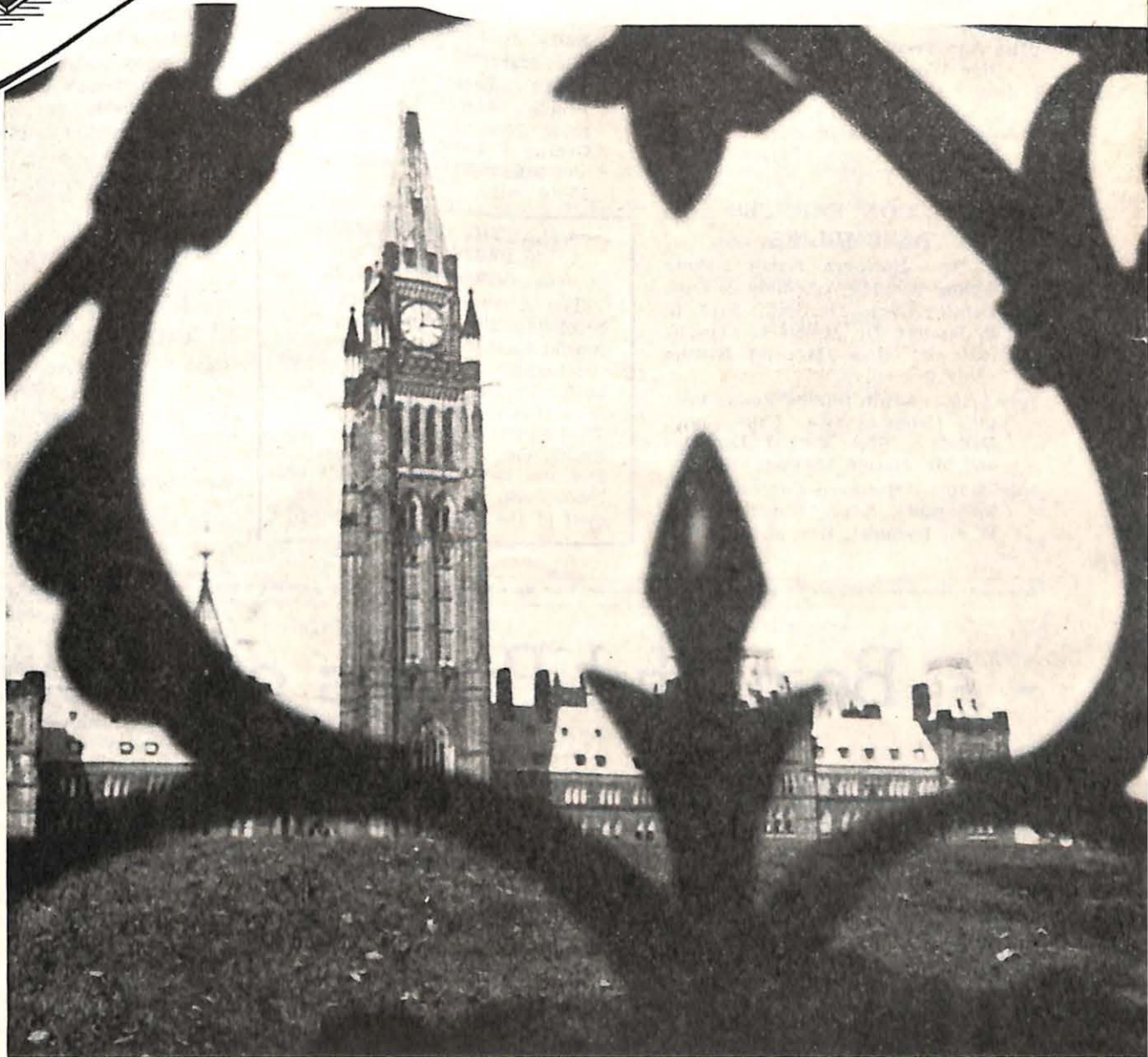




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# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist  
July 4-17 — Lyndock and Sebastopol Churches, Ontario, Canada.  
Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist  
June 26-July 10 — McLaughlin, So. Dakota.  
July 12-24 — New Leipzig, No. Dak.  
Miss Ann Swain, Scripture Memorization Worker  
July 3-10 — Bethany Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.  
July 11-17 — Pacific Northwest Assembly, Camp Retreat Near Seattle, Wash.

## SUMMER CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

July 2-9 — Northern North Dakota Young People's Assembly at Lake Bentley Camp, No. Dak. Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, and Miss Margaret Kittlitz (July 3-4 only).  
July 5-10 — South Dakota Young People's Camp at Swan Lake, South Dakota. Miss Martha Leypoldt and Mr. Harold Gieseke.  
July 6-10 — Northern Conference at Springside, Sask., Canada. Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Rev. E. P. Wahl,

Rev. Jacob Meister, and Mrs. H. G. Dymmel.

July 6-10 — Northwestern Conference at Jeffers, Minn. Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. A. F. Runtz, and Miss Margaret Kittlitz (July 6-7 only).  
July 9-10 — Michigan Tri Church Rally at Beaver Church, Mich. Miss Margaret Kittlitz.  
July 11-16 — Pacific Northwest Young People's Assembly at Camp Retreat, Near Seattle, Wash. Dr. George A. Lang, Miss Ann Swain, and Miss Margaret Kittlitz (July 15-16 only).

### ATLANTIC CONFERENCE in Philadelphia, Pa. from September 21 to 25.

The Atlantic Conference will meet with the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., from Sept. 21 to 25, 1949. This is a change in dates from that previously announced. The Rev. Robert S. Hess of Bethlehem, Pa., is moderator and the Rev. John Schmidt of New York, N. Y., is the chairman of the program committee.

## REV. JACOB MEISTER'S ITINERARY

Sunday Morning, July 3 — Calgary, Alberta.  
Sunday Evening, July 3 — Trochu, Alberta.  
Monday, July 4 — Edmonton, Alberta.  
Tuesday, July 5 — First Church, Leduc, Alberta.  
Wednesday, July 6, to Sunday, July 10 — Northern Conference at Springside, Sask.  
Tuesday, July 12 — Morris, Manitoba.  
Wednesday, July 13 — McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
Friday Evening, July 15 — Churches of Chicago Area at First Church, Paulina St. and Superior Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. Paul Leasure Gotebo, Oklahoma  
Rev. Roy W. Seibel 2925 Connor Waco, Texas  
Rev. Howard Weyant R. F. D. Cowlesville, New York

July 11-17 — Manitoba Young People's Assembly at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. E. P. Wahl.  
July 11-18 — Saskatchewan Young People's Assembly at Echo Lake, Sask., Canada. Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

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## IN THIS ISSUE

Dedication is the keynote of this number. The dedication of the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, reported by Laura E. Reddig, was a memorable missionary event in our denominational enterprise. The commencement exercises of our Rochester Seminary, reported by Dr. George A. Lang and the Rev. John Wobig, represent the dedication of young lives. The sermon by the Rev. E. O. Gutsche of Corona, South Dakota is a call to personal dedication. Even the picture of the Peace Tower that rises above the Canadian Parliament Building at Ottawa, Ontario ought to be a challenge to dedicate ourselves more fully to "peace on earth, goodwill among men."

## COMING

**Forward With Christ!** This sermon by the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., will serve as a stirring summons to all North American Baptists prior to the General Conference at Sioux Falls.

**And It Brought Forth Fruit** — The amazing story of the growth of God's work at Matengene, midway between Victoria and Buea, is dramatically portrayed by Miss Myrtle Hein, missionary, of Soppo, Africa.

**Memories of Yesterday** — The experience and adventures of a minister of fifty years ago are reviewed reverently and colorfully by Dr. Herman von Berge, who can now rest from his monumental labors for Christ at his home in Dayton, Ohio.

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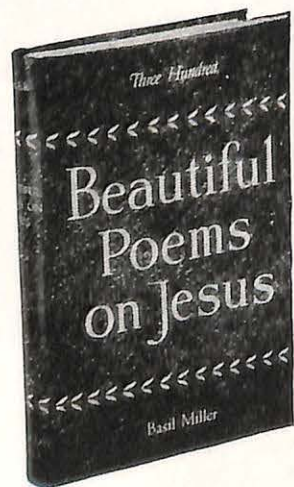
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# Editorials

By Martin L. Leuschner

## Canada Is God's Country, Too!

CANADA has a special charm and flavor all of its own. It blends the quaint beauty of the Old World with the spirit of aggressiveness of the New World. A visit to Canada is always an enchanting adventure which leaves colorful memories upon one's soul like the falling maple leaves in the autumn. It is on such a trip to the Canadian Commonwealth and to our churches there that the truth of these words is seen in a new light: "Canada is God's country, too!"

The parliament buildings at Ottawa rival the grandeur of some of the most important capitols in the world. Such a glimpse is seen on the front cover of this issue in honor of Dominion Day celebrated in Canada on July 1st.

The world traveller, Lowell Thomas, wrote with inspired pen when he remembered this scene at Ottawa: "Between the wings of the new, gray stone Gothic structure rises the Peace Tower, dedicated to the memory of some sixty thousand Canadians who sacrificed their lives in the first World War. In its belfry hangs a carillon of fifty-three bells, one of the most magnificent in the world. The sound of those mellow chimes at sunset as one stands on the bluff above the molten gold of the flowing river, looking out across the half-tamed shadowy reaches of the Gatineau Valley, looking off to the deepening purple of Quebec's Laurentian Hills, yes, there's an essence in that experience that, to me, is Canada; in a blending of the angelus with the wilderness; of responsible government with the obligato hum of industry and progress."

God's beauty is luxuriantly in evidence across the country of Canada. The rolling fields of Alberta in the summer time are a green meadow land that is delightfully pleasant to behold. The Rockies in Canada are more rugged and majestic than anywhere else until eyes and hearts are lifted heavenward as if in prayer to see them in their full splendor.

There is a friendliness about Canada's people that is down to earth, fundamental, contagious. The outer veneers of a sophisticated civilization are only infrequently seen. The simplicities of life count for much more in Canada. Sunday is more widely observed as a day of rest and worship than elsewhere on the North American continent.

The taut fibres of pioneer life are still molding Canadian thought and practise. The day of pioneers is not in the past. Because of this, the door to new immigrants from Europe is still open. There is a blending of various cultures and racial strains which makes Canada far more cosmopolitan in some ways than her neighbor across the border.

All of this has also had its wholesome influence upon our Canadian churches. There is a forward moving spirit which is definitely encouraging to our leaders. Church attendance and congregational singing are at a high peak for enthusiastic participation. The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton is a golden opportunity for young people which they seize with keen delight.

Both in admiration of Canada's grandeur and in thanksgiving for God's blessing bestowed upon our brethren in the Canadian provinces we shout exultantly: "Canada is God's country, too!"

### BIBLE TEXT

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

A word is such a little thing, and yet such great things for good or ill can be accomplished by it. The word of encouragement can do wonders to lift the drooping hands and give courage to the faint of spirit. The word of cheer can be like refreshing breezes on a hot day to calm the fevered brow of those who are suffering. The word of gratitude is always like incense that rises heavenward to bless both men and God. The word of faith can unite a human soul with his heavenly Father for all eternity. Such words are like apples of gold beautifully framed in pictures of silver, according to the prophet. They are priceless gems which we give to others out of the fullness of the treasures of our hearts.

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### BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We, as North American Baptists, NOW have our own missionary hospital at Banso in the Cameroons! That is a glorious climax to many pleas, plans and prayers. At the beginning of our missionary ministry in the Cameroons we sent out missionary-nurses and established temporary dispensaries. But this was not enough! God opened the doors for the sending of a first medical missionary, Dr. Leslie Chaffee. But more was needed! Then there came to us the providential offer of a hospital already established for us to take over. It has now been dedicated as the BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL. The illustrated story of that dedication in this issue is one of the most significant and momentous articles which "The Baptist Herald" has published in ten years. It is the story of God's victorious, onward march through the North American Baptist missionary enterprise.

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### CHINA CRISIS

There is definitely a crisis in China! That is true politically and economically as well as in the area of Christian missions. The future is shrouded in complete darkness. Christian people can only hope and pray that the light of the Gospel will continue to shine in the hearts of Chinese and that the door to Christian missions will not be altogether closed. Miss Leona Ross, our missionary in South China, recently wrote that she was intending to return to the United States by boat about June 12th. In view of the critical circumstances in China, she was given full liberty to make such a decision and to plan for her return if this should be necessary. The next issue of "The Herald" will probably be able to announce more about Miss Ross' return home.

# A Seven-fold "Take Heed!"

A Heart-searching Sermon  
by the REV. E. O. GUTSCHE of Corona, South Dakota

THE LORD JESUS, in his conversation with his disciples as recorded in the thirteenth chapter of Mark uses the expression, "Take heed," a number of times. This watchword is prevalent throughout the entire New Testament. Jesus had just made his great prophecy concerning the destruction of Jerusalem and the signs of the times. Now he warns them to "take heed," lest they be perplexed and deceived.

This admonition is applicable to all sorts and conditions of disciples, especially in this time of apostasy. Satan goes around to snare God's children at all times. He does not always appear as a roaring lion, but more often as an angel of light. It is no wonder that the Master, at the close of his ministry, admonishes his disciples: "Watch and pray, that ye fall not into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

### PAY CLOSE ATTENTION

"Take heed what ye hear" (Mark 4:24). Contextually Jesus meant for his disciples to pay close attention to his prophetic expositions. Like an elevated candle that sends forth its illuminating light, so the hitherto hidden things of the Kingdom of God will be manifested. Like the application of a specific yardstick, so they themselves will be measured. Like the logic of the law of apperception, so they will gain more with what they have. Morally Jesus' words, "Take heed what ye hear," implies that people who listen to gossip will spread gossip and will also reap the harvest of gossip.

"Take heed how ye hear" (Luke 8:18). Jesus, without the benefit of post-graduate study in applied psychology, knew something about the nature of paying attention. The "how" of hearing corresponds to the "how" of memorizing, that is, its recency, frequency and intensity. Was there a suspicion in the mind of Jesus that his disciples could listen with diverted attention? Or did he warn against misinterpretation? Morally Jesus' phrase, "Take heed how ye hear," implies superficial attention and willful misinterpretation.

"Take heed how he buildeth thereupon" (1 Cor. 3:10). Paul in his "take heed" draws our attention to the possibility of two different kinds of ministries with their varying results. The only sure foundation on which to build either a lay or professional ministry is Jesus Christ. The Christian must be willing to submit to Christ

and his will in all his plans. There will be a "day" which will be judgment day, that is, the Christian's work will be tested as by fire. Although the builder of a construction may escape the fire and save his life, his edifice will be destroyed. His soul will be saved but his reward will be lost. Fire in God's Word always means testing, purifying, separating. Therefore "take heed" whether you build with gold, silver, wood, hay or stubble. "Take heed how you build!"

### IMPORTANT ADMONITIONS

"Take heed to the word of prophecy" (2 Peter 1:19). Peter asserts that God's children have followed not "cunningly devised fables," nor that fulfilled prophecy is mere "realization of fortunate guesses." Old Testament prophecy had come true in part and the "day dawn," the coming of Christ, is "made more sure" by this word of prophecy. This "blessed hope" shines like a light in these dark days, with darker days ahead. Therefore, God's children, "take heed to the word of prophecy." The people of Noah's generation did not and perished.

"Take heed to the ministry" (Col. 4:17). Here Paul admonished Archippus, "a fellow soldier" and fellow minister, to tend to his ministry. There was a church in the house of Philemon at Colosse in which Archippus must have been the minister of the word. This advice given as encouragement or admonition indicates both an overseer's care and a local minister's responsibility. Can there be the possibility of a Christian's walk not being on par with his "high calling"? Incidentally or accidentally, Archippus means "ruler of horses." Horses represent power, ability, beauty. Christian, "take heed to the ministry" of your powers, abilities, responsibilities, and "let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you."

"Take heed lest any man deceive you" (Mark 13:5). Jesus in his Mount Olivet discourse foresaw the danger of deception as to a false Messiah and the beginning of "the end-times." In these passages we have the Master's answer to the disciples' question pertaining to the consummation of this age. Many of Christ's disciples in all ages have been subjects of deception as to names, dates and happenings. May they learn to study God's Word scripturally, doctrinally, spiritually, prophetically, dispensationally and practically.

"Take heed, watch and pray" (Mark 13:33). This admonition is like



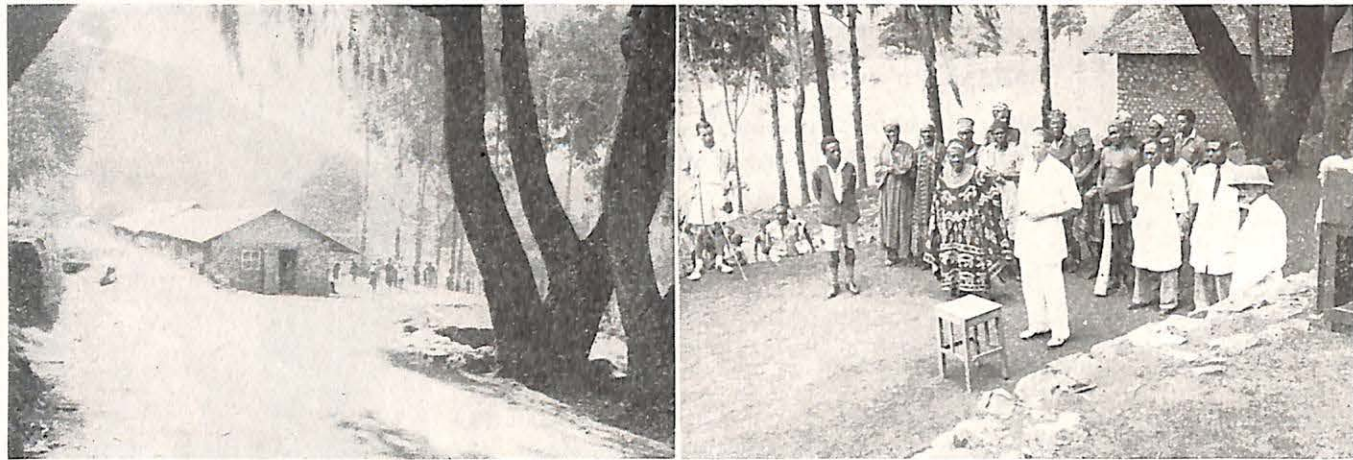
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"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations . . . Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of man . . . So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:1, 3, 12).

Jesus' prayer for Peter "that thy faith fail not," and like his request in the garden that they "watch and pray in order not to fall into temptation." It is the Master's prayer of intercession and encouragement for his disciples. How often "the spirit is willing, but the flesh weak"! Therefore, watchfulness and prayerfulness must be practiced. To think that someone prays for us is a wonderful thought, indeed. To know that our Friend and Redeemer intercedes for us must be an incentive to holy living. Hear him who speaks, not like a Scribe with conviction and authority, "Take heed that ye watch and pray."

"He was a carpenter — thus I know That he knows my toil, my pain, He knows the joy of work well done, He knows both loss and gain.

"He was a carpenter — he, my Lord, And my labor is easy to bear, Because he has glorified toil and pain To show me he really does care."



Some of the Buildings of the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons (Left) With High Eucalyptus Trees Towering Over Them; and Dr. Leslie Chaffee, the Medical Missionary, (Right), Addressing the Audience of Natives and British Officials at the Dedication of the Baptist Hospital

# Dedication of the Banso Baptist Hospital

Black faces beamed during the impressive dedication service held on Saturday, April 2, 1949 in the Cameroons as the bells of heaven rang with joy and North American Baptists praised God for answered prayers

A Thrilling Report by **MISSIONARY LAURA E. REDDIG**,  
One of Our First Nurses at the Banso Baptist Hospital

**B**LACK AND WHITE faces showed eager anticipation as the dedication service for the Banso Baptist Hospital began under the eucalyptus trees. Looking up to the motor road, looking down to the market road, looking over to the paths from the town, one could see people everywhere stopping to see if the service had begun, or just to look around. All roads that morning led into the hospital grounds, where the new sign gave a new name to the former government hospital.

People on their way to the market, evangelists or Christians from many grassland churches, missionaries who could fit April second into their work and plans, government officials and friends from Bamenda came to witness a historic service. White people and black people sat under the eucalyptus trees. Government officials, chiefs, big-men, traders, evangelists, laborers, nurses, missionaries . . . everyone was eager to witness the service. Many were led by curiosity when they saw the new bright sign on the entrance from the "big motor road," for Earl Ahrens had just put it up that morning, and it was really something new and attractive.

### THE CROSS AT BANSO

"BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL" read the sign. In the center was a cross, the symbol recognized by Christians everywhere. Anyone who saw

that sign would feel confident that all services they would receive in the hospital would be in the spirit of the Master who gave his command to us to "heal the sick." The hospital had been functioning for about twenty years as a government hospital, but in the last seven or eight years no doctor had been stationed here and the nearest doctor was always 65 miles away at Bamenda.

The morning clouds and rain vanished, people sat down or stood waiting, cameras were loaded, and the dedication service of the Banso Baptist Hospital began.

(How we all wished our faithful friends from home might have been there to see and to hear everything.)

Music was provided by three missionaries playing on a black accordion, a white accordion, and a portable organ. How the natives loved that!

The guest speaker on the program was the British government official, the District Officer in charge of Bamenda Division. How quiet the natives were when he spoke to them. He spoke words of praise to Mr. George Martin, the native nurse (from our Victoria Baptists) who had so faithfully carried on at Banso hospital alone for so long, and who would now begin his services under the Baptists at Banso.

This District Officer asked the people to cooperate and to rejoice that now they had their own doctor who

would stay by them to help them at all times. He then handed over the keys of the hospital to Rev. Paul Gebauer, our Field Superintendent, thereby giving officially the Banso Hospital to the Baptist Mission. The Fon (chief) of Nsaw then spoke words of welcome and joy which all Banso natives feel in having their own doctor as well as a hospital where they can go for any care.

### HELP FOR ALL!

Mr. Gebauer then gave a challenging talk describing the gratitude of the Baptist Mission to the government and to the Fon for their generous gift of the hospital and for their promises of cooperation and help. He said that the hospital would continue to serve all peoples of all faiths and from all walks of life. The same religious liberty, which we cherish for everyone, would be practiced by the mission toward all other faiths. This work would be done for God's glory alone, and those needing help at any time are invited to come.

Mr. Gebauer then handed over the hospital keys to our missionary doctor, Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, who then took charge of the dedication service. As the "long doctor" talked, native heads everywhere nodded their appreciation and smiled their approval to one who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister" to them. One could easily see the joy he had

in being at last in the place to which he felt called for many years. How the natives watched the two Chaffee children, Douglas and Sylvia, as they flitted about during the service! How their eyes beamed when they saw the doctor's wife playing her beautiful black accordion. Yes, they were quite pleased with them all!

### GIFTS FROM NSUNGLI

The happy surprise (just one of many surprises) came when Missionary Kenneth Goodman introduced Evangelist Abel Gaduma. Abel came forward with a bag in his hand which contained the love gift of the Nsungli area churches for the Banso Baptist Hospital. He said that the Christians of that area were not just thinking about themselves, but they were also willing to help others. He brought expressions of joy from "everyone" because the mission now has its own doctors. He looked at the people, and begged them to come "while the sickness is still small" so the doctor could help them quickly.

With the gift of those churches, Abel brought a special gift of four and a half pounds from the mission school teachers in that area. This was over and above the other gift of more than twenty-eight pounds in which they had also had a share. (The total is about \$132.) Laura Reddig "saluted" the people in Pidgin English, expressing gratitude to God in the realization of dreams and prayers of many years, and inviting them to bring their sick ones to the mission hospital.

Dr. Chaffee and "Toby" (Missionary Hilda Tobert) and Laura were all dressed in white, and much joy bubbled over throughout that day from these three missionaries dressed in white. What a challenging task was before us! What wisdom and

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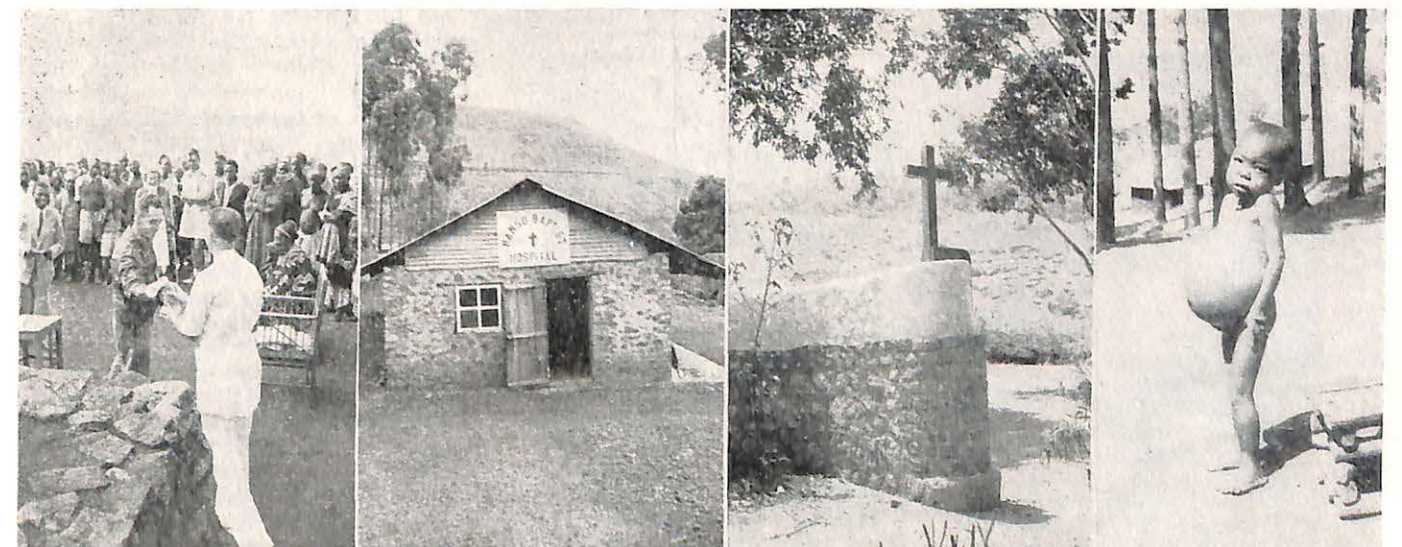
help we would need! What great promises we had on which to rely! Following in the Master's footsteps in the great ministry of healing, we could now help our mission in its fuller ministry to the people of the Cameroons.

### THE NATIVES' FEAST

On the backs of the little dedication service programs was the great hymn of faith and praise to God. Black and white together sang the great words: "Oh, God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come." Mr. Gebauer offered the dedication prayer, asking God to bless his work and consecrate the workers, helping them to do his perfect will. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung with much feeling by those who recognize God as the Giver of all gifts.

Before everyone left, the Fon invited all people to come to his courtyard for a feast and to witness the natives' celebration of this happy day. And what native does not love a feast? The white guests, 32 in all, went to eat Banso potato salad and chicken sandwiches made of Banso chickens at the home of the missionary nurses. Other missionaries contributed sugar, money, cup cakes, paint for sign, more food, and still more food for the many white people who also love a feast. "What a nice service." "We are so glad we could be here on this big day." "Our good wishes to all of you in your great work." The veranda was covered with chairs and tables and boxes on which the guests sat and enjoyed their "big lunch." And did they enjoy the American coffee! Black and

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Dr. Leslie Chaffee (Left) Receives the Gifts from the Nsungli Area Christians Through Missionary Kenneth Goodman; the Entrance to the Baptist Hospital (Left, Center) With the Large Sign Made by Missionary Earl H. Ahrens; the Imposing Cross at the Entrance to the Banso Baptist Hospital Grounds (Right, Center); and One of the Many Patients (Right) Whom Dr. Chaffee Treated After the Opening of the Hospital



A Panoramic Scene of the Banso Baptist Hospital As Seen from the Highway Showing the Hospital Buildings, Doctor's Home and Surrounding Forest

# An Opportunity for Eternity at Banso

The Remarkable Report by Dr. LESLIE CHAFFEE to the General Missionary Committee Which Prompted It to Adopt the Banso Baptist Hospital as a New Missionary Venture by North American Baptist Churches

I HAVE completely surveyed the entire situation and plans regarding the Banso Baptist Hospital and the feasibility of serving the field with a mobile unit. I cannot find words sufficient to express my feelings when I say that I am amazed and overwhelmed at the tremendous opportunity which is ours at Banso. I can see God's hand moving in a wonderful way, little short of miraculous.

For nothing more than one shilling (20 cents) a year a hospital building, operating theater, outpatient clinic, doctor's home, obstetrical ward, quarters for native nurses, dispenser, ward servants and other native help, garage for station truck or station

wagon become the property of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society. These buildings are beautifully situated on a hillside, connected by roads which are flanked by tall trees. These trees incidentally are so abundant that they will provide firewood for the years.

This hospital, even without a resident physician, but with visits about once a month by a doctor, who comes sixty-five miles from Bamenda, has had an outpatient clinic at which in the first eleven months of 1948 there was a total of 14,536 patient calls. This hospital even now is carrying a census of twelve to sixteen bed patients.

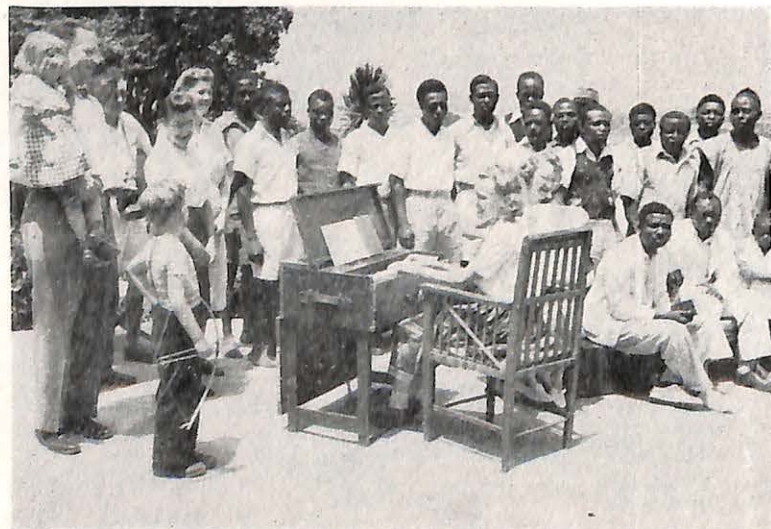
These buildings and trees, men-

tioned above have been conservatively evaluated on the basis of our low missionary building costs by the Reverends Don Ganstrom and Paul Gebauer at \$3,204. British building costs would make this nearer \$12,000. Besides the assets in trees, buildings and grounds, there are instruments conservatively evaluated by me at \$600 and equipment in the way of beds, blankets, mattresses, drugs and other supplies conservatively evaluated by me at \$1,240. To duplicate this at present prices and transportation charges would make this much higher.

The goodwill of this hospital, even functioning on a limited basis as it has for the past few years, is a considerable asset. The British medical officers at Victoria and at Bamenda, I feel not without cause, consider this to be one of the greatest assets, if not the greatest asset which is included in the Banso hospital offer.

Finally, we have an inestimable opportunity for time and eternity for a faithful witness for Christ to the people of the whole Banso area, as well as thousands upon thousands of people in the surrounding country.

I feel I would be denying God's calling and providing faithfulness if I did not strongly advise accepting the Banso Hospital at once. I cannot recall any decision I have had to make where the answer is so obvious. By all means, we must accept this offer at once before it is withdrawn or possibly offered to the Roman Catholics. In the light of God's working in this Banso Hospital offer I cannot see how we can do anything but accept it at once and to take over the hospital.



Sunday Service on the Veranda of the Doctor's House Following the Dedication of the Banso Baptist Hospital With Mrs. Alma Henderson at the Portable Organ and Mrs. Lois Ahrens Playing the Accordion

# General Conference Highlights

Further Announcements About the Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON'S MASS MEETING

Several important changes have been made in the General Conference program. On Sunday afternoon, August 28, at the great mass meeting, to be held in the Coliseum, the principal speakers will be Miss Laura E. Reddig with a stirring message about the Cameroons mission field and the Rev. Jacob Meister from Berlin, Germany about conditions in Europe. There will also be brief dramatic presentations of our denominational mission fields and spirited singing under the direction of the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois. It ought to be a thrilling afternoon, indeed!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT ON THURSDAY

Thursday evening, August 25, will be known as "Christian Education Night" at the General Conference. Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary will preside. The featured address will be given by Dr. William Kuhn, the assistant executive secretary, who is the oldest living graduate of our Rochester Seminary still in active Christian service. This will undoubtedly be his "swan song" to the General Conference in which his heart will be opened wide to reveal the goodness of God's blessings. Representatives of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton and of the Seminary will also speak.

## IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

A number of important decisions will be made by the delegates to the General Conference at Sioux Falls. Visitors to the conference will be influential in the discussion of the matters involved. The results will be epoch making for the denomination. The conference will vote on the relocation of our Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The issues, difficulties and advantages for such a move will be presented beforehand. The conference will also vote on the proposition of making both "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" bi-weekly publications. The editorial in a forthcoming issue will present to the reader the reasons for such a change in our publication schedule. Another conference vote will determine the status of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta from that of a subsidiary part of the General Missionary Committee to that of an independent cooperating society.



Dr. William Ward Ayer, the Popular Preacher of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City, Who Will Be the Friday Evening Speaker at the Great Youth Gathering of the General Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## DR. WILLIAM WARD AYER OF NEW YORK

One of America's outstanding Baptist preachers will bring the evangelistic sermon on Friday evening, August 26, at the great youth gathering during the General Conference to be held in the Coliseum. He is Dr. William Ward Ayer, for the past 13 years pastor of the century-old Calvary Baptist Church of New York City. Recently he was voted by New York's radio listeners as the city's third most popular citizen in a poll directed by the chain news commentator, George Carson Putnam, over station WOR. Dr. Ayer's sermons are broadcast over the powerful 50,000 watt radio station WHN both Sunday mornings and evenings. His church owns the seventeen story building which they occupy.

More than three thousand persons have accepted Christ in the evening services alone during his ministry. In a recent evangelistic mission in the British Isles, Dr. Ayer preached in 15 centers bringing about one hundred messages to a total of over 50,000 people. He is a dramatic speaker who preaches with commanding authority for his Lord, adapting Bible truths to the times and embellishing his sermons fully and brilliantly with illustrations on the affairs of the day. It will be worth coming many miles to see and to hear this dynamic preacher, Dr. Ayer.

## "THY WORD GIVETH LIGHT" HOURS

The guest speaker at the daily Bible talks during the General Conference week from Tuesday, August 23, to Friday, August 26, will be Dr. Reuben E. Nelson of New York City, well known Baptist minister and leader. Dr. Nelson was selected by the Program Committee because of his spiritual earnestness, his Scriptural emphasis of Christian truth and his Swedish Baptist background, all of which will be blended into an inspiring ministry at the Sioux Falls Conference. His coming to the General Conference sessions will be as an individual interpreting God's Word in these daily sessions to be known as "The Word Giveth Light." Both he and the Program Committee have an understanding that he will in no wise be the spokesman for the Northern Baptist Convention in which he is the executive secretary of the Council of Finance and Promotion.

Dr. Nelson served as pastor of the Swedish Baptist Church of Brockton, Mass., from 1931 to 1934. From 1936 to 1938 he was professor of the New Testament at Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He also served Bethel Institute of St. Paul as promotional and educational secretary. From 1938 to 1947 he was the executive secretary of the Minnesota Baptist Convention and for several years served in a similar capacity for the Detroit Baptist Society. In 1945 the University of Redlands in California conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. His Spirit-filled and Scripture-illuminated messages at the General Conference will be the fountain-head of much blessing for all who hear him with attentive and receptive hearts!

## OFFICIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

for Thursday Evening, August 25, and Sunday Afternoon, August 28.

### Thursday Evening, August 25th

- 7:30 P. M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT. Presiding: Dr. George A. Lang
- CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. Song Leader: Rev. Arthur Schulz, Crawford, Texas
- SCRIPTURE READING. Rev. Arthur Weisser, Lodi, Calif.
- PRAYER. Rev. Ruben Kern, Vancouver, British Columbia

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# Six Students Graduate at Our Seminary

A Report of the Seminary's Commencement Exercises

by Dr. GEORGE A. LANG, Seminary President

THE NINETY-NINTH Commencement of the North American Baptist Seminary was held at the Andrews Street Baptist Church in Rochester, New York on Sunday, May 22nd. The church was filled to capacity, both morning and evening. At the Baccalaureate service, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, a member of the class of 1926, the present pastor of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, challenged the graduates and the audience with his stimulating message on "The Greatest Commission." (This was published in the June 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald." Editor.) The Andrews Street Church Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Oswald Kannwischer, rendered uplifting anthem selections.

presented for the Board the Sigma Rho Key and Diploma to Mr. Alvin Wetter of the graduating class, as an expression of the highest attainment in scholarship, cooperation, character and personality.

## GRADUATING CLASS

After a brief address to the graduates, President George A. Lang presented the diplomas to the six members of the senior class. Each one has left a good record for himself at the Seminary and enters immediately into the pastorate. It gives us pleasure to present them by means of the accompanying picture to our constituency. They are Raymond F. Dickau, from the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, who has

ta; Isador Faszer, from the First Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta, who is now the pastor of our churches at Golden Prairie, Rosenfeld and Annenthal, Saskatchewan; Vernon Rudolph Link, from the First German Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta, who has become the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Fessenden, North Dakota; Norman Gustave Miller, from the First Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota, who has accepted the pastorate of the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, North Dakota; Rudolph Rapske, from Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, who recently became pastor of the Grace Baptist Church at Medicine Hat, Alberta; Alvin Lawrence Wetter, from the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan, who has accepted the pastorate of our Spring Valley Baptist Church, Canistota, South Dakota.

The Rev. Paul Galambos, former pastor of one of our missionary churches in Hungary, who spent the second semester in our Seminary, leaves us to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Washburn, North Dakota. We are deeply appreciative of the support of our churches in helping our students while in the Seminary and in receiving them as pastors of our churches.

## SEMINARY RELOCATION

Our removal plans to Sioux Falls received much attention during the sessions of the General Council at Forest Park in April and during the meetings of the Board of Trustees from May 19 to 21. Because of the necessity of revising our building plans and other unexpected difficulties, building operations will not be begun before the meeting of the General Conference in Sioux Falls in August. Therefore, there will be no cornerstone-laying service at that time. We hope to be able to present the proposed building plans to the General Conference at Sioux Falls for vote of our members. With the sanction of the General Conference, the Board of Trustees intends to carry out the revised Seminary removal plans.

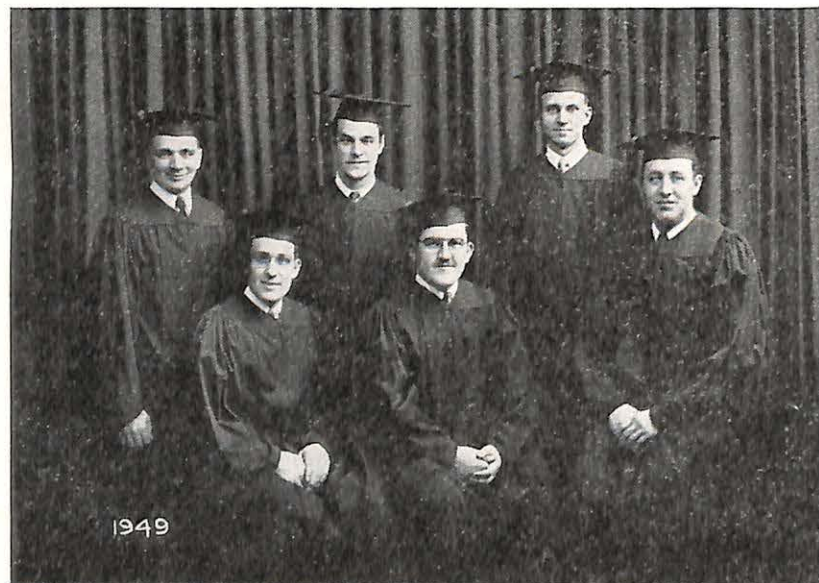
We will spend the school year 1949-1950 in Rochester. Prospective students for the ministry, who are interested in attending our Seminary are asked to write to the Seminary as soon as possible. Qualified students will still be given consideration.

become the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Venturia, North Dakota.

## SEMINARY NOTICE

Those interested in entering the Seminary in preparation for the ministry or missionary work, please write to the President.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY  
246 Alexander Street  
Rochester 7, New York  
Freshman Day — Sept. 8, 1949  
Classes Begin — Sept. 9, 1949



1949 Graduates of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York (Left to Right, Seated: Isador Faszer, Norman Miller and Vernon Link; Standing: Rudolph Rapske, Raymond Dickau and Alvin Wetter)

In the evening at the Commencement service, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, a member of the class of 1922, president of our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, stirred the hearts of all present with his address on "The Greatest Thing in Our Preparation for Christian Service." The Seminary Chorus under the direction of the Rev. Roger Schmidt brought two stimulating anthems. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Paul J. Trudel presented President E. P. Wahl with the Sigma Rho Key and Diploma as an award for his loyalty and service to the Seminary. Mr. Edwin Marklein

# Session of the Seminary Trustees

A Report by the REV. JOHN WOBIG of Portland, Oregon

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

ANOTHER YEAR of class work has become history for our Seminary. The members of the Seminary Board of Trustees met at the Seminary from May 19 to 22 for their annual meeting and for the commencement exercises. It was refreshing once again to walk in the spiritual and scholarly atmosphere of the halls of our School of the Prophets.

## DEVOTED SERVICE

We are thankful to our faculty members who have given themselves unselfishly to the task of training young men and women for fulltime Christian service. It can truthfully be said that they have sought to instill a devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and a passion to win the lost to him in the hearts of all the students.

Through the faithful ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Okko DeBoer, the physical needs of the student body were well supplied. The meals were appetizingly prepared in the kitchen, clothes neatly cleaned in the laundry, and the general upkeep of the entire building well supervised.

Six graduating seniors gave their testimony to the Educational Committee and were recommended for graduation and for the Lord's service as leaders of our churches. The entering class of fourteen students also appeared before this committee and they were approved as full-time students. One special student has taken over the work of a church along with these six.

The Board expended much thought and prayer concerning the removal of the Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In keeping with the decision of the General Council of the denomination, it was decided to continue to get plans and bids for the new build-

ings. Actual construction, however, is to be held up so that the General Conference convening at Sioux Falls in August can express by vote its approval of our revised plans.

## ALUMNI BANQUET

The Alumni banquet was held on Friday evening in the Normandie Apartment, just across from the Seminary. Mr. Richard H. Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, one of the trustee members, was the congenial toastmaster of the evening. Mr. Edward Link led the audience in the singing of a group of choruses. Musical numbers were rendered by a double quartet, and the Seminary Glee Club under the direction of the Rev. Roger Schmidt.

Professor Albert Bretschneider presented the graduating seniors and their wives to the alumni and friends. Mr. Norman Miller, one of the Seniors, responded for the class and presented the Seminary with a large electric drip coffee maker. Professor R. P. Jeschke paid tribute to the graduates who have gone home to glory. Two addresses were delivered during the course of the program. The Rev. George Zinz, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin spoke on the subject, "I'm On My Way," and President George Lang spoke on the theme, "Seminary Prospects." The singing of the Alma Mater and prayer by the Rev. Peter Geissler brought the happy occasion to a close.

Eagerly and with hope we look to the future of our Seminary. May our dream for its new location soon become reality. We solicit the loyal support of every member of our beloved denomination toward our school. Pray that the Seminary may become a force for the cause of Christ and his glory.

## WAS PETER A POPE?

(A Book Announcement by the Editor, M. L. LEUSCHNER)

A very timely and thought-provoking booklet of 63 pages has been published by Dr. Julius R. Mantey of the Northern Baptist Seminary faculty of Chicago, Ill., on the arresting question, "Was Peter a Pope?" At a time when the Roman Catholic Church is making dogmatic claims in the press of our land and when every Protestant has to meet the challenge of that church's claim head on, this book will prove to be not only interesting reading but a strong support for his counter claims as a Christian.

By the clear evidences of church history, the convincing assertions of Scripture and the unfolding truths of the original Greek texts, Dr. Mantey has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that neither Peter nor anyone else possessed sacerdotal power and was never a pope or Christ's vice-regent on earth. The book is well bound in a two-color cover and is printed by the Moody Press. It is available at the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio at only fifty cents a copy. It ought to be in the hands of every North American Baptist and then to be read, studied and quoted!

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- MESSAGE. Prof. Dr. Albert S. Felberg, of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.
- MUSIC. Double Quartet, Students of the North American Baptist Seminary
- OFFERING
- HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
- ADDRESS. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Forest Park, Illinois
- PRAYER AND BENEDICTION. Rev. Henry Hirsch, Goodrich, No. Dak.

## CONFERENCE TRAIN

A special Conference Train of the Milwaukee Road will leave Chicago on Sunday afternoon, August 21, at 5:00 P. M. by way of Milwaukee and Madison, Wis., for Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

A special Conference Pullman car will be attached to the "Columbian" of the Milwaukee Road at Tacoma and Seattle, Washington on Friday evening, August 19, bound for Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Ask your pastor for self-addressed reservation cards to both special trains or write to North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois with your requests.

Sunday Afternoon, August 28th  
2:30 P. M. MASS MEETING. Presiding: Rev. Frank Woyke, Forest Park, Illinois

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. Song Leader: Rev. C. B. Nordland, Forest Park, Illinois

SCRIPTURE READING: Mr. H. Streuber, Winnipeg, Manitoba

PRAYER. Rev. Wm. Schoeffel, Chicago, Illinois

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION. "In the Name of Christ"

ADDRESS. Rev. J. Meister, Berlin, Germany

ANTHEM. Pastors' Chorus, directed by Rev. E. Mittelstedt

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION. "Unto the Least of These"

ADDRESS. Missionary Laura Reddig, Camerons, Africa.

OFFERING FOR BANSO HOSPITAL. DEDICATION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION. Dr. Martin Leuschner, Forest Park, Illinois

# What's Happening

● Miss Phyllis Tipton of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., was graduated from the Baptist Institute of Philadelphia, Pa., on May 23rd. She has already begun her work at the Wayland Baptist Church of Philadelphia as minister's assistant. Miss Tipton has been very active in the Atlantic Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union as well as in her local church.

● The Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma has extended a call to the Rev. Paul Leasure of Hooper, Colorado to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Leasure has begun his ministry at Gotebo on July 1st, succeeding the Rev. Menno Harms now of Faribault, Minn. During the past three months Mr. Lesley Schmidt, a ministerial student at the Oklahoma Baptist University of Shawnee, Okla., supplied the pulpit of the church.

● The Rev. Ralph Rott of Fargo, North Dakota, a graduate of our Rochester Seminary and a former pastor of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin, is attending the Yale School of Alcoholic Studies being held on the campus of Texas Christian University of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Rott is the North Dakota field representative of the United Temperance Movement. His home church is the Baptist Church of McClusky, North Dakota.

● The Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., held evangelistic meetings from May 9 to 15 with the Rev. Frank Friesen of the Bethany Church near Portland, Oregon, serving as evangelist. His messages were prefaced with object lessons for the children and young people. The attendance was good and the meetings were inspirational, as reported by the Rev. A. Foll, pastor. The Odessa Baptist Church is grateful to the Bethany Church of Oregon for releasing its pastor for this appreciated ministry.

● As result of recent evangelistic meetings held in the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas with the Rev. James R. Wyatt of Waco, Texas serving as evangelist, 15 Junior boys and girls came forward besides a woman who had previously presented herself for baptism and three others who will join the church by letter. On Sunday, May 15, the Sunday School attendance reached the high mark of



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126. The Rev. W. Helwig is the pastor of the church.

● The Rev. Leslie P. Albus, pastor of the Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., was one of 31 seniors at nearby McKendree College who recently received their bachelor of arts degrees. Mr. Albus was editor of the McKendree Review, the college newspaper, during the last semester. In addition, he was a second place winner of the 1948 Dorris Oratorical Contest and placed in a high position in the Bradley University Speech Tournament this year. He was also the recipient of the Journalism Achievement award for 1949.

● Mr. Heinz Grabia, a student of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., is supplying the pulpit of the Baptist Church in Morton, N. Y., for the summer months while the pastor, Dr. Donald B. MacQueen, is away. A Vacation Bible School will be held during the four weeks in July. Mr. Grabia will also serve as the assistant pastor of the church during the forthcoming school year. Dr. MacQueen was formerly minister of the historical First Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., and is well known to many of the Rochester Seminary graduates.

● On Sunday, evening, May 22, the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, had the joy of baptizing nine converts. This group included four of the young people who are being brought to the Sunday School and church services by Sunday School bus and a retired engineer and his wife who recently moved into the community. Most of these converts were saved during the evangelistic meetings conducted in the church in April 1949 by the Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist.

● On Thursday, June 3, a group of 33 women of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., visited the denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Ill. They traveled in a chartered Greyhound Bus and brought their own lunch along which was served in the headquarters' Conference Room following a devotional service led by the Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich. Mrs. Worthy Decker, president of the society, led the group in this visitation tour which also included the Old People's Homes in Maywood and in Chicago, Ill. The Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., were also members of the group.

● The pulpit of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York will be supplied during the summer months by the Rev. Frank Schweissing, a son of the church whose parents are still members. Mr. Schweissing served as a chaplain in the United States Armed Forces during the war and recently received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School at Berkeley, Calif. He intends to continue his studies at the University of Denver in September 1949. The Rev. Herbert Hiller was formerly pastor of the church before going to Madison, South Dakota in May 1949.

● The present pastor of the Baptist Church at Folsomdale, New York is the Rev. Howard Weyant, a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., in 1946. He is serving as a missionary of the American Mission for Opening Closed Churches which also placed him into his present pastorate. He was ordained at the Folsomdale Church on Dec. 10, 1948. He reports an attendance of 35 to 45 people at the services. His address is R.

F. D., Cowlesville, New York. The editor of "The Baptist Herald" met and heard him at the Eastern Young People's Conference held at the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., on Sunday, May 24, and was deeply impressed by his message and leadership.

● On Sunday morning, May 22, the Rev. Thomas Stoeri of St. Joseph, Mich., who has been quite ill for many months, was well enough to make an appearance at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., and to preach the morning sermon to a very attentive audience. Mr. Stoeri had been preacher at the German services for several years and as the associate pastor of the church with the Rev. C. B. Nordland had endeared himself to the entire church membership. His Sunday morning message will be remembered for a long time by those who heard it. During the months of June, July and April Dr. William Kuhn, assistant executive secretary, is supplying the pulpit for the German services.

● Mr. Earl Abel, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Abel of Watertown, Wis., was one of four North American Baptist young men who received their Bachelor of Divinity degrees from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School of Rochester, N. Y., in May 1949. The other three were Frederick Hoffmann, Robert Zimbelman and Edward Gunther. Mr. Abel will leave in September 1949 for a year of study and travel in England as a result of a scholarship awarded to him by the Divinity School. He has been accepted at Westminster College which is the Presbyterian Seminary connected with Cambridge University at Cambridge, England. During the long vacation periods between school terms, Mr. Abel also hopes to travel on the continent of Europe.

● Mrs. Robert L. Likins, of Victor, Iowa was graduated from Union Seminary, New York, on May 17 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Mrs. Likins is the former Marjorie Harjes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harjes, who have been faithful members and also Sunday School teachers in the Baptist Church at Victor, Iowa for many years. Mrs. Likins has accepted the position of Protestant Counsellor at Hunter College for the coming year and also the position of supervisor of the high school division of Riverside Church of New York City. Her husband, who will graduate soon from New York University, has been offered a position by the "New York Times," a world famous newspaper.

● At the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., the Sunday School continues to grow. There are classes for all ages. On Sunday, May 29, the

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# The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

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## HER FORGIVENESS ASSURED

THE seventh chapter of Luke opens with an account of Christ's healing the physically sick servant of a centurion. It closes with his healing of a spiritually sick woman. Perhaps this woman, among hundreds, witnessed Christ's words and acts of love and mercy. Many believe her to be Mary Magdalene, but there is no definite proof.

What she saw and heard brought conviction, and then hope in Christ. Though her sins were many, what she heard and saw of Christ ignited faith in her heart. She believed there was forgiveness and peace for her, and determined to take advantage of the first opportunity to show him that she believed. Therefore, when she knew that Jesus was eating dinner in the Pharisee's house she went in to acknowledge her faith and love.

## HER LOVE DEMONSTRATED

It was not an uncommon act for someone to come in off the street during meal time. But if, as some suppose, she was a Gentile and a woman of bad reputation (Luke 7:36-38), it required courage to enter into the house of a proud Pharisee. She brought with her an alabaster box of ointment.

She began to weep, and a shower of tears fell on our Lord's feet. Since the Eastern people reclined on one side while eating their meals, the feet of each person were turned outwards behind him. This explains the Scripture, "standing behind at his feet weeping." Perhaps this happened as she bent to kiss his feet. Then she hastened to wipe the tears off with the long tresses of her hair and anoint his feet.

The kiss in ancient times was a sign of love, reverence, subjection and supplication. Her action was that which slaves did to their masters. What she did was out of much gratitude. She knew the blessed relief of forgiveness of sins.

## Haven of Rest Society Meeting on July 6th.

The Baptist Haven of Rest Society for the Medicine Hat Home for the Aged in Canada will hold its annual meeting at the Springside Baptist Church, Springside Saskatchewan on Wednesday afternoon, July 6th, at 2:00 P. M.

R. H. ZEPIK, Secretary.

Witnessing her actions the Pharisee secretly condemned her and criticized Jesus for allowing it. He believed no true prophet would permit such a woman to do what she did. He judged the scene in the light of his own indifference and prejudice. Jesus, well aware of his thoughts, answered him with the parable of the creditor and two debtors (Luke 7:39-47). It is clear that Jesus is the creditor, the woman the great debtor, and Simon the less debtor. One debt is ten times larger than the other but both can not pay. Both are in need of forgiveness. Though there be degrees of guilt, inability to pay is common to all sinners, and only Christ can forgive sin.

Upon Simon's confession that the one to whom much is forgiven will love the forgiver most, Jesus compares the actions of Simon and the woman in their relationship to him. In this comparison Simon is the loser. The common courteous considerations of washing of feet, a kiss and oil were denied Jesus by Simon. The demonstration of his love to Jesus was so little that it was questionable whether or not he sincerely loved Jesus, or whether his sins were forgiven.

Verse 47 gives us the main theme. Greater love springs from a great consciousness of sin and its forgiveness. Jesus tells Simon that the woman's sins are forgiven and her love is the effect, not the cause, of her forgiveness. Those who feel little has been forgiven have little love. A blindness to God's bounty is one factor in understanding a cold, chilly Christian and church. One reason why some people criticize the efforts and expenses of zealous Christians is because they are not willing themselves to come up to it but rest in a cheap, easy religion.

## HER FAITH REWARDED

What Jesus said to Simon concerning her forgiveness he now repeats to her, assuring her forgiveness (Luke 7:48-50). When the other guests at the table questioned his authority to forgive sins, Jesus answered them by saying to the woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." A beautiful farewell of salvation and peace of conscience as a result of her faith in him! She did not pay her debt with love, but faith was the key which unlocked the door. Faith brought much forgiveness; much forgiveness brought much love. Love has its own way of proving its sincerity.



—Photo by Eva Luoma

# Tawah, Son of Thunder

A story in six 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 a 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. The warm joy in the head of Jill was chilled into bewilderment. The dog meant everything to her. Tawah had been loyal to her during a long, painful siege of scarlet fever. "No one could be worthy of such measureless loyalty," Jill thought.

## CHAPTER TWO

THE BOND between them was evidenced now by the promptness with which Tawah sensed her agitation. He lifted his classic head, stared unblinkingly for a puzzled instant, then rose and padded to a position directly behind her shoulder. He stood there quietly, his chin resting so lightly against her sleeve that she scarcely felt it, yet she knew he was telling her that he was on guard against the thing that was troubling her. She put up an unsteady hand and buried it in his shaggy ruff. Hurt was thick in her throat, "Then I guess we don't get married," she said miserably.

Chad still thought she was joking. He caught her chin in a rough palm and forced her to look at him, "Are you trying to get my goat?" he demanded.

She stroked her head. The dampness made her hair curl in impatient ringlets, and her eyes seemed to have caught a bit of the mist in their depth. Her under lip trembled childishly, "I have no intentions of leaving Tawah!" she said stubbornly.

"You mean you'd rather have the dog than me?" he demanded grimly, storm warnings kindling behind his eyes.

"I mean I can't desert him. He lost five pounds the week I went to Chicago. What would happen to him if I left him for good? Don't you see . . .?"

"For . . . for Pete's sake!" Chad interrupted sharply. "Don't be an idiot. I'm as fond of dogs as the next one, but they aren't human. Tawah likes your folks. He'll soon get used to having you gone. You've got to face this thing sensibly, Jill."

It was his tone rather than his words that made her angry. She got to her feet, blinking back smarting

tears. "There's no use quarreling about it," she said unsteadily.

Chad stood up too, the color ebbing from his face. "Jilted in favor of a dog!" he muttered. Then he shook his head incredulously, "It just doesn't make sense. You love me, or at least you said you did a few minutes ago. Are you willing to throw all that over just because post-war conditions make it necessary for us to live in quarters too small to accommodate a dog?"

He looked so young and bewildered and defenseless, standing there in the early twilight, that her anger died as abruptly as it had come. She did love him. Of course it was a very new, very untested love, but it was the sturdy beginning of something very beautiful and very sweet. That she knew, and a poignant ache surged through her, bringing a sob that she made no effort to restrain. "Oh Chad, be patient with me," she whispered. "I know I sound like a sentimental fool . . ."

Her eyes came to his, brimming with tears. Instantly his arms closed about her, eager, penitent, youthfully

awkward, "Jill, dearest, dearest. I don't want to hurt you. Honestly I don't. I love you. And I'd do anything to let you keep the dog. But right now I can't afford a place in the country. Maybe after a while . . ."

"It's all right," she interrupted, hiding her face against his shoulder. "Just give me time to get used to the idea. Maybe I can make Tawah understand."

"Of course you can, Darling." Relief trembled in Chad's voice. "And you can come home to see him often too. He'll make out, won't you, Pal?"

But for the first time since the dog had accepted Chad as friend, he failed to respond to the roughly affectionate tone. He stood as motionless as a statue, his head turned slightly away, his eyes fixed aloofly on a circling gull. Chad's laughter was boyish with chagrin. "You'd almost think, to look at him, he understood every word we've been saying," he muttered.

But it wasn't until late that night, that Jill faced the first real difficulty of the coming separation. Tawah, usually content to sleep on a grass mat outside her bedroom door, insisted on stretching out beside her. She could feel his wakefulness and the perplexed regard of his eyes, but she pretended sleep until he whimpered.

It was little more than a shadow of sound, that sob that escaped his throat, a soft, questioning, irrepresible breath of anxiety. She put out her hand and felt the instant warm caress of his tongue. His tail thumped the floor in eager response.

"Why don't you lay on your mat?" Jill asked. "It's cooler in the hall. Everything is all right, Boy. Go to sleep."

But he rose soundlessly and moved his great head closer to her, the whimper growing into an urgent whine.

"He can't possibly know that I'm going to leave him," she thought wretchedly, "but he senses that something is wrong."

His cool, moist nose touched her hand, a fleeting caress as light as the brush of dew. He waited, quivering under her hand, his body eloquent with questioning.

"Silly dog," she whispered, massaging the silky hair behind his ears with trembling fingers. "Why don't you go to sleep? There's nothing to cry about, yet."

He pressed closer, until reluctantly she pushed a palm against his chest. "Down, Tawah! Go lie down!" she commanded keeping her voice light and flat.

Instantly he sank to the floor, his obedient resignation escaping in one long troubled sigh, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him," Jill quoted under her breath, the lump in her throat dissolving into hot, smarting tears. "How can I betray a trust like that?"

Despite the briefness of those fitful hours of slumber, Jill awoke with the dawn, restless with conflict, heavy with indecision. It seemed like such a small thing to cloud her future, and yet, had she been older and wiser, she would have known that life is mostly made up of small problems and small anxieties, which are often the most difficult. Big ones can be met courageously. Little ones wear away the heart.

The instant Jill lifted her head, Tawah rose to his feet, tail swaying, eyes melting with affection, ears cocked to catch the first inflection of her voice.

"Want to go for a swim?" she asked impulsively. Like most dogs, Tawah depended more on voice tone than on words for interpretation. But there were a few words and phrases which he understood because of their association. "Swim" was one of them, and the mere mention of it sent a delightful vibration through his big body. In an instant he was capering across the room, sliding grotesquely on the polished floor and grinning widely at his own awkwardness.

"You act like an overgrown pup," she scolded him fondly, packing her suit and towel in a small bag. "I wish you had a puppy's brain, too. Then maybe you would forget quicker after I'm gone."

He turned at the door, red tongue lolling, and barked his impatience.

"Hush!" she commanded him, following him into the sweetness of the dew-washed dawn. "There's no use waking the whole family, just because we're early birds. Here, you carry my bag. It'll give you something to do!"

He accepted the slight burden with instant dignity and dropped to heel, importance sticking out all over him. Tawah took any duty very seriously, especially that of carrying a bundle or bag for his mistress.

The comfortable house was several hundred yards from the lake, and they used a community bathroom built near the pier. The beach was separated from the village by a narrow strip of woods, so that an early bather was apt to find herself rather solitary.

It was this very isolation that Jill sought most that morning. She realized that, until she had time to face and conquer the misery within her, she wasn't fit company for anyone.

"No fair sneaking in first, just because you don't have to bother to change your clothes," she laughed, as Tawah made a dash for the surf. "Go to swim to the float with me?"

The water around the dock was too shallow for diving, so they had anchored a small float a few hundred yards offshore. Sometimes the dog could be persuaded out there. However, because his thick coat soon became weighed with water, it was an exhausting swim for him, and he usually contented himself with paddling

in the shallows and barking at intervals to assure her of his watchfulness.

This morning he hesitated on the pier, whining softly as she tested the water before jumping in. He pressed hard against her legs as though reluctant to have her leave him.

"Come on along then," she urged. "It won't hurt you to swim out there. You're too fat and lazy anyway. Come on! Let's go!"

He followed her instantly and she slowed her crawl to match his labored stroke. They arrived at the float together, both eager for a rest on the spray-washed planking. Tawah shook himself and sprawled full length contentedly heaving a gusty sight of achievement.

The morning was fresh and still. Gulls circled aimlessly against the coral-tinted dawn, their boisterous cries waking the echoes. From some cove down the lake, a motor launch coughed to life, and a breakfast bell dropped its clear high note into the quiet. Tawah pricked up his ears, listening.

"Hungry?" Jill asked him, and his tail thumped acknowledgement, not because he understood but because it was the first law of his nature to agree with any idea she might conceive. "Well, so am I! And just to show you my heart's in the right place, I'll cook you an extra egg for breakfast."

He sighed once again and dropped his head between his paws, as though he sensed that she was only indulging in idle chatter. After that, Jill kept her thoughts to herself as they were too confused and melancholy for voicing.

As she watched the dawn run on glad noiseless feet across the restless water, there was no answering surge of joy in her heart. She sat soberly, cross-legged like a troubled child, and stared unseeingly into the brightening world. Toward the north, where the gray-blue of the lake met the gray-blue of the sky, two rose-tinted clouds, reflecting the glory of sunrise, towered majestically like palatial signposts pointing to another world.

"I used to wonder what lay behind such beautiful cloud formations," Jill mused silently. "Once in Sunday School, a teacher told me that Heaven was in the North. I suppose that was just a superstition though . . . I wonder . . ."

The thought was never quite completed. It drifted away into confusion of vague desires and half understood urges. Lately, since she had met Chad, there had grown in her soul, a need — a need for wisdom and guidance outside herself. Her parents were good folks, honest and hard-working, but never in any way religious. They attended a church service twice a year — once at Easter and once at Christmas. Otherwise there were no spiritual movements within the family. Jill herself had attended Sunday



School rather spasmodically until she was twelve. After that she felt too old. The result was a mind which harbored disconnected truths about God, heaven and the possibility of personal prayer.

Of late she had felt an increasing need to clarify these things in her mind. There was a deep intangible craving within her heart for the companionship of the Infinite. But having learned nothing but childish prayers, she felt constrained to address that Power.

"He wouldn't be interested in my small problems anyway," she thought unhappily. "He's too busy creating worlds and hanging out the stars. Sometimes I feel so small and useless."

As though her perturbation was a physical force urging him, Tawah rose abruptly and pressed his wet body hard against her shoulder. Once again, that almost noiseless whimper was born in his throat.

"Don't be a goon!" she told him brokenly. "You'll have me believing you're a mind reader, and you know very well, all you're thinking about is that extra egg I promised." She tried to laugh and began to weep instead, wild, childish, incoherent weeping.

"If Chad had ever owned a dog like you, he'd understand why it almost tears my heart out to leave you behind," she sobbed. "Nothing short of death could force you to leave me. I wonder if I can be happy away from you, or if I'll keep thinking how miserable you are until I resent being away and start quarrelling with Chad. Smaller problems than this have caused trouble in a home!"

Tawah's moan was almost human. He flung himself against Jill desperately, trying to lick her face, thrusting his damp muzzle into her neck. Finally, because of his sympathetic suffering, she controlled herself and tried to comfort him.

"Never mind, fella. I'm just being a silly goose," she told him shakily. "But I wish there was some way of getting all this across to you. I wish you wouldn't eat your heart out after I'm gone, but I know you will! Oh Tawah, why must life be so complicated? Why couldn't I have fallen in love with a farmer?"

Half laughing, half crying, she made a clean dive from the float and struck out for shore. "Come on," she called over her shoulder. "Let's go get that egg, fella!"

She was a yard or two ahead of Tawah and several hundred feet from shallow water when the thing happened. Suddenly a gripping, terrifying cramp clutched her limbs and streaked upward through her body. She went under as though a stone had been tied to her legs.

It all happened too abruptly for conscious thought. One moment she

was swimming strongly. The next she was twisting helplessly in the clutch of a paralyzing agony.

She gasped for air and water rushed into her lungs. Panic caught her — savage, uncontrollable panic. She fought her way back to the surface, using only her arms and wide-spread palms. As her face broke clear, she gulped air and screamed.

Her mad cry of fear, however, was little more than a gurgle. Nevertheless Tawah heard it, and his thundering bark was the answer. He surged forward in desperate response. Even as her flailing arms weakened and she was sinking for the second time, his nose was thrust urgently against her and his teeth scraped her flesh as he tried to catch her bathing suit in his mouth. His grip didn't hold and she went completely under, clutching frantically at his ruff as she went.

This time she saw skyrockets exploding behind her eyes, and heard queer, fantastic noises. But she didn't gulp water. Somehow she held her breath while she fought — fought until her lungs seemed to be shattering and the blood in her ears roared like the rushing of a mighty torrent.

By a miracle her thrashing arms finally raised her once more to the surface and she sucked in air in great, sobbing gasps. Dimly she realized that there wouldn't be a next time. If she went down again, she could never beat her way back up.

And then Tawah pushed his struggling body hard against her, and the long hair of his ruff floated across her eyes. Instinctively she buried one hand in his coat with such a death grip that, later, it had to be pried loose. With the other, she managed a few feeble strokes before the horrible numbness began to creep upward from her useless legs.

The dog's breath was an agony of exhaustion, but he kept on swimming, pulling the girl's deadweight with him. More and more often his head went under. He was slowly drowning with Jill, and she was conscious enough to sense it. She wanted to let go and give him a chance at survival but her locked fingers would no longer obey her will.

Consciousness was ebbing. She couldn't hold her head up. Water lapped her lips, her nose, covered her eyes with its sinister, suffocating smoothness. There were clanging bells in her ears now, and mingled with them a strange hoarse shouting. "Jill! Jill!" a voice was crying. "Jill! Jill!" And then darkness came abruptly — deep abysmal darkness.

She fought her way back painfully from a vague limbo of shadows. There was shooting agony in her back and lungs, and savage pressure against her ribs. Her cheek was resting on her folded left arm and as she opened her eyes, she caught a foggy glimpse of hard wet sand, and a naked brown

leg, bending at the knee with rhythmic precision. It was a moment before she could gather enough strength to gasp, "Stop shoving me. I'm, I'm all right!"

"Darling!" Chads sob of relief banished the last of the lingering shadows. In an instant she was being lifted tenderly in his rams, "Oh Jill — dearest — dearest!"

Vaguely she felt his tears on her face and slowly her mind gathered up the frayed edges of memory. "Tawah!" she panted desperately. "Oh Tawah, where is he?"

Her answer was the feeble push of his nose against her limp palm. He was standing on widespread, unsteady legs, his great body drooping with exhaustion, water still running in rivulets from his sodden coat.

"He's all right," Chad assured her, pressing his wet cheek against hers in violet relief, "but you both had a mighty close squeak. What happened, for the love of heaven? Cramps?"

Jill nodded, shuddering at the memory. "How did you happen to be here?"

He wrapped her snugly in his beach-robe before he answered and, still holding her close against his shoulder, started for the bathhouse, Tawah plodding heavily at his heels.

"I came down for an early swim myself. I hoped I might find you on the float. And then I heard Tawah's choked bark and saw him struggling with you about ten feet from the drop-off. It wasn't much of a trick to get you both into shallow water, but thank God I came when I did. Tawah couldn't have taken much more. He was about done in too." His voice broke and he carried her the rest of the way in silence.

A half-hour later Jill was resting in delicious languor between the warm coverlets of her bed. Her father had given Tawah and herself hot milk touched with brandy, and Tawah was now stretched on his mat, sleeping the drugged sleep of utter exhaustion.

Chad sat beside her, holding one of her hands in both his callused palms, his face still strained with the aftermath of fright.

"That dog is as near human as anything I ever saw," he confessed unsteadily. "When I came up beside you, I was afraid he might try to climb on me. He was so nearly dead that it would have been natural for him to get panicky. Most dogs would have. But I'll be jarred if he didn't give me one heartbreaking look and keep right on fighting toward shore. I couldn't help him much, besides relieving him of your weight, but he managed to struggle in alone. Poor pup! I had to drag him onto the pier, he was that near gone. But he growled when I pried your fingers loose from his hair. Brother, how he worships you!"

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Dedication of the Banso Baptist Hospital

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white people love to eat, and Banso saw plenty of eating that day. It was a joy feast for all.

The market was filled to overflowing when most of the white folks went there to look around. How thrilled the natives were to see so many white people at one time! What fun they had trying to sell their wares or to get in front of the cameras. Soon we were all on our way to the chief's place to see their celebration. As the missionaries and their cameras piled out of the two red pick-ups, the chief's dancers in their colorful outfits got into action.

Colorful vests were made of raffia, skirts were of a darker raffia, head-dresses were of feathers, and around their ankles were seeds which jingled and jangled as they danced. Long flowing horses' tails were waved back and forth in their hands as they danced. A xylophone about twelve feet long, was played by several young men. Drums were beaten in the background. Everyone was watching to see if the white guests would appreciate their native celebration. Though their own way of showing joy is different from ours, their desire to express appreciation and happiness is as strong as anything we might show.

Soon the Fon (chief) invited the guests into the inner court, and there the councillors and big people of his area stood in line. The Fon (chief) then said that in appreciation for having a doctor who was going to build up a big hospital at Banso, and in gratitude for the services to be rendered to their people, he, the Fon of Nsaw, and his councillors, wished to present to the Banso Baptist Hospital a gift of money. (This was almost eight pounds in English money, about \$30.) He wanted to show us the great quantities of food which he and his people had prepared for the general public for that happy day. Baskets upon baskets of food in banana-leaf lined baskets.

That evening, with a tiny sliver of new moon showing over the thatched rooftops of the chief's compound, Missionary Earl Ahrens thrilled the immense crowd with picture slides shown on a sheet fastened high on the wall. Some of the people didn't know which was most fascinating, to watch the pictures, or the operator as new slides were put into the machine. Hands reached up into the light so big hands showed on the screen. The beautiful series of pictures of the "Healing of the Blind Man" were shown and the story interpreted to the people.

When too much talking went on, the Fon picked himself up and began walking to his house. As his presence makes the natives quiet, he

MARJORIE ELLEN CHAFFEE

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee, our medical missionaries at the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, have cabled that a daughter was born to them on June 3rd who has been named Marjorie Ellen. They have two other children, Douglas and Sylvia. Heartiest congratulations!

told them that he wasn't going to have such nice pictures shown if his people were going to make so much noise. Then it was really quiet. What squeals of delight greeted the pictures of some of their own Banso people. Little Blackberry of Ndu, sitting in her tiny wash tub, caused them all to laugh with joy. It was with deep regret that everyone heard "That's all" as the motor gave out. Banso had witnessed a big day, and everyone went home happy and tired.

Sunday, the next morning, found 128 people trying to find seating space on the boxes, tables, chairs and trunks on the narrow veranda back of the missionaries' home. The organ and the accordions again helped keep the songs alive and moving along. Many people came out of curiosity, but many came to hear the message which Missionary Earl Ahrens brought that morning. The missionaries longed for a building in which to meet with these people, and prayed for the right native leader to help in establishing a church here at Banso.

Monday morning found the entire front of the hospital filled with people waiting to see the doctor. Before any were seen, a short devotional period

brought God's word to them. Patients in bed also had God's word brought to them that morning. Something new had been added to Banso Hospital!

Our deepest thanks and appreciation go to the faithful women of our churches in America who have made it possible for us to carry on a healing ministry through the White Cross supplies they have sent through all these years. This included bandages, dressings, baby clothes, blankets and the countless small articles so necessary.

The months to come will bring with them plans, adjustments and more dreams, as Banso Baptist Hospital becomes more and more adequate in its ministry to the physical and spiritual needs of the people who come here.

Pray for the doctor! His tasks and responsibilities are great. Pray for the nurses, that their ministry may help relieve suffering. Pray for the future church of Christ here in Banso.

He who sent them out also gave them his promises. We rest on these! He is faithful! May our own faith be increased!

"YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS"

for young people's meetings

July 3, 1949 — "What's the Difference?" by Rev. John R. Kimmel, Portland, Oregon.

July 10, 1949 — "Adventure in Witnessing" by Rev. C. H. Seecamp, Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

July 17, 1949 — "Batter Up" by Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, Lodi, Calif.

July 24, 1949 — "Just a Minute" by Miss Esther Kaiser, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

July 31, 1949 — "Heroine of Calabar" by Miss Ruth Schmidt, Rochester, New York.

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	May, 1949	May, 1948
Atlantic	\$ 1,261.84	\$ 3,165.75
Eastern	2,427.88	689.34
Central	4,833.69	4,823.87
Northwestern	2,181.02	872.79
Southwestern	2,800.03	3,981.23
Southern	789.81	991.59
Pacific	8,736.87	6,495.07
Northern	3,480.52	1,173.64
Dakota	6,241.97	4,413.74
Total for the Month of May	\$32,753.63	\$26,607.02

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

May 1, 1949 to May 31, 1949	\$ 31,531.42
August 1, 1947 to May 31, 1949	860,222.50
Total required to date	916,666.67

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1949 to May 31, 1949	\$81,095.27
April 1, 1948 to May 31, 1948	\$69,190.04

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Central Conference

### Anniversary Program of the Round Lake Woman's Mission Society of Gladwin, Michigan

The Woman's Mission Society of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich., held its anniversary program on Sunday, May 8. We now have 25 active members and one honorary one in the group. We sent a number of parcels to Europe to aid a needy family. We also contributed money to the Red Cross, the Children's Home in St. Joseph, the Rochester Seminary, the Million Dollar Offering and a new Baptist church being built in Brazil. Our women followed the point system again this year and are happy to have a "Gold Star Society."

Our program was well attended. Our president, Mrs. V. Prendinger, was in charge. The congregation sang several songs, followed by the vice-president's reading of the Scripture passage. Our pastor, Rev. V. Prendinger, led in prayer. A word of welcome was extended to all, including our visitors from the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Mich.

The girls' class sang a selection and two of our women recited poems. The ladies' group sang a song entitled, "Love." Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker for the evening. Our neighborhood pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, closed with the benediction.

Our mission offering for the evening amounted to \$39.60. Our officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Mrs. V. Prendinger; vice-president, Mrs. G. Schmidt; secretary, Mrs. E. Schultz; treasurer, Mrs. H. Gertz; mission treasurer, Mrs. H. Will; birthday treasurer, Mrs. M. Schindler; and pianist, Mrs. H. Doede.

Mrs. E. Schultz, Secretary.

### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Monroe D. Chalfant by Walnut St. Church of Cincinnati

Among those who supplied the pulpit of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, after the former pastor had left early in January, was the Rev. Monroe D. Chalfant. On Sunday morning, March 27, the church voted unanimously to extend to Mr. Chalfant a call to serve the church as its full-time pastor to begin with the Sunday of April 17. The call was graciously accepted.

On Sunday afternoon, May 1, the church held a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Monroe D. Chalfant. The program was ushered in with the singing of a number of hymns by the



Rev. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, One of the Principal Speakers at the General Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

assembled group, which consisted of members and friends of the church and representatives from eight of the other Baptist Churches in Cincinnati.

Those who brought words of welcome were Rev. Lawrence E. Wheaton of the Hyde Park Baptist Church who spoke as president of the Baptist Ministers' Association and Cincinnati Baptist Church Union, and Mr. E. M. Steadman of the Mt. Auburn Baptist Church, who represented the moderator of Miami Baptist Association (an association of local Baptist Churches). Mr. Bert L. Stringer, president of the Baptist Men of Miami Association and Mrs. Chas. Hauck, president of the Miami Women's Organization, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Chalfant, respectively.

Since Mr. Hoffman of the Bethel Baptist Church at Indianapolis was the only representative of the North American Baptist Conference present he was called upon to represent that organization. Mr. Oscar Wm. Schmidt presided and extended the welcome of the church and Mr. Harold Schmidt, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School and president of the new-

ly organized men's group, welcomed the Chalfants in the name of these organizations. Miss Frances Williams, president of the Youth Fellowship, presented Mrs. Chalfant with a corsage and Mr. Chalfant with a butoniere.

After a short response by the pastor and his wife all adjourned to the Sunday School room below to enjoy a delightful hour of fellowship and refreshments.

Reporter.

### Dedication of Renovations and Organ by the Conner Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich.

The members and friends of the Conner Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan had the privilege of dedicating the renovations in the church as well as the Hammond Organ recently purchased. It was our pleasure to have the Rev. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., with us on April 24th as well as friends and members of our sister churches, Bethel, Linden, Ebenezer and Burns. Each minister or representative of the named churches had words of inspiration, courage and greeting to the Conner Church and enriched the program with a special number. Several numbers on the Hammond Organ were played in such a way to show the versatility and beauty of the instrument. Mr. Woyke gave a few well chosen words of guidance and spoke the dedicatory prayer.

The remodeling which included the relocation of the baptistry, lowering and enlargement of the choir loft, rebuilding the platform with a separate level for the organ and the piano, and building the organ chamber cost approximately \$4,000. Complete re-decorating, new indirect lighting fixtures and front doors cost an additional \$1,235. One individual gave \$2,000 toward the purchase of the organ, thereby all but paying for it. Another individual arranged to have the Jordan scene painted for our baptistry. Many others sacrificed their time and talents and gave them to the building work, resulting in many pleasant savings. To our pastor, Rev. Otto Patzia, goes the credit for the supervision of the entire building program.

Our hearts are grateful for the souls won to Christ while yet young. Through the Gospel messages of our pastor, eleven boys and girls followed the Lord in baptism on Easter Sunday evening. The Lord continues to bless and to provide fruit for his laborers in the vineyard and to him we give all the praise and honor.

Will Yungton, Reporter.

### Ninety-two Women Attend the Mother and Daughter Banquet at Peoria, Illinois

Amidst beautifully decorated tables, 92 mothers and daughters of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., sat down for the annual Mother and Daughter banquet on Thursday evening, May 12. Delicious food was served and an inspirational program was enjoyed.

Mrs. Fred Smith, assistant Sunday School superintendent, ably served as the toastmistress. A vocal trio consisting of Mrs. Walter Kohrs, Mrs. Harry Stafford and Mrs. Frank Veninga sang a beautiful arrangement of "Now The Day Is Over," and Mrs. Harry Stafford favored the group by singing, "Mother Dear." Miss Jane Preston gave a humorous reading. Recognition was given to Mrs. Elizabeth Vinz, oldest mother present.

The speaker of the evening, Mrs. Alex Sarkies, a Baptist by faith and a native of India, gave us a vivid picture of the life in India. Also on the program was a toast to the mothers given by Joan Lee Brown and a toast to the daughters given by Mrs. Richard Brown.

Lydia E. Vinz, Reporter.

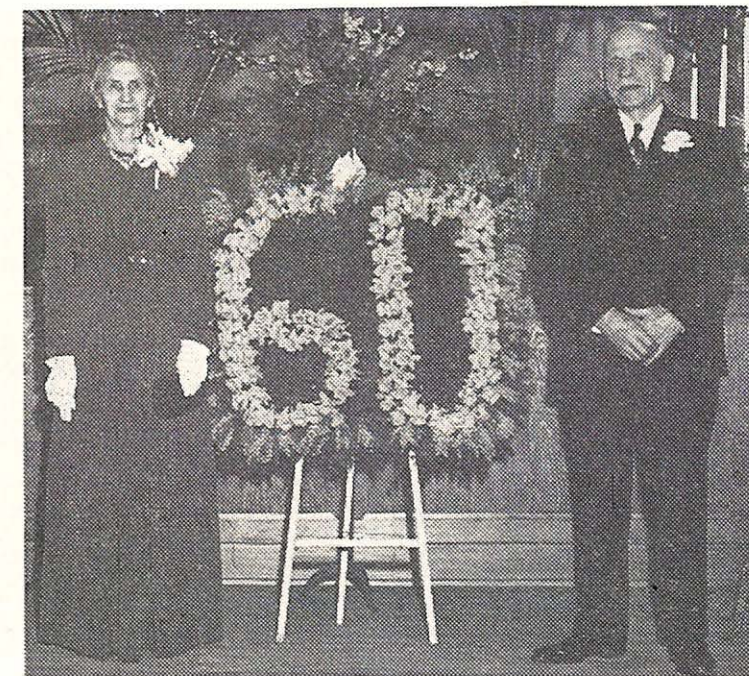
PLAN AND PRAY  
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South Dakota

### Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. August Schultz of Detroit, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. August Schultz of Detroit, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 2nd. This celebration had been carefully planned for some time in advance by their children, who spared neither time nor money to make this occasion a memorable one. Over 200 guests were present. The first part of the program took place in the newly decorated church auditorium. While the organ played softly, the wedding couple, followed by their children, marched into the church.

The Rev. Otto Patzia, the pastor, took charge of the program. We were favored with a solo by Mr. Arthur Thom, activities director of the Burns Ave. Church. After an appropriate Scripture passage, Rev. A. K. Bandzmer led in prayer. Mrs. Violet Schweitzer, a daughter of the celebrated couple, followed with a beautiful recitation which touched the hearts of all who were present. Mr. Patzia then spoke a few words of congratulation on behalf of the church, followed by a short address, and led in a closing word of dedicatory prayer.

After this impressive ceremony in the church auditorium, the guests rallied into the dining room and enjoyed there a delicious wedding dinner. Then followed a well-prepared program of songs by the congregation, solos, duets, musical numbers and recitations. Most of these numbers were rendered by the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the wedding couple. There were also



Mr. and Mrs. A. Schultz of the Conner Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan at Their Recent Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

some fine addresses on this occasion. Mr. Bandzmer spoke in behalf of the Bible Class, to which Mr. and Mrs. Schultz belong and which they faithfully attend. Mr. Herman Brenner, a son-in-law, spoke in behalf of the children, and paid great tribute to the parents who were always so loving and understanding toward all of them. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz also expressed their feelings, and praised God for the wonderful way in which he has led them throughout these 60 years of their pilgrimage.

As the Conner Avenue Church we are grateful to the Lord for Brother and Sister Schultz. In spite of their age, they never miss the services and prayer meetings, and they support the Kingdom of God with their gifts and prayers. We were happy indeed to be able to rejoice with them on their 60th wedding anniversary. May the Lord, whose they are and whom they so faithfully serve, bless and keep them until that day when they shall enter into the joy everlasting.

Otto Patzia, Pastor.



Women Who Participated in the Program of the Mother-Daughter Banquet at the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois

(Left to right, seated: Mrs. Marie Brown, who gave toast to daughters; Mrs. Charles Zummach; Mrs. Mayme Laubach, chairman of the affair; back row, left to right: Miss Joan Brown, who gave a toast to mothers; Mrs. Walter Kohrs, piano accompanist; Mrs. Norman Agre; and Mrs. Frank Veninga, song leader)

## Eastern Conference

### Young People's Activities at the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

During the week of February 21-27 the young people of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario observed Youth Week. There were only three nights used during this week. On Tuesday the young people had complete charge. Four five-minute talks were given. These topics were chosen from "Youth Compass." Others aided splendidly with musical numbers.

The Thursday evening prayer service was conducted by the young people. The Sunday evening service was also developed around young people's work. This service was again aided by the youth choir and special numbers. The Rev. Carl R. Weisser, pastor, spoke at both these services.



Members of the Cast of Characters for the Play, "The Slave Maid of Israel," Presented at the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario With the Pastor and Director, Rev. Carl R. Weisser, in Back Row (Right)

The Lenten season is always a busy time for the group. For the past number of years they have been engaged in putting on a play. The plays have varied in time and talent. Recently we prepared the play, "The Slave Maid of Israel," for production. This two-hour play was greatly enhanced, between scenes, at the Good Friday presentation by these boys from our Rochester Seminary: Rubin Herrmann, Harold Fabu, Walter Hoffmann and Sam Appel. The play was given for the second time on the following Tuesday night. This time we missed the Seminary quartet, but our own church quartet supplied the music. A total of 86.89 dollars realized from the two presentations. The money is to go for the youth camp project at Round Lake.

It means much time, sacrifice and patient labor but at the end the satisfaction of a task well done is always a worthy reward.

Carl R. Weisser, Pastor.

## Northwestern Conference

### Rally of Minnesota Woman's Missionary Society at the Holloway Baptist Church

On Sunday, May 22, about 100 representatives from six of the nine woman's missionary societies from the Minnesota churches met at Holloway, Minn., for a rally. The afternoon was one of inspiration and fellowship. Several societies responded to the previous request, that each woman attending bring a pound of fat. This response brought in about fifty pounds of tinned fat and some money with which to buy more.

The program consisted of a variety of numbers. Each society cooperated by bringing one or two numbers. We had no special plan or theme but each society brought us a message in song or a reading. We took a missionary offering of \$48 of which the

winter of 1945. The fire had damaged the roof and one wall in the main auditorium to what was estimated to be about 25 percent of total value. Water had damaged the walls and ceiling of off rooms only slightly. Total cost of repairs at that time was estimated at less than \$3500.

A Mrs. J. M. Cohen of La Crosse informed us of the Seventh St. Baptist Church that she had taken an option on the Salzer Church and wanted to buy it and present it to our church. Her main interest at that time was whether we would be interested in the church and if we could afford to fix the interior if the church was given to us. The Rev. Fred Lemmert, our pastor, Mr. Kaaz, and I visited the church and felt there were definite possibilities. We then decided to ask the General Conference to come in, look over the situation and give us an opinion. Rev. Frank Woyke, Rev. Wm. Kuhn and Mr. Roland Ross visited La Crosse and their favorable opinion, largely confirming Mr. Kaaz's estimates as to costs of repairs, more firmly fixed our growing convictions that the work of the Lord could be expanded through us.

In analyzing our present position we had to recognize the fact that our Sunday School had far outgrown our facilities and when too many Sunday School students stayed for church services, we had difficulty seating everyone. Also, our present building is over 100 years old and has been moved three times. Cost of rebuilding this old building would be far in excess of any benefits we might gain by doing so.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was called and a vote resulted in bringing the proposition before the church officially. The meeting and its purpose was properly advertised and a large turnout resulted in an overwhelming vote to proceed toward purchasing the Salzer Church. Cash and pledges amounting to about \$2500 were received within the next few days. Fully realizing the needs financially, our position was carefully scrutinized and detailed plans for financing and repayments were made. It was decided to approach the matter as conservatively as possible, making use of available labor from church members as much as possible, and eliminating any frills or unnecessary dress. It was also decided to seek aid from the General Conference's Revolving Fund to the extent of \$5000.

Damage to the building is less than was originally estimated, and it appears that the entire church will be ready for occupancy by early Fall. All refinishing will be done by church members, five of whom have offered a full week's labor from their vacation time. The Salzer Church is considered one of the outstanding buildings in the city and it will always be the symbol of what God can do when an outstanding faith and willingness among his people is shown. To the membership of our church it should be an inspiration for years to come, because it will represent the results of their labor in God's vineyard.

W. O. Hansen, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. August Musik of Philadelphia, Pa.

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. August Musik was a day of rejoicing for the other members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., as well. On Saturday, May 6th, their many friends came to congratulate them and wish them well. "Open House" at their home had been arranged by Mrs. Alfred Schmidt, their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Musik and their daughter have been intimately associated with the Pilgrim Church for many years and, as a special tribute to their parents, the entire family including their two sons, Leon and August, Jr., and six grandchildren worshipped at the Pilgrim Church on Sunday, May 7th. In the morning service on that day the church choir rendered a German anthem, "Herr, wir loben Deinen Namen," in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Musik.

Ida J. Draeger, Clerk.

### Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Delaware Association at Baltimore

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Delaware Association met for its annual meeting on April 27 at the West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Md., under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Gustav Schmidt.

The devotions were led by Mrs. Paul Krueger of Baltimore. Mrs. Schmidt extended a hearty welcome. Mrs. Nolen, president of the King's Daughters Society of the entertaining church, welcomed the Union to its church and society and Mrs. Christian Peters of Elsmere, Del., thanked the society for its kind hospitality. Mrs. W. C. Damrau of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., was welcomed to our Union and into the work of our Master.

The following churches reported for their work during the year: West Baltimore, Baltimore; Calvary Church, Bethlehem; First Church, Elsmere; First Church, Jamesburg; Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia; Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia. All societies reported progress, giving also to home and foreign missions.

The women of the entertaining church gave a play entitled, "The Discovery of Premi." It was a great message and challenge about an Indian widow who became a Christian. Our society dues during the year and offering were divided between our general missionary work and the Old People's Home in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Johanna Blessing, Secretary.

### Cornerstone Laying Exercises for New Edifice by the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Since October 16, 1948 when ground was broken on the site for the new church home of the Pilgrim Baptist



The Rev. W. C. Damrau (Center) of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Placing Objects Into the Cornerstone of the New Edifice Watched by Mr. Otto Draeger (Right) and Rev. John F. Crouthamel and Rev. Frank H. Woyke (Left)

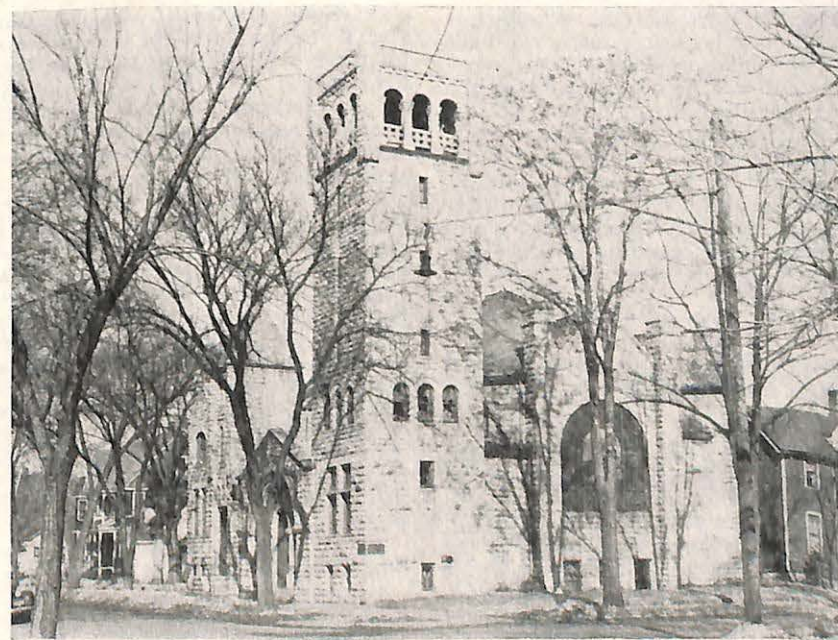
Church in Philadelphia, Pa., the building program has gone forward in a most gratifying fashion. The occasion of the laying of the cornerstone for the new structure, which took place on Sunday, May 8, was a day of rejoicing for the neighbors and friends in the new church neighborhood as well as for the members of the congregation. A number of those who attended the exercises expressed their interest in the progress made in the relatively short period of construction, for the outside wall structure and the roof have been completed, and it was possible for visitors to enter the doorway leading into the main auditorium, although the concrete floor had not hardened sufficiently to permit walking upon it.

The program at the cornerstone service included anthems by the church choir and male chorus and several instrumental numbers, in ad-

dition to the congregational singing. The Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Church, placed a Bible and copies of the church charter, the present membership roll, the history of the church and its organizations, together with a number of purely historical mementoes, into the cornerstone and officially sealed and placed the stone in place in the completed wall of the new building. The church counts itself fortunate in being able to have as the special speaker on this momentous occasion the Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of our General Conference, who brought a challenging message on "The Church's One Foundation."

Within the next two months of July and August the Pilgrim Church will begin a new phase of its 75-year history when its ministry will be taken up in the new location.

Ida J. Draeger, Church Clerk.



The Former Salzer Memorial Methodist Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin Which Will Soon Be the Sanctuary in Which the Seventh Street Baptist Church Will Worship

## Dakota Conference

### Seventeen New Members Received Into the Bismarck Baptist Church of North Dakota

On Sunday evening, May 8th, we of the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, North Dakota had the joy of baptizing twelve converts. These were the visible fruits of the evangelistic meetings which we conducted before Easter in which Rev. E. P. Wahl from Edmonton, Alberta helped us. On the following Sunday these twelve together with five others were received into the fellowship of the church. It was a joyous and memorable occasion, especially for the pastor's family, for among this fine group was our oldest son.



Seventeen New Members Received by the Rev. Edward Kary (Extreme Left in Picture) Into the Fellowship of the Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

The Lord has been good to us here in Bismarck and has visibly blessed his people here. It has been our privilege to receive 94 new members in the three and a half years of service in this church. The church from its very beginning had been dependent upon mission support. Since the first of May we have become a self-supporting church. How can we ever thank the Mission Society for its patience with us? We wish to thank the Society for its faith in us and believe that finally, after these many years, we are able to see the fruits of those who labored faithfully in this field.

We are grateful to Brother Wahl for coming to help us. His messages and his prayers will continue to move our hearts to greater service for our Master.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

### Twenty-six New Members Added to the Bethel Church, Harvey, North Dakota

The Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, No. Dak., has had another day of rich blessing about which to report. On Easter Sunday evening, April 27, we were privileged to gather at the Fessenden Baptist Church to witness the baptism of 21 converts who were won for Christ during our revival meetings in January conducted by our pastor, Rev. A. Buhler.

On Sunday, May 1st, the hand of

fellowship was extended to them and to five others who were received into our church on their testimony and who were spiritually revived during the meetings conducted by the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., during the past winter. This adds eight new families to our church, including fathers and mothers.

We thank God for those who have followed in Christ's footsteps, and we pray that God will continue to give us a growing, and our Sunday School has greatly increased. Prayer meetings are also well attended on Wednesday evenings.

Because of the larger crowds attending our services, we were forced to gather at the school gymnasium for our Sunday services. But we are happy to say that a new church edifice is now under construction and

our hope is that we may soon be able to gather in our own house of God.

Henry Fuhrman, Reporter.

### The Baptist Church of Ventura, No. Dak., Holds Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. C. Rempel

On Sunday, May 15, the Rev. and Mrs. C. Rempel brought their successful three year ministry with the Baptist Church of Ventura, North Dakota to a close. In the forenoon, Mr. Rempel preached his farewell sermon, based on Acts 20:28 before an audience of over 300 people.

A farewell reception was given by the church in the evening in honor of the Rempels. The undersigned had been invited as guest speaker and was asked to take charge of the program. The Rempels and their six-year old daughter Sharon, as honored guests, sat on the platform. After the usual preliminaries the undersigned spoke words of encouragement based on Matt. 28:20b to both the church and the parting minister's family, after which the representatives of the different church organizations were called upon to speak.

Mr. Christian Bertsch, as senior deacon, spoke in behalf of the church officials and Mr. Sam Bender as deacon in behalf of the church. Mrs. Christ. Bertsch spoke in behalf of the Bertsch Station Mission Society; Mrs. Jacob Schnabel in behalf of the Ventura

Mission Society. Mrs. Teske spoke in behalf of the Felicity Society and Miss Haas in behalf of the B.Y.P.U. Mr. Bertsch and Eddie Miller spoke for the Bertsch and Ventura Sunday Schools, and Mr. G. G. Breittling in behalf of the Bertsch Station. As a token of appreciation these speakers presented the Rempels with money and other gifts. A duet, trio and solo helped to beautify this service.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. Rempel rendered commendable work in the Ventura church. During their ministry the present beautiful church edifice, with a seating capacity of 300 people, was built and several modern changes were made in the parsonage. Mr. Rempel also had the joy of receiving 55 persons into the fellowship of the church during his brief ministry. May God bless the labors of the Rempels in their new church at Hebron, North Dakota.

E. S. Fenske, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Thirty-eighth Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Anaheim, Calif.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., celebrated its 38th anniversary on Sunday, May 22. The presence of a delegation from the Fifteenth St. Church of Los Angeles, headed by the Rev. and Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, lent neighborly interest.

The musical part of the program consisted of songs by the audience, orchestra selections, a duet, and two numbers by the male chorus led by the Rev. P. G. Neumann, our pastor. A dialogue entitled, "Strictly Fresh Eggs," and realistically presented, gave pointers on tithing. The speakers of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Coen, missionaries from the Sudan, Africa, told of mission field experiences and the need of help in the expansion of their work. The collection of the evening was designated for the Nurses Training School in Africa.

During the past year our Missionary Society held eleven meetings. The group system was effectively used and resulted in good programs and most blessed devotional periods at each meeting. Our missionaries in the Cameroons, China, and the Sudan were not forgotten. All the different denominational enterprises received financial help.

Our several committees are made up of enthusiastic and faithful workers. The visits of the Sunshine Committee, bringing cheer through prayer, songs, and flowers, will be remembered by the sick and the shut-ins. Also the work and generous effort of the committee for relief in Germany deserves praise for its accomplishments in quantities of food and clothing parcels forwarded.

The Rev. P. G. Neumann at the beginning of the year addressed us and inspired us with new zeal. He gave us the motto for the year, "That He Might Be Glorified" (Isaiah 61:3).

Olga Pieper, Secretary.

## Obituary

### MRS. CATHERINE KOTH of Odessa, Washington.

Mrs. Catherine Koth, nee Weiss, of Odessa, Wash., was born on Feb. 1, 1857 at Alt Bostal, Russia and died on Sunday morning, May 8, in the hospital reaching an age of 92 years.

In the year 1878 she came to this country, residing at Parkston, South Dakota for 24 years. In 1904 she came to Odessa, Wash., and lived here ever since. She was married to Mr. Gottlieb Koth in 1878 to which union ten children were born, five preceding her in death. Her husband died in 1941.

Converted and baptized, she became a member of our Baptist Church in Parkston, So. Dak., later transferring her membership to the Odessa Church of Washington, whose faithful member she was until her departure. She was also a member for many years of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

She is survived by two sons, three daughters, 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. At the funeral her pastor was assisted by Rev. Frank Friesen of the Bethany Church of Oregon.

Odessa, Wash. ALFRED FOLL, Pastor.

### MRS. ANNA VOTH VILLWOCK of Dallas, Oregon.

Mrs. Anna Voth Villwock of Dallas, Oregon was born in Henderson, Nebraska on May 14, 1889. In 1891 she moved with her parents to Salt Creek near Dallas, Oregon. She was converted in April 1900 and was baptized by Rev. G. Schunke. On June 1, 1910 she was united in marriage with Lewis Villwock. Three children were born to this union, the oldest son, Clarence, dying in infancy. When her youngest son was three months old her husband passed away. She never married again, but by faith and hard work she reared her two children, Everett and Paul.

She attended both church services on Sunday, apparently feeling well. After she had prepared the noonday meal for her father on the following day, Monday, May 23, she returned to her work. She came home at two o'clock, however, complaining of severe pain and before a doctor could be summoned she had passed on to be with her Lord. She led a wonderful Christian life and was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her sudden passing her aged father, Henry Voth, Sr., her two sons, one sister, seven brothers, and a very large number of friends. She was an aunt to both Gilbert and Mildred Schneider, missionaries in the Cameroons. We will miss her greatly.

Salt Creek Baptist Church,

Dallas, Oregon

EMANUEL WOLFF, Pastor.

### REV. WILLIAM SWYTER of Union City, New Jersey.

The Rev. William Swyter of Union City, N. J., was born on January 27, 1870 in Emden, East Frisia, Germany. He was converted at the age of 14, and was baptized by his father, the Rev. M. W. Swyter, in Felde, Oldenburg, Germany. He learned the bookbinding trade, and worked as a bookbinder until the Swyter family came to the United States of America in 1892.

In 1895 Mr. Swyter entered training for the Christian ministry at the Rochester Theological Seminary, and graduated in 1902. He was ordained in the Second German Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., and was the pastor of that church from 1902 to 1905. He was then pastor of the Baptist Church of Jeannette, Pa., from 1905 to 1908. In 1908 he received a call from the First German Baptist Church of New York City, and was pastor there from 1908 to 1913.

Mr. Swyter was married to Miss Lillian

Schmidt in 1913, and he was pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Union City from 1913 to 1940. In 1940, because of ill health, Mr. Swyter went into retirement after almost 40 years of fruitful service in the Lord's vineyard. On May 17th he took ill and was taken to the Jersey City Medical Center, and on May 21st he slipped away to be with the Lord at the age of 79 years.

The funeral took place from the Second Baptist Church of Union City, the church of which he had been shepherd for 26 years, and the undersigned officiated at the service. Assisting in the service were Rev. H. Freeman, Rev. John Schmidt, Rev. H. Kuhl, Rev. R. Cook and Rev. Frank Orthner. Mrs. E. Texle was organist and Mrs. J. Hammock soloist.

Union City, New Jersey

NORMAN H. KLANN, Pastor.

### MR. A. A. KRUGER, SR., of George, Iowa.

Mr. A. A. Kruger, Sr., of George, Iowa was born in Harding County, Iowa on July 29, 1871 and died at his home on May 16, 1949 at the age of 77 years and 9 months. In 1887 he came into the vicinity of George, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming until three years ago when he retired to his new home near the First Baptist Church.

In 1934 one of his sons was killed by lightning. This tragedy led Mr. Kruger to accept the Lord as his Savior. Four years later he was baptized by Rev. Carl Swyter and thus united with the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, in which he remained an active member to his death. He suffered much in his life. For the last three years he was bedridden, during which time he was patiently waiting for the Lord to take him to his eternal Home. His children faithfully cared for him during his illness to the very last day.

In 1894 he was married to Miss Lena DeBoer. Twelve children were born into the family, three of whom preceded the father in death. He leaves behind his wife, who is an invalid; eight daughters and one son. The Rev. J. Jordan spoke in the German language at the funeral and the undersigned spoke in English on 1 Cor. 15:36-44.

First Baptist Church,

George, Iowa

J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

### MRS. A. A. KRUGER of George, Iowa.

Mrs. Lena Kruger, nee DeBoer, of George, Iowa was born at Sims Wolde, Ostfriesen, Germany on March 4, 1876. She passed away on May 23, 1949. As an eight year old girl she came to this country with her parents and settled for a few years in Grundy County, Iowa. Later they came to the vicinity of George, Iowa. In 1894 she united in marriage with Mr. A. A. Kruger. This union was blessed with twelve children, three of whom preceded her in death.

Having accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior, Mrs. Kruger was baptized by Rev. M. W. Swyter on Jan. 3, 1894 in the Little Rock River after the ice had been chopped open. She remained a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of George for nearly 55 years. Much loving care was administered to her during her long illness by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kraemer.

Her husband preceded her in death only by 6½ days. She leaves to mourn her departure: eight daughters, one son, 35 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, four brothers and one sister. She reached the age of 73 years, 2 months and 20 days. The age of 73 years, 2 months and 20 days. The undersigned assisted by Rev. J. Jordan spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

First Baptist Church,

George, Iowa

J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

### MRS. LOUISE BILLETER of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Louise Flach Billeter, nee Koester, of Portland, Oregon was born in Bremen,

Germany on March 3, 1871. As a young girl of 6 years she came to America with her mother and sister, Mrs. Kratt. Her first home was in West Hoboken, N. J. Here she became acquainted with our Baptist people, surrendering her life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Anschuetz in Jan. 1888.

After five years she moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., and was active in the church there under the Rev. L. P. Donner's ministry. In 1894 she was married to Franz Flach. God blessed this union with five sons. This marriage only lasted ten years, when in 1904 God called Mr. Flach unto himself. The Lord graciously provided for the widow and her family. Her final move was to come to Portland, Oregon in 1909. Here a year later she was married to Theophil Billeter, with whom she lived happily these many years.

Mrs. Billeter was a faithful member of the Trinity Baptist Church. She loved her family and was devoted to them. She was a real inspiration to many shut-ins, to whom she wrote and sent poetry. The Lord blessed our sister with much grace, wisdom and humor. She passed away suddenly in our Baptist Home for the Aged on May 18, 1949. Her pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, being out of the city, the funeral service was conducted by the undersigned. She is mourned by her husband, Theophil Billeter; five sons, Herbert, Victor, Paul, Herman and Frank Flach; one brother, Rev. Dettmer Koester, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Psalm 23 was her own scripture selection.

Trinity Baptist Church,

Portland, Oregon

FRED W. MUELLER, Officiating Minister.

### MRS. MARIE ELLER of Buffalo, New York.

The Easter season took on new meaning for the people of Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., and the loved ones of Mrs. Marie Eller, who went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 14th. After a lingering illness of several months, during which it seemed that he would call her home at any time, he quietly said, "Come," just before Easter. The truth of the resurrection was written anew in our hearts and the assurance of life everlasting through the risen Christ gave comfort in sorrow.

Mrs. Eller was born in Ober Schoenmattenwag, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany on September 7, 1874 and came to the United States as a young lady of sixteen. Two years later she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and found assurance of salvation in him. Regardless of persecution, she remained true to him both in testimony and ministry and through the years proved herself a faithful servant. She was baptized in Buffalo's former Third German Baptist Church by the late Rev. William Liphardt shortly after her conversion. For a number of years she served the old Second German Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher. In 1898, while there, she married Mr. Ludwig Eller, now deceased.

In 1912, when the Second Church disbanded, she and her family became members of Bethel Baptist Church. While her health permitted, Mrs. Eller was most active in Sunday School, Church, and the Woman's Missionary Society, which she served as president for many years. She was also an officer of Buffalo's Woman's Union for several terms. All these years, in addition to her elected leadership, she was a natural leader in personal witness for her Savior. While at Bethel Mrs. Eller became interested in the Sunday School of what was then the Polish Baptist Mission of Buffalo and she ministered there as teacher and superintendent for seven years.

Mrs. Eller is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Esther Goetzmann, who is also active at Bethel and a son, Louis F., of New York City. Another son, Arnold, went to be with the Lord in 1938. There are three grandchildren, Arthur C. Goetzmann, Jr., of Buffalo, and Mrs. Ruth Kelley and Robert Louis Eller of New York. A great company of true friends in Christ will miss her counsel and encouragement.

Bethel Baptist Church,

Buffalo, New York

PAUL E. LOTH, Pastor.

**Baptist Church at Costa Mesa, Calif., a Mission of Anaheim Church, is Dedicated**

Ground breaking ceremonies which took place in January 1949 for the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, California, started the missionary project of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif. This work began through the wonderful spiritual vision of our pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, whose untiring efforts in preparation for the coming of our Lord never cease.

During the building of the church, services were held in the American Legion Hall under the guidance of Mr. Menno Thiesen. The church was built largely by the donated labor of members of both churches under the leadership of Mr. Harry Fox, head of the building committee, and Mr. William Kroesch, building superintendent, both of Anaheim.

Although some finishing was still necessary, the first services were held on Easter Sunday when Mr. Neumann brought the Easter sunrise message which was followed by the regular Sunday School and morning worship with about 250 people attending.

A wonderful dedication service for the first unit of our mission church was held on Sunday afternoon, May 8, with the Rev. P. G. Neumann, presiding. The program opened with the orchestra of Bethel Church directed by Howard Greene playing "Count Your Blessings." Dr. Green of the American Legion presented the church with the American flag. Leonard Dargatz led the congregational singing. "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken," sung by the male chorus, was followed by the dedication prayer, offered by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder. Scripture reading of Psalm 84 by Justin E. Patterson and greetings and brief messages by several pastors and civic leaders.

Mr. Neumann gave the dedicatory sermon entitled, "The Beauty of His Temple." After the reception of new

members and the introduction of the building committee, the male chorus sang, "Go Through the Gates, O Church," and the services closed with the benediction by Mr. Menno Thiesen.

Truly, it was evident at this dedication service, that God's blessings were upon the many who gave so generously toward the furtherance of his work for one felt the unspoken promise of the joy and comfort this church would bring to its friends and members in the years to come.

Mrs. Mae Beat, Reporter.

**Tawah, Son of Thunder**

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"Yes, I know!" Jill whispered, weak tears sliding down her cheeks. "He'd give his life for me any time, without asking the reason. That's why — that's why it hurts so to leave him."

Chad pressed her palms against his lips, "We aren't leaving him," he said huskily. "I promised him that when we were making those last awful feet together. We may have to go without a davenport in the living room, but we'll manage somehow."

"Oh Chad!" She held up both arms blindly, and he went on his knees beside her, gathering her swiftly, humbly, into his arms. "Oh Chad, I'm so happy I could die!"

"Don't!" he said shakily, dropping his mouth hard against hers. "You came too close to it this morning. As long as Tawah lives, he will by royalty in my house! believe me! It may be insane to take him into an apartment like ours, but you bet your life we're going to try!"

"That makes everything perfect!" Jill sighed joyously, surrendering to the eager insistence of his lips. "You won't be sorry Chad. I promise you, you won't ever be sorry!"

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**What's Happening**

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tenth class was initiated with four pupils in attendance, while two years ago only four classes were in existence. The cradle roll lists five members. The oldest pupils attending Sunday School are 79 and 82, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Doerr, almost eighty, were absent but only twice during the entire school year. The average attendance during the month of May was 55. The best Sunday attendance of the current year figured an all-time high of 87. The school's next aim was an enrollment of 100 by the end of June. The Little Folks' Department of the Sunday School will meet during the summer. The Rev. Assaf Husmann is the pastor.

● The Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota had the joy of having the denominational evangelist, the Rev. H. Palfenier, at the church from April 17 to 29 for the purpose of conducting evangelistic meetings. One person confessed Christ as personal Savior, and the pastor, the Rev. Erich O. Gutsche, as well as the congregation enjoyed the fellowship with the visiting brother. The messages were fascinating and carried conviction. The object lessons for the children were a special attraction. The ministry of the denominational evangelists is highly commendable. On Friday, May 6th, the young people of the Baptist Church of Summit, So. Dak., rendered a very impressive play entitled, "The Lost Church." For both occasions love offerings were taken. The young people of the Corona church are eagerly looking forward toward the annual B.Y.P.U. camp, convening at Swan Lake near Sioux Falls, So. Dak., from July 5 to 10.

● At the graduation exercises of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., held on Friday evening, May 27, several of our young people were awarded degrees. Miss Martha Leyboldt of Milwaukee, Wis., received the degree of Master of Religious Education. The Rev. Elmer Strauss of Detroit, Mich., was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. The Rev. Fred R. Lemmert, pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., and the Rev. John H. Dudeck, a member of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., were awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Theology. The Rev. Leonard Gittings, missionary in the Belgian Congo and formerly pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., had the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him in absentia. Dr. Martin L. Leutschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," preached the missionary sermon at the opening of the commencement week on Sunday evening, May 22.

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